

THE CHAPEL MESSENGER

NOVEMBER 2025

A Letter from Pastor Josh

“worship passionately, love extravagantly, and witness boldly..”

Chapel friends,

I'm grateful for the partnerships we have in the Red Lion and Dallastown community. I am especially grateful for the recent collection of hygiene products for our friends at 18 South.

The Ore Valley PTO contacted me and is also in need. They have kindergarten-3rd grade students in desperate need for nutritious food. Many students are eligible for free breakfast and lunch, but on the weekends, they may not eat. Ore Valley sends a backpack full of food home for underserved children in our community. I'm asking the people of Chapel Church to help the children of our community who are hungry.

For the first 4 weeks in November, we will have bins outside the sanctuary and parish building to collect. In the spirit of gratitude and giving back, let us show the love of Christ to those in need.

In Christ,

Pastor Josh

Contact Us

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Worship Schedule:

8 AM – Traditional

9:15 – Small Groups &
Sunday School

10: 30 AM – Modern

Join us online on our
Facebook page or
chapelchurch.org

Church Office

Hours:

Monday –Wednesday

9: 30 AM – 12: 30 PM

Thursday – Friday

10:30 AM – 1:30 PM

Prayer Chain:

chapelot@email.com

Worship Updates

Charge Conference – November 17 – 6:30 PM - Sanctuary

Blue Christmas Service & Light supper – November 30 – 5:00 PM (supper)6:00 PM - service

Reminder : November 30 will be two services at the usual times. This is the first Sunday of Advent



Nov 2	Sunday Schl 9:15-10:15
Nov 6	Youth night 6:30 – 8
Nov 9	Sunday Schl optional
Nov 13	Youth night 6:30 – 8
Nov 16	Sunday Schl 9:15 – 10:15
Nov 20	Youth night 6:30 – 8
Nov 23	Sunday Schl optional
Nov 27	Thanksgiving
Nov 30	Sunday Schl 9:15 – 10:15



Youth Update:

Hello everyone! I wanted to start off with an updated on what the youth have been up to over the last month. We just finished our series on the fruit of the spirit Galatians 5:22-23a. This was an awesome series, we had great conversation, deep theological discussions and spiritual growth within the youth group which always makes me excited. We are starting a series on the miracles of Jesus in the lead up to Christmas! We have seen some awesome growth in the youth group over the last few months both spiritually and new youth coming and worshiping with us. We have also had the opportunity to go and support some of our youth athletes which is always a blessing! If anyone has any interest in seeing what the youth do every week, please feel free to come and worship with us every Thursday at 6:30-8p

We meet every Thursday from 6:30pm to 8. This is for grades 7-12. We play games, worship through music, pray for each other, and learn through scripture study. If anyone at any age is curious about what we do during youth group, please join us we would love for you to worship with us!

We also meet every Sunday during Sunday school hour. This time is spent teaching how to read Gods word. We are also going to be helping with the thanksgiving meal on the 27th starting around 11 which is an awesome opportunity for community outreach and fellowship!

If you are interested in getting involved, please reach out to Ian McKinnell at ian@chapelchurch.org

Young Adults!

Young Adults has been going very well! And we are excited to see what God has for this group in the future. The Young adult group is for anyone who is ages 18-25. The young adults have moved into room B5 in the basement and will be meeting there for both Saturday evenings starting at 6pm. For Sunday mornings during the Sunday school hour. For Saturday the small group will include scripture study, discussion and prayer. The first study that we will be doing is Francis Chans study on the Gospel of Mark. If you or someone you know would be interested in something like this please reach out to Ian McKinnell and he will get you plugged in! ian@chapelchurch.org



MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

- November 8th – Women’s Fellowship , childcare IS available thanks to some of our faithful men!
- November 30th – Service is NOT combined; HOWEVER, we will have no children’s programming of any kind. This will be the first day of Advent, and I am working on an Advent activity for the children.

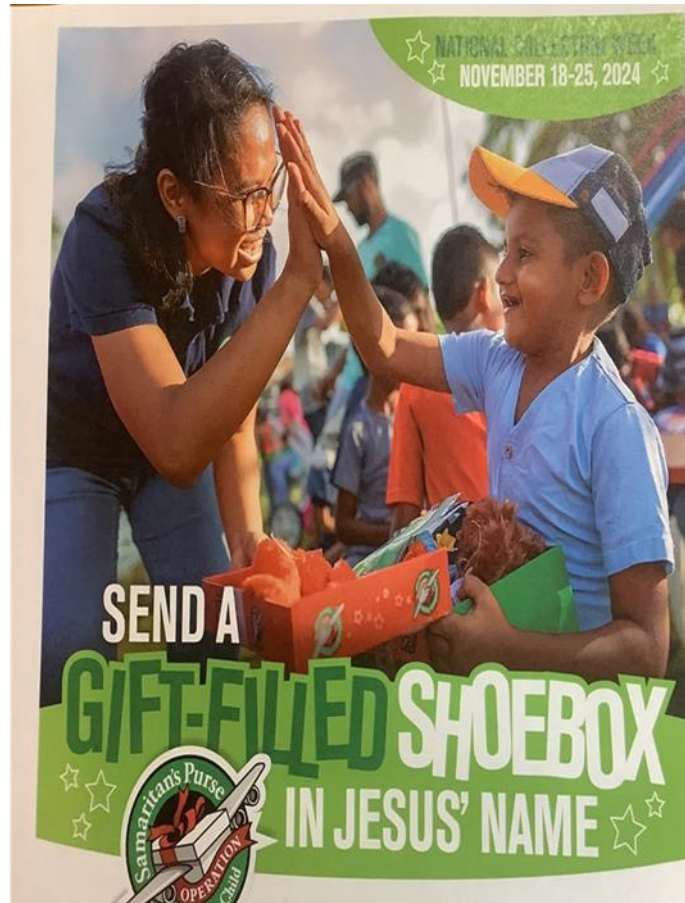
WHAT’S HAPPENING?

The children are enjoying their separated classes. They have been challenged with learning a new Bible verse every week, and they have been doing fantastic! With the classes being separated into an older elementary and younger elementary, we are now able to include 2-6th graders in our upper elementary class for Children’s Church.

As we wind this year down and begin looking towards a new year, I want to update parents on the change coming. In the new year, I would like to transition the kids fully to their own programming, meaning in 2026, the children will start their morning in the education wing and end their morning in the education wing.

REQUESTS:

If you are looking for a wonderful way to serve our King and Savior, consider using your helpful hands and loving heart to teach, assist, or watch our children. We are looking for individuals to hang with the children on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of every month. Additionally, we are seeking teachers and helpers to assist during Children’s Church. Thanks so much for considering helping this young generation of disciples to feel safe and seen in this chaotic world.



Reminder – Shoeboxes are due back November 16.

Thank you to all that have participated.

November 2025 Report from Debt Elimination Team
From \$525,893 to \$185,584

THE TIME IS NOW!!! Won't you join the movement to the finish line!!

New Goal: reaching for ¾ to paid

Bring ye the whole tithe into the store-house, that there may be food in my house, and prove me now herewith, saith Jehovah of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it.—Malachi 3:10

What a wonderful month it has been for Chapel's mortgage debt to be reduced. And we wish we could give you final figures for the wall, but as of the printing of the newsletter, that figure will have to wait until the December newsletter – **but** will be reported in the weekly bulletins at conclusion of campaign.

Thank you Chapel Church . . . your response proclaimed boldly: "let's get this mortgage paid"!!!!

Thank you Leadership Council . . .for the decision to apply the interest received of \$8,865 to the mortgage from the IRS Employee Retention Credit.

Thank you Debi Deller who has weekly kept the DET and the congregation (weekly bulletins) updated with extremely detailed and timely reports.

*** **Perspective** *** one year ago November 2024 newsletter report of mortgage balance: \$287,893

Traditions Bank mortgage: current (10/26/25) balance: **\$185,584** (*does not include completed Wall project*)

\$13,042 less than 9/26/25 report (\$198,626)

Traditions Bank beginning mortgage balance: \$525,893

Half-way to paid : \$262,937 (goal accomplished) Three-quarters to paid: \$131,468

→ 20-year mortgage (240 months) @ 6.25% - monthly payment **\$3,896**

→ *Years/months remaining – 4 years 8 months (56 months)*

→ *refinanced in 2028 if not paid by then*

→ *Interest paid to Traditions Bank since 6/2023: **\$54,957***

→ *Total Interest paid since 2012 (several institutions inc. Traditions): **\$645,735***

Concluding In November Fundraising Opportunities:

- ***Gift Card sales*** to many of your favorite retail/online outlets, restaurants, etc. make great Christmas stocking stuffers, gifts for college students, etc. . . . AND . . . a % of each card benefits Chapel's mortgage at the same time. Gift Card Sales are ongoing thru the **Sunday, November 9 deadline**. Pick up forms in the church office **or** tables in the church narthex or parish building lobby **or** use form attached to this newsletter. Cards will be distributed on **Sunday, November 23, 2025** in time for Black Friday sales. Checks made out to Chapel Church must accompany the orders.

- **Apple dumplings** will be sold on General Election Day, November 4 at the education wing entrance.
- **Mister Car Wash certificates** – until sold out - purchase from Charlie Hess. **\$10 base exterior cards** and **\$20 platinum exterior cards** for sale.

Continuing Fundraising Opportunities: Totals to date listed below:

Metal scrapping since 9/23	\$9,549	“Make a Joyful Noise” (loose	\$2,566
Online sales since 6/24	\$2,962	change/bills in the churches) since 2/24	

Upcoming in 2026

- **Used Book Sale** the weekend of January 23-24. – more details to follow
- **“ABC Evening”** Over the next months you’ll be challenged for what you can donate for auction – your time, your talents, your treasures. Please **circle** May 16, 2026 on the calendar as an evening at Chapel Church you don’t want to miss. Feel free to talk with Deb Fickes if you want to know more and how you can help. (additional information was included in September newsletter).

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18 South Youth Center serves teenagers in 7th-12th grades in the community by providing targeted programming to promote healthy personal, emotional, social, and educational growth in a safe environment. They meet all teenagers where they are at, regardless of background, history, or situation.

Here's a sampling of the many programs 18S provides to the youth of our community:

- HOPE SQUAD - 18 South Youth Center is the first community youth center in the world to offer Hope Squad, our peer-to-peer suicide prevention program.
- AEVIDUM - This club spreads the message of "I've got your back". Focus is so all members of the youth communities feel accepted, appreciated, acknowledged, and cared for.
- THE LANDING – This celebrates recovery for teens! It is a biblically based approach to help achieve long lasting recovery by healing hurts, guiding youth toward new healthy truths, and developing life-giving habits.
- S.T.E.A.M. - Creative, Innovative, and Fun ways to explore STEAM activities throughout the year!
- THE TABLE - The Table is a safe place for those of all faith and non-faith backgrounds to come and explore what it is they believe, to bring their doubts and questions, and to discuss what the Bible has to say about their lives.
- ART CLUB - explores various art mediums and develops artistic skills.
- OUTDOOR CLUB - Astronomy, Geology, Photography, Foraging, Primitive Skills, and more!
- BOARD GAME CLUB - We love games! 18S uses play to engage students in critical thinking skills and problem solving.
- DUNGEONS AND DRAGONS – 18S strongly believes in the power of imagination and play. Students connect and work on essential skills like creative problem-solving, teamwork, innovation, and strategic thinking.
- MUSIC – 18S strongly encourages music as a healthy expression for young people. Free lessons in various instruments and reading music are available to students.

*****Please consider the impact YOU can make in a teen's life!**

Everyone and Anyone can make a difference! You can volunteer as little or as much as you want. Even a couple hours a month is felt and appreciated. For more information, visit www.18South.org and click "ways to give" then "volunteer" or contact Deb Fickes at 717-654-2655.

8am Choir and Special Music update:

Choir Singing Sundays through December 2025:

Nov 9

Dec 21

Dec 7

Dec 24

Don't miss the choir-led special Thanksgiving scripture and hymn service on Nov 23 at 8AM

Upcoming special music dates are:

November 2 – Dawn Snyder

December 14 – Wendy Tobias and friends – Harp Trio



Welcome to Missions! Have a need that you want to share with Missions, know someone who may need assistance, want to get involved but you're not sure what opportunities are available... email: missions@chapelchurch.org.

18 South - Chapel provides meals for 18 South, you can help make a difference... Interested in helping prepare meals on the 2nd Sunday of the month following the second service, they wrap up between 1:30-2pm. Next opportunity is November 9th at noon in the Parish Hall.



Chapel hosted a toiletry drive for 18 South. Over 700 items were collected, thank you to everyone who donated! "Whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through Him to God the Father." Colossians 3:17



Mission Cry:

Chapel is collecting bibles to send to Mission Cry. Bibles can be placed on the wooden shelves inside the education wing doors.

From the Mission Cry's website: "Empowering native missionaries since 1956. We have done this by asking people to share their bookshelves that are filled with Bibles and Christian books. Once we have received those materials, we send them around the world, therefore sowing God's Word into the lives of those who cannot afford it. Mission Cry is equipping orphans, evangelists, pastors and missionaries for the works of service all the while setting up distribution centers, lending libraries, Bible College libraries, and holding crusades. The mission of CRI has distribution points around the world. We have begun a new endeavor to distribute our very own Mission Cry Bible with the G300 Discipleship Program around the world. We have sent over \$478 million in Bibles and Christian books to over 179 Nations around the world. When you give financially; sponsor the Mission Cry Bible; or donate Bibles, commentaries, and Christian books, you are becoming a book missionary and aligning yourself with the mission, letting the world hear your Mission Cry!" <https://missioncry.com/>

Blessings,

Susan Workinger

Missions Chair

missions@chapelchurch.org



Please consider how you can help with our third annual Christmas event. Contact Heather Dunn, Mary Ann, or Muriel with your interest or questions.

There is no dialogue for 'actors', just costumed action.

The task areas include:

Scenery/Decor/Signs *(needed by first or second weekend in December)* *preparing the backdrop for the Magi scene

*preparing the bandstand for the Angel scene

*preparing the Nativity scene

*preparing the signage for each area - mostly scripture related but also traffic related (*some supplies are available; other supplies will be resourced as needed*)

Pre-preparation *(needed by second weekend in December)*

*stuff give-away baggies for distribution as vehicles exit

*place lighting in the grove areas along the drive; hang lights at the bandstand

*place/prepare firepits in four areas (wood is available)

[three smokeless small units are needed to be loaned; or donated ones would be appreciated for availability for this and other events]

*locate bales of straw/hay (about 12) and deliver/place in the grove at certain scene locations; removal might be needed during tear-down after New Year's.

*costumes; select head pieces and tunics, etc, for character representation

Biblical Characters (Dec.20)

*Magi [3] *Innkeeper *Angels (at least 4) *Carolers (*as many as possible*) *Shepherd family [any age] *Mary and Joseph [*older teens or young adults*] *Soldier/Guard [*at least 2 needed; will also tend fire pits*]

*Event Night Helpers

*Traffic Control [*at least 4*] *Exit give-away station help (2 or 3)

*Hot Chocolate maker/server

After Event Helpers

*Fire pit tender to safely douse and assure that all are out

*Traffic cones and barricades removed and stored; some signage removed *Tear-down of scenery *sometime after the New Year begins, as soon as weather permits.*

"We will attempt to order better weather conditions this year!

Thanks for considering and for any early response!"



Free Community Thanksgiving Meal – Thursday – November 27

We will need volunteers for the meal preparation, setup and serving(Please contact Kristina for more details). We are also asking for donations of baked goods. Signup sheets for volunteers are in the lobbies of each bldg.



We are looking for volunteers to help setup the Education Wing/Fellowship Hall on Friday November 28th for the show and after the show on Saturday to put furniture, etc back for church on Sunday. This is a public event and we would also like volunteers at the show entrances to greet people. We do sell food at this event and will be in need of baked goods (particularly cookies & other similar things). All the profits from this event are given to Chapel . If you are interested in being a vendor, signup is available on Chapel's facebook page. Please contact either Heather Dunn or Mary Ann with any questions.

CALLING ALL CHAPEL CRAFTERS TO LOOK AHEAD....

.... to November 29th, the date of the Christmas Craft Show at Chapel Church. It seems a bit in the distance but a genuine crafter is always working a season ahead and I'll bet there are some in our fellowship who are scrolling Pinterest for the perfect Christmas gift(s) to make! If you find something(s) you would like to create and donate to our craft show at Chapel's craft stand, we would love to display and sell. The proceeds from our stand benefit the Women's Ministry. Closer to the craft show date, we will let you know when and where to bring your craft items. CRAFT TIP: Take advantage of these hot and steamy days and stay inside in the cool air. Maybe the holiday spirit will kick in and before you know it, you'll be crafting and humming Christmas carols!

Any further questions, contact Gaye Ludwig, on behalf of Chapel Crafters.



Women's Fellowship Day

November 15, 2025 (Saturday)
Registration Begins: 8:00 am
Continental Breakfast: 8:00-9:00 am
Program: 9:00-11:30 am

"The shepherd's Song"

This year our speaker is Layne Vitzhum. Many of you know Layne as Pastor Bob Vitzhum's wife. Layne has worked in numerous capacities throughout her adult life. Most recently, she was a pastor in Chambersburg and Newburg and has now retired from full-time pastoral ministry.

Following Pastor Bob's retirement as lead pastor of Messiah UMC, Layne and Bob relocated to Mount Wolf, PA where they are six blocks from two of their nine grandchildren. Layne enjoys crafting, studying, and learning. She loves sunrises on the beach and sunsets from her back deck. She's always up for meeting a girlfriend for breakfast or coffee. But most of all, Layne is in love with Jesus and loves sharing her faith with people. She's delighted when she can help others take the next step on their faith journey.

Cost: \$15. Cut on dotted line and send the bottom half with payment to: Chapel Church, 3050 Cape Horn Road, Red Lion, PA 17356 with checks payable to *"Chapel Women's Ministry"*. Deadline for registration is November 3rd. Questions? Contact the Church Office at (717)244-6375. Childcare is available – please let us know in form below if needed.

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Name: _____

Address: _____ City, State & Zip: _____

Phone #: () _____ Email: _____

If you need childcare: _____ # of children and their ages: _____ Please let us know ASAP if you are coming and need childcare.

Come join your girlfriends! We are better together!



Chapel Family Christmas Card Exchange

If you enjoy sending and receiving holiday greetings from friends and family in the 'old-fashioned' and 'time-honored' way of sending cards, here is a reminder and an update on our congregational card exchange - with no stamps needed!

It will look a bit different this year but will be a bit more convenient overall.

*There will be [1]one Mailbox/Container for all cards.

*There will be alphabetized sections, of course, for sorting by last names.

*The Mailbox will be located inside the main entrance of the church building.

*Those who typically attend second service only, or arrive for the study classes between services, will need to visit the main entrance to deliver and pick up cards each week. Classes might want to consider having one person retrieve cards for their class members' convenience.

*The mailbox will be available anytime you are at the church thru each week.

*Please remember to include those who are homebound, hospitalized, in rehab, or ill, and send a card by 'snail mail' for their enjoyment and encouragement.

Adult Small Group Study Classes

CLASS	CURRENT STUDY	WHEN	WHERE	INSTRUCTOR
God & Bible	Letters from the Apostle Paul	Sunday 9:15 AM	Lounge	Muriel Slenker
Crusaders for Christ	The Gospel of John	Sunday 9:15 AM	Ed Wing – A4	Various
Families for Christ	Parables for Today	Sunday 9:15 AM	Fellowship Hall	
Women Together	The Power of the Holy spirit's Names	Sunday 9:15 AM	Ed Wing – A6	Dorain Foote
Go With The Flow	The Book of Philippians	Sunday 9:15 AM	A1	Lorie Conrad
Couples for Christ	The Book of Galatians	Sunday 9:15 AM	Basement- Choir Room	Ogurcak \ McCleary
Men's Class	The Book of Philemon	Tues @ 6:30 PM Starting November 4th	Ed Wing	Ryan Ogurcak, Pastor Josh, Chuck Vucetich
Women's Class	Motherhood Together	1 st & 3 rd Thursday 6:30 PM	Lounge	Hope McKinnell
ROMEO	Men's Breakfast	Monday Morning 9:00 AM	Two Brothers Café	Bill Leight
GEMS	Women's Breakfast	Friday Morning 8:15 AM	Red Lion Corner Café	
Women's Prayer Group Initiative		2nd & 4th Monday 8:15 AM	Lounge	Gaye Ludwig \ Wendy Tobias
Men's Prayer Group		Monday 6:30 PM	Lounge	
Women's Bible Study	"Worthy"	Oct 7 & 21; Nov 4&18 6:00 – 7:30 PM	Ed Wing A6	Hope McKinnell
Young Adults	"Gospel of Mark"	Sat 6:00 PM & Sunday 9:15 AM	Basement – B5	Ben Wise and Molly Conrad

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Happy Birthday & Anniversary:

Burnie & Mary Groupe	Nov 5	Jeremy & Irene Orwig	Nov 9
Jeff & Lee Poff	Nov 24		

Congratulations to Burnie & Mary Groupe on their 70th anniversary



Ron Chubb	Nov 2	Ray Boyd	Nov 18
Cameron Smith	Nov 2	Jada Bryant	Nov 18
Joan Fritzius	Nov 4	Kinsley Wargo	Nov 18
Bonita Lighty	Nov 7	Melissa Elicker	Nov 19
Abigail Smith	Nov 7	Aly Bailey	Nov 20
Polly Bailey	Nov 11	Christine Helmeczi	Nov 21
Doug McWilliams	Nov 11	Aubrie Wise Greenbriar	Nov 21
Rachael Brinton	Nov 13	James Fry	Nov 27
Chloe Wise Amspacher	Nov 13	Kellie Smith	Nov 29
Jada Groff	Nov 17	Lisa Livelsberger	Nov 30

Loretta Wagaman & family express their thanks for all the prayers, emails, calls, cards & flowers in memory of Johnny. We have considered Chapel Church our home for many years and are grateful for the love and support. God is so Good.

Bonnie Bluett and family would like to thank everyone for their prayers, cards and words of sympathy during the loss of our dear Terry at the end of September. We felt very blessed to be part of such a supportive and encouraging church family during the past year.

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Return Service Requested



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And catch up with what’s happening at Chapel!

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