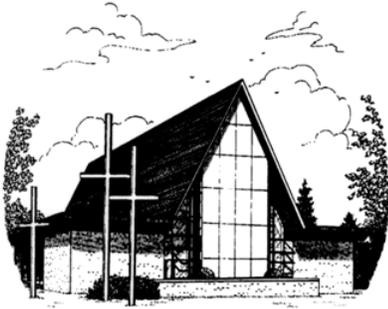


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The Symbolism of Ashes

On the first day of Lent, pastors in many churches dip a finger in ashes (often made by burning palm branches from the previous year's Palm Sunday) and make a cross on parishioners' foreheads.

God's people have used ashes as a sign of mourning, humiliation and penitence. In the Old Testament, ashes were used as a purification offering. The New Testament speaks of repenting in "sackcloth and ashes" (Luke 10:13, NRSV).

On Ash Wednesday, Christians are pained because our sins – private and public – led to Jesus' death. With repentant hearts, we begin the season of Lent, knowing it leads to resurrection on Easter Sunday.

Preparation for Worship

As we remember your Transfiguration, Lord, prepare us to grow closer to you so we may glorify and serve you.

On Ash Wednesday, heavenly Father, give us repentant hearts as we prepare to travel the Lenten road your Son took to the cross for us.

As we progress in our journey through Lent, dear Savior, help us remember that we don't live by bread alone but by every word that comes from you (Matthew 4:4).

We recall, Lord Jesus, that you told Nicodemus, "What is born of the Spirit is spirit" (John 3:6, NRSV). Grant us the will to be spiritual people who reflect your holiness.

Help us put aside all worldly cares, dear Lord, as we come to worship you now.

Prominent Dates This Month

4th	9th	13th	13th	20th
 World Day of Prayer	 ASH WEDNESDAY	 1st Sunday in Lent	 Daylight Saving Time Begins	 Spring Pastor Nominee Visits

First Day of Spring

No New Music News... Keep Practicing!



Christian Education Happenings

Bible Study Opportunities

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.

Thursday Afternoon Study

The Thursday group continues its study of the Judges and Kings of Israel. They meet at 1:00 p.m. in the church library and are always open to new folks joining in. Chrissy Westbury facilitates this group.

The Return of the Thoughtful Christian Take-Home Study

We often think of Lent as a time to “give something up.” This year, I challenge you to instead “take on” new forms of spiritual discipline. Beginning March 13, the Take-Home Study will be returning to the Education Kiosk. The first lesson will be a six-session Lenten Study on Biblical Models of Discipleship in the New Testament. What does it mean to be a disciple? How does your style of discipleship reflect Jesus’ teachings? How can the New Testament teach us to be better disciples. Take a copy of the study from the education kiosk, and work on it at home at your leisure. Or, sign up for an email copy of the study.

Sunday Morning Education Opportunities

For children Pre-K – 6th grade: *The R.O.C.K.* Rotational program in the Activity Room

For 7th – 9th graders: *Confirmation Class* in the Youth Room

For Adults: *The Parlor Forum* – Looking at the big questions of faith

The Library Forum – Studying Biblical questions, including the practice of worship.

Vacation Bible School 2011 – Save the dates!

July 25 – 29, 2011

It’s time to start thinking about Vacation Bible School again. This year, we will set sail with Paul and others on an Island Odyssey! We will experience how hearing, seeing, and believing are connected, understand that knowing Jesus influences decision-making, and realize that a welcoming spirit brings glory to God.

We will spread the good news of Jesus Christ all over the world.

VBS is only possible through the hard work of a large group of volunteers.

Let Chrissy Westbury know if you would like to help out this year.

Youth Group

For 6th – 12th graders

March 11 – 13

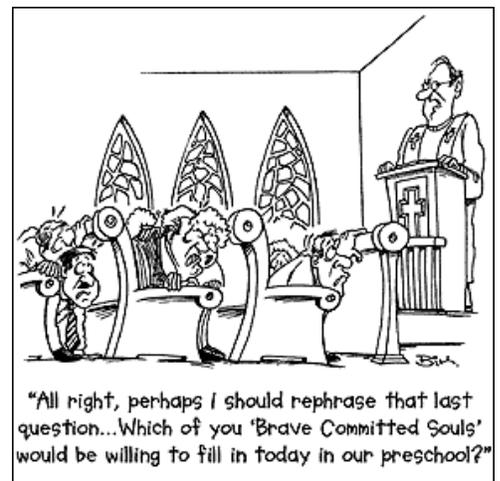
Alma Youth Mix

All High School Youth are invited to spend the weekend with Presbyterian Youth from all over the state. It will be a time of worship, reflection, fellowship and fun. Get your registration form to Chrissy ASAP if you plan to come!

March 18

Movie Night! Details to follow.

A big thank you to the congregation for your support of our pancake dinner!



PNC Selects Nominee for Chapel Lane's Next Pastor

On Sunday, February 13, the Chapel Lane Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) announced its selection of a nominee to become the fourth called pastor of Chapel Lane Presbyterian Church. The pastor candidate will be presented to the congregation in mid-March.

The PNC has been active for just over a year. In the process it reviewed over 100 candidates. The pastor candidate being presented to the congregation was one of the first reviewed, but the PNC believed it needed to evaluate additional candidates to be sure it had identified the individual the Lord had selected for our church.

Over time this candidate became the standard to which the PNC compared others. The committee first listened to a collection of the pastor candidate's sermons on CD, then interviewed her by phone, and then invited her to come to Midland to preach at a nearby Presbyterian church where the PNC could listen to her and observe her interaction with the congregation. The PNC also met with her and her husband in a more informal setting, and the couple became somewhat acquainted with our community.

After conducting a second phone interview with the candidate, it became apparent to the PNC that she was the one the Lord had selected for us.

Our pastor candidate has fifteen years' experience as a solo pastor. She completed a master's in divinity degree at Princeton University in 1995 and a doctor of ministry degree at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary in 2009. She is married to a Presbyterian minister. They have three sons; two are college graduates embarking on their careers, and the third will soon complete studies for an associate's degree.

A visit to Midland is planned for March, with an opportunity for our pastor candidate to preach on Sunday morning, March 20. There will be a reception on the afternoon of March 19, giving us all an opportunity to meet with her informally.

The March 20 service will be followed by a congregational meeting where the details of the call will be presented to the congregation. Following that, the congregation will act on the process to call her as Chapel Lane's pastor. The PNC – and the congregation too, it is believed -- looks forward to that day with much joy and anticipation!

Income and Expense for January 2011

The first month of the year always contains several "one-time" events and this year was no exception. We pay our per capita payment to the Lake Huron Presbytery in January (\$7,788), but it is budgeted over the year (\$649 per month). The same is true for insurance (\$2,729), summer city taxes, and our contribution to the Theological Education Fund. In addition, the cold weather played havoc with our utility bills. All resulted in a large-expense month. Fortunately, we also had a strong month in income, which matched our high expense rate. Available cash remained strong at \$81,877.

Income and Expense

	<u>January</u>	<u>YTD Plan</u>	<u>% of Plan</u>
Pledge Income	\$ 32,105	\$ 21,753	148%
Loose Offering	\$ 599	\$ 1,333	45%
Other Income	\$ 3,785	\$ 674	562%
Total Income	\$ 36,488	\$ 23,760	154%
Total Expense	\$ 36,718	\$ 24,785	148%

Summary of February Session Meeting

The Session met on February 8, 2011, at 7:00 p.m. in the Chapel Lane parlor. In addition to receiving the regular monthly reports from the clerk, finance and other boards, the session highlights are as follows:

- *Welcomed* interim session moderator, the Rev. Cathy Chang, and newly installed session members.
- *Reported* that during the 10:45 a.m. worship service on February 6, 2011, Cynthia Ladd was ordained and installed as an elder; previously ordained elders Ernie Caldwell, Linda Langrill, and Dan Veresh were installed; and previously ordained deacons Kerry Buell, Vicki Eden, and Nancy Vander Woude were installed.
- *Approved* the 2010 General Assembly Annual Statistical Report for Chapel Lane, which will be submitted by the clerk.
- *Approved* that unused budgeted funds that are not equity funds may not be carried over from one year to the next.
- *Reported* the need for the recruitment of a co-treasurer to work with Treasurer Bill Ewing. Announcements will be placed in the church bulletin and newsletter.
- *Discussed* the recruitment of a person or persons to change the lettering on the church sign weekly.
- *Appointed* Ernie Caldwell and Dan Veresh as session representatives to the Nominating Committee.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer at 8:50 p.m. The next stated session meeting will be at 7:00 p.m., on Tuesday, March 8.

Suz Miller
Clerk of Session

Schedule Change

Please note that on Sunday, March 20, there will be one service only, at 10:45 a.m., so that all members of the congregation can see and hear our candidate for pastor of Chapel Lane Presbyterian Church and participate in the congregational meeting, which will follow the worship service. Christian Education will occur at 9:30, its regular time.

Board of Worship



Please Note

March Usher Schedule (10:45 Service)

March 6- Clarence and Joyce Licht, Bill Ewing, Jim Wallace

March 13- The White Family; Harry, Renee, Karen, and Greg

March 20- Dan and Karen Hein, Jason and Freedom Scott

March 27- Paul and Lois Schmidt, Carl Vander Woude, Jim Wallace

Carl Vander Woude - Captain, Team One

8:30 Service Worship Leaders

March 6– Shirley McCutchen

March 13– Alice Wiltse

March 20– No Service

March 27– Dan Veresh

10:45 Service Worship Leaders

March 6 - Howard Lewis

March 13 - Dave Willing

March 20- Eldon Ault

Feb. 27 - Dan Hein

Quotes to Note:

“Toss your dashed hopes not into a trash bin but into a drawer where you are likely to rummage some bright morning.” Robert Brault

“I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go, I will counsel you and watch over you.” Psalm 32:8

Deacons Doings

Mobile Food Pantry Update



The second Mobile Food Pantry (MFP) of this year will be held on **Wednesday, March 16, 2011**, at the Coleman United Methodist Church in the community of Coleman. Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. and food distribution begins about 11 a.m. The distribution provides for provisions for 300 families. There will not be a MFP in April.

Feinstein Challenge for Food Pantries

This is the fourteenth year that the Rhode Island philanthropist, Alan Shawn Feinstein, is offering his \$1 million challenge to be shared among all participating non-profit anti-hunger agencies throughout the country from March 1 to April 30, 2011. The challenge grant will be prorated based on all cash and food donations to the Emergency Food Pantry Network and its programs during this two-month period. (Donated food items are counted at \$1 per item!) Please try to donate either money or food during the months of March and April. Our donations are given to the HELP pantry at Memorial Church which is one of the seven food pantries in the Midland County E.F.P.N. Thanks you for your caring and sharing.

Cookie Baking



Thank you to all the cookie bakers for the young adults living away from Midland. They enjoyed your baking!

Ash Wednesday Service



An Ash Wednesday service will be held on March 9 at 7 p.m. in the Chapel Lane sanctuary. The Rev. George Gillette will officiate.

Ash Wednesday, as you probably know, is the first day of Lent and occurs 46 days (40 days not counting Sundays) before Easter. It derives its name from the practice of placing ashes in the sign of the cross on the foreheads of congregants as a sign of repentance. The ashes used at Chapel Lane are made from the palms from previous years' Palm Sundays. We hope you will join us on this solemn occasion. Communion will be served.

The Board of Worship

Wednesday Evening Worship Ten Years Old

The leaders of the Wednesday Evening Worship service are pleased to note that 2011 is their tenth year to bring a 7 p.m., mid-week worship service to the members of Chapel Lane and the Midland community. The service follows an upbeat, nontraditional format that provides a warm, welcoming, somewhat informal environment to worshippers. Communion is served on the first Wednesday of each month as part of a service of healing in which worshippers gather around the communion table to commune and pray for healing for themselves and others. Each week's service is followed by an optional Bible study, at 8 p.m. All are enthusiastically invited to attend both the worship service and the Bible study.

Check It Out: Take A Walk!

Look for these in the Chapel Lane Library.

A Walk to Remember (FICTION)- a “tear-jerker” love story by Nicholas Sparks
Walking Across Egypt-(FICTION VIDEO/DVD)- a spunky 78-year old woman, a teen-aged “delinquent” and a stray dog meet in a small N.C. town– story by Clyde Edgerton

Walking on Water: Reflections on Faith and Art (248.2) by Madeleine L’Engle
Walking Through the Waters: Biblical Reflections For Families of Cancer Patients (173) by Nancy Regensburger

Walking With Frodo: a Devotional Journey Through The Lord of the Rings (Y242) by Sarah Arthur

The Lame Man Who Walked Again (J220)- Jesus’ forgiveness and healing–Arch Book

Three Men Who Walked in a Fire (J220)- Shadrach, Meshack, and Abednego– Arch Book

Who Walk Alone (921LAN)- a young American with leprosy lives in a leper colony for twenty-five years– a biography by Perry Burgess

Sue Lane
Librarian

Afternoon Ladies' Circle

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The afternoon ladies’ circle will have its seventh study of sections of the *Book of Revelation* on Wednesday, March 16, 2011, in the church library. We will meet from 12:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. **Everyone is welcome!** Please call Sally Ann Sutton at 835-2428 if you need more information.

Monday Evening Circle

The Monday Evening Circle will meet on Monday, March 7, at the home of Nancy VandeWoude, 5800 Lamplighter. We will do lesson 7 this month. We are always glad to have more women join us in this study. If you have any questions, contact Winona Willing - 631-2858.

Thank You

The family of “Curt” Kelly would like to thank the members of Chapel Lane for their prayers, cards, visits, and food during our time of sorrow. The love and support shown by everyone has been greatly appreciated and will always be remembered.

Thank you to everyone who supported me in the Bowl-a-thon fundraiser for Special Olympics Midland - Area 30.

Alex Brown



Birthdays



- 1 Lisa Ermak
- 1 Dallas Myers
- 2 John Fraser
- 3 Miles Breneman
- 4 Juliana Dahl
- 4 Hugh Bennett
- 5 Michael Gott
- 6 Douglas Noveroske
- 6 Linda Gagne
- 6 Robert Chapin
- 7 Marjorie Ewing
- 9 Rosa Miller
- 10 Chris Cull
- 10 Christina Timms
- 11 Nicholas Hodge
- 12 Zack Ahmed
- 13 Beth Hynds
- 13 Susan Skiendziel
- 14 Jacob Willing
- 15 Maeanna Jozwiak Stover
- 17 Molly Young
- 18 Daniel Veresh
- 18 Zoe Elizabeth Dull
- 18 Catherine Horning
- 21 Addison Kozelouzek
- 22 Charlene Marcus
- 23 Bonnie Stark
- 23 Mary Hinson
- 24 Sam Longlet
- 25 Justine Brown
- 26 John Hinson
- 26 Clarence Licht
- 26 Justin Hodge
- 27 Linda Langrill
- 28 Tony Theobald
- 30 Emilia Teed
- 31 Martha Northrup
- 31 Barbara Markel
- 31 Cynthia Ladd

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