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

A New Thing

*“They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and fellowship,
to the breaking of bread and the prayers.” (Acts 2:42)*

To my fellow disciples in Christ,

As you may have noticed, the Acts of the Apostles features prominently in our lectionary right now. Acts 2 finds the disciples of Jesus experiencing the joy of a new thing. The church is blossoming. New converts are joining the ranks day by day. A community of faith is emerging from what was, just a short time before, a loose movement of followers. Energy and passion are growing by leaps and bounds. And the members of the church are increasingly awestruck at the power of the Holy Spirit in their midst.

Believing themselves blessed to be part of this new thing, the people of *The Way*, as John calls them, confidently make a commitment to Christ, including a considerable financial commitment. The disciples sell off their possessions and, pooling their resources, give generously to others so that everyone’s needs are met.

The growth in the church and the sacrificial sharing of its members are the result of a radical change in the lives of believers, who faithfully respond to the gospel of Jesus Christ. With glad and generous hearts (2:46), these believers welcome a particular set of practices that are said to “mark” an authentic church. These practices, or “disciplines,” are not ranked by importance in the scripture. Rather, the Spirit weaves them together, taking a rather haphazard group of followers and building a church.

The first of these disciplines is a devotion to scripture. We are encouraged to do more than just listen as the Bible is read at worship. The call upon our hearts is to dwell richly in Scripture, welcoming a holy encounter with the Living Word. I hope we will make a “habit” of engaging the gospel and cooperating with the Spirit as we seek to be empowered for ministry together.

Luke reports that the early church devoted itself to Christian “fellowship” through the nurture of relationships; this practice is one that benefits the church at all times. Our fellowship includes, but is not limited to, a focus on hospitality and a commitment to working side by side in witness to the gospel. Just as personal relationships grow through prayerful conversation and time shared with one another, faith relationships grow in much the same manner. May we seek to grow with God and with one another as we participate in fellowship opportunities of all shapes and sizes.

It is clear that Christians grow in energy and passion through the movement of the Spirit at worship. What’s more, we grow in spiritual intimacy as we gather with one another for prayer, study and service. And our fellowship continues at the table where we “break the bread” of sacrifice and, giving thanks to God for the gift of grace, offer up our own sacrificial gift of devotion to Christ. Just as the early church grew in number and strength through the believers’ commitment to the Lord, including a commitment to “the prayers,” so will our church grow through devotion to our Lord. To that end, I hope that we can covenant to be partners in prayer and companions in joy.

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Friends, a new thing is happening at the Chapel Lane Presbyterian Church. I am grateful—and excited—for the opportunity to work with you and walk beside you in service to our Lord. I hope you feel much the same way. As we embark on a new era in ministry, I pray that we will work to uphold the practices of an Acts 2 church, all the while celebrating with joy as God grows our spirits deep and wide and enriches our community with faith, hope, inspiration and love. And, like the early church, may we be increasingly awestruck at the power of the Holy Spirit in our midst.

With thanksgiving for the welcome of this community,
Pastor Rhonda

Music News

THE MUSIC PROGRAM IS ON HIATUS until after Labor Day. A huge “thank you” to all of the dedicated musicians who gave of their time and talents this past year; ringing, singing or playing an instrument!! See you again in **fall 2011**.

PIANO LESSONS FOR CHILDREN

If you have a child who will be in 2nd grade or older in fall 2011 and would be interested in learning to play the piano, we will be starting a new “group Lesson” in the Fall at Chapel Lane on Mondays from 4:30 – 5:30 p.m. Lessons are offered by 15-week semesters and are \$10.00 per lesson. (Youth lessons are offered on Sunday afternoons following the youth choirs!) Please see Karen Graef to save a spot for your future pianist!



Christian Education Happenings

SUMMER CAMP 2011



Hopefully your camper is already registered for this fun week of camp, June 12 – 17 in Gaylord, MI. If not, there's still room for you and you can still register (\$25.00 late fee). If you have questions or need any camp forms, please visit the camp website at: chapellane.org or see Karen Graef.

CHICAGO 2011



This youth incentive trip will take place July 7 – 10. By the end of May you will receive your total points (up until May 31), opportunities for **more** points through June and a notice telling you that a \$50.00 (non-refundable) deposit is due by June 10. This covers our non-refundable costs should you need to cancel. If you have earned a “**free trip**” this will be refunded to you after we have returned from the trip. Questions? Ask Karen Graef.

CAMP AND RETREAT OPPORTUNITIES

In addition to the fabulous C.A.M.P. that Chapel Lane offers the children each summer, there are numerous other opportunities offered through the presbytery for camping and retreats for all ages. If you are interested in learning more about these opportunities, contact Chrissy Westbury.

LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

There are always opportunities for people who would like to be more actively involved in the Christian Education activities at Chapel Lane. If you have an interest in leading an adult Bible study, helping out with the Youth, or teaching a Sunday School Class, or if you have ideas for new courses of study, please contact Chrissy Westbury, Director of Christian Education.

A BIG THANK YOU

To all of our Sunday School teachers, Youth leaders and Bible Study leaders. You have made this year one to remember! Teacher Appreciation Sunday is June 6. Make sure to join us in celebrating the teachers and leaders who make our programs possible, especially: *Carol Brown, Renee White, Al Collins, Lorie Ermak, Tina Jacobs, Chris Pashby, Kathy Rightor, Holly Roenicke, Sarah Wildfong, Cathy Starch, Johanna Jozwiak, Sally Ann Sutton, Ed Rightor, Clarence Licht, Howard Lewis, Ann Moe, Fran Martin, Ben Fortin, Suz Miller, and Deb Cull*

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.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

It will be a week-long celebration as we sing, play, craft, listen, laugh and learn our way to a life-long friendship with Jesus.



Where: Chapel Lane Presbyterian Church

When: July 25-29, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon

Who: Age 3 through those entering 6th grade

Questions? Call 631-2081 (church office) or e-mail education@chapellane.org

To register, complete a registration form (available in the kiosk at www.chapellane.org) and return it to:

Chapel Lane Presbyterian Church
5501 Jefferson Ave., Midland, MI 48640

HELP WANTED:

Energetic, fun-loving team needed to lead the fun this year at VBS! We need helpers before, during and after VBS. If you'd like to help, please fill out a volunteer form (can be found in the kiosk or on the website at www.chapellane.org) and drop it in Chrissy's mailbox outside the church office.

Questions? Call or e-mail Chrissy at 631-2081 or education@chapellane.org.

Income and Expense for April 2011

April was a lower-expense month, and income was slightly slower as well. But we have maintained our income vs. budget year-to-date. The earlier heavy expenses are behind us and we will see some gain, but we will also have higher expenses in connection with the move of Pastor Rhonda. Part of this will be offset by some earlier accruals. Our available funds position improved to \$68,724. 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	\$ 18,701	\$ 87,260	\$ 87,012	100%
Loose Offering	\$ 1,783	\$ 4,212	\$ 5,333	79%
Other Income	\$ 1,087	\$ 5,837	\$ 2,696	217%
Total Income	\$ 21,571	\$ 97,309	\$ 95,041	102%
		<u>Expense</u>		
Total Expense	\$ 18,292	\$ 108,933	\$ 99,139	110%

Quotes to Note:

"I call on you, O God, for you will answer me; give ear to me and hear my prayer." Psalm 17:6

"A life without love is like a year without summer." Swedish proverb

Summary of May Session Meeting

The Session met on May 10, 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:

- *Called for a Special Session Meeting* on May 22, at 9:30 a.m. The purpose of the meeting is to share breakfast with the confirmation class; receive their Statements of Faith as part of their final examination; and to approve the confirmands as active members of Chapel Lane Presbyterian Church.
- *Reported* that Carol Jacobs and Barbara Pettersson have volunteered to serve as Chapel Lane's co-treasurers beginning on January 1, 2012. In July, the future co-treasurers will begin training with Bill Ewing, the current treasurer.
- *Reported* that Kate Mass has volunteered to assist Leon Crossman, chair of the 2011 Stewardship Campaign, and to serve as campaign chair in 2012. There is a need for additional volunteers to help this year, and to assist Kate in 2012.
- *Discussed* the boards or persons responsible for the upkeep and update of the church's bulletin boards.
- *Appointed* Linda Langrill to serve as the coordinator for board and personal welcome event plans for the arrival of the Rev. Dr. Rhonda Myers. This is to avoid duplication of effort.
- Honored and thanked the Rev. Cathy Chang for moderating session's stated session meetings from February through May.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer at 9:45 p.m. The next stated session meeting will be at 7:00 p.m., on Tuesday, June 14.

Suz Miller
Clerk of Session

Help Needed for Stewardship Drive

There is a (great) need for a third person to work on the fall Stewardship drive. We are moving to a **Learn – Assist – Lead**

arraignment to ensure consistency year to year for the fall Stewardship drive. The added role will also give new insight as to how the campaign can be "freshened" over time.

If you have an interest or any questions about this role, please call Leon Crossman at 631-9008 or send an e-mail to pldcross@aol.com.



Please Note

June Usher Schedule (9:30 Service)

June 5: Bill and Erlene Carmody, David and Susan Skiendziel

June 12: Francis and Betty Martin, Ingrid Schwartz and Barry Moyer

June 19: The Summer Camp Youth

June 26: Sandy and Suz Miller, Carolyn Cole and Barry Moyer

Worship Leaders

June 5: Carl VanderWoude

June 12: Gary Breneman

June 19: Ernie Caldwell

June 26: Doug Frame

Deacons' Doings

Highlights of April 2011 Meeting of the Board of Deacons

The Board of Deacons met on Tuesday, April 26, at 7:00 p.m. in the church library.

1. Kerry Buell reported that the One Great Hour of Sharing offering totals \$1,669.00 as of April 25. The offering will be collected for one more Sunday.
2. The next Mobile Food Pantry will be on Thursday, May 19, at Trinity Lutheran Church in Midland.
3. The Mobile Food Pantry on June 15, at North Midland Family Center is being sponsored by Chapel Lane. The \$600.00 cost is being provided from the Deacons' annual budget. Anyone who wishes to work as a volunteer is encouraged to contact Sally Ann Sutton. Out youth will be at summer camp.
4. Carolyn Cole, Tom Kennedy, Joan Frame, and Dan Veresh plan to attend the Stephen's Ministry Orientation workshop on May 7 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Midland Evangelical Free Church. The cost of \$15.00 per person will be paid from the Member-In-Mission-Budget account.
5. Tom Kennedy will be attending the Stephen's Ministry Advanced Training workshop in Pennsylvania this summer. Trinity Lutheran is paying about 2/3 of the cost; our share will be paid from the Member-In-Mission Budget account.
6. The disbursements from March 18 until April 22 include the following: \$225.00 for O2Q11 Emergency Food Pantry Network; \$250.00 for O2Q11 Midland Area Homes; \$581.00 for PEF expenses from budget account; and \$180.21 for PEF expenses from equity account.

The next meeting of the Board of Deacons will be May 24 at 7:00 p.m.

Unique Item Donated to Medical Library

A lift seat has been donated to the church's medical supplies lending library that is maintained by the Board of Deacons. The **lift seat with elastic controls** is attached to a stationary chair. When the seat is operated to allow a person to rise or to sit with minimal effort, the chair to which the seat is attached remains stationary. Our library of supplies is available to anyone in our church family as well as to your friends in the community. The medical lending library is located in a room adjacent to the kitchen; a book on the lower shelf in the room is used for recording the lending on the honor system. Supplies may be borrowed for the length of time of the need. If you have any questions, please contact Betty Martin or Sally Ann Sutton.

Toni and Trish House

The Toni and Trish House in Auburn is a residence for the care of the terminally ill. The house is known for the emotional and spiritual support given by the volunteer caregivers to their guests and their guests' families. **Free "Come and See" tours** are being offered on a Thursday morning and a Sunday afternoon during one week of each month. The Thursday morning tour from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. is scheduled for June 16, July 21, or August 18. The Sunday afternoon tour from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. is scheduled for June 19, July 17, or August 21. The tour offers the opportunity to see the house, to meet the volunteer caregivers, and to observe first-hand the love and kindness that guests receive while they are in the house. Since space is limited on each tour, please RSVP by phone to JoAnne Johnston at 989-662-6092 or by e-mail to jojowillie43@gmail.com.

One Great Hour of Sharing



Thank you for your generous support of the One Great Hour of Sharing special offering received around Easter. Your gifts totaled \$1,788.51. Prior contributions made it possible for PDA to respond to the tornadoes in Alabama and Mississippi and to the areas of flooding along the mighty Mississippi River. Please keep these people in your thoughts and prayers.

Update on the Proposed Amendments



As you may know, the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (USA) consists of two documents – the *Book of Order* and the *Book of Confessions*. Currently, our denomination is in the process of considering changes to the first of these, the *Book of Order*, and adding an additional confession to the *Book of Confessions*. These changes were approved by commissioners to last year's General Assembly. However, before the changes can be formally adopted, they must be voted on by all of the church's 173 presbyteries. To be ratified, each of the changes to the *Book of Order* must receive affirmative votes in 87 presbyteries. To be ratified, the addition to the *Book of Confessions* requires affirmative votes in 116 presbyteries.



In December, commissioners to the meeting of our presbytery, the Presbytery of Lake Huron, voted on 15 proposed amendments to the *Book of Order*. Chapel Lane's commissioner, Steve Humphrey, appointed by the Session, joined with other commissioners and pastors to cast individual votes on each of the items. (Please note: "commissioners" are not "representatives." They do not "represent" the churches where they are members. Instead, they vote their conscience, and as stated in our denomination's "Historic Principles of Church Order" [*Book of Order* G-1.0301], "God alone is Lord of the conscience.") Also voting was Ann Moe. While not a commissioner, Ann is a member of the presbytery's Coordinating Team, the members of which are granted the responsibility of casting votes.

Looking at the 15 proposed changes to the *Book of Order*, most were basically non-controversial, such as **Proposed Amendment 10-I**, which sought to add "*pray for and*" to the words in a question directed to those being ordained or installed, to read "Will you *pray for and* seek to serve people with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love?" (**This Proposed Amendment has passed 142 to 8, with 23 presbyteries yet to vote, as of May 23.**)

Other proposed changes, such as **Proposed Amendment 10-A**, have generated a good deal more debate within the church. This is the Amendment that prompted an Associated Press article, included in the May 14 issue of the *Midland Daily News*, with the headline "Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) ends celibacy requirement for unmarried clergy."

Specifically, the new wording states: "Standards for ordained service reflect the church's desire to submit joyfully to the Lordship of Jesus Christ in all aspects of life. The governing body responsible for ordination and/or installation shall examine each candidate's calling, gifts, preparation, and suitability for the responsibilities of office. The examination shall include, but not be limited to, a determination of the candidate's ability and commitment to fulfill all requirements as expressed in the constitutional questions for ordination and installation. Governing bodies shall be guided by Scripture and the confessions in applying standards to individual candidates."

The reason why the AP and the *MDN* ran the sensationalized story when they did was because **on May 10, the Presbytery of the Twin Cities (Minneapolis-St. Paul) Area cast the deciding vote on 10-A, ratifying it.**

[Read more about the implications of 10-A as you read about *nFOG*, below.]

In March, our presbytery voted on *nFOG*, that is, the "**new Form of Government.**" Officially, this Proposed Amendment addresses the Foundations of Presbyterian Polity, Form of Government, and an Advisory Handbook for Councils. What it means functionally is that the church's polity, reflected in the *Book of Order*, will become more missional and less regulatory, moving from legalism to grace. And yes, it should "shrink" the *Book of Order* and replace some of the very amendments voted on in December.

This Proposed Amendment, if passed, would relate to Amendment 10-A, above, in that it returns the authority to discern candidates' fitness for ordination and installations to local entities, what some call the "local option," which means that **some presbyteries and sessions might choose to elect to office as Ministers of the Word and Sacrament, Elders, and Deacons, those who are in relationships some might consider nontraditional.** Presumably, those persons and all persons being ordained or installed would be committed Christians, answering in the affirmative the Constitutional Questions many of us have answered, beginning with "Do you trust in Jesus Christ [as] your savior ...?"

As of May 23, 86 of the 87 presbyteries required had voted to ratify the "nFOG" Proposed Amendment, with 19 yet to vote.

In June, the Presbytery of Lake Huron will vote on adding the **Confession of Belhar** to the *Book of Confessions*.

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The Confession of Belhar, like all of the confessions, reflects a certain period in history. When the banners representing the confessions of our church are hung in our sanctuary, there are visual clues as of what periods they address. The Confession of Belhar, quite simply, is a Christian statement of belief originally written in Afrikaans in 1982 and adopted as a confession of faith by the Dutch Reformed Mission Church in South Africa in 1986. The confession addresses unity as both a gift and obligation of the church, matters of reconciliation, and God's overarching justice. **As of May 23, 73 of the 116 presbyteries required had affirmed this addition, with 53 yet to vote.**

The takeaway from this article? The Church is Christ's body, called into being by Christ himself. We Presbyterians are a committed people, involved in the functioning of our denomination, seeking always to discern God's will in our lives and in the world.

Pentecost Offering on June 12



At Pentecost, we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit as a bringer of new life. Because of the Spirit's coming, we no longer need to settle for business as usual but can know the transforming and creative love of God that makes the impossible possible.

The Pentecost Offering is one of the four annual church-wide Special Offerings of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). Through Pentecost Offering gifts, we bring God's transforming love to children at risk. We help guide and nurture the faith of Presbyterian young people. We call forth a new generation of church leadership through the PC(USA) Young Adult Volunteer program.

Forty percent of the Offering stays in our own congregation to support children-at-risk ministries of our choice. The remainder of the Offering receipts will be sent to the General Assembly Mission Council to support other programs that minister to youth and young adults and advocate for children-at-risk.

Through gifts to the Pentecost Offering, we act to make tangible, positive changes in our community, our church, and our world.

Thank you for your support of the Pentecost Offering on June 12.

Red-y (Hah!) for Pentecost?

June 12 is the Day of Pentecost. Pentecost commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and other followers of Jesus, as described in Acts 2. Pentecost is sometimes described as the "Birthday of the Church." The word "Pentecost" means "fiftieth day" and is celebrated fifty days after Easter.



Let's wear red on Pentecost. For a number of years, we at Chapel Lane have been encouraged to wear red on Pentecost. Why red? Red is the liturgical color for Pentecost. It recalls the tongues of flame by which the Holy Spirit descended. It also reminds us of the blood of the martyrs, believers in every generation who, by the power of the Holy Spirit, have held true to their faith, even at the cost of death.

Wear Red for Pentecost We hope you will join us as we wear red on Pentecost. *The Board of Worship*

Prayer Shawl Ministry



Attention knitters and crocheters! The Board of Deacons is starting a Prayer Shawl Ministry and would like your help. Prayer shawls are a way we can show God's love and comfort to people who are recovering from a major illness or surgery, or a family bereavement.

The Deacons will purchase the yarn for the shawls. They will also provide patterns, which will be in the Deacons' section of the kiosk. One shawl, including the fringe, requires three skeins of yarn and costs about \$15. If you don't knit or crochet but would like to support this cause, you may help by writing a check to Chapel Lane with the memo reading "Prayer Shawl Ministry."

The Deacons will place a prayer card message with each completed shawl. The shawls will be kept in the bottom cupboard of the Deacons' kiosk. If you know someone who would welcome a shawl, you are welcome to take one for that purpose. Please record your name and the name of the recipient in the notebook, which will be kept with the completed shawls in the kiosk, to avoid duplication. It is anticipated that approximately ten shawl choices will be available. If you have questions, you are invited to call 835-1112. *The Board of Deacons*

Check It Out

READ - RETURN - REPEAT

It saves you money! It saves the earth's resources! It's the **library!** Reusing materials by "borrowing" them is just plain smart!

Our church library has entertaining fiction and informative non-fiction. We have books, magazines, audio CDs and video/DVDs. **Get into the "library habit."** It can even save you gas! Our library is just steps away from the front entrance to the church. Come in every Sunday!



Sue Lane
Librarian

The Presbyterian Women Afternoon Circle



The Presbyterian Women Afternoon Circle will be studying the Horizons Bible Study, *Confessing the Beatitudes* by Margaret Aymer during the 2011-2012 year. On Tuesday, September 13, at 1:00 p.m. we will meet at Chapel Lane for the first lesson. Please join us on the 13th as we begin our walk through one of Jesus' most meaningful sermons. Schedule each second Tuesday afternoon as a time of fellowship and study with other women of Chapel Lane. Our small group is looking for others to enrich our journey. If you have questions, please contact Sally Ann Sutton at 835-2428.

Military Bulletin Board Update

One way we honor those who serve our country is our Military Bulletin Board. Do you have a friend's or family member's picture displayed there? If so, are the photo and information current? If not, please update or remove them. Once you have done so – or if they are okay as is – please let Vickie Irving know by calling her at 430-7756. Also, please let Vickie know if updates are necessary in the future. She will be maintaining the bulletin board in the months ahead. Thank you.

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**, leaves for Afghanistan on June 5; **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, returned home to Indiana from 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; **Gail McGee**, director of Medical mission in Haiti.

*The bold type represents a Chapel Lane member.

Ice Cream Is Good for the Soul



Last week I took my children to restaurant. My six-year-old son asked if he could say grace. As we bowed our heads he said, *“God is good. God is great. Thank you for the food, and I would even thank you more if mom gets us ice cream for dessert. And Liberty and justice for all! Amen!”*

Along with the laughter from the other customers nearby I heard a woman remark, *“That’s what’s wrong with this country. Kids today don’t even know how to pray. Asking God for ice cream! Why, I never!”*

Hearing this, my son burst into tears and asked me, *“Did I do it wrong? Is God mad at me?”*

As I held him and assured him that he had done a terrific job and God was certainly not mad at him an elderly gentleman approached the table. He winked at my son and said, *“I happen to know that God thought that was a great prayer.”*

“Really?” my son asked.

“Cross my heart” the man replied.

Then, in a theatrical whisper he added (indicating the woman whose remark had started this whole thing), *“Too bad she never asks God for ice cream. A little ice cream is good for the soul sometimes.”*

Naturally, I bought my kids ice cream at the end of the meal. My son stared at his for a moment and then did something that I will remember for the rest of my life. He picked up his sundae and without a worry walked over and placed it in front of the woman. With a big smile he told her, *“Here, this is for you. Ice cream is good for the soul sometimes and my soul is good already.”*

Author Unknown

Taken from <<http://mindbodysmile.com/2010/01/19/ice-cream-is-good-for-the-soul/>>

Summer Birthday List

JUNE

- 2 Shirley Gransden
- 3 Wayne Stover
- 3 Carter Greiman
- 4 Tim Brown
- 4 Steve Humphrey
- 7 Elizabeth Stuart
- 7 Sophia Winkler
- 9 Carl VanderWoude
- 10 Cindy Humphrey
- 10 Myrna Bennett
- 11 Jeanine Noveroske
- 11 Ed Rightor
- 12 Amanda Breneman
- 14 Katelynn Sanburn
- 14 Carol Brown
- 16 Jim Moe
- 16 Mary Lou Kelly
- 18 Leon Crossman
- 22 Marge Rouech
- 26 Sue Haske Lane
- 26 Zachary Hahn
- 26 Kelly Brandle
- 30 Stacy Rouech

JULY

- 1 Melissa Teed
- 2 Mitchell Rouech
- 6 Tom Kennedy
- 6 Abrielle Tryban
- 7 Greg White
- 11 Francis Martin
- 15 Duncan Stuart
- 15 Joyce Osborne
- 15 Paul Teed
- 17 Lawrence Adams
- 18 Sally Ann Sutton
- 21 Alicia Pashby
- 21 Stephanie Pashby
- 22 Erlene Carmody
- 23 Kelsey Stark
- 24 Barbara Miller
- 25 Kelly Buell
- 25 Karen Graef
- 25 Ryan Westbury
- 27 Trevor Dahl
- 28 Ben Fortin
- 29 David Boyer
- 29 Howard Graves
- 29 Budd Lengerman
- 31 Janice DeBlick

AUGUST

- 1 Deborah Cull
- 2 Howard Lewis
- 9 Suz Miller
- 9 Bob Rouech
- 9 Deegan Brandle
- 9 Emily Breneman
- 10 Evan Cobb
- 14 Ron Hynds
- 16 Karrie Rouech
- 16 Kelly Wetherell
- 18 Leslie Stuart
- 21 Bryan Powell
- 22 Kimberly Rightor
- 23 Eunice Allen
- 23 Grace Schoenbine
- 25 Nancy Graves
- 25 Emma Stamper
- 27 Carl Beamish
- 27 Beverly Moyer
- 28 Jami Witherspoon
- 30 Steve Smith
- 30 Dorothy Wilhelm

Welcome, Pastor Rhonda Myers


We all want to let our new pastor know how glad we are to have her here at Chapel Lane. There are many ways we can accomplish this. Here are just a few.

- 1) Pray for Pastor Rhonda and her husband, the Rev. David Myers, and sons, Matt, Josh, and Ben.
- 2) Send a card or an e-mail welcoming Pastor Rhonda. Address to the church at 5501 Jefferson Avenue, Midland, MI 48640 or e-mail pastor@chapellane.org. Include a photo if you have one.
- 3) Wear a name tag and introduce yourself on more than one occasion.
- 4) Invite the pastor and her husband to your home for a meal.
- 5) Invite the pastor to special events at church. Even though an event may be on the church calendar, a personal invitation is appropriate.
- 6) Offer a gift certificate to your favorite coffee shop or lunch spot.
- 7) Or better yet, invite the pastor to join you at your favorite coffee shop or restaurant.
- 8) Invite the pastor to your workplace or business.
- 9) Invite the pastor as a guest to your civic club meeting.
- 10) Attend services regularly and get to know your new pastor.



Some ideas taken from 50 Ways to Welcome your New Pastor, prepared by Robert Crossman with additional input from the Lewis Center for Church Leadership.


It's Summer - Relax and Do a Puz-



The Spirit Comes

ACTS 2 TELLS ABOUT A SPECIAL DAY
WHEN THE HOLY SPIRIT CAME TO THE DISCIPLES.

Use the clues below to complete the crossword puzzle.




Across

1. natural movement of air
4. to say something
5. refrain from work
7. place where God is
8. a combustion or burning that gives light, heat and smoke
9. part of mouth that can taste and lick
10. the time between sunrise and sunset
12. the day the Holy Spirit descended on the disciples

Down

2. followers of Christ
3. moved apart
6. quickly and unexpectedly
7. a building where people live
11. vibrations that travel through the air

Answers: Across 1. wind, 4. speak, 5. rest, 7. heaven, 8. fire, 9. tongue, 10. day, 12. Pentecost; Down 2. disciples, 3. separated, 6. suddenly, 7. house, 11. sound



Freedom in Christ

*This Independence Day, remember
that our true freedom comes from faith in Jesus.*

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Directions: In each set of letters, determine the pattern. Then write the letter that completes the pattern, to reveal Galatians 5:1, niv.

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Answers: It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. (Galatians 5:1, NIV)

JULY 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 <u>9:30 AM</u> <u>Worship Service</u>	27	28 <u>5:30 PM</u> <u>BoPOM Meeting</u> <u>7:00 PM</u> <u>Deacons' Meeting</u>	29 <u>7:00 PM</u> <u>Worship Service</u> <u>8:00 PM</u> <u>Bible Study</u>	30	1	2
3 <u>9:30 AM</u> <u>Worship Service</u>	4	5	6 <u>5:00 PM</u> <u>Stewards Board Meeting</u> <u>7:00 PM</u> <u>Worship Service</u> <u>8:00 PM</u> <u>Bible Study</u>	7  <u>CHICAGO 2011!</u>	8 <u>CHICAGO 2011!</u>	9 <u>CHICAGO 2011!</u>
10 <u>CHICAGO 2011!</u> <u>9:30 AM</u> <u>Worship Service</u>	11	12	13 <u>Office Administrator on Vacation</u> <u>12:45 PM</u> <u>Quilting Bees</u> <u>7:00 PM</u> <u>Worship Service</u> <u>8:00 PM</u> <u>Bible Study</u>	14 <u>Office Administrator on Vacation</u>	15 <u>Office Administrator on Vacation</u>	16
17 <u>9:30 AM</u> <u>Worship Service</u>	18 <u>6:30 PM</u> <u>Open Door</u> <u>7:15 PM</u> <u>Tall-in-the-Saddle</u>	19 <u>10:00 AM</u> <u>Sit and Sew</u> <u>6:30 PM</u> <u>BOCE Meeting</u> <u>7:00 PM</u> <u>CHR Stock</u>	20 <u>7:00 PM</u> <u>Worship Service</u> <u>8:00 PM</u> <u>Bible Study</u>	21	22	23
24 <u>9:30 AM</u> <u>Worship Service</u>	25  <u>9:00 AM</u> <u>Vacation Bible School</u>	26 <u>9:00 AM</u> <u>Vacation Bible School</u>	27 <u>9:00 AM</u> <u>Vacation Bible School</u> <u>12:45 PM</u> <u>Quilting Bees</u> <u>7:00 PM</u> <u>Worship Service</u> <u>8:00 PM</u> <u>Bible Study</u>	28 <u>9:00 AM</u> <u>Vacation Bible School</u>	29 <u>9:00 AM</u> <u>Vacation Bible School</u>	30
31 <u>Pastor Rhonda on Vacation</u> <u>9:30 AM</u> <u>Worship Service</u>	1 <u>Pastor Rhonda on Vacation</u>	2 <u>Pastor Rhonda on Vacation</u>	3 <u>Pastor Rhonda on Vacation</u> <u>5:00 PM</u> <u>Stewards Board Meeting</u> <u>7:00 PM</u> <u>Worship Service</u> <u>8:00 PM</u> <u>Bible Study</u>	4 <u>Pastor Rhonda on Vacation</u>	5 <u>Pastor Rhonda on Vacation</u>	6

AUGUST 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31 Pastor Rhonda on Vacation <u>9:30 AM</u> Worship Service	1 Pastor Rhonda on Vacation	2 Pastor Rhonda on Vacation	3 Pastor Rhonda on Vacation <u>5:00 PM</u> Stewards Board Meeting <u>7:00 PM</u> Worship Service <u>8:00 PM</u> Bible Study	4 Pastor Rhonda on Vacation	5 Pastor Rhonda on Vacation	6
7 <u>9:30 AM</u> Worship Service	8	9 <u>7:00 PM</u> Session Meeting	10 <u>12:45 PM</u> Quilting Bees <u>7:00 PM</u> Worship Service <u>8:00 PM</u> Bible Study	11	12	13
14 <u>9:30 AM</u> Worship Service	15 <u>6:30 PM</u> Open Door <u>7:15 PM</u> Tall-in-the-Saddle	16  Youth Retreat <u>9:00 AM</u> Confirmation Retreat! <u>10:00 AM</u> Sit and Sew <u>7:00 PM</u> CHR Stock	17 <u>9:00 AM</u> Confirmation Retreat! <u>7:00 PM</u> Worship Service <u>8:00 PM</u> Bible Study	18 <u>9:00 AM</u> Confirmation Retreat!	19	20
21 <u>9:30 AM</u> Worship Service	22	23	24 <u>12:45 PM</u> Quilting Bees <u>7:00 PM</u> Worship Service <u>8:00 PM</u> Bible Study	25	26	27
28 <u>9:30 AM</u> Worship Service	29	30	31 <u>7:00 PM</u> Worship Service <u>8:00 PM</u> Bible Study	1	2	3