# THE CHAPEL MESSENGER

#### **MARCH 2023**

### A Letter from Pastor Josh

"Raising Up Fully Committed Followers of Jesus Christ." March 2023

Chapel Family,

How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity! - Psalm 133:1 NIV. I really enjoyed our time of fellowship and combined worship on February 19. Pastor Dave had a fantastic message on *The God of Possible*. Our staff and leadership feel this is a good idea to have regular opportunities for fellowship and worship between our traditional and modern services.

When there is a 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday, we will have combined worship, alternating between the sanctuary and parish building. We will also have a time of fellowship in place of Sunday school on those days. The dates will be **April 30**, **July 30**, **October 29**, **and December 31**.

I'd also like to call the people of Chapel Church together for a time of prayer before Annual Conference. On Sunday evenings **April 30 and May 7** at 6pm, I'd like us to gather as one body to pray for the future of our church.

In Christ,

Pastor Josh

#### **Contact Us**

W: chapelchurch.org

P: 717-244-6375

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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**

Easter Services – April 9

**Sunrise – 6:30 in Heiland Cemetery** 

Combined Worship @ 9:30 in the Sanctuary

Fellowship in the fellowship hall between the services with coffee & refreshments

Maundy Thursday - April 6 - 7:00 PM - Sanctuary

**Special Lent Services** – 6:00 PM worship with fellowship afterwards – see separate page for location listings.

Beginning April 30, there will be a fellowship hour at 9:15 and a combined service at 10:30 in every month that has 5 Sundays – April, July, October and December. The location will vary between the Sanctuary and the Parish Building and possibly in the Grove. No Sunday School except for the Children.



Mar 2	Youth Night 6:30 - 8
Mar 5	Sunday Schl 9:15 – 10:15
Mar 9	Youth night 6:30 – 8
Mar 12	Sunday Schl 9:15 – 10:15
Mar 16	Youth night 6:30 – 8
Mar 19	Sunday Schl 9:15 – 10:15
Mar 23	Youth night 6:30 – 8
Mar 26	Sunday Schl 9:15 – 10:15

#### CHILDREN'S MINSITRY

#### Greetings, Chapel Family!

Although it is still winter, this wacky weather has us thinking ahead to brighter days and spring time, which means EASTER TIME! The Children's Ministry Department will be hosting a community event on April 8<sup>th</sup> to celebrate our Lord's resurrection. We have put together a donations request list. We are also asking for volunteers to set up and run activities during the event. Sign-ups for donations and volunteers will be outside the Sanctuary as well as the in entrance of the Parish Building.

Looking ahead, these are the items we are requesting:

- -4 plastic baby pools
- -Bulk rice (80lbs)
- -Candy for Easter eggs
- -Plastic Easter eggs
- -Thin pretzel sticks
- -Craisins
- -Mini round crackers
- -Goldfish
- -Mini marshmallows
- -Annie's Bunny Grahams
- -Raffle baskets (unwrapped):
- -Movie Night Basket ex: popcorn, candy, Redbox gift card, juice boxes, snuggle item, The Action Bible
- -Sports Basket ex: mini cooler, water bottle, nerf ball(s), sports candy, Gatorade, beef jerky, The Action Bible
- -Kids Crafts Basket ex: items for coloring, paints, bubbles, chalk, candy, stickers, Play-Doh, The Action Bible
- -Toddler Play Basket ex: board books, snuggle toy, bubbles, ball, apple sauce pouches, building blocks, easy puzzle, The Jesus Storybook Bible

We appreciate your willingness and care to help make this event an exciting outreach!

Thanks, Maria Gagliardi Children's Ministry Director



# EASTERRIFIC

# Saturday, March 31 • 10AM-12PM

### Celebrate the resurrection of Jesus!

Join us for activities, games, an egg hunt & more!

# Ages: birth through 6th grade

**Note:** this is **not** a drop-off event (Parents are to remain with their child at all times)

Child Name(s)	Age Grou	<b>p</b> (pleas	se circle fo	r each child)				
	0-3	4-6	7-9	10-12				
	0-3	4-6	7-9	10-12				
	0-3	4-6	7-9	10-12				
	0-3	4-6	7-9	10-12				
	0-3	4-6	7-9	10-12				
How did you hear about this event?								
Parent/Guardian Signati	Jre		Date					

- Please mail to Maria Gagliardi, Chapel Church, 3050 Cape Horn Rd, Red Lion, PA 17356
- Or scan & email to maria@chapelchurch.org

**Note**: Pictures will be taken throughout this event and could be used for media/display purposes. These pictures are the exclusive property of Chapel Church and its photographers.

#### **Women's Prayer Initiative Group**

Do you have a heart for prayer concerns of Chapel Church? Would you appreciate gathering with women who feel as you do? Is praying with women something that stirs your soul? If so, you might consider joining us Tuesday evenings at 6:30-8:00, every other week, in the Lounge at the far end of the Lobby near the sanctuary. Please feel free to contact anyone listed below for more information.

Wendy Tobias, Gaye Ludwig, Barbara Toomey, Whitney Wargo and Kristina Ogurcak.

#### **Scrap Wood Needed for Craft Items**

For those of you who are wood-workers or know anyone who has access to scrap pieces of wood, please check your stash! We are looking for pieces of wood that are 3/4" thick or 5/8" thick, although 3/4 " is preferred. If you are able to provide (any type wood) that is the above thickness, they will be cut down into pieces that are 3"x4". Thank you for considering!

**Gaye Ludwig** 

#### **Visitation Update**

Chapel Church has an awesome history of providing visitation to our homebound members. Our contact can be a home visit, serving communion, sending cards or a telephone call. This is all set up according to their wishes. Presently, Kathy Bradshaw heads up this committee with a dedicated team of 8 members, including Pastor Josh. We had a break in personal contact during the pandemic but last spring we sharpened our pencils, reformulated the list of those requesting visitation, and hit the trail! Each person visited is unique in their situation and all are very appreciative of staying in contact with their home church and the Visitation Team. Currently, there are 11 families on our list with varying needs and we look forward to sharing the love of Christ and the sweet fellowship of Chapel with each of these. If you are interested in hearing more about this "behind-the-scene" ministry, or if you would like to become involved, please contact Kathy.

#### March Prayer Focus - Guidance, Wisdom and Discernment

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ—It would appear that each one of us is weathering some sort of storm these days, whether it be physical challenges, aching in our hearts or spiritual unsettlements. We long to be "off the boat", back on familiar dry ground and to look forward to firm footing in the days ahead. And while this may be happening in our personal or family life, it indeed is happening in our Chapel family. Our disaffiliation vote has occurred, we had an outstanding majority and are proceeding in the necessary steps as outlined by the UM conference.

"Lord, we desire firm footing ahead and that can only be done as we seek You with all of our heart, soul and strength. We come to you in unity as we pray for **guidance** in the days ahead to choose correct paths to walk in.....**wisdom** to make well thought-out decisions and excellent use of our resources... and **discernment** as Holy Spirit reveals Truth to us, especially to those in leadership in our fellowship and community.

"When you search for me, you will find me; if you seek me with all your heart"...says the Lord. *Jer 29:13*Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path. *Psalm 119:105* 

But you have received the Holy Spirit, and he lives within you, so you don't need anyone to teach you what is true. For the Spirit teaches you everything you need to know, and what he teaches is true—it is not a lie. So just as he has taught you, remain in fellowship with Christ. *I John 2:27* 

"Woe to those who call evil good and good evil, who put darkness for light and light for darkness, who put bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter". Isaiah 5:20

Gaye Ludwig on behalf of the Women's Prayer Initiative Group

#### **Lent Services 2023**

#### March 5<sup>th</sup>

Chapel UMC

Rev. Bill Jones

#### March 12th

Winterstown UMC

Rev. Ron Doverspike

### March 19th

St. Paul's UMC

Pastor Angie Nett

#### March 26<sup>th</sup>

Bethany UMC

Rev. Becky McGee

### $April\ 2^{nd}$

Bethlehem Stonepile UMC

Rev. Josh Wargo



WHEN: SATURDAY - APRIL 1ST

TIME: 9:00 AM

WHERE: PARISH BUILDING

Join us for good food and fellowship with the men of Chapel Church

Contact Ryan Ogurcak with any questions.

#### MISSION PROJECT

#### LITTLE DRESSES FOR AFRICA.ORG (WEBSITE)

Hello everyone, my name is Dawn Snyder. A few weeks ago, my husband brought me this article about a woman named Rachel who started this Christian non-profit group called little dresses for Africa. She started her mission wanting to make these dresses to help the African girls improve their self-esteem and making a better life for them hoping that this would make a difference in their lives to be better people in their country. Right now, they are working in the country of Malawi in Africa. They also raise money to help them get clean drinking water and better medical care. You can go to their website and learn a lot more about what they are doing over there.

Since I am a sewing person, I was very interested as to what I could do in my little corner of the world to help these girls who probably don't even own a dress. With God's help, I would like to send a box of dresses to this organization sometime this summer. I thought since we do have sewers at our church maybe other might like to get involved too.

These dresses are very simple to make and don't involve a lot of time or money. These dresses basically just slide over the girl's heads. No zippers or buttons are requested. You can go to the website and print patterns they have there, or I have copies of these patterns to give out. They can be sundresses with ribbons that tie around their shoulder, T-shirt dresses which require you to buy a T-shirt(no logos but maybe like a heart on it) and just put a ruffle at the bottom of the shirt. Also, you can make a pillowcase dress and I have the pattern for that as well. They need sizes 2-14. They also would like bright colors for the dresses. I am getting my grandchildren involved as well showing them how to give back to the world. If you are a really good sewer, I will have a few Simplicity patterns that can make these dresses too.

For those of you who do not like to sew, you could purchase a dress and donate it. You could go to consignment stores or Community Aid and purchase very inexpensive dresses but remember they must just be able to slip over their heads.

If you have any questions, please contact me by phone (717-292-4729) or by email(dlsnyder@ddogcom.net) and please contact me if you will be making or donating any dresses to this cause. I would like to send these dresses sometime in June or July. The organization does ask for every dress you make, you donate 2 dollars to help in shipping costs to Africa. Thank you all for your consideration in helping these girls have a better life.

Dawn Snyder

# **EASTER FLOWERS ORDER FORM**

Easter is approaching and it is time to order Easter flowers to adorn our sanctuary. Orders and money need to be placed in the church office no later than March 28<sup>th</sup>.

Here are the flowers and the prices in which you can choose. Place them in memory of, or in honor of, and let the office know.

pink

Tulips - \$4.50 (3 blooms) or \$9.00 ( 6 blooms) Both are Assorted Co	lors- White, Yellow, and
Mums – \$6.00 ( 1 plant per pot) or \$12.00 ( 3 to 5 plants per pot) -	Pink
If paying by check, make it payable to Chapel Church.	
Name:	
Tulips:\$6.00\$9.00 In Memory of:	
In Honor of:	
Mums:\$6.00\$12.00 In Memory of:	
In Honor of:	

#### Day Care News:

You may have noticed some changes around Chapel Church. Thanks to a grant the day care was able to procure, we are able to renovate the main bathrooms, add a new door and roof to the ramp and provide several thousands of dollars in new outdoor toys for the playground among other lesser items. It was very important to us that we were able to use the grant money for items that will benefit both the church and day care.

Everything will be completed soon as we are waiting for a new door at the ramp to complete the work.

In other news we have gotten our classrooms fully staffed and things are running pretty smoothly. Two of our teachers have begun working on the Child Development Associate Certification. . We are really happy for their ambition to increase their knowledge of children.

We are working on learning more about the season of Lent and the sacrificial love of Jesus daily. We can't wait for Easter to be here!

Lynn Snell Lynn@chapelchurch.org







# **Happy Birthday & Anniversary:**

March 4 Pam Cunningham March 14 Jerry & Linda Henry March 11 Charlie & Cheryl Hess March 25 Jim & Deb Fickes



2	Misty Goldstein	16	Ione Groff	27	Casey Hemeczi
2	Tom Whetsel	16	Ruth Luckenbaugh	28	Dan Cooley
3	Brooke Gingrich	18	Lana Cooley	29	Jeremy Orwig
4	Jerry Farrell	18	John McClane	30	Bradd Sprenkel
4	Connie Hussman	20	Pat Miller	31	Lyra Schell
5	Dalton Orwig	20	LeeAnn Wilt		
7	Rachel Conrad	22	John Wagaman		
7	Kathy Leiphart	23	Matt Logan		
9	Valarie Ludwig-Day	24	Grant Fickes		
10	Jay Goldstein	24	Toby Shoff		
10	Michael Hengst	25	Jillian Tyson		
12	Addy Bailey	26	Ruth Poff		
14	Linda Rinehart	26	Ernie Smeltzer		
16	Cassie Durham	27	Vanessa Fickes		

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**Return Service Requested** 



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Go to our website

And catch up with what's happening at Chapel!

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