

# Chapel Chimes



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

## *“Mastering the Art Of Love”*

*“Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends.”*

*(I Corinthians 13:4-8a)*

Dear Friends,

Chances are that if you're married and had your wedding at the church, this scripture was read. I Cor. 13 speaks of the generous, sacrificial ways in which we may genuinely abide a faith-inspired love. While we may never grow tired of Paul's words, I suspect that there *are* times when we become so complacent in our relationships that we neglect to indwell his instructions!

At a staff meeting a while back, Karen Graef recommended a book that she and her husband, Carl, had been reading. *The 5 Love Languages: The Secret to Love that Lasts* was written by Carl D. Chapman, an anthropologist by training and a marriage counselor by trade. Karen suggested we read and discuss the book as a way of gaining insight into our relationships. I must admit I was skeptical. Not of Karen, of course; but of any book with the words “love languages” in the title. I assumed the book would be “fluff” about an important topic—nurturing healthy relationships. But Karen pressed on in her conviction, and she bought us all copies of the book! Needless to say, I figured that if the book was that important to her, and if I am as honored to share a relationship with Karen as I say I am, the least I could do was read the thing! And so I did. Read it, that is.

What I discovered is a book that is both insightful and thought-provoking. A big plus is that it's also easy to read! The main thesis is that we learn languages as a way of communicating and that the languages we learn early on (and use regularly) are the ones that “stick.” Chapman suggests that this is as true of our emotional languages as it is of our verbal ones, and that while most of us learn one *primary* language, there are other languages and that we will never learn them unless we choose to do so. He points to *five love languages* and argues that we need to learn our partner's language if we are to communicate well:

Words of Affirmation  
Quality Time  
Receiving Gifts  
Acts of Service  
Physical Touch

As skeptical as I was of Chapman's wisdom, I took his survey and asked my hubby to do the same. It turns out that, despite having nearly identical personality types, Dave and I speak different “love languages.” Where Dave's heart sings with joy when given words of affirmation, what speaks to my heart is receiving acts of service. When Dave tidies up the house or does the laundry (without being asked!), it sends the message that he values me. And when I remind him what a wonderful husband he is and how much I (genuinely) appreciate his support, those words translate to him as love.

Reading this book has been a good exercise for us. Even after all these years together, we still feel honored to have been blessed by God with a deep and abiding relationship that is made stronger by a renewed commitment to each

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other—and to continued learning, kind words, considerate acts, and prayer. Growing in love is both an ‘art’ and a ‘gift.’ And we are thankful to God for the opportunity to re-commit ourselves to that growth.

I hope I have inspired you to consider your relationships as well. If you would like to be intentional about recommitting yourselves to each other, join us on Wednesday, February 8 when we celebrate love through a renewal of wedding vows during our mid-week service. What a wonderful way to start the new year—and a great way to celebrate an early Valentine’s Day! I hope you’ll join us. (The service will be even more meaningful if you share with me, ahead of time, any vows you wrote for your wedding day. We will find a way to incorporate them into the service.) May the Lord bless us all with a desire to grow in faith as we share ourselves in love,

*Pastor Rhonda*

## Easter Baptism



Chapel Lane Presbyterian Church will be blessed with an Easter baptism this year. On Easter Sunday, April 8, Kristen and Andrew Kozelouzek will present their son, Dylan, to receive the sacrament of holy baptism.

Now, in case you are wondering if Easter seems an unusual day of the church year for a baptism, especially since there is always so much going on—both during worship and after worship—it might be of interest to note that in the earliest days of the Christian church, most baptisms actually occurred on Easter (or in the fifty days that followed Easter).

Since Easter is known to us as the day of Resurrection and Baptism is the sacrament by which we affirm that the Lord has claimed us and the Spirit has sealed us to Christ in order that we might be “dead” to sin and “alive” to all that is good, to share in a baptism on that day seems quite fitting.

Therefore, the Session *and* the Kozelouzeks are delighted to extend an invitation to others to be baptized on that day as well. If there is someone in your household that has yet to be baptized, consider speaking with Pastor Rhonda about how you might include your loved one in the throng of believers who will make their way to the fountain of deliverance on Easter Sunday!

**Music News**—No new music news, just keep practicing!

## Christian Education Happenings

### PPCP Open House

The Presbyterian Parent Cooperative Preschool (PPCP) would like to invite you to come explore with us during our open house and art show on Saturday February 4, 2012 during the hours of 12 p.m.-2 p.m. at the Memorial Presbyterian Church Located at 310 Ashman St. Our teachers will be anxiously waiting to speak with you and answer any questions you may have for them. As always your children are welcomed to attend, as they may have some very important questions for the teachers as well. For any questions call 989-835-6759 ext. 400.

Hope to see you there.

*PPCP: “It’s ok to play”*

### Bible Study Opportunities

#### *Wednesday Night Study*

Wednesday Night Adult Study group will be starting up again on Wednesday evenings at 8:00 p.m. The class will be facilitated by Johanna Jozwiak, with Chrissy Westbury helping out as well. Johanna and Chrissy will be team teaching a Lenten Study during this time, beginning on Feb. 22.

#### *Lenten Study*

Wednesday evenings at 8:00 p.m.

February 22 – April 4

“Walking the Way of the Cross with Paul”

Lent is, among other things, a reminder that we are to take up Christ’s cross (Mark 8:34-35). This study will look at the ways that the apostle Paul did just that, and encourages us to do the same. Participants will look at excerpts

from Paul's letters to gain a better understanding of the place the cross holds in Christianity today and to reflect on their own practices of Christian spirituality in light of Paul's teachings.

#### *Thursday Afternoon Study*

The Thursday group meets at 1:00 p.m. in the parlor and is always open to new folks joining in. Pastor Rhonda facilitates this group. They are currently studying the Gospel of Matthew.

### **Sunday Morning Adult Classes**

#### *Parlor Forum*

Parlor Forum, facilitated by Paul Teed, meets in the Parlor. The class will be doing a series on world religions based on the book God is Not One, which endeavors to help us understand the purpose of each religion. All are welcome!

#### *The R.O.C.K.*

#### Reaching Out to Christ's Kids

Our Preschool through 6<sup>th</sup> grade Sunday School Programs actively continue. In January, the children began learning about Esther. In February, they will continue this lesson, and then move on to Daniel. New children are always welcome. Chapel Lane members are also always welcome to stop down in the South Wing to see what the kids are up to.

### **Vacation Bible School 2012**

Save the dates!

July 23 – 27, 2012

It's time to start thinking about Vacation Bible School again! Make sure to mark these dates on your calendar and keep watching for more information to come.

### **Youth Group**

For grades 6-12

#### *Mystic Lake Winter Camp*

February 17-19

Chapel Lane's Winter Camp program was developed to provide a mid-year opportunity for the youth and children to continue growing in faith and fellowship. Chapel Lane encourages a welcoming, intense, creative, fun time for our youth and leaders, and Winter Camp is a time of bonding, playing, and faith formation.

Cost for Winter Camp is \$90 per camper. Scholarships are available. (If you would like to offer support for these scholarships, please contact Chrissy Westbury.)

Winter Camp is open to children and youth in grades 1-12. Friends are welcome!

February 17, 2012: Depart Chapel Lane at 6:00 p.m.

Please eat dinner before you come. A snack will be provided later in the evening.

February 19, 2012: Arrive back at Chapel Lane at 2:00 p.m.

Registration materials are available at [www.chapellane.org](http://www.chapellane.org) and are due back to Chrissy Westbury by February 5.

#### *Pancake Supper*

February 26

Come support the children and youth in their first fundraiser toward Chicago 2013! On February 26, from 5:30 – 7:00 p.m., we will be hosting a pancake supper. The meal will include pancakes, sausage, applesauce, juice and coffee.

Tickets are \$5 per person or \$20 for a family. Please support our youth by attending this event and/or donating any of the items below:

Flour, Juice, Syrup, Sausage links, Applesauce, Milk

Donations can be left outside Chrissy's office door or in the kitchen. Please clearly label items so that we know they are intended for this purpose. Thank you!

#### *Youth Dates to Save!*

Saturday, April 28 – All Aboard to the Shepherd Maple Syrup Festival

Friday, May 18-Saturday, May 19 – Fabulous fun! More details soon!

## Expense and Income through December 2011

**WOW!** We again experienced a strong increase in payments against pledge, to the extent for the year pledge payment exceeded budget. While this happens every year (some catch up on their pledges and others prepay their 2012 pledges), it is always good news when it actually happens. The Boards continued to control their expenses. Our available cash rose to \$67,805, which is about \$15,000 less than last year. If, as usual we see the summer let down, we will probably experience available cash under \$40,000 which is less than 7 weeks of expense. Thank you to everyone for their contributions so we continue **Growing a faith that must be shared.**

		<u>Income</u>		
		YTD	YTD	% of
	<u>Dec</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Plan</u>	<u>Plan</u>
Pledge Income	\$ 43,655	\$ 263,379	\$ 261,035	101%
Loose Offering	\$ 1,228	\$ 13,480	\$ 16,000	84%
Other Income	\$ 2,046	\$ 12,387	\$ 8,088	153%
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 46,930</b>	<b>\$ 289,246</b>	<b>\$ 285,123</b>	<b>101%</b>
		<u>Expense</u>		
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$ 28,531</b>	<b>\$ 295,386</b>	<b>\$ 297,418</b>	<b>99%</b>

## Summary of January Session Meeting

The Session met on January 10, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. in the Chapel Lane parlor. In addition to receiving the regular monthly reports from the clerk, pastor, finance and other boards, the session highlights are as follows:

- *Reported* that Gabriel Charles Christman, son of Charles and Julia (Veresh) Christman was baptized during the 10:45 a.m. worship service on November 27, 2011, with the Rev. Dr. Rhonda Myers officiating.
- *Presented* a proposed 2012 Chapel Lane budget. A modified budget will be presented for final approval at a Special Session Meeting following the 10:45 a.m. worship service on January 15.
- *Thanked* Bill Ewing, Treasurer, and Carl Vander Woude, chair of Stewards and Finance, for their service to session and Chapel Lane. This was the last stated session meeting for both of them.
- *Approved* that 2011 session Board appointments stay the same for 2012, and that new elder Kathy Rightor be assigned to Stewards and Finance, and new elder Tom Adams be assigned to Christian Education.
- *Approved* that Kathy Rightor serve as chair of Stewards and Finance, and that she will serve as president of the corporation.
- *Elected* Suz Miller to serve as the 2012 presbytery commissioner, and that Ann Moe serve as alternate commissioner.
- *Reported* that a new Newsletter Editor will need to be recruited to replace Kimberly Rightor, whose last Newsletter will be the Summer issue.
- *Approved* that the Rev. David Myers be allowed to participate in the Wednesday Evening Service as a volunteer on an ongoing basis. Such participation may include preaching and officiating at the table.
- *Approved* that the Rev. Dr. Lisa McIlvenna, a United Methodist pastor who heads Fresh Aire Samaritan Counseling Center, be allowed to provide pulpit supply on February 19, designated *Health Awareness and Prayer for Healing* emphasis Sunday by the Presbyterian Church (USA).
- *Approved* that the Board of Deacons is authorized to receive cash donations in addition to soup donations on "Souper Bowl Sunday", February 5, and that those soup and cash donations be given to the local Food Pantry.
- *Approved* that a session Task Force of Pastor Rhonda Myers, Clerk Suz Miller, and Elders Paul Schmidt, Dan Veresh and Kelly Buell be appointed to create a church Operating Manual and new Bylaws.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer at 9:40 p.m. The next stated meeting will be at 7:00 p.m., February 14 in the parlor.

Suz Miller, Clerk of Session

# Deacons' Doings

## November 2011 Thanksgiving Food Baskets Program

The community Thanksgiving Food Baskets Program is coordinated and hosted by Elaine and Dean Tobey of Aldersgate Methodist Church on the Sunday before Thanksgiving. For the last four seasons, our youth and advisors have helped by sorting food during the 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. shift on the Sunday of our Share Fair. Here are some highlights of the program this past November:

- 408, of a total 490 families invited, received food (~1,300 members)
- 775 bags of food were prepared
- 10 leftover bags (because of 86 no-shows) as well as 250 boxes of cereal were distributed to the eight food pantries in our E.F.P.N.
- About 200 volunteers made this program happen
- 545 dozen homemade cookies were donated
- 1,096 boxes of cereal and ~4,500 pounds of potatoes were donated
- 598 Personal Care Bags were provided

Many residents, individual-owned businesses, banks, corporations, schools, medical institutions, and churches throughout Midland County donated food, money, and cookies. The Tobey's said that the generosity "of many helping hands" was overwhelming and welcomed. Thank you to our youth who helped sort and to all those who donated to the program.

## Your Help Will Be Appreciated

*"We pray for our friends who will wrap these shawls around their shoulders or over their knees."*

Will you help the Board of Deacons provide for this loving ministry by knitting or crocheting shawls for those who are ill or otherwise in need? Patterns are available in the kiosk, or you may use your own pattern or create a shawl of plain knitting or crocheting. Thanks to your generosity at the Share Fair, the Deacons can reimburse you for the three skeins of yarn you will need to create a single shawl. If you have questions, please call me at 835-1112. Thank you from the Board of Deacons.

Carolyn Cole

## Special Olympics Area 30 Bowl-a-Thon

I am collecting donations for the Special Olympics Area 30 (Midland County) fundraiser. An envelope and more information are on the fundraising table. Currently, I participate in Special Olympics Golf, Basketball, and Swimming. If you provide your address, a receipt will be mailed to you. Thank you for any help you can give. Alex Brown

## "I, Juliet, Take You, Romeo ..."



On Wednesday, February 8, at 7:00 p.m., in the sanctuary, during the monthly praise- and worship-style service, married couples are invited to renew their wedding vows. What a fitting way to commemorate Valentine's Day! No need to let anyone – other than your spouse, of course – know in advance.

### Quotes to Note:

"Love is always patient and kind; it is never jealous, love is never boastful nor conceited; it is never rude or selfish; it does not take offense, and is not resentful. Love takes no pleasure in other people's sins but delights in the truth; it is always ready to excuse, to trust, to hope, and to endure whatever comes." 1 Corinthians 13:4

"Love is the strongest force the world possesses, and yet it is the humblest imaginable." Mahatma Gandhi

"God is Love." 1 John 4:8

"All you need is Love." John Lennon

## Fun in Faith with Chocolat on Friday, Feb 24 @ 6:30 pm



All are invited to join us as we celebrate the beginning of Lent with a Chocolate Fest capped off with a viewing of the movie ‘**Chocolat**’ [2000, PG-13]. It concerns a little town in France, under the strict leadership of a Count. This town is really good at the practice of what they understood to be Lent: *self-denial, keeping appearances, holding fast to traditions, tranquility*. It appears that they have come to live this way all of the time. However, just as they are entering Lent, a woman named Vianne blows into town and opens a chocolate shop. She has the ability to open the senses of people through her craft. She starts to transform the people of the town, one by one. . . .

Sign up to bring a chocolate treat (cake, cookies, bars, candy) or beverage to share. We’ll begin with dessert, watch some movie, more dessert, finish movie, more dessert, and enjoy a discussion of the movie’s relationship to Lent!

The Fun in Faith fellowship group will also be attending a Great Lakes Loons game at the Dow Diamond on the afternoon of June 17th. Game time is 2:05 p.m. Tickets are \$9 each. A sign-up sheet will be posted in the church foyer this Spring but mark your calendars now.

## Make Time, Take Time

On Saturday, January 14, thirty women took time out of their busy schedules to find balance in their lives. We laughed, held yoga poses, read scripture, discussed its meaning to us, learned if we were stressed or burnt out, enjoyed wonderful food, and got to know one another much better. A big thank you goes to our able facilitators, the Rev. Dr. Rhonda Myers and the Rev. Dr. Lisa McIlvenna (FUMC) and to Chris Pashby for arrangements. What’s next for the women of Chapel Lane? You tell us what’s on your heart and mind. We’re open to suggestions!

## New Adult Sunday School

Join us for a new Adult Sunday School in the Parlor on Sunday mornings at 9:30 am as we discuss God Is Not One: The Eight Rival Religions That Run the World--and Why Their Differences Matter. Stephen Prothero, the *New York Times* bestselling author of *Religious Literacy*, makes a fresh and provocative argument that, contrary to popular understanding, all religions are not simply different paths to the same end... and why this matters greatly for us. Paul Teed, history professor at SVSU, continues to facilitate our discussion as we move from our study of God in America to God in the world. Books available; contact Chris Pashby at [cpashby@ameritech.net](mailto:cpashby@ameritech.net).

## Person First Language

During a recent Adult Sunday School class, the discussion revolved about what a name brings to mind. For instance, identifying as a “Christian” can bring many different assumptions to mind, depending on who is listening. Also, identifying a person as a “Muslim” or “Jew” brings other assumptions, which may or may not be accurate. At the risk of taking the subject out of context, I would like to carry this discussion further.....

When we talk about “the homeless,” “the poor,” “the disenfranchised,” we are lumping many people into one category and assigning labels. Really, isn’t each person an individual who at the time finds they are homeless? Or isn’t each person below the poverty level a person first, but happens to find they are in the situation that puts their income at poverty level?

If you “Google” Person First Language, Wikipedia even has a page about it. On the Wikipedia page, Person First Language is associated with advocates for people with disabilities and is identified as beginning in 1988. The website I prefer is [www.disabilityisnatural.com](http://www.disabilityisnatural.com).

*The mission of Disability is Natural is to encourage  
new ways of thinking about developmental disabilities,  
in the belief that our attitudes drive our actions,  
and changes in our attitudes and actions can help create a society  
where all children and adults with developmental disabilities  
have opportunities to live the lives of their dreams, included in all areas of life.*

Kathie Snow founded the website and has spoken in many venues about Person First Language since 1991. I first heard of Kathie while advocating for our first child, Danny, who was diagnosed with Trisomy 13 and, for education purposes, labeled SXI. Kathie’s work continues to impact many lives today.

Proverbs 22:2 The rich and poor have this in common: the LORD is the maker of them all.

Carol Brown

## Prayer Concerns for February

**Changes are underlined below. No changes in the missionary listing.**

For All Our Military and Law Enforcement Personnel, especially:

All Chaplains; Eric Arrants, Fort Leonard Wood, Army basic training, grandson of Vander Woude; Parker Buell, Kandahar; Timm Dopp, Afghanistan; Cory King, Fort Knox; Timothy, MaryLouise & Larry Adams' grandson; Ray Nelson, police officer and Chris Gagne, Secret Service agent, Ida Nelson's son and grandson; Stephen Papesh, returned from Afghanistan in November 15 to Fort Hood, Texas; Dustin Risk, Fort Campbell, Susan Hillman's nephew; Chief Martin Thompson, USN, Vickie Irving's son; Ben Weymouth, Vander Woude's grandson in Coast Guard.

For All Missionaries, especially:

Martin family in Alaska; Rev. Sigita and family in Lithuania; Stephanie Starch, Peace Corps, the Gambia; Gail McGee, director of Medical mission in Haiti. Alice Winters, who had been serving many years in Columbia, has retired and is currently residing in Louisville. She was supported by Chapel Lane during her tenure.

## Health Awareness and Prayer for Healing

The *Presbyterian Planning Calendar* designates February 19 as "Health Awareness and Prayer for Healing" emphasis Sunday. This designation results from an action by the 219<sup>th</sup> General Assembly (2010) on an overture brought to the Assembly by the Presbytery of Upper Ohio Valley, urging congregations to set aside a day every year to pray for healing and wholeness. As those of you who attend our WOW! (Worship on Wednesdays) services realize, worship on the third Wednesday of each month focuses on wholeness and healing.

On February 19, the Rev. Dr. Lisa McIlvenna (see related article) will be occupying our pulpit, while Pastor Rhonda is camping with our youth. As you will read, Dr. McIlvenna is associate pastor at First United Methodist Church and executive director of Fresh Aire Samaritan Counseling Center.

## Please Welcome the Rev. Dr. Lisa McIlvenna

On February 19, when Pastor Rhonda is shivering with our youth at Winter Camp, the Rev. Dr. Lisa McIlvenna, associate pastor at First United Methodist Church in downtown Midland, will grace our pulpit. Dr. McIlvenna has an undergraduate degree from Adrian College, a Master's of Divinity degree from Perkins School of Theology in Dallas, Texas, and a Doctor of Ministry degree in Pastoral Counseling and Psychotherapy through Garrett Evangelical Theological Seminary and the Samaritan Counseling Center of Southeastern Michigan. She is also a Licensed Professional Counselor, a Nationally Certified Counselor, and a "Fellow" in the American Association of Pastoral Counselors.

Dr. McIlvenna was trained as a Stephen Ministry leader in 1999. In addition to acting as staff liaison to the Stephen Ministry program at First United Methodist Church and sharing in preaching, teaching, and other pastoral responsibilities, Dr. McIlvenna serves as executive director of Fresh Aire Samaritan Counseling Center, which is housed at the church. The mission of Fresh Aire Samaritan Counseling Center is to provide affordable, quality, short- and long-term counseling, life coaching, education, and consultation to promote wholeness of body, mind, and spirit.

## Ash Wednesday Service

A traditional Ash Wednesday worship service will be held at 7:00 p.m. on February 22, the fourth Wednesday of the month.

Because the WOW! (Worship on Wednesdays) service for fourth Wednesdays is generally an intergenerational service with hands-on experience of the Word, for February only that service will be held on the fifth Wednesday, February 29.

To review the schedule for Wednesday services in February:

Feb. 1: Meditative service in the Taize manner, with communion

Feb. 8: Praise and worship service, with renewal of wedding vows

Feb. 15: Wholeness and healing service

Feb. 22: Ash Wednesday service

Feb. 29: Intergenerational service, with hands-on experience of the Word

# **Announcing the 2012 Pancake Dinner and Talent Show**

**Sunday, February 26, 2012, 6:00 p.m.**



Please sign up for your act as soon as possible! Sing, sign, dance, play an instrument, act, compose, or whatever it is you do! We would love to see you perform in the 2012 Talent Show. If you perform music please let Ms Karen know what it is you do and if you do anything other than music please let Paul Schmidt know what it is you do! Sign up now and see you after the Pancake Dinner at the show!

Paul Schmidt  
Membership & Growth

## **Annual Meeting and Congregational Lunch**

**February 12, 2012**

Be sure to mark your calendars for February 12, 2012 so as not to miss the Chapel Lane Annual Meeting, followed by our Congregational Lunch. All are welcome.

Please note the sign-up poster, and indicate how many guests and members will be attending from each family. There is also a column to indicate what favorite or specialty items you would be willing to bring for the Congregational Lunch.

Thank you for helping insure the meeting and luncheon will be another positive experience for our "Family of Chapel Lane."

## **Minute for Mission: Haiti 2011**

What an awesome and productive year we had for Haiti healthcare ministry! A huge thank you goes to Chapel Lane for all of the prayers and donations in support of my medical missions. Without your support, these missions would not take place. We have several highlights from the year 2011 that I would like to share, and a few lowlights.

Our teams provided healthcare for over 4500 patients in Les Boures and tent cities in Port-au-Prince. Our 210 school kids received three full physicals, and we have seen a huge improvement in their overall health and growth. We held health fairs for our staff and family, which brought over 100 people each time. They get their health concerns addressed, health education, and a bag full of over the counter medications and wound care supplies. Our nurse sponsorship program was kicked off. We now have two full time nurses on staff that serve the healthcare needs of our school kids, orphans, and staff. We have two other nurses in the program that help us during our clinic week. By supporting Haitian nurses, we provide jobs, education, and supplies. Our teams have developed relationships with three Haitian doctors, who help us out occasionally during clinic week. These relationships have proven to be extremely valuable. Lastly, we started a Depo-Provera birth control program, in which we have over 200 women participating. WOW, what an awesome year we had!

The year 2011, unfortunately brought some tragedy to our medical teams. We were faced with a critically ill orphan who passed away from a sickle cell crisis in spite of our CPR attempt. One of our nannies, pregnant with twins died in childbirth, just three hours after we performed an ultrasound and everything looked good. One of schoolteachers also died in childbirth. Our June team survived a deadly tropical storm where we spent the night with ten orphans on top of the water tower platform. Teams have been faced with the cholera epidemic and recently we fought typhoid within our own walls.

The year 2012 is full of plans and goals, which include doubling the number of patients we see, hiring and educating more Haitian nurses, investing in vaccination programs, and increasing our focus on healthcare education. As you can see, your donations as a church have impacted the lives of many Haitians. The Lord continues to support my medical mission work in Haiti. I am blessed to have so many supporters. May GOD bless all the Haitians, who still suffer each day from hunger, disease, lack of clean water, no sanitation, and increased violence.

Thank you Chapel Lane for your continuous prayers and support,

Gail McGee

## Check It Out

### Good Grief by Granger Westberg

“In 1962, Westberg wrote a short book encapsulating his vast experience with the many faces of grieving he had encountered in his work as a pastor, chaplain, and teacher. It was tantalizingly titled Good Grief and quickly became a best seller, with total sales to date of over three million copies! Its popularity is due in part to the fact that it talks openly about all kinds of grief, from loss through death to loss from divorce, being fired, moving, and struggles with children.

This gem is written with the heart of a pastor, the insight of a psychologist, the humanity of a father and husband, and the hope of someone who has seen so many survive the process of grieving. It is simple but not simplistic. It is profound but not professorial. Most importantly, it describes the pathway through grieving that can only be found through honesty.”

Dr. Timothy Johnson, M.D.  
ABC News Senior Medical Contributor

The 50th Edition of this timeless classic has recently been added to Chapel Lane Library. See the display (for check out) of this and other book about this subject under the bulletin board in the library.

Sue Lane  
Librarian

## Newsletter Editor

Looking for a Wordy Presbyterian! Our fabulous Newsletter Editor, Kimberly Rightor, will soon be stepping down as she goes off to college. For the past 2 years, Kimberly has done a wonderful job keeping all of us up to date on news at our church - thank you Kimberly! If you are interested in taking over this critical role, please contact one of us. Kimberly will be happy to train you as needed and share her knowledge to help you get started as our next Newsletter Editor. Please contact Helen Myers or Leon Crossman, Board of Personnel & Office Management.

## Afternoon Ladies' Circle

The afternoon ladies' circle will have its sixth study of the 2011-2012 season on Tuesday, February 14 in the church library. We will meet from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. This lesson focuses on the sixth beatitude in Matthew. (Blessed are the pure in heart...). Please join us! Questions? Please call Sally Ann Sutton at 835-2428.

## The Arc Faith Group

The Arc Faith Group is an interdenominational community group that connects people with disabilities and faith communities. If you are willing to serve as a representative of your church, please contact Ruthanne Kehr at The Arc of Midland, 631-4439 or [kehr@thearcofmidland.org](mailto:kehr@thearcofmidland.org)

## Please Note

8:30 Service Worship Leaders:

- 5 Dan Veresh
- 12 Shirley McCutcheon
- 19 Bob McGee
- 26 Howard Lewis

10:45 Service Ushers

- 5 Francis and Betty Martin, Carolyn Cole and Bonnie Stark
- 12 Scout Sunday
- 19 Sandy and Suz Miller, Ingrid Schwartz and Barry Moyer
- 26 Bill and Erlene Carmody, David and Susan Skiendziel

## Birthdays



- 1 Brett Wildfong
- 3 Mary Louise Adams
- 4 Robert Adams
- 6 Ali Ahmed
- 7 Jillian Witherspoon
- 7 Debrina Szymanski
- 9 Judy Vogel
- 11 Madison Sowle
- 12 Corenia Franklin
- 12 Jill Allen
- 12 Cathy Starch
- 13 Doug Moe
- 15 Eric Rightor
- 16 Annette Siegel
- 18 Alexander Brown
- 20 Jennifer Stamper
- 20 Joyce Glover
- 21 Madalyn Cook
- 24 Sherry Collins
- 26 Elizabeth Wildfong
- 27 Lucy Teed



The chancel committee person for the month of February will be Eugene Down.

**Life Planning Seminar Survey**  
**Chapel Lane Presbyterian Church**

The Gifts and Memorials Committee is planning two life planning seminars for informational purposes and to encourage planning by members and friends of Chapel Lane. Topics may include a) wills and estate planning and b) funeral/end-of-life planning. The seminars will be held later this spring and will be conducted by professionals from our local community with assistance from the Presbyterian Foundation. There is no charge for the seminars. Please answer the following questions and return to **Gifts & Memorials, Chapel Lane Presbyterian Church, 5501 Jefferson Ave., Midland, MI 48640** by February 15, 2012. You may also place your completed survey in the box provided in the church narthex.

1. How many people live in your household? \_\_\_\_\_
2. What is the age of the head of household? \_\_\_\_\_
3. Do you have a will or trust? \_\_\_\_\_
4. Do you have pre-arranged plans for end-of-life (funeral, burial)? \_\_\_\_\_
5. Do you have a financial planning advisor? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No
6. Do you have an estate plan? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No
7. Have you considered tax planning as part of your estate planning? \_\_\_\_\_
8. Do you feel there is value in doing pre-retirement planning regarding: (Check all that apply.)  
\_\_\_ Retiree benefits and income \_\_\_ Medical coverage and Medicare \_\_\_ Gifts and bequests
9. How important is it for church members to designate as beneficiaries the following: (Very, Somewhat, or Not Important)
  - a) Descendents: \_\_\_ very; \_\_\_ somewhat; \_\_\_ not important.
  - b) The church: \_\_\_ very; \_\_\_ somewhat; \_\_\_ not important.
  - c) Local charities: \_\_\_ very; \_\_\_ somewhat; \_\_\_ not important.
  - d) Worldwide charities: \_\_\_ very; \_\_\_ somewhat; \_\_\_ not important.
10. If our church offered an informational meeting on Wills & Trusts and Estate Planning, would you be interested in attending? \_\_\_ Yes; \_\_\_ Possibly; \_\_\_ Probably Not.
11. If our church offered an informational meeting on Funeral/End-of-Life Planning, would you be interested in attending? \_\_\_ Yes; \_\_\_ Possibly; \_\_\_ Probably Not.

Thank you for your response to this survey.



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