

THE CHAPEL MESSENGER

SEPTEMBER 2023

A Letter from Pastor Josh

"Raising Up Fully Committed Followers of Jesus Christ."

Chapel Friends,

I pray we can all work together towards casting a new vision for Chapel. God has called us to be His representatives for such a time as this. Our next step would be hearing from you all. I would love to hear your thoughts on our recent series, and how we can apply it to our church and community.

We also would like to congratulate Jesse Funk on accepting the associate pastor position at Halifax Community Church. Thank you to everyone who supported and encouraged him on his journey to pastoral ministry.

Our next sermon series will be on the book of Judges. After discussing Vision over the past eight weeks, I feel Old Testament teaching can be a great way to lead us into the fall season.

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 – Friday

9:30 AM – 12:30 PM

Prayer Chain:

chapelpt@gmail.com

Worship Updates

Sept 24 – Both services – Celebrate 40 yrs of Daycare – short video & memories shared by Gayle Wiemeyer & Lynn Snell

October 8 – “Of the Day “ Combined Worship – 10:30 – Sanctuary – regular Sun Schl

October 29 – 165 Yrs. Celebration Svc – Combined Worship @ 10:30 Parish Bldg with a continental breakfast/fellowship beginning at 9:00 – no adult Sunday School

November 26 – “Blue Christmas: 6:00 PM – Sanctuary – Pastor Jim from the Biker’s Church will share – light refreshments after the svc in the fellowship hall.

December 24 – Christmas Eve – combined service @ 10:30 AM – Sanctuary

Candle Lighting Combined service @ 7:30 PM - Sanctuary

Sunday School is optional

December 31 – New Year’s Eve – combined service @ 10:30 – Sanctuary

Regular Sunday School



Sept 3	Sunday Schl 9:15 – 10:15
Sept 7	Youth night 6:30 – 8
Sept 10	Sunday Schl 9:15-10:15
Sept 14	Youth night 6:30 – 8
Sept 17	Sunday Schl 9:15-10:15
Sept 21	Youth night 6:30 – 8
Sept 24	Sunday Schl 9:15-10:15
Sept 28	Youth night 6:30 – 8

TIME TO CELEBRATE!!!

***165 years in ministry as a congregation**

- *new beginnings for new ministry opportunities
- *fresh anointing with God's Holy Spirit
- *faithfulness of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ

Mark your calendar for Sunday – October 29

10:30am – Combined Worship – Parish Bldg

9:00am – Continental Breakfast/ Fellowship

History Video and Ministry Display to view while enjoying breakfast

***40 years offering a Christian Day Care for the community**

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Choir Notes

Autumn and holiday months are upon us! Choir will resume on Wed Sept 6 at 6:30 PM in the sanctuary. Christmas plans are already underway and preliminary information will be available. New voices, and any instruments are welcome to join. Music is a vital component for meaningful worship experiences. Our participation helps to deepen the spirit of worship and praise when we use our gifts and talents to praise His Name. Can't read music? No worries! Only a love of singing is really necessary. We can help you with the rest. Please join us in preparing to make a joyful noise!

The Chapel Rummage Sale

The Chapel Rummage Sale will be a CHURCH-WIDE fundraiser – and the profit will go strictly to mortgage reduction. It will be held May 2, 3 and 4 of 2024. So as you sort and clean and de-clutter and downsize, please keep this in mind for donating to Chapel.

Rummage Sale monthly drop off will be the 2nd Thursday of each month beginning September 14 2023 2:00 PM – 7:00 PM at the Parish Bldg.

Accepting small items only that will fit in a box 23x11x16 (clothing, jewelry, books, etc.) No large items will be accepted until April 2023.

Any question, contact Ray / Pat Forney

NEW SMALL GROUP FORMING IN SEPTEMBER FOR WIDOWS

Stay tuned for our first meeting announcement in September.

Please let me know preferred days and times convenient for you.

Possible topics for our first gathering:

- Our group name
- When we will meet (2 x monthly, monthly, and time)
- Where will we meet?
- Our purpose
- What we will do?

Please contact Marilyn Kotcher if you are interested. 717-757-2931 or emkorost@comcast.net

Looking forward to our first gathering!

DAYCARE NEWS

Hi All,

We are just about ready to transition into our Fall School schedule. We have all the school aged children back to school and many new faces in the daycare of younger children. It's a busy time right now. We are just about full with only a few preschool spots remaining.

We have received our STAR designation with flying colors. The staff will be completing fire safety, emergency plan and active shooter training by the end of the month.

We are currently looking for a full time toddler teacher and hopefully we have one. It has been a long journey finding help.

We begin the fall utilizing a new curriculum with the children and are excited about it.

As always keep the day care and staff in your prayers.

September Prayer Focus – UNITY (again)

You have probably followed instructions that stated something like, "If the above steps do not produce the desired outcome, repeat the process until the stain is removed" (or grout brightened). You are familiar with the drill... rinse and repeat, diligence, persistence, keep on the track... With that in mind, the Women's Prayer Initiative has considered camping on UNITY for the month of September. It is that important.

God references UNITY numerous times in his Word, but many times it is within the negative impact. One of our Sunday Small Groups is observing in the book of Judges, God's people unfortunately falling prey to UNITY over things that break God's heart, such as turning from him and worshiping other gods. As we look to their continual cycle of destruction, let's learn and move forward in the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and live in UNITY in Jesus and within the arms of a loving Father.

Finally, brothers and sisters, rejoice! Strive for full restoration, encourage one another, be of one mind, live in peace. And the God of love and peace will be with you. 2 Cor 13:11

And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity. Col 3:14

All the believers were one in heart and mind. No one claimed that any of their possessions was their own, but they shared everything they had. Acts 4:32

Ezra opened the book (God's Word). All the people could see him because he was standing above them; and as he opened it, the people ALL stood up. Ezra praised the Lord, the great God; and ALL the people lifted their hands and responded, "Amen! Amen!" Then they bowed down and worshiped the Lord with their faces to the ground. Nehemiah 8:5,6

The Time is Now

At the Leadership Team meeting in July 2023 a decision was made to form a Debt Elimination Team (DET). Several blessings have intersected to tackle and make it imperative to eliminate the remaining indebtedness for a mortgage that resulted from an addition to the church and renovation to the parish building in 2012:

- sale of land bordering Rt. 24 and Chapel Church Road
- disaffiliation from the United Methodist Church (UMC) – thus freeing us to be sole owner of our 22-acre campus.
- reprieve from annual apportionment to the GMC for at least one year

Chapel Church, in its 165-year existence, has gone through many changes in its official name (including denominations) from its initial founding in 1838: United Brethren in Christ, Evangelical United Brethren Church (EUB), United Methodist Church (UMC) and currently the Global Methodist Church (GMC). Belonging to the UMC meant that even though we paid the bills, including pastor and staff, the deed was held by the UMC. Under the GMC, the deed is held by Chapel Church – our level of stewardship while on the surface remains the same . . . now goes much much deeper as each of us is a caregiver not only for the property but also for the reputation . . . as a steward of what God has entrusted to us in our name. Eliminating the mortgage indebtedness prepares the way for fuller ministry – currently and the future.

The DET already has many ideas on the table for discussion and planning. Beyond the weekly tithes and offerings, we are asking every church member/attendee to be a part of the dissolution of debt thru creative means (many ideas will be presented at a later date). We welcome your ideas -- both great and small. Any of the DET members (names with contact info at end of article) can be contacted. We are grateful for all groups who have already committed proceeds in the upcoming year to the mortgage principal.

Brief History Timeline of mortgage for Church Education Wing and Parish Building Renovations, Disaffiliation and New Mortgage:

- November 20, 2011 vote (151-5) to add an education wing to the church and renovate parish building thru a loan with Susquehanna Conference of the UMC.
- December 4, 2011: groundbreaking for addition and remodeling
- 2012: construction began
- 2013: use of buildings began
- November 2012: \$1,750,000 mortgage with Susquehanna Conference UMC
- September 2022: balance \$1,054,000 (reduction of \$696,000)
- October 13, 2022: vote (49-0) to sell land owned partially with Heiland View Cemetery bordering Rt. 24 and Chapel Church Road for \$1,325,000 to Wagner-Elfner and Burg Funeral Home
- Dec. 18, 2022 Vote (126-3) to disaffiliate from UMC
- March 30, 2023: settlement for land sale (to cemetery and church)
- Church's portion: \$795,000_– used for mortgage debt, disaffiliation settlement, commission, legal fees, HVAC completion, taxes, etc. with \$408,507 available to reduce debt
- April 2, 2023: Congregational Vote (106-7) to join GMC
- May 17, 2023: Susquehanna Conference UMC approved disaffiliation
- May 31, 2023: settlement for new mortgage negotiated with Traditions Bank (a requirement to disaffiliate included repaying loan held by UMC)
- July 1, 2023: officially a Global Methodist Church
- Traditions loan balance per treasurer's report in September newsletter: \$523,955.73

- Traditions Bank mortgage 6.25% will be reset April 26, 2028.
- _____ (date mortgage burned and Chapel officially owns property). This is the goal to which the DET is committed and look forward to filling in the blank!!!
- Below are listed the names and email addresses and cell phone #'s of the DET. In the coming months you will be hearing regularly, not only the plans/implementations, but also will be kept informed via a thermometer of how the debt is decreasing.

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- - “. . . *The borrower is subject to the lender.*”—*Proverbs 22:7b*
- It is often a surprise to readers of The Bible to find over two thousand references to money and that Jesus Himself used money as an example in the parables when He taught on the kingdom of God. An oft-misquoted verse, I Timothy 6:10 “money is the root of all evil” when in fact it states: “for the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil.”
- Friends – hopefully the above explanation will help you understand the urgency of *THE TIME IS NOW* for all of us to work together in unity, to experience God hearing and answering prayers in this endeavor as we move forward, and to watch the indebtedness decrease – All For His Glory!!!!
- ***Offering Envelope Donations: if you use the offering envelopes, please note that amounts must be marked on the envelope for either general fund or mortgage fund or both. If not marked, all donations go to the general fund. If you do not use the envelope system, and place cash/checks in the offering plate or box, and would like to designate funds to go to the mortgage, please use the envelopes in the pews or use any envelope and mark it accordingly. Mortgage Envelopes are also available at the Welcome Center. Any questions can be directed to Debi Deller, Church Treasurer. To receive a correct end-of-year Contribution Statement, numbered envelopes or e-tithing must be used. If you need a box of envelopes, please contact Esther Hengst, Financial Secretary.***

Mortgage
Update:

4/25/2023	Seedling Loan Balance	\$ 952,168.81	
4/25/2023	Land Sale Proceeds	\$ (700,000.00)	Used \$293,295 for Disaffiliation
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		\$ 252,168.81	
5/26/2023	Payoff Seedling Loan		
	from Traditions Loan	\$ (252,168.81)	
	Seedling Loan Balance	0.00	
5/26/2023	Traditions Loan	\$ 750,000.00	Monthly payment = \$5,523
7/7/2023	June payment	\$ (1,486.54)	
7/26/2023	July payment	\$ (1,621.66)	
7/27/2023	Principal payment	\$ (220,000.00)	New Monthly payment = \$3896.19
8/29/2023	SummerFest funds	\$ (2,936.07)	
	Traditions Loan Balance	\$ 523,955.73	

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP – NOVEMBER 4, 2023

Women of Chapel plus friends and neighbors – this is your personal invitation to join your Sisters-in-Christ for a gathering of fellowship, teaching, a delicious continental breakfast, stirring worship and more. Please circle this date on your calendar and watch for Registration forms in the lobbies of both buildings. Return your completed form and payment to the church office. You may also register by calling the church office or for additional questions (717-244-6375). Please consider joining us!

Our speaker this year is Cheryl Lynn Smith, sharing her message, “For Such a Time as This”. Cheryl is an accomplished dance teacher, and Pastor’s wife of 30 years, who delights in sharing the Word of God with women of all ages, while seeing lives transformed.

Accompanying her will be dancers from the Diffusion Dance Company & Light of Life Performing Arts Studio in Seven Valleys, Pennsylvania.

We will be awed by their beautiful movements set to uplifting songs of praise.

Gaye Ludwig on behalf of the women’s Fellowship Day Committee (Karla McCleary, Tammy Schott, Cheryl Reinhold, Dawn Oswald, Mary Ann Tierney and Kristina Ogurcak)

Women's Fellowship Day

November 4, 2023 (Saturday)

Registration Begins: 8:00 am

Continental Breakfast: 8:00-9:00 am

Program: 9:00-11:30 am

"For Such A Time As This"

We will have a refreshing morning, journeying together as appointed for us by our Creator! Join us as we explore our identity in Christ...dreaming big and leaning into the powerful attributes of God to encourage and strengthen our daily walk.

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Cost: \$15. Cut on dotted line and send the bottom half with payment to the church office at 3050 Cape Horn Road, Red Lion, PA 17356. Checks payable to "Chapel Women's Ministry". Deadline for registration is October 26th. Questions? Contact the Church Office at (717)244-6375.

Of note, our speaker has just published a book, "Life is a Dance and God is the Choreographer". She will have copies available for purchase as well as signing your own copy.

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Name: _____

Address: _____ City, State & Zip: _____

Phone #: () _____ Email: _____



WHEN: October 6 – 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM

October 7 – 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

WHERE: Parish Bldg

Open to all men of Chapel, friends & family

Come enjoy a time of spiritual growth, learning, prayer, relaxation, food and fellowship.

Signup sheets are in the lobbies of both bldgs. Suggested donation of \$20.

SAVE THE DATE – UPCOMING EVENTS

September 5 – Free Thanksgiving Meal Planning Meeting – 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM Ed Wing A6

September 14 – 6:30 PM – Ed Wing – Women’s Ministry Planning Meeting – All Women are invited – we want to hear your ideas

October 20 – Fall Fest – 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM – More information to follow – We will need volunteers for each station of games & food. If you are available, please contact Kristina Ogurcak or the church office

November 23 – Free Thanksgiving Meal – 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM. We will need help prepping food and setting up the day before and serving of Thanksgiving Day. We will also be prepping the turkeys a week or so before the event (date not set yet) and will need help for that. We are accepting monetary donations for the food costs this year instead of actual food items (we can better control the quantity). There will be marked containers in the lobby for your contributions or your can drop them off at the church office.

November 25 – Holiday Craft Show – this will be a fundraiser for the mortgage debt. All proceeds from the vendor fees and the profit from the food sales will be donated. We will be asking for volunteers on Friday November 24 to help clear the classrooms & nursery of furniture and will also need volunteers after 4:00 PM on November 25 to help set up the nursery/ classrooms/ parish bldg. for worship on Sunday.

SUMMERFEST UPDATE

The profit from this event was \$2936.07. This money was donated to the mortgage fund. The SummerFest chairwomen would like to thank their committee members for a great job. Kitchen – Brian Elicker/Steve Wilt ; Soup – the Cooley and Henry families; Bake Sale – Bonnie Bluett/Gaye Ludwig; Parking – Muriel Slenker/Dave Zurn; Dining Room – Conrad Family; Outdoor Trash – Henry Reinoehl. Special Thanks to Amy Waltemyer for coordinating the games and Debi Deller for managing the money. We also want to thank all of our other volunteers who helped on that day. Planning is underway for next year’s event – we hope to see you there!

FREE CONCERT – OCTOBER 7, 2023

“OF THE DAY”

6:30 PM - Sanctuary



**OCTOBER 8 – COMBINED WORSHIP
– 10:30 AM - SANCTUARY**

Chapel Church Small Group Study Classes –Sept
George Bradshaw, Director of Adult Ministries

<u>Class Name</u>	<u>Current Study</u>	<u>When</u>	<u>Where</u>	<u>Teacher</u>
God & Bible	“Holy Spirit”	Sunday 9:15	Lounge	Muriel Slenker
Crusaders for Christ	“Exodus”	Sunday 9:15	Ed Wing-A4	
Families for Christ	“Judges”	Sunday 9:15	Fellowship Hall	Gaye Ludwig
Women’s Class	“The Good Book”	Sunday 9:15	Ed Wing A6	Jean Chubb
Partners with Christ	“Jonah”	Sunday 9:15	Library	Cathy Grim
Men’s Class “Discipleship”		1 st & 3 rd Thurs. (6:30 PM)	Ed Wing	Ryan Ogurcak
Women’s Class		1 st & 3 rd Thursday (6:30 PM)		Hope McKinnell
ROME0	Men’s breakfast	Monday morning		Bill Leight
GEMS	Women’s breakfast	Friday morning		Mary Ann /Regena
Ladies Prayer Group (Ed Wing)		Wednesday 9:00 AM		Treva Bailey
Ladies Prayer Group (every other week)		Tuesday 6:30 PM		Gaye Ludwig

CHAPEL LEADERSHIP COUNCIL – 2023

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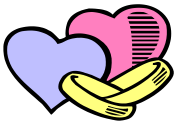
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Happy Birthday & Anniversary:

September 1	Jerry & Kathy Hutcheson	September 25	Matt & Missy Eberly
September 4	Jay & Misty Goldstein	September 26	Ron & Jean Chubb
September 4	David & Tammy Schott	September 30	Rob & Aimee Miller
September 13	Jared & Lorie Conrad		



1	Brian Koons	26	Beth Innerst
3	Cheryl Reinhold	27	George Bradshaw
3	Whitney Wargo	27	Barry Dehoff
4	Ryan Schaeberle	29	Regena Reinoehl
5	Conner Gingrich	29	Tammy Schott
5	Kevin Helmeczi		
5	Jeff Poff		
8	Wilson Henry		
8	Ted LeGore		
8	Danyiel Wise		
9	Liam Schell		
17	David Zurn		
25	Patricia Forney		

I would like to Thank my Chapel Church Family for reaching out to me in so many ways over my period of sickness and remembering my birthday. It means a lot to me as I am now housebound and in the twilight of my life .You are all Living your Faith and taking action as we are commanded to do. The calls, visits at home and hospital lifted me up and made me feel good to know people care.

Shirley Sides

Congratulations to Wilson Henry on his 85th birthday. His address is 5 Logan Heights Road, York, PA 17403 if you would like to send him a birthday card.

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Red Lion, PA 17356

Return Service Requested



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Go to our website

And catch up with what's happening at Chapel!

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