



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

Chapel Chimes

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“Teach me thy way, O Lord.” (Psalm 27:11 NRSV)

Dear Friends in Christ,

After that long winter we had, I am so grateful that Spring has finally arrived—at least I think I’ll call it Spring. We went from cold and wet to hot and dry in what seemed an unusually short period of time. Too short for comfort, anyway. (I still have my winter clothes in my bedroom closet!) And then, to make matters worse, we had snow flurries in mid-May. Weird stuff. Yet, no matter how the weather ran these past several months, we were able to persist in looking forward to a new day. And thank God for that! What an absolute joy it has been these past few weeks to see the trees in bloom, the grass growing in earnest, and the perennials coming back to life. Spring is God’s beautiful reminder that life is ongoing and that not even the darkest, dreariest winter can prevent us from enjoying the warmth and light of a new summer season.

Many of us likely have plans for the summer—plans that include vacations, family reunions (including weddings for some of us), outdoor upkeep on the house, and days spent on the water or at the pool enjoying a slower pace of life. But before we all slip into “summer mode,” I would like to take a moment to thank everyone for a wonderful program year at Chapel Lane.

Thanks to our wonderful DCE, our terrific teachers and volunteers, and all those who participated in our various classes, studies, programs, and groups, our Christian Education program grew in energy and volume all year long. There were many opportunities for learning and for spiritual discovery, for persons of every age, all year long—and if you did not avail yourself of any these offerings this year, make it a point to do so next year. You’ll be glad you did.

Thanks to our Director of Music and all those dedicated to “making beautiful music to our Lord,” our Music program grew throughout the year—particularly among our youngest choir members. (We started out the year with 9 in youth choir in September and closed out the program year with 14 youth choir members.) In addition, our worship was strong and vital—a testament to all those worship leaders, ushers, choir members, children’s sermon providers, communion servers, and chancel committee members who made it a point to be prepared each week for their turn at leadership!

To help us fully enjoy our time together, the Stewards did a great job maintaining our facility and our Finance Board worked hard to keep the “financial engine” afloat! Meanwhile, the Deacons did a spectacular job assessing and meeting the needs of a growing church in a community that has been struck hard by unemployment and economic inconsistencies. Thank you to everyone who gave of their time and talents to keep Chapel Lane moving forward into a new day of ministry.

By the time you read this, the results of the congregational surveys sent to you by our Core Planning Team will have been received and tabulated. With your help, and the Lord’s guidance, we will soon begin making plans for the future of Chapel Lane and will establish some goals for our life together as the body of Christ. The Planning Team is counting on your support as we prayerfully seek to discern God’s will for us.

As you well know, Chapel Lane is a marvelous place to worship, to study, and to serve. And I am grateful every day that God has given us this opportunity to serve together. I would like to extend my personal thanks to everyone who supported last month’s mission trip to New York. By God’s hand, and with your generous support, our trip to Jamaica, Queens brought comfort and aid to those who were seriously affected by a particularly virulent storm. I was truly blessed to be a part of a wonderful mission team—and what an experience we had!

I have also been blessed to serve for the past two years with Mrs. Chrissy Westbury, who leaves her position as Director of Christian Education at Chapel Lane on the 28th of July to pursue a Master of Divinity Degree at Louisville Theological Seminary. I know that God will bless Chrissy with wonderful opportunities for learning and service in the years ahead and that she will grow into quite a gifted pastor. Godspeed, Miss Chrissy. Let's covenant to pray for each other and to follow as God leads. We love you and we will miss you! Remember to write!!

And speaking of missing folk: there are others among us who will be leaving this summer to take up residence elsewhere. We pray that God will watch over you in your time of transition, bless you in your life in a new place, and give you wisdom in choosing a new church family. Know that you are loved—and that you are welcome to come back and visit any time. No advance notice required!

Finally, as this program year winds down and the summer season begins in earnest, I invite you all to keep Chapel Lane in your daily prayers and I remind you to keep your pledges up-to-date so that we might have the resources to make plans for a vital Fall Season. It'll be here before we know it! What's more, remember that the church doesn't "close up shop" just because the weather turns warm. We will continue to worship, to serve, to pray, and to learn. I hope you'll be a part of the body at work!

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Rhonda

SUMMARY OF THE APRIL SESSION MEETING

The session met on April 23, 2013, at 7:00 p.m. in the Chapel Lane parlor. In addition to receiving the regular monthly reports from the pastor, clerk, finance and other boards, the session highlights are as follows:

Motion to approve three scholarships for Boy Scout Troup 767 for Summer Camp in the amount of \$782.00 was carried.

Motion to move the Boy Scouts Equity Fund under the authority of the Deacons was carried.

Motion to Ordain and Install Judy Vogel to the position of Elder on Sunday, May 26, 2013, was carried.

Treasurer's Report for March 2013:

Summary as of March 31, 2013

Beginning Balance	\$229,060.04
Income	26,729.66
Expenses	22,859.84
Changes in Liabilities/Equity Funds	(1,900.76)
Ending Balance	\$231,029.10

Pastor Myers reported on the conference she attended from April 16 -18, 2013, at the Alban Institute in Cincinnati, Ohio, on the subject "Strategic Planning for Congregations."

Pastor Myers reported on the status of the Mission Trip to Jamaica, Queens, New York, the week of May 11 thru May 18. There will be twelve adults making the Mission Trip; six from Chapel Lane; four from Memorial Presbyterian Church, one driver from Dial-a-Ride in Midland; and one back-up driver, also from Midland. The driver from Dial-a-Ride has given up a week of wages to go on the trip and has agreed to help with the work along with the volunteers. Chapel Lane is paying for her meals and lodging. The volunteers are being asked to support the Mission Trip by paying \$200.00 per person. Pastor Myers stated that members of the church have given money to support Scholarships for the Mission Trip if required. The plan is to leave Chapel Lane on Saturday, May 11, 2013 and return on Friday, May 18, 2013.

Pastor Myers announced she has been elected to serve on the Board of Fresh Aire Counseling Center.

The Leader's Huddle and all Board night which launched in April had a very good beginning. The session will continue to give feedback about this new meeting schedule.

Elder Paul Schmidt reported on a seminar he attended on April 15, 2013, at the St. Francis Conference Center, DeWitt, Michigan, on the subject "Money and Your Ministry."

Pastor Rhonda and Elder Paul Schmidt reported on the Core Planning Team meeting that was held on Saturday, April 20, 2013. The Core Planning Team is comprised of: Carol Brown, Lance Cook, Susan Gaul, Travis Irving, Tina

Jacobs, Bob McGee, Holly Roenicke, Carl Vander Woude, Renee White, Alice Wiltse, Paul Schmidt, and Pastor Rhonda Myers. Sue Waechter from Cornerstone Consulting is the consultant.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer by Pastor Myers at 9:07 p.m..

The next Leader's Huddle is scheduled for Tuesday, May 14, 2013, and the next regular meeting of session for Tuesday, May 28, 2013.

Paul Schmidt, Clerk of Session

Worship Leaders

June 2 - Ernie Caldwell
June 9 - Doug Frame
June 16 - Leon Crossman
June 23 - Gary Breneman
June 30 - Ernie Caldwell



Ushers

June 2 Sandy and Suz Miller and David and Susan Skiendziel
June 9 Bill and Erlene Carmody and Barry and Beverly Moyer
June 16 Sandy and Suz Miller and Francis and Betty Martin
June 23 Summer Camp Youth
June 30 Francis and Betty Martin, Barry Moyer and Ingrid Schwartz



Change: One service only at **9:30 a.m.** starting May 26th.

Camp and Retreat Opportunities

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

Summer Camp 2013! Hopefully your camper is already registered for this fun week of camp, June 16 – 21st up in Gaylord, Mi. If not, there's still room for you and you can still register (\$25.00 late fee). If you have questions or need any camp forms, please visit the camp website at: www.chapellane.org or see Karen Graef.

Vacation Bible School

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

Where: Chapel Lane Presbyterian Church
When: July 22-26, 9:00 a.m. – 12 noon
Who: Age 3 through those entering 6th grade

Questions? Call 631-2081 (church office) or email education@chapellane.org
To register, complete a registration form (available at www.chapellane.org) and return it to:
Chapel Lane Presbyterian Church
5501 Jefferson Ave. Midland, MI 48640

HELP WANTED:

Energetic, fun-loving team needed to lead the fun this year at VBS! We need helpers before, during and after VBS. If you'd like to help, please let Chrissy know.

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

Supplies Needed:

I still need Brie or Laughing Cow cheese containers for VBS.



Deacons' Doings:

Highlights of the monthly meetings of the Board of Deacons are posted in the Deacons' section of the kiosk. Disbursements reports are included.

Fourth Mobile Food Pantry in 2013

The fourth Mobile Food Pantry of this year will be on Thursday, June 20th, at Blessed Sacrament Church on the corner of Ashman and Swede in Midland. This free food give-away is available to residents of Midland City and County. Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. and food distribution begins about 11 a. m.. The distributions provide provisions for 300 families. Customers must provide their own transportation. Questions may be directed to Sally Ann Sutton at 835-2428.



Pentecost Offering

This year's offering was dedicated on Pentecost Sunday, May 19th. The donated amount will be published in a future Sunday bulletin. This offering is split four ways with 40% of the offering kept here in Midland to be used on behalf of children at risk. This year our donations will be given to the North Midland Family Center. Thank you from the Board of Deacons for your generous gifts.

An Invitation to Commissioning

On Sunday, June 16, 2013, Chapel Lane will welcome three new Stephen Minister members who will begin to provide Christian, caring ministry to individuals within our congregation and community.

This very unique program is a Christian care giving ministry where the Stephen Minister (caregiver) works with an individual (care receiver), known only to the Stephen Minister and our Pastor. Care receivers are individuals experiencing particular crises in their lives who would find comfort in meeting with someone in whom they may confide. Confidentiality is always of great importance.

Joan Frame, Carol Ostergren and Kate Mass completed extensive training over the past several months to prepare them for this ministry. Plan to be with us on the 16th as we welcome Joan, Carol and Kate with our presence and our prayers.

As we commission our newly trained Stephen Ministers, let us thank God for all they will bring to our congregation in providing care to others. Let us promise them our daily prayer and support as we send them out to minister among us.



Music Musings

The music program is on hiatus until after Labor Day. A huge "thank you" to all of the dedicated musicians who gave of their time and talents this past year; ringing, singing or playing an instrument!! See you again in FALL 2013.

PIANO LESSONS FOR CHILDREN! If you have a child who will be in 2nd grade or older in fall 2013 and would be interested in learning to play the piano, lessons are available in the Fall at Chapel Lane on Tuesdays from 4:00 – 6:00 pm. Lessons are offered by 15 week semesters and are \$10.00 per lesson (Youth lessons are offered on Sunday afternoons following the youth choirs!). Please see Karen Graef to save a spot for your future pianist!



Adult FUN IN FAITH ADULT FELLOWSHIP TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALLGAME!

Friday, June 21, 7:05 p.m.

GREAT LAKES LOONS GAME

FIREWORKS AFTER THE GAME!

Join your Chapel Lane friends as the Fun In Faith Fellowship outing for June takes us to the Great Lakes Loons game on Friday evening, June 21, 2013. The game begins at 7:05 p.m. and there will be a Fireworks Spectacular following the game.

We have 40 seats reserved in Section 107 for our group. Sign up NOW on the bulletin board in the foyer, north end, to reserve your seat. The tickets are \$9.00, first come, first served, so don't wait, sign

up today! Howard and Nancy Graves will be collecting the ticket money. Any questions? Call us at 631-3327.



**June 21
7:05 p.m.**



CHECK IT OUT

An adventure awaits us in reading Christian books. Once we see the connection between the Word of God and the books we read, we embark on a search and discovery mission in the expanding field of human knowledge, where all truth is God's truth and Jesus Christ is the center that holds all things together. A non-reading Christian is a contradiction in terms. With the Bible as our primary source, we read other books that serve as teaching tools for the Holy Spirit in order that we may become men and women of God, "thoroughly equipped for every good work." [from *How to Read a Christian Book* by David L. McKenna] Sue Lane, Librarian

Book Group

This group is already planning for September's meeting. Due to problems with obtaining copies of The Year of Living Biblically by A. J. Jacobs, we will begin the fall by continuing the discussion of this publication. Please be thinking and making a list of possible books for the group when we meet on Monday, September 23rd.

Thank you

To my Chapel Lane Church Family,

Thank you to all of you who came to my tea, for your cards and best wishes.

Thanks also to those who helped with the moving. Chapel Lane will be in my heart and prayers. I will miss all of you.

Blessings,

Carolyn Cole. New address: 7781 Farmsburg Dr., Reynoldsberg, OH 43068 Phone 614-604-6450



A Big Thank You...

To all of our Sunday School teachers, Youth leaders and Bible Study leaders. You have made this year one to remember! Teacher Appreciation Sunday is June 2nd. Make sure to join us in celebrating the teachers and leaders who make our programs possible.

Help Wanted:

Chapel Lane is currently seeking a part-time Director of Christian Education to begin employment in July 2013. This position would be ideal for someone seeking the flexibility of a part-time role and who loves to have fun with children and youth. The position requires an average of 20 hours per week. Compensation will reflect education and experience, with monthly salary range from \$1,050 to \$1,350.

The Director of Christian Education will work closely with the Board of Christian Education and Chapel Lane staff to plan, develop and supervise the overall Christian Education ministries of the church in accordance with the church's mission and vision statements. For more detailed information, please go to www.chapellane.org, "About Us," and "Employment Opportunities." To apply, send resume to Chapel Lane Presbyterian Church, Attn: Board of Personnel, 5501 Jefferson Ave., Midland, MI 48640, or e-mail resume to office@chapellane.org with DCE Application in the subject line.

Found: A Bible has been found in a desk in the hallway on the south side of the church. It is now on the shelf in front of the office. It has a name inside but the person is unknown. It also says "in honor of our wedding 1996." If you know who this bible belongs to please let them know so it can be given back to the owner.

Sunday, June 2nd: Come to the Picnic! Welcome Summer!

Congrats to the Confirmands!

When: Sunday June 2nd after the ONLY service.

We will provide the meat and dessert and everyone should sign up to bring a dish to pass.

If you have any questions please contact Gary Breneman at 636-9075 or

GMBreneman@meglobal.biz



PHEWA (Presbyterian Health, Education and Welfare Association)

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

PHEWA strives to live out Micah 6:8 through volunteer networks that seek to increase our responsiveness to persons excluded or marginalized from the life of the Church and society.

PHEWA is comprised of 10 volunteer networks dedicated to the vision of a welcoming, inclusive and fully accessible Presbyterian Church (USA). PHEWA provides opportunities for membership with all networks or support for an individual network. More information about PHEWA and each of the 10 networks are available in PHEWA brochures conveniently placed in the church narthex. Also, you can go to www.phewacommunity.org and <http://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/phewa> - two websites that provide the latest news from the PHEWA networks.

Carol Brown

Summer Birthdays

June

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



July

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



August

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



Prayer Concerns for the Summer

For All Our Military and Law Enforcement Personnel, especially:

All Chaplains; Eric Arrants, Afghanistan, grandson of Vander Woude; Parker Buell, Seoul, S. Korea; Tim Dopp, Hawaii; Laura Kraus, granddaughter of Beverly Kraus; Cory King, Fort Knox; Kipp Moe, police officer, son of Jim Moe; Ray Nelson, police officer and Chris Gagne, Secret Service agent, Ida Nelson’s son and grandson; Stephen Papesh, Fort Gordon, Georgia; Dustin Risk, Afghanistan, Susan Hillman’s nephew; Gregory Sturtevant – FBI Special Agent, Carol Rowe’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; Medical mission in Haiti; Migrant ministry

For all those in need of food or shelter in our community and across the world.

For all those recovering from the effects of Hurricane Sandy and those assisting in the relief efforts.

For all those recovering from the effects of tornadoes in Texas and Oklahoma.



Calendar June

Calendar July

Calendar August

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Newsletter Deadline August 21st

Summer worship at 9:30 a.m.

Office closed

