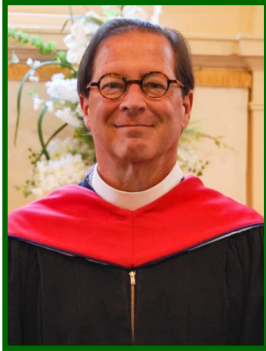


# The Chapel Herald

## *A Christmas Carol Comes to The Village Chapel*



*“Can you forgive a pig-headed old fool with no eyes to see and no ears to hear?”*

With these words of repentance to his nephew’s wife, Ebenezer Scrooge begins his transformation from a greedy miser to a kindly man, who

lets the reconciling spirit of Christmas define the rest of his life.

On December 16, 17, and 18 at 7:00pm each evening, Jonathan Drahos – Director of Theatre and Professor at UNC Pembroke – will present Charles Dickens’ *A Christmas Carol* in the Chapel sanctuary. Acting all the characters and dressed in Victorian garb, Drahos will tell the well-known and much-loved story of a man visited by three ghosts of Christmas, who show him that love can overcome estrangement, and Christmas is for every day of the year.

Please join us for a performance you won’t see in any church anywhere else this Christmas season – in fact, consider attending more than one performance! Tickets are available in the Chapel office and in the narthex on Sundays, December 5<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> - \$20 for adults; \$15 for seniors (over 65) and military; and children under 12, no charge.

*“ . . . and it was always said of him, that he knew how to keep Christmas well, if any man alive possessed the knowledge. May that be truly said of us, and all of us! And so, as Tiny Tim observed, ‘God bless us, every one!’”*

Pastor John

## *Advent: Don't Rush It*



The Church has begun a new Christian year. Advent marks the beginning of the liturgical year- not January 1st. It's more than appropriate to keep calendar time with setting our corporate focus on the anticipation and expectation of the

'coming" (which is what the word "advent" means) of the Christ Child at Christmas. But please realize, Advent is not Christmas. It's meant to be separate- and for good reason.

As a child looking forward to Christmas morning, the most exciting and soul-stirring time was the time leading up to Christ's birth. There was always great anticipation among my family members- granted my siblings and I were honestly imagining the presents we would soon receive. It was the anticipation that was intensely similar to the big-day, and it would progressively build to a climax on Christmas Eve. I seem to have more fond memories of Advent than I do Christmas Day- although Christmas Day holds its own. I laugh just thinking that we children would sneak out of bed after my mother and father would leave to go pick up our presents from my mom's florist, and we would make a beeline to the kitchen for more of my dad's famous collards and corned ham. We thought we were so mischievous, eating in secrecy. Nevertheless, it was exciting.

How much more should we as adults anticipate the coming of Christ? In a consumeristic culture like ours, many times we fall prey to distraction of a secular observance that starts earlier and earlier each year- Christmas, I mean! We rush past Advent like it doesn't exist. *(Continued on page 2)*

## Village Chapel Christmas Ornaments

A beautiful addition to  
your Christmas decorations.



\$20 each while they last  
Stop by the church office and get  
yours TODAY!

*(continued from cover page)*

It's like eating the dessert before eating the main course- who does that?

Advent is meant to stand alone in humble quietness, as we lower our heads and hearts- giving ourselves ample time to truly contemplate the coming miracle. The Early Church even observed it as a penitential season similar to Lent. It's all about preparation and expectation, and to rush through it, is to miss the blessing of Advent.

So let's slow down this year and quiet our minds, striving to be more intentional about taking it all in and taking our time to devote ourselves to prayerful contemplation, solemn meditation, and the study of Advent readings (There are plenty of excellent Advent devotions available). May the Spirit of Christ meet with us and commune with us as we turn aside to cherish this truly blessed season.

Advent Blessings & Peace,  
Pastor Ashley

## Blessing of the Hounds

November 25, 2021

Thanksgiving Day, beautiful weather, tailgate spreads, happy hounds, and beautifully turned out horses and riders.

Our own Pastor John Jacobs blessed the hounds in a centuries old tradition that has become a highly regarded occasion in our area as a fun and unique way to kick off the holiday season. After the blessing, the hounds dashed off into the woods in a mock fox hunt.



# Community Collaboration Concert– Handel’s Messiah



On Friday, November 21, over 400 people were transformed by the exquisite performance of the Christmas portion of Handel's Messiah presented by a professional chorus and orchestra at The Village Chapel. Our performers, gathered from Moore County and the surrounding areas, were led by *Stephen Gourley*

in an evening that will long be remembered as a great triumph for our historic Chapel.

Not only was our captive audience treated to a deeply artistic and meaningful presentation of one of the most beloved choral works in history, but were also receptive to the remarks by *Tambra Chamberlain* about the excellent work being done by TambaPlace in Moore County.



We are thrilled to report that in mail-in contributions and a plate offering, over \$9000 was raised for TambaPlace and its mission. We are truly blessed by such a generous congregation and community who gave their time and resources to help this organization further its work in our region.



# Hanging of the Greens

*On Wednesday, December 1, we celebrated the annual Hanging of the Greens in the Sanctuary. Beautiful music, and scripture readings made for a very special evening.*



## Carolina Brass

Sunday, December 19, 10:30 AM  
Festive music for choir, organ, brass and percussion

The TVC family welcomes

### Everett Austin Moody

born 11/22 at 2:19 pm  
weight: 6 lbs 8 ozs  
Exactly 20 inches long

Congratulations to Mike and Lauren!



## Pastoral Search Committee

*The Search Committee is continuing to update and develop necessary documents (position advertisement, candidate application, and profile of The Village Chapel) for the procurement of a new Associate Pastor. We hope to be ready to post ads for the position in early 2022. As a reminder, the following Chapel members have agreed to serve on the Search Committee: Kay Beran, Jim Busby, John Rowerdink (Vice Chair), Liz Skvarla (Secretary), Brent Slosser, Greg Wetzelberger, and Ann Whitley (Chair). Pastor John, Pastor Ashley, Stephen Gourley, and Shirley Nelson (HR Committee Chair) have agreed to serve as ex-officio members. Committee members ask for your prayers as they undertake this important task for the future of The Village Chapel.*

### The following agencies have been supported by your **TVC Outreach** funding thanks to the generosity of our congregation!

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Adult &amp; Teen Challenge of the Sandhills</li> <li>• The Boys &amp; Girls Club of the Sandhills</li> <li>• The Boys &amp; Girls Home of North Carolina</li> <li>• Wycliffe Bible Translators, Inc</li> <li>• Christian Aid Ministries</li> <li>• Family Promise of Moore County</li> <li>• Friend To Friend</li> <li>• Sandhills Student Association</li> <li>• Habitat for Humanity of the NC Sandhills</li> <li>• Christian Aid Mission</li> <li>• KARIMU</li> <li>• Life Care Pregnancy Center</li> <li>• Meals On Wheels of the</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sandhills</li> <li>• Moore Free &amp; Charitable Clinic</li> <li>• The Sandhills Children's Center</li> <li>• Sandhills/Moore Coalition for Human Care</li> <li>• SAT-7</li> <li>• Young Life/WyldLife of the Sandhills</li> <li>• The Arc of Moore County</li> <li>• Transworld Radio (TWR)</li> <li>• NAMI Moore County</li> <li>• Tambra Place</li> <li>• Sleep in Heavenly Peace</li> <li>• Changing Destinies Ministry</li> <li>• Moore Literacy Council</li> <li>• Moore Buddies Mentoring</li> <li>• Eagle Springs Baptist Church Pantry</li> </ul> |
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### *Upcoming Outreach Dates to Remember:*

**December 9, 10, 11**  
 Adult & Teen Challenge of the Sandhills Annual Banquet (6:00 p.m. choose which day to attend) at their Carthage location

**Jan 25, 2022**  
 Annual Luncheon for Friend to Friend, 11:30 a.m. at the Fair Barn

**Apr 28, 29, 30**  
 Habitat Apostle's Build weekend for TVC and ESBC  
 8:00 a.m. -1:00 p.m.  
 12 volunteers needed each day

### ***ATTENTION: END OF YEAR CONTRIBUTIONS***

Internal Revenue Service regulations require that contributions for **2021** *must be received* at the Chapel *or postmarked no later than December 31, 2021.*

*Gifts received after that date will be posted to 2022 contributions.*

# HERITAGE HALL

## November Update

In October, we reported that Heritage Hall was going up. Now it is up!

As the photo shows, Heritage Hall is fully clad and roofed. The framing in all the rooms is completed. In the next week or so, you will see the brick work begin on one side of the building and the slate roof being installed on the other. The windows are on site and will be installed soon. Work on the interior will continue unimpeded by weather.

We are still on schedule and we are still on budget. The flooring and carpeting has been chosen and the furnishings for the individual class rooms are on order. We will soon award a contract for the state of the art audio/visual system. The bottom line is that we are on track for completion of Heritage Hall in April and for the Certificate of Occupancy to be issued in May. The news, we are happy to report, is all good. Thank the Lord!




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## Meet Ricky Gregson

**R**icky is the site superintendent for the construction of **Heritage Hall**. He lives in Carthage and has worked for O'Connor Company, our general contractor, for over 40 years. His wife of 30 years is a nurse at the Pinehurst Medical Clinic. Ricky has been a site superintendent for his entire career, and he estimates that he has overseen the construction of at least 50 building projects. He is truly an expert at the job of site superintendent.

As site superintendent Ricky is on site every day that work is ongoing. He schedules, coordinates, integrates and oversees the work of dozens of subcontractors, each of whom has a particular job to do. He is responsible for ensuring that all work is done in accordance with plans and specifications, and that proper procedures, practices and safety measures are followed by everyone working on or around our building. Ricky answers questions from subcontractors and makes sure they know exactly what they need to do and how they are to do it. He also coordinates with the Village inspectors as each phase of construction is completed, and he manages the delivery of construction materials. As we all have noticed, Ricky runs a clean, neat and orderly job site. *(continued next page)*

**(GREGSON** *continued from page 6)*

I asked Ricky what he thought was special or unusual about Heritage Hall. His response:

*“First, this is a well-designed building. Plans and specs are precise, clear and well thought out, which is not always the case. You have a good architect. Second, the Village has been easy to work with and very cooperative on this project. Again, local governments are not always so professional. Third, this team of sub-contractors is one of the best that I have seen. I have had zero problems with any of them. And lastly, I like working for the Chapel. We at O’Connor feel like this is a special project for the Chapel, for O’Connor, and for Pinehurst. I, and O’Connor, will be very proud of this building when it is completed. Everything about it is going to be beautiful.”*

Bottom line: We are fortunate to have Ricky Gregson in charge of constructing Heritage Hall for us.

~ Jack Wood,

**Chairman, Building and Grounds**

## Heritage Hall BRICK PAVERS

Many thanks to all who have purchased a brick! Your generosity made the campaign a success. I’ve been advised that our order will be shipped approximately 12/8 and the plan is to start laying bricks in January.

After the cutoff date, I received several requests to purchase a brick, or add to their previous purchase. Therefore, we will have another opportunity for anyone who missed out to purchase a brick.

The cut-off is **February 1** which should give us time to get the new order in and laid before the grand opening. If you wanted a brick but missed the cutoff, you get a second chance! Bricks may be ordered via the pamphlet at the church office or by contacting-

**Mike Fusselbaugh:**

**Fusselmr@gmail.com or 910-603-5506.**

Each brick still costs **\$125** (and they make nice Christmas gifts too.)

## Kudos Corner

*We all listen to the radio broadcasts of The Village Chapel services from time to time as do countless other listeners. The Village Chapel radio ministry has been organizing these broadcasts for many years and it is an important element of our overall outreach efforts. Guess what? From recording the services to getting in on air is a complicated process. The service must be edited and times to meet the radio broadcaster’s requirements, which takes about three hours for each service. We want to say thanks and offer a huge KUDOS to the five guys who make this possible every week, 52 weeks a year: Polk Dillon, Fred Fox, Jack Raffaele, Bill Tomasetti and Guy Veni. They perform an invaluable service for the Chapel. Tell them thanks!*

## ***Make Room in Your Heart***

*By Yvonne Gale*

Is the Christmas season really worth the time, the money, the fuss? Do the spiritual and secular celebrations give peace, joy, and an appreciation of blessings?

By the time December 25<sup>th</sup> arrives, many people are exhausted, broke, and jaded. The greatest gift to mankind, Jesus Christ, Our Savior, has metaphorically become an annual manger scene for many people. The celebration of the birth of Christ is still taking place in a manger, because just like there was no room in the inn, there is little or no room in our thoughts and hearts for the Christmas child.

As I grow older, I realize that sometimes I allow myself to feel isolated and lonely, because I focus too much on the negative. When I find myself in this state of mind, I get my writing journal out and start recording gifts of kindness and friendship bestowed upon me.

So many members of the congregation at the Village Chapel have regularly shown me the love of God through their personal love. Indulge me as I share some personal expressions of love that I have been a benefactor of-

I have already been given the best gift that I will receive for Christmas. November 12<sup>th</sup> had

been an exhausting day. Around 3:30 p.m., when I finally arrive home to sit in an easy chair, I received an unexpected call from Sybil Del Bueno. She told me to come the next day because she had a little gift for me. Like an excited child, I wondered what the gift was.

When I went to her home the next day, Sybil had an adorable glass mouse topped with red ribbon for me. At some point I had told her how much I loved little mice figures. After our conversation, Sybil, knowing she had a little mouse somewhere in her home, went on a mouse hunt. To accompany my mouse, I also received an inspirational writing piece about the rewards of friendship. Just like the shepherds must have felt when the angel brought the Good News, my heart was overwhelmed with joy.

Another dear friend, Betty Wardle, surprised me with a small book about animals and uplifting quotes a couple of months ago. As she handed me the book, she said, "I know how much you like animals." Betty has shared many coffee and treat breaks with my husband and me. We loved to hear the stories about her growing up.

When I had both of my hips replaced many members brought meals for my husband and me. Just before my grandson was born on

March 16, 2020, four ladies from the Village Chapel gave me a grandmother's baby shower. This shower was orchestrated by Ellen Woodard at Belle Meade with Luan Aaron, Betty Wardle, and Susan Joslin participating.

Words are so inadequate to thank Betsy Jacobs for her emotional, mental, and spiritual support throughout the years. Somehow she could always help me put my issues in perspective. Betsy, you are the epitome of God's grace and love.

Thank you to all members of the Village Chapel who work tirelessly to carry out the mission of the Church. You are too many to list. Thank you to any member who has smiled at me, gave me a needed hug, and helped me with a task just as Molly Thomas did recently with a Women's Discussion program.

In spite of the chaos of the secular Christmas season, take a moment to take Baby Jesus out of his manger. Wrap your arms and hearts around Him and go forth to adore Him and emulate God's message of love and forgiveness.

As the Bible quotes from James 1:17 – "Every good and perfect gift comes from above."



## **Farewell**

### **Good bye, dear Henry.**

Our Henry Bahr passed away peacefully, surrounded by his family, on October 20, 2021. He was 92. Henry was a very fine man indeed. For twenty odd years he served The Village Chapel loyally and faithfully. Each Sunday he was there, processing and recessing with the choir, a mainstay of the bass section. All who knew him, loved him.

Henry was the epitome of modesty and humility although he had no need to be overly modest. He led a full life and was highly successful in his chosen ca-

reer. His style was always low key and understated. He was a gentle man with a gentle, often self-deprecating sense of humor. It was always fun to be around Henry because he was so positive and brightened up your day. Everyone in the choir knows it is just not quite the same without Henry.

Henry Arthur Bahr, Jr was born in Bronxville, New York, the youngest of four children and the only boy. He came by his love of music honestly. His uncle played violin with the New York Philharmonic and his aunt was the organist at St. John's Cathedral in Lower Manhattan. Henry sang in boy choirs in his youth and later in the choir at Asbury United Methodist Church. *(Continued on page 11)*





## **We are so thankful for your generosity!!**

All of our families have been adopted and now the shopping and wrapping begins. There will be many happy families this Christmas because of the kindness you have shared with our Angel Tree recipients.

***Wrapping***  
**Monday, December 6 thru Wednesday,  
December 8**

**from 9:30 am - 3 pm**

Get in the Christmas spirit as we wrap the gifts, it is a time for fellowship and fun, while listening to Christmas music and sharing light refreshments.

*Drop in for any amount of time that works for your schedule.*

***Distribution Day***  
**Saturday, December 11**  
**from 8 a.m. - 11 a.m.**

Come help distribute the gifts and spread joy to the recipients as they arrive at the Chapel for gift pick up.

***Thank you again for sharing your blessings with  
others this Christmas Season.***

# Families & Youth

The youth celebrated Thanksgiving with a "Friendsgiving."



**A devotion from the scriptures  
on being thankful**

## One Sunday Morning

*It was two days after Christmas not a creature was bored*

*As they sat in the chapel to worship the Lord,*

*When what to my God given ears should appear  
But a wonderful sound, beautiful and clear,*

*As I looked to the loft and appearing from there  
Stepped Janie Mae Jackson for all to hear,*

*Her voice like a songbird so clear and pure,  
I knew in a moment she's God's gift for sure,*

*Janine, the pianist, played beautifully along and  
Pastor John thanked them for their talent and song,*

*He offered a prayer and after to preach  
Looking around for those ears he may reach,*

*He quoted a scripture then a message so clear,  
It's not good works that gets us there,*

*Not baptism or born a Christian, neither will do  
It's believing in Jesus that gets us through*

*God offers a gift no strings attached,  
We must accept this gift unmatched,*

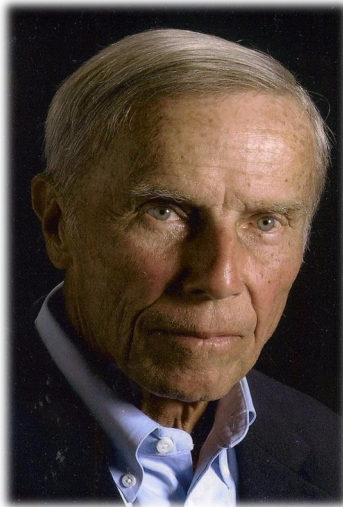
*For nothing compares to receiving Christ  
To help us for the rest of our life,*

*The power, peace, hope, joy and love  
Are all gifts he brings from above,*

*The greatest gift of all Christ offers to us  
Is forgiving our sins and life eternal— a plus*

~ Barbara Weeks

Farewell *(continued from page 8)*



Henry was in the ROTC in high school and received a full scholarship to Princeton University where he majored in economics and minored in music. Before graduating from Princeton in 1951, Henry had performed with a men's choir at the World's Fair and with the highly regarded Princeton Glee Club.

After graduating from Princeton, Henry was assigned to Fort Sill, Oklahoma for training before being sent to Korea where he saw heavy combat duty as a forward artillery observer and was cited for heroism. Following his discharge from the army in 1952 he went to work with the R.H. Macy company.

When he later moved to St. Louis he became involved in a theater group where he met his future wife, Marie. They were married in 1959 and after the birth of their twin son and daughter, Henry and Abigail, they moved back east to New Jersey where they had another

son, Peter. Henry worked for the New York Telephone Company for 30 years retiring as a director of finance. After retiring, Henry and Marie moved to the Sandhills region.

Henry was able to pursue his passion for music here. He sang with the Moore County Choral Society and, attracted by the strong music program under John Shannon's direction, joined The Village Chapel choir. He never left. As he told Stephen Gourley, "music is in my soul".

Henry's life was not only about music, however. He was an avid gardener and runner; he acted periodically in small theater roles and was a voracious reader. And he was a wonderful family man - the backbone of the family who relished the time spent with his grandchildren.

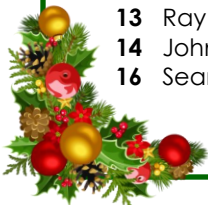
The loss of his wife of 61 years was a great blow to Henry but he soldiered on, lending his excellent voice and musical talent to The Village Chapel choir as long as he was able. We will miss him but we are thankful that he shared his life and talents with us for so many years. Now he is at rest and we can imagine him and Marie making beautiful music together in God's choir. There was a man!

## December Birthdays

- |                          |                     |
|--------------------------|---------------------|
| 1 Dot Evans              | 18 Caroline Barrett |
| 2 Cynthia Eckard-Matthes | 20 Peter Gross      |
| Holly Davis              | 22 Woody Davis      |
| Kent Wilhelm             | 23 Molly Thomas     |
| Robert Stolting          | Steve McKenzie      |
| 3 Ruth Stolting          | 24 JoAnn Duncan     |
| 4 Cecilia Zingleman      | Silvia Bisbe        |
| 6 Jane Lewis             | 25 Don Hamilton     |
| 7 Richard Schoen         | Pastor John         |
| Dale Krech               | 26 Bob Workman      |
| Hailey Robinson          | 27 Ann-Boyd Newman  |
| 9 Lynette Crosby         | Rich Wingfield      |
| 10 Gary Doern            | Lynne Hellman       |
| 11 Margaret Kinker       | 29 Bob Knapp        |
| Yvonne Gale              | 30 Russell French   |
| 13 Ray Bottoms           | 31 Gerry Prange     |
| 14 John Hawthorne        | Gene Bonacci        |
| 16 Sean Finkbeiner       | Tom Campbell        |

*Happy Anniversary*


- 1 Walter and Ann Blackwell
- Tom and Carmei Laird
- 9 Doug and Nancy Smith
- 11 Jeff and Ruth Holm
- 19 John and Kathy Spangler
- 22 Edward and Karen Emmett
- 23 Bill and Pat Tomasetti
- 28 R.Q. and Sharyn Simmons
- Kelly and Beverly Walsh
- 31 Jim and Char Rohr





# *Holiday Services*

Join us for our holiday and Christmas services:

- ◆ **Sunday, December 19, at 10:30 a.m. with Carolina Brass**
  - ◆ **Christmas Eve Family Service at 5:00 p.m.  
with Children's Pageant**
  - ◆ **Christmas Eve Communion Service at 9:00 p.m.**
  - ◆ **Christmas Day Service at 10:00 a.m.**
  - ◆ **Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols on December 26 at 10:00 a.m.**
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