

Chapel Chimes



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

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“Praise the Lord! Sing to the Lord a new song.”
(Psalm 149:1a)

Dear Friends,

The Psalmist calls people of faith to praise God every day, through voice and song, and to be forever grateful for the gifts we have been given. We are encouraged to sing songs of thanksgiving—but we are not to limit our singing to just a few favorite songs. We are to “sing to the Lord a *new song*.” We are to sing to God praise-filled songs with new lyrics, a new melody and, perhaps, even a new theme.

Together, we have been *singing a new song* for the past year. Chapel Lane has seen the arrival of a new pastor, the start of new Worship on Wednesday services, the introduction of new Christian Education opportunities, the active involvement of new members in the life of the congregation, and more. And as wonderful as it has been to be to sing a new song as a congregation, the call remains upon our hearts and minds to sing a new song as individual Christians as well. During the season of Lent, we are invited by the Spirit of Christ to set aside time for incorporating the spiritual disciplines of prayer, study, reflection, and service into each new day. Therefore:

If you have become accustomed to using the same prayer day after day, without ever trying something new, you may be hearing a call to push yourself in offering God a new prayer each day. *Sing a new song*.

If you have gotten comfortable using the same materials for study, the Lord may be encouraging you to seek some new tools. Changing to a different version of the Bible is a simple way to gain new perspective on living as God’s children. You might try a Study Bible for a change, or a contemporary translation. *Sing a new song*.

If you have limited yourself to one set of devotional materials (no matter how excellent they may be), the Lord might be nudging you to open yourself up to the Spirit by listening for a “new voice” that can help widen your personal reflection the Word of God—and how that Word might come alive within you and through you! The church staff sought input from members and friends of Chapel Lane and has assembled a devotional booklet for use during Lent. It is entitled,

“Faith Stories: From Holy Whispers to Sacred Angels, God is With Us!”

The devotional booklet runs from Ash Wednesday to Easter Sunday and has a suggested scripture reading, faith story, and prayer for each day. I invite you to pick up a copy the next time you are at church and listen as the voice of God comes alive in the sweet testimony of a wide cross-section of members of the Chapel Lane community. *Sing a new song*.

If you have gotten accustomed to the winter “slump” of long evenings spent in front of a television, you may be feeling a tug upon your heart to work for the Kingdom of God by supporting some local mission endeavors, striving to be a good neighbor, or giving oversight and support to the church’s programs in the areas of mission and service. You might try making an eight-week covenant to volunteer at a local not-for-profit agency (a food pantry, hospice care center, or Habitat for Humanity build, to name a few); or you might consider adopting the spiritual practice of participating in our mid-week services, signing up for the prayer chain, or joining a church choir. *Sing a new song*.

We’ve all got a *new song* within us. Let’s listen for a new melody this Lent, digging deep and taking a few holy

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risks for the sake of the gospel *and* for the sake of our souls as we journey with Christ toward Jerusalem. For we know this to be true: God in Christ is the author of our new song. So let us sing it. Let us pray for it. And let us enjoy it.

With a new song upon my heart,
Pastor Rhonda

Music News

Talent Show Participants

Thank you to ALL the singers, readers, musicians and actors that helped to make this year's Talent Show a smashing success! It couldn't go on without YOU and we are so glad you shared your talent with us. We can't wait to see you again next year!

Easter Orchestra

Rehearsal on Saturday, April 7: 12:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m. in the church sanctuary. If you are in 9th grade or older, please join the Easter orchestra! If you are interested in playing with us on Easter Sunday, please let me know.

Karen Graef, Director of Music.

Midland School break

There will NOT be any Children's or Youth music rehearsals during the week of April 1 through April 7 due to Midland school's Spring Break.



SUMMER CAMP 2012!

June 10-15, 2012 in Gaylord, MI

Registration now open!

There will not be a mailing packet this year as ALL forms and information can be found and downloaded on the Chapel Lane web site!! This makes it easier for you to print extra forms for all of your friends! The website is Chapellane.org. Summer Camp can be found under "Teen Programs."

Do you have a garage or basement full of bags of **BOTTLES & CANS** that haven't made it to the recycle yet?? Please consider donating them to the "CAMP Bottles & Cans fund" that helps to fund the camp scholarship program. We will take them to recycling for you!! The bottle bin is found in the hall towards the music room – THANK YOU!
Krazy Kamp Karen, Camp Director.

Christian Education Happenings

Bible Study Opportunities

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 Education Opportunities

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

For 7th – 8th graders: Confirmation Class in the Youth Room

For 9th-12th graders: Youth Forum in the Library

For Adults: The Parlor Forum – God is Not One – a look at the similarities and differences shared by the major religions of the world.

Vacation Bible School 2012

Save the dates!

July 23 – 27, 2012

It's time to start thinking about Vacation Bible School again! This year, we Dare to go Deep with God in OPERATION OVERBOARD! As this year's VBS participants journey below the water's surface, they will plunge into Bible stories of people with deep faith and learn to trust a God whose love is bigger than the sea. VBS is only possible through the hard work of a large group of volunteers! Let Chrissy Westbury know if you would like to help out this year.

Youth Group

For grades 6-12

March 4

5:30 – 7:00 p.m.

Final planning and practice for Youth Sunday.

March 11

YOUTH SUNDAY! Because of this, there is only one service on March 11.

March 23

6:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Game Show night! Can you Survive the fun? Can you Win It in a Minute? Come join the fun as we play games from some favorite game shows! Yes, there will be prizes!

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

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!

Book Club

March 26 – 7:30 p.m.

Grand Traverse Pie Company

Book Club meets on the fourth Monday of every month. Our upcoming selections are:

March: "Heaven is for Real" by Todd Burpo and Lynn Vincent

April: "The Faith Club" by Ranya Idliby, Suzanne Oliver and Priscilla Warner

May: "The Help" by Kathryn Stockett

Income and Expense for January 2012

The first month always contains several "one-time" events, and this year was no exception. We pay our per capita in January (6736) but it is budgeted over the year (536). We paid the first quarter FICA tax which is also budgeted monthly. So a larger expense month as expected. We will be seeing the effect of the required deficit budgeting (1349/month) for the rest of the year.

	Income		
		YTD	% of
	January	Plan	Plan
Pledge Income	\$ 18,520	\$ 21,642	86%
Loose Offering	\$ 2,005	\$ 1,667	120%
Other Income	\$ 288	\$ 674	43%
Total Income	\$ 20,813	\$ 23,983	87%
Total Expense	\$ 27,710	\$ 25,332	109%

Summary of February Session Meeting

The Session met on February 14, 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 Chapel Lane member Roberta Lanning died in Midland on January 12, 2012. We are grateful for her life and her many years as a Chapel Lane member, and have regretfully removed her from the active roll.
- *Reelected* session members Ernie Caldwell and Dan Veresh to serve as elder representatives and co-chairs of the 2012 Chapel Lane Nominating Committee.
- *Reported* that the following ordinations and/or installations took place during the 10:45 a.m. worship service on January 29, 2012: Elders – Ordination & Installation, Kathy Rightor; and Installations – previously ordained Elders Tom Adams, Ann Moe, and Paul Schmidt. Deacons – Ordination & Installation, Karen Adams; and Installations – previously ordained Deacons Beverly Moyer, Freedom Scott, and Alice Wiltse.
- *Received* the Annual Status Report of the Chapel Lane Boy Scout Fund.
- Following a presentation by Pastor Rhonda Myers and Elder Carol Brown, a member of the “Presbyterians for Disability Concerns Committee” of the PC(U.S.A.), session *approved* “that Chapel Lane concur with the Presbytery of Detroit’s overtures to the 220th General Assembly (2012) to take actions to implement ‘Living into the Body of Christ: Towards Full Inclusion of People with Disabilities’, the policy approved by the 217th General Assembly in 2006. *Recommended* that the motion be presented to presbytery at its March meeting for concurrence.
- *Reported* that Kerry Buell has volunteered to be the new Chapel Lane Newsletter Editor, replacing Kimberly Rightor who will be heading off to college in the fall.
- *Concurred* with a Membership & Growth proposal that Chapel Lane Presbyterian be placed on Facebook.
- *Agreed* that Pastor Rhonda conduct a summer Sunday School class on the PC(U.S.A.) New Form of Government.
- *Reported* that ads are appearing weekly on Saturday in the Midland Daily News publicizing Chapel Lane’s Wednesday Night Service.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer at 9:20 p.m. The next stated meeting will be at 7:00 p.m., March 13 in the parlor.

Suz Miller, Clerk of Session

Deacons’ Doings

Feinstein Challenge for Food Pantries

This is the fifteenth year that Rhode Island philanthropist, Alan Shawn Feinstein, is offering his \$1 million challenge to be shared among all participating non-profit anti-hunger agencies throughout the country from March 1 to April 30, 2012. The challenge grant will be prorated based on all cash and food donations to the Emergency Food Pantry Network and its programs during this two month period. (Donated food items are counted at \$1 per item!) Please try to donate either money or food during the months of March and April. Our donations are given to the HELP pantry at Memorial Presbyterian Church which is one of the eight food pantries in the Midland County E.F.P.N. Thank you for your caring and sharing. *Board of Deacons*

Second Mobile Food Pantry in 2012



The second Mobile Food Pantry (MFP) in this New Year will be on Wednesday, March 21, at the United Methodist Church in the community of Coleman. This free food give-away is to residents of Midland city and county. Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. and food distribution begins about 11 a.m. The distribution provides provisions for 300 families. Questions may be directed to Sally Ann Sutton at 835-2428.

Quotes to Note:

“There are in the end three things that last: Faith, Hope, and Love, and the greatest of these is love.” 1 Corinthians 13:13

“I’ve long since stopped feeling guilty about taking ‘being’ time; it’s something we all need for our spiritual health, and often we don’t take enough of it.” Madeleine L’Engle

One Great Hour of Sharing



The One Great Hour of Sharing special offering began immediately following World War II for the relief and reconstruction of areas devastated by the war, primarily Europe and Asia. In March 1949 an estimated 75,000 churches of many denominations participated. The program continues today, 63 years later, as an ecumenical effort. Each denomination allocates its gifts differently but all use their funds for ministries of disaster relief, refugee assistance and development aid. Today One Great Hour of Sharing reaches those in need in more than 100 countries. In recent years Presbyterians have given about \$10 million annually.

Posters and bulletin inserts will provide details of the efforts supported by the offering to be received on Easter Sunday, April 8th. PC (USA) divides the offering between three programs: Self Development of People (32%), Presbyterian Hunger Program (36%), and Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (32%). Please consider supporting these programs. Special envelopes are available in the pew racks and in the kiosk (Deacons' area). You will also find fish banks for coins for children or adults. Thank you from the Board of Deacons.

PHEWA

Did you know...

PHEWA (Presbyterian Health, Education and Welfare Association) is part of the PC(USA) – [Presbyterian Church (USA)] with the purpose of equipping individuals and communities for lives of dignity and hope through the peer support, educational resources, and advocacy work of its ten member networks.

What does that mean? The Presbyterian Health Education and Welfare Association, established in 1956 by action of the General Assembly, has always stood at the intersection of justice and health. With the core value of "nothing about us without us," our networks are committed to grassroots partnerships that bring everyone to the table: professionals, consumers and family members. The result is ministry that is both collaborative and transformative.

Part of our grassroots partnership initiative involves the establishment of network chapters in local congregations and presbyteries. These chapters will relate directly to the individual network as well as being part of the larger PHEWA community. Contact us at phewainfo@gmail.com for more information.

One of PHEWA's ten networks is the PDC (Presbyterians for Disability Concerns). This is the organization/network that awarded Rev. David Young with the Nancy Jennings award for his work with The Arc of Midland at the General Assembly of 2010.

Shortly after receiving his award, Pastor David agreed to join the PDC's Leadership Team. This fall (2011), Pastor David recruited me to also join the Leadership Team.

Next month I will share with you more about the PDC's mission, goals and current activities.

Carol Brown

Related links:

<http://gmc.pcusa.org/ministries/phewa/disability-concerns-consultants/>

<http://www.phewacommunity.org/home.html>

<http://phewacommunity.org/pdcdisabilityconcerns.html>

<http://gmc.pcusa.org/ministries/compassion-peace-justice/>



Please Note

8:30 Service Worship Leaders:

March 4: Lorie Ermak
 March 11: No Early Service
 March 18: Shirley McCutchen
 March 25: Ron Hynds

10:45 Service Worship Leaders:

March 4: Howard Lewis
 March 11: Dave Willing
 March 18: Eldon Ault
 March 25: Dan Hein

10:45 Service Ushers

March 4: Clarence & Joyce Licht, Bill Ewing, Tami Sowle

March 11: The White Family, Harry, Renee, Karen, & Greg

March 18: Dan & Karen Hein, Jason & Freedom Scott

March 25: Bill Ewing, Paul Schmidt, Carl Vander Woude, Jim Wallace

Available as sub: Carl Vander Woude

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.

*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*

WOW! It’s March!

WOW! (Worship on Wednesdays) continues as we enter March. Please plan now to attend at 7 p.m. on the following dates:

March 7: Meditative Service in the Taize Tradition, with communion

March 14: Praise and Worship Service

March 21: Wholeness and Healing Service

March 28: Intergenerational Service



Schedule Changes

Please note that on Sunday, March 11, there will be no 8:30 service for this Sunday only. If you routinely attend the 8:30 service, you are encouraged to attend the 10:45 service to show support for the church’s youth, who will be conducting the service.

Note also that on April 1, Palm Sunday, there will be no 8:30 service so that all worshippers can participate in the “Cry of the Congregation” service at 10:45.

Keeping It Short and Sweet

The Board of Worship requests that if you are making a verbal announcements at the start of a worship service, you keep it as brief as possible. Also, please do your best to minimize the time between announcements. Board members recognize that we at Chapel Lane are a family and verbal announcements help us all feel more closely connected.

Easter Flowers



Help Chapel Lane celebrate Easter and new life in Christ by purchasing Easter flowers for the sanctuary. This year, as in the past, we will be offering azaleas, hydrangeas, lilies and tulips. Flowers may be given in honor or in memory of a loved one. Order forms will be available in the Sunday worship guides or the Board of Worship kiosk in the foyer. The flowers may be taken home after the Easter service. The deadline for ordering the flowers is Sunday, April 1 Palm Sunday. If you have any questions, contact Joan Frame, 631-9551.

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

Prayer Concerns for March

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.

Communion Servers for March

Communion servers for the first Sunday of March, 10:45 a.m. service:

- Al Collins
- Karen and Dan Hein
- Francis Martin

Check It Out

Living Hope: The Future and Christian Faith by David H. Jensen

This small but powerful book was reviewed in the October 2011 issue of *Presbyterians Today* magazine. It is written “conversationally” . . . real people asking questions and giving opinions.

The author says he “introduces” the subject of ESCHATOLOGY (study of the End Times). He extracts hopefulness from scriptures that are sometimes frightening and confusing. This book will be of special interest to PW because of last year’s study of *Journeys Through Revelation* by Barbara Rossing.

“Highly recommended.”

Sue Lane
Librarian

Monday Evening Circle

The Monday Evening Circle will meet at the home of Nancy Frederixon, 1806 Dilloway Dr., on Monday, March 5. The lesson will be Lesson # 6 of “Confessing The Beatitudes.” This is a time of Bible Study and Fellowship. We are always eager for others to meet with us. Please come.

Afternoon Ladies’ Circle



The afternoon ladies’ circle will have its seventh study of the 2011-2012 season on Tuesday, March 13, in the church library. We will meet from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. This lesson focuses on the seventh beatitude in Matthew. (Blessed are the peacemakers...). Please join us! Questions? Please call Sally Ann Sutton at 835-2428.

Fun in Faith Fellowship

Clare Irish Festival
March 17

Meet at the church at 11:00 to carpool up to Clare for the Irish Festival. The parade starts at noon. After the parade, we will head to the Doherty Hotel for their famous St. Patrick's Day buffet. After lunch, those that wish may check out the Irish craft show, the live music or any of the other fun events. For more details on the festival, check out <http://irish.claremichigan.com/>. Sign up in the foyer to join the fun!

Great Lakes Loons

The Fun in Faith fellowship group will be attending a Great Lakes Loons game at the Dow Diamond on the afternoon of June 17. 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.

Notes on the Easter Season

April 1, Palm Sunday: One Service Only, 10:45 a.m., with Communion

April 4, Wednesday: No 7:00 p.m. Worship Service

April 5, Maundy Thursday: 7:00 p.m. Worship Service, with Communion

April 6, Good Friday: Community Worship Services, First United Methodist Church, Noon, 12:30 and 1:00 p.m.

April 8, Easter Sunday: Worship Services, 8:30 and 10:45 a.m.

Birthdays



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

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