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

Modern Technology Is No Match for the Holy Spirit: God's Covenant Love at Work

"God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them."

(1 John 4:16)

To my Chapel Lane family of faith,

Online dating: there's a concept I never thought would take the world by storm. If you had told me 20 years ago that, by 2011, half the couples I married would "meet online," I would have been hard pressed to believe you. And yet, it's true. A growing number of couples find each other through online dating services and—perhaps because they've been "matched" by common interests, hobbies, passions, beliefs—they're often quite compatible.

While this phenomenon originally seemed like an anomaly to me, I've realized that online dating is a relatively safe and viable way to find a life partner. You begin by making an honest assessment of yourself, listing the qualities you would bring to a relationship. You then discern what qualities you would be looking for in a partner. You register with a dating site and the matching begins.

Early on, I was suspect of this form of dating because it seemed sterile to me. Those of you who have met me no doubt have figured out that I'm a bit of an extrovert. My children, when younger, used to be embarrassed to shop with me because I would always strike up conversations with strangers. I like people. So the idea of being matched to someone from afar "by a computer" was a challenge to my idea of natural human interaction (much less my concept of courtship). I liked the image of people meeting spontaneously and sensing that "spark," as it's often called, when they emotionally connect with someone. To have that initial contact happen over the internet seemed way too remote or objective for my romantic heart to embrace.

But then I felt the nudging of the Spirit to entertain a new call in ministry. The beginning of that process is to register online with the Church Leadership Connection (CLC) of our denomination, making an honest assessment of yourself as a person and as a pastor, highlighting your gifts, skills and passions for ministry, and discerning what qualities you would be looking for in a congregation. *How much more like online dating could this be!*

After preparing a Personal Information Form, you begin to search the CLC for churches you believe would be a good match—or you let the computer at the CLC handle this part of the process for you—and then you begin to "date" some Pastor Nominating Committees. Usually, there is a good deal of information sharing involved and then you try a phone interview to see whether or not you "hit it off."

As lighthearted as I may make this sound, I confess that I do believe the Holy Spirit to be hard at work in this process, and I trust that our pastors and congregations are drawn together by the hand of God. I also like to think that we do feel a "spark" of *agape love* when a spiritual bond is made between us. And so, while the process may feel sterile at first, once the Spirit's presence becomes evident, a relationship of some years is not hard to

imagine. Needless to say, I am delighted that the Spirit has been at work in us—even if our relationship started out with what felt like a denominational variety of online dating! Carl Vander Woude has shared with you a bit of why the PNC chose me. I thought I should tell you what caught me early on about Chapel Lane. I was immediately struck by your passion for ministry, particularly in the areas of worship, education, mission and discipleship. I was moved by your engaging forms of worship (and was “smitten” with the sanctuary upon my visit in October!). I found your focus on Christian education, and your love for every one of God’s children, to be inspiring. I loved hearing the PNC tell stories about the church’s mission trips and camp weeks and music events. And I felt my spirit leap when I heard of the many ways that your faith has grown through shared experiences, both “in house” and “out in the mission field” of Midland and beyond. All this, and more, is why I “chose you.”

I look forward to exploring opportunities for growing in the Lord together and I am delighted that the Spirit has “matched” us well. My family and I are excitedly anticipating our move to Midland. We’ve gone from counting the months to counting the weeks—and soon we will be counting the days!

May the blessings of the Spirit be with us all,

Pastor Rhonda

Music News

MAY MUSIC SCHEDULE for 10:45 a.m. Worship!	
<p>Children’s Choir & Chimes! Thursday, May 5: Rehearsal & year-end choir party! Sunday, May 8: MUSIC SUNDAY & WE SING & RING! May 12, 19, 26: Rehearsal for camp musical!</p>	<p>Youth Choir & Handbells! Sunday, May 1: Final Rehearsals Sunday, May 8: MUSIC SUNDAY & WE SING & RING! Sunday, May 15: SENIOR LUNCH for Kelsey!! All should attend!</p>
<p>Adult Handbells! Rehearsals continue through May! Sunday, May 8: MUSIC SUNDAY We Ring! Sunday, June 5: We Ring!</p>	<p>Adult Chancel Choir 10:00 a.m. Rehearsal on May 8 for Music Sunday! Rehearsals and singing EVERY Sunday through June 5! NO CHOIR on Sunday, May 29!</p>



Summer Camp! – By now all children/teens should have received their camp packs of registration materials in the mail OR their church mail box! If not, please let Kamp Karen know! Also, ALL materials can be downloaded off the website. ALL staff has been hired and is listed on the camp bulletin board. Check the board often for up-to-date information on “who’s coming to camp”!



Chicago 2011! All children/teens of Chapel Lane!! Please make sure July 7-10 is on your calendar for our Funtastic Youth Trip! A packet of registration materials will be in your mail box soon!

Lyric Opera of Chicago Is Coming to Chapel Lane!

Yes, you read that correctly! This month's GROVE Festival concert is featuring an Opera duo from Lyric Opera, directly from Chicago's stage and right here with us! "Grove Music Festival presented its first all-vocal concert last May, to a crowd that kept demanding more. The festival is delighted to present a return performance by Angela Mannino, soprano, Paul Corona, bass-baritone, and William Billingham, piano. Both singers recently completed the Opera Center program at Lyric Opera of Chicago.



"Angela Mannino made her Met debut in Alban Berg's *Lulu*, and sang roles this summer at Wolf Trap and Opera Grand Rapids. She returns to Wolf Trap this summer to sing Colombina in *The Curious Women*. Paul Corona sang the role of the Physician in Debussy's *Pelléas et Mélisande* at the Met in the 2010-11 season. Last summer he had roles in *Marriage of Figaro* at Ravinia and *La Fanciulla del West* at Lyric.

"William Billingham has served as an assistant conductor for Lyric Opera of Chicago since 1995, working with many of the world's leading opera singers and conductors. He holds degrees from the Oberlin Conservatory, the Peabody Conservatory, and the University of Southern California. Dr. Billingham started his opera career in Germany as a repetitor in the opera houses of Heidelberg and Düsseldorf."

The music starts at 8 p.m. Friday, May 13, at Chapel Lane.
Tickets are \$10 at the door for adults and \$5.00 for students.

Christian Education Happenings

Sunday School Scheduling

The R.O.C.K. and the High School Sunday School Class will not meet on Sunday, May 8, due to the large number of participants who will be needed to prepare for Music Sunday. All Sunday morning education classes meet for the final time this year on May 22. Most Christian Education programs will suspend for the duration of the summer. The Wednesday Night Bible Study will continue to meet. Thank you so much to the teachers, leaders and participants who make these programs possible!

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. Contact Johanna Jozwiak for more information.

Health Kits!

The Youth Group will once again be collecting Personal Health Kits for local families in need. There is information and a collection bin in the office wing corridor, next to Chrissy's office. Please help the Youth with this important mission project!



The Library Forum is led by a rotating group of class members. They use curriculum from *The Present Word*. They are continuing their spring unit.

The Parlor Forum continues to look at the Nooma series of videos and discussion on great questions of faith.

Vacation Bible School 2011

July 25 – 29 (Save the dates!)

This year, we will be embarking on an Island Odyssey! Make sure to mark these dates on your calendar and keep watching for more information to come.

Help Wanted:

VBS Decorating Committee is now forming. Island Odyssey lends itself to great decorating possibilities, and help is needed to make Chapel Lane look like an island paradise! If you're interested in helping, contact Chrissy Westbury. No great crafting skills necessary!

Special Need for VBS: We need an enthusiastic volunteer to lead our decorating committee. Talent with a paintbrush is helpful, but not necessarily required! Please let Chrissy know if you can help with this.

Youth Group

May 21 - Once again we will be heading out to the Mulberry Lane apartment complex to plant flowers. This is a great project to be of service to our community as well as to a church member, AND it's a great fundraiser for CHICAGO! We'll be starting at 9:00 a.m. and working until we're done! There will be lunch provided, and at the end of the afternoon, we will jump in their (indoor) pool to cool off!

May 22 - End-of-the-year trip to KOKOMO'S!! We'll head out right after church, and have some food and fun. They have laser tag, arcade games, bumper cars, and a whole lot more!

Income and Expense for March 2011

Both income and expense were below plan for the month, but we lost some ground as income was down more than the expense side. Fortunately we are still ahead of planned income for the year. Each board's expenses were below plan. With some of our one-time expenses already behind us, we will see the difference between income and expense narrow. Our available funds position is at \$65,748. It will be important for us all to maintain our payments against pledge, especially through the coming summer months.

		<u>Income</u>			
		YTD	YTD	% of	
	<u>March</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Plan</u>	<u>Plan</u>	
Pledge Income	\$ 16,894	\$ 68,559	\$ 65,259	105%	
Loose Offering	\$ 1,090	\$ 2,429	\$ 4,000	61%	
Other Income	\$ 500	\$ 4,750	\$ 2,022	235%	
Total Income	\$ 18,483	\$ 75,738	\$ 71,281	106%	
		<u>Expense</u>			
Total Expense	\$ 21,248	\$ 90,640	\$ 74,354	122%	

Quotes to Note:

“But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.” Hebrews 11:6

“If you have a mom, there is nowhere you are likely to go where a prayer has not already been.” Robert Brault

“For I know the thoughts that I think towards you, says the LORD, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope.” Jeremiah 29:11

Summary of April Session Meeting

The Session met on April 12 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:

- *Discussed* the need for a church Finance Committee.
- *Reported* that the Stewards' "Spring Clean-up" is scheduled for Saturday, May 14, or May 21 if it needs to be rescheduled.
- *Reported* that church volunteers making Prayer Shawls and Quilts of Valor need additional funding for material and mailing costs. In addition, more funding is needed for cookie mailing costs. Donations will be sought.
- *Reported* that Leon Crossman is seeking 1 or 2 volunteers to help with the Stewardship Drive in the fall, with the hope that the volunteers will lead the Stewardship Drive in 2012.
- *Reported* that the paper calendar of events in the office will be replaced by the website calendar on May 1.
- *Reported* that the 2011 Nominating Committee membership is as follows: Ernie Caldwell and Dan Veresh (Session Representatives); Sally Ann Sutton (Deacon Representative); and Carol Brown, Steve Humphrey, Carol Ostergren, and Winona Willing (Members-at-Large).
- *Reported* that there will be a breakfast for the Confirmation Class and Session members on Sunday morning, May 22.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer at 9:15 p.m. The next stated session meeting will be at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 10.

Suz Miller
Clerk of Session

One Great Hour of Sharing



Thank you for your support of this vital program as it impacts people at home and around the world. Financial figures will be published next month.

Please Note

8:30 Service Worship Leaders

May 1: Carol Jacobs
May 8: No early service
May 15: Bob McGee
May 22: Howard Lewis

10:45 Service Worship Leaders

May 1: Kathy Dahl
May 8: Carl Vander Woude
May 15: David Skiendziel
May 22: Clark Pashby
May 29: Chris Pashby

May Usher Schedule (10:45 Service)

May 1: Tom and Karen Adams, Eldon and Marian Ault
May 8: Clyde and Shirley Babcock, Brad and Trish Martin
May 15: Tom and Karen Adams, Doug Frame, Ron Hynds
May 22: Doug Frame, Ron Hynds, Duncan and Leslie Stuart
May 29: Eldon and Marian Ault, Clyde and Shirley Babcock

(Please note: on May 29 we begin the 9:30 service for the summer)

Schedule Notes

On Music Sunday/Mother's Day, May 8, there will be one service only, at 10:45 a.m. Sunday School remains unchanged, at 9:30 a.m.

On May 29, we revert to our summer schedule, with one service, at 9:30 a.m., through the summer months.

Deacons' Doings

Highlights of March 2011 Meeting of the Board of Deacons

The Board of Deacons met on Tuesday, March 22 at 7:00 p.m. in the church library.

1. New guidelines for the prayer list will be in effect beginning Sunday, March 27. Changes are explained in the March newsletter and in upcoming worship guides. The prayer request cards have additional information stamped on them.
2. The Mobile Food Pantry on March 16, 2011, in Coleman served 171 families which represented 516 people. The next MFP is scheduled for Thursday, May 19 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Midland.
3. Approximately 20 church members receive cards each month as part of the Deacons' card ministry.
4. The disbursements from February 21 until March 17, 2011 include the following: \$500 for 1Q11 Emergency Relief to Pure Water for the World in Haiti; \$3,250 for 1Q11 General Mission to Presbytery of Lake Huron; \$854.95 for Pastor's Emergency Fund Expenses; \$22 for congregational lunch expenses refunded to Carolyn Cole; \$1,000 for five scholarships for the June summer youth camp; \$220.75 for the July Chicago youth trip; and \$236.91 for 2-Coins-A-Meal for January and February to Presbytery of Lake Huron.

The next meeting of the Board of Deacons will be April 26 at 7:00 p.m.

Mobile Food Pantry



The third Mobile Food Pantry (MFP) of this year will on Thursday, May 19, at Trinity Lutheran Church on Jefferson Avenue in Midland. Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. and food distribution begins about 11:00 a.m. The distribution provides for provisions for 300 families.

Presbyterian Women Spring Gathering

Flowers, potluck meals...Presbyterian Women Spring Gathering!

Monday, May 16 6:30 p.m.

Join your friends when the Chapel Lane Presbyterian Women's organization meets on Monday, May 16, for an evening of delicious food, flower arranging and fellowship. Erlene Carmody, who works at Village Flowers and Gifts in Gladwin, will show us how to arrange flowers into a professional-looking centerpiece, including giving us hints on how to care for flowers to make them last longer. Flowers, vases, and greenery will be provided for a small fee.

We will begin the evening with a potluck dinner. Bring one of your favorite dishes. Put a copy of the recipe on the PW bulletin board in the foyer by May 8, and we will make a booklet of all the recipes to hand out on May 16.

PW is bringing back its popular program of SUMMER FRIENDS. We will draw names to participate in the SUMMER FRIENDS program during the summer months when you will call your friend just to say "Hi!" or perhaps send a card to let your friend know you are thinking of her. A reminder magnet will be provided to put on your refrigerator. If you can't attend the May 16 program, but would like to participate in the SUMMER FRIENDS program, let us know, and your name will be added to the list. In the fall, PW will hold a barbecue party to show our appreciation for our SUMMER FRIENDS. The party will be held at the home of Winona Willing, 216 Morning Meadow Way, on Monday, September 12 at 6:30 p.m.

For reservations for the May 16 program, sign up on the PW bulletin board in the foyer. We're looking forward to seeing YOU on Monday, May 16, at 6:30 p.m. for food, flowers and fellowship! All women of Chapel Lane are welcome. Bring a friend!

Add the events for May 16 and September 12 to your calendar now!

Presbyterian Women Board

Winona Willing

Erlene Carmody

Nancy Graves

Nancy Frederixon

Check It Out

A book that was recently donated to our library is *Halftime: Changing Your Game Plan From Success to Significance* by Bob Buford (248). It is the personal true story of a successful entrepreneur who, in middle age, stops to evaluate his vision and purpose in life. He discovers that "success" isn't everything he wants.

The book explains how to transition into fulfillment as a committed Christian layperson, using God's gifts. The author tells about ways to serve society and have a rewarding personal life... a life of value and satisfaction. These goals are worthwhile at any age!

Sue Haske Lane
Librarian

Afternoon Ladies' Circle

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The afternoon ladies' circle will have its ninth study of sections of the *Book of Revelation* on Wednesday, May 18, in the church library. We will meet from 12:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. This will be our last meeting until September when we will begin a new study. **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, May 2, at the home of Erlene Carmody, 2007 Wilmington. We will do lesson 9 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.

Prayer List

Changes in the prayer concerns underlined below.

Prayer Concerns for the month:

For All Our Military and Law Enforcement Personnel, especially:

All Chaplains; **Parker Buell**, Anchorage, Alaska; **Cory King**, Fort Knox; Timothy, MaryLouise & Larry Adams' grandson; Marc Hildebrandt, Virginia; Isaac Jensen, injuries while on duty in Iraq; Jenny, Brenda Novak's friend; Sarah Stube Mowery, Qatar; Ray and Chris Nelson, Ida Nelson's son and grandson; Stephen Papesh, Afghanistan; Dustin Risk, Afghanistan, Susan Hillman's nephew; Chief Martin Thompson, USN, Vickie Irving's son; Ben Weymouth, Vander Woudes' grandson in Coast Guard; Timm Dopp, Afghanistan, nephew of Johanna & Wayne Stover

For All Missionaries, especially:

Martin family in Alaska; Alice Winters in Colombia; Rev. Sigita and family in Lithuania; **Stephanie Starch**, Peace Corps, the Gambia; Medical mission in Haiti.







*The bold type represents a Chapel Lane member.

Birthdays



- 1 Jenee Witherspoon
- 5 Katelyn Greiman
- 7 Al Collins
- 9 George Lane
- 10 Megan McGee
- 10 Diane Hobson
- 10 Margaret Marshall
- 14 Marian Ault
- 15 Michelle McGee
- 16 Florence Goethe
- 16 Frank Roenicke
- 17 Lois Schmidt
- 17 Marie Chapin
- 18 Norm Ott
- 18 Tom Rouech
- 19 Dave Noveroske
- 21 Jean Crockett
- 22 Ernie Caldwell
- 23 Alton Adams
- 23 Eugene Down
- 25 Martha Atwood
- 26 Amy Boulis

MAY 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 8:30 AM <u>Worship</u> 9:00 AM <u>Health Kit Collections</u> 9:30 AM <u>Christian Education</u> 10:45 AM <u>Worship</u> 12:00 PM <u>Youth Bells/Choir</u>	2 6:30 PM <u>Evening Circle</u>	3 7:00 PM <u>Worship Board</u>	4 5:00 PM <u>Stewards</u> 6:00 PM <u>Biggest Loser Nutrition</u> 7:00 PM <u>Worship</u> 8:00 PM <u>Bible Study</u>	5 1:00 PM <u>Bible Study</u> 4:00 PM <u>Children's Choir</u> 5:45 PM <u>Adult Bells</u> 7:00 PM <u>AA Meeting</u> 7:00 PM <u>Chancel Choir</u>	6	7 9:00 AM <u>Biggest Loser Nutrition Class</u> 10:00 AM <u>Music Sunday Rehearsal!</u>
 8 Mother's Day 9:30 AM <u>Christian Education</u> 10:45 AM <u>Worship - MUSIC SUNDAY!</u> 7:00 PM <u>Studio Recital</u>	9	10 7:00 PM <u>Midland Computer Club Board</u> 7:00 PM <u>Session</u>	11 12:45 PM <u>Quilting Bees</u> 6:00 PM <u>Biggest Loser Nutrition Class</u> 7:00 PM <u>Worship</u> 8:00 PM <u>Bible Study</u>	12 1:00 PM <u>Bible Study</u> 4:00 PM <u>Children's Choir</u> 7:00 PM <u>AA Meeting</u> 7:00 PM <u>Chancel Choir</u>	 13 9:00 AM <u>Piano Tuning</u> 8:00 PM <u>Grove Music Festival!</u>	14 9:00 AM <u>Biggest Loser Nutrition Class</u> 9:00 AM <u>Spring Clean-up</u>
15 8:30 AM <u>Worship</u> 9:30 AM <u>Christian Education</u> 10:45 AM <u>Worship</u> 3:00 PM <u>Studio Recital</u> 7:00 PM <u>Eagle Scout Court of Honor</u>	16 6:30 PM <u>Open Door</u> 6:30 PM <u>Presbyterian Women</u> 7:15 PM <u>Tall-in-the-Saddle</u>	17 10:00 AM <u>Sit and Sew</u> 5:30 PM <u>BoPOM</u> 6:30 PM <u>BOCE</u> 7:00 PM <u>CHR Stock Club</u> 7:00 PM <u>Court of Honor</u>	18 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE! 12:30 PM <u>Afternoon Circle</u> 6:00 PM <u>Biggest Loser Nutrition Class</u> 7:00 PM <u>Worship</u> 8:00 PM <u>Bible Study</u>	19 1:00 PM <u>Bible Study</u> 4:00 PM <u>Children's Choir</u> 7:00 PM <u>AA Meeting</u> 7:00 PM <u>Chancel Choir</u>	20	 21 Children's Fellowship! 9:00 AM <u>Biggest Loser Nutrition Class</u> 9:00 AM <u>Youth Flower Planting</u>
 22 8:30 AM <u>Worship</u> 9:30 AM <u>Christian Education</u> 9:30 AM <u>Confirmation Breakfast</u> 10:45 AM <u>CONFIRMATION SERVICE!</u> 12:00 PM <u>Youth to Kokomo's</u>	23	24 7:00 PM <u>Deacons</u>	25 12:45 PM <u>Quilting Bees</u> 6:00 PM <u>Biggest Loser Nutrition Class</u> 7:00 PM <u>Worship</u> 8:00 PM <u>Bible Study</u>	26 1:00 PM <u>Bible Study</u>	27	28 9:00 AM <u>Biggest Loser Nutrition Class</u>
 29 9:30 AM <u>Worship</u>	 30 MEMORIAL DAY <u>Office Closed</u>	31 <u>Office Administrator on vacation</u>	1 <u>Office Administrator on vacation</u> 5:00 PM <u>Stewards</u> 6:00 PM <u>Biggest Loser Nutrition Class</u> 7:00 PM <u>Worship</u> 8:00 PM <u>Bible Study</u>	2 <u>Office Administrator on vacation</u> 1:00 PM <u>Bible Study</u>	3 <u>Office Administrator on vacation</u>	4 9:00 AM <u>Biggest Loser Nutrition Class</u> 12:00 PM <u>Daileen Adams: OPEN HOUSE</u>