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Paul's Ponderings...

Paul's Ponderings The Chapel Chimes July 2021

A Renewed Spirit; Revival or Awakening?

In 2012, my favorite church historian, Diana Butler Bass wrote a book called Christianity After Religion: The End of Church and the Birth of a New Spiritual Awakening. The thesis of this very hopeful book was that certain forms of religion always end, and that such endings are usually followed by a revival of faith and the beginning of some new and unexpected cultural awakening.

Revivals happen inside the church and are periods of personal and institutional renewal. Awakenings happen in the public square when a community or even an entire society is transformed. Revivals are about our group and awakenings are about our community and beyond.

Perhaps when I say the words "revival" the first image you recall is of an old camp meeting under a tent where pleas were made for worshippers to "give their life to Jesus," to come down the aisle and make a commitment to "turn their life around," and then seal the deal by joining the church. Often these were emotional pleadings and the music just kept playing on and on, until

someone "got right with Jesus."

Well, thank God, revivals come in many forms, and I am convinced that all of us here at the Chapel are in the embrace of a beautiful personal and institutional revival that the Holy Spirit is revealing to us more and more each day.

In 1970, Joni Mitchell wrote and sang, "Don't it always seem to go, that you don't know what you've got till it's gone. They paved paradise and put up a parking lot," And, that is what this revival...this renewed spirit in our Chapel is all about. We didn't know what we had...not until it was gone.

Fifteen months later, after being limited in how we might share our faith and our lives with one another, we have come to realize what we "got" by worshipping and serving God side by side was even more important to us that we ever realized. Now that we have had some small taste of "normality," the Holy Spirit is making clear to us that what we share in loving one another and loving God is so precious and beautiful and meaningful that our spirits are reawakened, our hopes are renewed...or, as they would have said at that camp meeting long ago, "it's a Holy Ghost revival!"

Now, Diana Butler Bass would ask all of us to take that renewed spirit outside the walls of our church, into our

is telling us that this is the time to grow, not only spiritually, but in membership numbers as well. I am encouraged that the leaders of our church are asking questions like, "How do we take this new enthusiasm among our members and translate it into growing our church in numbers and in service to God in our community." I am encouraged by a renewed willingness by all of you to volunteer your time, talents, and treasure to support the ministries of this Chapel.

We are in the midst of a revival. I feel it. You feel it. Now, let's spread that renewed spirit to others in our community as we build the kingdom of God here on earth as it is in heaven.



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, Nancy Bingle, Nick Williams, Nancy Bingle, Reverend Bill and Marty Bruner, Eddie and Annette McInnis, Patty and Jackie Madden, Darrell Marks, Jennifer Grgurevic, Cathy and Calvin Phillips, Michael McCaskill, Debbie Guenther, Mary Faas, George Depuy, Thomas Martin, Sandra and Robert Rickards, Kate Halus, June Ann, Bruce Lowe, Henry Boore, Jack Sealey, Don Dublino, Chris Flack, Tom Sullivan, Brenda Tubaugh, Bob Hamilton, Valerie Caggiano, Mike Augustyniak, Ernie and Lucy Dunn Martin, Phyllis Mahin, Mark Vasconcellos, Maria Bliss, Dave Carney, Nancy Pierceall and Cathy Steele.

Chapel Family:

Jane and Charles Hinson, Nancee Letter, Bob Dantzer, Dorene Tichenor, Connie Ambrosio, Ralph Olsen, Mary Tuft, Marilyn McCaskill, Pat Donaldson, Bud Holzerland, Phil Thingstad, Rob Guadalupe, Mary Kay Allen, Dick Van Horne, Henry Kelly, Shirley Percival and Joan Moses.





July Flower Sign-Up

If you are interested in signing up to volunteer to provide flowers for the chapel in July, please contact the office at 400-5188 or e-mail Pat at city10@7lakeschapel.com to have your name added to the Flower Sign-up List.

July

<i>Date</i>	<i>Volunteer</i>
<i>July 4th</i>	<i>Pat Scheil (In memory of her brother, George Anson Merkle)</i>
<i>July 11th</i>	<i>Adrien & Wendy Tetreault (In memory of their son, Jason Edward Tetreault)</i>
<i>July 18th</i>	<i>Alice McPheeters (In memory of Terry)</i>
<i>July 25th</i>	<i>Dorene & Jon Tichenor (In memory of Pat Gowan)</i>



July Coffee and Fellowship

If you are interested in signing up to volunteer to make coffee for Sundays at the chapel in July, please contact the office at 400-5188 or e-mail Pat at city10@7lakeschapel.com to

June

<i>Date</i>	<i>Volunteer</i>
<i>July 4th</i>	
<i>July 11th</i>	
<i>July 18th</i>	<i>Marilyn & Jimmy McCaskill</i>
<i>July 25th</i>	

Worship Team

Worship Team Chiming In...

Well, you have now been able to attend Sunday Worship Services in the Sanctuary and on ZOOM! Unfortunately, we knew there would be a few problems with the sound and the picture, while we not only had the training of our AV volunteers, but the equipment on back order which is still "trickling" in.

We are thankful for Roger Ward and his team, who continue to come and work on improving our system! Also, for those of you who have been trying ZOOM, thank you for your patience. We have all seen progress as the weeks tick by.

The Team discussed the return of our Covered Dish Meals, the first of which was held after our service on June 27th. Those of us who were on ZOOM were envious of your opportunity to dine together and look forward to the day when we, too, can join you.

At our last Worship Team Meeting in June, we discussed Homecoming, which will be the weekend of September 24, 25 and 26. Suggestions were made that each Team should plan a "get together" for previous members, that we should again hold golf and tennis tournaments, that we institute a 'games' evening and that we again have a covered dish luncheon after the Homecoming service.

Pastor Paul had discussed the return of our Thursday Gatherings and, as you know, we now have a date for the first one on July 15th, which Paul has announced.

We know some of you have not received COVID vaccinations for health reasons. We would like you to try to attend services via ZOOM or join us in the sanctuary with masks to keep you safe. If for some reason you cannot wear a mask, please call Pastor Paul and he can advise you.

Now on a personal note: I am sorry to announce that this will be my last "Worship Team Chiming In", as I resigned as Chair of the Worship Team. My house is now listed and as soon as it is sold, I will be moving to Western New York, where I grew up. My children have been nagging me for several years and I have finally given in to them. My children and grandchildren, who are growing up too fast, will be much closer. The Chapel has been my home for 15 years and I will miss all the friends I have made and all that this church has been to me.

My prayer is I find a church family like this and a home like the one you have provided me. Thank you for all your friendships over the years. Know I will come back to visit...probably on Homecoming 2021!

Look forward to seeing you either in the Sanctuary or on ZOOM and saying "Hello!"

Worship Team
Peggy Olson



Mission Team (Submitted by Tracey Olsen)

The Mission Team will meet on Friday, June 25th at 10 AM.

We have the pleasure of hosting Sherry Mangum, who is a Board Member with Christmas for Moore. She will be giving us first-hand information about all aspects of the program and she will be available to answer all of our questions.

September 1st between 4PM and 7PM, the Chapel in the Pines will be a designated Intake Site for the families who are in need of help during the Christmas holidays. We will set up tables in the Fellowship Hall. If you



notice lots of cars coming and going on that day, you will know why.

The Return of the Gathering

July 15th is a special day for our Chapel because it marks the return of The Gathering. On that Thursday evening at 6:00 p.m. we will meet for a fellowship dinner provided by members of the Mission Team and a short program.

Please invite your family, friends neighbors to join us for a fun and time of songs, merriment and More details coming soon.



and relaxing worship.

Music Team (Submitted by Tamara Lee)

One of the hymns we frequently hear sung around Independence Day is titled "This is My Song", to the tune *Finlandia*, by Jean Sibelius. Sibelius wrote this seven-part composition in defiance of Czar Nicholas' 1899 declaration that Russia would rule Finland. Sibelius, like his fellow Finns, desired liberty from oppressive Russian rule and so constructed *Finlandia* to represent parts of Finland's history, ending with this well-known tune that expresses hope for the future of his beloved country. Because of Russian censorship, he was not allowed to call the patriotic piece by the title he wrote for it, but when it traveled to the Presbyterian and Methodist hymnals in the 1930's as "Be Still, My Soul," it could be called by its proper title.

The first two lyrical verses, written by Lloyd Stone in 1934, express a desire for peace in the homeland, as well as admiration for the beauty of home. That patriot admiration is balanced though, by the recognition that, "other hearts in other lands are beating with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine." The third and final verse of lyrics was written in 1939 by Georgia Harkness and draws our attention back to "God of all the nations..." and echoes Jesus' words from The Lord's Prayer, ending with, "let thy will be done."

<https://youtu.be/FCmdhLtwag>

(With revised third verse, reflecting a desire for peace among the pictured nations.)

<https://youtu.be/eXooDIWVRZs>

(An ethereal harmonic a cappella choir.)

Source: <https://>



www.umcdiscipleship.org/resources/

[history-of-hymns-this-is-my-song](#)



Nominating Team (Submitted by Dot Macdonald)

News from the nominating team...

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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Organist—Tamara Lee—tamaraclee@icloud.com—910-690-7671

Seven Lakes Cemetery (submitted by Mike Barry)

Current Updates and Pricing Structure for Chapel and Seven Lakes Cemetery Columbaria and Seven Lakes Cemetery

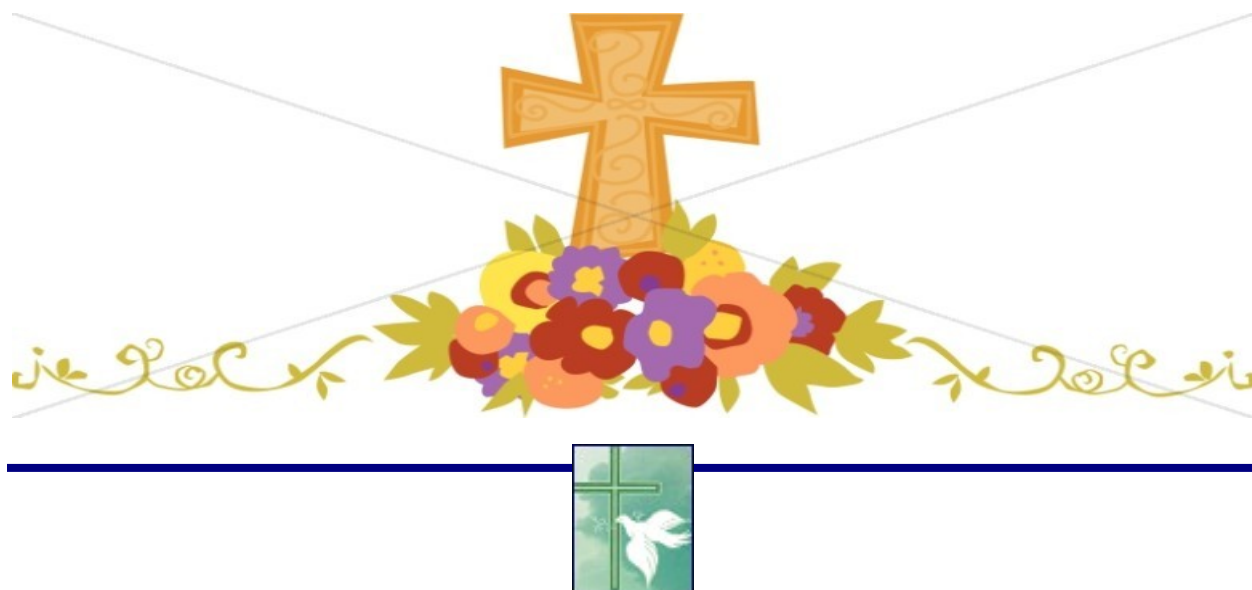
Current Updates

We have had much activity at the Cemetery and at the Chapel's Columbarium this past month. We have had three interments at the Cemetery's Columbarium, and two at the Chapel's Devonshire Columbarium. Later June and July, we have two more interments planned. We have five families that have yet to set a date for their loved one's interment.

We have recently sold five Niches at the Cemetery and four Niches at the Chapel. No plots have been sold at the Cemetery since January.

I will attempt to get one of the water wells working later this month and do more repairs on the gazebo and the road.

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 Pat Scheil,





Building & Grounds Report

(Submitted by Dick Van Horne & Mike Barry)

The Seven Lakes Country Club has turned off the water supply to the Chapel irrigation system and to the Seven Lakes North entrance. Both entities share a one- inch water pipe owned by the golf club, which has been in operation for 50+ years.

Their Greens Superintendent has been experiencing water pressure problems at the golf course and believes our shared one-inch line is the problem. Mike Barry has been working with Evergreen Landscaping and Stackhouse Plumbing to resolve the issue with the golf course. Mike is happy to report that the water is back on. We have adjusted our irrigation hours, so that they will not conflict with the golf course



Finance Team Report

(Submitted by Dick Van Horne)

Total liquid assets of the Chapel stand at \$262,605 as of May 31st. Income and expenses are within budget estimates for 2021. We continue to thank Chapel members for meeting their pledge commitment. We've done surprisingly



Back Pack Pals and Matthew 25:40 Programs

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

Back Pack 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



Schedule of Upcoming Events for July, 2021 (updated by Pat Scheil)

July 4th: Independence Day & 6th Sunday After Pentecost

July 11th: 7th Sunday After Pentecost and Board Meeting

July 15th: The Gathering—6:00 p.m.

July 16th: Mission Team Meeting 10:00 a.m.

July 18th: 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 25th: 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July Birthdays

John Golzio	July 3
Esther Robinson	July 10
Audrey Tourt	July 11
Hal Blake	July 12
Meta Evans	July 13
Elvia Guardalupe	July 18
Carole Faas	July 18
Jean Lawrence	July 20
Cole Hodges	July 20
Daisy Kirit	July 21
Bud Holzerland	July 22
Gordon Zeller	July 24
Harlan McCaskill	July 27
Connie Forbes	July 30
Marilyn Holzerland	July 31



July Anniversaries

- Christine and James Beck - July 7—53 years**
- Jimmy and Marilyn McCaskill—July 8—42 years**
- Edward and Tamara Lee—July 10—28 years**
- Phillip and Angie Thingstad—July 23—55 years**
- Steven Welch and Alicia Delong—July 31—5 years**

