

THE CHAPEL MESSENGER

DECEMBER 2022

A Letter from Pastor Josh

"Raising Up Fully Committed Followers of Jesus Christ." December 2022

Chapel Friends,

As we enter this Advent season, we are reminded of the hope of our coming King. Some people feel defeated and broken this time of year. I'm sure the people waiting for the Messiah felt very similar. Friends, this is not the time to grow weary. We wait expectantly for the blessing of Jesus Christ, the healer of our brokenness.

I invite you all to journey with us over these next few weeks, as we prepare for the birth of Christ. We not only celebrate His birth, but we trust in His eternal promises. Promises of peace, unity, restoration, and answered prayers.

In His Name,

In Christ,

Pastor Josh

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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

December 18 – 11:45 AM – Sanctuary – Charge Conference for Disaffiliation Vote

Christmas Eve Services – 5:30 PM(childcare available) & 8:00 PM – Sanctuary

Christmas Day Hymn Sing – 10: 30 – Sanctuary – no Sunday School

***Please note that no staffed nursery will be available during our Christmas Day service so that the children can participate in the hymn sing.**

January 1 – 10: 30 AM – Sanctuary – Combined Worship – Dave Zurn will be giving his testimony

*** The Children's Department will have a combined SS class on New Year's Day Sunday.**

*** Adult Sunday School classes are at the discretion of each class**



Dec 4	Sunday Schl 9:15 – 10:15
Dec 8	Youth Night 6:30 - 8
Dec 11	Sunday Schl 9:15 – 10:15
Dec 15	Youth night 6:30 – 8
Dec 18	Sunday Schl 9:15 – 10:15
Dec 22	Youth night 6:30 – 8
Dec 29	Youth night 6:30 – 8

New Security Measures for our Nursery and Children's Areas:

In an effort to keep our children as safe as possible, please be aware that as of January, the education wing will be locked during our Sunday 10:30am worship time (10:35am-11:30am). There will be a doorbell available at the main education wing entrance (under the awning) for anyone who must enter this portion of the building during the secured times. We ask for your patience to be let in as our nursery staff will need to assist you. If at all possible, please refrain from using the education wing during this time so that we are not needlessly disturbing our nursery staff, and they can remain focused on our children. Thank you for your efforts to help us provide a safe environment for our children as they learn about Jesus and his great love for them!

Activity Bags Available for children ages 5-3rd grade during 10:30am worship

Parents: Please note that activity bags are available for children ages 5-3rd grade for use during the 10:30 worship service if desired. These bags are located in a wicker basket in the lobby of the parish building and are filled with fun activities to keep young hands busy. If your child would like to use an activity bag, please return it to the wicker basket after the service. Beginning in January, another option available for children ages 5-3rd grade will be to participate in Junior Church. See below for more information.

Junior Church is Back!!

Parents: Please be aware that beginning in January, Junior Church will be available in the education wing every week for your children ages 5-3rd grade during the 10:30 worship service. Junior Church is a time of fun activities, biblical instruction, and play. If you would like your child to attend Junior Church, please bring them to the education wing prior to the worship service to sign them in.

18 South Meal Partner

Chapel has partnered with 18 South to provide meals for kids who may not get a hot meal every day, or, on some occasions, it may be the only meal they get on a daily basis. Because of this, Chapel is seeking monthly meal partners for 18 South. We are asking you to prayerfully consider this ministry above your normal tithing.

___ YES! I would like to become a meal partner with 18 South in the amount of _____ per month

___ YES! I would like to make a one-time donation to 18 South (When making a donation, please write 18 South in the memo line)

___ I will continue to pray for the leaders, volunteers, and youth at 18 South

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.' Then the righteous will answer him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? ...And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.' Matthew 25 35-37,40

CHOIR NOTES

As this year closes, I am thankful for the dedication of the choir members and the gift of song which we love to share with the congregation. We pray that you are blessed by the hymns and music offered each week.

We are all very thankful for Chapel's new organist, Dave Keller, and for the various pianists who have assisted and filled in during this year of transition and change. We also keep Carol Blessing in prayer for her health concerns and we give thanks for her many years of service at Chapel.

We look forward to a new year in which we can praise the Lord together through music and singing.

There is always room for new voices to join us, as well as any instrumentalists.

Have a blessed Christmas and a wonderful new year!

Muriel

Leadership Council Updates

Welcome to Maria Gagliardi as Director of Children's Ministry: We are pleased to announce that Maria Gagliardi has recently started as our Director of Children's Ministry. Maria, her husband, Brendan, and her four-year-old son, Killian, have been attending Chapel Church for the last 6 months. Maria had been an RN at UPMC but became a stay-at-home mom due to her husband's fluctuating work hours as a physician with Wellspan. Maria feels that Chapel Church is similar to their previous church in the Pittsburgh area, where she was active in the Mom's group and helped in the Nursery area and with other special events. Maria has some fresh ideas for our Children's Ministry area from her previous church experience, plus she has already been connecting with our kids, parents and volunteers with her friendly, outgoing personality. Maria is looking forward to serving the Lord in our children's ministry area, so please welcome Maria when you see her!

Welcome to Brian Conner as our Volunteer Facilities Maintenance Person: We are pleased to announce that Brian Conner has offered to become our Volunteer Facilities Maintenance Person starting at the beginning of January. Brian knows that our budget is very stretched right now; therefore, he feels that God has led him to take on this position as a volunteer to address our facilities needs. However, Brian does work full-time; therefore, he would appreciate some volunteers to contact him to develop a team of helpers who can cover some areas where there may be needs during the day when he is at work. If you would like to volunteer to help Brian, please email him at sycbrian@comcast.net. We are very blessed to have Brian's dedication to serving the Lord in this way.

We also wanted to thank all of the volunteers who have helped with our maintenance needs this fall from raking leaves to assembling day care playground equipment and so much more!! We cannot list all of the names because we know we would miss someone, but please know how much we appreciate everyone's help and support to care for our church facilities and grounds.

December Prayer Focus – Advent Themes

Our celebration of Jesus' birthday is upon us! Even though like our own birthday, it's just a place-holder of a certain day on the calendar that we spread the event throughout the month, allowing time for scheduling live nativity scenes, Christmas pageants, school assemblies and so much more. And of course, time to shop ("Are you done yet?"), time to bake cookies, and time to deck the halls and front yard. But as believers, do we view this month-long marathon of activities and busyness as a time of anticipating the Holy Birth?

Advent: "coming" from Latin; the first day of Advent is the first day of a new church calendar and begins a four-week period of preparation in anticipation of the birth of Jesus as well as his expected return. The church recognition of Advent began in the 5th century when the Bishop Perpetuus established a fast several times a week beginning November 11, concluding on December 25. Advent then evolved into a four-week cluster of weekly themes.

Instead of a monthly prayer focus, Chapel will center our church-wide prayer on these themes, the first being HOPE! Consider Isaiah 40, a beautiful chapter of HOPE. Consider the poetic images presented to us of the Good Shepherd... We also suggest praying for concern within our fellowship as we move forward with voting on disaffiliation topic, and discernment beyond that for Chapel's denominational or independent status. Opportunities to trust God in a deeper way, truly!

December 2 – LOVE (John 3:16... read in different versions/translations)

December 9 – JOY (Psalm 47)

December 16 – PEACE (Isaiah 26:1-13)

December 23 – HOLY BIRTH (Matthew 1:18-12)

December 30 – HE MAKES ALL THINGS NEW (Revelation 21:1-7)

Miscellaneous

Kitchen Labels – Parish Bldg – Jerry and Linda Henry provide these labels as their personal ministry for Chapel. They have an arrangement with a printing company for a special set up and have bought and installed the labels that you see on the cupboards and drawers. These labels make our kitchen easily accessible and uniform in appearance. Please do not remove the labels. If you need/want a label made, please ask them and they will get it done. Thank you. Jerry & Linda Henry

Chapemen Christmas CD – This CD was made back in 2009. Denny Slenker has some of these CD's (and a few of the others) available for free for anyone that would like one. Please contact him if you are interested.

LifePath Christian Ministries (formerly Rescue Mission) has a partnership with local churches called Corners of Your Field. When you make donations (clothes, household, furniture, etc.) to Life Path, you will be asked the name of the church to receive credit. **Please mention CHAPEL CHURCH.** In return, Chapel will receive **quarterly gift cards to LifePath Thrift Stores** which our Missions Team can give to anyone seeking help for the things LifePath sells. As a donor you are still able to take advantage of the tax-deduction from your donations.

GOOD NEWS . . . Chapel has received the first quarterly distribution of gift cards and they are administered by the Mission Team. Please see David Zurn for more information. Thanks to all who have made donations to LifePath!!! Keep it going!!!!

Men's Prayer group – if you are interested in joining this group, contact Jesse Funk or Brad Ludwig. The group meets Monday evenings at 6:30 in the church lounge.

Men's Class – this is a new class that will begin meeting on the 2nd & 4th Thursday nights at 6:30 PM in the library beginning in January. Please contact Ryan Ogurchak for more information.

**2022 CHOW-CHOW SALE
FOR
"THANKSGIVING" and "CHRISTMAS"!!!
Thru End of the Year**

Please fill in the AMOUNT and SIZE YOU PREFER!

Please insert the DATE you want to pick up your order _____

AMOUNT:		TOTAL \$'s
_____	<i>Pints @ \$4.00/Jar.</i>	_____
_____	<i>Quarts @ \$8.00/Jar.</i>	_____
_____	<i>Splenda" PINTS ONLY" @ \$4.00/Jar.</i>	_____

TOTAL \$ _____

NAME: _____ **Telephone #:** _____
(PLEASE PRINT)

LAST DAY to ORDER is Sunday, December 31, 2022

PLEASE PAY WHEN PICKING UP CHOW-CHOW—CASH or CHECK

(If paying by check, mark Chow Chow on the memo line)

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: "CHAPEL CHURCH"



Join in the spirit of the season and come caroling!

When: December 9

Time: 6:00 PM

Where: Chapel Church





TWIN ROSE CONCERT BAND

FREE CONCERT

DECEMBER 11 @ 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.



Happy Birthday & Anniversary:

Dec 1 Roy & Sylvia Smeltzer

Dec 3 Toby & Kathy Shoff

Dec 7 Dan & Lana Cooley

Dec 13 Scott & Krysta Tyson

Dec 17 Ryan & Kristina Ogurcak



1 Tom Brenner

1 Charlie Hess

1 Karla McCleary

1 Loni Smith

4 Anthony Angel

4 Gaye Ludwig

5 Heather Stem

6 Jane Dehoff

6 Ron Lighty

7 Steve Miller

8 Beth Balash

9 Jean Chubb

9 Jerry Henry

9 Judy Schappell

10 Christine Sprenkel

11 Barry Little

12 Karen Trebilcock

13 Virginia Farrell

13 Reagan Hahn

13 Victoria Straley

17 Milly Sedgwick

18 Theresa Hahn

19 Dick Poff

21 Izzy McWilliams

22 Carol Blessing

22 Peggy Fry

22 Bertie Hess

22 Jared Lebron-Orwig

22 Karen Snyder

24 Joyce Null

25 Muriel Slenker

26 Mary Ann Hildebrand-Tierney

27 Phyllis Fisher

27 Logan Leber

28 Chris Schaeberle

29 Ben Koons

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