THE CHAPEL MESSENGER

DECEMBER 2021

A Letter from Pastor Josh

"Raising Up Fully Committed Followers of Jesus Christ."

December 2021

Chapel Friends,

As we prepare for the coming of the Christ child, let us pray about ways we can seek Him. Sometimes we simply need to get back to the basics, and recommit to spiritual practices which draw us closer to Him. We serve the ever-present God who is indeed Immanuel! He is with us in our times of darkness, because Jesus is the light of the world. Let us take these next few weeks and implement new, or even familiar practices. Let others see the living God in and through us during this most holy time of year.

Pastor Josh

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Worship Schedule:

8 AM - Traditional

9:15 – Small Groups & Sunday School

10: 30 AM – Contemporary

Join us online on our facebook page or chapelchurch.org

Church Office Hours:

Monday – Friday

9: 30 AM - 12: 30 PM

Prayer Chain:

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Worship Updates

All Services for the Advent Season (thru January 2) will be combined worship in the Sanctuary. Sunday School will meet at 8: 45 AM. No Sunday School December 26 & January 2

Christmas Eve Services will be at 5:30 PM and 7:00 PM in the Sanctuary



Dec 2	Youth night 6:30 – 8
Dec 5	Sunday Schl 8:45 – 9: 45
Dec 9	Youth night 6:30 – 8
Dec 12	Sunday Schl 8:45 – 9: 4
Dec 16	Youth Night 6:30 - 8
Dec 19	Sunday Schl 8:45 – 9: 45
Dec 23	Youth night 6:30 - 8

Children's Ministry Information for December Newsletter

<u>Tween Time</u> is a special time of Christian fellowship and discipleship for 4th, 5th & 6th Graders. They meet one Friday per month for activities and discussion of topics that are relevant for Tweens. Please note that parents must complete a Tween Permission Slip for the 2021-2022 year before their Tween is able to participate, and these Permission Slips are in the plastic holder outside the Children's Ministry office.

Tweens December Info:

Tweens will not be meeting in December but will resume in January

Best Kept Secret in our Children's Department

We'd like to let you let you know of a program within the Children's Department, in which each child is given one piece of the Nativity story each Christmas in their Sunday School class. It is a 12-piece Nativity set that begins with the baby Jesus and ends with a standing camel! You might be asking at this point, what about the child that begins coming to Sunday School in the third grade? Well, they receive baby Jesus, then Mary, and Joseph with additional pieces to follow, so that they will have the most significant figures and onto the remaining ones till they leave the Children's Department. Additional pieces that were missed before they attended Chapel can be purchased so they have the complete set.

The reason for this revealed secret is that unless you've had a child go through Chapel's SS Department, you might not be aware of this amazing program! And because it is carried on behind-the-scenes, it remains this humble, quiet ministry for our children, creating a legacy of God's truth. Now for the rest of the story...

This program began 31 years ago when Gayle Wiemeyer was Children's Department Director. She found a ceramic shop in Yorkana that was willing to supply us with pieces. Next was the discovery of ceramic painters at Chapel that consisted of Eloise Leicht, Harriet Leicht, Helen Rebert and Phyllis Hoffman. This continued till about 1994, when the above ladies were unable to continue, and that is when Dawn Snyder offered to do painting.

Thank you is in order for all those who have helped the nativity set program to continue unending for all of these years and the resultant nativity sets that have left "mom and dad's attic" to be placed in homes of their own. For the past 31 years, Dawn Snyder has been the one ordering and painting each piece. This involves trips back and forth with the initial order and then after painting, they are returned to the kiln in the shop and then finally carefully packaged and gift wrapped so that each receives their piece in SS. Dawn, we are so thankful for your diligence in this program and your beautiful display of talent that has blessed children and families. To God by the glory, great things He has done by and through His people!

Adult Ministry -

New Woman's Social Group Launching 2022 - "Social Nourishment"

Being a woman in today's life is more demanding than ever, and we all describe it as tiring, discouraging, stressful, and often feeling overwhelmed, overloaded, or overlooked. It's hard to meet new people, let alone get to know all the spiritual gifts our congregation has to offer because life doesn't allow us enough time to get to know each other.



At the beginning of 2022, a social group called Social Nourishment will be launching. The group's mission is to provide opportunities to socialize and learn about fellow members while relaxing in a calm and fun environment. There is no book to purchase, just real-live face-to-face conversations on real-life issues (e.g., challenging relationships, kids, technology, where do I go to fill up when I am on empty?). God allows you to go through experiences to equip us for a ministry to others, and this group will allow all who attend the ability to make new friends, learn about each other, find out how God has helped you through your demanding life. Your experiences might help someone else figure out their challenging life, or others' experiences might help you through your demanding life.

The group will strive to reach all the adult women at Chapel Church and beyond. We encourage everyone to come to at least ONE meeting this year and bring non-members as well.

There is no structure, no commitment to come to each meeting, just a group of individuals wanting to meet other members and provide a glimpse into their life. We will coordinate game nights, dinner meetings, adult coloring, devotionals, creative arrangements, campfires, caroling, and so on for each session.

Meetings will be held twice a month on the first and third Wednesday from 6:30-7:30 pm in Fellowship Hall. <u>Let's start the new year off right and make the first Meeting</u>, <u>January 5th, the talk of the town!</u>



TWIN ROSE CONCERT BAND FREE CONCERT DECEMBER 12 @ 6:00 PM CHAPEL CHURCH PARISH BLDG

The band, under the direction of Mr. George Bradshaw, will perform a variety of Christmas selections, as well as several Holiday songs. Please join us for a wonderful evening of music. The concert is free and open to the public. A goodwill donation will be taken following the performance.

CHOW CHOW

Once more the holidays are upon us. The chow chow crew has been hard at work all year making the chow chow. We have a great stock of pints and quarts. If you would like any for your holiday table, please place an order with Jerry Henry, Dawn Snyder or any member of the crew or call the office and they will be happy to take your order; Quarts are still \$8.00 and pints \$4.00. Just to update everyone. We have some stock left and probably will be carrying over making chow chow for a few months next year. So you will still have time to get chow chow next year as well. As we soon get ready to close down, we just wanted to extend our great thanks for your great support of this ministry over these 23 years. Our church has greatly benefited as well as Operation Strength and other missions. We wish you all a Blessed Christmas and Thanksgiving and hopefully we can all be with our families this year.

Women's Ministry -





PRESENTS EVERLASTING LIGHT

The Promise of Christmas

3:00PM Sunday DECEMBER 12, 2021

Join us in the Sanctuary as we celebrate our Savior's birth in song. Free admission.

CHAPEL CHURCH

3050 CAPE HORN RD. RED LION PA

Leadership Council Updates

<u>Staff Appreciation on December 5th:</u> Chapel's Leadership Council would like to invite our staff and congregation to enjoy some breakfast items on Sunday morning before and after the Sunday School hour on December 5th in Fellowship Hall. Please help us show appreciation to our staff by joining us for fellowship and words of encouragement. Our staff spend countless hours serving our church and congregation. There will be a basket available if you would like to write any cards of appreciation for our staff's dedicated service to the Lord! Thank you for joining us!

Chapel Prison Ministry Update

After the better part of a quarter of a century, the Chapel Church Prison Ministry for immigrants has ended due primarily to the fact the federal government contract for them has expired in August.

Our long-term support also included providing bible studies and through our Gideon members, hundreds of Bibles were donated written in Italian, Spanish, Portuguese, Croatian, Hungarian, French, Arabic, Ethiopian and other foreign languages. It was a joy to work with them and share the word of God. Many of them became strong devoted Christians.

When Covid restrictions are lifted it is our plan to reinstate our in-person ministry. In the meantime, Chapel will continue to financially support both the prison Chaplain and Associate Chaplain. Also, outside of the spiritual ministry, we will donate thousands of fireballs again this year for their Christmas goodie bags.

I want to personally say *thank you* to those who have served with me especially lifting up two of the longtime volunteers, Roger McWilliams and Marlin Henry, who have gone on to be with Jesus.

If you would like any further information, please feel free to contact me.

Thank you,

Terry Bluett

Chapel Church Prison Ministry Chairperson

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2022 Rummage Sale –

Rummage Sale is set to resume in 2022. If you would like to serve on the Rummage Sale Committee, our next meeting will be on December 6th at 6:00 PM in the Lounge. Please get in touch with Heather Dunn at hdunn251@gmail.com or (717) 817-3847.



2022 Chapel Picnic -





The Chapel Picnic is set to relaunch in 2022, and as time passes, it becomes apparent that the picnic will never be the same. It isn't a bad thing. Throughout the pandemic, our society has been pushed to the limits, channeling creativity, looking for inventive ideas to stay afloat, and pivoting services into new directions. In a way, it's forcing us to breathe *new life* into our church, resulting in us needing to discover new demographics, new revenue streams, and new ways to serve our members and the community.

We are forming a NEW Picnic Planning Committee and are looking for individuals willing to help revive the picnic into this new way of life. If you would like to serve on this new committee. If you have served on the Picnic Planning Committee in the past, don't be discouraged from joining, you are still welcome to help with the revival.

For more information contact Heather Dunn at hdunn251@gmail.com

COOKIE SALE TO COMBAT WORLD HUNGER

Buy A Cookie Tray and Combat World Hunger on Dec 12

Buy a \$15 cookie tray and feed 270 starving children in Haiti. Our church will be selling cookie trays to support The Cookie Sale to Combat World Hunger. The cookie trays make wonderful hostess gifts and affordable gifts for friends and colleagues. The cookie trays are only \$15 each and have 24 cookies; 8 chocolate chip, 8 peanut butter & 8 snickerdoodle, Hershey's chocolates and are beautifully gift wrapped. Last year's donation efforts provided food for 1.6 million children as part of Cross International's school feeding program in Haiti. Because the cookies are great tasting and the proceeds do so much good, over 78 tons of trays of cookies have been sold so far. Please buy a tray or two. Contact (Seth Gingrich) at (gingrishseth@yahoo.com or (717) 542-4332) for more information or if you would like a large number of cookie trays for business or Christmas gifts.



Happy Birthday & Anniversary:

Dec 1	Roy & Sylvia Smeltzer	Dec 7	Dan & Lana Cooley
Dec 3	Toby & Kathy Shoff	Dec 13	Scott & Krysta Tyson
Dec 5	Ryan & Kristina Ogurack	Dec 20	Tim & Cheri Booth



1	Thomas Brenner	17	Milly Sedgwick
1	Charlie Hess	18	Theresa Hahn
1	Karla McCleary	18	Donald Holtzapple
1	Loni Smith	19	Richard Poff
4	Gaye Ludwig	21	Elizabeth McWilliams
5	Heather Stem	22	Carol Blessing
6	Jane Dehoff	22	Peggy Fry
6	Ron Lighty	22	Bertie Hess
7	Steve Miller	22	Jared Lebron-Orwig
8	Beth Balash	22	Karen Snyder
9	Jean Chubb	24	Joyce Null
9	Jerry Henry	25	Muriel Slenker
9	Judy Schappell	26	Mary Ann Tierney
10	Christine Sprenkel	27	Phyllis Fisher
11	Barry Little	27	Logan Leber
11	Virginia Smeltzer	28	Chris Schaeberle
12	Karen Trebilcock	29	Benton Koons

- 13 Virginia Farrell
- 13 Reagan Hahn
- 13 Victoria Straley

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