



# The Chapel Herald

## American Dreams and Realities



As we begin the first full month of a new presidential administration in the United States, we might pause to consider not only our expectations of a new President, but our dreams as Christians living in America. Regardless of how you voted - and whether accompanied by enthusiasm or reservations - it's fair to say that most Americans are ready for a change from

"business as usual" in our nation's capitol. We will differ on what forms that change might take, but it seems clear America is prepared for a government - of, by, and for the people - to represent and reflect our aspirations that uniquely define us as Americans, rather than someone's partisan or political agenda.

This might be a time to reconsider what has become of the "American Dream." While that dream has subsided to little more than a consumer-driven vision of net worth (recent polling shows 3 out of 4 Americans equate the "American Dream" with financial security), it once meant that regardless of where you started in life, in America there was the freedom to re-invent yourself, limited only by the bounds of your ambition. As Christians, we profess a faith in God that defines our lives in accordance with God's will; but how do we express that faith in a manner that resonates with the "American Dream" of our forefathers?

When "our forefathers brought forth on this continent a new nation conceived in liberty," they dreamed of a land of "second chances," where anyone can make a new beginning. Just so, our liberation in Christ promises a new life of forgiveness from past sins, illuminated by faith, hope, and love.

As Christians, with our security in belonging to Christ, we can model and demonstrate to our nation a unity of faith that overcomes our political differences. How? We

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## New Year's Day Adventure

By Dr. Ashley Smith



Cathedral of the Holy Cross

On New Year's Day, my plane landed at Logan International Airport in Boston. It was a cold, sunny, beautiful day. During the flight, I could see New York City and wished I could share the view with Vickie and the girls. Having to leave early that morning, I wasn't able to worship with our Chapel family and saddened by the

idea that I wouldn't worship with any other Christians, in any place of worship.

From the airport, I used my Uber App on my smart phone to hail a driver who could drive me to South End. My driver was a very cordial and well-spoken man from Jamaican (the accent gave him away). Our conversation quickly turned to why I was in Boston (my accent also gave me away). After sharing that I was a Christian minister, we spoke about the meaning of Epiphany (I was practicing my sermon ideas with a "captive", even "hired" audience of one). I mentioned that I wasn't able to worship with my congregation and that I wasn't expecting to worship with any congregation that day.

Arriving at my destination on Shawmut Avenue, I took my luggage to my room, and then decided to go pick up a few concessions from the local food market. As I opened the front door of the brownstone and stepped out on the street. I heard the most beautiful sound- the sound of church bells! I looked at my watch and saw it was 11:55 a.m. I thought that there is just enough time to participate in a church service, so I started to run down the street toward the sound. As I rounded the corner, I beheld a most beautiful cathedral! I was just in time so in I went.

Making my way toward the front, I was taken aback by the splendor and majesty of the worship space. Now seated, I looked at the bulletin. Wait a minute!



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can pray individually and collectively for each other and our leaders. We can listen to and *empathize* (not the same as agreeing) with each other in our various reactions and responses to life's events. We can refuse to let our political differences interfere with the beginning and development of relationships with each other. And just as "peace on earth" must begin with us, this faith-based unity of love must begin in our families and churches, if it is to extend to our communities and beyond.

May God grant us the saving grace to express and share the unconditional love and forgiveness of Christ on the cross in our families and churches, that is too often missing in our divided yet indivisible nation under God.

Yours in Christ,



Pastor John

## *The Women's Discussion*

*Group* will meet Thursday, February 9, 2017 at 10 AM in the choir room. All women in the community are welcome to come, discuss the reading, and share opinions. The reading material may be picked up outside Heather's office at TVC.

Reading materials for February discuss daily devotional readings related to spiritual matters, or other publications coming from some type of devotional book, website, or other publication that changes with each calendar day. Our discussion will focus on just a few of the multitudes of spiritual devotionals available. Pat Tomasetti will lead the discussion.

If you have questions about the Discussion Group, call Molly Thomas, 910-693-7897.

It's not in English! Looks like French. More discovery revealed that I was in a Haitian church service- a Catholic, Haitian church service! There were many Haitian congregations present because Cardinal O'Malley was present to celebrate Holy Communion.

Although I didn't understand one word of the liturgy (accept when it was in Latin, and then I could only guess) or the sermon, it was beautiful! It was Spirit-filled as you might imagine a Haitian service would be! What would I do when it's time for Holy Communion? I'm not Catholic! Wait a minute, they don't know that! I can pretend to be Catholic (considering the alternative of not participating) After all it's the New Year! I'm Christian, aren't I? Jesus is my Lord too! I can finally cross myself! I can even dip my finger in the font filled with Holy water and cross myself on the way out! (and I did).

Before the service ended—when I thought it couldn't get any better—the entire congregation of over a thousand Christians, erupted in singing the National Anthem of Haiti! I later learned that the worship service was in part a service of Haitian Independence, because it was on New Year's Day, in 1804 that they declared their independence from France- amazing!

What I thought would be a depressed day with no opportunities for Christian worship or fellowship, turned out to be an exciting and meaningful, Christ-centered adventure! Although divided by language, we were united in our worship and faith in Christ. As for pretending to be Catholic, I felt no different; I wasn't more or less Holy. But I was and forever will remain Christian—and that's most important!

Epiphany 2017

Pastor Ashley

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

February 25  
2:00 PM– 4:00 PM  
in the sanctuary

All are welcome!



## The Raleigh Ringers in concert



On Saturday, April 8 at 7:00pm, The Village Chapel of Pinehurst will host The Raleigh Ringers, an internationally acclaimed handbell ensemble. Since its founding in 1990, The Raleigh Ringers has been dazzling concert audiences with unique interpretations of sacred, secular and popular music, including famous rock 'n' roll tunes arranged just for handbells.

Under the direction of David M. Harris, The Raleigh Ringers has released six CDs, and two DVDs of holiday concerts titled *One Winter Evening at Meymandi* and *A December Tradition*. The first concert was broadcast on more than 250 public television stations in 44 states. The second one has been broadcast in 37 states on over 80 public television stations. The group has performed in 39 states, the District of Columbia, Canada, England and France during its tours, and plays two dates each year at a major venue in Raleigh.

The Raleigh Ringers use the most extensive collection of handbells and bell-like instruments owned by a single performing group in the world. Currently the group uses 29 ½ octaves across 361 pieces of equipment, including seven different sets of handbells.

Tickets are \$18 for adults \$10 for children aged 12 years and under. While tickets will be available at the door, everyone is encouraged to order tickets ahead of time. Tickets may be ordered in person at The Village Chapel or by calling Stephen Gourley at (910)-295-6003, or via email at Stephen@tvcpinehurst.com. Pre-ordered tickets will still be available for pickup at the door.

We are very excited to be hosting The Raleigh Ringers and hope everyone will take advantage of this unique concert experience.



## The Village Chapel Music Series: Lenten Concert March 12, 5:00pm



On Sunday, March 12, our concert series continues with a special Lenten concert. The central work on the program is a setting of the *Stabat Mater* text by Italian composer Giovanni Battista Pergolesi. *Stabat Mater* is a 13<sup>th</sup> century Latin hymn that depicts Jesus Christ suffering on the cross from his mother's perspective. It is one of the most agonizing hymn texts ever written.

Pergolesi's setting of the piece is scored for soprano and alto duet and string orchestra. Dr. Laurissa Backlin will sing soprano on this performance, with Shanon Venable singing alto. Dr. Backlin is Assistant Professor of Music at Delta State University. She holds degrees from the University of North Texas (Doctor of Musical Arts), Temple University (MM), and Wheaton College (Bachelor's). Ms. Venable serves The Village Chapel as a choir section leader and is a cornerstone of the Moore County musical community, in frequent demand as a soloist and teacher. They will be accompanied by a string quintet and organ continuo.

The *Stabat Mater* will be paired with J.S. Bach's towering masterwork, the *Passaglia in C Minor* for organ.



## Bev Tyler Remembered: Icon of The Village Chapel



Beverly was born in Englewood, NJ, into a staunch Episcopal family. Her father, Colvin Wood, was a “cracker jack” mechanic, she says, who enjoyed fixing old cars and putting them back on the road. He later had his own dealership in Tenafly, NJ. Bev married Dick Tyler and

began her career as a secretary, first for an insurance company in Manhattan and later for an Elementary School in Meredith, New Jersey. Dick and Beverly were blessed with three children – Cheryl, who now lives in Florida; Richard, who lives in Acton, Massachusetts; and Jennifer, who settled in the Pinehurst area twenty years ago. Two of those children were baptized by the Archbishop of Canterbury, while he was visiting Stone Harbor, Michigan.

After the death of her husband Dick, Beverly moved down south to join Jennifer and her family in Pinehurst. After a short spell with the Episcopal Church, Bev was introduced by very good friends, Sumner and Merral St. Clair, to The Village Chapel and had been part of our family ever since. Her devotion to the Chapel was evident in her regular attendance at all our events. She always attended Break Night, was a regular at the Spring Tea in her elegant outfits and hats, and supported the Chapel at all times.

Her three children have given her seven grandchildren, eleven great-grandchildren and one great-great grandson.

Thank you, Beverly, for having been a devoted, cheerful and ever-present light in the Village Chapel family. We will miss you!



## Changes Coming Soon!

Recently, we have made changes to our website to allow members of The Village Chapel to do more than before. Now members can access an online (always up to date) directory, view and print their contribution records, sign up for events, change their personal information, upload a new picture as they see fit, and so much more thanks to our TVC Online.

As we move forward in this technologically dependent world, we have worked to find ways to improve ourselves. The Village Chapel runs on contributions from our generous congregation. We want to find ways that best utilize contributions while keeping the Chapel running effectively. During the past few months, the cost of printing the Chapel Herald and statements for contributions has come up. On average, it costs The Village Chapel about \$5,500 to produce the Herald and about \$750 to produce contribution statements. These figures include the actual printing, paper, postage, and supplies needed.

Now that we have TVC Online, we have created a way for members to always access their contribution statements whenever they need to and print as well. For those whom wish to continue to get your statements mailed, please contact Candice Peoples in the office. The Chapel Herald is made available to view on the website on the 1st of each month. The plan is to continue to provide a paper copy of the Chapel Herald each month until June 2017. On June 1, 2017, the Chapel Herald will be e-blasted out to the congregation and published on our website. We ask that those who do not have computer access, are homebound, or who prefer to have a paper copy made to please contact Heather Dunn in the office so that you may be placed on a special list.

Anyone who is having issues with logging into TVC Online or needs a little help navigating, please contact Heather Dunn or Guy Veni for assistance.

**I wish to continue to receive a printed Herald mailed to me each month.**

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Name

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## A Very Heartfelt Thank You!

Kay & Don Goulet have been a tremendous blessing in so many ways to the mission of The Village Chapel. In one way in particular, the Goulet's have taught Sunday School for the 3rd-5th grade students every Sunday for years! I'll never forget how supportive they both were in the early part of my ministry when we were rebuilding our Children's ministries. They have remained actively involved and supportive through the years, and I want to take the time to thank them for their labor and sacrificial examples in teaching our children. The Goulets yield their teaching responsibilities to new teachers who are looking to follow in their good examples. Barbara Hess, Shannon Venable, Scott and Carolina Krom have answered the call to serve and teach in their departure. Kay plans to remain involved in various leadership roles such as Finance Committee, Membership Committee, Foundation Committee, Communications Committee, and Altar Guild. Don plans to remain involved with Radio Ministry and Communications Committee. Please join me in celebrating their service!

Well done, thy good and faithful servants,  
Pastor Ashley

The **week of March 20**, approximately twenty students from the University Of Maryland will be in town to help with a Habitat Build. These students do this in lieu of hitting the beaches and..... They receive no academic credit for this week and in fact pay their own way for the privilege of helping others. Our church will provide an evening meal for this group one night during this week. This effort is sponsored by our Hospitality Committee.

Wednesday **April 19**, Habitat will hold its monthly Faith Relations lunch meeting at The Village Chapel. Again, our Hospitality Committee will sponsor and coordinate this activity. These meetings provide an opportunity for sharing information about efforts in the faith community on behalf of Habitat and the amazing families they serve.

## KUDOS KORNER

The Village Chapel's many ministries would not be nurturing, inspiring, or spiritually fulfilling unless there were members of the church who provided leadership service. These leadership roles require a dedication of time, organization, and commitment. Some of these leaders are as follows:

Susan Joslin, Chairperson of the Hospitality Committee, oversees receptions, luncheons and ceremonies requiring food preparations. Her husband Dan is usually working in the kitchen right beside her.

A special thanks to Lori Valentinas for serving as chairperson for the Chapel's Women's Ministry the last two years. Her husband Mark also provided time and moral support.

Judith Krall served as the Flower Chairperson last year and has agreed to serve again this year. Her job requires a lot of telephone calling to fulfill people's wishes concerning flower placement on the altar and under the hymn board. Also a special thank you to Betsy Jacobs who insures that the flowers are delivered after the service to deserving members.

Kudos to Helen Neil for arranging the kitchen "deep clean." Kitchen angels include Lori Valentinas, Betsy Jacobs, Betty Jane Wardle, Ann Fox, Molly Thomas, Yvonne Gale, and Susan Joslin. The group meets Tuesday mornings from 10:00am to 12:00pm. Please join- they make cleaning fun!

And finally, but not least. The children's ministry is so enriched with the Children's Sermons that Vickie Smith gives every Sunday at the 9:30 a.m. worship service. Her sermons, on a child's level, always stress the essence of God which is love, grace, and forgiveness.





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## *February Birthdays*

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|-------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| 1 Cheryl Veni     | Whitley Barrett   | 21 Susan Jacobsen   |
| 2 Sally Adams     | 8 Jane Jackson    | 22 Margaret Elliott |
| Paul Bride        | Bob Harding       | Lesley Woodruff     |
| 3 Ed Gavid, II    | Gemma Torok       | 23 Natasha Bell     |
| Jack Lund         | 9 Pennie Clack    | 24 Roy Longhta      |
| R.Q. Simmons      | Lin Cook          | Taylor Edrington    |
| Patsy Parkhill    | Don Lee           | Grace Edrington     |
| Fred Fox          | 10 Mike Bradley   | Lou Torok           |
| Stefanie Robinson | 11 Bev Blandford  | Cate Goodman        |
| 4 Lisa Wingfield  | Logan             | 25 Marian           |
| 5 Ed Reeves       | Totten-Lancaster  | Schillerstrom       |
| Jon DeVault       | 13 Tom Stewart    | 26 Richard Ballard  |
| Jack Wood         | 15 Sarah Slade    | Marie Hopping       |
| Trisha Glover     | 17 Sue Bower      | Art Romero          |
| 6 Lori Morse      | 18 Janet Lowrey   | Gary Strickfaden    |
| Ruth Holm         | Rhonda Brooks     | 27 Polly Kefauver   |
| 7 Don Edwards     | Henry Dalglish    |                     |
| Cayleigh Ana      | 19 Al App         |                     |
| Kruse             | 20 Ceil ten Braak |                     |
| Ed Watters        | Riley Grimshaw    |                     |

*Happy Anniversary*

- 2 John & Laurie Wiles
- 7 Rob & Bev Blandford
- 8 Walter & Nancy Bull
- Jack & Nancy Sadler
- 14 Don & Vickie Taylor
- 23 George & Joann Drengrer
- 24 Charlie & Jane Jackson
- 25 Greg & Tanner Page
- 26 Chandler & Kelley Adams

Please contact the office if your birthday or anniversary information is incorrect, or if you need to be added to the list.





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## Altar Guild Ministry

**The Altar Guild is a lay ministry to serve God in His house by preparing the Altar for worship, maintaining and caring for the sacred vessels, altar linens, and vestments, and serving the clergy and the Church**

**The duty of the altar guild is to prepare all the things necessary for the celebration of the Eucharist or any of the other sacraments of the church.**

**The altar guild is a ministry - a gift of time and talent to serve God in His house. It is a very great privilege to serve God in this way. The housekeeping and decoration of God's house should be done with sincere devotion and dignity in good taste.**

**The altar guild welcomes new members. Share your talents to the glory of God.**

### Duties:

The Altar Guild performs their duties at all church services (8:15, 9:30 & 11:00).

The time required is usually 30 minutes before and after each service.

Altar Guild members perform their duty at least once a month. However, most members serve several times a month

All necessary training is provided.

For more information about this ministry contact:

**Bev Raffaele** bevraffaele@gmail.com 910-295-3031

**Kay Goulet** kaygoulet@nc.rr.com 910-246-0077



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## USHER MINISTRY - 11:00 Service

**Psalm 84:10:** For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere. I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of wickedness.

### Usher Requirements

**1-1/2 Hours every month and/or quarter**

**Arrive at the Church no later than 10:30am**

**Dress Code: Blue or Black Sport Coat, Shirt and Tie with Grey Pants**

**Duties:**

**Greet Church Members and Guests**

**Distribute Service Bulletins**

**Escort Ladies to their Pews**

**Provide any assistance the congregation may need**

**All directions will come from the Head Usher**

**For further information please contact:**

**Fred Fox** - pfredfox@aol.com 910-235-5389 or

**Heather Dunn**: heather@tvcpinehurst.com 910-295-6003



# Join Us for Parents Night Out at the **FUN GYM!**

Available on the last Friday night of each month, during the Fall & Spring Semesters from 6:30-8:30 p.m. The ministry is open to all students with Nursery provided at the Chapel upon request.

Fun Gym is an unstructured, well supervised open practice time at Sandhill's Gymnastics in Aberdeen. The qualified staff are on hand to supervise as the children work on the events and skills they choose. Fun Gym is open to nonmembers of the gym. Parental supervision is strongly suggested for children under 6 yrs. old. A parent or legal guardian will be required to sign in and out every time before a child can participate (Id's will be checked by our staff at the door).

\*Last Friday of the month is 9\$ for two hours per child

## **Dates Spring Semester: 2-24, 3-31, 4-28, 5-26**

Sandhill's Gymnastics is located off of Hwy 5 behind the Food Lion Shopping Center in Aberdeen at: 220 Ampersand Road, Aberdeen, N.C., 28315. (910-295-0724)

Directors: Pastor Ashley & Vickie Smith [ashley@tvcpinehurst.com](mailto:ashley@tvcpinehurst.com)

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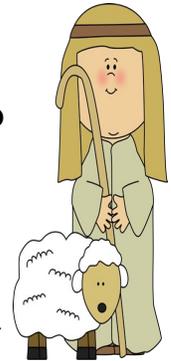
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# Shepherd/Flock Ministry Mission

Did you know you are automatically a member of the Shepherd/Flock Ministry as a member of the Chapel? Did you know that the Strategic Plan adopted for the Chapel recommended three initiatives for our ministry? These initiatives serve as the core of the following **Mission Statement:**

1. To provide a two-way communications network for all members of our congregation, via email or phone with our flock leaders both transmitting and receiving messages. 2. To notify flocks of new members or visitors within their neighborhoods so they can be welcomed personally. 3. To respond to members within our own flock who may need support or care. Their individual needs will be determined by a leader with the use of "care questionnaire", which will subsequently be sent to the entire flock. Each flock member is encouraged to respond as they are called by the Holy Spirit.



If your mailing address is a P.O. Box we need your physical address to assign you to a Flock. Please log on to the TVC Online, call the Chapel at 704.295. 6003, or email [christinewarren10@gmail.com](mailto:christinewarren10@gmail.com).

Flock leaders are currently being trained to use our Access ACS system to send emails to their flock. You will hear from them when their training is complete:

**Flock 1.** PH Village, Oldtown, Donald Ross; Polk Dillon, Freida Powers, Liz Skvarla. **Flock 2.** Village Acres, Ph Trace, #6; Barb Hess **Flock 3.** Midland Road East; Pending. **Flock 4.** Forest Creek; Pending **Flock 5.** Belle Meade; Yvonne Gale. **Flock 6.** #7 & #9; Martha & Jon Devault. **Flock 7.** CCNC; Diana & Charles Meyer. **Flock 8.** Morganton Road; Barbara and Ray Bottoms. **Flock 9.** Pinehurst Lake; Mike & MaryJo Matthies. **Flock 10.** Pinewild/Cotswold; Pending. **Flock 11.** Southern Pines East; Pending. **Flock 12.** Aberdeen; pending. **Flock 13.** West End/Seven Lakes; Rich & Cricket Cowell.