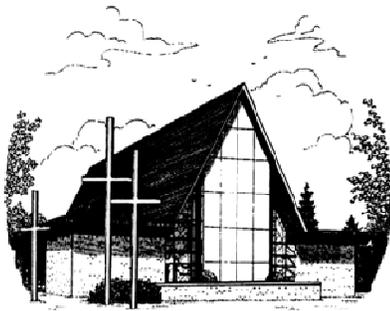


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An Easter Baptism

“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them everything that I have commanded you.” (Matthew 28:19-20a)

My dear friends,

The Gospel records the Resurrection with an empty tomb, Jesus’ appearance to witnesses, and a Great Commission: go into the world, baptize new disciples and teach them in the manner of Christ. The connection between Easter and Baptism has always been a significant one. And so, it is with great joy that I share with you the good news that Easter Sunday will be a day of baptism here at Chapel Lane. Dylan Kozelouzek, son of Kristen and Andrew Kozelouzek, will be baptized into the body of Christ at the 10:45 service on the Day of Resurrection! In welcoming Dylan into the body of Christ, we affirm a three part covenant of discipleship:

- Dylan’s parents will covenant to rear their son in the Christian faith;
- The congregation will covenant to guide and nurture Dylan in his journey of faith; and
- The new covenant that was begun in Christ will be sealed upon the child through the gift of the Holy Spirit.

I hope you will be a part of our Easter celebration. And I hope you won’t mind if I share with you a story of another Easter celebration of baptism. The Rev. Bob & Keiko Butterfield serve as PC(USA) mission co-workers to the Evangelical Presbyterian Church of Portugal, in a country that, in Bob’s words, is thought to be “monolithically, narrowly Roman Catholic.” Bob and Keiko knew a lot about Portugal before arriving there in 2010 and about the challenges they would face as persons of Protestant faith. But they were not prepared for the joy they would experience as a result of a young Roman Catholic woman (married to a *German Lutheran*) coming to the pastor asking that her infant son be baptized.

Bob spoke with the new mother about the meaning of baptism and the practices of the church, and while she was surprised to learn that baptisms in the EPC of Portugal are not private affairs but public celebrations of faith that take place during Sabbath worship, she was delighted that her family’s request could be honored. The baptism was scheduled for Easter Sunday at the Butterfield’s church in Rossio ao Sul do Tejo. Bob describes the simple building in which the church is housed as “extremely poor and cramped.” Yet as Easter approached, the women of the congregation talked with great anticipation about the day. They decided they wanted to make the day a beautiful one! Bob reports:

There had not been a baptism in that sanctuary for at least 44 years, and they were excited about it and wanted to make sure everything was just right for the big event. Without telling Keiko or me what they were planning, the women repainted the sanctuary, cleaned it, polished the floor and installed French blue velvet trim wherever they thought the room needed some color. They even borrowed a fancy marble baptismal font just for the occasion. Soon people began arriving for the Easter service, first the dozen or so of our own members and then 30-some guests: the little boy and his parents; the parents, aunts, uncles, cousins and friends of the mother — all from Portugal and all Roman Catholic — and the parents, aunts, uncles, cousins and friends of the father — all from

Germany, some Catholic, some Lutheran — a microcosm of the whole people of God. The little boy, Merian, 7 months old and dressed in a white suit, was as beautiful a child as I had ever seen. He remained incredibly calm, sweet and composed throughout the service. I was the one who had to cry — for joy! I couldn't help but see the tears on the faces of Merian's parents and grandparents, too....In this gathering of Christians of many stripes and from many places, Keiko and I saw the Church as it was meant to be: focused on the grace of God in Jesus Christ and, differences forgotten, all one in the Spirit.

The missionaries, parents, and church members in Rossio ao Sul do Tejo took seriously the call of the Risen Lord to go into the world, baptizing and teaching others to model the faithfulness of Christ. Now, I certainly don't expect any of us to "detail" the sanctuary for Dylan's baptism, but it would certainly be wonderful if we all came to the font that day with a full measure of anticipation, devotion and joy — and a full commitment to honor the call of Christ to a discipleship that is caring, unifying and graceful. Let's make this Easter a great celebration of new life in Christ!

Pastor Rhonda

Music News



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.

Looking ahead.....

MUSIC Sunday on May 13!

Orchestra rehearsal on Saturday, May 12th: 12:00pm – 2:00pm.

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!

Christian Education Happenings



Easter Egg Hunt!

April 8, 10:00 A.M.
Open to all children!

Bring a basket and hunt for eggs on the church lawn (or inside if weather is bad). We will have a fun egg hunt and share an Easter story.



Thursday Afternoon Bible Study

The Thursday group meets at 1:00 PM in the parlor and is always open to new folks joining in. Pastor Rhonda facilitates this group. **Note:** There will be **NO Thursday afternoon Bible study** on Maundy Thursday, April 5th. Bible study will resume the following week, April 12th at 1pm. We will be finishing our study of Matthew's gospel before moving on to the book of Psalms. Join us.

Don't forget to check out our 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.*

***Please save your empty SQUARE tissue boxes and bring them in for VBS. We need about 60 of them for a craft!**

Youth Group For 6th – 12th graders

April 8 – Easter Sunday! Help is needed hiding Easter eggs and organizing the egg hunt between services.
If you're in town, please arrive at the church by 9:30 to help! Thanks!

April 21st 7:00 P.M. HH Dow Drama presents "Hairspray"

Let's go support one of our own! Elizabeth Stuart is performing in "Hairspray" at Dow High. Let's go cheer her on. There will be no cost for this event, but please let Ms. Chrissy know if you are planning to attend so we can get tickets ahead of time!

April 28 1:00 – 4:00 PM Keep this time free for Youth Group fun! More details to follow.

Youth Dates to Save!

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

June 10-15 Summer CAMP!

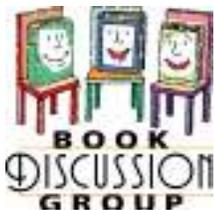
July 23-27 VBS

August 14-16 Confirmation Retreat



Spring is coming!!!

Get your spring flowers and support our children and youth at the same time! Throughout the month of April, the children and youth will be selling hanging baskets, Boston ferns, and flats of annuals to raise money for the Chicago 2013 trip. The hanging baskets and ferns will be available for pick-up on Mother's Day, May 6. For the flats, you will receive a voucher, which you can take to Kutchey's Greenhouse at your convenience and choose the plants you prefer. Contact Chrissy Westbury for more details, and watch for the order forms in the Youth section of the kiosk.



Book Club April 23 – 7:30 P.M.

Grand Traverse Pie Company

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

April: 23 "The Faith Club" by Ranya Idliby, Suzanne Oliver and Priscilla Warner

May: 21 "The Help" by Kathryn Stockett

Summary of March Session Meeting

The Session met on March 13, 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 there will be a session retreat at Whiting Forest on May 5 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Reported that Carl Vander Woude has agreed to continue as the Insurance Administrator for the church.

Reported that Chapel Lane has been recognized as one of the presbytery's top five churches in Basic Mission Giving, based on per member share.

Elected Linda Langrill as alternate presbytery commissioner.

Reported on the seminars to be presented by the Gifts and Memorials Committee for the congregation on the evenings of April 29 and April 30. The topics will be "Wills and Estate Planning" and "End of Life and Funeral Planning".

Approved the request of the Gifts and Memorials Committee that two floor microphones be purchased for the sanctuary.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer at 8:35 p.m. The next stated meeting will be at 7:00 p.m., April 10 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 (E.F.P.N.) and its programs during this period. Please try to donate either money or food during the months of March and April. (Checks may be made out to Chapel Lane Presbyterian Church, with Food Pantry on the memo line.) Our donations assist 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 generosity.

Board of Deacons

Expense and Income through February 2012:

The first two months of this year have shown us falling behind on our pledge payments. We hope to see that pattern change soon. For the month our expenses are in line with income. The year-to-date difference between actual and plan reflect the one-time payment of our Per Capita to the Presbytery last month. Our available funds dropped to \$55,945.

	Income			
	Feb	YTD Actual	YTD Plan	% of Plan
Pledge Income	\$ 19,101	\$ 37,621	\$ 43,285	87%
Loose Offering	\$ 772	\$ 2,778	\$ 3,333	83%
Other Income	\$ 449	\$ 736	\$ 1,348	55%
Total Income	\$ 20,322	\$ 41,135	\$ 47,966	86%
	Expense			
Total Expense	\$ 20,725	\$ 48,434	\$ 50,586	96%

Volunteers in Worship for April

10:45 Service Ushers

April 5 Bob and Kate Mass

April 8 Bob and Kate Mass, Shirley McCutcheon, Carol Rowe

April 15 Mike and Cathy Starch, John and Carol Ostegren

April 22 Ed and Matthew Rightor, Carol Rowe, Shirley McCutcheon

April 29 Linda and Tom Kennedy, John and Carol Ostegren

8:30 Service Worship Leaders:

April 1 Alice Wiltse

April 8 Ron Hynds

April 15 Carol Jacobs

April 22 Howard Lewis

April 29 Bob McGee

10:45 Service Worship Leaders:

April 1 Sally Ann Sutton

April 8 Paul Schmidt

April 15 Ronald Hynds

April 22 Francis Martin

April 29 Carl Vander Woude

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.

Presbyterians for Disability Concerns

The **Presbyterians for Disability Concerns (PDC)*** have many online resources available for churches in the PC (USA) denomination.

One that is used often is the congregation audit, a tool for congregations to determine how accessible and welcoming their church is to people with various disabilities. <http://www.pcusa.org/media/uploads/phewa/pdfs/congregation-audit.pdf>

Accessibility often brings to mind a ramp for entering the church building. But to quote the title of a book, "A Ramp is Not Enough". For physical accessibility alone, there are questions about maneuvering around the building once a person is inside. Restrooms are often unisex, so that a caregiver of the opposite sex can tend to a person's personal needs. Also, the restroom should be easily entered and exited, as well as moving around inside.

However, accessibility is much, much more. It involves attitudes, openness, and inclusiveness in all facets of the life of the church. The audit recommends a committee be formed to assess the church's accessibility today and guides development of a plan for the future.

The **Arc of Midland** can help, too. There is a training program, AFIRE (Accessing Faith in Religious Environments), which will be tailored to a congregation's specific situation.

Please prayerfully consider how Chapel Lane can move forward to become a more inclusive, welcoming congregation.

*Presbyterians for Disability Concerns is a network of the Presbyterian Health, Education & Welfare Association (PHEWA) <http://gamc.pcusa.org/ministries/phewa/presbyterians-disability-concerns/>

Thanks!

*Dear Friends,
Thank you so much for the cards, phone calls and delicious meals while we were recovering from our surgeries earlier this year. Everyone's concern and help made a difficult situation much easier to bear. The many kindnesses of our Chapel Lane family were greatly appreciated!*

*Sincerely,
Howard and Nancy Graves*



Thanks for all the birthday cards from my Chapel Lane Church family. The greetings made my 95th birthday special. I appreciate you. I hope to be able to attend services soon.

Rosa Miller

Fun in Faith Fellowship

PROGRESSIVE DINNER on FRIDAY APRIL 20, 6 – 9:30pm

All adults are invited to participate in this event.



We will begin with appetizers at the home of Bill and Erlene Carmody (2007 Wilmington), then move on to salad and main courses, then we all will gather for dessert at the home of Dave and Winona Willing (216 Morning Meadow Way).

Everyone will be asked to bring a dish to pass for 10-12 people, or volunteer to host the salad or main course; cost is \$2 per person to defray the cost of the meat.

Any questions, contact Dave or Winona at 631-2858 or winonajw@yahoo.com. More details and signup sheet will be in the foyer until April 15.

Great Lakes Loons—June 17th, 2:05 pm A Road Trip to the Dow Diamond!



Join us on June 17th as we head to the Dow Diamond for a 2:05 home game. The Great Lakes Loons will be playing the Lansing Lugnuts and group tickets are available for purchase. We have a block of 40 reserved boxed seats in Section 109 (behind home plate) at a cost of only \$9.00 each. If you are interested in purchasing tickets, Pastor Rhonda is “hosting” this outing. You may contact her at the church at 631-2081 or by email at revrhon@aol.com.

Worship headline

Holy Week Schedule

April 1, Palm Sunday: 8:30 and 10:45 a.m. Worship Services, with Communion

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

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

(Tenebrae is based on the Latin word for “shadows” or “darkness”)

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

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



Brief, to the Point, Announcements that is. If you are making an announcement at the start of a worship service, please keep it brief and to the point. Also, try to minimize the time between announcements. The Board of Worship will appreciate it, and so will many other worshippers!

An April Shower of Opportunities!

Plan now to attend WOW! (Worship on Wednesdays) at 7 p.m. on the following dates:



April 4: There will be no WOW! Service

April 11: Praise and Worship Service

April 18: Wholeness and Healing Service

April 25: Family Service

Christ is risen! Rejoice and be glad in this special day the LORD has made.



Teams Raising Money for MS: Walk and Bike teams are again forming to raise money to fight Multiple Sclerosis. For those of you not familiar with MS, it is an autoimmune disease that can attack anyone including some of our own church members. We appreciate the great support we get from Chapel Lane and invite everyone to JOIN THE MOVEMENT by Walking, Biking, Volunteering or sponsoring an event participant.

Walk Event: Join us on Saturday April 21 for a three mile Walk starting at Central Middle School. Helen Myers is coordinating the event and leading TEAM DOW, a Dow-sponsored team open to all in the community. This family oriented event will feature a scavenger hunt along the route, a Best Dressed Dog contest for our leashed four footed friends, plus food and more. To get more information or sign up you can visit our website at www.nationalmssociety.org/goto/DowMIWalkTeam2012 or send an email to hemyers@dow.com. You can find event information event on Facebook at "Walk MS – Midland". Also, see the fundraising table for more information about joining the team or making a contribution.

Bike Events: If you would like get involved via the Society's bike fundraising events, there are several events across the state from June through September including 30 mile to 2 day options. Check out www.tricityms150.com or contact Ed Rightor at kerightor@charter.net.

Hope you can join us to have fun during these events and support this terrific cause.



LIFE PLANNING SEMINARS

Life Planning series is now planned for Sunday evening A and Monday evening, April 29 and April 30. The first evening will center on discussions of wills and estate planning, and the second evening will cover a discussion of End of Life and Funeral Planning. Both sessions will be from 7:00 to 9:00 PM. Child care and light refreshments will be provided.

The first night discussion will be led by Steve Keizer from the Presbyterian Foundation, and Midland attorney Todd Gambrell. Subject areas will include the elements of wills and options to consider for estate planning.

The second evening will cover discussions of End of Life and Funeral Planning, and will be led by David Smith from Smith-Miner Funeral Home, and Pastor Rhonda Myers.

These sessions are intended to provide information for you to address these areas. The setting and approach is informal discussion.

General areas will include the basics of wills, charitable giving options, personal data worksheets, funeral service elements, grief management, and legal considerations.

Mark your calendars for these dates!—Sunday April 29 and Monday, April 30, 7-9 P.M.

Please let the office know if you need child care. There are no charges for these sessions. The program is being coordinated by the Gifts & Memorials committee of the Session. Any questions contact Sandy Miller or Linda Langrill.

Prayer Concerns for April

Changes are underlined below.

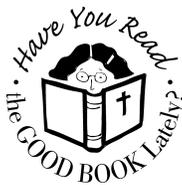
For All Our Military and Law Enforcement Personnel, especially:

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

For All Missionaries, especially:

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





Check It Out

Some new items that were added in the last few months include

Simply Relevant: Finding Balance (By Group Publishing) This is one of the sources used in planning the time for women in January of this year. This is a six session study that could be shared with friends or done on your own. *“Most women feel like their lives are a juggling act. With families, work, daily chores (and more)--they're overwhelmed, worried, and stressed! Simply Relevant: Finding Balance takes women through a step-by-step study to help them gain steadiness in God. This resource uses God's Word as it guides women to apply practical and realistic solutions. They'll experience refreshing perspective, discover how to make wise choices, and find balance for their daily lives.”*

God in America This six hour DVD was used during the Adult Sunday School last fall. *“For those who know that in America, religion matters, and for those who wish it didn't matter so much, comes GOD IN AMERICA, a sweeping history of how religious faith has shaped America. Interweaving documentary footage, historical dramatizations, and interviews with religious historians, this documentary series is an in-depth exploration of the historical role of religion in the public life of the United States”*

The Questions Christians Hope No One Will Ask (With Answers) by Mark Mittelberg How do you defend your faith to inquirers or to skeptics? Maybe you are bothered by doubts of your own. What's the Christian view of homosexuality, evolution, authority of the Bible, God's power over circumstances? These are challenging questions. Asking them, and finding reliable answers, is important to the growth in Christian life and outreach. Each chapter of Mark Mittelberg's book includes a careful discussion of the topic based on Scripture, a concise summary of the main points, and useful tips for talking about the topic. Topics chosen for the ten chapters were the result of a recent survey. There's a wealth of information here. Check it out and see!

Sue Lane , Librarian

ATTENTION!! ALL WOMEN OF CHAPEL LANE SPRING HAS SPRUNG!! IS SUMMER DONE??

SPRING GATHERING TUESDAY, MAY 1, 2012

All of the women of Chapel Lane - members and friends - are invited to attend the Presbyterian Women Spring Gathering on Tuesday evening, May 1, 2012. We will meet at the church at 6:00 p.m. for one of our famous **Potluck Dinners**. Following dinner, our own Master Gardener, Carol Brown, will present a program on spring gardening. Carol will help us get a jump start on preparing our spring gardens. (Even though we've had temps in the 80s in March, spring gardening probably shouldn't start until later in May!)

Plan now to join your Chapel Lane friends for a fun, informative evening with delicious food and good fellowship. There will be a sign-up sheet on the PW bulletin board in the foyer after Easter. Your Presbyterian Women Board is looking forward to seeing you there. All are welcome. Bring a friend.

Afternoon Ladies' Circle



The afternoon ladies' circle will have its eighth study of this season on Tuesday, April 10th, in the church library. We will meet from 1:00pm to 2:30pm. This lesson focuses on the eighth beatitude in Matthew (Blessed are the persecuted). Please join us! Questions? You may call Sally Ann Sutton at 835-2428.



- 1 Betsy Evans
- 2 Natalie Cook
- 3 Joyce Licht
- 3 Karen Adams
- 3 Madison Brandon
- 4 Tyler Brown
- 6 Betty Kiely
- 7 Matthew Rightor
- 8 Mona Frame
- 9 John Ostergren
- 10 Elizabeth Bookbinder
- 10 Tom Kullgren
- 11 Parker Buell
- 11 Danelle Kristal
- 12 Dan Veresh
- 14 Ida Nelson
- 15 Roberta Lanning
- 16 McLean Dull
- 16 Trevor Wetherell
- 17 Gary Breneman
- 18 Daphne Westbury
- 21 Doug Frame
- 23 Chrissy Westbury
- 24 Gregory Beamish
- 25 Lori Ermak
- 28 Sarah Hahn
- 28 Tami Sowle
- 29 Nancy Newman



Calendar will be placed here

See separate doc.

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