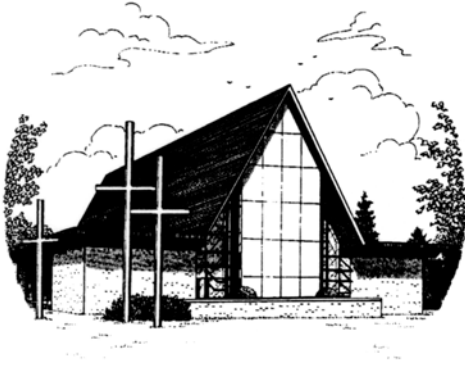


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Growing a Faith That Must Be Shared

Child of God

Last month I had the privilege of hearing Desmond Tutu speak in Atlanta. Many of us are aware of his Christian leadership not just in South Africa but worldwide, calling people of faith to remember that we are all made in the image of God and are all worthy of equality, justice and respect. Retired for a number of years, he still speaks with infectious energy and charm, winning over his listeners with love.

The recurring theme of Archbishop Tutu's presentation was this: "Become who you are." Tutu contends that we allow the stresses and the struggles of life to create amnesia. We forget who we are. We forget that others are our sisters and brothers and that we are all children of God.

One of the greatest benefits of the summer season is the chance to see things differently, to experience life differently, to follow a different schedule and perhaps encounter different people. Through it all we also have the opportunity to realize how very similar we all are. Many of our needs are similar, our worries are similar, our fears, hopes and dreams are similar.

I hope that your time this summer provides you with the chance to cure your amnesia and to remember who

you are. You are a beloved child of God. Your worth in God's eyes is not tied to the value of your portfolio or how well you did in school or any achievement whatsoever. It is the pure gift of God, a gift to be treasured and enjoyed, not hoarded or kept hidden or fretted over.

Let your true identity show this summer. Become who you already are as a child of God. Claim your inheritance and rest in the knowledge of God's unfailing love. Gather with the rest of the family for worship and fellowship wherever you may be just because it is good to get together and celebrate the life we have in Christ.

Relax and rejoice. That's a good recipe for a restful and restoring rhythm to life.

You are a child of God. Become who you are!

Faithfully yours,

David

You'll never get ahead of anyone as long as you try to get even with him.

— Lou Holtz

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**Don't Take
a Vacation
from Church**

Summer Camp



All kids from 2nd through 12th Grade are invited to a fun week of CAMP,

June 14 – 20, up in Gaylord, Michigan. Hopefully your camper is registered by now and they are excited about horseback riding, accomplishing the ropes course, fun at the water front, etc. The staff is planning, training and excited to go. Please see “Kamp Karen” if you have any questions or call her at #772-5228. It’s not too late to still join us!

Summer Cash Crunch

Every Summer, pledge payments to the church drop off for several months and then rise again in the Fall. Unfortunately our bills and other financial obligations do not follow this pattern. This leads to a “cash crunch” during the summer months. To alleviate this situation, the treasurers and I are asking the congregation to consider setting up automatic payments for their pledge payments. There are many ways to do this. For example, my credit union (Dow Chemical Employee Credit Union), offers a free bill-paying service. Many credit cards also offer this service. At this time, we would prefer to receive a check from the bill paying service to ensure that payments are accurately credited towards individual pledges. For those who don’t have access to an automatic bill-paying service, we are working on other options. More information about this will be forthcoming.



Mike Starch
Stewards and Finance

Summary of May Session Meeting

The Session met on May 12, 2009 at 7 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:

- *Authorized* the baptisms of Heather Stuart and Jamie Wood to take place on Sunday, May 17 during the 10:45 a.m. service, with the Rev. David Young officiating.
 - *Called* for a special session meeting on Sunday, May 17, 2009 at 10:30 a.m. for the purpose of meeting, examining and accepting Heather Stuart and Jamie Wood as new members by profession of faith.
 - Set the following ceremonies to take place during the 10:45 a.m. service on Sunday, May 17, with the Rev. David Young officiating: (1) Baptisms of Heather Stuart and Jamie Wood; (2) Dedication of Anyere Achoh, infant son of Isaac and Rosaline Achoh; and (3) Welcome by the congregation of new members Isaac and Rosaline Achoh, Juliana Asambang, Heather Stuart, and Jamie Wood.
 - Reported that Chapel Lane member Harrison Plum died on May 5, 2009 in Midland. We are grateful for Harrison’s life and service to Chapel Lane, and have regretfully removed his name from the Chapel Lane membership roll.
 - Discussed ways to celebrate Chapel Lane’s 50th anniversary in 2010.
 - Reported that representatives from Chapel Lane will join other community churches in providing activities during the Midland River Days celebration, Sunday afternoon, July 19.
 - Reported that in order to further encourage fellowship within our congregation, sponsorship of regular Sunday coffee hours has been set up during the school year, as follows: First Sunday – Deacons; Second Sunday – Presbyterian Women; Third Sunday (and Fifth Sunday) – Membership & Growth; and Fourth Sunday – Christian Education.
- The next stated session meeting will be held **June 9, 2009**. The meeting was adjourned with prayer at 9:30 p.m.
- Suz Miller
Clerk of Session

Allergies and Scents

Many people enjoy the fragrances of perfumes and colognes, but please remember that your wearing it may cause others to be just dying to breathe easier. There are those in our fellowship who have severe allergies to perfumes and scents. Your consideration and sensitivity to the sensitivities of others is a great help. Thank you for making breathing easier for others.

Pastor Young Away

David will be away from the office to co-direct Summer Camp **June 14 – 19**. He will be on vacation **June 29 – July 12** and also for a week during August. Local pastors will be on call in the event of a pastoral emergency. Please call the church office (631-2081) for the list of local pastors who are on call.

Christian Education Happenings

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.

Leadership Opportunities

There are always opportunities for people who would like to be more actively involved in the Christian Education activities at Chapel Lane. If you have an interest in leading an adult Bible study, helping out with the Youth, or teaching a Sunday School Class, or if you have ideas for new courses of study, please contact Chrissy Westbury, Director of Christian Education.

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 **May 31**. Make sure to join us in celebrating the teachers and leaders who make our programs possible, especially:



Carol Brown, Renee White, Al Collins, Cathy Starch, Lorie Ermak, Tina Hutcheson, Chris Pashby, Kathy Rightor, Holly Roenicke, Sarah Wildfong, Al and Tami Sowle, Johanna Jozwiak, Sally Ann Sutton, Ed Rightor, Clarence Licht, Howard Lewis, Ann Moe, Fran Martin, Ben Fortin, Susan Hillman

Thank You



Thank you for all the prayers, the cards, the meals, the visitors, and all the friends that helped me through my convalescent period after I fell and had a hip replacement. Many Thanks.

Ida Nelson

During the summer, as we all get busy and head off to parts unknown, it can be difficult to continue our Bible studies. For those that wish to do so, remember the weekly featured study. Each week, in the education kiosk, there are copies of a Weekly Featured Study

from *The Thoughtful Christian* curriculum for you to work through on your own schedule. The studies offered will change periodically, and will address topics from Bible and Theology, Spirituality, Popular Culture, In The News, and Contemporary Issues.

If you would like a copy of this week's lesson, and find that they have all been taken from the kiosk or you are unable to attend service on a given Sunday or Wednesday, call or email Chrissy Westbury for a copy. 631-2081 or cwestbury1@yahoo.com. You can also sign up in the kiosk or by email to have each week's study sent to your home by email.



Summer Study Opportunities

Wednesday Night Study

Wednesday Night Adult Study group continues to meet on Wednesdays at 8 p.m. All are welcome to join in this active, discussion-oriented group. Topics vary based on the interests of the participants. Contact Johanna Jozwiak for more information.

Thursday Bible Study:

The group that meets at 1 p.m. in the Parlor will wrap up its study of the book of Acts on **June 11**. The group will not meet through the summer, resuming its meetings on **September 10**.

One Great Hour of Sharing

Through the generous response from the congregation, we were able to raise \$2,175.51 for the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering in April. Thank you very much.



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 fill out this form and drop it in Chrissy's mailbox outside the church office.

Registration forms will be available soon!

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

A Few Items Needed

- Wardrobe or appliance boxes
- Buzzers (like from the board game taboo)
- Clear Christmas lights
- Large sheets of Styrofoam or foamcore



Join the Fun at VBS!

Vacation Bible School
July 27 – 31, 2009
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Name: _____ Phone: _____
Email Address: _____

I can help BEFORE VBS by:

- ___ Praying for VBS
- ___ Publicity
- ___ Decorating
- ___ Shopping for supplies
- ___ Preparing crafts

I can help DURING VBS as a:

- ___ Pre-K Leader ___ Pre-K Assistant
- ___ 1-3rd grade leader ___ 1-3rd grade assistant
- ___ 4-6th grade leader ___ 4-6th grade assistant
- ___ Craft leader ___ Craft Assistant
- ___ Mission leader ___ Mission Assistant
- ___ Games leader ___ Games Assistant
- ___ Snack preparation
- ___ Opening/Closing Assembly Assistant
- ___ 4th-6th grade overnight chaperone
- ___ Photographer

I can help AFTER VBS with:

- ___ Follow up postcards
for participants
- ___ Closing picnic



THANK YOU!!!

Deacons Doings

April Deacons' Highlights

The Board of Deacons met on Tuesday evening, April 28, 2009, in the church library.

- The next Mobile Food Pantry is on Thursday, May 21, 2009, at Trinity Lutheran Church.
- Harry White and son Greg picked up large appliances for Midland Area Homes on April 11. Harry is the Chapel Lane representative on the Board of Directors.
- Plans were made for the serving of refreshments after worship on May 3.
- Harry White and Wayne Stover will assemble the hospital bed that is in the church storage unit. The bed will remain assembled for use.
- The Pentecost Offering will be collected during May and dedicated on May 31. Ed Rightor is preparing articles for the worship guides.
- Cookies and birthday cards and electronic newsletters are sent to our young adults.
- Distribution of funds for the past four weeks included: first quarter emergency relief of \$500 to PDA for an African food program; Member-In-Mission assistance of \$700 to Gail McGee for her health ministry trip to Haiti in May; first quarter bucket brigade collection of \$380.54 for Two-Coins-A-Meal; E.F.P.N. cash donations of \$920 from the congregation for January-April which counts towards the Feinstein Challenge; and Pastor's Emergency Fund disbursements totaling \$1,681.93 for assistance with gas, rent, utilities, vehicle repairs, and prescriptions.
- Carol Brown is preparing a visual display of ministries unique to Chapel Lane for the May Presbytery meeting in Mt. Pleasant. Deacons may give pictures and write-ups to Carol.
- Carnations will be available for Mother's Day.
- Volunteer opportunities are available in East Side Soup Kitchen (with the MPC team) in Saginaw and at Open Door in Midland.
- Health Fair Kits may be prepared and delivered to church by May 17.
- The Presbyterian congregation in Gautier, MS, is now worshipping in the newly-built sanctuary.

The next meeting of the Board of Deacons is on Tuesday, May 26, 2009, at 7 p.m.

Transportation for Worship Services

If you would like to provide transportation for those who cannot drive or for those who do not wish to drive in certain weather conditions for the worship service on Wednesday evening and/or for the services and Christian Education on Sunday morning, please contact Dan Hein at 835-5630 or at heintimms@sbcglobal.net Also, if you need transportation to church, please contact Dan.



Reminder

There will be a Stephen Minister class starting in September at Trinity Lutheran Church. This may be a calling for you to serve God. If you have questions over the summer, please call me.

Carolyn Cole
Stephen Minister

Young Adults.....Stay Connected!!!



Stay Connected

Are you or do you know of any single young adults with ties to Chapel Lane? Maybe someone who recently graduated from college and is starting a new job in a new city? Perhaps a recent high school or college graduate, staying in Midland? And, as in the past, a recent high school graduate attending college out of town this fall?

The Deacons, with the help of wonderful Chapel Lane cookie bakers, give cookies two times a year to our single Young Adults, both in Midland and out of town. We also send the Chapel Chimes newsletters via e-mail.

If you know of a single Young Adult or are a single Young Adult, and want to stay connected, let a Deacon know.... we will be glad to add you to our cookie list and newsletter e-mail list.

Carol Brown
ckbrown@chartermi.net
Deacons

Musical Notes

A note of Thanks!



“Thank You” to all of the individuals who have given of their time and talent by serving all year in the music program, either through a vocal choir, a handbell choir or by playing an instrument. You are very appreciated! Please join us again in Fall 2009.

Karen Graef
Director of Music

Fall music programs will begin the week following Labor Day!

An Evening of Music

David and Nancy Young will present an evening of vocal music, accompanied by their son, Micah, on Friday, **June 26**, The concert is free and open to all. More information will be printed in the weekly worship guide.

Riverdays Retro Recreation on July 19

Chapel Lane has been invited to take part in the Riverdays Sunday Afternoon heritage celebration. There will be a variety of games and activities. Chapel Lane will have a watermelon eating contest booth along with a seed spitting sideshow. Lots of fun for all. All that is needed are some volunteers to help set up and clean up and folks to supervise during the afternoon on a shared schedule. We also need donations of watermelons, creative ideas for decorating the booth and prizes for participants. There will be a sign up sheet in the foyer. We hope that you will be willing to share some of your Sunday afternoon on **July 19** to participate in this fun event.

2009 Graduates

Congratulations to our 2009 graduates. They are:

High School Graduates

Greg Beamish – Dow High
Michelle McGee – Dow High



Harper Myers – Midland High
Eric Rightor – Dow High
Christopher Stanos – Dow High
(Fran & Betty Martin’s grandson)

College Graduates

Jessica Martin – University of Alaska-Anchorage
Nicole Martin – Kenai Peninsula College

Income and Expense in April

We are quite close to our annual income and expense targets. Fortunately we experienced an excellent loose offering collection for the month, which compensated for a lower pledge income. With these results we have maintained our available funds at \$45,000.

Income				
	April	YTD Actual	YTD Plan	% of Plan
Pledge Income	\$14,243	\$81,636	\$86,895	94%
Loose Offering	\$4,676	\$9,321	\$5,833	160%
Other Offering	\$1,300	\$4,200	\$2,530	166%
Total Income	\$20,219	\$95,157	\$95,258	100%
Expense				
Total Expense	\$19,776	\$95,033	\$93,465	102%

Church Historians STILL needed!



Chapel Lane’s 50th anniversary year is approaching (2010). Meanwhile, the number of photos, articles, and interesting tidbits keeps accumulating without anyone taking the lead in saving and archiving our life together. Do you have an interest in this endeavor? If so, please let it be known by calling the office (631-2081) or speaking with Pastor David. Thanks!

CHECK IT OUT

A complete inventory of our church library is finished! Thanks to Beverly Moyer for helping me. We have more than 1400 items in our collection. Below is a list of missing items (not signed out). If you have any of these, please return them now, or tell the librarian where they are. Thank you.



Missing Books

1. *Whose Bible Is It?* by Yaroslav Pelikan
2. *What Unites Presbyterians* by Kirkpatrick & Hopper
3. *Living Faith* by Jimmy Carter
4. *Freefall* by Kristin Heitzmann
5. (Youth) *If God Loves Me, Why Can't I Get My Locker Open?*
6. (Youth) *The Silver Chair: Narnia Chronicles #6*
7. (Children) *The Cat's Story: Jesus At the Wedding*
8. (Children) *What Is Heaven Like?*
9. (Children) *Adam Raccoon and the Race to Victory Mountain*
10. (Children) *Glimpses of Heaven*
11. (Children) *Big Thoughts For Little People*

Missing Videos

1. *City Boy*
2. *Jesus the King*
3. *The Last Days of the Eugene Meltsner: Adventures in Odyssey*
4. *Madame Blueberry: Veggie Tales* (The box was returned empty.)

Sue Lane

A Sunday Morning Thanks

Membership and Growth would like to take this opportunity to thank Fran and Betty Martin, the Presbyterian Women, and Lyle and Joyce Sandford for preparing coffee on Sunday mornings for our church family, it was greatly appreciated.

We would also like to thank the Board of Christian Education, Board of Deacons and the Presbyterian Women for preparing a coffee fellowship hour after the 10:45 worship service.

It is the little acts of kindness and the warm fellowship that makes Chapel Lane such a wonderful "home."

Membership and Growth

Yes, it's about brevity

by Tom Ehrich

In an age of "TMI" — "Too Much Information" — it is critical that all church communications acknowledge "brevity (as) the soul of wit."

Newsletter articles must be short, with articles being less than 300 words.... Articles posted on a Web site can be longer, but even those shouldn't exceed 450 words.

Blurbs in the Sunday bulletin should be one or two sentences. Brochures should use pictures and charts more than words. Many churches find that the most effective brochure is actually a picture postcard with a compelling graphic and a few sentences of text.

Handouts at meetings should fit on one, possibly two pages. This isn't easy. It takes more work to do a one-page executive summary than a simple data dump.

Information overload is a good reason to be brief. Just as TV ads have gone to 15 seconds and 30 seconds to hold on to restless viewers, so magazine and newspaper articles have gotten shorter and shorter. People won't sit still for lengthy documents. Churches don't get a free pass on these changing human dynamics....

The rule of thumb in writing is that shorter is harder than longer. So allow extra time to achieve brevity.

Tom Ehrich is a writer, church consultant and Episcopal priest based in New York. He is the author of "Just Wondering Jesus," and the founder of the Church Wellness Project.

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Harrison Plum, Jr.

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Newsletter Options

Several options exist for receiving *Chapel Chimes* by those who use computers. The options are:

1. From the Chapel Lane web site (www.chapellane.org)
2. Via e-mail
3. At church
4. Via postal mail



Those who wish to either pick it up at church or receive it via postal mail will receive the printed copies automatically. Those who have computers available can choose to have the church e-mail the newsletter as an attachment or notification when the newsletter is available on the web site. Both copies are available in PDF format which can easily be read using the free Adobe Acrobat Reader, which is available via download from www.adobe.com. The web site version can either be viewed online over the Internet or downloaded to your computer. Those who wish to use options 1 or 2, please let the church office know and they will put you on an electronic mailing list. By using this method, you will help reduce our printing and mailing costs as the office will not have to print your copy and mail it to you. Also, many of the graphics are now in color, which will only show up with the electronic version. Thank you for helping us to serve you more efficiently.

Howard Lewis
Newsletter Editor



A big **“Happy Birthday”** to those who will be celebrating their birthday this summer:

June

2 Shirley Gransden
3 Wayne Stover
3 Carter Greiman
4 Jesse King
4 Tim Brown
4 Steve Humphrey
6 Betty Robertson
7 Elizabeth Stuart
7 Sophia Winkler
9 Carl VanderWoude
9 Julie Whitaker
10 Cindy Humphrey
10 Myrna Bennett
11 Jeanine Noveroske
12 Amanda Breneman
12 Logan Allen
14 Katelynn Sanburn
14 Carol Brown

16 Jim Moe
16 Mary Lou Kelly
17 John Willing
18 Leon Crossman
20 Jim Farrow
22 Sue Altman
22 George Baird
22 Marge Rouech
24 Karla Raleigh
26 Sue Haske Lane
26 Timothy Martin
26 Zachary Hahn
30 Stacy Rouech
30 Noah Kesler

July

1 Melissa Teed
2 Mitchell Rouech
6 Thomas Martin

6 Tom Kennedy
6 Abrielle Tryban
7 Greg White
8 Janet Farrow
8 Sidney Allen
11 Francis Martin
13 Ryan Humphrey
14 Jason Seymour
15 Duncan Stuart
15 Joyce Osborne
15 Paul Teed
17 Lawrence Adams
17 Micah Young
18 Sally Ann Sutton
20 Benjamin Wilson
21 Alicia Pashby
21 Stephanie Pashby
22 Erlene Carmody
23 Kelsey Stark
24 Barbara Miller

25 Kelly Buell
25 Karen Graef
25 Cody Shobe
25 Ryan Westbury
27 Trevor Dahl
28 Ben Fortin
29 David Boyer
29 Howard Graves
29 Budd Lengerman
31 Janice DeBlik

August

1 Ashley Huston
1 Deborah Cull
2 Howard Lewis
9 Suz Miller
9 Bob Rouech
9 Emily Breneman

9 Heidi King
10 Evan Cobb
14 Ron Hynds
16 Karrie Rouech
16 Kelly Wetherell
18 Leslie Stuart
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 Carolee Caldwell
28 Jami Witherspoon
30 Steve Smith
30 Dorothy Wilhelm

If you would like your name added to this list, or there are errors in the list, please contact the church office.



Summer 2009 Calendar of Events

June

Steward of the month: Dan Veresh



4 1:00p – Bible Study
9 7:00p – Session
10 12:45p – Quilting Bees

11 1:00p – Bible Study
14–20 Summer Camp
21 Camp Sunday

24 12:45p – Quilting Bees
28 Food Pantry Collection



July

Steward of the month: Al Adams



8 12:45p – Quilting Bees
22 12:45p – Quilting Bees

26 Food Pantry Collection
27–31 9:00a – Vacation Bible School



August

Steward of the month: Al Adams



11 7:00p – Session
12 12:45p – Quilting Bees
19 Newsletter Deadline

23 Food Pantry Collection
25 7:00p – Deacons

26 12:45p – Quilting Bees



Summer Worship Opportunities

(these will meet each week throughout the Summer)

Sunday Worship — 9:30 a.m.
Wednesday Worship — 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening Bible Study — 8:00 p.m.

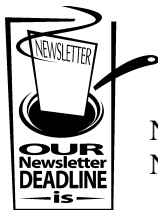


A Note From the Editor



With this newsletter wrapped up, I am announcing my “retirement” as the editor of *Chapel Chimes*. When I took over as editor in September 1993, I didn’t realize that I would still be editing this publication sixteen years later! At that time, I knew nothing about publishing a newsletter but have learned a lot about publishing layouts over the years. I wish to thank the multitude of people who have submitted articles during this time for being so prompt and understanding of my foibles. Several people have made suggestions on improving the layout and I have appreciated those suggestions as well. At this time a successor has not been named, but I am aware of a person who is considering taking on the task. The e-mail address of the editor will remain as newsletter@chapellane.org. I want to encourage you to continue to give the new editor the support that you have given me. Thanks again.

Howard Lewis
Editor



Next newsletter deadline—— **Third Wednesday** of August
Newsletter e-mail address — ChapelChimes@hotmail.com