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Paul's Ponderings...

The Table of Holy Week

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." John 20:19

Notice, the author of the Gospel of John sets this scene at, "The house where the disciples had met...". What house? Well, most likely the house where just a few days before they had shared the Passover meal with Jesus...the house where Jesus had washed their feet and offered them the bread and the wine around the table.

While the disciples were recounting Jesus' torturous death on the cross and struggling with strange reports from Mary about encountering Jesus in the garden, the frightened disciples had gone back to the house where they had last been with Jesus. Perhaps they had gone there to comfort one another, perhaps to try to figure out where to go from there, perhaps to await their own arrests. Regardless, they had gone back to the Upper Room and once again, they gathered around the table.

On the night of the resurrection Jesus appears to the assembled disciples for he has gone from the tomb to the table. In fact if you were writing a play the scenes from Holy Week would be table...trial...cross... tomb (burial)...tomb (resurrection)...

and table. The table would be the first and the last setting of the story.

As far as we know the disciples never returned to the site of the cross. Jesus never instructs them to return to Golgatha and never appears to them at that blood-stained hill. In fact, almost all the post-resurrection appearances...events which are not somber and full of grieving, but are joyful and celebratory and hopeful... almost without exception, take place at the upper room or at other tables and meals. Perhaps we have had it all wrong. Maybe the table, not the cross, should be the dominant image of Holy Week.

Jesus loved meals. He and the disciples had so many of them together during his ministry. Go back and review the gospel stories and see how many of them take place at tables. Go back through these meals and see how Jesus welcomed everyone to the table. Some theologians have suggested that Jesus' primary work was organizing suppers as a way to introduce people to the kingdom of God.

Table.....trial...cross...tomb (burial)... tomb (resurrection)...and table. This is our story as well. We gathered around the table in the fellowship hall on Maundy Thursday. We journeved to the cross with Jesus and saw him laid in the tomb on Good Friday. We celebrated the resurrection on Easter Sunday and then we too, gathered around God's table to proclaim the saving life, death, and resurrection of our Lord. The table

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is the first and the last setting of our story as well.

We too have a vision of the kingdom and the meal that begins Holy Week and the meal that brings it to its conclusion continues the promise. The table is the very hinge of our Christian story. Thursday is the Last Supper and Sunday is the First Feast! And, it all takes place when we gather around the table.

Peace, Pastor Paul







The Gathering Returns

Ascension of the Lord Holy Communion Thursday-May 26, 2022 at 5:30 pm

Mark your calendars for the return of **The Gathering** on Thursday, May 26th at 5:30 pm. Plan to join us in the fellowship hall for a covered dish dinner followed by a service celebrating The Ascension of Our Lord in the Chapel and Holy Communion.

Prayers for Chapel Friends



Pat Kibbie, Sally Bagdan, Laura Lentz, Sarah Hewitt, Heather Tuft, Jessica McInnis, Reverend Bill and Marty Bruner, Patty & Jack Madden, Jennifer Grgurevic, Mary Faas, George Depuy, June Ann, Jack Sealey, Chris Flack, Tom Sullivan, Ernie and Lucy Dunn Martin, Phyllis Mahin, Mark Vasconcellos, Kathy Steele, Rob D'Amatto, Pricilla Johnson, Maria Karous, Jim Milliman, Mike Augustyniak and Drew's

Family, Tom Dillon, Bruce Lowe, Pamela Kos, Nathan Ritter, Ken Amburgy, Derrick Marshall, George Hoffman, Daquaan Gadseen, Anthony Tuliano, Doug O'Brien, Emerico Bencivenga & Vincent Bencivenga, Bob & Trina Hamilton, James Gaffney, Cynthia Peppe, Mary and Tim White, Maggie Simmons, Reverend Elizabeth Forester, Ronnie Graham, Larry Cagle, Mary Ellen Jones and her brother Craig, Dot Cantwell, Bruce Runyun, Janet Hegeman, and people of the Ukraine.

Prayers for Chapel Family

Charles and family of Jane Hinson, Mary Tuft, Bud Holzerland, Rob Guadalupe, Mary Kay Allen, Shirley Percival, Glenda Clendenin, Jean Lawrence, Jane Lowe, Meta Evans, Nancee Letter, Joan Tourt, Jeff Lowe, Dorene Tichenor, Harlan McCaskill, Carol Caggiano, Sue Barry's Family and Dave Westerman and family





Good Day,

We have had a wonderful Lenten and Easter season culminating with a beautiful Easter service that many of you attended in person as well as online. Pastor Paul once again delivered a series of meaningful messages that inspired us all.

Spring has definitely sprung, the pollen is waning, and hopefully nice weather with grace us in the Month of May. We can open our windows and air out our homes for the first time in months.

We are blessed to have all the flowers are blooming if the deer don't eat them. The Dogwoods, Azaleas, Camellias and all the flowers make this such a beautiful time of the year.

I want to a minute to welcome Jim Beck as a new member of the board, filling the open position vacated by Drew Augustiniac with his departure for Colorado to be with his Dad. Welcome Jim, we appreciate your dedication to the Chapel and your membership on the Board.

This is a busy month for the Board and the Chapel community. The Board will be starting our 'Catch' training. This is a program that will help the board identify and develop the needs and wants of the Chapel community. This will enable is to put a Chapel Growth Plan in place later in the years through 2023 to help grow our Chapel Community. The Board will be talking with you more about this plan as we develop it. Our overall goal is to grow the Chapel to meet our Chapel Community and the local community needs.

I was like to also welcome our newest Chapel member, Bruce and Sandi Keyser and Donna Cantwell to our Community. You have joined our wonderful Community and we welcome you.

Our big event this month is the Spring Rummage Sale in May 21st her at the Chapel. The Mission team has worked very hard on this project. They have received an overwhelming number of items donated. The whole downstairs of the Fellowship Hall is FULL of items that will be offered for sale. They had to cu off donations last week to save room for pricing and organizing. This should be a successful sale. Let's all pray the weather is good on that day. We can use volunteers on May 21st so mark you calendar for that date.

We are planning to restart the Chapel Men's Fellowship. We will meet once a month for fellowship, devotion and to work on projects we decide to take on. This is an excellent way for the men of the Chapel to get involved like the women do. Please contact me 910 -987-4664 or the Chapel office it you are interested in participating.

Thank you all for your dedication to the Chapel serving God in your own way.

George Norman – Board President



Team Updates

Building & Grounds/Finance Teams

Building & Grounds/Finance Teams have nothing to report for the month of May.



Dick Van Horne

Cemetery Team

We have a well working at the cemetery but the irrigation system does not pressure up so it looks like the system must have frozen and some of the underground pipes must have broken. Instead of investing money in that system which in the past has been very unreliable, I purchased hose and portable hose reel to fulfill our needs.

We have sold one Niche at the Cemetery and one Niche at the Chapel. We have had three interments, two at the Cemetery and one at the Chapel. We have also received a very generous gift from a spouse of a new resident at the Cemetery Columbarium. This gift has been helpful in financing many upgrades needed at the Cemetery now and in the future.

Work continues on the new Columbarium at the Chapel. All of the face stones are onsite and I am temporarily using silicone-cement to seal them until they are occupied.

Mike Barry

Nominating Team



The nominating team has presented the name of Jim Beck to the Board of directors to complete the term of Drew Augustyniak for 2022. His nomination was unanimously approved by the board on April 10, and he will begin serving at the May board meeting.

Dot Macdonald

Worship Team

A big shout out to our Worship Team for all of their Excellent work during the month of April with all of the extra services. The Chapel would not be able to function as smoothly as we do without your dedication an service and the sharing of your time and talents.



Míssíon Team Update



- •We have closed the opportunity to bring items for the Rummage Sale.
- •We are working once a week or sometimes twice a week, pricing and organizing donated items.
- ♦ Please mark your calendar for Saturday, May 21st from 8AM -Noon.
- •We will have a schedule for volunteers to help out soon.
- ♦ Bake Sale will also take place. More to follow.
- •We will sell raffle tickets and have a 50/50 drawing.



What an honor it is to report that we have exceeded our goal of raising \$5,000.00 for Ukrainian relief, to meet the challenge of the Mission Team to match every dollar contributed up to \$5,000.00. Today's total is \$5,405.00, so the Chapel will be donating \$10,405.00 to three charities working inside and outside Ukraine. This is something that certainly should be celebrated.

As you are aware the money will be divided between three different organizations assisting Ukrainians, Mercy Chefs, Project Hope and Global Giving. Continue to pray for the Ukrainian people as they suffer the hardships which have befallen them.





Introducing a new ladies group. All Ladies of The Chapel are invited to participate with "Fran's Friends." A ladies group the Mission Team created in honor of Reverend Fran Stark. Please drop by Sandhills Winery in Seven Lakes for an afternoon of fellowship with one another on May 26th at 2:30 pm. Feel free to bring a snack for sharing as we get together to enjoy each other's company and experience a variety of Sandhills Winery's drink options, including non-alcoholic options.

We look forward to seeing each and every one of our Ladies of The Chapel, so don't forget to put this event on your calendar!

A call or text to Tracey Olsen (704-604-7930) or Laura Beth Urie (910-610-3380) would help with planning , but is not necessary.

If you should need a ride, please reach out to Tracey Olsen at 704-604-7930 or Laura Beth Urie at 910-610-3380.





Music Ministry

Thank you, Thalia Beam, for participating and letting us get to know you better!

Where are you from originally?

I grew up in the Finger Lakes region of New York.

How did you get to the Seven Lakes community, and/or Chapel in the Pines?

We moved here from Wales. Ed discovered Seven Lakes when looking online for a warmer place to move to, closer to friends and family. When we came to visit we stayed at Connie Ambrosio's Air BnB. She invited me to come sing for the Christmas Cantata when she heard that I could sing alto and I loved to sing.

What was your usual occupation?

I taught in Waldorf schools, both Kindergarten and grades 1-8. I loved my work.

What part(s) do you sing?

My joy is singing soprano. I can sing alto, and probably tenor, but they are not my strongest suit.

What was your first singing experience?

When I was very small I loved singing with, and for, my grandparents and their friends. In fourth grade I began singing in school and church choirs.

What other singing experience have you had, than church choir?

In Wales I started and directed a Threshold Choir. There are Threshold Choirs around the world now, singing at the bedsides of the dying, (alas, not very much during COVID). It is by far my most meaningful singing experience.

Why do you choose to sing in the Chapel Choir?

I am grateful to Pastor Paul, Edward and Tamara and have felt blessed to be a part of the community. How I look forward to singing with the choir once again!

What is the best part of being in a choir?

The best part of being in a choir is joining together, working together to feel and give the gift of music and harmony.

What is your favorite style of music?

I prefer gentle, soul-filled, lovely music with lush harmonies, music that touches the soul and spirit.

What is your favorite song?

"You Raise Me Up" and "The Lord is My Shepherd" (Psalm 23 - Goodall)

Do you play musical instruments?

Piano, beginning ukulele, guitar, celtic harp, recorder.

What other activities do you enjoy?

My favorite activities are walking and working outside in nature, also studying, reading, tidying, and especially connecting with and being with loved ones. And I still teach a little bit.





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Chapel Choir Resumes on Wednesdays

Welcome Back to Chapel Choir!

We have resumed our regular scheduled choir practice at 5:30 pm on Wednesday evenings.

If you have ever wanted to be a part of a fun-loving group of people who enjoy getting together and singing God's word, this would be a great time to join. No experience necessary, music training and sightreading not required. Accompanist will go over parts as needed and sheet music will be provided.

Please join us for fun, fellowship and singing as we begin to prepare for our Sunday worship services each Wednesday evening at 5:30 pm.

Wednesday-May 6	5:30 pm
Wednesday-May 13	5:30 pm
Wednesday-May 20	5:30 pm
Wednesday-May 27	5:30 pm





Youth News

Youth Sunday - April, 24, 2022 Celebration of our Youth

What a joy and honor to have our youth lead in worship Sunday, April 24, 2022. Thank you for all who participated and those who came out to show their support for our young people. How wonderful it is that we can all come back to worship and all be together again.

Congratulations Anna Lee, Jade Baker and Sam Stoltz upon being recipients of the Terri McCaskill Stafford Scholarship. Thank you Harlan McCaskill, Jimmy McCaskill, Marilyn McCaskill and Ollie and Wanda Sweeney for making this scholarship available on behalf of your aunt Terri McCaskill Stafford.

We look forward to seeing our church grow and our young worshipers grow in number as our church grows into the community of believers to which God has called us.





Terri McCaskill Stafford Scholarship

Terri McCaskill Stafford was born in Candor, NC. She spent most of her life in Florida. For many years, she worked with the State Pharmaceutical Board. Terri had a passion for volunteering and serving others through Meals on Wheels, the Cancer Society, Eastern Star, and her Presbyterian Church

Women's activities. She loved her Florida Gators and enjoyed traveling.

In 2017 Terri moved to Brookdale Senior Living in Pinehurst to be close to her nephews, Harlan and Jimmy McCaskill as well as her niece, Wanda Sweeney. Terri looked forward to attending The Chapel in the Pines each Sunday. To honor her memory and her belief in education, the Terri McCaskill Stafford Scholarship has been established at The Chapel in the Pines by Harlan McCaskill, Jimmy and Marilyn McCaskill, and Ollie and Wanda McCaskill Sweeney. The scholarship will be awarded each spring to a graduating high school senior.

Since the Chapel has no graduating seniors this year, a Stafford Scholarship will be awarded to Anna Lee, Jade Baker, and Sam Stoltz



If you are interested in signing up to volunteer to provide flowers for the chapel, please contact the office at 910-400-5188 or e-mail Susan at citp10@7lakeschapel.com to have

Мау	Volunteer
5-1	Sue & Dick Van Horne
5-8	Volunteer needed
5-15	Tim & RJ Peppe
5-22	Carole Faas
5-29	Tim & RJ Peppe
June	Volunteer
6-5	Volunteer Needed
6-12	Tim & RJ Peppe
6-19	Bud & Marilyn Holzerland
6-26	Edward and Tamara Lee



If you would like to assist our teams, please feel free to volunteer by signing up for a Sunday using our signup sheet posted on the bulletin board outside the church office. OR you can notify Susan by email at citp10@7lakeschapel.com or call 910-400-5188 to have your name placed on the list.

Come join us in the fellowship hall after the service for warm coffee and great conversation!







Usher Schedule March—May 2022

If you are unable to serve, please find a sub from the below usher list to fill in for you. Please be at the Chapel by 8:30 a.m. When you all arrive, decide who will use the counter to keep track of the number of people attending, then record on the sheet inside the closet door in the entry. Sit wherever you like when service begins; at offertory collection simple stand and walk to the front to receive the plates from Paul. After Paul blesses the collection, return to your seat; **you don't have to wait for the music to end.**

<u>March</u>

Wed 5 pm Ash Wednesday Wendy Tetreault, Carole Faas
6Sun 9 am RJ & Tim Peppe, Jim Beck, Dot Macdonald
13 Sun 9 am Peggy & Bart Reuter, Cathy & George Norman
20 Sun 9 am Pat & Bob Dantzer, Shirley Percival, Thalia Beam
27 Sun 9 am Wanda & Ollie Sweeney, Gisela Danielson, Joyce Singletary

<u>April</u>

3Sun 9 am Wanda & Ollie Sweeney, Sue & Dick Van Horne
Sun 9 am *Palm Sunday* Peggy & Bart Reuter, Carole Faas, Lee Connelly
14 Thu 5:30 pm *Maundy Thursday* Wanda & Ollie Sweeney, Gisela Danielson, Jim Beck
15 Fri noon *Good Friday* Pat & Bob Dantzer
17 Sun 9 am *Easter* Cathy Norman, Joyce Singletary, Kathy Goodman, Gordon Zeller
24 Sun 9 am Sue & Dick Van Horne, Thalia Beam, Dot Macdonald

<u>May</u>

1 Sun 9 am RJ & Tim Peppe, Wendy Tetreault, Carole Faas 8 Sun 9 am Cathy & George Norman, Joyce Singletary, Dot Macdonald 15 Sun 9 am Pat & Bob Dantzer, Shirley Percival, Jim Beck 22 Sun 9 am Wanda & Ollie Sweeney, Carole Faas, Lee Connelly 26 Thu 5 pm **Ascension** Shirley Percival, Dot Macdonald 29 Sun 9 am Peggy & Bart Reuter, Thalia Beam, Joyce Singletary







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Sunday, May 1, 2022 Wednesday, May 4, 2022 Thursday, May 5, 2022	9:00 am 5:30 pm 11am - 1 pm	3rd Sunday of Easter Chapel Choir Practice National Day of Prayer
Sunday, May 8, 2022	4:30 - 6:30 pm 9:00 am	West End United Methodist Church 4th Sunday of Easter Chapel Board Meeting following Service
Wednesday, May, 11, 2022	5:30 pm	Chapel Choir
Sunday, May 15, 2022	9:00 am	The Fifth Sunday of Easter
Wednesday, May 18, 2022	5:30 pm	Chapel Choir
Saturday, May 21, 2022	Seven Lakes Chapel	in the Pines Annual RUMMAGE Sale
Sunday, May 22, 2022	9:00 am	The Sixth Sunday of Easter
Wednesday, May 25, 2022	5:30 pm	Chapel Choir
Thursday, May 26, 2022	5:30 pm	The Gathering/The Ascension of the Lord Holy Communion
Sunday, May 29, 2022	9:00 am	The Seventh Sunday of Easter



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8 4th Sunday Chapel Board Meeting	9	10	11 5:30 Chapel Choir	12 1:30 Garden Club 7 AL ANON 7:30 Choir	13 Last Day of Drop Off for Rummage Sale	14
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