



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

Chapel Chimes

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Happiness

*“Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or take the path that sinners tread....
Their delight is in the law of the Lord.” (Psalm 1:1-2)*

“Happy are the pure in heart, for they will see God.” (Matthew 5:8)

My fellow disciples,

I hope that your summer has been a delight to you and your family and that you have had ample opportunity to find rest and renewal while enjoying the benefits of this warm and glorious season.

I’ve enjoyed a busy yet enjoyable summer. From Church Camp to the “Chicago Trip,” Vacation Bible School, and the Confirmation Retreat, I’ve been experiencing the joy of Chapel Lane’s youth and the enormous talent of Chapel Lane’s staff. Add to those experiences the marvelous opportunities for worship, the invitations to share a meal and fellowship with some new friends and colleagues, the chance to get “on board” with the Session and all its Boards, and the warm welcome I have received at so many of your homes, I can’t help but feel “blessed,” or, as that word is also translated from the ancient languages, “happy.”

Happiness is something the Bible talks about with frequency. The first thing the Psalmist mentions, in fact, is *happiness*: Happy are those who don’t take the path of sinners but delight in the law of the Lord. Jesus talks about happiness during the Sermon on the Mount when he assures us that those who are pure in heart shall see God and find *happiness*.

It doesn’t take much reading between the lines to see that *happiness* comes as a blessing to those who are not self-absorbed but who, with hearts in the right place, care for the world, treasure each new day as a gift of God, seek to follow a right path, and delight in the ways of a God whose love is never ending and whose grace is freely given. *Happiness* is a “symptom” of faith. Those who trust in God’s eternal presence and entrust their lives to God’s care are far less prone to worry and gripe over matters of life and are more apt to have confidence that each day will bring with it a new joy, a new peace, a new adventure—even a new beginning.

My eldest son, Matthew, started a new job a while back and after a few weeks of work the fellow in the cubicle across from Matt said to him, “Gee, I’d love to have your life for just one week.” Matt said, “What do you mean?” His co-worker replied, “You’re always so happy. Your life must be great.” Matt thought about it and, afterward, said to me, “You know, Mom, my life is great. But it’s no greater than anyone else’s. I just look for the good in life and I generally find it.” Now I’m just his mother, but I must confess: There’s wisdom in those words!

Happiness is a gift of blessing from God. It is also an indication of our trust in the Lord. When we trust in God and have faith that God is always with us, we will look for the good in life and generally find it. As fall is upon us, and a new season of worship and education is about to begin, let us pray that God will bless us all with the confidence of faith that leads to *happiness*. And may we make ready to enjoy the newness of life that God has chosen to lay before us.

With a happy heart,

Pastor Rhonda

Disabilities Awareness

“What does God require of us...to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God.” (Micah 6:8)

With a new year of church programming about to begin, it is a good time for us to remember that we all come to the table of Christ with both “abilities” and “disabilities.” The Presbyterians for Disability Concerns (PDC) is a national organization that works to challenge congregations to include every person in the full life of the church and to celebrate the gifts we all have to offer, both to the church and to our communities. As a Presbyterian congregation that strives to fulfill the call to both unity and inclusivity, we are encouraged to reach out to others with justice and love, seeking always to walk humbly with our God.

On any given Sunday, each of us may sit beside someone at worship or in the classroom who is restricted in vision, hearing, mobility, or learning skills. The PDC invites us to follow the example of Jesus by embracing a radical wholeness and welcoming all of God’s children fully and freely:

- Valuing those whom society devalues;
- Moving beyond notions of being “special” (and therefore distinct or separate) to seeing each person as “valued,” even “typical”;
- Feeding the hunger to belong—discovering the personal talents and interests of everyone and finding ways to include those gifts in the work of the church and the life of the congregation;
- And devoting our time to getting to know one child, one teen or one adult at a time.

In the coming months, we will be sharing some additional information gleaned from PDC resources in order that we might consider how to become a “radically whole” community of faith. This month, we would like to share with you a poem by Sarah R. Nettleton, a member of the PDC Leadership Team, entitled **“God in Us”**:

*Please understand we hear God.
We are touched by God’s presence.
We see God in others.
We taste the goodness God gives us.
We smell God near us everyday.*

*Please let us help you.
You can see God in our bodies.
You can feel God in our hugs.
You can hear God in our words which may not be spoken out loud.
You can taste God on our skin.
You can smell God when you are with us.*

*We may have bodies that don’t work well.
We may have ears that can’t hear sounds.
We may have eyes that can’t see clearly.
We may have voices that aren’t verbal.*

*We know God in ways you haven’t experienced.
We can teach you.
All you need is patience and an open heart.
Be real.
Be genuine.
Be sincere.
We may become true Christian friends.
Open your heart and mind.*



Music News



Adult Vocal Choir: resumes on September 8.



The Adult “Chancel” Choir sings a wide variety of musical styles. This fun singing group is composed of singers college age and up. We presently have 25 members in this group and we gladly welcome new members at any time!

**CHOIR PRACTICE
RESUMES**

Rehearsal time: Thursdays, 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Assigned Sundays: This choir sings every Sunday at the 10:45 a.m. service unless otherwise noted.

Adult Handbell Choir: resumes on September 8.

We are starting our eighth year with handbells! The Adult Handbell Choir rings a wide variety of musical styles. This fun group is composed of ringers college age and older. We gladly welcome new members at any time!

Rehearsal time: Thursdays, 5:45 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.

Assigned Sundays: This choir rings the second Sunday of every month at the 10:45 a.m. service.

Youth Vocal Choir: resumes on September 18.

The Youth Choir sings a wide variety of two-part and SAB musical styles. This fun singing group is composed of singers in seventh through twelfth grade. We gladly welcome new members at any time!

Rehearsal time: Sundays, 1:15 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. (immediately after Youth handbell choir & lunch).

Assigned Sundays: This choir sings the FIRST Sunday of every month unless otherwise noted.

Youth Handbell Choir: resumes on September 18.

The Youth Handbell Choir rings a wide variety of musical styles. This fun ringing group is composed of ringers in seventh through twelfth grade. We presently have ringers for a 3-octave choir in this group and we gladly welcome new members at any time! The music programs rehearse immediately following the 10:45 a.m. church service.

Rehearsal time: Sundays, 12:00 p.m. – 12:45 p.m. (following a provided light lunch!).

Assigned Sundays: This choir rings the FIRST Sunday of every month otherwise noted.

Children’s “Chapel” Choir & Chimes: resumes on September 8. (grades 1-5)

The Children’s Choir sings a wide variety of musical styles in unison and Two-part. We learn a lot about musical rhythms and pitch and healthy singing. This fun singing group is composed of singers in first through fifth grade. We gladly welcome new members at any time! We start rehearsals following school on Thursday afternoons.

Rehearsal time: Thursdays 4:00 p.m. - 5:30 pm

Assigned Sundays: This choir sings (& chimes) the third Sunday of every month unless noted.

- 4:00 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.: SNACK
- 4:15 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.: Notes/Rhythms
- 4:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.: Healthy Singing!
- 5:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.: Chime Choir

Children’s Fellowship Program

WHO: If you have children in grades 1 through 5, this program is for you! Each family picks a month to host an event

WHAT: A FUN event – ex.: bowling, swimming, skating, movie night, bonfire, craft project ...

WHERE: At the selected facility or home

WHY: Developing strong, Christian friendships through a monthly fun event (and to have FUN!)

WHEN: Once a month (watch your newsletter)

We will have an early September mailing with the Fall calendar and details so please watch your mail! ALL friends are invited and we hope to see you there!! ~Karen Graef.



Beautiful Music Garden

A HUGE “thank you!” to all of the individuals that designed the beautiful garden outside of the music room: Tim and Carol Brown who organized several youth in spreading dirt and “creating” the garden bed, Susan Gaul who planned and planted the wonderful flowers, Dan Veresh who weeds and maintains, and thanks be to God who provides the sun and rain! THANK YOU ALL!

Christian Education Happenings

RALLY DAY - SEPTEMBER 11



9:30 a.m. Worship Service

10:30 a.m. Carnival of Opportunities

Come see all that Chapel Lane has to offer this fall. Music programs, Bible Studies, Fellowship and Mission Opportunities! Visit booths, collect passport stamps and enter to win fabulous door prizes!

11:30 a.m. Lunch and Rally Day Fun and Games

Kids eat first, then Pastor Rhonda, Chrissy, and volunteers will take the kids for some fun picnic games. (Kids-at-heart are welcome to play too!)

FALL 2011 Sunday School begins September 18. All classes meet at 9:30 a.m. on Sundays! All are welcome!

Adult Sunday School Offerings:

The Parlor Forum will be led by Paul Teed with a fascinating look at church history. Paul is a professor of history at SVSU.

The Library Forum meets in the church library and is led by a rotating group of class members. The study is from The Present Word, a beginning to end Bible study.

The ROCK

Reaching Out to Christ's Kids
(Otherwise known as Sunday School)

Grades 1– 6

Here's a sample of what you'll experience!

- * A Workshop Setting
- * Learn While You "Do"
- * Move to a new workshop/room each week
- * Workshops Include:
Cooking * Drama * Storytelling * Computer * Music * Art * Video
- * Collect Tokens and Shop till you Drop at the Marketplace!

Bible Explorers (Preschool and Kindergarten Sunday School Class)



This class, for our younger members, will begin in the activity room with the rest of the children. After the opening time, the children will go into their own class, in which they will begin learning Bible stories and Christian principles through stories, songs, games and craft projects. Parents are welcome to stay or go, depending on the comfort of the child.

The Youth Forum



This Sunday School class is for students in grades 9 – 12. The youth will meet on Sunday mornings at 9:30 in the Activity Room. This class is a discussion-based, topic-driven forum for the youth to discuss their thoughts on topics from The Bible and theology, spirituality, popular culture, the news, and contemporary issues.

Help Wanted

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.

Note: We are especially in need of people who would be willing to work with the ROCK rotational Sunday School program.

Thoughtful Christian Take-Home Study

In the education kiosk, there are copies of a Featured Study from The Thoughtful Christian curriculum for you to work through on your own schedule. The studies offered will change periodically, and will address topics from Bible and Theology, Spirituality, Popular Culture, In the News, and Contemporary Issues.

Youth Fellowship – grades 6 - 12

Kick-Off Party – Saturday, September 10 at 4:00 p.m.
At Pastor Rhonda's house (11286 Moorfield Drive, Freeland)
Outdoor games, Burgers and Dogs, Movies, Campfire, S'mores!
Let's start the year with some fun and fellowship!

September 18, 5:30 p.m.– 7:00 p.m.

At the church

Our first regular youth fellowship meeting of the year.

We'll talk about our plans for the year, have some discussion and devotion time, and eat pizza!



Bible Studies

A variety of adult Bible Studies are available during the week.

Wednesday Night Study

Wednesday nights at 8:00 p.m., Led by Johanna Jozwiak.

Thursday Afternoon Study

Thursdays at 1:00 p.m., led by Pastor Rhonda Myers.

Presbyterian Women Circles

Contact Nona Willing for more information.

JOURNEYS

New Faith-Based Book Club

Meeting the 4th Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at Journey's Coffeehouse in downtown Midland. Open to ALL!

Our first book discussion will be September 26. We will be discussing The Shack by William P. Young. The book is available in the CLPC library and at the Grace A. Dow Memorial Library. The discussion will be led by Chrissy Westbury. Come with your thoughts on the book and ideas of books you'd like to discuss in the future.

New Members' Class



If you have been thinking about becoming a member of the Chapel Lane Presbyterian Church, now is your chance. Pastor Rhonda will be leading a New Members' Class on three successive Wednesday evenings at 8:00 p.m.: September 21, September 28, and October 5. The classes will be held in the Pastor's Study—unless there are more “joiners” than the room can handle. (Hey, wouldn't that be great? Let's all pray for that!). If so, we will move to another room and you will be notified of the change.

Please let Pastor Rhonda know by September 18, if at all possible, that you plan on taking part in the class so that she can be certain to have sufficient materials on hand for everyone. You may contact the pastor by e-mail at revrhon@aol.com or pastor@chapellane.org, or by phone at 989-631-2081.

Women's Group

The Board of Christian Education is looking to launch a new women's interest group. Our plan is to meet monthly, with a program and follow-up discussion related to a specific topic. Of course, time would also be set aside for fellowship and refreshments.

We are looking to set up a schedule that meets the needs of the largest number of women, with topics that are of interest to you. So your feedback is essential to making this work well.

We will have a booth at the Carnival of Opportunities to be held after worship on Rally Day, September 11. You can tell us then which night would work for you, what topics would interest you, and whether or not you would be willing to host an event in your home.

If you won't be able to join us on September 11, you can contact the church office at office@chapellane.org, CE Board Chair Chris Pashby at cpashby@ameritech.net, CE Director Christina Westbury at education@chapellane.org, or Pastor Rhonda at either revrhon@aol.com or pastor@chapellane.org

These are some of the topics we are considering:

Fall:

"Living Smarter, Not Harder: Bringing Balance to Life"

"Women in the Workplace: Equality, Esteem, & Leading Well"

"An Attitude of Gratitude: Giving Thanks Every Day"

Winter:

"Another Year, Another Transition"

*"Do As I Say **and** As I Do: The Wisdom of Christian Parenting"*

"If Good Health is Part Choice & Part Chance, May My Choices Be Wise"

Spring:

"Lord, Help My Garden Grow"

"Swimsuit Season Again?: Body Image, Nutrition & Self-Care"

Any work for you? Let us know!



Bible Study



Learn
&
Grow

Our weekday Bible Study will resume on September 8. We will meet in the church library each Thursday afternoon at 1:00 p.m., with Pastor Rhonda leading the discussion. Bring a bible and an inquisitive mind.

For the months of September and October, we will look at the Apostle Paul's letter to the church in Rome. *Romans* is the longest of Paul's epistles and is quite comprehensive. However, despite its "weightiness" as an important document to the Christian church, it's written with a language and a style that is very personal and uniquely Paul's own. As John Knox, a former editor at the Abingdon Press in Nashville (no, not the 16th Century Scottish Reformer), once wrote: "To read Paul's words is to hear his voice."

Paul wrote this epistle believing that all human life has meaning and that it is God who provides that meaning. A good way to understand our purpose for living, according to the apostle, is by seeking to know God and by working toward a rich and transformative relationship with the one, true God who is revealed to us in Jesus Christ.

If you've ever wondered why Paul's letters are important to the church, don't miss out on this bible study. And if you've ever sought to better understand your God-given purpose in life, make it a point to join us. And, please: bring your questions and come ready to share your insights.

With God's help and the Spirit's leading, we shall hope to hear the voice of wisdom!

Chapel Lane Nominating Committee



The 2011 Chapel Lane Nominating Committee has begun to meet. Members of the Committee are: Co-chairs Ernie Caldwell and Dan Veresh (Elder representatives), Sally Ann Sutton (Deacon representative), and Steve Humphrey, Carol Ostergren and Nona Willing (Members-at-large). Suz Miller, at the request of the session, will serve as an ex-officio member providing secretarial duties to the Committee.

The Committee is seeking your input for suggestions for potential candidates who you feel would be well suited to serve as Officers (Elders and Deacons) or Board members, which includes: Christian Education, Membership & Growth, Personnel & Office Management, Stewards & Finance, and Worship. In addition, if you feel called by God to serve your church in one of the above capacities, please include yourself in your suggestions.

Please send or give your suggestions to one of the above Nominating Committee members. The Committee will thoughtfully receive and consider your proposals.

Income and Expense through July 2011

July year-to-date reflects the usual pattern of slower payments to pledge and a resultant drop in available cash to \$59,586. We are slightly below expense plan (which was targeted at about \$12,000 over pledged income and loose offering). All the boards, except Personnel, are below plan on expenses. Personnel is over about \$7,100 related to the changes in ministers, which is now behind us. Please look at your payments against pledge so we can maintain our available cash position.

		<u>Income</u>		
		YTD	YTD	% of
	<u>July</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Plan</u>	<u>Plan</u>
Pledge Income	\$ 14,807	\$ 139,286	\$ 152,270	91%
Loose Offering	\$ 775	\$ 6,716	\$ 9,333	72%
Other Income	\$ 926	\$ 7,746	\$ 4,718	164%
Total Income	\$ 16,508	\$ 153,748	\$ 166,322	92%
		<u>Expense</u>		
Total Expense	\$ 22,226	\$ 171,863	\$ 173,494	99%

Co-treasurer Wanted



The session is seeking a mature, responsible, adult member of the congregation to volunteer as Co-Treasurer. Should enjoy working with figures and have basic computer skills. Some bookkeeping or accounting experience would be helpful, but is not necessary. Will train. Should have transportation and e-mail. Contact Joyce Glover or Bill Ewing.

Quotes to Note:

“Home! That was what they meant, those caressing appeals, those soft touches wafted through the air, those invisible little hands pulling and tugging, all one way.” Kenneth Grahame, *The Wind in the Willows*

“If you declare with your mouth, ‘Jesus is Lord,’ and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.” Romans 10:9

“Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding.” Proverbs 3:5

Summary of June Stated Session Meeting

The Session met on June 7, 2011 at 7:15 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:

- *Approved* a resolution to update the signatories on Chapel Lane's two credit union accounts at Members First Credit Union.
- *Approved* that once again this summer that \$400 be provided from the residual Boy Scout funds for two summer Boy Scout camp scholarships for Boy Scout Troop 767. (Ed Rightor serves as Scoutmaster of the troop.)
- *Reported* that a service of confirmation was held on May 22, 2011 during the 10:45 a.m. worship service for the following confirmands: Alex Brown, Jacob Cobb, Travis Irving, Max Redvill, and Elizabeth Stuart.
- *Reported* that Chapel Lane member Betty Robertson died on May 15, 2011 in Midland. Session expressed its appreciation for Betty's life and her membership at Chapel Lane.
- *Approved* that the forms be filed with the City of Midland to incorporate the church owned parcel, lying south of the church's main parcel and containing three vacant lots, into the church's main parcel, and requesting that the new parcel all be tax exempt.
- *Reported* that Kate Mass and Paul Teed will work with 2011 Stewardship Campaign chair, Leon Crossman, for this campaign with Kate assuming the leadership for the 2012 campaign, and Paul for 2013.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer at 9:25 p.m. There will be no July stated session meeting. The next meeting will be August 9, at 7:00 p.m.

Suz Miller
Clerk of Session

Summary of August Stated Session Meeting

The Session met on August 9, 2011 at 7:05 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:

- *Approved* that a Cajun Take-Out Dinner, chaired by Kelly and Kerry Buell, take place on Monday, October 3, 2011. Proceeds from the dinner will be in support of both the Haiti Project and the Henry Fund.
- *Reported* that Chapel Lane member Gail Chaffee died on August 4, 2011 in Midland. Session expressed its appreciation for Gail's life and her membership at Chapel Lane. Session also received, with regret, news of the death of Lucille Raleigh on August 3 in Midland. Lucille considered Chapel Lane her home church.
- *Authorized* that the clerk of session convene a Membership Review Committee for the annual update of the membership rolls of the church.
- *Approved* the following: (1) That a fund be established to support Chapel Lane Inquirers while enrolled in a Master of Divinity Program, and to initiate funding for that purpose; (2) That session commit \$1,000 for the calendar year 2012 to be disbursed to Inquirer Chrissy Westbury on a reimbursement basis; (3) That this budget item be reviewed annually; and (4) That a matching equity fund be established to receive congregational contributions for support and reimbursement of Inquirer education expenses.
- *Approved* that Chapel Lane member Kimberly Rightor be nominated as Chapel Lane's candidate to serve as Lake Huron's Youth Advisory Delegate to the 2012 General Assembly. (The Presbytery of Lake Huron will select the candidate to represent the presbytery in September 2011.)
- *Reported* that Pastor Rhonda has asked clerk of session, Suz Miller, to serve as an ex-officio member of the Chapel Lane Nominating committee for which she will provide secretarial duties.
- *Approved* that the Rev. David Myers be asked to lead the worship on Sunday, August 21.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer at 10:05 p.m. The next meeting will be September 13, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the church parlor.

Suz Miller
Clerk of Session

Deacons' Doings

Highlights of the May Meeting of the Board of Deacons

The Board of Deacons met on Tuesday, May 24, 2011, in the church library. The following statements reflect the highlights of this meeting.

1. The final total for the One Great Hour of Sharing was \$1,788.51.
2. The 2Q Emergency Relief of \$500 was designated for the immediate financial needs of the residents in Joplin, Missouri; these folks have lost homes, all possessions, and jobs. The money will be sent the John Calvin Presbytery with specific direction that the money be used for direct assistance and not for administrative costs, and with a request that Presbytery give a written account to us as to how the money was spent.
3. The Pentecost Offering will be dedicated on June 12, 2011.
4. The Mobile Food Pantry on May 19, 2011, at Trinity Lutheran Church, served 224 families which represented approximately 750 persons. The next MFP on June 15 is being sponsored by Chapel Lane and hosted at North Midland Family Center in Mills Township of Midland.
5. Health kits continue to be needed for the Presbytery's Health Fair in July. Carolyn Cole, who will be serving as a nurse during the fair week, will take the kits to the Health Fair.
6. The one-time life membership fee in the Stephen's Ministry for our church would be \$1,675. This membership would entitle us to all printed materials and other resources offered by the Ministry.
7. Prayer shawls currently are being crocheted by Ida Nelson, Carolyn Cole, and Chris Pashby. A prayer card will be attached to each shawl.
8. The following disbursements were paid between April 25, 2011, and May 20, 2011: \$940.00 from congregational giving to the Midland County Emergency Food Pantry Network; \$100.00 from an anonymous donor to Pastor's Emergency Fund for four \$25.00 Speedway gas cards; \$1,788.51 from the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering to the Presbytery of Lake Huron; \$10.00 from the 2010 Christmas Joy Offering to the Presbytery; \$305.84 from the March and the April 2-Coins-A-Meal collections to the Presbytery; and \$600.00 to Gail McGee for medical supplies for her June 4th medical mission trip to Haiti from the Haiti Projects account. (The Haiti Projects account now has a balance of \$1,090.00)

The next meeting of the Board of Deacons will be on June 28, 2011. There will not be a meeting in July unless Pastor Rhonda requests to have one.

Highlights of the June Meeting of the Board of Deacons

The Board of Deacons met on Tuesday, June 28, 2011, in the church library. The following statements reflect the highlights of this meeting.

1. The final total for the Pentecost offering was \$743.25, with 60 % (\$445.95) sent to our Presbytery and 40% (\$297.30) sent to North Midland Family Center specifically for programs that benefit children-at-risk.
2. The Mobile Food Pantry on June 15, 2011, at North Midland Family Center served 166 families which represented 539 persons. This MFP was sponsored by Chapel Lane and was supplemented with an anonymous donation for fresh eggs, milk, and frozen meats.
3. The last three MFPs are scheduled for August 4th at Blessed Sacrament, September 14th at West Midland Family Center, and October 12th also at WMFC.
4. The one-time life membership fee in the Stephen's Ministry for our church would be \$1,675. This membership would entitle us to all printed materials and other resources offered by the Ministry. This item will be considered for the fall stewardship campaign.
5. The following disbursements were paid between May 20, 2011, and June 24, 2011: 2Q11 General Mission of \$3,250.00 to Presbytery of Lake Huron; Pastor's Emergency Fund expense of \$50.00; 2Q11 Emergency Relief of \$500.00 to Presbyter of John Calvin to assist tornado victims in Joplin, Missouri; One Great Hour of Sharing offering from later gifts of \$523.18 to Presbytery of Lake Huron; and May 2011 2-Coins-A-Meal collection of \$102.24 paid to Presbytery of Lake Huron.
6. Prayer Shawl Ministry account has a balance of \$30.00.
7. Twenty-two kits and some boxes of crayons were given by the congregation for the Presbytery's Health Fair in July. Carolyn Cole will be participating as a nurse during the four-day event in Flint, Reese, and

- Imlay City. Pastor Rhonda plans to attend the Fair on either July 11 or 12.
8. Postage for the mailing of the Quilts of Valor made by the Quilting Bees will be provided from the Member-In-Mission account for the present time.
 9. The idea of a church-wide rummage sale, supported with donations and workers from the congregation, will be discussed further at the Deacons' August meeting.
 10. The Board voted to assist Gail McGee with \$700 towards her expenses related to her second health mission trip to Haiti this year. Gail leaves on July 7. Tom Kennedy will be reimbursed \$497 for his Stephen's Ministry leader training expenses when he returns in July. These two expenses are being paid from the Member-in-Mission account. The remaining balance (approximately \$1,000) for Tom's training is being paid by Trinity Lutheran Church.
 11. The Kennedys will host the Deacons and their guests for a cookout and pontoon ride on Tuesday, July 12. The party will begin at 4:00 p.m. at the Kennedys' home.

The next meeting of the Board of Deacons will be on August 23, 2011.

Prayer Shawl Ministry



Attention Knitters and Crocheters! The Board of Deacons has 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.

If you would like to make a shawl, the Deacons will purchase the yarn for you, if you wish. You may use any pattern you like or do just plain knitting or crocheting. There are also patterns 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 duplications. We plan to have ten shawl choices available.

If you have questions, you are invited to call me at 835-1112.
Carolyn Cole, Board of Deacons

Mobile Health Fair

The Mobile Health Fair is a ministry of the Synod of the Covenant, working with the presbyteries within its bounds, including the Presbytery of Lake Huron. Through this ministry, people in Ohio, Indiana, and Michigan who do not have access to or resources for medical care receive screenings, education, and referrals, as needed. In 2010, a total of 2,249 persons were screened during 52 fairs, resulting in 504 medical referrals and 54 dental referrals made to local clinics and agencies.

This year's Mobile Health Fair within the Presbytery of Lake Huron took us to Imlay City, where we screened 118 migrant children. Screening tests included those for hearing, dental, vision, height and weight, blood pressure, and pulse. (With adults we add glucose, pulmonary function, and basic skin checks.) The fair was held at a public school with a summer program for migrant children. The school was well-organized to accommodate the fair. Similarly, the children were well-behaved and polite. Our second stop was in Reese, also at a school. This fair was smaller as we screened only 24 children.

The other fairs were in Flint at First Presbyterian and Trinity United Presbyterian Churches, where we screened both poor and homeless persons of all ages.

Chapel Lane contributed 23 health kits and several boxes of crayons to this year's Mobile Health Fair. In total, our team received 600 health kits, assembled by churches throughout the presbytery. Each person who attended the fair received a kit; other kits were given to shelters in Saginaw and to migrant camps.

Carolyn Cole, Board of Deacons

Peacemaking Offering

“A harvest of justice is sown in peace.” James 3:18



The Peacemaking Offering was created in 1980 to support the efforts of the Presbyterian church (U.S.A.) to live out a deeper commitment to peacemaking as part of our faithfulness to God.

There are some basic elements necessary for all of us to live peacefully. Living peacefully includes the protection of individuals’ integrity and human rights. For some of us, peace also means access to education and the elimination of poverty, homelessness, injustice, and violence. For others, peace is the ability to openly express our opinions or to practice our religious beliefs without fear of imprisonment or even death. In our homes, our communities, and our world, we are called to be makers of peace.

Chapel Lane will receive the Peacemaking Offering on World Communion Sunday, October 2. Of the funds received, 25 % will be used by our presbytery and synod, and 50 % will be used by General Assembly ministries through the Presbyterian Peacemaking Program. The remaining 25 % will stay at Chapel Lane. The Board of Deacons has voted to give our 25 % to the Shelterhouse in Midland, a safe haven for women and children who have experienced domestic violence.

The Board of Deacons

Quarterly Emergency Relief Recipients

Every quarter, the Board of Deacons gives \$500 in Emergency Relief, a budgeted line item, to those affected by natural disasters or some other devastating force. The first quarter recipient this year was the organization called Pure Water for the World, with Haiti as the designated area. The second quarter recipient was the Joplin Fund, administered by the John Calvin Presbytery in Missouri, for helping those tornado victims in most severe need. The funds for the Joplin Fund are to be used for direct assistance, and are not to include administrative costs.

Sixth Mobile Food Pantry in 2011

The sixth Mobile Food Pantry (MPF) of this year will be on **Wednesday, September 14**, at the West Midland Family Center on Isabella Road (M-20) 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.

Please Note	
<p>8:30 Service Worship Leaders: Sep. 18: Alice Wiltse Sep. 25: Shirley McCutchen</p>	<p>Worship Opportunities in September Sunday, Sep. 4: One service, at 9:30 a.m., communion by intinction Wednesday, Sep. 7: Wednesday Evening Service, at 7:00 p.m., communion Sunday, Sep. 11: Rally Day, one service, at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, Sep. 14: Wednesday Evening Service, 7:00 p.m. Sunday, Sep. 18: Teacher Dedication Sunday, two-service schedule resumes, with communion by intinction at the 8:30 a.m. service (every Sunday thereafter) Wednesday, Sep. 21: Wednesday Evening Service, 7:00 p.m. Sunday, Sep. 25: Two services, at 8:30 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. Wednesday, Sep. 28: Wednesday Evening Service, 7:00 p.m.</p>
<p>Service Worship Service: Sep. 4: Clark Pashby Sep. 11: Kathy Dahl Sep. 18: Carl Vander Woude (10:45 service begins) Sep. 25: Dave Skiendziel</p>	<p>* Ushers needed for the 8:30 a.m. service. Two ushers needed for each service. Please sign up on the form that can be found in the Worship section of the kiosk in the foyer. If you have any questions please contact Alice Wiltse, 631-7271 or wiltsealice@att.net. Thank you from the Board of Worship.</p>
<p>Usher Schedule for September: Sep. 4: Eldon & Marian Ault, Doug & Joan Frame (9:30 service) Sep. 11: Clyde & Shirley Babcock, Ron Hynds, Sally Ann Sutton (9:30 service) Sep. 18: Tom & Karen Adams, Duncan, Leslie & Elizabeth Stuart (10:45 service begins) Sep. 25: Clyde & Shirley Babcock, Brad & Trish Martin</p>	

Check It Out

Presbyterians like to study and base their decisions on critical thinking. We're a diverse people, we don't always agree, even on the "basics." Our library reflects a broad spectrum of ideas, providing "food for thought." Broadening our perspectives by reading gives us new insights and helps us grow in faith, leading us to accept different aspects of God and faith, or to define our own beliefs more succinctly.

The following books have recently been added to the Chapel Lane Library:

Love Wins: a Book About Heaven, Hell, and the Fate of Every Person Who Ever Lived by Rob Bell

Surprised by Hope: Rethinking Heaven, the Resurrection, and the Mission of the Church by N. T. Wright

Presbyterian Women

A fall get-together is planned for all women of Chapel Lane.

When: Monday, September 19.

Where: Winona Willing, 216 Morning Meadow Way.

Time: 6:30.

Meal: Barbecued spare-ribs will be provided and you are asked to bring a dish to pass.

Program: A time for fellowship at the beginning of the season along with an introduction to the new Horizon Bible Study.

Bible Study: *Confessing the Beatitudes*

Author: Margaret Aymer



The study includes the study of the Beatitudes that are found in both Matthew and Luke. This study will focus on connecting our faith with our daily life. It will address directly some of the most difficult issues facing the world today: the economy, hunger, poverty, Christian community, water issues, a woman's role in society, faith and the public life, and justice and peace. We will be encouraged to write our own confessions as we study these Beatitudes.

We hope this study interests you and you will wish to join us in one of our groups which we call CIRCLES.

They are:

Monday Evening Circle - meets on the first Monday of the month at 7:30 p.m. Members take turns hosting at their home. Place is announced in the bulletin. (*THERE IS NO MEETING IN SEPTEMBER DUE TO LABOR DAY. First meeting is October 3 at Winona Willing.*) Information – Winona Willing – 631-2858 – winonajw@yahoo.com

Tuesday Afternoon Circle - previously, this has met on Wednesdays. Meeting on Tuesdays is new this year - meet at church from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the church. Reminder will be in the bulletin. Information: SallyAnn Sutton –835-2428

We would love to organize another circle if there is another time that will fit your schedule. Contact Winona Willing if you are interested.

Hope to see you for the barbeque on September 19!

Afternoon Ladies' Circle

The afternoon ladies' circle will have its first study of the 2011-2012 season on **Tuesday**, September 13, 2011, in the church library. We will meet from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. (Please note that the day of the week and the meeting time are different from the previous year.) Everyone is welcome! Study books are available on the Presbyterian Women's side-stand in the foyer. Questions? Please call Sally Ann Sutton at 835-2428.



Birthdays

- 1 Sarah Wildfong
- 2 Vicki Eden
- 5 Ann Dietz
- 5 Gavin Dull
- 7 Howard Yakel
- 7 Allen Stuart
- 7 Mark Stuart
- 12 Kerry Buell
- 12 Johanna Jozwiak
- 12 Jack Stone
- 13 Betty Martin
- 13 Katie Down
- 15 Charmond Evans
- 15 Helen Myers
- 16 Bert Atwood
- 16 Stephen Dietz
- 17 Andrew Clark
- 19 Phyllis Phillips
- 20 Valerie Padgett
- 21 Nancy Frederixon
- 27 Rita McDonald
- 30 Matthew Rouech

Third Louisiana Drive Thru Dinner

Save the Date



August 29 was the sixth anniversary of Hurricane Katrina damaging and destroying many homes of residents of the Louisiana Gulf Coast. Katrina was followed by Rita bringing additional misery to the area. Chapel Lane has been supporting the rebuilding of the area by teams working on the coast, by prayer and by eating. The third Louisiana Cajun Drive Thru Dinner is scheduled for Monday, October 3, 2011 with a Cajun meal of red beans, sausage and rice with sides. New this year will be a vegetarian version. Proceeds from the dinner will be evenly divided with half directed to the efforts to provide housing for the Kevin Henry family. Kevin served as a long term volunteer at the PDA Village in Houma, LA. The other half of the proceeds will be directed to Haitian aid. The dinner team still needs some individuals with strong and long arms to do some lifting of heavy pots and the stirring of the beans. If you are interested in joining the dinner team, please contact Kelly or Kerry Buell at 835-4542. Otherwise please mark your calendar and make your reservations as there are only a limited number of meals available.

Sponsors Sought

The Cajun Drive Thru Dinner team is requesting sponsors for the Third Louisiana Drive Thru Dinner. The cost of the kitchen inspection fee increased as will many of our food items. If you would like to donate, please write a check to Chapel Lane Presbyterian and indicate Cajun dinner on the memo line and place in the blue or green envelopes found in the mission section of the kiosk. Please assist the counters by providing your envelope number for quicker data entry. Thanks for your continued support.

Bakers Needed for Cajun Drive Thru Dinner

Chapel Lane has wonderful bakers and the team preparing for the 3rd Louisiana Drive Thru Dinner committee is looking for 14 people to bake four dozen cookies for the event on Monday, October 3rd. Directions and bags provided. Call Kerry Buell at 835-4542 to sign up.

Sympathy Cards Hold Messages of Strength

When my daughter Jill passed away, her brother, sister and I received hundreds of sympathy cards from members of Chapel Lane and others. After 3 years, only recently, I felt I could read carefully through each one. What struck me were the handwritten, compassionate notes enclosed in each card that mentioned we were included in their prayers. I am certain those prayers and our Faith are what have given us strength through these years. I will pass the cards and notes to Bradley, who lost his mother at the age of 3 years and continues to miss her. I am so fortunate to have Bob, my son-in-law, a dedicated father and strong Christian, raising my grandson.

Nancy Frederixon

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**, left 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, Fort Campbell, KY, 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; Johnny Pel, Wounder Warrior Unit, Fort Richardson, AK.

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.

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