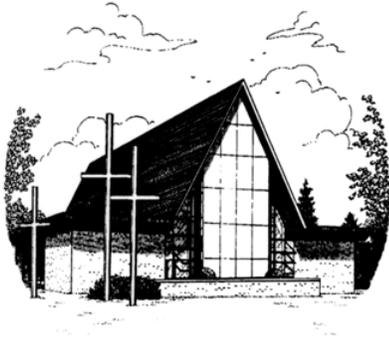


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*50 Years of Growing a Faith That Must Be
Shared*

Wally's Writing

Beloved in Christ,

As we face the new year, some of our material expectations may be scaled back. We have little reliable information about the economic future, except that individually and as a society we realize we've been living beyond our means.

Yet our security lies not in balance sheets, nor in IRAs or retirement plans. All these can change all too quickly. Our only security is to be found by living in line with God's hopes for us, trusting in our Lord Jesus Christ to intervene for us when it counts. Together we are the Body of Christ. That means we bear Good News to those who are in need, or are desperate in some way. We bear Good News to each other, bearing one another up. Hopefully Chapel Lane Church is faithful to stand with members who struggle, who mourn, or are frightened.

As we face a new year, we face it together with faith in the One who has power to intercede on our behalf and to deliver us. May God be with you to bless and protect you as we move into God's future.

A Tale of Two Wolves

There is a native American story handed down through the generations. These stories teach us about life. This story is about our inner struggles. A grandfather is telling his grandson about the battle within us between two wolves.

The first wolf is Evil. It is full of anger, envy, jealousy, greed, and arrogance. This wolf exhibits regret, self-pity, and lies.

The other wolf is Good. This wolf is filled with joy, peace, love, hope, serenity, humility, kindness, empathy, compassion, and faith.

The grandson thinks about this and asks his grandfather, "which wolf wins?" His grandfather simply answers ... "The one you feed."

Pastor Wally



The Music Program



Children's Fellowship Program 2011! (Grades 1st through 6th) We are starting a new Children's Fellowship program at Chapel Lane! If your child would be interested in joining 10-12 other children in monthly fellowship opportunities, please feel free to contact me. A spring 2011 schedule will be out soon so watch for these fun events: January=game night at the Wildfongs, February=A winter "lock-in" and the Talent Show, March=The Water Zone at Delta College, April = ??? Stay tuned!! Karen Graef.

Chicago Incentive Trip 2011! (Grades 2nd through 12th) We have tried to plan the Chicago trip around several dates this spring and the winner isJuly! That's right; we are going to Chi-town THIS SUMMER! The young travelers won't have to miss any school, the weather will be warm & Navy Pier will be open. The July dates for voting will be out within the next week or two so watch your email!

Summer Camp 2011! (Grades 2nd through 12th) Please reserve the week of June 12-17, 2011. This will be our 11th year of camp – wow! Tina Druskins wins "Camper Extraordinaire" as she is the ONLY camper who has been all ten years with Ms. Karen. We hope all of your campers will return again this year!

Handbell Workshop – All Youth & Adult Handbell Ringers are invited to share a great day of handbell ringing on Saturday, January 15th. Susan Berry, Director of the Detroit Handbell Ensemble, will be directing the workshop for us. There is no cost for attending and lunch will be provided. If you are interested in attending, see Karen Graef for more details.

Talent Show 2011 – It is never too soon to start practicing your talent! Please circle Sunday, February 27th on your calendar as you won't want to miss this evening of great entertainment for the whole family. If you would like to share a talent, please talk to Paul Schmidt (non-musical) or Karen Graef (musical). See you there!

A NEW WEBSITE FOR CHAPEL LANE! Early in January, a new website will be launched giving Chapel Lane a whole "new look." The new site will be very "user friendly," giving us the ability to update information quickly and keep you better informed! We were able to retain our same domain name so you will still be able to visit the site at www.chapellane.org. An email will be sent to the congregation when the change takes place and in the meantime, you may still find useful updates on our present site. Please let us know if you have any questions, web masters: Karen Graef & Trish Martin.

Christian Education Happenings

Wednesday Night Study

Wednesday Night Adult Study group continues to meet on Wednesdays at 8:00 P.M. All are welcome to join in this active, discussion-oriented group. Topics vary based on the interests of the participants. Contact Johanna Jozwiak for more information.

Youth Group – 6th – 12th grade

January 9

5:30 – 7:00

Meet up with the rest of the youth for some fun and fellowship. Details coming soon!

January 28-29

LOCK-IN!!!

Meet at the church at 7 PM for pizza, games, and all-night fun! Friends are welcome.

Sunday Morning Adult Classes meet at 9:30. There is a traditional Bible Study class in the library and a more contemporary, discussion-style class in the Parlor.

Sunday School for Children and Youth

Meeting in the Activity Room:

Bible Explorers (Preschool and Kindergarten Sunday School Class)
The R.O.C.K. Rotational Sunday School for 1st - 6th grade

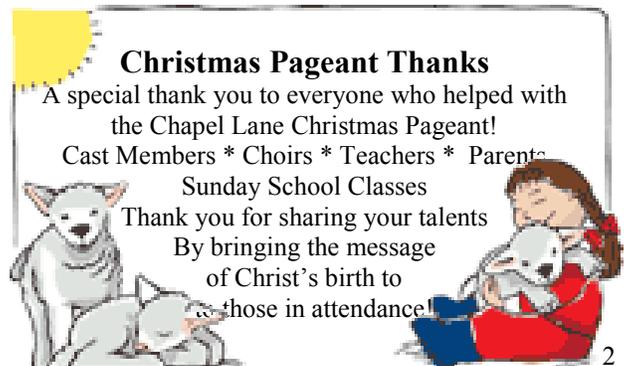
Meeting in The Youth Room:

Confirmation Class for 7th & 8th grades

Safety Training for Those Working With Children and Youth

ALL those who work with children and youth will need to have their safety training updated this winter. Classes will be held January 9th and 16th immediately after the 10:45 service. If you work with children or youth, or have any interest in working with children and youth, please plan to attend one of these classes. They will last about 1 hour. Any questions can be directed to Chrissy.

Thanks!



Summary of December Session Meeting

- The Session met on December 14, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the Chapel Lane Activity Room and the Parlor. This meeting served as fulfillment of the Book of Order requirement for an annual consultation with the Board of Deacons. In addition to receiving the regular monthly reports from the clerk, pastor, finance and other boards, the session highlights are as follows:
 - *Set* officers' training for new elders and deacons for Saturday, January 8, from 9:00 – 11:00 a.m.
 - *Set* the date of the examination of new elders and deacons to take place at the January 11, 2011, stated session meeting.
 - *Approved* February 6, 2011, as the date for the ordination and/or installation for the newly elected deacons and elders during the worship service of their choice.
 - *Approved* that the offering received at the "Carols by Candlelight" concert on December 19 be used to benefit the scholarship fund for Chapel Lane's Summer Camp.
 - *Authorized* the pastor to administer communion during 2011 to the sick and those isolated from public worship, to be assisted when possible by an elder or deacon.
 - *Approved* the serving of communion each Sunday at the 8:30 a.m. service, once a month at the 10:45 a.m. Sunday service and the Wednesday 7:00 p.m. service, and at special services throughout 2011.
 - *Elected* the following people for 2011: Bill Ewing (Treasurer), Erlene Carmody (Financial Secretary), and Steve Humphrey (Presbytery Commissioner).
 - *Approved* the following Special Offerings for 2011: One Great Hour of Sharing, Pentecost, Peacemaking, and Christmas Joy.
 - *Reported* that Chapel Lane member, James May, died on November 28, 2010, in Midland, Michigan. We are grateful for Jim's active participation in the life of the church, and regretfully have removed him from the active church rolls.
 - *Approved* that the Annual Congregational Meeting take place on Sunday, February 13, 2011, following the 10:45 a.m. worship service. (There will be only one service that day, which will also include the Deacons' Brunch.)
 - *Discussed* the preliminary Chapel Lane Budget for 2011, which will be voted upon at the January 11 stated session meeting.
 - *Approved* that a sub-team of the session meet to work on internal controls and accounting practices, and bring a recommendation to the January 11 stated meeting of session.
 - *Reported* that a staff job performance reviews will be presented at the January 11 stated session meeting.
- The meeting was adjourned with prayer at 10:15 p.m.

Suz Miller, Clerk of Session

Please Note

January Usher Schedule

- January 2 - Eldon & Marian Ault, Alex Brown, Carol Brown
January 9 - Doug Frame, Clyde & Shirley Babcock, Jacob Cobb
January 16 - Eldon Ault, Travis Irving, Brad & Trish Martin
January 23 - Tom & Karen Adams, Matthew Rightor, Elizabeth Stuart
January 30 - Doug Frame, Ron Hynds, Emma Stamper, Jennifer Stamper



New Officer training: Jan 8, 9-11 CLPC

Officer examination by Session Jan 11

Ordination/Installation Feb 6

Annual Mtg & Dinner Feb 13

Worship Leaders

- Jan 2 - Clark Pashby
Jan 9 - Carl Vander Woude
Jan 16 - David Skiendziel
Jan 23 - Kathy Dahl
Jan 30 - Chris Pashby

8:30 Service Worship Leaders

- Jan 2- No Service
Jan 9- Alice Wiltse
Jan 16- Carol Brown
Jan 23- Ron Hynds
Jan 30- Ingrid Schwartz

Deacons Doings



First Mobile Food Pantry in 2011



The first Mobile Food Pantry in this New Year will be on Wednesday, January 19, 2011, at the Midland Ice Arena on Fast Ice Drive. This free food give-away to residents of Midland City and Country is being sponsored by the Midland Lions Club. Registration begins at 9:30am and food distribution begins about 11am. The distribution provides for provisions for 300 families.

Questions may be directed to Sally Ann Sutton at 835-2428.

Highlights of December Meeting of the Board of Deacons

The Board of Deacons met on Tuesday evening, December 14, 2010, first with Session and then in the library for its regular monthly meeting. Highlights of the meeting include:

1. The offerings from the three Christmas Eve services were designated to the Pastor's Emergency Fund.
2. All of the Congregational Care "star gifts" were received by the seven church families.
3. At the January meeting, a committee will begin to prepare a Prayer Chain Policy for the prayer concerns printed as an insert in the worship guide.
4. Retiring Deacons include Carol Brown and Ben Franklin. Thank you!
5. New Deacons to begin in 2011 include Nancy Vander Woude and Kerry Buell. Vicki Eden will begin her second term as Deacon. Welcome!
6. Disbursements from October 15, 2010, through December 10, 2010, include the following: \$500 for 4Q Emergency Relief to the Open Door in Midland; \$567.75 (75% of Peacemaking Offering) to Lake Huron Presbytery and \$189.25 (25%) to Midland Cancer Fund (assistance to those with no finances or insurance to pay for cancer treatments); \$303 to Midland County EFPN – Holiday Ornament program (\$1 donation = \$14 credit at food bank) from Share Fair; \$200 from Haiti Projects to Max's family for food; \$896.50 for total Pastor Emergency Fund expenses; \$257.15 total reimbursements to three individuals for purchase of gifts on Congregational Care stars not taken at the Share Fair (a fourth refund remains outstanding); \$117.65 for mailing of cookies and note cards to 21 young adults in our church family; \$244.19 for 2-Coins-A-Meal for October and November to Presbytery; and \$132 for 300 stamps for Deacons' card sending ministry.
7. Pending transfers to occur after tonight's meeting but before end of year include: \$1,000 to 2011 Confirmand Retreat from Member-In-Mission (Budget); \$600 to 2011 Youth Chicago Trip from Member-In-Mission (Non-Budget); \$16 to 2011 Youth Chicago Trip from Member-In-Mission (Equity). (Note: total of \$691.27 to Chicago Trip).
8. The first Mobile Food Pantry in 2011 will be on January 19th at the Midland Ice Arena. It is being sponsored by the Midland Lions Club. About eight Chapel Laners have volunteered.

The next meeting of the Board of Deacons is on Tuesday, January 25, 2010, at 7pm.

Preparing for Worship

This is the fifth installment in a series of articles, provided by the Presbyterian Church (USA), about "Preparing for Worship." It is brought to you by the Board of Worship.

As you participate in worship,

- It helps to understand what each part of the worship service (for instance, "We Renew Our Relationship with God") is designed to do so you can enter into it fully with your spirit open to the Lord.
- Listen to the sermon as though it were the Lord himself speaking to you.
- Bring the concerns of the world into the "We Respond to God with Joy" portion of the service, specifically the "Offering of Our Prayers" segment.

Next month we'll read about after the service in the final installment in this series.

Check It Out

The following comments are from the cover of a little book called **“Surviving Financial Meltdown,”** by Ron Blue, recently added to our library.

“We know God is at work in this economic storm. Like other families, we must decide whether to throw our arms up in panic or trust Him and adjust to the changes around us. **“Surviving Financial Meltdown”** offers a road map to navigate the road we are on.” *Dr. Gary and Barb Rosberg, America’s Family Coaches*

“How timely! Here’s solid biblical advice on how to personally manage the ‘uncertainty of riches’ in a world that has gone into the dumper economically.”

President Joe Stowell, Cornerstone University, Grand Rapids, MI

This book will be on the kiosk for awhile, then on the library shelf at 330. (The subject is FINANCE– PERSONAL.)

Sue Lane
Librarian

Afternoon Ladies' Circle

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The afternoon ladies’ circle will have its fifth study of sections of the *Book of Revelation* on Wednesday, January 19, 2011, in the church library. We will meet from 12:30pm to 2:00pm. **Everyone is welcome!** Please bring your sack lunch if you prefer to eat a “late” lunch. Questions? Please call Sally Ann Sutton at 835-2428.

Income and Expense Thru November 2010

November expenses were below budget, partially caused by some bills coming in late which had to be paid in Dec. On the income side we are still seeing some sliding of payments against pledge amounts (now \$18,000 through Nov). But year to date our expenses are equal to actual income. However, our available cash (\$60,765) remains healthy. We generally experience some catch up in income during Dec. which should maintain our financial condition and put us in a better position to meet the needs in 2011.

		<u>Income</u>		
	<u>Nov</u>	<u>YTD Actual</u>	<u>YTD Plan</u>	<u>% of Plan</u>
Pledge Income	\$ 19,376	\$ 226,558	\$ 244,949	92%
Loose Offering	\$ 1,304	\$ 13,443	\$ 16,958	79%
Other Income	\$ 606	\$ 11,254	\$ 7,414	152%
Total Income	\$ 21,286	\$ 251,255	\$ 269,321	93%
		<u>Expense</u>		
Total Expense	\$ 21,123	\$ 248,060	\$ 268,730	92%

Birthdays



- 1 Jacob Cobb
- 1 Njwi Achoh
- 2 Achiri Achoh
- 4 Kaitlyn Kristal
- 5 Shirley McCutchen
- 12 Christine Bentley
- 15 Jeff Ermak
- 15 Paul Schmidt
- 15 Jenn Tryban
- 18 Elsa Kramer Yakel
- 19 Graham Michael McGee
- 19 Jessica Kristal
- 20 Keaton Loebrich
- 22 Retha Bradley
- 22 Vance Sowle
- 23 Hayleigh Rouech
- 24 Summer Shobe
- 25 Barry Moyer
- 25 Renee White
- 26 Carol Ostergren
- 27 Harper Myers
- 31 Ben Franklin
- 31 Alice Wiltse

Christmas Quiz (from Wally)

- ___ 1. Christmas has always been celebrated on December 25 (True/False)
- ___ 2. Joseph was from:
Bethlehem
Jerusalem
Nazareth
Egypt
Minnesota
None of the above
- ___ 3. How did Mary and Joseph travel to Bethlehem?
Camel
Donkey
Walked
Volkswagen
Joseph walked, Mary rode a donkey
Who knows?
- ___ 4. Mary and Joseph were married when Mary became pregnant (T/F)
- ___ 5. What did the innkeeper tell Mary and Joseph?
"There is no room in the inn."
"I have a stable you can use."
"Come back after the Christmas rush."
Both A and B
None of the above
- ___ 6. Jesus was delivered in a:
Stable for domestic animals
Manger
Cave
Barn
Unknown
- ___ 7. A "manger" is a:
Stable for domestic animals
Wooden hay storage bin.
Feeding trough
Barn
- ___ 8. Which animals does the Bible say were present at Jesus' birth?
A. Cows, sheep, goats
Cows, donkeys, sheep
Sheep and goats only
Miscellaneous barnyard animals
Lions, tigers, elephants
Can't say
- ___ 9. Who saw the "star in the east"?
Shepherds
Mary & Joseph
Three Kings
None of the above
- ___ 10. How many angels spoke to the shepherds?
One
Three
A multitude
None of the above
- ___ 11. What "sign" did the angels tell the shepherds to look for?
"This way to baby Jesus"
A star over Bethlehem
A baby that doesn't cry
A house with a Christmas tree
A baby in a stable
None of the above
- ___ 12. What did the angels sing?
"Joy to the world...."
"Alleluia"
"For unto us a child is born"
"Glory to God in the highest," etc.
"My sweet Lord"
- ___ 13. What is a "Heavenly Host"?
The angel at the gate of heaven
The angel who invites people to heaven
The angel who serves drinks in heaven
An angel choir
An angel army
None of the above
- ___ 14. There was snow that first Christmas:
Only in Bethlehem
All over Israel
Nowhere in Israel
Somewhere in Israel
Mary & Joseph only dreamed of a white Christmas
- ___ 15. The baby Jesus cried:
When the doctor slapped him on the behind
When the little drummer boy started banging on his drum
Just like other babies
He never cried
- ___ 16. What is frankincense?
A precious metal
A precious fabric
A precious perfume
An eastern monster story
None of the above
- ___ 17. What is Myrrh?
A drink
A spice used for burying people
After-shave lotion
None of the above
- ___ 18. How many wise men came to see Jesus (write in the correct number)

Christmas Quiz Continued

- __ 19. What does "wise men" refer to?
Men of the educated class
Eastern kings
Astronomers
They were smart enough to follow the star
Sages
- __ 20. The wise men found Jesus in a:
Manger
Stable
House
Holiday Inn
Good mood
- __ 21. The wise men stopped in Jerusalem:
To inform Herod about Jesus
To find out where Jesus was
To ask about the star they saw
For gas
To buy presents for Jesus
- __ 22. Where do we find the Christmas story in order to find answers to these questions?
Matthew
Mark
Luke
John
All the above
Only A & B
Only A & C
Only A, B, and C
Aesop's Fables
- __ 23. When Joseph & Mary found out that Mary was pregnant, what happened?
They got married right away
Joseph wanted to break the engagement
Mary left town for a few months
An angel told them to go to Bethlehem
Both A and D
- __ 24. Who told Mary & Joseph to go to Bethlehem?
The angel
Mary's mother
Herod
Caesar Augustus
No one told them to go
- __ 25. Joseph took the baby Jesus to Egypt:
To show him the pyramids
To teach him the wisdom of the pharaohs
To put him in a basket in the reeds by the river
Because he dreamed about it
To be taxed
Joseph did not take Jesus to Egypt

2010

Some Quotes to Note



- "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God." John 1:1
- "When the rain of compassion falls, even the desert becomes a vast fertile plain." Thich Naht Hanh
- "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path." Psalms 119:105
- "Our greatest glory is not in never falling but in rising every time we fall." Confucius
- "Life is what happens to you while you're busy making other plans." John Lennon
- "Love is patient. Love is kind. It does not envy. It does not boast. It is not proud. It is not rude. It is not self-seeking. It is not easily angered. It keeps no record of wrong doing. It does not delight in evil, but rejoices in the truth. It always protects, trusts, hopes, perseveres." 1 Corinthians 13
- "Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one." Matthew 6: 9-15
- "The journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step." Lao Tzu
- "I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel." Maya Angelou
- "I've learned that you shouldn't go through life with a catcher's mitt on both hands; you need to be able to throw something back." Maya Angelou
- "Let us sing even when we do not feel like it, for in this way we give wings to heavy feet and turn weariness into strength." John Henry Jowett
- "The highest reward for a person's toil is not what they get for it, but what they become by it." John Ruskin
- "Never lose a chance of saying a kind word." William Thackeray

Thanks in 2010

Dec. 4– 2010

Dear Members of Chapel Lane,

Cyril & I wish to thank all of you who worked so hard to put together the wonderful Thanksgiving dinner and those who gave of their time to delivering that meal to those of us who couldn't be there. What a wonderful Church family we have. Our hearts are full of love and thanks for all of you! Thank you Rev. Wally for all that you do! We are so lucky to have found you. You are in my prayers daily.

I truly miss not being able to help out as I used to. Again thanks to all who continue to carry on. We are blessed!

Love, always, Cyril & Fawn

Thank you to everyone for the beautiful Memorial Service for Dad and the wonderful luncheon. The choir was magnificent– what a joyful day it was.

Becky & Jerry Smith and family

Dear Session and Congregation of Chapel Lane,

We would like to thank you all very much for the tremendous assistance that you gave to us during our relocation period from Midland to Dearborn Heights. We really lack words to express our thankfulness to you as to the moral, physical, and financial assistance came as a surprise to us at the last moment. All your assistance went a long way to get us settled into our new location faster.

We miss Chapel Lane Church a lot but we are still thankful to God as we search to get situated in another Presbyterian church at our new location.

The kids will never forget the memories from children's choir, Sunday School, and at Summer Camp. They take their Chapel Lane Church and Summer Camp memory pictures to school each time they have show-and-tell in school.

Once more, thank you all and may God continue to guide us all as we serve him and help one another.

Isaac Achoh (for the family)

11/18/2010

Answers to Christmas Quiz

1. False. Eastern Orthodox Church celebrates Christmas on January 7.
2. C. Luke 2:3-4
3. F.
4. False. Luke 2:4-5
5. E. An innkeeper is not mentioned
6. E.
7. C. See dictionary.
8. F. The Bible doesn't mention animals in the birth narrative.
9. D. Matthew 2:1 says "wise men."
10. A. Luke 2:9-12. But "a multitude of the heavenly host" then sang.
11. F. Luke 2:12
12. D. Luke 2:14
13. E. Host = army by Old Testament definition
14. C. Desert area, too close to equator to snow!
15. C. Nothing to the contrary

16. C. See Interpreter's Dictionary of the Bible or other source.
17. B. Same as above. Myrrh and aloes were also brought by Nicodemus for Jesus' burial as recorded in John 19:35, Mark 16:1, and Luke 24:1
18. We don't know how many.
19. C. By definition. See Interpreter's Dictionary of the Bible, & Matthew 2:1, Good News.
20. C. Matthew 2:11
21. B. Matthew 2:1-2
22. G.
23. B. Matthew 1:18-19
24. D. Luke 2:1,4,5
25. D. Matthew 2:13-14



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