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



#### We Are an Open, Inclusive, and Accepting Congregation

Let me first thank all seventy-six of you who participated in the Congregational Survey on Core Values and the thirty-one of you who attended the first Chapel Cafe'. This is nothing less than an enthusiastic beginning to our church-wide discussions on the Board proposed 2023 church growth program. As your pastor I am so excited about all the work that members of our Board are already putting into this effort, but mostly I am so proud of the eagerness I sense from all of you to be a part of the planning process. The Board of Directors are presently having monthly workshops dedicated to this one vital program and I can assure all of you that your ideas, comments, and suggestions are all valued by the members of our Board and will be a critical element of their planning as it continues throughout 2022.

Determining the Core Values of our Chapel is an essential first step in our proposed church growth program. Before we invite others to join us on our particular faith journey it is important to know who we are as a church, what we value most about our experiences here at the Chapel, and what we have to offer anyone who would choose to follow in our footsteps as we strive to follow in Jesus' footsteps.

In the last issue of the Chapel Chimes I spoke to you about one of the core values that appeared in our survey.

We are a loving and caring congregation. I wrote, "How we love and care for one another in our Chapel family is both a reflection of our close relationship with God and an example of God's love to those outside our church...If our Chapel is a place that is indeed loving and caring...then those outside our church will be open to experiencing God by joining our faith community. In fact, the way we love each other may very well be our most effective means of spreading the good news of Jesus Christ and an essential part of any church growth program..."

Now, in the Core Values Survey there were two other choices that sound similar and some of you perceived them as redundant. Here they are and I want you to think about the words used in each of them and I believe you will see that each of the three are guite different.

We are a friendly, gracious, and welcoming congregation

We are an open, inclusive, and accepting congregation

We are a loving and caring congregation is a revelation that comes to us as we look inward. It speaks to our core value of treating all our Chapel Family and Friends with kindness, forgiveness, and love. We are a community that loves one another as Christ first loved us.

However, We are a friendly, gracious, and welcoming congregation is more of a statement about the feeling one might have if they visited our Chapel for worship, joined us in a service project, or just sat with us around a table for a covered-dish meal. This is more of a core value revealed to us as we look outward to how others perceive our community of faith. How we welcome and receive our visitors with Christian hospitality...gracious and welcoming...is an essential beginning to any church growth program.

Yet, the one that I think we should all be most proud of is...

We are an open, inclusive, and accepting congregation

All of you deemed this core value as the second most important to our church community...and only second by nine This is an affirmation of the votes. twenty-eight founding fathers and mothers of our church. Our church doors are open to everyone. This was the basis of our Chapel being estabas an "interdenominational" lished church, where all are welcome regardless of their previous religious affiliations...welcome even if they had no previous religious affiliations. All are welcome to be a member of our family and worship and serve God in this place.

We are accepting of everyone, no matter who they are...no matter where they are on their spiritual journey. In a time when some churches are restricting who can be a part of their communities by insisting on rigid acceptance of church doctrines...even restricting who can partake in the sacraments of the church...our church is a shining light of the inclusiveness that Jesus taught and the openness of a community based on the love and acceptance of everyone.

It is the knowledge that all of you identify with these three important core values that makes me so proud to be your pastor. We are all so lucky to worship and serve God together.

Peace, Pastor Paul





#### **Prayers for Chapel Friends:**

Pat Kibbie, Sally Bagdan, Laura Lentz, Sarah Hewitt, Heather Tuft, Jessica McInnis, Reverend Bill and Marty Bruner, Patty & Jack Madden, , Mary Faas, George Depuy, June Ann, Jack Sealey, Chris Flack, Tom Sullivan, Ernie and Lucy Dunn Martin, Phyllis Mahin, Mark Vasconcellos, Rob D'Amato, Pricilla Johnson, Maria Karous, Jim Milliman, Bruce Lowe, Pamela Kos, Nathan Ritter, Derrick Marshall, George Hoffman, Daquaan Gadseen, Anthony Tuliano, Doug O'Brien, Cynthia Peppe, Reverend Elizabeth Forester, Ronnie Graham, Mary Ellen Jones and her brother Craig, Mike Augustyniak and Drew's Family, Tom Dillon, Janet Hegeman, Julie Grgurevich, Wes Dunham, Ellie Lyons, Maggie

Simmons, Larry Cagle, Tom Wetsel, Carla Amburgy and family, Katherine Grace, Victoria Fearon, Katy Swain, Dot Cantwell, Kathy Steele, Sabrina Levine, Erica Szenczewski, Brenda Tubaugh, Chandler Stewart, and the people of the Ukraine.

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

Mary Tuft, Bud Holzerland, Rob Guadalupe, Mary Kay Allen, Glenda Clendenin, Meta Evans, Nancee Letter, Joan Tourt, Dorene Tichenor, Carol Caggiano, Peggy Olson, Charles Hinson, Jean Lawrence, Jane and Jeff Lowe, and Dave Westerman.





Welcome To August,



We are entering the last month of summer. I hope that each of you has had an enjoyable summer. It has been a time of vacations, family reunions and fun that we seem to share during these times. Though we have had to wrestle with the heat, making outdoor activities difficult, we always seem to make it an enjoyable time.

We are in our eighth month of our calendar year. We have accomplished much, added new members, and began working on our Chapel Growth Program. The Board has been working hard to develop this program and we are beginning to see a clear direction starting to appear. This is an 'all hands' project including every member of The Chapel. Your individual participation is necessary for us to successfully accomplish the goals we are establishing for the growth of our community. So please become involved, share your thoughts, participate in the programs as we develop them. You are important to our success.

We have conducted our first of four Chapel Café's with great success. We did good work, sharing our own thoughts while hearing other's. We had a nice cookout conducted by the Worship Team. I want to thank each of them for the great salads and fixing's. Thanks to Pastor Paul for grilling the hotdogs on our NEW grill recently donated to the Chapel. We also want to thank Katie Swain for the fabulous pies we enjoyed for dessert.

The work we did was very valuable to the Board, helping us better understand what is important to our community when determining our core values and how The Chapel is being presented to the local community and potential new members. As we work through these exercises, we will come to a defined focus for our growth campaign. We will be informing all of you on our progress as we move along. Thank you again for your participation.

August is also the month we kick off our Stewardship Campaign. Each year we come to you with a request for you to look into your heart and share the gift's God has bestowed on you. These gifts are many, your time, your talents, you concern, your love of the community and God's son Jesus Christ.

Stewardship is many times looked upon as only a financial request, for you to pledge your support to maintain the growth and operation of The Chapel. Certainly, that is a main focus so that we can continue to spread God's word and maintain God's home. Your financial support is of the upmost importance this next year as we will be placing a new roof on the entire Chapel structure, but foremost we want to open the doors to new members to share God's word with them.

Stewardship is mostly about each of you. It is about your commitment to use your talents and the time you have available to work hard with all of your fellow members to make a better Chapel, a strong place for Gods' worship. So, when you receive the re



We have sold a niche at the Cemetery and had a showing of two plots in Section H for couple and their parents, but have not decid-

> The Cemetery Team discussed raising the prices of all Cemetery Plots and all Columbarium Niches to put us more in line with the surrounding cemeteries. The decision was made to raise prices and the Board approved the raise on 7/10/2022. Prices at the Chapel Columbarium's stayed the same. Chapel members are also entitled to a 20% discount at any of the Columbarium's or the Cemetery.

> The decision was also made to start selling and advertising Cemetery Packages of Plots and Headstone combinations. Chapel Members will have a 20% discount on these packages as well.

Mike Barry Cemetery Team Chair

# Christian men do. Please call Susan in the office to notify her of your interest in partici-Thank you all for your support of the Board and our mission to build a stronger more vi-

Team Updates

quest for you to share your time and talents with us, please read through the descriptions and pick only those areas where you can be the most effective. Then tell us your available time. One hour a week, five hours a week, it doesn't matter. Any time you can devote will be helpful. I want to thank you in advance for these considerations. You are the Chapel. You are what makes it work. We are all here to worship God and we want to

One last thing. Several years ago, we had a Chapel Men's organization. With COVID that has disappeared. I feel it would be good for The Chapel to resurrect this group. We would meet for breakfast, lunch, or in the evening to share devotion and work on projects that

make it the most compelling and thoughtful worship for all of you.

George

brant Chapel.

# Finance Team

pating in this group.



Through June 30, 2022, Sue Barry reported that Chapel income stands at \$126,926.23, against expenses of \$111,606.26. The Chapel currently has total liquid assets of \$295,615.47, including a balance of \$61,607.23 in the Schwab Investment Account.

The Schwab account showed a large one-month loss of \$3,953. Dick Van Horne will contact Phillip Bailey at their Southern Pines office, discuss and report back at the August Board meeting. The Chapel Board requested a building appraisal from Church Mutual. Chairman VanHorne reviewed it with Board members and explained that we have a Blanket limit of insurance for Buildings & Contents in the amount of \$2,325,780.

# Cemetery Team

We had one interment at the Cemetery Columbarium of two people, who were a married couple and one interment at the Chapel.

ed to go ahead with the purchase.





## **Building & Grounds/Finance Teams**

#### **Buildings & Grounds Team.**

Chairman Van Horne reported that Creed & Garner Roofing has provided written estimates for roof replacement of the Sanctuary only and of the entire Chapel roof.

	<u>Shingle</u>	<u>Metal</u>		
Sanctuary only:	\$17,475	\$21,905		
Entire Chapel:	\$58,870	\$76,440		

Board members expressed interest in a metal roof for the entire Chapel, given the 2021 donation of \$15,650 and the \$30,000 federal grant that President Norman has applied for. Jim Beck recommended reaching out to the congregation for help in funding the \$30,000 difference. Blue Baker and Dick Van Horne are meeting with Creed & Garner on July 14th for specifics of their estimate, including square footage, quality of material and exact cost of installation. Multiple bids will be sought before any recommendation to the Board.



### Mission Team

• We have decided NOT to have a Rummage Sale this fall and have one sale in the Spring 2023. Please save

- We are in the process of thinking outside the box, to have a different type of money maker in leu of the fall sale. More exciting news to follow.
- We agreed to send a monetary donation of \$500 to **Team Workz** in Aberdeen. It is an organization who helps local homeless people get back on their feet.





Fran's Friends has become a wonderful social event for the women of the Chapel. We will meet the **THIRD** Thursday in August 18<sup>th</sup>.

• Beginning September, we will meet the FIRST Thursday of each month moving forward. We do not want Fran's Friends to interfere with the Gathering. Please bring a snack to share if you can. Something simple and NOT necessary. The fellowship is the focus!





# Music Ministry

In August, the spotlight shines on Joan Tourt. Thank you for sharing and letting us get to know you better Joan!

#### Where are you from originally?

Hempstead, NY

#### How did you get to the Seven Lakes Community, and Chapel in the Pines?

We visited Bob's brother Ray and his wife Audrey. Ray took us to see a house that was being built, and we bought it!

#### What was your usual occupation?

I was a wife and mother, and then a teacher's aide for 25 years.

#### What part(s) do you sing?

Soprano

#### What was your first singing experience?

I was in high school glee club and choir.

#### What was your most meaningful singing experience?

I sang a song with Bob at our wedding reception.

#### Why do you choose to sing in the Chapel Choir?

It makes me feel closer to God.

#### What is the best part of being in a choir?

This choir makes me feel like I'm part of another family, and Edward and Tamara are the head of this family.

#### What is your favorite style of music?

I love all kinds of music, everything but rap.

#### What is your favorite song?

Memories, by Barbara Streisand

#### Do you play musical instruments?

I played the accordion for almost a year when I was 12. I really wanted to play the piano, but that was not an opportunity for me.

#### What other activities do you enjoy?

I used to bowl. I like to make crafts and have done a little quilting. I was a volunteer toy maker at First Health before COVID.



# June–August 2022

Offertory – after you hand the plates back to Paul and he turns to the alter please return to your seats.

#### <u>June</u>

- 5 Sun 9 am Gordon Zeller, Kathy Goodman, Bob & Pat Dantzer
- 12 Sun 9 am RJ & Tim Peppe, Bob Tourt, Wendy Tetreault
- 16 Thu 5:30 pm Gathering w/communion, Gordon Zeller, Kathy Goodman
- 19 Sun 9 am George & Cathy Norman, Gisela Danielson, Joyce Singletary
- 26 Sun 9 am Peggy & Bart Reuter, Jim Beck, Thalia Beam

#### <u>July</u>

- 3 Sun 9 am Carole Faas, Lee Connelly, Marilyn & Jimmy McCaskill
- 10 Sun 9 am Dot Macdonald, Bob Tourt, Pat & Bob Dantzer
- 14 Thu 5:30 pm Gathering/communion Gordon Zeller & Kathy Goodman
- 17 Sun 9 am Peggy & Bart Reuter, Wendy Tetreault, Lee Connelly
- 24 Sun 9 am RJ & Tim Peppe, Gisela Danielson, Carole Faas
- 31 Sun 9 am George & Cathy Norman, Joyce Singletary, Thalia Beam

#### <u>August</u>

- 7 Sun 9 am Marilyn & Jimmy McCaskill, Jim Beck, Bob Tourt
- 14 Sun 9 am Dot Macdonald, Shirley Percival, RJ & Tim Peppe
- 21 Sun 9 am Gordon Zeller, Kathy Goodman, Wendy Tetreault, Thalia Beam
- 28 Sun 9 am Sue & Dick VanHorne, Pat & Bob Dantzer







There are 4 available opportunities for volunteers to sign up to host coffee hour in AUGUST.

Those dates are: August 7

August 21

August 14

August 28

Please sign up on the sheet provided on bulletin board outside the church office (910) 400-5188 or contact the Chapel office at your earliest convenience if you are available to assist.





If you are interested in volunteering to provide flowers for the chapel, please contact the office at 910-400-5188 or e-mail Susan Williams at citp10@7lakeschapel.com to have your name added to the Flower Sign-up List.

August	
<b>8-</b> 7	Stoltz Family
8-14	Joan & Bob Tourt
8-21	Elvia Guadalupe
8-28	Alicia DeLong
September	
9-4	Julie James
9-11	Jon Tichenor
9-18	Marilyn McCaskill
9-25	Bart & Peggy Reuter
October	
10-2	Volunteer Needed
10-9	Volunteer Needed
10-16	Volunteer Needed
10-23	Volunteer Needed
10-30	Johanna Moran



Chapel Chimes August 2022



# Back Pack Pals and Matthew 25:40 Programs

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

### **Backpack Pals**

Juice Boxes, any flavor Pop Tarts, any flavor Peanut Butter/Cheese Crackers



### <u>Mathew 25:40</u>

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

Thursday-August 4 4:00 pm Fox Hollow Senior Living Presents: Dementia Diagnosis: Navigation Tips & Resources The 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time Sunday-August 7 9:00 am Columbarium Dedication Service Following Service 9:00 am The 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time Sunday-August 14 Chapel Board Meeting Following Service Fran's Friends – Sandhills Winery Thursday-August 18 2:30 pm Sunday-August 21 9:00 am The 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time Communion Chapel Choir Practice Wednesday-August 24 5:30 pm Sunday-August 28 9:00 am The 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Wednesday-August 31 5:30 pm Chapel Choir Practice Sunday-August 28 9:00 am 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Wednesday-August 31 5:30 pm Chapel Choir Practice





Jennifer Tyner, AOS Care Management

The community is invited to attend the August 4 Ask the Experts: Conversations to Navigate Successful Aging educational seminar at 4:00 p.m. at Seven Lakes Chapel in the Pines fellowship hall. Jennifer Tyner, Aging Life Care Professional with AOS Care Management and Robin Hutchings, sales manager with Fox Hollow Senior Living will facilitate an open discussion titled Dementia Diagnosis: Navigation Tips & Resources. Attendees are invited to share their questions, experiences, and lessons learned on the topic of how to navigate a dementia diagnosis.

Dementia Alliance of North Carolina reports that "more than 180,000 people in North Carolina are affected by all forms of dementia, including Alzheimer's, and these numbers are expected to increase to 210,000 by the year 2025." Tyner has dedicated her career to supporting the needs of families navigating a dementia diagnosis. She believes it is never too early to explore your emotional, physical, and financial needs, understand the resources available, and make a plan that works for today and prepares you for the unexpected. Hutchings' role as a sales manager has provided her with valuable insights into how older adults make the decision to relocate to a care community. She understands the importance of finding a community that provides opportunities for new friendships along with the security of having assistance available as needed.

The discussion will also include information on local resources and an introduction to a new service based in Seven Lakes. Kim Szuch recently opened the North Carolina franchise of Alzheimer's Home Therapy will share how her practice focuses on holistic treatments, such as brain games, sensory therapy, and exercise.

The doors open at 3:15 p.m. to provide participants an opportunity visit with the panel of experts and pick-up information on available resources. The program begins at 4:00 p.m. Seating is limited, and advance registration is encouraged. For more information on this seminar and to reserve your seat, call 910.692.0683 or email info@AOSNC.com.

**NOTE:** Ask the Experts: Conversations to Navigate Successful Aging is a series of four educational seminar. Future topics includes The Best Gift: A Family Conversation; The Care Decision, What's Best for You? and Driving Safety for Adults 65+: Safety Tips and Warning Signs.

Aging Outreach Services, Fox Hollow Senior Living, AOS & Friends Care, and Seven Lakes Chapel in the Pines began hosting programs that focused on the interests of older adults and their families in 2014. After a two-year hiatus to due to COVID, the organizations are excited to host the conversations to navigate successful aging series once again. The community is invited to email their suggestions on program topics to <u>info@AOSNC.com</u>.



Our first *Chape t Café* was a success. The Worship Team provided a wonderful hotdog cookout with all the fixings complete with the best potato salad this side of the Mississippi made by our very own Shirley Percival.

Our maître 'd for the evening was Mike Barry and our table moderators for discussion were our very own Board members. Great food and great conversation was had by all and many good ideas were shared and discussed.

Thanks to all who participated in our very first *Chape l Café*. Your input is very important as we move forward in our Church Growth process.

The meal was topped off with pies by Katy Swain.



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# **Board Members**

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#### BestCrosswords.com - "One Across" by Mark McClain on 6/22/2022

#### Across

1- Key to this puzzle; 5- 'That was a close one!": 9- Part of a routine. often: 14- Social media phenomenon; 15- Main character; 16- Wear away: 17- During, in a sense; 18- Mideast leader; 19- See eve to eve; 20- When following 1-Across, lore, collectively; 22-Ditties: 23- Not out and about: 24-Not us; 26- Philosophies, informally; 29- Venues for some rallies: 33-Choose for office; 37- Hail on the ocean: 39- Warning to a toddler: 40-Carpentry groove; 41- When following 1-Across, dental clinic routines; 42- Casual farewell; 43-Praverful closing: 44- Turkish coin: 45- Wedding party member; 46-Repetitive slogan; 48- Healing substance; 50- Make a decision; 52-Blood bank supply; 57- Mythical world supporter; 60- When following 1-Across, tribal custom; 63- Pipe tobacco holder: 64- Mount Olympus

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VIP; 65- "Move \_\_\_\_\_ bigger and better things"; 66- Chatter foolishly; 67- Check for slips; 68- "\_\_\_\_ down the law"; 69- "Hop on Pop" name; 70- Took a cab; 71- One of a feline nonet;

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