

# **THE CHAPEL MESSENGER**

SEPTEMBER 2022

## **A Letter from Pastor Josh**

*"Raising Up Fully Committed Followers of Jesus Christ."* September 2022

Chapel Family,

As I am away on renewal leave, I wanted to let you know you will be in good hands. Pastor Dave Brenneman will look after Chapel Sept. 1-14, and Pastor Angie Nett will be available Sept. 15-30. Please contact the office if you are in need of pastoral care. I look forward to returning October 1, as we welcome back *Of the Day* for a night of worship and music. Also, beginning in October, my new day off will be Friday. Included is our preaching schedule for the month of September. I am grateful for their help, as we work together to further the Kingdom of God.

In Christ,

Pastor Josh

**Sept. 4 Ian McKinnell (Youth Director)**

**Sept. 11 Ryan McCleary**

**Sept. 18 Ben Wise**

**Sept. 25 Rev. Cathy Boileau (Superintendent)**

### **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

**Save the Date: October 1 & 2.** “Of The Day” will be back in concert & worship. More details to follow.



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| Sept 1  | Youth Night 6:30 - 8     |
| Sept 4  | Sunday Schl 9:15 – 10:15 |
| Sept 8  | Youth night 6:30 - 8     |
| Sept 11 | Sunday Schl 9:15 – 10:15 |
| Sept 15 | Youth Night 6:30 - 8     |
| Sept 18 | Sunday Schl 9:15 – 10:15 |
| Sept 22 | Youth night 6:30 – 8     |
| Sept 25 | Sunday Schl 9:15 – 10:15 |
| Sept 29 | Youth night 6:30 – 8     |

A Fall Fest is planned for October 29 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM – more details to follow

## **TWEENS**

Pastor Josh will be leading Tweens beginning with an event in October TBD.

If you have a 4-6th grader, please email [josh@chapelchurch.org](mailto:josh@chapelchurch.org).

## Ladies Night Out

**Save the Date – October 14 – 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM** Come craft with us and enjoy fellowship with the women of Chapel (and bring your friends too!) Light Refreshments will be available. There will be 3 craft stations and the cost is \$5 - \$8 per craft. More details and signup sheets will be available later in September.

## Women's Fellowship Day, November 12th, 2022

Women of Chapel plus friends and neighbors.... this is your personal invitation to join your Sisters-in-Christ for a day of fellowship, teaching, delicious luncheon, stirring worship, plus more. We hope this date has been circled on your calendar and now you can register and plan to be a part of the day's event. *Our speaker is a delightful (past) speaker from our weekend retreats! She has continued in her speaking/teaching role as well as following God's lead in Christian life coaching as well as founding Speak Life Ezek:37. Jen Mattheu is passionate about her relationship with Jesus. She inspires women of all ages to rise above strongholds and embrace the freedom of who they truly are in Christ.*

Registration forms are available in the church lobby, Education Wing and Parish Building lobby. Return your completed forms to the church office. Any questions? Feel free to contact Marilyn Kotcher at (717)801-7603 or church office at (717)244-6375. See you there!

*Gaye Ludwig on behalf of the Women's Fellowship Day Committee*

Registration: 8:30 am   Program: 9:00 am  
Luncheon: 12:00 noon   Concludes: 3:00 pm -- Parish Building

***“Come to me ..... and I will give you REST”***

What does it mean to find rest? Jesus tells us that he “will give us rest.” But what does that look like in the world we live in today where there is an increasing rate of over-commitment and burn out. It’s easy to be caught in an unhealthy cycle of rest and striving, so treat yourself! Come and learn how you can experience the peace that Jesus has promised.

*Jen Mattheu is a Christian life Coach and speaker/teacher who is passionate about her relationship with Jesus Christ. Jen’s personal transformation has inspired her to disciple and encourage women of all ages to rise above any strongholds and embrace the freedom of who they truly are in Christ.*

**\*Bonus\*** We are again gathering Friday evening to *Meet and Greet with Jen* around the campfire in our Picnic Grove, weather permitting. Just bring a lawn chair and warm clothing. There will be marshmallows to toast and s’mores to enjoy! No need to RSVP—just stop in any time from 7-8:00 pm.

**Cost: \$25.** 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 30<sup>th</sup>. **Note:** If you are attending Saturday, but not eating lunch with us, please fill out this form and send in registration fee of only \$10. Questions? Contact the Church Office at (717)244-6375



Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City, state & Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: (    ) \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Luncheon choices: (check off one)

\_\_\_\_\_ Chicken Salad Veronique – Seedless grapes & Toasted Sliced Almonds; Mini Croissant & Zucchini Bread \*

\_\_\_\_\_ Sandwich Trio – Smoked Sliced Center cut Ham & Swiss on Seeded Rye; Sliced Roast Chicken with Boston leaves, butter, mayo and thin white bread; Mini Tuna Fish Salad Tartelette \*

\_\_\_\_\_ Vegetarian – Sliced Red Garden Tomato, Sliced Buffalo Mozzarella Cheese, Sliced Avocado, Sliced Sweet Onion Spinach Pesto, Ciabatta Roll & Zucchini Bread \*

*\* All of the above served with Pasta Salad; Seasonal Cut Fruit and Mini Sweet & Cookie*

\_\_\_\_\_ I will not order any of the above, but am enclosing registration fee of \$10.

*Come join your Sisters-in-Christ! We are better together!*

Have you visited Chapel's Prayer Garden ? As the Summer season edges on toward Autumn, the garden is lush green and dotted with the blooms of various plants. There are places to sit and meditate on God's glorious creation, listen to the sounds of the birds, and perhaps get a chance to see the Chapel deer family out for a stroll. Sit for awhile in the peace of our church grove. There is a newly established walking path, also, which winds its way from either side of the perimeter of the Garden and returns you to the opposite side. About halfway along the path, there is a bench to sit and rest upon, if needed, or to take time in a deeper contemplation of God.

Below is an excerpt from 2017 when the Prayer Garden was dedicated:

'Enter through the old barn doors which were salvaged from the original meeting place of the first congregation established in 1858. Take a moment to sit on the log bench that was crafted from a nearby tree which needed to be removed; your feet will be resting on a small patio of bricks that were part of the chimney on the original meeting house. As you turn your focus to the middle of the garden, you will notice boulders at the foot of the cross. These were foundation stones at the side entrance of the 1859/1860 springhouse where those first congregants met for worship; the echos of their footsteps are implanted on those stones. The cross was fashioned from a tree which had been scheduled for removal.'

Several items have been added throughout the past years since the garden was completed. Some of those additions have been given in memory of a loved one. Some have been added as a token of love for God's amazing grace in someone's life. Some have been placed as an encouragement to all who visit. Perhaps you have something which will add an extra touch for all to appreciate.

When you walk the garden and the pathway, know that others have left their burdens there at the cross and lifted their praise there, as well. God honors those moments in His presence.

There have been some new spring plantings in the prayer garden, which include some native plants that have been recommended by a native plant expert in our area. They include Jacob's ladder, coral bells, white wood aster, wild columbine, sweet woodruff, phlox and partridge berries, ( many of which have been nibbled on by our dear deer family). It was also recommended that the hosta be removed, as it is a favorite food for the deer. That process is underway and the hosta have been relocated to an outlying area. We don't want to exclude the deer, just relocate them possibly. Hopefully the new perennials will return next year. Ferns are in the process of being planted under the cross and should form a lush bed of greenery that will enhance our prayer as well as keep it native.

It takes various talents and knowledgeable helpers to maintain and keep improving the Chapel Prayer Garden and Walking Path. Several have been helping with upkeep and weeds, etc. over recent years, and we give thanks for their loving care. More helpers are needed and wanted, so please consider this opportunity to volunteer some time or offer any helpful information.

September brings a return of choir rehearsals and looking ahead to the holiday months.

New voices are always welcome to come out on Wednesday evenings at 6:30PM in the sanctuary. So, if you haven't decided yet, but want to 'visit and see', please join us on any week. Our practice time is typically about an hour, but for special weeks and holiday extras, we may stretch that occasionally.

Due to various special Sunday services which are already scheduled, the choir will not present a special number every week this season, but at least two Sundays per month. The holiday months will need extra voices, so perhaps your schedule will allow you to help with the special selections for Christmas, even if you cannot help on a regular basis.

During our first few weeks of rehearsal, we will prepare well-loved songs to get back in the routine, and we will revisit some selections which may be familiar but need to be worked out again. We will also look at a few ideas for the coming months, especially in preparation for November and December.

We are all excited to meet and get to know our new organist, Dave Keller, who will be at the organ beginning the first Sunday of September. He also will be playing the piano occasionally, we hope.

Dave has been playing organ for more than 50 years and took lessons from Sam Keeney. He also played with/for a local gospel group for many years, plus he has served as accompanist for other local congregations thru the years. Please welcome him when you get a chance.

Since Dave needs a bit of time to get comfortable with the organ and with all of us, we will all need to learn together. The opportunity to expand our musical efforts for the early worship service is wide open. So, if you sing in the car or in the shower, but you don't think you can 'read music' – no worries! All you really need to do is follow the words and we will all help you learn what those little dots on a sheet of paper mean; you just need to bring your love of singing praise to the Lord. Any instrumentalist are wanted and needed, too, so dust off that trumpet, or guitar/banjo, or fiddle, or flute, or whatever, and join us on Wednesday evenings. Hope to see you soon!

We continue to give thanks for our retired organist, and former choir director, Carol Blessing. Please keep her in prayer for her health issues, and give thanks for her service to our congregation for several decades. Thank you!

Muriel

## THANKSGIVING FREE MEAL



The Ogurcak Family & Chapel Church will be hosting a Free Community Meal on Thanksgiving Day in the Parish Bldg. Serving will be from 12:00 noon to 2:00 PM. Volunteers will be needed for prep/setup/serving the day before and the day of the event. Donations will be accepted ( a list of needed items will follow). More details will follow as this is still in the planning stages.

## Leadership Council Updates

**Welcome to Dave Keller as Organist:** We are pleased to announce that Dave Keller will be starting as our Organist on August 31<sup>st</sup>. Dave has played organ for 54 years, since he started taking lessons from Sam Keeney when he was 9 years old. Over the years he has played in a country gospel group for 10 years and was organist at St. John's Lutheran Church for 3 years as well as Choir Director for Christ United Methodist Church in Yoe for 5 years. For the past 14 years he has been the organist at the 10:30am service at Canadochly Evangelical and Reformed Church, where he and his wife are members. Dave is looking forward to joining our music team at the 8am service on Sunday mornings and said he loves serving the Lord with his music.

**Part-Time Facility Maintenance Technician Needed:** Chapel Church is seeking a part-time Facility Maintenance Technician to perform routine building maintenance tasks for the interior and exterior facilities of our church property. This is a part-time position of approximately 10-15 hours per week. If you are interested in applying for this position, please submit a resume by email to Brian Conner at [sycbrian@comcast.net](mailto:sycbrian@comcast.net) or contact him by phone at 717-887-5906.

**Charge Conference Results:** Chapel Church held a Charge Conference on August 16, 2022 to discuss selling our field that is next to the cemetery, and members voted to approve the Leadership Council to put the land up for sale with realtor Bennett Williams. The buyers proposal will be presented to the congregation for an approval vote.



### **Missions Project Opportunity – Home Clean Out – Wilkes Barre, PA:**

The Mission Committee has agreed to assist a gentleman residing in Wilkes-Barre, PA to clean out his home. The gentleman's name is Mike, and he is a friend of the Wargo family. Mike has had a difficult time over the past several years but is looking for a fresh clean start and needs some help to get started. This clean-up project will take two days. We are looking for 2 to 3 able bodies to help clean out the two-story home. The project has been scheduled for Friday October 7<sup>th</sup> and Saturday October 8<sup>th</sup>. We will leave the church on early Friday morning and return on Saturday evening. We will be staying in a local hotel on Friday evening. The church's Members in Missions funding will be available to volunteers which will pay for 20% of cost of the hotel, and meals for volunteers. We are looking into getting a van for the trip, if possible. If you are interested in helping, please contact David Zurn at [demurpher@comcast.net](mailto:demurpher@comcast.net) or text him at 717-577-2638. To properly plan for the project and trip, please let us know by Monday September 19<sup>th</sup>. Please pray and consider helping Mike out. Thank you.

Additionally, we are looking for a used refrigerator and an electric stove in good shape for this project. Please let us know if you are interested in donating one, if you have one available, or know of one that is available.

### **Sept. 2022 Newsletter for Adult Ministries**

Our small group classes are excited to begin the Fall season. We encourage you to connect with one of our wonderful classes. Many are soon starting new study topics for the Fall. If you want to know which class is best suited for your needs, please feel free to contact me at your convenience.

I have received many requests for access to RightNow Media over the past several weeks. If you had an established RNM account in the past and forgot your user name, it is your email address. If you forgot your password, go to the RNM web site, enter your user name and click, forgot password. I can only send a new invitation to a person who never had an account with RNM. If you would like me to check on the email address on file for you with RNM, questions on resetting a password, or would like a new invitation due to you now having a new email address, please reach out to me at [George@chapelchurch.org](mailto:George@chapelchurch.org).

Blessings,  
George

## Prayer Focus for September

We are honored to reserve this month for the lifting up of Pastor Josh and his family as he purposely uses this time to strengthen his high calling to the shepherding of God's people. Taking time aside is so essential for every one of us and how much more so for one in Christian service and ministry. Jesus is our role model as he did this very thing as recorded in Luke 5:16. "But Jesus often withdrew to lonely places and prayed".

We support this decision that Pastor Josh has made and wish to undergird each day in September with prayer on his behalf. "Popcorn" prayers are good, too..... How do you popcorn pray? When a person's name or face comes to mind...."pop" a prayer to the Father, giving thanks and breathing any specific concerns for them. And trust that the Holy Spirit has heard your compassionate concern. You will find attached to this newsletter, a 31-day guide "Praying for Your Pastor". It is an excellent resource for Chapel Church to use, following our mission to pray together as the sheep in Pastor Josh's flock, in one voice and in unity. Won't you join us? There will be copies available on Sunday in each of the building lobby areas. And yes, I know, September has only 30 days, so Pastor Josh gets a **BONUS** day of our love and prayer support!

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

## Women's Campus Prayer Walk, September 20th

We are looking forward to our second gathering of women here at Chapel Church. A Campus Prayer Walk is planned for Tuesday, September 20 at 6: 30PM meeting in the Main Church Sanctuary. What will this involve? As the title suggests, we will walk the buildings and campus, praying along the way for the different leaders and ministries that assemble in their area. We desire God's vision to come to light and those in authority would be obedient to the call and we would all be supportive, as took place in the early church. May we be united under Christ, our cornerstone of Chapel! There is no need to sign up, just bless us with your willing heart and in comfortable shoes! However, if your spirit is willing but unable to walk, you are welcome to join us, do what you can and you will have "prayer prompts" to know our prayer concerns. Rain or shine, we'll meet in the sanctuary and walk only to the pavilion or remain in sanctuary. See you then!

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



Chapel Church is pleased to bring this holiday special event to the Red Lion Area.

Date & Time to be determined

This is a “pay what you want” event and no tickets are required.

Christmas in Perfect Harmony is a stage production presented by LeeP Productions from Strasburg PA.

Members of the group are Kat Pritckett, Sarah Poague and Ric Zimmerman.



# Happy Birthday & Anniversary:

Sept 1 Jerry & Kathy Hutcheson  
Sept 4 Jay & Misty Goldstein  
Sept 4 David & Tammy Schott  
Sept 13 Jared & Lorie Conrad  
Sept 25 Matt & Missy Eberly

Sept 26 Ron & Jean Chubb  
Sept 26 Marvin & Linda Spahr  
Sept 30 Rob & Aimee Miller



1 Ruth Klinedinst  
1 Brian Koons  
3 Cheryl Reinhold  
3 Whitney Wargo  
4 Ryan Schaeberle  
5 Connor Gingrich  
5 Kevin Helmeczi  
5 Jeff Poff  
8 Wilson Henry  
8 Ted LeGore  
8 Danyiel Wise  
9 Liam Schell

10 Alex Smith  
14 Rebecca Elliehausen  
17 Dave Zurn  
18 Daria Luckenbaugh  
25 Pat Forney  
25 Katie Leber  
26 Beth Innerst  
27 George Bradshaw  
27 Barry DeHoff  
29 Kelsey Lauer  
29 Regena Reinoehl  
29 Tammy Schott

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