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Paul's Ponderings...

Choral Tenebrae Service

Stemming from Latin, the word "Tenebrae" means darkness. So, Tenebrae is the perfect description of this Good Friday service which centers around the increasing darkness of the church as the candles on the candelabra are extinguished one at a time. The darkness not only provides an atmosphere of reflection on Christ's death, but also symbolizes the darkness that Jesus experienced as he hung on the cross.

The synoptic gospels record that darkness covered the land during Jesus' crucifixion (Mark 15:33, Matthew 27:45, and Luke 23:44). Some speculate the darkening sun was due to a solar eclipse, but scripture says that it was a supernatural sign of God's judgment on human sin as Jesus willingly took on himself the sins of the world. As Isaiah proclaimed, the Messiah "was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed" (Isaiah 53:5). When the candles are extinguished we are reminded of the sacrifice of the perfect Lamb of God.

However, one candle remains...it is the Christ Candle which stays lit in the darkness. Satan may have thought he had won, but the burning light of the Christ



Candle reminds us that through Christ we have already won the victory. The powers of darkness may have boasted over Jesus' death, but Jesus had the final word. As the light of the world, the darkness could not overcome him (John 1:5). The image of the unextinguished Christ Candle as the Tenebrae service draws to a close points to the purpose of Jesus' mission which is our hope in the resurrection to come. Life seemed dark to the disciples on Friday, but the light of resurrection Sunday glows even brighter. Or, as Tony Campolo is heralded as saying, "It's Friday, but Sunday's a commin'!"

At the end of the Tenebrae service in some churches a loud crashing sound is heard, called the "strepitus". This audible shock is suggestive of the events that took place following Christ's death which included the tearing of the temple curtain, an earthquake, bodies rising from the grave, and the stone closing shut on Jesus' tomb. However, at the

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Chapel our Good Friday Tenebrae service will follow our longstanding tradition of the ritual called "The Stripping of the Church". To symbolize the despair of Jesus' death, all liturgical items will be stripped from the sanctuary and removed to further emphasize the hopelessness of the disciples and of a world now left without a Savior. All that will remain is the single light of Christ which then goes out of the sanctuary...out into the world but never extinguished...ready to return in celebration on Easter Sunday morning.

Catholic, Orthodox, and Protestant Christians observe Tenebrae services so our Chapel that welcomes everyone is the perfect venue for this holy event, and I encourage all of you to invite your family, friends, and neighbors to this spiritually earth shattering remembrance. A Tenebrae service

may utilize the spoken word alone but this year our Director of Music, Kristen Thompson has chosen to enhance the spoken word with a choral production that will increase the drama and meaning of this service for each of us. We thank Kristen and the members of the choir for their hours of preparation and let us support their efforts by filling the sanctuary to overflowing.

It is almost impossible to truly appreciate the celebration of Resurrection Sunday unless you have journeyed through the depth of darkness of Good Friday. This year we have the perfect opportunity to do both. I do hope to see you all there... Noon on Good Friday and 9:00 on Easter Sunday.

Peace,
Pastor Paul



Lenten Cantata

12:00 noon

**Good Friday
Tenebrae Service**



Hear Our Prayers



Prayers for Chapel Friends:

Patty and Jack Madden, Judy Karp, Phil Westerman, Nancy Cecchini, Phyllis Mahin, Gerry Crow, Holli Schweyher, David Tourt, Roger Racster, Walter Hundley, Janet Hegeman, Jean Schmidt, Rev. Bill and Marty Bruner, Dick Barry, Jackie White, Noah Presley, Tom Early, Cindy Hess, Lyn Garbarino, Jim Robinson, Carol Dunn, Mary Faas, Dapte Jay Kirit, Dwight and Faye Jessup, Baby Kendrick Goins, George Restrepo, Cathy Pope, Maggie Craft, Rev. Harry Bronkar, Norma McKeithan, Charlie and Margo Talkowski, Ann Grunke, Jose Shavek, Amy Klein, Adrian Cimek, Sally Conlon, Andy Mark, Sidney Ruffin, Cindy Dabestani, Richard Von Schilichten, Elizabeth Comfort, Linda Stow, and Sue LaPoint.

Prayers for Chapel Family:

Rev. Charles Hinson, Bud Holzerland, Dave Westerman, Butch & Mary Kay Allen, Mary Tuft, Phil Thingstad, Mama Dot, Mary Willetts, Bob Tourt, Lee Connelly, Kathy Steele, Peggy Olson, Sue Van Horne, Jimmy McCaskill, Bart Reuter, Jane and Jeff Lowe, Paul Infuso, Winnie Fischer, Glenda and Joe Clendenin, Jon Tichenor, Peggy Reuter, Shirley Percival, Ralph Olsen, Lori and the family of Jim Milliman.





Well, April is here already, along with spring's gift of beautiful flowers, trees, and a yellow blanket on everything.

We are at the end of our first calendar quarter of the year, and I am pleased to say that the Chapel is in good stead.

The Board and our various teams are working well together in planning for the future and ensuring that our facilities are well-maintained and protected. I would like to mention that we have several projects in the planning stages that are essential to protecting our structures for the future and are scheduled for completion this year.

Number one is painting the complete exterior of the Chapel, offices, and fellowship hall building. The second is replacing the flooring in the fellowship hall, and the third is the painting of the interior office walls. We will keep you informed about these projects in the coming weeks as we finalize the scheduling.

The Building and Grounds Team is working on a solution for the leaking door in the hallway, which is expected to be completed soon.

The Board is continuing with our leadership training program that Pastor Paul is conducting. It is very interesting, and I believe it will be beneficial to all of us.

Easter is upon us, and we have several excellent services planned for this month. Please plan to attend as many as you can. Please refer to the calendar for exact dates and times.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact me or any Board member with your questions, comments, or suggestions. We like hearing from you.

Happy Easter!

George Norman – Board President

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Team Updates

Building and Grounds

The new Building/Grounds Team have had a busy week since our first meeting on the 13th.

We've had various contractors in to give estimates on some of the most needed jobs inside and outside the Chapel. More to follow. We've started the rebuilding of the exterior steps opposite the offices to stop a long time water leak caused by the overflow of the rain gutter. We've repaired one of the book racks in the pews, touched up water leaks on the walls in the Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall from the now repaired roof leaks, brought some much needed water pressure to the sink in the kitchen, and with a wee bit of help from Bruce Macdonald, came up with some ideas of how to keep the driveways along 7 Lakes Drive dry and how to prevent the scraping of the bottom of cars coming in and out. We toyed with the idea of Congregation members arriving by bicycle, but quickly realized the limitations of that idea.

We have a very positive minded and forward thinking Team and I feel our beautiful Chapel and grounds are in good hands.

Ed Burke/ Mike Barry



Nominating Team



The nominating team had a meeting on February 21, 2025. We are continuing to strive to find the best possible candidates for the future Board of Directors.

Respectfully submitted,
Laura Beth Urie



Mission Team



Handouts listing the core values as well as the role and purpose of the Mission Team were distributed and reviewed. After the current financial report was given, a lengthy discussion was conducted with the result of a budget for 2025. Contributions to charitable organizations and possible expenditures were determined.

The project "**Mac Attack**" was deemed very successful. A total of 244 boxes of mac and cheese were collected and donated to the West End Methodist Church Pantry. This amount will serve approximately 920 people. Many thanks to all who contributed to this worthwhile project.



Volunteers for the build - **Habitat for Humanity** were requested and members of the team did agree to assist.



Blood Mobile

The Mission Team will be sponsoring a **Blood Drive** on May 23 in the Fellowship Hall of the Chapel. Assistance from the congregation and community will be needed. Information regarding the Drive will be advertised with instructions on how to sign up. Refreshments will be provided for the nurses and volunteers.

Other future projects include:

1. "**Change for Change**" each family will be given a small "church bank" in which to place their coins; then deposited in the wheel barrow at the Chapel.



2. **Purchase library books** for West End Elementary.



3. Execute a "**Jiffy Cornmeal Drive**" for the West End Methodist Food Pantry.



4. Sponsor a "**Spread the Warmth Drive**" collect and/or purchase jackets for elementary school students. Additional projects were considered and will be shared later.



CITP Men's Fellowship

Seven members of the Men's Fellowship met for their first mid-week luncheon on Thursday March 13th at the Southside Grill. It was a great chance to gather with other CITP congregants and share a meal and good conversation. It also afforded the opportunity for Paul to fellowship with us outside of his pastoral duties. Based on the reaction of those attending, **we will continue to meet for lunch at Southside Grill at noon on the second Thursday of each month** (April 10th). The meeting is a general fellowship luncheon and open to all CITP congregants who would like to attend.



Men's Fellowship

APOSTLES BUILD

Work on the Habitat for Humanity of the Sandhills "Apostles Build" will be starting in April with completion anticipated in late June. To date, we have commitments for 7 Men and 3 women for both Thursday and Friday, June 13th and 14th. Registration is required and needs to be completed ASAP. The build will take place in the community of Addor, just SE of Pinebluff.

Spring is here and we have a group of men that are willing to help anyone in need with small chores or projects. Whether it be travel needs, changing a lightbulb or other small chores, let Susan know at the office and someone will contact you.

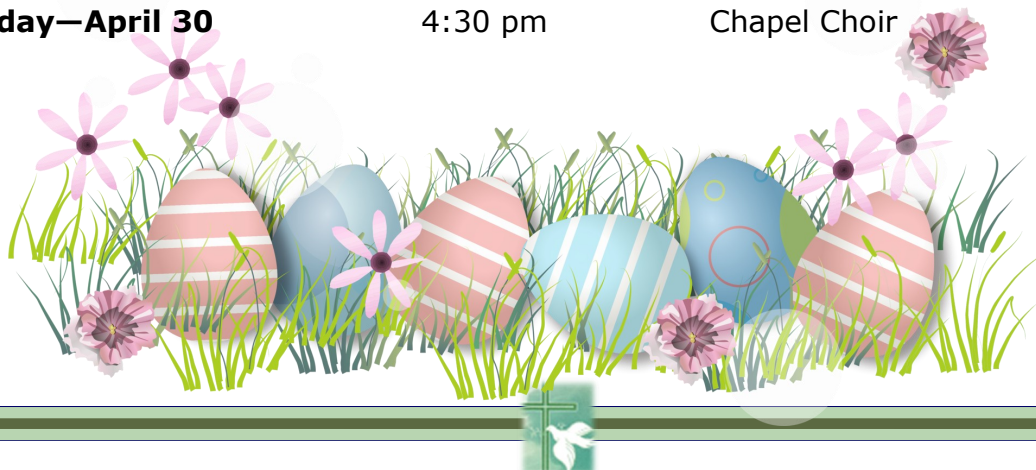




Upcoming Events



Tuesday—April 1	10:00 am	Nominating Team
Wednesday—April 2	2:30 pm	Fran's Friends
Wednesday—April 2	4:00 pm	Chapel Choir
Thursday—April 2	1:00 pm	Board Planning Meeting
Thursday—April 3	3:30 pm	Lenten Bible Study
Friday—April 4	10:00 am	Mission Team
Sunday—April 6	9:00 am	Fifth Sunday in Lent
Tuesday—April 8	6:00 pm	Bunco4Missions
Wednesday—April 9	10:00 am	Building & Grounds Team
Wednesday—April 9	4:00 pm	Chapel Choir
Thursday—April 10	12 noon	Men's Fellowship
Thursday—April 10	3:30 pm	Lenten Bible Study
Sunday—April 13	9:00 am	Palm Sunday
		Chapel Board Meeting
Monday—April 14	5:30 pm	Personnel Team
Wednesday—April 16	4:00 pm	Chapel Choir
Thursday—April 17	1:30 pm	Finance Team
Thursday—April 17	5:00 pm	Maundy Thursday
		Holy Communion
Friday—April 18	12 noon	Good Friday Tenebrae
		Lenten Cantata
Sunday—April 20	9:00 am	Easter Sunday
		Holy Communion
Monday—April 21	<i>Easter Monday</i>	<i>Office Closed</i>
Wednesday—April 23	4:30 pm	Chapel Choir
Friday—April 25	Newsletter Article Deadline	
Sunday—April 27	9:00 am	Second Sunday of Easter
Wednesday—April 30	4:30 pm	Chapel Choir



Usher Schedule

April—June 2025

April

6	Sun	9 am	Tim Peppe, RJ Peppe, Tracey Olsen, Frank Carney
13	Sun	9 am	Renee Maness, Joyce Singletary, Cathy or George Norman, Michael Karnish
17	Thu	5 pm	Shirley Madison, Tracey Olsen, Frank Carney, Gisela Danielson
18	Fri	12 noon	Renee Maness, Carole Faas, Joyce Singletary, Cathy or George Norman
20	Sun	9 am	Tracey Olsen, Frank Carney, Carole Faas, Gisela Danielson
27	Sun	9 am	Shirley Madison, Michael Karnish, Joyce Singletary, Cathy or George Norman

May

4	Sun	9 am	Rene Maness, Carole Faas, Steve Klein, Dick Van Horne
11	Sun	9 am	Michael Karnish, Joyce Singletary, Shirley Madison, Cathy or George Norman
18	Sun	9 am	Tim Peppe, RJ Peppe, Tracey Olsen, Frank Carney
25	Sun	9 am	Shirley Madison, Gisela Danielson, Renee Maness, Carole Faas

June

1	Sun	9 am	Tim Peppe, RJ Peppe, Tracey Olsen, Frank Carney
8	Sun	9 am	Carole Faas, Gisela Danielson, Shirley Madison, Cathy or George Norman
15	Sun	9 am	Tracey Olsen, Frank Carney, Joyce Singletary, Shirley Madison
22	Sun	9 am	Michael Karnish, Carole Faas, Shirley Madison, Cathy or George Norman
29	Sun	9 am	Rene Maness, Gisela Danielson, Tracey Olsen, Frank Carney

Coffee Fellowship



April

06	Katy Swain & The Normans
13	Ruth & Steve Klein
20	Kathy & Stacy Golzio
27	Dot & Bruce Macdonald

May

04	Carolyn & Steve Wood
11	Volunteer Needed
18	Sue Dell'Acqua & Helen Scholl
25	Volunteer Needed

*To volunteer: Contact our Church Administrator, Susan Williams by calling **910-400-5188** or by emailing **citp10@7lakeschapel.com**. You may also sign up on the register on the podium just outside the entrance to the fellowship hall.*



Celebrating APRIL Birthdays



Tuesday—1	Julie James
Tuesday—1	Ed Burke
Wednesday—9	Chris Beck
Sunday—13	JoAn Moses
Tuesday—15	Tracey Olsen
Sunday—20	Sue Van Horne
Monday—21	Mary Greene
Tuesday—22	Wendy Tetreault
Wednesday—23	Nancy Racine
Wednesday—23	Claire Collins
Saturday—26	Mary Willetts
Monday—28	Bruce Bedder



Thursday—1	Bill & JoAn Moses
Saturday—5	Dot & Bruce Macdonald
Tuesday—15	Fred & Phyllis Young
Sunday—20	Ruth & Steve Klein
Saturday—26	Jason & Amie Collins
Wednesday—30	Butch & Mary Kay Allen





Flower Schedule

To volunteer please sign up on bulletin board outside church office. You may also call the church office **910-400-5188** or e-mail us at citp10@7lakeschapel.com to have your name added to the Flower Sign-up List.

April	
4-6	Jon & Dorene Tichenor
4-13	Moses Family
4-20	Volunteer Needed
4-27	Volunteer Needed
May	
5-4	Volunteer Needed
5-11	Stuart Moss
5-18	Carole Faas
5-25	Volunteer Needed

Back Pack Pals and Matthew 25:40 Programs

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

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

Capri Sun Juices, any flavor
Pop Tarts, any flavor
Chef Boyardee Micro Cups,
in yellow and red
Small Water Bottles
Protein Bars, all flavors
Apple Sauce/Fruit Cups



On Easter Day

By Celia Thaxter, 1835-1894

Easter lilies! Can you hear
What they whisper, low and clear?
In dewy fragrance they unfold
Their splendor sweet, their snow and gold.
Every beauty-breathing bell
News of heaven has to tell.
Listen to their mystic voice,
Hear, oh mortal, and rejoice!
Hark, their soft and heavenly chime!
Christ is risen for all time!





Dear Friends and Family,

We are thrilled to share some exciting news with you! Jason and I will embark on our first mission trip with Little River United Methodist Church to the Philippines from **June 25 – July 8, 2025**. This mission is an incredible opportunity to strengthen the impact of Methodist mission churches within their communities.

Where : Bataan, Philippines

Why : To serve, encourage, and bring hope to churches and communities where God is already at work.

During our time in the Philippines, our team will:

- Distribute shoes, backpacks, toothbrushes, and other essential materials to children and youth.
- Partner with local churches and mission churches to assist in their ministries.
- Encourage and uplift church leaders and members as they share the Gospel.

We would love for you to support us in prayer:

- Pray for the children, youth, and adults we will meet.
- Pray for the pastors and leaders of the churches we will serve.
- Pray for our mission team's safety, unity, and effectiveness.
- Pray that all our travel and logistical arrangements go smoothly.
- Pray for the success of our fundraising efforts so we can fully embrace this mission.

To make this mission a reality, we need your help. We are raising funds to cover our travel and mission expenses. If you feel led to contribute, donations can be made through our **GoFundMe page** (<https://gofund.me/a24065a4>) or by check payable to **Little River United Methodist Church**, with **Philippines Mission – Henry & Jason** in the memo line.

We are beyond grateful for this opportunity and your love and support. Whether through prayer, financial gifts, or encouragement, you are a vital part of this journey. Thank you for partnering with us as we step out in faith to share the love of Jesus in the Philippines.

Blessings,

Henry & Jason

***"Your support is more than just a donation—
it's a partnership in God's work."***



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APRIL



2025



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
6 Fifth Sunday in Lent	7	1  10 Nominating Team Kiwanis 11-2 Kiwanis Bingo 6-10	2 2:30 Fran's Fiends 4:00 Chapel Choir	3 11-3 WMN of 7 LKS 1 Board Planning Mtg 3:30 Lenten Bible Study 7:00 AL ANON 7:30 OLA Choir	4 Pastor Paul Out of Office 10 Mission Team	5 9:30a—1p 7th Day Advent. Services CLEANING
13 Palm Sunday Chapel Board Mtg 	14 5:30 Personnel Team	8 Team Rpts to Board 6:00 Bunco 4 Missions	9 10 Building/Grounds Team 4:00 Chapel Choir	10 12 Men's Fellowship 2-4 7 LKS GDN CLUB 3:30 Bible Study 7:00 AL ANON 7:30 OLA Choir	11	12 9:30a—1p 7th Day Advent. Services CLEANING
20 Easter Sunday Holy Communion 	21 Happy Easter Monday 	15  Kiwanis 11-2 Kiwanis Bingo 6-10	16 4:00 Chapel Choir	17 5 Maundy Thursday Holy Communion 1:30 Finance Team 7:00 AL ANON 7:30 OLA Choir	18 12 Good Friday Lenten Cantata	19 9:30a—1p 7th Day Advent. Services CLEANING
27 Second Sunday of Easter	28 Happy National Blueberry Pie Day 	22  Earth Day April 22	23 4:30 Chapel Choir	24 7:00 AL ANON 7:30 OLA Choir	25 *Newsletter Article Deadline	26 9:30a—1p 7th Day Advent. Services CLEANING
		29	30 May Board Team Rpts 4:30 Chapel Choir			

