

Calendar for the Week

Today, September 9 th	Welcome Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m. Fellowship Hour 11:30 a.m. BBQ Dinner 6:15 p.m. Evening Worship 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, September 11 th	Leaders' Huddle 6:00 p.m. All Board Night 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, September 12 th	Quilters Squared 10:00 am Midland Fresh 4:00-4:40 p.m. Children's Music Program 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.
Thursday, September 13 th	Bible Study, 1:00 p.m. Adult Bell Choir 6:00 p.m. Chancel Choir 7:00 p.m.
Sunday, September 16 th	Mission Sunday Worship with Communion 8:15 a.m. Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Worship with Choirs 10:30 a.m.

Looking Ahead

September 23 rd	Higher Education Sunday with guests from Alma Collee
September 30 th	Children's Sabbath Sunday

Upcoming Birthdays

September 16 th	Bert Atwood Steve Dietz
September 17 th	David Herriman Amy Paeth
September 21 st	Nancy Frederixon
September 23 rd	Nikelle Johnson

Chapel Lane's News of the Week—September 9th-15th, 2018

General Information

Welcome Friends! Welcome to Chapel Lane Presbyterian Church. We hope you find our worship alive with the Spirit of Christ. If you are looking for a church home, we hope you will consider being a part of this faith community. Please use the Fellowship Pad to provide us with your name and contact information so that we may reach out to you following worship.

Photography: Pleased be advised that, at certain times, videos, audio tapes and photographs may be taken during worship and other church activities for broader use. If you do not wish to have your photo taken and used for social media purposes, please inform an usher and send a request in writing to either office@chapellane.org or Chapel Lane Presbyterian Church, 5501 Jefferson Avenue Midland MI 48640.

Children in Worship: You will find **Worship Bags** at the back of the sanctuary containing worship aids for children. The blue-handled bags are for older children and the red-handled bags are for younger children. Please return them to the floor below the rack at the end of the service.

Nursery: We have a staffed nursery for children, from infancy through the first grade. (Older children may use the nursery and playground if accompanied by an adult.)

Tape Ministry: Each week, the Board of Deacons tapes our worship service and sends copies to our homebound member and friends. If you would like more information, please contact Harry White @ 692-2059.

Flowers:

CHAPEL LANE ANNOUNCEMENTS – Today through Sep 23, 2018

Adult Class: The Lectionary-Based Adult Sunday School Class will meet on Sunday, September 23, at 9 a.m., in the library. If you would like to learn more about each Sunday's Lectionary reading, you're invited to join us.

Outdoor Worship: The evening begins with a meal at 6:15 p.m. followed by a worship service at 7:00 p.m. Join us next week.

Midland Fresh provides produce for everyone in the community every Wednesday through the end of September at Chapel Lane from 4-4:40 p.m. The Project Fresh truck will not be coming anymore, but there are a lot of fresh vegetables still in our garden and other gardens that is available to those who want to have them. If you have vegetables from your own gardens or other gardens that you would like to share with the community, feel free to bring them on Wednesdays from 4:00 -4:40 p.m.

The Monday Evening Circle: CHANGE OF DATE – We will meet Monday, September 10th at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Nona Willing, 216 Morning Meadow Way, 989-513-5960. The study book, “God’s Promise: I Will Be With You” is on the table in the foyer under the PW’s bulletin board. The cost is \$10. The study will include the introduction and Chapter 1. We invite anyone who wishes to participate to come. Our evening begins with dessert followed by the study. This is a time for wonderful fellowship.

Thursday Afternoon Bible Study: Our Thursday Study group started a new year on September 6th at 1:00 p.m. in the church parlor. Advance copies of our study guide, Do Not Live Afraid: Faith in a Fearful World, are available from Pastor Rhonda at a cost of \$7.00 each.

Afternoon Ladies’ Circle: The afternoon ladies’ circle will have its first study of the 2018-2019 season on (the third) Monday, September 17, in the church library. We will meet from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. The lesson book is entitled **God’s Promise: I Am with You** and costs \$10. (Books are available on the bookcase under the PW display board in the foyer near the entrance to the sanctuary.) Each of the nine lessons will focus on a specific scripture from Genesis to the end of the Gospels about the most frequent promise of God...to be with us (and to not forsake us). The emphasis of the first lesson is God’s willingness to be with us in all our circumstances. Everyone is welcome! Questions? Please call Sally Ann Sutton at 835-2428.

PW Luncheon: Join us on the 4th Tuesday of the month for the lunch at 11:30 a.m. at Shirlene’s. The next date will be September 25th. Please sign up by Sunday, September 23rd. There is a sign-up sheet on the PW bulletin board in the foyer.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS – Today through Sep 23, 2018

Nottingham Place Pig Roast: The church is invited to the annual Big Bang. This year they are having a Pig Roast for the community on Saturday, September 15 from 1:00-4:00 p.m. If there are any questions, please call Jewel on 989-837-3190.

Welcome Sunday—September 9th, 2018—10:30 a.m.

“Growing a Faith that Must be Shared”

* Please stand, if you are able.

Be Glad

Welcome and Announcements

Summons to Be the Church and Lighting of the Christ Candle

Preparation for Worship “Prelude in G” J.S. Bach

Praising Our God with Psalm and Melody

Sentences of Praise *(Based on Psalm 100)*

Gathering Prayer

*Song of Gladness #611 “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

Liturgy of Confession

Pastor: Lord, in your mercy, **People: Hear our prayer.** *(Silent Prayer of Confession)*

Response #372 “Oh, For a World”

**O for a world where everyone respects each other’s ways,
Where love is lived and all is done with justice and praise.
We welcome one world family and struggle with each choice
That open us to unity and gives our vision voice.**

Grace Confirmed

*Response of Praise #15 (vs. 6) “All Creatures of Our God and King”

**O sisters, brothers, take your part,
And worship God with humble heart. Alleluia! Alleluia!
All creatures, bless the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Three in One!
Sing praises! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

*Sharing the Peace of Christ

May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

Behold

Prayer for Illumination STF #2081 “Open Our Eyes”

**Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus,
To reach out and touch him and say that we love him.
Open our eyes, Lord, and help us to listen.
Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus.**

First Lesson

Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23

NRSV p. 592

Second Lesson

James 2:1-10, 14-17

NRSV p. 1100

Children’s Message

Sermon

“Welcome, One and All”

*Song of Witness #401

“Here In This Place”

Belong

*Affirmation of Faith

--Adapted from the Belhar Confession

We believe in God--the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, who gathers, protects and cares for the church.

We believe the church is one worldwide communion of saints, called from the entire human family.

We believe the church is the single community of believers, reconciled with God and with one another.

We believe that through the working of God’s Spirit, unity is a binding force and that we must seek this unity, which must become visible to the world.

Morning Prayer and the Lord’s Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Offering of our Gifts

Offertory “How Firm a Foundation” Paul Koch

*Offertory Response “For the Life that You Have Given”

**For the life that you have given, for the love in Christ made known,
With these fruits of time and labor, with these gifts that are your own:
Here we offer, Lord, our praises; heart and mind and strength we bring;
Give us grace to love and serve you, living what we pray and sing.**

*Prayer of Dedication

Become

*Song of Becoming #301

“Let Us Build a House/All Are Welcome”

*Charge and Benediction

***Benediction Response** (Tune: *Hyfrydol*) “Being Church”
In this space, we meet our neighbor, see the Lord and hear God’s Word.
Here, we’re joined in adoration, at the table and the font.
We go forth to serve God’s purpose, sharing news of grace and love.
We become a new creation, being church unto the world.

***Post-Service Music**

Participants in Today’s Service

Pastor: The Rev. Dr. Rhonda Myers
Director of Music: Jan Sutherland
Director of Christian Education: Megan Barnard
Worship Leader: Wayne Stover
Ushers: Marian and Eldon Ault, Alice Wiltse, Carol Rowe
Nursery: Renee White, Jennifer Hahn
Ministers: The Members of Chapel Lane Presbyterian Church

Our Mission Statement

**Celebrating our diversity of gifts, we seek to serve Christ
by serving others with grace, love and laughter.**

Did You Know? and Questions for Reflection

Did you know that a UNICEF study reports that the United States has the 2nd-highest child poverty rate in the industrialized world, with more than 1 in 5 children living in households that fall below the poverty line?

([http:// www.unicef-irc.org/publications/pdf/rc10_eng.pdf](http://www.unicef-irc.org/publications/pdf/rc10_eng.pdf)).

What does this mean to you as a person of faith?

How might God call the church to respond to this situation?

What does welcoming our neighbors by the bonds of faith invite us to see and do?

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