

The Chapel Herald



*Grace and peace to you
from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus
Christ
(2 Corinthians 1:2)*

Village Chapel family,

At this year's annual meeting, I challenged our membership to make a monthly goal of inviting one person to a worship service, small group, First Wednesday Fellowship, music event—any Chapel event. That's twelve people per year for each member. If just one of those twelve went on to become a member of the Chapel, our membership would double in one year.

Now, please remember, numbers represent souls. Jesus died for souls. As a shepherd he certainly counts the sheep and knows the exact number under his protection and leadership, thus leaving the ninety-nine for the sake of the one. We are not trying to become a mega-church, but the last time I checked there were plenty of available seats for new visitors to occupy.

The simple invitation is nothing new. Jesus often asked people to join him with a "follow me" or "come and see." Matthew Levi invited his friends to his home for the purpose of introducing them to Jesus (Luke 5). Philip invites Nathanael to meet Jesus


(John 1). Jesus modeled the invitation for his disciples to emulate and they did.

Inviting someone to church is the easiest way to evangelize. You invite them, and God will do the rest. Research shows that 80% of people who attend church were invite by a friend or family member.

The Membership Committee schedules Invitation Sundays throughout the year, so members have a reason and a reminder to invite someone to church. Usually, it's a Unity service format and it always includes a reception in Chapel Hall. Think of it as a Member/Guest event (thanks Sam Clay). In our community, it's quite natural to invite someone to a Member/Guest event, or to dinner, or to a concert.

Let's face it, you don't have to be a trained evangelist or a theologian to invite someone to the Chapel. Your invitation may be the very spark that ignites the salvific fire within a soul, who will go on to worship and serve our Lord, and who will in turn, invite someone else. Just look at how a simple invitation changed the world through the disciples.

Take the initiative and the responsibility to be a driving force for Chapel growth and Kingdom expansion, by simply inviting someone to The Village Chapel.

Worship, Learn, Serve. 

Pastor Ashley

Meet The Congregation

You never know where you might end up, nor how long you might stay. When Brent Slosser suggested a trip to Charleston to getaway, wife Nancy referenced many previous trips to Charleston and recommended Pinehurst as a destination instead. After many stays over some years, Brent and Nancy decided to make the move to Pinehurst permanent in 2019. He identifies the beauty and pace of the village as major drawing factors. The perennial golfing opportunities are also not lost on him.



The son of a jazz trumpeter-turned-journalist, Brent's early musical ventures were limited to study of the trumpet, however sports ruled most of his time growing up. He obtained his degree from Gordon College in Hamilton, Massachusetts with a focus in English and Bible, and a seriously piqued interest in tennis.


Following a two-year period as a tennis instructor after college in Boston, Brent had the opportunity to enter to the construction field. His attraction to architecture and design at a young age led to his interest in woodworking and the opportunity to make a statement on the interior of houses. His move to Virginia Beach and subsequent involvement in church music started Brent on an indirect path to The Village Chapel. The inspiration of various musical presentations led him to join the choir of Galilee Episcopal Church. Later, he joined the renowned choir of historic Christ and St. Luke's, Norfolk, where the musical opportunities were vast. Brent highlights performances of Johann Sebastian

Bach's *St. John Passion* and Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart's *Requiem* as truly meaningful experiences for him.

His move to the Outer Banks proved to be fruitful in matters of music and business. Working with Island Woodcrafts in Wanchees afforded him the opportunity to stick his foot in the door and lay the groundwork for him to focus his career on interior finish work.

He would go on to open his company, Outer Banks Finish Carpentry, which he owned and operated until his move to Pinehurst. He also continued his musical involvement with various church choirs and a newly formed community chorus.

It was in 2019 that Brent first visited The Village Chapel, when the Duke University Chorale was performing its annual concert. Upon taking in the performance - up to the Chorale's usual standard of excellence - Brent followed the call to seek more information about the Chapel and its ministries. It didn't take long before he had joined The Chapel Choir and ingratiated himself into our choir family. In addition to his active involvement in our Chapel Choir, Brent has lent his carpentry skills to various projects around campus (including cabinetry for Heritage Hall) and serving on our Associate Pastor Search Committee.

As he continues to progress in life in Pinehurst, Brent has transitioned from full interior wood working to focusing more on cabinet making. Brent's contributions to our Chapel have been invaluable and his willingness to serve with a humble heart is nothing short of inspiring. 



***The Whimsical Christian* each Friday from 10:00 – 11:30 am**

Along with C.S. Lewis, Dorothy Sayers was one of the most influential apologists for Christianity in the past century – in addition to being a best-selling author of detective novels and translator of Dante's *Divine Comedy*.

Please join in Pastor John's weekly presentation of the essays of Dorothy Sayers entitled *The Whimsical Christian* each Friday from 10:00 – 11:30 am in Chapel Hall. All materials are provided at no cost, the class is open to the public, and is scheduled to continue through the end of May.





The 39th Annual Shakespeare Competition was held in the sanctuary of the Village Chapel in Pinehurst on Saturday, February 19, 2022. Several students from various Moore County schools came together to showcase their talent and dedication to this timeless art form.



This year's winner- Kara Sparks

Honor Your Voting Right

By Yvonne Gale

At the January Board of Trustees Meeting, it was reported that just ten percent of the congregation of The Village Chapel took the time to vote for the last three nominees for the Board of Trustees. To offset this low voting percentage, the President of the Board, Nancy Smith, had to present the nominees at each of the church services on a designated Sunday and ask for a vote of acclimation.

Since a majority of the Chapel members did not take an interest or make an effort to mail in their ballots or bring them by the church office, the Board is considering going to online voting. It will be interesting to see if members take the time to complete electronic voting.

Historically, The Village Chapel is known as being an independent, interdenominational entity; past and present members take pride in this distinction. The Chapel's mission is to serve God, promote the Gospel

by word and deed, and nurture the spiritual needs of the congregation.

Since The Village Chapel is not affiliated with any denomination, it is not required to follow the dictates of a General Conference, a National Organization, or a spiritual leader such as a Bishop or Pope. All members of The Village Chapel who are 18 years and older are offered the privilege of voting on changes or additions to the Bylaws of the Church, the members of the Board of the Trustees, and ministerial appointments.

The Board of Trustees at The Village Chapel is an evolving organization. A nominating committee consisting of church members interview prospective board members and make recommendations. Any church member can recommend to the Nominating Committee another church member to serve on the Board as long as that person is agreeable to serve.

In some churches, the minister or a "sitting ruling committee" appoints members to the Board.

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Farewells

The first month of 2022 saw three devoted members of The Village Chapel leave their earthly bounds and go home to their Lord.



On January 13, **Margaret (Meg) Lindenberger**, 73, succumbed to lung cancer after a courageous battle she was not destined to win. Meg was a woman of many interests and talents. Born in Hong Kong on October 26, 1948 she and her family immigrated to the United States when she was just five years old. She eventually became a naturalized citizen of the United States. Meg attended Hempstead High School on Long Island, New York and graduated from Syracuse University in 1971 with a degree in biochemistry. She immediately put her degree to work as a quality control chemist with the Perk Dog Food Company in Chicago. After a few years she became a database programmer at Sears Tower in Chicago before beginning a 25-year ca-

reer with IBM in 1984. Meg seemed to excel in everything she did and was twice honored as one of IBM's top 100 sales persons worldwide.

She loved to travel. Along with her husband Bill and daughter Kim, she saw a lot of the world cruising with them. Meg lived in Pinehurst for more than 20 years and she and her family were active members of The Village Chapel. Her active mind and broad interests involved her in a range of activities in Moore County. She was on the Board of Advisors at Duke Cancer Institute and belonged to the Duke Singleton Society. She was member of the Moore Republican Women, the Women of the Pines and the College Club.

Meg was much admired and will be missed by her family and many friends as well as her brothers and sisters in Christ at The Village Chapel. She is now at peace with her God and we can only be grateful that she shared her life with us.

Jill Trawick, like Meg Lindenberger, was taken from us far too soon. She was a devout and faithful member of The Village Chapel, devoted to her family, friends and her Lord.

Jill passed away on January 15, 2022. She was 71. Born in Washington, D.C. on September 19, 1950, Jill graduated from the University of Maryland in 1972 with a degree in illustration and graphic design. She worked for the Hecht Company as a fashion illustrator for five years and began a career with the Central Intelligence Agency in 1980 as a technical operations officer and at the same time





enjoyed a distinguished reputation as an artist. She retired from the CIA in 2009 and found her way to Pinehurst.

Jill loved her life in

Pinehurst and at The Village Chapel. We grieve with her family over her departure but take solace in knowing she is in the loving arms of her Lord and Savior, whom she loved so much.

Then at the end of January, we lost **Lois Ann Eisel** unexpectedly. She died January 30 at the Moore Regional Hospital. Born in Beaver County, Pennsylvania on April 30, 1948, she was 73 years old.

Lois was from the beginning a go-getter. After graduating from high school, she embarked on a life's career in education. She took business classes and eventually rose to serve as a school business administrator in Pennsylvania school districts in Beaver, Allegheny and Snyder counties. She won election to the board of directors of the Pennsylvania Association of School Business Officials (PASBO) and went on to become president of that organization. She culminated her career as CFO of the Easton Area School District, one of the largest in Pennsylvania. She retired from that position in 2004 but did not stop there. She went on to obtain investment representative


licenses that enabled her to help public schools with financial management programs.

She and her husband Bill, whom she met while both were running for election to the PASBO, moved to Seven Lakes in 2007. Lois soon became involved in a number of local activities, serving on the community board of

"I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die...." ~John 11:25-26

directors and as elder at the West End Presbyterian Church. Lois had a broad range of interests ranging from boating on Lake Auman and golf to travel, Duke University sports and the arts. Fortunately for us, this versatile and very personable woman found her way to The Village Chapel. We are grateful for that and for her interest and support of the Heritage Hall project, which she suggested as an alternative to flowers for gift donors.



A celebration of Lois' life will be held at The Village Chapel on Saturday, April 30. We ask God's blessing on Lois and may she rest in peace. 



Dear Chapel family,

I want to take some space to thank everyone who was able to attend the screening of My Beautiful Stutter on February 21. There were nearly 100 people in attendance, many of whom from our Chapel congregation. It was honor to present this film which so beautifully captures meaningful work being done by the Stuttering Association for the Young and the impact of stuttering on the lives of young people. I was also very grateful to have the opportunity to introduce my SAY colleagues Travis Robertson and Kate Detrick, who joined me in a panel discussion following the screening of the film. As I said to our audience, Travis and Kate are two exemplary role models whose love and influence have touched hundreds of individuals of all ages, including myself.



The three of us also had an opportunity to chat with about 25-30 high students in the Union Pines High School chorus program, who I have the opportunity to accompany several times a year. It was a gift to have such a real conversation not only about stuttering, but about inclusion and treating others with respect. It is a gift to be connected with such tremendous young people and they make me hopeful for the next generation.



If you were unable to attend the film and still wish to see it, please contact me at stephen@tvcpinehurst.com and I will provide some information.

~Stephen

FRIDAY, MARCH 25, 7:00 PM

The TVC Music Series Presents

Lenten Reflections

With

Soprano,

Catherine Kelly

All are invited to this meditative and reflective program on the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Soprano Catherine Kelly is an active recitalist, teacher, and frequent guest to our Chapel.



Families and Youth



The Youth Group was invited to the home of Steve and Holly Ingham for a cookout and bonfire. They were also treated to fishing, ATV rides, and a tour of the 50+ acres of the Ingham Homestead.



A very special thank you to the Inghams for their awesome hospitality.



OUTREACH

What were some of the considerations for our Committee in deciding the distribution of the available funds? Consideration was given to the missions and focus of the supported organizations.

How did they contribute to God's directive to provide for the poor, the homeless, the widows, orphans and aliens among us?

We prayerfully considered not only which agencies to support but how much to provide. The list provided in the slide encompasses those agencies that were given monetary grants. In addition, congregants of The Village Chapel have given hundreds of volunteer hours of their time and talents in support of these agencies, from mentoring youth, providing one on one literacy training, building beds for children, supporting abused families and expectant mothers, providing meals and also by visiting shut-ins, especially during this time of lockdowns during the Covid pandemic. We have been truly blessed to be able to give back out of our abundance. We challenge our community to continue with this outpouring of Christ's love and let us be known as giving back to the community, actually being the hands and feet of Christ. God has blessed us so that we can bless others.

The Village Chapel will continue to search out additional programs to support with your tithes, offerings, time and talents as the Holy Spirit so leads. My prayer is that we become a conduit with the guidance of the Holy Spirit to connect our members with agencies and individuals through our God given talents.

Thank you

Agency and Website or Email Address

- Boys & Girls Club of the Sandhills; www.sandhillsbgc.org
- Boys & Girls Home of North Carolina; www.boysandgirlshomeSs.org
- Changing Destinies Ministry; www.changingdestiniesministry.org
- Christian Aid Ministries; www.christianaidministries.org
- Christian Aid Mission; www.christianaid.org
- Eagle Springs Baptist Church; matt.brogli@gmail.com
- Family Promise of Moore County; www.fpofmc.org or contactus@fpofmc.org
- Friend to Friend; www.friendtofriend.me
- Graduation Angels (Moore HS County Graduates); jimmy.schneider@outlook.com
- Habitat for Humanity of the Sandhills; www.sandhillshabitat.org
- KARIMU International Help Foundation; www.karimufoundation.org
- Life Care Pregnancy Center; www.friendsofLCPC.org
- Meals on Wheels of the Sandhills; www.mealsonwheelsofthesandhills.org
- Moore Buddies Mentoring; www.moorebuddiesmentoring.org
- Moore County Literacy Council; www.mcliteracy.com
- Moore Free and Charitable Clinic; <http://moorefrecare.org>
- National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Moore County; namimoorecounty@gmail.com
- Sandhills Adult and Teen Challenge; www.sandhillstc.org
- Sandhills Children's Center; www.sandhillchildrenscenter.org
- Sandhills/Moore Coalition for Human Care; www.sandhillcoalition.org
- Sandhills Student Association; www.sandhillstudentassociation.org
- SAT-7 USA Middle East HOPE; www.sat7usa.org
- Sleep In Heavenly Peace; www.shpbeds.org
- Tandra Place/Young Women's Transitional Home of Moore County; www.tambraplace.org; ywthmoore@gmail.com
- The ARC of Moore County; www.thearcofmoore.org
- TWR Signal Fellowship; www.twr.org
- Wycliffe Bible Translators; www.wycliffe.org
- Young/WyldLife in the Sandhills; www.sandhillssyl.org; nobleyl@yahoo.com
- Additional Support Provided for Angel Tree (Christmas for Moore)

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."

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."



HABITAT APOSTLES BUILD— APRIL 28, 29, 30



★★ WE NEED VOLUNTEERS ★★

1110 KEYSER STREET, ABERDEEN, NC

8:00-1:00 each day

**16 years or older (18 or older for power tools) / no experience necessary
supervisors on site will ensure you have complete instructions—
hammering nails, cutting boards, etc.**



Upcoming Outreach Dates to Remember:

**Sunday, March 6 | 12:00-2:00 pm
Empty Bowls |**

Enjoy a sampling of soups and desserts from area chefs.

Benefit for the Sandhills Coalition
Country Club of Whispering Pines
2 Clubhouse Blvd. | Whispering Pines, NC
Tickets and info: www.sandhillscoalition.org

**Mar 18-20, 2022
Young Life's Pioneer Plunge at Windy Gap
for H.S. Juniors and Seniors.**

Contact Greg Noble at (910)315-7949 or
nobleyl@yahoo.com or visit their website
Sandhills.YoungLife.org

**Apr 28, 29, 30, 2022
Habitat Apostle's Build weekend
for TVC & ESBC**

Volunteer signups can be made at:
<http://vhub.at/apostles>



All Women of the Chapel
are invited to the 12th annual

Spring Tea

March 29, 2022

2:00 - 4:00 pm

Chapel Hall

Guest Speaker: Helen Von Salzen
"Faith, Fellowship, and Tea"

Individual Reservation

Name _____

Email _____ Phone _____

The cost is \$24 per person. Payment due with reservation.

Check ___ Cash ___ Online payment ___

Make checks payable to TVC with "Spring Tea" in the memo line

Drop off reservations in the box outside Heather's office

*If you would like to host a table, please contact
Eleanora Voelkel at voelkelje@gmail.com (910) 295-4664 or
Janice Bezanson at janicebezanson@gmail.com (909) 229-3028*

*Reservations are due by March 15, 2022. Please contact
Janis Sholtis for more information at janissholtis@gmail.com*

*High tea catered by Elliots, including a gluten-free option
available upon request*



March Birthdays

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| 4 | Landen Smith
Brook Totten-
Lancaster | Walter Blackwell | |
| 5 | Phil Martinello
Phil Mullis
Dianne
Cole-Hall | 18 | Sybil Del Bueno
Ford Grimshaw
Millard Welch |
| 7 | Anne Fox
Arlene Knapp | 19 | Henry Bahr |
| 8 | Mary Delauter
Char Rohr | 20 | Roy Register
Abigail Smith
Eva Shumski
David Oppen |
| 9 | Lawson Barrett | 21 | Chandler Adams
Andrew Wilson |
| 12 | Russell Zumwalt
Jeff Fox | 22 | Janis Nestor |
| 13 | Cam Cantelou | 24 | Barbara Barnes
George Drengler |
| 14 | Ferrell Ann Harper | 26 | Buck Adams
Maribel Pena |
| 15 | Amy Corcoran
Nathaniel Walker | 29 | Jackie Garris
Jennifer Imperial
Mary Barranti |
| 16 | Harriett Riley | 31 | Joe Oxendine |
| 17 | Gwen St. Clair | | |

Happy Anniversary

- 3 Nick & Cherryl Nickerson
4 Dave & Lin Cook
Greg & Mandy
Grimshaw
5 Jerry & Yvonne Taylor
13 Mike & Irene Bradley
19 Bill & Nancy Wetmore
31 Marjorie & Jan Ludwig

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


(continued from page 3) Whether these members are called elders, deacons, or trustees, in some instances members may be appointed because of how much money they give to the Church, their family's status or longevity in the Church, or simply for political reasons such as they are loyal backers of the minister.

The Trustees serve for a term of three years at The Village Chapel; at other churches those in leadership may serve for many years. The Trustees of The Village Chapel oversee how well the different committees of the church are fulfilling the mission of the church, make financial decisions on how the monies of the church are spent, and are a liaison with the ministers as they oversee the staff of the church and carry out their spiritual duties. The monthly minutes of the Board are published and emailed to all church members. The sharing of detailed minutes with the congregation is not a common practice in many churches.

The members of Board of Trustees, along with their emails and phone numbers, are listed on the back of the Sunday bulletin. The reason for this listing is to inform the congregation that this group of people represent you personally and want to be your voice. You can contact any Board member with a concern, and your concern will be brought to the Board anonymously if you choose not to have your

name mentioned.

One of the most important votes of the church will be coming up in 2022: The hiring of a new associate pastor. If this were a Methodist Church, a bishop would be appointing the new pastor. The next time there is a vote for new members to serve on the Board of Trustees, take some time to read the background information of the nominees and then vote. Consider carefully and prayfully your votes on issues concerning the Bylaws of the church. And when you are asked to vote on the naming of the Chapel's new associate minister, consider your selection carefully. His or her leadership in the future may impact the Chapel profoundly.

We Americans take so many of our rights for granted. Many Americans have died to give us the right to vote whether it be in political elections, considering an enactment or change to local, state or national laws, or having personal input in the organization and missions of one's church. The Village Chapel needs every member to take its voting privilege seriously; it is one of the most important ways that you serve and make a commitment to the Chapel's mission. 



Easter Services



The Village Chapel
Pinehurst, NC

MEDITATIVE MUSIC- THURSDAY, FRIDAY-11:30 AM
MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE- APRIL 14, 12:00 PM

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE- APRIL 15, 12:00 PM

EASTER EGG HUNT- APRIL 16, 1:00 PM

EASTER SERVICES

8:15 AM- HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE

9:30 AM- FAMILY SERVICE

11:00 AM- TRADITIONAL SERVICE

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