



# CHAPEL CHIMES

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## Paul's Ponderings...



### Paul's Ponderings Baptism of the Lord January, 2022

We began our Advent/Christmas/Epiphany season with a baptism...the baptism of our new Chapel Family member, Maverick Matthew Lawn. We all look forward to watching Maverick grow up and mature in his faith, but it is doubtful that Matthew will remember his baptism in years to come. He will have the stories passed down my his parents, grandparents, and godparents, along with the video recording of the service, and all the pictures taken in this sanctuary to remind him, but chances are he will not remember the actual event.

It is somewhat ironic that for many of us the day of our baptisms, although a momentous day in our lives, is blank in our cerebral memory banks. Many of us were infants when we were baptized. Our parents brought us to church to receive the sacrament and almost always lots of pictures were taken. They took pictures of us with our parents, siblings, grandparents, and even the

the pastor that baptized us. We may not remember the actual event, but thanks to Kodak, Polaroid, and now the cameras on our phones, we've got pictures and videos to prove the event took place.

Of course, at Jesus' baptism, they didn't need to take any pictures to make the event memorable. The gospel writers tell us that at Jesus' baptism the heavens opened up and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove. And, then, there's that loud voice from the heavens, booming across the sky, "This is my Beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."

You talk about the dramatics of it all! It is truly interesting that for a baby born in a simple stable, on a silent night...that same baby all these years later has a pretty dramatic baptism. Christmas begins with the birth of a baby that seems insignificant to but a handful of people, but the Christmas season ends with God's voice echoing across the sky, telling the world how pleased God is with God's Son!

We know, of course, that Jesus didn't need baptism. Baptism is for the imperfect human beings. Matthew points this out in

his version of the story, as even John the Baptist himself wonders whether or not he is doing the right thing. Yet, by his baptism Jesus makes holy the water of Maverick's baptism and every baptism that will ever take place. Because of Jesus' baptism, we are baptized! Baptism is our way of beginning our walk with Jesus Christ. It all starts with water drops and promises.

As we come to the end of our Advent/Christmas/Epiphany season, on the Baptism of our Lord Sunday, we take the time to remember that we are baptized people. From the moment that all that water poured off our heads, we were a new creation in Christ. Everything started anew! So this becomes the perfect opportunity for us to get out the pictures, watch the videos, or cue up the old movies of our baptisms, for now it is time to remember that we are to live as baptized people...working together in the Church for the salvation of all people.

Our baptisms not only grant us a whole new way of life, but our baptisms also impart to us the responsibility of carrying the good news of Jesus Christ to others. Just like Jesus went to work following his baptism, so we too are reminded that it is time for us to go to work to build the Kingdom of God. As we celebrate the baptism of our Lord, we are sent out into the world just like Jesus was two-thousand years ago.

It all started with the baptism of little Maverick Matthew Lawn on the first Sunday of Advent and now we bring it to a climax on the Baptism of the Lord Sunday. One way or another...by remembering our baptism or remembering that we were baptized...we shall remember.

Happy New Year,  
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 for Chapel Friends:**

Pat Kibbie, Gardenia Flores, Juster Machovi, Jeanne Stephan, Sally Bagdan, Marjorie Gump, Laura Lentz, Sarah Hewitt, Heather Tuft, Jessica McInnis, Reverend Bill and Marty Bruner, Eddie and Annette McInnis, Patty & Jack Madden, Jennifer Grgurevic, Cathy and Calvin Phillips, Mary Faas, George Depuy, Thomas Martin, Sandra and Robert Rickards, June Ann, Jack Sealey, Chris Flack, Tom Sullivan, Bob Hamilton, Ernie and Lucy Dunn Martin, Phyllis Mahin, Mark Vasconcellos, Maria Bliss Dave Carney, Kathy Steele, Rob D'Amato, Pricilla Johnson McInnis, Maria Karous, Ronald J. Beck, Katy and Colette Kelly Joe and Ashley McInnis and their newborn baby, Noah, Jim Milliman, Lou Matthews, Carmen Chung, Mike Augustyniak, Bruce Lowe, Bill Hughes, Evangeline Caliendo, Ross Tilley, Bruce Keyser, Sue Freischlag, Pamela Kos, Jerry Poston, Philip Jimenez, Nathan Ritter, Steve Auditore, Ken Amburgy, George Hoffman, Jim Moses, Daphne Taylor, Vincent Bencivenga, Derrick Marshall, Ann Bowling, Bob Donaldson's family, and Daquaan Gadseen (Christmas 4 Moore family Member).

### **Prayers for Chapel Family:**

Jane and Charles Hinson, Dorene Tichenor, Ralph Olsen, Mary Tuft, Pat Donaldson, Bud Holzerland, Rob Guadalupe, Mary Kay Allen, Shirley Percival, Glenda Clendenin, Tamara Lee, Jean Lawrence, Kathy Golzio, Meta Evans, Jane Lowe, Nancee Letter, the family of Fran Stark, and Joan Tourt.



# Mission Team News

By Tracey Olsen



We are excited and look forward to a new year of fun-filled activities.

January 21<sup>st</sup> marks our first meeting of the year.

The Mission Team has Coffee and Fellowship the month of January. If anyone would like to join us, please let us know.

More to follow after our meeting.

# Worship Team News

By John Tichenor

In November, the Worship Team catered the anniversary buffet.

In December, we sponsored a cookie drive and did caroling to several houses in Seven Lakes North. We had hot chocolate afterwards, and donated several dozen cookies to the Seven Lakes Assisted Living Center



## Music Team

(Submitted by Tamara Lee)

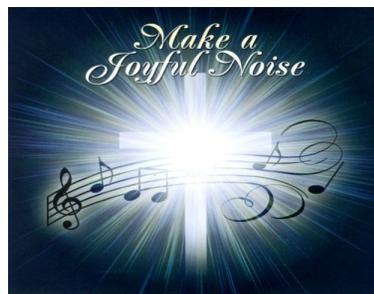
Epiphany, January 6, the end of the twelve days of Christmas, is often thought of as the day the Wise Men, or Magi, or Kings, visited the young child Jesus, and presented Him with three gifts - gold, frankincense, and myrrh. This hymn tells the story, in their own words, of travelers from the East, who studied and followed the stars, spoke with Herod, were visited by an angel and were warned to go home another way.

John Henry Hopkins, Jr was serving as rector of Christ Episcopal Church in Williamsport, Pennsylvania in 1857, when he composed both the lyrics and music of "We Three Kings" for a Christmas pageant. Although Hopkins had worked as a journalist and studied law, he eventually studied to join the clergy after graduating from the University of Vermont. He was ordained a deacon after graduating from General Theological Seminary in New York City in 1850, and became its first music teacher in 1855, in addition to ministering in the Episcopal Church.

Each year, at Christmas, Hopkins would bring a surprise home for his nieces and nephews, and in 1857, the surprise was a drama for the family to reenact Matthew, Chapter 2, and the Christmas story. The family sang, enjoyed, and shared the hymn so widely that it was published the first time in 1863. "We Three Kings" was the first Christmas carol that originated in the United States, and while it began in a local family Christmas pageant, it quickly became popular among Hopkins' friends and colleagues, and was published in the Episcopal Church hymnal in 1916, as well as *Christmas Carols Old and New*, an influential collection of carols published in the United Kingdom.

<https://aleteia.org/blogs/deacon-greg-kandra/following-yonder-star-the-story-behind-the-writing-of-we-three-kings/>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HDqTL49OwDA>



# ***Seven Lakes Cemetery***

## **(submitted by Mike Barry)**

We have had two full casket burials at the Cemetery in December, and also sold two Niches. We have also sold one plot at the cemetery. There has been no activity at the Chapel Columbarium's.

Our goals for 2022 are to:

1. Refurbish the face plates at the Cemetery Columbarium
2. Repaint the face plates at the Chapel courtyard Columbarium
3. Replace all missing face plates at the new Chapel Columbarium

May all have a safe, healthy, and happy 2022 and may all your challenges be small and fleeting.

*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](mailto:sevenlakescemetery@7lakeschapel.com) or (910) 466-9100*





## **Building & Grounds Report**

**( Submitted by Dick Van Horne & Mike Barry)**

The Building & Grounds Team for 2022 includes R.J. Peppe, Tim Peppe, Bart Reuter, Mike Barry and Dick Van Horne (Chairman).

- We received an anonymous donation of \$13,000 toward the cost of replacing the sanctuary roof.
- Another donation covered the expense of sealing the columbarium.
- The laptop computer in the Fellowship Hall required replacement and Steve Cirillo at Sandhills Computers provided the computer/installation for less than \$1,100.
- “Ram Jack” will be giving us an estimate to elevate the Sanctuary sidewalk, thereby minimizing damage to the columbarium and water damage in the basement of the Fellowship Hall.

## **Finance Team Report**

**(Submitted by Dick Van Horne)**



Total assets of the Chapel are \$282,768, of which \$65,582 is in our Schwab Investment Account.

Pledges for the 2022 year are in excess of \$155,000.

We remain on budget for the 2021 calendar year.



# Back Pack Pals & Matthew 25:40

**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—Apple sauce cups



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## Schedule of Upcoming Events for January

*Christmas Undecorating – Monday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10:00*  
*Montreat College Conference – January 2<sup>nd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup>*  
*Baptism of the Lord Sunday – January 9<sup>th</sup> – 9:00 a.m.*  
*Chapel Board Meeting – January 9<sup>th</sup> – following worship*  
*Colin Swain – Memorial Service – January 15<sup>th</sup> – 1:00*





**Flower Sign-Up**

1-2 Alicia Delong

1-9 Volunteer Needed

1-30 Gisela Danielson

1-16 Volunteer Needed

1-23 Volunteer Needed

**Coffee and Fellowship**

January Coffee and Fellowship will be provided by:

The Mission Team—Tracey Olsen



- 1-11 Jon Tichenor
- 1-11 Bob Tourt
- 1-14 Kiona Baker
- 1-15 Alice McPheeters
- 1-17 John Caggiano
- 1-18 Ginny Horchler
- 1-22 Mary Tuft
- 1-23 Lloyd Kelly
- 1-25 Joan Pixie Carroll
- 1-28 Jason Collins
- 1-29 Katie Olson



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