



# The Chapel Herald

## From Bard to Verse: Shakespeare Returns to The Village Chapel

While there is debate as to whether William Shakespeare was more Anglican (Protestant) or Roman Catholic, it would be difficult to deny that he was a Christian who understood the grace of God that sustains us - as seen in the dramas, tragedies, comedies, and romances of life, that he wrote, directed, and produced for the world on a stage named "the Globe." In his works, Shakespeare has given life to characters that resonate with the best and the worst of our human experience; while always appealing to the supreme God who is our Creator, Savior, and to whom we are all accountable. To the extent the current and previous generations have largely neglected or ignored this greatest writer of our English language - and they have - we are further impoverished in spirit and in culture. The regrettable evidence is all around us.

The good news is that - thanks to the English-Speaking Union, in collaboration with our local high schools - the monologues, dialogues, and sonnets of Shakespeare will be revived in our community at The Village Chapel on Saturday, February 16, from 3:00 - 5:00pm, with a reception following in Chapel Hall. For the past three years, our Chapel has been the venue for this event, where local high school students will compete, dramatically reciting Shakespeare's monologues and sonnets; with the winner going straight to New York City for the national ESU competition.

In addition to the high school students, there will be performances from *Much Ado About Nothing* by Jonathan Drathos - the head of drama at UNC Pembroke - and his wife Carol Ann - both professional actors, with music provided by our Chapel Director of Music, Stephen Gourley.

We expect a sizable attendance from the community, and I hope our Chapel will support - by your attendance - this valiant attempt to promote among our youth the celebration of this genius, that once - and may still - help define us as a civilization.

Pastor John

## What I learned recently...



A few Sundays ago, after the 11 o'clock service, a woman who was visiting the Chapel, asked me what I knew about Walter Hines Page. She noticed a memorial plaque mounted at the back of the Chapel, and because she attended Walter Hines Page High School-- referred to as "Page High School"-- in Greensboro, N.C., she asked if there was any connection. I told her I wasn't aware of who he was and why his memorial plaque was in our place of worship; but I added, if she would come back again, I would have an answer for her the next time she visited.

Well, here is what I learned so far: Walter Hines Page was an American journalist, publisher, and diplomat. He was born in Cary, NC on August 15, 1855. He attended Trinity College (now Duke University) and later transferred to Randolph-Macon College in Ashland, VA; In 1876, he became a fellow at John Hopkins University. Page was the U.S. ambassador to the UK during WW1, under President Woodrow Wilson's administration.

So we have at least two ambassadors associated with our Chapel; George Trail-- a current member and Chapel leader-- was a U.S. ambassador to Malawi. Page founded the State Chronicle newspaper in Raleigh, NC, and helped gain legislative approval for North Carolina State University. As a journalist, he wrote for New York World and the Evening Post. He was also editor of the Atlantic Monthly. In 1900, Page became a partner of Doubleday, Page & Company, a major book publisher in New York City.

The three books he wrote are: *The Re-building of Old*

*Commonwealths* (1902), *A Publishers Confession* (1905), *The Southerner* (1909). In 1918, while serving as ambassador, Page became ill and had to resign; he returned to the U.S. and died two months later in Pinehurst on December 21, at the age of 63. On his memorial plaque it says: "Who represented in his life the strength and honesty of this section which he loved." Without any more information, I suspect that Page worshipped at the Chapel and sat regularly in a particular area of the sanctuary-- perhaps close to the memorial plaque itself. I'm awaiting Page's biography written by John Milton Cooper Jr. and published by UNC Press. When I discover more pertinent information, I'll share it with you.

Pastor Ashley...history detective.



Walter Hines Page

## Women's Discussion Group

*Scalia Speaks*, published after the 2016 death of Supreme Court Justice Anthony Scalia, is a collection of his speeches gathered and edited by his son and includes a foreword by Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg. Subtitled *Reflections on Law, Faith and Life Well-Lived*, the book "offers insight into the man as well as the jurist." The speech/essay on "Church and State" is the focus for the Women's Discussion Group at the meeting on February 14 at 10 o'clock in The Village Chapel Choir Room. Copies of the text are in the rack outside the office of Heather Dunn. All interested women are invited to attend.

## The English-Speaking Union's Sandhills Shakespeare Competition

February 16

3:00 PM

in the sanctuary

All are welcome! 



Kairos Prison Ministry  
International



Forest Creek Golf Club

You're Invited to play Forest Creek South Course

**Monday February 11<sup>th</sup> Noon Tee Time**

The event is to sponsor the Kairos Prison Ministry.

Cost \$75

The event is limited to the first 20 players to sign up.

Call or email- Jimmy Schneider ph. 692-9150

[jimmyschneider@earthlink.net](mailto:jimmyschneider@earthlink.net)



## Freida Powers Supports People & Animals



Freida Powers was the middle child of three sisters who were born in Romney, the county seat of Hampshire County, West Virginia. Since Freida was a tomboy, her father took her hunting and fishing with him, but she never shot anything. She liked animals too much to harm them. She constantly brought home feral cats, stray dogs, or squirrels that had fallen out of trees.

After her father enlisted to serve in World War II, her mother boarded a Greyhound bus with the three girls and moved to Maryland where she had family.

From her freshman year to her senior year, Freida played and excelled in four Varsity sports: field hockey, basketball, soccer, and softball.

It was Freida's ambition to become a physical education teacher; instead, she married S/Sgt. Charles Claude Powers. Meeting her husband is where her faith journey began. She was participating in a summer playground program in 1953 when she saw a man in the distance. According to Freida, God spoke to her "just as plain as day" telling her that the man she saw was going to be the man whom she would marry. Her future husband was recruited to help with the summer program, and they were married the following year. They were stationed at Ft. Bliss, Texas; Okinawa, Japan; and Ft. Bragg, N.C.

Charles and Freida reared two children. Their son LTC Charles, Jr., retired from the military after 25 years and is working as a DOD Civil Service Strategic Planner at Ft. Bragg. Their daughter Freida, Jr., has degrees in Business and Education from Methodist University. She is currently a teacher. Freida is also very proud of her grandchildren; Taylor is a S/Sgt. in the Army, and Jordan is a physical therapy doctor.

For over 22 years, Freida was employed by state or government agencies. She worked as an accounts clerk for the Social Security Administration and worked as a commissary accounting clerk, a military pay clerk and the chief of finance services for the Department of Defense. She also was assistant supervisor for the Baltimore Biological Laboratories. She retired from the Department of Defense in 1988.

Her husband MSG Charles, a Korean War/Vietnam

veteran, retired from the Special Forces in 1975. He died in 1994, just four months before their 40<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. In 2001 Freida and her mother moved to Pinehurst from Fayetteville to obtain "a quieter, less hectic lifestyle."

Freida says her mission in life is "to support people and animals who need help." She has been very active in the Sandhills Habitat for Humanity and in The Carolina-Phil. Freida served on the Habitat Board for three years and was on the ladies' construction crew from 2007 to 2015, working five days a week. She, along with three other women, clean the Habitat store every Monday. She helps with office chores and the mailings for The Carolina-Phil Society. She assists with fundraisers and galas for both organizations.

Because she is a "rock hound," Freida has served as the secretary/treasurer of the Sandhills Gem and Mineral Society the last twelve years. For fifteen years Freida was a volunteer for the Moore County Election Board.

Freida and her mother decided to attend the Village Chapel "to get the whole experience of Pinehurst." According to Freida, they both loved the 9:30 service. Freida did not become a member of the Chapel until 2004 after her mother died.

For many years Freida has served as a Shepherd at the Chapel. She is the leader of Crossties, a women's group that holds a luncheon the second Tuesday of each month. Since the Chapel has three services, the women come together at the monthly luncheons to have fellowship together. Freida hosted the quarterly Widows and Widowers luncheon until it merged with Crossties.

Because of Freida's initiative, a new project has been implemented for the women of the Chapel for 2019. Home showers will be sponsored for new homeowners of Habitat.

Freida loves the Chapel because it gives her peace and comfort. She says, "I feel at home; I would never leave my church."

Forty-three years ago, Freida was diagnosed with stage four breast cancer and was given two months to live. As she was putting her affairs in order, a miracle happened. Freida said, "I had a radical mastectomy, no chemo nor radiation and survived!" She goes on to add, "God has been good to me. I know that He is always going to be present and helpful to me."





**Youth  
New Years Eve  
Bowling Party**





YOUTH  
SKI TRIP/  
MOUNTAIN  
RETREAT  
2019





## FRIEND TO FRIEND

Domestic Violence | Sexual Assault | Human Trafficking

The Mission of Friend to Friend is to help survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault and human trafficking rebuild their lives. Friend to Friend is a non-profit 501c (3) organization, started in 1988, to serve victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and human trafficking. Friend to Friend is the only domestic violence, sexual assault & human trafficking agency in Moore County.

To achieve their mission, Friend to Friend offers, free of charge, a crisis line that operates 24/7, emergency housing at an undisclosed shelter, a court advocacy program, a sexual assault advocacy program, court accompaniment, community education, counseling services, hospital accompaniment for sexual assault, legal aid, and referrals to other community resources. Their Serenity House is a 34-bed safe haven for victims as they learn to rebuild their lives and become self-sufficient. They also kicked off the Thousand Eyes Wide Open Campaign last year to create a "boots-on-the-ground community army" to combat human trafficking in Moore and surrounding counties.

The Village Chapel became a partner with this non-profit organization last year through the Human Trafficking Awareness Seminars sponsored by our Men's Ministry. Additionally, TVC's Outreach Committee determined that it would be one of the Moore County charities which warranted our financial support

Volunteer opportunities exist for anyone with a few hours monthly or weekly who are led to help in any of their support areas. To obtain more information, please visit their website, <https://www.friendtofriend.me>, or call the Advocacy Office to meet with their volunteer coordinator and schedule the required training. The Executive Director, Dr. Anne Friesen, welcomes all support and assistance we may provide. Many families have been assisted in the recovery process through the life-saving programs Friend to Friend offers our community.



## Are You Fully Aware?

For at least two full years, the Stephen Ministry has been alive and well in The Village Chapel. The benefits of this ministry are available to all, and are especially worthwhile for those going through tough times.

Nationally, more than one and one half million people have benefitted by becoming Care Receivers, in handling the less than good times that occur in our lives, whether that difficulty be one of health, finances, job related, divorce, loneliness, or whatever. Our church has a staff of Stephen Ministers and Stephen leaders who are well-trained and eager to assist whenever needed. Service is provided in a totally confidential manner, male to male and female to female. Meetings are normally held at least once weekly, and Care Receivers tell some powerful stories about the benefits they receive:

In the words of one gentleman: "I can tell him anything... he's not there to tell me what to do. He is there to get me to talk, to discover what needs to happen in my life!"

One lady referred to her situation like this: "She didn't judge me; she didn't tell me what to do. She helped me discover what I needed. Her caring for me was a stepping stone in helping me to get plugged into my own church."

"I became connected to God in a way I never felt before. Issues were a barrier I didn't want to share, even with God. She has signed on to listen, not to judge me. Stephen Ministry means not having to be alone. It made a huge difference for me to have someone to share my problems that I could trust totally."

The participants in a Stephen Ministry relationship are the Care Receiver, the Care Giver, and GOD. If difficulty in your life has become more than you can handle, and you could use a Stephen Minister, please call the Village Chapel office at (910)295-6003 and ask for someone from Stephen Ministry to call you.



# February Birthdays

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| 1 Cheryl Veni<br>Cora Grace Cooper  | 11 Logan<br>Totten-Lancaster   |
| 2 Sally Adams<br>Paul Bride   | 13 Tom Stewart   |
| 3 Ed Gavid, II<br>Jack Lund<br>R.Q. Simmons<br>Patsy Parkhill<br>Fred Fox | 15 Sarah Slade   |
| 4 Lisa Wingfield  | 18 Janet Lowrey<br>Rhonda Brooks<br>Henry Dalgleish                                |
| 5 Ed Reeves<br>Jon DeVault<br>Jack Wood<br>Trisha Glover                  | 19 Al App  |
| 6 Lori Morse<br>Ruth Holm   | 20 Ceil ten Braak<br>Riley Grimshaw  |
| 7 Don Edwards<br>Cayleigh Ana<br>Kruse<br>Whitley Barrett                 | 21 Susan Jacobsen  |
| 8 Jane Jackson<br>Bob Harding<br>Gemma Torok                              | 22 Margaret Elliott<br>Lesley Woodruff   |
| 9 Pennie Clack<br>Lin Cook<br>Don Lee                                     | 23 Natasha Bell  |
| 10 Mike Bradley   | 24 Roy Longhta<br>Taylor Edrington<br>Grace Edrington<br>Lou Torok<br>Cate Goodman |
|   | 25 Marian<br>Schillerstrom   |
|   | 26 Richard Ballard<br>Marie Hopping<br>Art Romero<br>Gary Strickfaden              |
|   | 27 Polly Kefauver  |

*Happy Anniversary*

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| 2 John & Laurie Wiles                        |
| 8 Walter & Nancy Bull<br>Jack & Nancy Sadler |
| 14 Don & Vickie Taylor                       |
| 25 Greg & Tanner Page                        |
| 26 Chandler & Kelley Adams                   |



**VBS**

**SAVE THE DATE**

**JULY 8-10**

## KUDOS KORNER

The Lord loves a willing servant and so do we. The changing of the guard on the Board of Trustees has now been completed and we would like to congratulate the new Chair - Jim Obi- and Vice Chair - Ann Whitley - on their election and wish them every success in the year ahead as they assume their important leadership positions in the Chapel.

We also offer a giant KUDOS and our heartfelt thanks to the outgoing members of the Board for their devotion of time and talents to our beloved Chapel: Kay Beran, Ellene Busby, Polk Dillon, Jane Lewis and Dee Park. Well done, good and faithful servants.

Finally, another KUDOS to our Director of Music, Stephen Gourley, for the most recent and highly entertaining program in the Chapel music series. The Carolina Brass and Stephen Gourley show on January 11 was a great hit. It attracted an audience of 300 and netted \$800 for support of the Chapel's music ministry.



# New Building Committee Established

Late last year, Mr. Roy Register made a generous offer of a \$750,000 gift for the building of a new wing for The Village Chapel, dedicated for classroom space for the Youth Sunday School and related activities. The gift is conditioned on matching funds being generated by the Chapel. This opportunity— and challenge— was described from the pulpit and via email and letter from the then Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Polk Dillon.

In November, an ad hoc committee formed by Polk Dillon met as a first step to determine how the Chapel could best take advantage of Mr. Register's groundbreaking offer. The ad hoc committee agreed upon a framework for the proceeding: A Building Committee should be established comprising four subcommittees to be responsible for discrete activities related to planning, funding and eventually constructing a new building specifically designed to meet the Chapel's current and future requirements for our youth Sunday School and Christian Education programs.

The new Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Jim Obi, has now appointed a New Building Committee as recommended by the ad hoc committee. This new committee will be chaired by George Trail and there will be four sub-committees: Jack Wood will chair and be responsible for space usage and design user requirements sub committee; Ralph Newman will chair a community relations sub-committee; George Trail will chair the communications sub-committee; and there will be a fund raising sub-committee (chair yet to be determined.)

While we want to take up the challenge of Mr. Register's offer as expeditiously as possible, the committee is not setting any firm deadlines or time lines at this point. More important is to proceed deliberately and judiciously; to be thorough and transparent; to, in short, get it right so that when we are ready to make a formal presentation to the congregation for approval, we are satisfied that we have covered all the bases, have included input from the congregation and have anticipated all the issues that may arise in undertaking a project of this scope.

Essentially, we want to ensure that the new building will fit seamlessly into the existing landscape externally and will provide an attractive, utilitarian, well-designed interior for Sunday School and other youth activities.

We obviously want to gain the full, enthusiastic support of the congregation as we proceed and we welcome any questions or comments, which should be directed to Pastor John, Jim Obi, or George Trail.



The Music and Missions programs of  
**THE VILLAGE CHAPEL**  
are proud to announce the first annual

*Community Music Concert*  
Tuesday, June 4, 7:00pm

A decorative graphic of musical notation, including a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a series of eighth and quarter notes on a staff.

This year, The Village Chapel will begin a new outreach effort in conjunction with our music program. Each year, The Village Chapel will identify various non-profit organizations and identify one to be the beneficiary of funds raised through a community music concert. This year, our concert will feature various musicians based in and around Moore County. The beneficiary of funds raised this year will be **The Arc of Moore County**.

**The Arc** was established in 1960 by parents who needed and desired services and supports for their children with developmental disabilities. Today, **the Arc** provides a variety of services and supports to individuals and families. Part of their mission is to encourage new and better opportunities for inclusive living, working, and leisure for people with disabilities, while supporting self-advocates to achieve independence and dignity.

More information will be released in next month's Herald. Funds will be solicited during the months and weeks leading up to the concert and an offering will be taken that evening. Please note: This contribution may not be included in a pledge for the year. All monies received will go directly to The Arc.

Inquiries may be made to Stephen Gourley, Director of Music at [stephen@tvcpinehurst.com](mailto:stephen@tvcpinehurst.com).



## Break Night Schedule for February

February 6 – “Marc Chagall and the Bible” – presented by Vivian R. Jacobson, who worked with the artist on major international projects for the last eleven years of his life. In 2001, she was appointed as a speaker on Chagall by the North Carolina Humanities Forum in conjunction with the National Endowment for the Arts. She has lectured for art groups, museums, churches, synagogues, and colleges nationally, as well in Europe and Israel.

February 13 – Presentations on Habitat for Humanity, by Executive Director Amie Fraley; and the Coalition for Human Care, by Executive Director Barrett Walker

February 20 – “Civility in Public Discourse” – presented by Peter E. Holmes, who spent 38 years in Washington, D. C. as Director of the U. S. Office of Civil Rights (appointed by Pres. Nixon as U. S. Delegate to the U. N. Human Rights Conference of 1974 in Yugoslavia); legislative representative for the General Electric Co.; and Executive Director of the Puerto Rico USA Foundation, before retiring in Pinehurst.

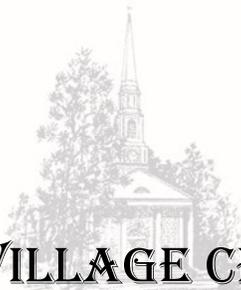
February 27 – Annual Meeting of The Village Chapel – Dinner at 5:45; meeting begins at 6:30

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# THE VILLAGE CHAPEL

10 Azalea Road  
Pinehurst, North Carolina 28374

January 31, 2019

**NOTICE  
ANNUAL MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2018  
6:30 P.M.  
CHAPEL HALL**

Dear Village Chapel Member,

Article IV, Section 1 of The Village Chapel By-laws requires that an annual membership meeting be convened during the first sixty (60) days of the calendar year. Article IV, Section 5 requires that notice of the annual meeting be mailed to each member not less than ten (10) days before the date of such meeting.

This year's Annual Meeting of the members of The Village Chapel will be held on Wednesday, February 27, at 6:30 pm in Chapel Hall following dinner at 5:45 pm. Reservations for the meal can be made by completing the form located in the Sunday bulletin or by calling the office. If you cannot attend the dinner, please come for the meeting portion at 6:30 pm. Reports by the Board Chairman, Senior Pastor, and Treasurer will be presented.

In service to our Lord,

Jim Obi  
Chairman, Board of Trustees