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Growing a Faith That Must Be Shared

Dear Friends:

From time to time there are notes in our denominational magazine called *The Presbyterian Outlook* that catch my eye. Marj Carpenter, a former moderator of our denomination, is a collector of anecdotes and stories that are sometimes just too good not to pass along! If you are interested in finding out more about the *Outlook*, here is the website: www.pres-outlook.org.

From “In This Corner” by Marj: “This list is titled, I’m Finished with Football! Here are some of the reasons: I was taken to too many games by my parents when I was growing up; Every time I go to a game, someone asks for money; The seats are hard and uncomfortable; No one speaks to me; The band plays songs I have never heard before; I have a book about football – I can stay at home and read about it.”

Sound familiar? Can we see ourselves in this list, which we know is but a thinly veiled analogy for reasons why people choose not to attend church? What are the things that keep us here? That keep us away? What can we do to increase the gravitational “pull” of

those attractive things about Chapel Lane and decrease the “push away” of those things that don’t serve us well?

My guess is that a key ingredient beyond simply “showing up” is engaging one another in conversation and caring about what goes on here and how our time, talents and treasures are being used. We need to be willing to take a risk, register an opinion, and work together toward the common good of creating a community of faith that is second to none.

This month and until November 11th we will be hosting an international mission partner, Rev. Sigita Svambariene, from Lithuania. Please don’t stay at home and read about her visit(!) This is a wonderful opportunity to gain a greater appreciation for the work of the Church of Jesus Christ in another cultural/social/historical context. Who knows: we may even find out things about ourselves that we didn’t know to be true.

Sigita’s first time in worship with us will be October 4. In addition,

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there is an article in this newsletter sharing more information about her visit and how we can each be involved. I hope you will be encouraged to take advantage of this unique opportunity we have been given.

See you in church!

Pastor David

Worship with us in October

Chapel Lane offers three opportunities for worship each week – all with very different formats. The Sunday 8:30 a.m. service offers a less formal atmosphere in which to worship and recharge for the coming week. Enjoy a service rich in Presbyterian tradition and music Sundays at 10:45. Join us Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. for a mid-week “boost” in a contemporary, informal setting.

Lectionary Readings	8:30 a.m. Worship	10:45 a.m. Worship
Oct 4: 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time Job 1:1, 2:1-10; Ps. 26; Heb. 1:1-4, 2:5-12 Mark 10:2-16	Worship Leader: Scott Buckingham Ushers/Greeters:	Worship Leader: Leon Crossman Ushers/Greeters: Bill & Erlene Carmody Fran & Betty Martin
Oct 11: 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time Job 23:1-9, 16-17; Ps. 22:1-15; Heb. 4:12-16; Mark 10:17-31	Worship Leader: Bob McGee Ushers/Greeters:	Worship Leader: Doug Frame Ushers/Greeters: Sandy & Suz Miller Dave & Jeanine Noveroske
Oct 18: 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time Job 38:1-7 (34-41); Ps. 104:1-9, 24, 35c Heb. 5:1-10; Mark 10:35-45	Worship Leader: Shirley McCutchen Ushers/Greeters:	Worship Leader: Ernie Caldwell Ushers/Greeters: Fran & Betty Martin Barry Moyer & Bonnie Stark
Oct 25: 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time Job 42:1-6, 10-17; Ps. 34:1-8 (19-22) Heb. 7:23-28; Mark 10:46-52	Worship Leader: Carol Brown Ushers/Greeters:	Worship Leader: Gary Breneman Ushers/Greeters: Barry Moyer & Bonnie Stark David & Susan Skiendziel

Chancel Committee for October: Vickie Irving
Steward of the Month: Al Adams

Thank you to the many volunteers who give of their time and talents to assist in our Worship!

Pastor David Contact Information

Pastor David is in the office most mornings from Tuesday through Friday and also by appointment in the afternoon and evening. (His day off is Monday). When he is away from the office, our office professional, Joyce Glover, usually knows how to reach him, or you can leave a confidential voicemail for Pastor David via the main office phone (989-631-2081). He can also be reached via email at the church pastor@chapellane.org or at home davnan2@sbcglobal.net.

If you would like a home visit please give him a call so that a time can be arranged. If you know you are going into the hospital or have other things you would like an opportunity to discuss, please let him know.

In the event of an emergency, Pastor David may be reached on his cell phone (989-430-2186), through the church office phone (989-631-2081) or at his home (989-837-2964).

Deacon's Doings

Mobile Food Pantry – Oct 28



The last Mobile Food Pantry for this year will be on Wednesday October 28, 2009 at West Midland Family Center on

Isabella Road (M-20). Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. and food distribution begins about noon. Any resident of Midland County is eligible to receive this free food.

Homemade Crafts & Goodies for Share Fair

The September newsletter announced the fund-raising effort for the Member-in-Mission fund during our annual Share Fair on Sunday, November 22. At the moment, this mission fund has no balance for future assistance to those in our congregation who may need financial support to participate in mission trips. At last year's Share Fair, \$878.50 was raised for this fund.

Hopefully, many in our church family are using their talents to make items for this fund-raiser. Some crocheted hats and mittens and a painted wood carving have been donated thus far. Also, Doris Shaw has donated another beautiful white afghan in the pineapple pattern for auction. Ceramics, wood carvings, wreaths, ornaments, note cards, and anything you can create by hand are welcomed. Also, a large variety of homemade baked goods for the sale would be appreciated. If you have questions, please ask a Deacon. Thank you for your kind support of our volunteer missionaries!

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 www.heintimms@sbcglobal.net. Also contact Dan if you **need transportation** to church.

Peacemaking Offering 2009

Justice and peace shall kiss each other. Psalm 85:10

As we celebrate World Communion Sunday and share the bread and the cup offered by Christ, the Prince of Peace, let us carry our Christian unity with us into the world. What can we do? We can recognize and speak the truth, love others and ensure justice for all, especially those who usually experience injustice. We can become educated about other areas of the world, with opportunities right here at Chapel Lane this fall. Amy Robinson will discuss her mission efforts on the U.S./Mexico border at 10 a.m. on Oct. 1. Sigit Svambariene, our mission partner, will arrive in Midland that evening! We can pray in more specific ways for peace as we learn from both women....and we can give to the 2009 Peacemaking Offering.

The Board of Deacons for Chapel Lane has voted to donate the local portion (25%) of our Peacemaking Offering to **Safe & Sound Child Protection and Advocacy**. The Mission of Safe & Sound is "to prevent child abuse and neglect and improve the quality of life for children." Chapel Lane's own Karen Adams is the Executive Director of **Safe & Sound Child Protection and Advocacy**, an agency of the United Way of Midland.

The remainder of the **Peacemaking Offering** is distributed to the **PC(USA)** presbyteries, synods and the General Assembly supporting their work for justice and peace. Along with workshops, resources and conferences, the offering helps support mission networks that relate to regions where peacemaking is a prime concern.

Peace be with you,

Carol Brown
Board of Deacons



Welcome Pastor Sigita!

Rev. Sigita Svambariene, of the Evangelical Reformed Church in Lithuania, will arrive in Midland the evening of October 1. During her mission partnership with Chapel Lane, she will stay with Revs. David and Nancy Young, and will take part in many of the ministries alongside Pastor David. On Sunday, October 4, World Communion Sunday, Pastor Sigita will co-officiate communion with Pastor David. She will give the Words of Institution and lead the Lord's Prayer in Lithuanian!

A little about Pastor Sigita....She has 4 children; Diana-15, Skaiste-15, Jokubas-12 and Ingrida-7. She also has a dog-Tobis and a cat-Tile. This will be Pastor Sigita's first time in the U.S.A. She is looking forward to eating real American food. She enjoys biking with kids, being in nature, canoeing in a lake, but also would like to visit interesting places in the older sections of larger cities.

Pastor Sigita earned her bachelor's degree in Theology from Klaipeda's University. She is currently administrator of two parishes and serves as the second pastor in the biggest reformed parish in Birzai. She is also chaplain at a children's house in Medeikiai. She is a Confirmation class teacher and leads children, youth and family camps. She believes her ministry is about helping people adjust to new ways of being family and community in a changing world. We can learn from her testimony of God's work in post-soviet Lithuania and other countries, and how God has revealed that faith is not tradition from family, but is the work of the living God.

We will enjoy Pastor Sigita's mission partnership until November 11. Please prayerfully consider if you and/or your family can involve Pastor Sigita in your activities to add to her understanding of our culture, beliefs and traditions, while you will have the privilege of knowing her better and making her feel welcome.

Possible activities (but not limited to):

- lunch or dinner (home, picnic, restaurant, family, group or one-on-one)
- concerts, plays, libraries, parks, museums, nature center
- fall color tour
- shopping for gifts to take home
- sporting events, biking on Rail Trail, parks
- other interesting places (maybe a farm, orchard, horse stable....)

At times, transportation may be needed. Hopefully the timing will be scheduled in advance, but there may be a need on the spur of the moment.

Please let Joyce in the church office know if you can help, along with your preferred date and time.

Thank you!!

Mission Partnership Committee:

Kathy Rightor, Tom and Linda Kennedy, Joyce Osborne, Jill Cook, Carol Brown and Pastor David

Income and Expenses through August

We remain quite close to our annual income and expense targets. Income is again being helped with larger than planned loose offering. Available funds remain in good shape (\$46,135), which reflects good payment against pledge during the summer months. Thank you to those that are being diligent in keeping their pledges current.

	August	Actual (thru Aug)	Plan (thru Aug)	% of Plan
Pledge Income	\$20,416	\$161,760	\$173,790	93%
Loose Offering	1,162	15,668	11,667	134%
Other Income	138	7,079	5,059	140%
Total Income	\$21,715	\$184,506	\$190,515	97%
Total Expense	\$20,336	\$179,381	\$186,930	96%

Summary of September Session Meeting

The Session met on September 8, 2009 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*, with regret, the death of Christine Munro Bentley on August 20, 2009 in Midland, Michigan. We are grateful for Christine's life and her membership at Chapel Lane, and have regretfully removed her name from the active membership roll.
- *Reported* that on August 29, 2009 Linda Hert Langrill and Michael James Woodley were married at Chapel Lane, with the Rev. David Young officiating.
- *Approved* the establishment of an automatic electronic pledge payment service, with the Treasurers and Financial Secretary responsible for administering the program.
- *Approved* that all current insurance policies and insurance documents be stored in the church's safe deposit box, and that Carl Vander Woude serve as Insurance Coordinator for the church.
- *Approved* the planning, publicity and fund raising for a Youth Mission/Education/Worship trip to Chicago in March, 2011.
- *Approved* that during the six-week visit with Chapel Lane by Ecumenical Mission Partner, Sigita Svambariene, that she be allowed to co-officiate in sacraments and other pastoral duties.

EFT comes to Chapel Lane

The Session recently approved a new method for the payment of pledges. Beginning with our stewardship drive this fall, Chapel Lane will offer electronic funds transfer (EFT) as an optional pledge payment method for those who wish to use it. With EFT, it will no longer be necessary to write checks or turn in pledge envelopes. If you choose the new payment method, your pledge will be automatically deducted from your checking or savings account each month. Of course, you can still use pledge envelopes, if you choose. More details will be available on the advantages of using this new payment method in the weeks ahead.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer at 9:05 p.m. The next stated session meeting will be **October 13, 2009**.

Suz Miller
Clerk of Session

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Stewardship Drive – 2009

The time for the annual stewardship drive is fast approaching. It is a time of reflection on who we are as a congregation and the activities we carry out. There is no better way to frame our work as a Church than to consider our activities in light of our purpose

Growing a Faith That Must be Shared

In the coming weeks each of our Boards will show us some of their activities that both help us grow our faith and share it with each other and with those beyond our Church family.

We will begin with:

- Membership and Growth – growing and sharing through fellowship together and with our guests and visitors.
- Worship – Our services along with multiple music programs are the cornerstone of growing and sharing our faith.
- Christian Education – Growth of our faith through study and discussion and sharing between teacher and student.
- Deacons – Growth of our collective understanding and support of a wide variety of mission work.
- Stewards/Finance & Board of Personnel and Office Management – These boards are the operational arm of the Church – from maintenance to salaries. They help make it possible for us to share our faith with members, visitors and the wider community.

In many ways we do grow our faith, individually and collectively. Then through our many programs and activities this faith is shared in our congregation and out beyond ourselves to the broader community.

Look for these Board reports, starting Sunday Oct. 11.

We have set a target to grow our budget this year to include maintaining our program activity and importantly allow growth in salaries and keep up with inflation in energy and maintenance. Last year, because of the collapsing financial situation we were not able to give salary increases to our very capable Church staff.

We need to keep faith with our staff and what we have asked them to do on our behalf. In addition, there will be some one-time expenses associated with celebration of our 50th anniversary. This implies we will need an increase of about 5% over our current budget.

Dedication Sunday will be November 15, and results will be announced at our Thanksgiving dinner November 22. In addition to the board reviews, look for a letter in mid-October followed with a letter and a pledge card early November.

As you listen and read about all that is being done at Chapel Lane please prayerfully consider what God is saying to you about your gift to support our activities so we are

Growing a Faith that Must be Shared.



Christian Education Happenings



Sunday Christian Education Hour

All classes meet on Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m. Contact Chrissy Westbury, Director of Christian Education, for more information on any of the following classes. All are welcome!

Meeting in the Activity Room:

Bible Explorers (Preschool and Kindergarten Sunday School Class)
The R.O.C.K. Rotational Sunday School for 1st - 6th grade
Youth Forum Sunday School Class, for 9th - 12th grade

Meeting in the Youth Room:

Confirmation Class for 7th & 8th grades

Adult Classes:

Adult Forum

Adult Forum, facilitated by Susan Hillman, meets in the Parlor and is a topic-based discussion format class.

Library Forum

The Library Forum is a more traditional Bible study using curriculum from *The Present Word*. They meet in the Library.

Inquirer's Class

The fall Inquirers Class will meet on October 11, (not on the 4th as previously announced), from Noon - 2 with lunch provided. Questions? Call Pastor David at 631-2081.

More Study Opportunities!

Breaking Bread: New Study Opportunity for Youth and Young Adults

Beginning on September 21, a new small group study is being offered for high school youth and young adults (up to age 25). This group will meet on the **first and third Monday of each month from 5:30 - 7**. We will eat dinner together and spend some time in Bible study and discussion. The first meeting of this group will take place at Chrissy Westbury's home on Monday, September 21. Please email education@chapellane.org to RSVP.

Wednesday Night Bible Study

The Wednesday Night Bible Study meets at 8:00 P.M. each Wednesday evening at Chapel Lane. All adults are welcome to attend. Topics vary based on class selection. For more information, contact Johanna Jozwiak.

Thoughtful Christian Take-Home Study

In the education kiosk, there are copies of a Featured Study from *The Thoughtful Christian* curriculum for you to work through on your own schedule. The studies offered will change each week, 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.

Thursday Afternoon Study

The Thursday afternoon study group, led by Pastor David, meets weekly at 1:00 p.m. in the church parlor. The fall study topic will be **the book of Genesis**. Bring a Bible and we'll see you there!

Youth Fellowship – 6th through 12th grade

October 4 – 2:00 p.m.

Crop Walk

Midland Center for the Arts

Join us for a fun afternoon as we walk together for a great cause!

October 24 – Time TBA

Fall Carnival

We'll have fun playing games and hosting a great time for the kids of the community!

Contact Chrissy Westbury or Al Collins with any questions.

Help Wanted!

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.

Note: We are especially in need of people who would be willing to work with the Youth studies and the Youth Fellowship programs.

Check it out!



Our church library has the new video/DVD *Facing the Giants!*

High school football, the coach the team, the community . . . their FAITH. This low-budget film was a box office phenomenon in theaters a couple of years ago. Rated PG, teens will like it! It's a great family movie. See it this season.

Mission Trip 2010



It is not too early to be thinking about a return trip to Louisiana for hurricane rebuilding and renovation next Spring. If you are interested in such a trip, please let that be known! Dates will be discussed once a core group of interested people is identified. Call the church office to let us know of your interest, 631-2081.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S 2009-2010 BIBLE STUDY CIRCLES

RE – CREATE!!!

Be a part of Presbyterian Women's Bible Study. It is a time for study, fellowship, and friendship. We invite you to come to one of our Bible Study Circles with the hope of RE – CREATING your Spiritual Life. Our 2009 – 2010 Bible Study is: *JOSHUA: A JOURNEY OF FAITH*. Lesson books (\$6.00 each) are available on the Presbyterian Women's table in the foyer.

We hope that you will find a time to join us for a Circle that fits your schedule:

The **Monday Evening Circle** will meet **October 5** in the home of Winona Willing at 7:30 p.m.

The **Wednesday Afternoon Circle** will meet on **October 21** from 12:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the Church library. Sally Ann Sutton will be the hostess and the leader of this second lesson in the study of Joshua. Please RSVP to Sally Ann at 835-2428. New members are always welcome.

If these times do not fit your schedule and you would like to participate, we will try to find another time and create another Circle.



A big *Happy Birthday* to those who will be celebrating their birthday in October !



- 1 Mike Starch
- 2 Carol Breneman
- 3 Gretchen Kesler
- 5 Stephen Dietz
- 5 Tommy Roenicke
- 6 Kathleen Barnes
- 9 Scott Buckingham
- 10 Bill Carmody
- 11 Joan Frame
- 12 Sarah Papesh
- 12 Beverly Aeschliman
- 12 Catherine Wildfong
- 13 Fawn Burger
- 14 Kristina Hutcheson
- 15 Nancy Stanley
- 17 Jennifer Hahn
- 18 Kathleen Dahl
- 20 Cyril Burger
- 21 Holly Clark
- 21 Marvin Kelly
- 22 David Skiendziel
- 23 Dick Evans
- 23 Bill Raleigh
- 26 Barb Boyer
- 27 Bill Ewing
- 28 Tracy Noveroske
- 29 Carol Jacobs
- 29 Linda Kennedy
- 30 Geoffrey Witherspoon

Contact the church office if you notice any errors to this list or you would like your name added.

Chapel Lane Presbyterian Church Calendar of Events – October 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 8:30 AM Worship 9:30 AM Christian Education 9:30 AM Confirmation Class 10:45 AM Worship 11:45 AM Fall Inquirer's Class 12:15 PM Youth Choir & Bells	28	29 7:00 PM PW Get Acquainted Tea	30 BLOOD DRIVE 1:00 PM Staff Meeting 7:00 PM Wednesday Worship 8:00 PM Bible Study	1 Rev. Sigita arrives! 10:00 AM Coffee w/Amy 1:00 PM Bible Study 4:00 PM Children's Choir 5:45 PM Adult Bells 7:00 PM Chancel Choir	2	3 8:00 AM Boy Scouts 9:00 AM Suzuki
4 8:30 AM Worship 9:30 AM Christian Education 9:30 AM Confirmation Class 10:45 AM Worship 12:15 PM Youth Choir & Bells 2:00 PM Crop Walk	5 5:30 PM High School/Young Adult Study 7:30 PM Evening Circle	6 7:00 PM Bd of Worship 7:00 PM Membership & Growth	7 12:30 PM Staff Meeting 5:00 PM Bd of Stewards 7:00 PM Wednesday Worship 8:00 PM Bible Study	8 1:00 PM Bible Study 4:00 PM Children's Choir 5:45 PM Adult Bells 7:00 PM Chancel Choir	9 6:00 PM Wdg Rehearsal	10 12:00 PM Wedding Ceremony & Reception
11 8:30 AM Worship 9:30 AM Christian Education 9:30 AM Confirmation Class 10:45 AM Worship 11:45 AM Fall Inquirer's Class 12:15 PM Youth Choir & Bells	12 	13 6:00 PM Quilters Squared 7:00 PM Computer Club 7:00 PM Session	14 10:00 AM Gifts and Memorials 12:45 PM Quilting Bees 1:00 PM Staff Meeting 7:00 PM Wednesday Worship 8:00 PM Bible Study	15 10:00 AM Quilters Squared 1:00 PM Bible Study 4:00 PM Children's Choir 5:45 PM Adult Bells 7:00 PM Chancel Choir 7:15 PM Tall-in-the-Saddle	16 Joyce on vacation	17 9:00 AM Suzuki 2:00 PM Baby Shower-Vicki Eden
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