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# The Chapel Herald



## Ashley Smith, Senior Pastor

### Worship, Learn, Serve...Repeat

As we begin the new year, I want to highlight The Village Chapel's vision of *Worship, Learn, Serve*. These three words are easy to remember,

simple to understand, yet each is a profound action and important aspect of our Christian life.

With regard to worship, The Village Chapel will continue to be a sanctuary for worshippers. From moving, sacred, traditional hymns to angelic choral anthems, we will continue to be a place to assemble on The Lord's Day to worship our Creator and to exalt the name of His Son, Jesus, our Savior.

An integral part of our worship is Holy Communion. Whether it's from a sacramental understanding or as a memorial, proclaiming "the Lord's death until He comes," will forever be central to our worship as a faith community. The reading and hearing of Holy Scripture will also remain an important part of each service.

In this New Year, you can expect the same excellent music and inspirational context to which we all have grown accustomed. I invite you to seek new and different ways to worship God, in your personal devotional life, in your home life, and within your community life.

With regard to learning, Christian education will continue to be a priority in this new year. We currently offer two excellent adult Sunday School classes each

Sunday, children and youth Sunday School classes for all age groups, and various small groups that meet in homes, the Care Cottage, the Chapel's administrative building, and in Heritage Hall.

From topical studies to Bible studies, there are opportunities available to learn and grow in your faith. I invite you to participate in a small group this year, to deepen your knowledge and understating of Christ, and to also experience the genuine, Christian fellowship with each gathering. We are called to be worshippers, and we are called to be learners. We are also called to serve.

With regard to serving, service opportunities in the church and in the community are a vital part of any community of faith. The Sunday bulletin lists the needs each week, along with contact information for each service opportunity. The Outreach Committee does an excellent job of communicating the current needs of the non-profit organizations that we support.

Make a habit of reading the needs each week, and pray about how you can serve. I am so grateful to you all for responding when there are needs. The Village Chapel has always been an active, generous, compassionate church, that has become known in the community as a congregation of servants.

In this New Year, let us commit ourselves and our resources to our enduring vision:  
Worship, Learn, Serve...Repeat.

Together in Christ,

*Pastor Ashley*



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# Remembering Bill Wetmore

**B**ill Wetmore was good at a lot of things. But he failed at retirement.

Bill came to Pinehurst for the golf but saved all his best shots for the long shots. Leonard Tufts gave us Pinehurst's resort legacy. Donald Ross built the Home of American Golf. Frederick Olmsted gave us a charming village that rose from remote sandy soil.

Bill Wetmore gave us Pinehurst's village green. He gave us a memorial park honoring American military hero and former Truman cabinet secretary Gen. George C. Marshall, a post-World War II Pinehurst cottage owner. And he gave us a towering flagpole at the Carolina Vista traffic circle.

These are but three of the visions he saw to fruition in "retirement" after moving to Pinehurst in the late 1980s from northern Virginia. He also orchestrated SEEK, a collaboration of 22 area pastors who joined forces to advance community initiatives and empower elected officials to act on citizens' priorities. This collaboration was a natural extension of Bill's Christian faith journey begun in childhood in Pennsylvania. SEEK later organized a powerful service of unity after September 11, 2001.

But Bill's most enduring Pinehurst legacy likely will not be community projects. It certainly will be a weekly men's bible study he launched at The Village Chapel, which continues to this day even as Bill, 101 years young, has handed off duties to Chapel Senior Pastor Ashley Smith. (Bill passed into God's eternal kingdom on December 21, 2022).

Bill's bible study was highly regarded for its goal of applying scripture-based relevance to the lives of its participants, for its in-depth conversations and for its reputation as a standing calendar event that began promptly at 4 and ended promptly at 5. As time went by, its membership swelled as men from area churches, as far away as Laurinburg and Fayetteville, became regular attendees.

Bill Wetmore, a lifelong scholar, researcher, and educator, is first and foremost a disciple of God. A series of books he authored during the past

decade capture his abiding, unwavering Christian faith. Among them is, "The Cross of Christ", published in 2015.

The Chapel's longer tenured members know the Wetmores as an adoring couple. Bill and

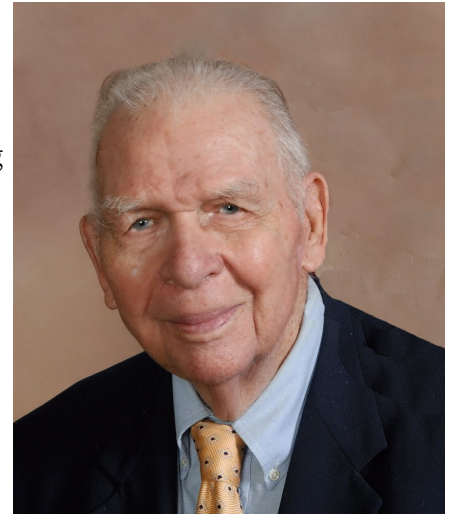
Nancy wed in 2005. They were acquaintances as members of Emanuel Episcopalian Church when Bill was married to Jane Wetmore, who passed away in 2004.

During our recent conversation about Bill's life and times, Nancy was tremendously helpful. Bill understates. Nancy takes it from there. She guided the discussion back to the 1950s, when Bill was a Los Angeles-based college professor in the realm of mechanical engineering. This was a period during which Bill engaged in activities that

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would chart the course of American history, eclipsing his already remarkable life achievements as a Duke University basketball star (1940s), and Lehigh University masters graduate who would become a Lehigh instructor and, later, UCLA professor, National Science Foundation director, and West Virginia University dean. Throughout, Bill engaged in extensive research projects tied to his expertise in thermodynamics.

Under the radar, Bill joined a small but gifted group of scholars – "brilliant minds," says Nancy -- who were dreaming big dreams, convinced that the United States was poised to be the pioneer of






space exploration. These unsung heroes plotted a course that would soon break out of the shadows and appear on the radar of the U.S. government. During our recent conversation, Bill acknowledged that this space exploration team attracted inquiries that prompted trips to Washington designed to brief officials on how a space program would come into being.

And so it did.

The decades flashed by, but Bill's visionary instincts never waned. In Pinehurst, Bill sat one fine day on the porch having lunch at The Villager restaurant. He looked across the parking lot and saw in his mind's eye a public village green, open and inviting. Pinehurst inaugurated its village green as Tufts Memorial Park in 2013. Today, it is the home of Live After 5 Friday night concerts, Shakespeare in the Pines, a seasonal farmers' market, and the annual Christmas Tree lighting. Bill shepherded years of meetings and persistent lobbying, and, even after local government ultimately took on and took over the project, Bill's village green became reality.

That same dogged persistence saw a monument and park honoring Gen. Marshall become reality in 2014, after Bill Wetmore, then 93, took it on as a civic duty. Marshall retired in Pinehurst after authoring the post-World War II Marshall Plan to reconstruct European countries and serving as Secretary of State and Secretary of Defense. By the time the Pinehurst memorial was christened, local media reports credited its debut to local elected officials. Bill was happy to stay out of the limelight.

Bill and Nancy recommend no herbal remedies or special elixirs to maintain senior vibrancy. But they are committed to staying in a positive frame of mind. "Bill doesn't watch the news," Nancy says, "but he always seems to know what is going on."

And above all, advises Bill, derive positivity by walking with God in constant companionship, seeking wisdom from the Bible and its lessons, and relying on the power of prayer. 

*\*Bill passed on December 21. His life and legacy of Christian discipleship will never be forgotten.*



*Once again this year The Village Chapel set up the Nativity scene in front of the church reminding us all of the true spirit of Christmas.*



# THE VILLAGE CHAPEL MUSIC SERIES PRESENTS



## *Music of Remembrance* *A Spiritual Journey*

The Village Chapel Choir in concert | Stephen Gourley, conductor; Janelle Francis, accompanist

Spirituals, Shaker songs,  
and traditional hymns

Sunday, February 19, 4:00pm  
The Village Chapel, Pinehurst





# Trey Majure, Associate Pastor



*"The Village Chapel is a warm and inviting place that our family is grateful to call our new church home"*

**L**ike some of you at The Village Chapel, the Majure family are newcomers. And like all of you have experienced at some point in your lives, my family is in a time of transition. The Byrds, quoting Ecclesiastes 3:1, once

sang, "There is a season, and a time to every purpose under heaven." As we enter a new year, it becomes a natural time to evaluate the season of life in which we find ourselves. I am currently in a time of transition, and I must say that The Village Chapel is a warm and inviting place that our family is grateful to call our new church home.

Others within our congregation will enter into a time of discipline, as we make our New Year's resolutions and fight to maintain them for longer than two weeks. Resolutions remind me of a Peanuts cartoon I saw once where Linus swears that he can give up his blanket anytime he wants. He even says that it will be easy, which he attempts to prove by throwing it as far as he can. Without a moment's hesitation, Linus runs after his blanket and catches it. Charlie Brown is left

standing there, saying that Linus will have to do better than that, as it never even touched the ground!

Some are moving through a season of joy as families gather for holiday feasts, wedding vows are exchanged, and babies are born. And yet, there are also those who are living through a season of mourning, as they find themselves missing those they love. Throughout the book of Ecclesiastes, the "Preacher" is trying to find meaning in life. After trying everything, he concludes with this, "Fear God and keep His commandments, for this is man's all." (Ecclesiastes 12:13b)

No matter what season you may be entering, you can rest knowing that true purpose and meaning come from your relationship with your Creator. There will come many seasons in life: a time to be born, a time to die; a time to break down, and a time to build up; a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance; a time to keep silent, and a time to speak; a time of war, and a time of peace. Throughout all these seasons one thing remains firm, Christ is All in All.

*Pastor Trey Majure*

## Meet Our New Members

### THE COUZENS FAMILY

We have lived in the area for awhile but coming from different faith backgrounds found it hard to agree on a church (mine being Methodist and my husband being raised catholic).

We chose The Village Chapel because it seems to take a straight forward approach to Christianity, free of many of the rules imposed by various denominations while maintaining a very traditional view of the Bible. We live in downtown Southern Pines and will typically attend the 11 o'clock service. I am the director of marketing at an investment firm based out of Raleigh and my husband is in the Air Force.

We enjoy traveling, tennis, and enjoying a glass of wine when not wrangling our two children, aged 9 and 1. (Our 1 year old was recently baptized at TVC).



**MEET OUR NEW MEMBERS-** The feedback received from The Village Chapel Readership Survey gave us some great information regarding what the congregation feels is most (or least) important about the church. One area of interest to the congregation was learning more about our new members. The process of introducing new members began in the September issue of The Chapel Herald. We will continue posting new members each month. If you do not already know them, please seek them out at various church services or events and let them know you are glad they have joined The Village Chapel.

# A Thank You from Angel Tree

## Acts 20:35

<sup>35</sup> *In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'*

The Angel Tree Committee would like to thank The Village Chapel congregation for generously supporting the Christmas for Moore/Angel Tree program. For all of you that sponsored families, donated financially, and prayed for these families in need...we thank you! Your kindness will bring smiles to all our sponsored families.

### *We'd like to extend a special thanks to...*

- Rich Cowell and his many helpers that set up Chapel Hall, got the grocery carts needed, and distributed the gifts on Saturday, the 10<sup>th</sup>.
- The wrappers who braved the cold and dark of Chapel Hall to be sure all gifts were wrapped and ready for distribution. You are an amazing bunch!
- Susan Joslin who brought the wrappers lunch on Monday and Tuesday and Helen Neill who provided coffee and breakfast treats on Distribution Day.
- Gemma Torok and her family who took charge of our Toys for Tots
- Linda Lassen for donating many beautiful handmade quilts to be given to some of our families
- The many helpers on Distribution Saturday. What an efficient crew!!
- Pastors Ashley, Vickie, and Trey for welcoming our families and passing out Bibles
- Heather Wiggins who does anything and everything we ask of her and always with a smile!





### **Habitat for Humanity, Faith Relations Meeting**

(for all participating in the Apostles Build in Moore County beginning in March and anyone wishing to volunteer with their Rehab/ramp building programs)

January 18, 2023 | 12:00 pm | Trinity Christian Fellowship  
425 Magnolia Road, Pinehurst

Email Dan Joslin if you plan to attend at: danjoslin2@aol.com.

### **Friend to Friend Annual Benefit Luncheon**

January 31, 2023, CCNC, Pinehurst

Confirm attendance at f2fluncheon@gmail.com or 910-947-1703.

### **FEBRUARY DATES TO REMEMBER:**

#### **The Arc of Moore, We Heart the Arc, Fundraising Gala and Auction**

February 9, 2023 | 5:30 pm

Little River Golf and Resort | 500 Little River Farm Blvd., Carthage, NC

WEBSITE: [thearcofmoore.org](http://thearcofmoore.org)

PHONE: 910-692-9272 for reservations or to donate items for the auction

### **MARCH DATES TO REMEMBER:**

#### **Habitat Pastors Day Build**

Thursday, March 16, 2023

Kicks off the construction on Apostles Build home.

The Village Chapel weekend to help will be April 27, 28 and 29.

A minimum of six volunteers will be needed  
each day from 8 am to 1 pm.

#### **The Outreach Committee provided funds to the following additional charities this year:**

Tambra Place (Young Men's new facility near Carthage);

Samaritan's Purse (Ukraine Disaster Relief);

The Food Bank of Central NC; God Sent Angels



**FRIEND TO FRIEND**  
Domestic Violence | Sexual Assault | Human Trafficking



**Habitat**  
for Humanity®  
of the NC Sandhills



**The Arc**  
Moore County

MISSION STATEMENT OF THE VILLAGE CHAPEL: As an independent, interdenominational Church, we unify all Christians through the Word of God, worship God in spirit and truth; teach and encourage the Christian faith; support the spiritual needs of our congregation, and share the Gospel of Jesus Christ through community outreach.

MISSION STATEMENT OF YOUR OUTREACH COMMITTEE: "Prayerfully and earnestly distribute budgeted funds of the Village Chapel to vetted entities through rational giving, while encouraging congregational participation with organizations we support."



# Families and Youth

## Youth Caroling 2022



*Dot Evans*



*Ellen Woodard*



*Eleanor Hargan*



*Ann Kallam*



*Stephen Veazey*



*Ralph & Linda Lassen*

Dear TVC Families,

As we began a new year I want to make you aware of the opportunities both you and your children will have to be discipled at The Village Chapel in 2023. The discipleship of our children in the Lord Jesus Christ should be a top priority for us as parents. I recently read that parents today are chisels in the hand of God, shaping their children into the likeness of Jesus Christ. God has expectations for parents. Genesis 18:19 says, "....that he may command his children and his household after him to keep the way of the Lord." Deuteronomy 6:4-7 says, "... that we should teach our children the ways of God, we should talk of them when we sit in the house, walk by the way, lie down and rise."

Intentional discipleship is what God desires! If we don't disciple our children, the world will. Our children are inundated with messages from our culture telling them how they should look, think, and act. We must help our children learn how to walk with Christ in an ever-changing world that tells them faith in Christ is no longer relevant.

Too often, we as parents naturally think of the needs of our children first, but we need discipleship as well. We won't find instruction for the soul in our careers, our possessions, sports, or the accomplishments of our children. We were made to worship the God who created us. We need to send the message to our children and the people we encounter in our community, that church isn't an add-on to our family's week of "things to do," but what we schedule our week AROUND. Our children will know what's important to us by what we put first in our home.

As you ponder your New Year's resolutions for your family, resolve to make the discipleship of both you and your children a priority for 2023.

In Christ's Love,  
Ms. Vickie





# Finance Committee

***The Finance Committee, chaired by Kay Goulet, works throughout the year to monitor the expenditures and revenues of TVC, count the cash and checks received in the weekly offerings, and prepare the annual budget for presentation to the Board of Trustees.***

Other members of the Finance Committee include Pamela Bradley, Peter Gross, Dick Haefele, Jeff Holm, and Jack Raffaele.

The Finance Committee's budget process starts as early as September, when all committees of the Church prepare their best estimate of costs for their programs in the next year. These include the costs for Worship Services, our Music Program, the Children's Program, Salaries and Benefits for our staff members, Office costs (paper, printing, telephones, etc.), Maintenance and Groundskeeping, Outreach, Communications, etc. These cost estimates are submitted to the Finance Committee, which reviews them, compares them with the previous year, and asks for more information when needed. It is a process that everyone takes seriously.

As with any budget, the Finance Committee must look not only at expenditures but also at revenues. At TVC, this is referred to as "Pledge and Plate." The Stewardship Committee asks all members to "pledge" to give a stated amount of money to TVC in the next year. Added to that is the money given in

the collection plate each Sunday (by members and visitors), plus money that is dropped off or mailed to the Church by those who wish to support the mission of TVC. While pledges form an important role in determining revenues, they traditionally cover less than half of projected costs.

The good news is that historically, many members give more than the amount they pledged, and visitors and other sources of income (weddings, etc.) add to total revenues. In addition, some current and past members support TVC through their generous gifts of "endowed" funds. These funds are part of what is known as The Foundation. The Foundation is governed by its own Board and provides annual support to specific areas of need, as specified by each fund within the Foundation. The Foundation funds are managed by a professional investment manager, who is not affiliated with TVC. Some of the endowed funds in The Foundation were established fifty years ago; the most recent endowed fund is The Scholarship Fund, which was established in 2022. The resources of The Foundation have enabled TVC to honor the wishes of its donors and to strengthen the services and programs at TVC to an extent that would not be possible based solely on the pledge and plate resources.

The Finance Committee is proud of the work it does in monitoring the resources of TVC.

## TVC Scholarship Program

**Application Deadline**  
**January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023**

**Visit [tvcpinehurst.com](http://tvcpinehurst.com) for**  
**Scholarship details and application**



# HANGING OF THE GREENS 2022





# SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

*...we must always cherish the words of our Lord Jesus, who taught,  
"Giving brings a far greater blessing than receiving." ~Acts 20:35*

**Children and Youth Sunday School** teachers are needed. As well as Nursery volunteers.

Please contact Pastor Vickie 910-992-8309 if you are willing to serve.

**Ushers/Greeters**, please contact Fred Fox: [pfredfox23@icloud.com](mailto:pfredfox23@icloud.com)

**Small Group Leaders**, and hosts needed. Please contact John Rowerdink: [jrowerdink@aol.com](mailto:jrowerdink@aol.com)

**Tables of Eight** -meal fellowship. Please contact Julie Huggins: [hugginsj4@gmail](mailto:hugginsj4@gmail)

**Volunteers needed** to blow off church steps and surrounding walkways before 8:15 service.

Please contact **Joe De Rosa** at [jedros15@gmail.com](mailto:jedros15@gmail.com)

**Care of Congregation Committee** needs volunteers who can write cards to our shut-ins, widows, and infirmed, and

volunteers to make periodic phone calls to the same population. Please contact Pastor Ashley 910-992-8308 or

[ashleyneilsmith@aol.com](mailto:ashleyneilsmith@aol.com)

**Parents' Night Out** needs chaperones for January 13, February 3, & March 3 from 6:00 -8:00 p.m.

Please contact Pastor Vickie 910-992-8309 if you are willing to serve.

**Visitor Table Volunteers** are needed at each service to hand out visitor packets to first-time visitors while manning the welcome table in the narthex. To volunteer, please contact **Mike Poplin** at [rmikepoplin@gmail.com](mailto:rmikepoplin@gmail.com).

**Prayer Ministry volunteers** needed to pray for prayer requests. Please contact Nancy Clay- [nclay1@nc.rr.com](mailto:nclay1@nc.rr.com)

**Altar Guild** needs volunteers to assist with the altar at all three services. Please contact **Jennifer Imperial** at [jenz9er@gmail.com](mailto:jenz9er@gmail.com).

## January Birthdays

1	Gay Gearhart	Victor Aguilar	Ellisa Granata
	Alice Schalz	12 Robert Adams	22 Al Mangum
	Larry Martin	13 Janis Sholtis	Alex Grimshaw
	Shirlene Bremer	Connie Lovell	Pamela Bradley
	Sarah Jane	Jonathan	23 Susan Culp
	Harmon	Newman	24 Anne Lucey
	Charlie Abner	14 Jim Busby	25 Ralph Newman
2	Keith Turner	Carolyn	Paula Crocker
3	Hannah Smith	Fitzpatrick	Lee Carbaugh
	James Hart	15 Zoe Wall	26 Harriet Neely
	Jerry Ayers	Mary Jo Matthies	Ron Scheil
4	Amita Sherwood	Curtis Anaya	28 Liz Skvarla
5	Harper Kisver	Devina	Bonnie Jo
	LuAnn Schneider	Sherwood	Wurzbacher
6	Ted Williams	17 Sam Clay	Byron Grantham
	Laura Goodman	Brynne May	29 Charles Meyer
8	John Sebastain	Glen Bezanson	Gerri Crutchfield
9	Lindsey Lashmit	18 Connor Neely	30 Walter Bull
10	Martha Romero	19 Judith Sherer	Dick Haefele
	Teresa Graham	20 Diane Tate	
	Barbara Kelley	Sherry Wood	
11	Jane Leonard	Ellen Brown	
	Mike Moody	Olivia Newman	



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| 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        |

## *Sunday Afternoon With George*

A celebration of a job well done by George Trail (for managing the completion of Heritage Hall) was held in November.



Hosted by **Laurie and Don Hamilton and Jane Jackson**, friends and co-workers gathered at Camden Village to honor George for his steadfast dedication and managerial skills in finishing the long- anticipated opening of the newest addition to our Village Chapel campus. Cocktails began the evening with a verbal salute to George by his hosts and many guests in attendance, followed by a delicious catered dinner. Our thanks to George for his hard work and leadership!

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