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# **Paul's Ponderings...**

#### Paul's Ponderings The Chapel Chimes June 2021

This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends because I have made known to vou everything that I have heard from my Father. John 15:12-15

"I do not call you servants," Jesus said, "but I have called you friends."

Imagine how Jesus' closest followers must have felt when they heard those words come out of Jesus' mouth for the first time. They had shared so much together. They had been through so much together. They had learned so much from Jesus and had grown so close to him. They had begun to believe that he was a great rabbi, a spiritual healer, a contemplative mystic, a Jewish prophet...perhaps, the Son of God. Surely, this man knew and loved God more intimately than anyone they had ever known before. And, now, this man of faith was claiming all of them as his friends. Astounding!

Through Jesus they were learning of God's longing to be in relationship with humankind...God's desire for communion and friendship with God's people. They had heard this story before in the Jewish tradition, those who were more than servants but actual friends with God. Abraham, Moses, Ruth, Naomi, and Esther were all more than servants of God.

Now Jesus is saying, "I have called you friends," not just special people of the past whose names and stories are recorded in sacred memory, but to a bunch of fishermen and women who came to hear his tales. They were not to be considered slaves, not even servants, but friends of Jesus...friends of God.

Through this story we come to understand that Jesus calls us friends. Church historian, Diana Butler Bass says that Jesus calls us friends and through Christ God reaches toward us, not as a fearsome master or judge, but a friend, beckoning us into God's love. Once we were created by the hand of God and now that same

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hand reaches out and joins ours again and again...the clasp of unfailing friendship and love.

Isn't that what our heart is telling us that we have missed this past pandemic year...love and friendship...the touch of the hand of a loved one, a grandchild, a friend. As this pandemic exile ends and we reach out for one another again, may we remember the God who wants to be our friend and reaches out to us with the healing power of an eternally enduring embrace.

Pentecost - 2021 Pastor Paul



### **Chapel Prayers**

### Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, giving thanks in all circumstances, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18)

### **Prayers of the People**

### **Chapel Friends:**

Pat Kibbie, Gardenia Flores, Juster Machovi, Jeanne Stephan, Rob D'Amatto, Sally Bagdan, Marjorie Gump, Laura Lentz, Sarah Hewitt and Heather Tuft, Rich De Luca, Cathy Phillips, Karen Fredrickson, Bill Hinson, Jessica McInnis, Nick Williams, Nancy Bingle, Reverend Bill and Marty Bruner, Lynn and Keith Mathews, Eddie and Annette McInnis, Patty and Jackie Madden, Susan and Darrell Marks, Jennifer Grgurevic, Cathy and Calvin Phillips, Michael McCaskill, Debbie Guenther, Mary Faas, George Depuy, Deborah Rush, Thomas Martin, Sandra and Robert Rickards, Kate Halus, Nicole Olson and her family, June Ann, Bruce Lowe, Henry Boore, Jack Sealey, Don Dublino,

Chris Flack, Tom Sullivan, Brenda Tubaugh, Bob Hamilton, Valerie Caggiano, Mike Augustyniak, Sandy & Blaine Mullis and family, Ernie and Lucy Dunn Martin, Phyllis Mahin

### Chapel Family:

Jane and Charles Hinson, Nancee Letter, Bob Dantzer, Jim Beck, Dorene Tichenor, Connie Ambrosio, Ralph Olsen, Mary Tuft, Marilyn McCaskill, Pat Donaldson, Bud Holzerland, Phil Thingstad, Rob Guadalupe, Mary Kay Allen, Dick Van Horne, the family of Ann McClymonds

### **Grieving:**

Pat Dantzer's family on the death of her son-in-law, Richard Tubaugh. Our prayers go out to Pat, her daughter, Brenda, and all of the family.

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June Flower Sign-Up

If you are interested in signing up to volunteer to provide flowers for the chapel in June please contact the office at 400-5188 or e-mail Leslie at citp10@7lakeschapel.com to have your name added to the Flower Sign-up List.

June	
Date	Volunteer
June 6 <sup>th</sup>	Stoltz Family (Sam's High School Graduation)
June 13 <sup>th</sup>	Marilyn Holzerland (68 <sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary)
June 20 <sup>th</sup>	Tim Peppe (Father's Day in memory of Isadore Peppe and in Recognition of Hugh Jones)
June 27th	



# **Coffee and Fellowship**

If you are interested in signing up to volunteer to make coffee for Sundays at the chapel in June please contact the office at 400-5188 or e-mail Leslie at citp10@7lakeschapel.com to have your name added to the Coffee and Fellowship Sign-up List.

June		
Date	Volunteer	
June 6 <sup>th</sup>		
June 13 <sup>th</sup>		
June 20 <sup>th</sup>		
June 27th		

# **Worship Team**

Worship Team Chiming In...

After many meetings and much discussion, your Worship Team developed a plan to open the Chapel according to the CDC protocols and NC regulations. After we received Board approval, our plan was to gradually send out Constant Contact, informing you of this plan.

Surprise!! What we knew would happen at some point occurred last week when the CDC and the Governor announced all those who received their both vaccinations and it has been least two weeks, could now be mask-free. As a church, they said we could now open our doors to services. So your Worship Team met in emergency session and, after much discussion, sent our recommendations to the Board who on Tuesday, in another emergency meeting, accepted the Worship Team's proposal.

The Chapel will open on Pentecost May 23<sup>rd</sup> for worship service, with no restrictions for those who fit the CDC protocol!

We understand some of you have not received your COVID vaccinations. To keep <u>you</u> <u>safe</u> we ask you to join us, but wear a mask. If for some reason you cannot wear a mask, please call Pastor Paul and he can advise you. With our new equipment we will be able to film and stream the service live in the Fellowship Hall and on ZOOM.

All of the above means you don't have to register, or wear a mask, enter through Fellowship Hall doors, or stand in line six feet apart, or avoid hugging or shaking hands with friends before being directed to a specified seat six feet apart from anyone but a family member!

It will be Sunday at the Chapel! You can enter the Sanctuary, sit where you are most comfortable, sing hymns along with your friends, drop your special 'Thank You' to God contribution in the collection plate and enjoy the return to Sunday Worship as usual.

Looking forward to seeing you on Pentecost wearing red in celebration of the day and the re-opening of the Chapel in the Pines...a new day for us all! Remember...Sunday Worship Service will be available on three sites: the Sanctuary, the Fellowship Hall and ZOOM.

Look forward to seeing you there and saying 'Hello'! Worship Team Peggy Olson



## Mission Team (Submitted by Tracey Olsen)



The Mission Team met and created a sub-committee to establish Protocol Guidelines for future Chapel Rummage Sales.

The topics discussed:

-Activities needed to do prior to the sale.

-Pricing Items. Half price time 11AM and Cleanup from 1PM-2PM

-Date, Time and Location of future sales.

-Team will vote at our meeting on Friday, May 21, 2022

We plan on having the sale inside the Fellowship Hall on

#### October 30, 2021 from 8AM - 12PM

(IF COVID restrictions are lifted and we can safely have the sale inside)

Items can be brought to the Chapel beginning now and placed downstairs in the Children's Area inside the door nearest the lower parking lot entrance Monday through Friday between 9AM-5PM.

More to follow!

# Music Team (Submitted by Tamara Lee)

In the month of June, when we celebrate Father's Day, not a holy day but a Hallmark holiday, as I've heard it said, we pause to remember all those who have been a father to us, biologically, in mentor roles, as guides and encouragers, protectors and providers. In celebration of the importance of fathers, a hymn that comes to mind is "Children of the Heavenly Father," by Caroline Sandell-Berg, said to be the Fanny Crosby of Sweden.

Caroline was always close to her father growing up, and he insisted she have an extensive education far beyond what was traditional for girls in Sweden during the 1800s. She began writing poetry as a child and in her lifetime wrote close to 1500 poems, some of which were set to music. The two best known are "Day by Day," and "Children of the Heavenly Father," both of which are said to have been inspired and composed after witnessing her father's tragic drowning death when he fell from a boat crossing a lake in Sweden. Even though she had lost her earthly father, Caroline maintained her faith and hope in her Heavenly Father, and trusted in his guidance, love, care and protection.

In our times, the role of father is sometimes negated by the entertainment industry and other voices that question the vital role fathers play in our lives. Certainly there are plenty of stories of fathers who have not been the provider, protector, role model we need and appreciate. Fortunately, most of us experience dedicated, loving, even at times heroic fathers, who provide glimpses of the Heavenly Father Caroline Sandell-Berg wrote of, and whom we may all rely on as a Perfect Father, in our imperfect lives on this side of eternity.

"For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus" (Gal. 3.26)





# Nominating Team (Submitted by Dot Macdonald)

#### News from the nominating team...

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Our candidate, Bob Donaldson, was proposed to the Board to complete the term of Bob Racine in 2021. He was unanimously approved and will begin attending meetings immediately.

# **Chapel Board Members**

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# Seven Lakes Cemetery (submitted by Mike Barry)

#### Current updates and Pricing Structure for Chapel and Seven Lakes Cemetery Columbaria and Seven Lakes Cemetery

#### Current Updates

Now that the Columbarium's have been sealed, we are finishing the new courtyard Columbarium by installing all of the face plates.

We have two new residents at the Cemetery and two new residents at the Cemetery Columbarium.

With the easing of the Covid-19 restrictions, families are starting to inter loved ones that have been put on hold because of the pandemic. This Saturday, 5/22/2021, we have two services planned, one at the Chapel, and one at the cemetery. There are still many that have been delayed for columbarium interment. This past year has been especially hard on our friends and families who have lost loved ones during this pandemic, keep them all in your prayers.

Check out the May edition of The Seven Lakes News. We have a quarter page ad and an article about an impending Veterans Memorial coming to the Seven Lakes Cemetery.

For the answers to all of your questions about the purchase of cemetery plots or columbaria niches, please contact Mike Barry, Chapel Cemetery Director at sevenlakescemetery@7lakeschapel.com or (910) 466-9100 or Leslie Kern, Chapel Administrator at (910) 400-5188 or citp10@7lakeschapel.com.





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### **Building & Grounds Report** (Submitted by Dick Van Horne & Mike Barry)

During the pandemic, a memorial garden honoring Alice Shaughnessy was created. It's full of colorful bushes, perennial flowers, a water fountain and her memorial stone. You'll see the garden as you enter the sanctuary on Sunday morning. It's just to the right of the entry doors. Alice loved caring for her flower garden at home. Enjoy!



### **Finance Team Report** (Submitted by Dick Van Horne)

Now that the Sanctuary is open for worship, those of you attending in person can place your pledge/donation in the offering basket.

Those of us enjoying the Sunday service on Zoom can continue to mail in your pledge/donation to the Chapel or place it in the drop box at the Fellowship Hall entrance.



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### BackPack Pals and Matthew 25:40

**BackPack Pals and Matthew 25:40 Programs** 

We Need Your Help-Please Donate as Often As You Can!

**BackPack Pals Items Needed** 

Juice Boxes, any flavor

Pop Tarts, any flavor

**Peanut Butter/Cheese Crackers** 

Matthew 25:40 Items Needed

Capri sun Juices, any flavor

Pop Tarts, any flavor

Chef Boyardee Micro Cups, in yellow and red

**Small water bottles** 

**Protein Bars, all flavors** 

**Fruit Cups** 

**Apple sauce cups** 



### Schedule of Upcoming Events for June, 2021 (updated by Leslie Kern)

June 6: 2nd Sunday After Pentecost

June 13: 3rd Sunday after Pentecost

June 20: 4th Sunday after Pentecost

Father's Day

June 27: 5th Sunday after Pentecost

### **June Birthdays**

Pat Griffin: June 4 Noah Ruiter: June 8 Ed Massimo: June 13 Henry Kelly: June 15 Blue Baker: June 16 Karl Stark: June 20 Phillip Thingstad: June 22 Mini Giannini: June 26 Vickie Bedder: June 30



# **June Anniversaries**

Charles & Jane Hinson: June 2 (65 Years) Ray & Audrey Tourt: June 7 (62 Years) Henry Boore & Jason Harris: June 11 (5 Years) Bud and Marilyn Holzerland:June 13 (68 Years) Jon & Dorene Tichenor: June 17 (43 Years) John Caggiano: June 17 (55 Years) Bob & Nancy Racine: June 22 (53 Years) Brenda & Ed Massino: June 24 (25 Years)

# Happy Anniversary

