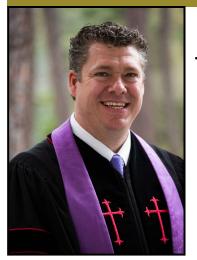


The Chapel Herald



Village Chapel family, Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

2 Corinthians 1:2

When Pastor John first

told me that he wouldn't be staying to the end of the year (or until we found an Associate Pastor), I quickly reminded myself that there is a "timing" in everyone's life, and his was sooner than later. I took solace in knowing that he would instead be teaching Shakespeare at Sandhill's Community College, and that, both he and Betsy would still be an active part of our community.

When the Jacobs first came to the Chapel in 2012, Carolyn Smith had a gathering in her home one evening; and If I remember correctly, there were several fun games that were played to allow those present an opportunity to get to know the pastors more intimately.

Pastor John and I were each asked to answer several questions while we separated from one another – as to not hear each other's answers - and then brought back into the room to share our responses. One of the questions was, "What is your favorite movie?" To my surprise, we both answered, "Goodbye, Mr. Chips."

This was a movie that I watched my freshmen year in college. My Western Civilization professor at Campbell University, Prof. Tuck – who reminds me of the main character, Mr. Chipping – showed the movie as extra credit for those wanting to improve their grades. So, one Winter evening, on the second floor of "D. Rich Hall", with its wood veneer and large windows, I watched the 1939, black and white version of the film.

The movie tells the story of a beloved school teacher, Mr. Chipping, and his long tenure at Brookfield School, a boys' boarding school (You knew I couldn't resist). Mr. Chips, as the boys called him, wore his academic garb (not an Oxford academic robe as someone I know was prone to do on several, Sunday occasions) and loved teaching Greek and Latin – all things that remind me of Pastor John.

Throughout the movie, Mr. Chips is portrayed as someone who clings to the past, with its traditional pomp and circumstance. He embodied the best of the past, and served as a historical bridge for the new boys who enjoyed his tutelage.

For me, Pastor John will forever represent the best of the past. His love for history, tradition, academia, and of course, Greek, will remind me of the importance of staying connected to the past, as we reach forward to the future.

With respect and appreciation...

"Goodbye, Mr. Chips!"





Pastor Ashley

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TVC Music

ur Chapel Choir recently completed its spring semester and has begun its usual summer hiatus. This past season has been especially meaningful to our choir family as we returned after nearly 18 months of not making communal music together. Much can be said about the power of music as a conduit in forming deep connections, spiritual or otherwise, and that is especially true in the case of your Village Chapel Choir.





During our nearly 80 hours of rehearsal in a single season, your Chapel Choir prepares 6-8 pieces of music at a time, not counting preparations for Christmas and Easter, when the work intensifies. Our choir approaches challenges with great resolve, humility, and good humor. As hard-working as they are, our choir members are among the most caring individuals I have known. Not only do we work together, but we also pray together, laugh together, and cry together. It is an honor to lead them and learn from them.

o our Chapel Friends and Family,

Since 2013, I have been involved with the Royal School of Church Music in America Carolina Course as an administrator and adult participant, and this year and I am looking forward to serving as the course organist. The RSCM America courses follow the English Cathedral model of choirs of boys and men (which have evolved to include girls as well). There are around ten total summer courses in the United States recently, though only three are in operation this summer as folks continue to come out of the pandemic. The Carolina Course is one week long, from Monday to Sunday, with a closing morning eucharist and afternoon evensong, both held in Duke University Chapel. Every day, our 90 participants (girls and

I wanted to share some of my professional engagements coming up this summer and later this year to which I am especially looking forward.

adults) will break bread together, sing together, and worship together. I will be teaming with Dr. Robert Poovey, Director of Music at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Rochester, NY, who will serve as this year's course music director. It is always a joy to make music with such talented and dedicated individuals of all ages, and I am looking forward to serving as accompanist this year. These services will be live-streamed, and I will be able to provide a link to those at a later date. (Continued page 5)







A Tribute to

Pastor John R. Jacobs

fter a decade of service dedicated to the glory of God, and stirring our Christian hearts and inspiring our minds, Dr. Rev. John Jacobs, long-time Senior Pastor, more recently, Pastor Emeritus, is ending his affiliation with The Village Chapel. With the closing of this important chapter in the Chapel's long history, our congregation also will be reminded anew of the many roles filled by Pastor John's wife, Betsy, who graciously served and enriched our church family.

Sunday flower logistics, Stephen Ministry coordination and editor of Pastor John's sermons are just a few of the items on Betsy's weekly to-do lists.

The Jacobs arrived at the Chapel in May 2012. Pastor Jacobs, in a local newspaper interview at the time, noted the Chapel's extraordinary achievement through the years — overcoming "the many differences in theology and practice" to remain true to its unparalleled "interdenominational" mission.

Perhaps is might be said that Pastor Jacobs was ideally suited to become an "interdenominationalist". He is by nature a contrarian. He is a lawyer, armed with a capacity for critical thinking. He is an ordained Episcopal priest. And he is a man of boundless intellect. Among disciplines in which he is encyclopedic, apart from the Word of God, are C.S. Lewis, Shakespeare, Greek mythology and Civil War history.

During one of his final sermons, on Fathers' Day,

Pastor Jacobs referenced the fatherless Hamlet, and a Civil War-era priest, the Right Rev. Stephen Elliott of Savannah, GA, presiding bishop of the confederate Episcopal Church. Seamlessly, their stories were woven into a sermon about how Christian faith overcomes our self-imposed divisions.

While his contemporaries were reading comic books, riveted by the adventures of Batman, Pastor Jacobs was immersed in Achilles, Odysseus and Hercules. When a "Shakespeare in the Park" production began annual summer performances on the Pinehurst village green, Pastor John demonstrated his support year after year by attending *all* of the performances across two weekends, including that recent staging of Hamlet.

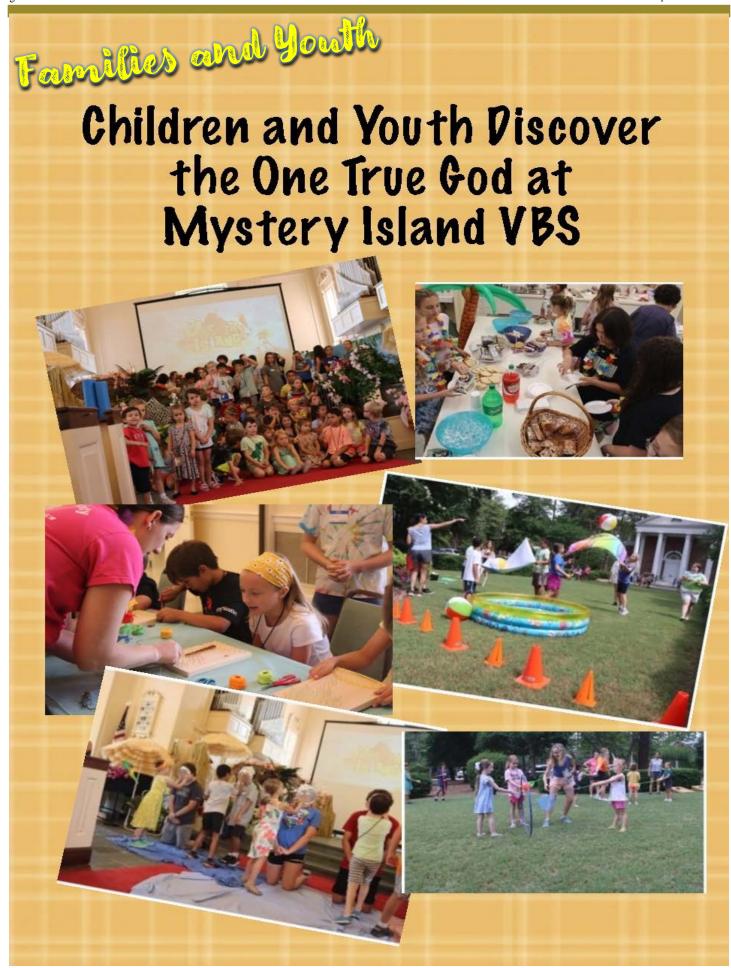
Congregation members able to attend Pastor Jacobs' Friday morning C.S. Lewis classes became immersed in the wisdom of Lewis, and his profound conversion to Christianity. Attendees also were blessed to enjoy a window into the personality of Pastor Jacobs. From the pulpit, his oratorical skills are captivating, surpassed perhaps only by his eloquent writing. In a smaller group, he is charming, witty, nostalgic, and self-effacing. He is a gifted teacher and lecturer. As Lewis observed, Pastor Jacobs exudes humility but not always as one might expect.

"Do not imagine that if you meet a really humble man he will be what most people call 'humble' nowadays," wrote Lewis. "Probably all you will think about him is that he seemed a cheerful, intelligent chap who took a real interest in what you said to him. If you do dislike him it will be because you feel a little envious of anyone who seems to enjoy life so easily. He will not be thinking about humility: he will not be thinking about himself at all."

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The Jacobs' arrived at the Chapel during a period of renewal within the congregation. They depart as the Chapel emerged as a beacon of faith within our community, even as faith in science and medicine threatened to drive religious liberty into the shadows with the onset of a virus unleashed in a faraway land. Guided by prayer, Pastor Jacobs, and pastors Ashley Smith and Vickie Smith, restored church operations (continued on page 9)

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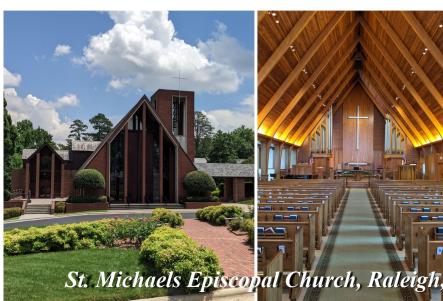
Please pray our Youth will a meaningful encounter with Christ as we travel to Liberty University for MFUGE



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In October, I will be playing a concert and accompanying choral evensong at St. Michael's Episcopal Church in Raleigh at the invitation of my colleague Kevin Kerstetter, who has served as Organist/Choirmaster at St. Michael's for over 20 years. St. Michael's is a vibrant parish in midtown Raleigh, with a unique and gorgeous worship space. Later this summer, we will begin releasing information for the coming season of The Village Chapel Music Series. I am especially excited for this year as the focus will be entirely on choral music.

Stephen









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The vibrancy that defines The Village Chapel's congregation is readily observed through the work of our numerous committees.

These bodies reflect the diverse professional and spiritual backgrounds of their members. In coming editions, the Herald will describe the role played by each of our 16 committees and how achieving their objectives contributes to the Chapel's broader community outreach and enriches the congregation. In this June edition, we profile the Worship Committee chaired by Fred Fox.

Our committee roster includes the Angel Tree committee; Care of Congregation; Christian Education; Communications and Marketing; Finance; Chapel Foundation; Human Resources; Library; Membership; Men of the Chapel Ministries; Outreach; Building and Grounds; Stewardship; Women of the Chapel Ministries; Worship; and Ad Hoc.

If you have been considering how to become more involved in the life of the Chapel, please review the aforementioned roster. When you find the committee that aligns with your interests, please contact the church office to be directed to the chairman of the

Building and Grounds Committee Summary

Our Committee's mission is to make sure that the Chapel's buildings and grounds remain beautiful, functional and in a good state of repair, all at the least possible cost.

The Buildings and Grounds Committee is responsible for the maintenance, repair, upkeep and new construction work throughout our campus and the Care Cottage that requires the hiring of contractors in order to accomplish the work.

We are fortunate to have a group of dedicated and talented members on our Committee. Those are *Rich Cowell, Bob Esselman, Ron Whitley, Mike Fusselbaugh, and Jack Raffaele*. In addition, we often call upon other members of the congregation when particular skills are needed.

Our Committee inspects our facilities to look for problems and other work that needs to be done. We prioritize that work, define scopes of work, solicit bids from qualified contractors, award contracts, oversee the work of contractors, inspect final work products and validate invoices...all managed within an annual budget.

In addition to a normal workload of maintenance and

repair, we have been responsible for overseeing the design and construction of Heritage Hall. We remain fully engaged just about every day with our architect and general contractor as we have progressed through the different phases of the construction while working through the many logistical and labor issues that always complicate a project like ours, especially this past year with COVID and the disruption of so many supply chains. We now look forward to the completion of Heritage Hall this summer.

In addition to working with general contractor on Heritage Hall, our Committee has programmed to complete 25 projects this year. These projects involve painting, drainage improvements, heating and air conditioning, woodwork repairs, landscaping, managing the Chapel's bus, and installing systems and equipment in Heritage Hall that are not included in our construction contract. Our main project this year will be to paint the ceiling in the Sanctuary.

Our buildings are pretty old and it takes a lot of care and maintenance to keep them functional and looking good. We are fortunate to have a congregation that is not only financing Heritage Hall, but also providing each year the resources to maintain our campus as the centerpiece of Pinehurst Village.

Village Chapel Angel Tree

long-standing Christmas tradition at The Village Chapel is our participation in Angel Tree.

Angel Tree is a part of Christmas for Moore, a nonprofit dedicated to serving neighbors in need during the holiday season. The opportunity is provided for our Chapel families to adopt a family in need simply by filling out a sponsor request. Following the registration of the recipients, a wish list is given to the sponsor. Through the generosity of our Village Chapel members, each year we have been able to support over 70 Moore County families.

Angel Tree not only brings joy to the recipients, it also

brings joy to the volunteers who make shopping, wrapping, and distributing gifts a part of their Christmas traditions. As a volunteer once said about Christmas for Moore, you see the generosity of people helping people and how that generosity can make the world a better place.

As a Village Chapel family, we look forward to once again supporting Christmas for Moore through our Angel Tree. Families will be available for adoption in September. Please look for more information in the coming weeks and in The Herald.

If you would like to be a part of The Angel Tree Planning Committee, we would love to have you! Please contact Faith Clay at faithclay@icloud.com or 248-765-7213

HERITAGE HALL-THE FINAL ROUNDUP

In the old western movies, they often sang or talked about heading for the "last roundup".

Well, folks, this is the final update/roundup on Heritage Hall. By the time you read this, there will be nothing further of any significance to report, just a "t" to cross or an "i" to dot here and there.

The roof is finished; the masonry is complete; the floors and carpeting are down; the pavers, sidewalks and brick plaza are finished; the interior painting is nearly done; all but a few of the doors are in place and most of the electrical and plumbing fixtures installed and hooked up; the state-of-the-art IT and audio visual systems are nearly ready. Almost all of the interior furnishings for the rooms are on site and ready to be moved in. We will soon have the last of the very attractive signage on site and ready for installation. Some of the landscaping will be left for cooler weather, but the building will soon be ready to receive y'all. At this time we expect to receive the Certificate of Occupancy from the Village of Pinehurst sometime in mid-July.

Our finances are in excellent shape. We have \$756,886 in the bank, which includes all the gifts received from members and friends and the proceeds of the Fair Barn "Hall-A-Palooza" and the Pavers special fund raising events. At the same time, we have financial obligations outstanding of about \$655,000. Barring any unforseen expenses in the next few weeks, we hope to finish the project a surplus which can be used for future maintenance and furnishing of Heritage Hall. We still have some outstanding pledges in the amount of \$70,000 which we hope will be fulfilled.



Thanks to God's gracious hand, this project has gone extraordinarily well. Just

over three and a half years ago, Roy Register laid down his \$750,000 marker and challenged the Chapel to match it in three years. You all know the milestones: - the congregation approved the project by an approval vote of 94%; - we developed detailed requirements; - we chose an architect; - we chose a builder; and - we matched Roy's marker within one year.

The New Building Committee made you a few fundamental promises: there would be total transparency; we would be frugal and shepherd your gifts carefully; no one would lose money: and we would "get it right" this time. We are very pleased and may be excused a little sinful pride in being able to say, our promises to you were kept.

We were fortunate to have truly outstanding people to give God a helping hand: Jack Wood for architecture and construction; Charles Clack for fund raising; Ralph Newman for community relations and donor recognition; Janet Lowry for interior decor and furnishings; and Jane Jackson and Mike Fusselbaugh for the remarkably successful Fair Barn and Pavers projects. But most of all, our dear congregation must be commended for its generosity and warm support. That's what made it happen. There will plenty of KUDOS to go around when we have the formal dedication in September, but for now please give yourself a little pat on the back. *You did it!*

George Trail, Chairman, Heritage Hall Committee Page 8 Chapel Herald

OUTREACH





Upcoming Outreach
Dates to Remember:

Longleaf Golf & Family Club, Saturday, August 20, with 8

AM and 2 PM Shotguns. Call (910) 947-2944 ext. 3 or email

events@sandhillstc.org

MEALS ON WHEELS OF THE SANDHILLS is now operating in their new facility at

1975 Juniper Lake Road! VOLUNTEERS are always needed!

Please consider volunteering either in the kitchen to prepare and/or package the box lunches and/or to be a delivery person for one of their daily nine routes. Each route takes about an hour and provides meals to members of our community.

Please contact either Rebecca Listrom at rklistrom@yahoo.com, (910) 691-1517, or Melissa Schaub at Mc@mb-equity.com, (216) 396-9350, to sign up for either meal prep or meal delivery. The Arc of Moore: July 16th an Adaptive Golf Clinic, Pinehurst Main

Adaptive Open participants will act as leaders and instructors for those who would like to learn the game.

Clubhouse Range.

For information on The Adaptive Open, please visit their home page here: https://www.usga.org/content/usga/home-page/championships/2022/u-s-adaptive-open.html#!latest Spectators are welcome at the Inaugural USGA Adaptive Open - 7/18/22 7/20/22

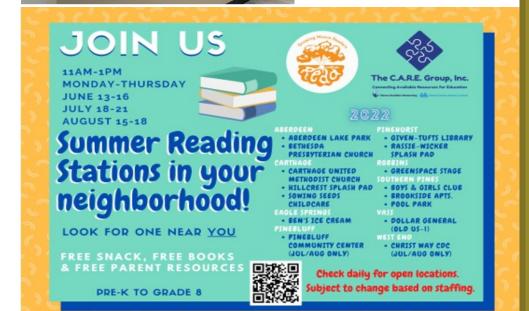
Live After 5 - 8/12/22 - Volunteers needed for beverage tent

Pinehurst No. 6

Ability Awareness Day -Fayetteville Woodpeckers game 8/14/22.

Women's Amateur Golf Tournament July 18-19 at Southern Pines Golf Course to benefit Friend to Friend, see website for silent auction items.





MISSION STATEMENT OF THE VILLAGE CHAPEL: "As an interdenominational Christian community, we worship God in spirit and truth; teach and encourage the Christian faith; support the spiritual needs of our congregation, and reach out to others with the Gospel of Jesus Christ."

MISSIION 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."

(Pastor John continued from page 3) and Sunday worship while nearby churches, schools and businesses shut down and locked down.

Pastor Jacobs is a man of action guided by faith, although Betsy recalls a freshman year first date at University of the South in Tennessee – he took her to hear a lecture. He was chronically shy. Conversation was limited. It was more than a year before the next date.

But the introverted John Jacobs eventually morphed into a Memphis law school student who married Betsy. When his personal values were pitted against his job as an Orlando attorney, John prayed for guidance. God's will would be demonstrated by the unlikely transition of swaggering attorney to seminarian. God's will, as always, was most timely. (As a student in an all-boys high school in Chattanooga, a vocational test came back predicting he was best suited to become a minister. He thought it quite absurd).

A Word From Betsy~ As a Sr Warden and member of our church vestry (comparable to the Chapel Board), he attended a planning retreat at our conference center, Canterbury. He was asked to read one of the scripture readings in a prayer service. He read through the first part, then suddenly was overcome with a strange, almost fearful feeling. It overwhelmed him, and he struggled to read the next few verses. He described it to me as if his body was in a "time warp" (for lack of any other words) and was slowly reading only one word every few seconds. He was very shaken, almost afraid. After struggling through the reading, he returned to his seat next to a good friend, and, trying to figure out what had just happened, asked if he noticed anything strange. The friend had no idea what John was talking about and said he read fine. Later, he asked several

board members if they noticed anything while he was reading, and the consensus was that they didn't see anything at all-It was all an internal event unnoticed by others but felt very deeply within. He was still disturbed by this incident when he came home that afternoon. I knew something strange had happened-- this didn't sound like my calm, rational husband. He was visibly shaken and scared. I asked him what passage he was reading, and together we looked it

"We read Ephesians 3 together-That's When I knew without a doubt that God was calling John to the ministry"

up. It was Ephesians chapter 3, one of the passages when Paul tells of his call to preach the Gospel. We read the passage together, and I felt chills. This was the part that he struggled to read: "I (Paul) became a servant of this gospel by the gift of God's grace given me through the working of his power. Although I am less than the least of all God's people, this grace was given to me: to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, and to make plain to everyone the administration of this mystery." Eph 3:7-9(NIV) It was at that point that I knew without a doubt that God was calling John to the ministry. I knew in my heart that our lives would never be the same again. Within a few months, doors began closing to his practice of law, and began opening in the direction of ministry. I knew that "as one of the least of all God's people" that with God's help, He would enable John, and by extension me, to serve Him in the ministry.

After 12 years serving three churches in Florida, Pastor Jacobs arrived in Pinehurst as a good shepherd in a time of need. And, thus, he has remained our shepherd, our leader and our conduit to a spiritual journey connected to boundless grace through a blessed trinity, and "one God", now and forevermore.

Our prayer will forever be that God continues to bless John and Betsy Jacobs.



There will be a special unity service July 31 commemorating the Jacobs' 10 years of service and ministry at the Village Chapel. One service at 10:00 am followed by a luncheon featuring a slideshow presentation.

We hope you will join us.

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Meet The Congregation

The Millers

It would be hard to imagine that anyone in the congregation at The Village Chapel does not already know the Millers: Bill and Michele. Although they only moved to Pinehurst in October 2020 from Midlothian, Virginia, in just two short years they have immersed themselves in volunteer activities at the Chapel. Bill is on the Nominating Committee for the Board and chair of the Marcomm Committee. They both serve on the Outreach committee and volunteer with Meals on Wheels of the Sandhills and serve as ushers at the 9:30 service. Michele oversees Crossties, which organizes a lunch at the Pinecrest Inn on the first Tuesday of every month (its purpose is to encourage friendship among women at TVC who all may attend different services). Michele is also a member of the Women of the Chapel (WOC). Last Fall, the Millers started hosting a small study group¾which is currently studying the Parables of Jesus¾ in their home in Pinewild.

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Like so many of our members, the Millers moved to Pinehurst in retirement. They were already familiar with Pinehurst and The

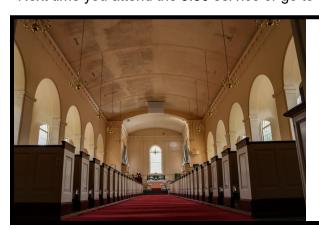
Village Chapel through visits to the area to see their daughter Brynn, son-in-law Chase, and two grandchildren: Connor and Brett. Michele's mother, Lee Joseph, also moved here with them and resides in Pinehurst.

Before retiring to Pinehurst, Bill was the SE Executive Director for Allergan Practice Consulting, (a company best known for making Botox). Michele traveled with Bill until staying home to raise their two children. She was actively involved with volunteering at their schools and at the Richmond Ballet, where Brynn was a trainee. Their son, Cameron, and his wife Mary Margaret are currently living in Puerto Rico.

The Millers are originally from Pennsylvania (Allentown/Berwick). Bill graduated from Penn State University and Michele graduated from Kutztown University. After graduating from Kutztown, Michele was working for her mother, Lee, selling Sunbeam Appliances. Bill's sister was also a Sunbeam sales representative, and she introduced Bill to Michele. Six months later Bill and Michele were engaged and six after months after that they were married. They will celebrate their 43rd anniversary in October. Who knew a Sunbeam appliance could be so powerful!

Bill and Michele both enjoy family and friends, traveling (with Aruba being an annual destination), biking, and especially time with their grandsons. Bill is also a landscape enthusiast and enjoys going to the PCC Fitness Center (in lieu of golf, as he proclaims himself a non-golfer).

Next time you attend the 9:30 service or go to a Crossties luncheon, give a big hello to Bill and Michele!



We're Getting a Makeover

In the month of August, the sanctuary will be getting a much needed makeover.

We will paint the ceiling, clean the carpets and the pugh cushions and make some much needed repairs. Because of the scope of the work, services will be held in Chapel Hall.

The renovation will be completed in time for the Heritage Hall dedication in September.

June Baptisms





We had 2 baptisms in June! Congratulations to Jessica and Michael Ellis on the baptism of their son Luke (L) and to Anthony and Breanna Imperial on the baptism of their son, Atlas (R).

July Birthdays

- Carolyn Smith Maru Nelson Ronald Trawick
- 2 Seth Whitfield Emma Lashmit Dube Putz
- 3 Tom Flanagan Warren Pardue Mary-Ellen Morris Greg Page
- **4** Dian Moore Peter Kisver
- 5 Margaret Shaw Marge Behning
- 6 Patricia McLean Sallie Webster Darlene Reeves Greg Singer Donna Brundage Mike Fusselbaugh
- 8 Jack Raffaele
- 9 Nancy McNally

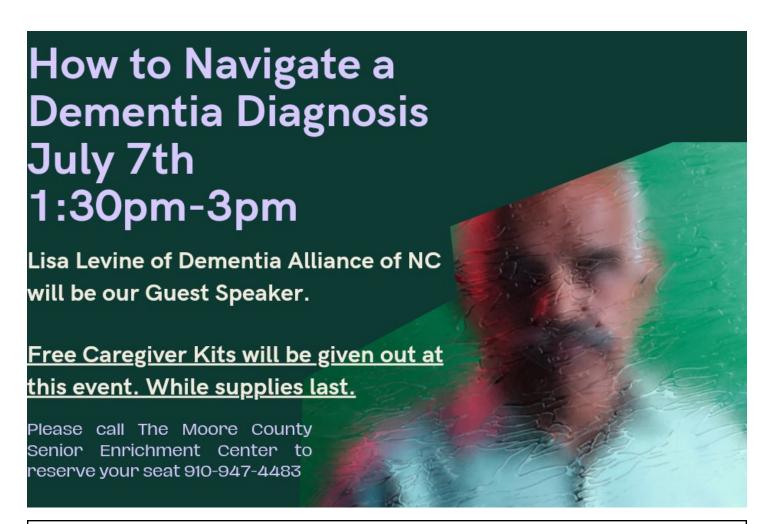
- 10 Laura Spence Terry Prince
- 12 Donna Traylor Jacques Wood Maggie Ihde
- 13 Jean Williams
- 15 Carty Davis
 John Breting
- **16** Brent Slosser Alyssa Brosch
- 17 Jasmine Walker
- 18 Gene Horne
 Louise Weiss
 Ale` Scaletta
 Chloe Bowen
 Amelia Lashmit
 Jules Shumski
 Joan Montgomery
- 20 Sharon Trail Shirley Aquino
- 22 Jerry Townley Charlotte Cable

- 23 Nancy Wetmore Rob Barrett
- **25** Josiah Lashmit
- **26** Darlene Skinner
- 28 Charles Clack John Skvarla Olivia Fox
- **29** Doug Smith Jim Schneider
- 30 Betty Austin
- 31 Marc Granata



- 1 Rob and Katie Barrett
- 2 John & Allison Orban
- 4 Ron and Jan Kelly
- 9 Dave and Tisha Edrington
- 13 Ron and Ann Whitley
- 15 Kenneth & Cynthia Eckard-Matthes
- 17 Jim and Jane Lewis Jim and Eleanora Voelkel
- 21 John & Harriett Rilev
- 28 Ham and Sallie Webster
- 31 Gary and Jean Ann Doern

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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