

The Chapel Herald

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Rev. Dr. Ashley Smith, Senior Pastor

Pastors Annual Report

in 2024: April 28, June 30, and September 29. The latter two are 5th Sundays. The April and September Sundays will be followed by New Member Orientations on the following Wednesdays, which happen to be the first Wednesdays of the following month (i.e., May 1 and October 2). This sequence of Invitation Sunday, followed by a New Member Orientation being hosted in conjunction with a First Wednesday Fellowship works well. It is a next step for new visitors to get connected with our members around a meal and fellowship.

We will continue to minister to children and youth, and their families. Our 9:30 family service will continue to offer children's sermons, which include the children leading in prayer and memorizing scripture - so amazing to witness... "a little child will lead them" (Isaiah 11:6). The youth will continue to read scripture on the first Sundays and serve as acolytes. This is a great way to develop our Youth as leaders and servants. The Youth Sunday in October, allows the Youth to be involved in every aspect of the service and will remain a constant each Fall. Again, it is good leadership and life experience for our Christian Youth.

We will continue to do the major outreaches designed to assimilate children, youth, and families into the Kingdom of God. Easter Egg Hunt, Vacation Bible School, Trunk-or-Treat, Youth Camps, Youth Retreats, along with other special events, will continue to a part of our outreach to the community.

For two years in row, Pastor Vickie and TVC volunteers have represented the Chapel at the Holly Arts Festival. More than 300 people were given TVC tote bags with Chapel information, along with an invitation to come and worship. Many have responded.

Before Live After 5 was moved to the atrium area beside Village Hall, Heritage Hall was open at each event, with the

bouncy house outside for all the wondering children and parents to see. The first month we had 7, the second month we had over 40. To this day, there are some who still worship with us who initially came to the first event of Heritage Hall.

American Heritage Girls & Trail Life Boys are two amazing ministries that are currently serving the needs of boys, girls, and families. Those will continue to grow and strengthen, and be hosted in TVC's Heritage Hall.

We are now hosting the National League of Junior Cotillions. Vickie and I are advisory board members and have been for almost a decade. This social ministry is now reaching 130 students from our church and the community. All of our girls participated when they were younger, and now that it is hosted at TVC, many families are bringing their students to our campus for these events. We plan to constantly pray for opportunities to assimilate these families into the Kingdom and TVC family. This ministry is great publicity for our new Heritage Hall, and children and youth ministries.

We have also hosted the Sandhills Spartans, a girls volleyball team, whose goal is to provide a Christian alternative to volleyball clubs that require Sunday commitments. Margarite Lewis is heading up this team and is currently talking with Pastor Vickie about offering "open net" nights in Heritage Hall for TVC and community Youth. Their team jerseys have our TVC logo on them! You can see a jersey outside Pastor Vickie's office.

We are in the process and on track to have Greg Wetzelberger as a Youth Ministry Intern starting in June 2024. This is a DOD sponsored and funded internship and is a tremendous blessing for TVC.

Our TVC Scholarship reach is continuing to grow. *(Continued on page 5)*

New members for 2023 were 72. New members YTD are 52.

We had over 1 new member joining per day for the month of January. I have scheduled more new member meetings this month than any other month - ever. We are receiving some wonderful Christians, who love the Lord and are really appreciative of the Chapel, and everything she stands for. Some are coming as a result of the denominational re-affiliations within the Methodist tradition. Some are coming as a result of church leadership malpractice. Some are coming because of unorthodox doctrines and biblical re-interpretations. All are coming because they are finding Bible-based, Christ-Centered worship and preaching. My heart breaks for what is happening within the mainline churches; I, now more than ever, understand the importance of the Chapel being an orthodox sanctuary to accommodate the exodus. People are coming to heal and to be nurtured in the love and acceptance of Christ. We must continue to pray for the churches of Moore County, and churches throughout our nation and the world.

This coming year, I'll reinforce the growth strategy of Invitation - members inviting guests to come and worship, to small groups, to TVC concerts and events. We are planning to have 3 Invitation Sundays

Rev. Trey Majure, Associate Pastor

“The Rare Jewel of Christian Contentment”



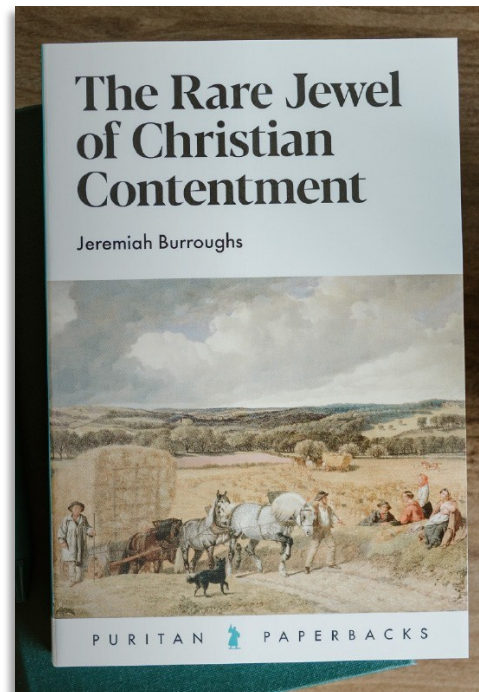
**Philippians
4:11—I have
learned, in
whatever state I
am, therewith
to be content.**

Recently I have been reading a book by Jeremiah Burroughs entitled, *The Rare Jewel of Christian Contentment*. Burroughs was a puritan


and originally published the book in 1648. I have a fondness for the puritans, as it was a movement that was in large part reactionary toward a decadent and cold religion found throughout England and other parts of Europe. The Catholic and Anglican churches were large and ornate, with costly decorations and beautiful stained glass. Puritan churches were purposefully plain and simple, with little more than a pulpit and simple wooden benches. Clergy in High-Church traditions wore fancy robes, while the puritan preachers dressed in simple black robes. Finally, the Catholic and Anglican liturgy was lengthy and eloquent, the puritan liturgy was little more than the singing of Psalms and lengthy sermons.

Burroughs poses an important question within his book, “at what point and under what circumstances can or should a Christian be content?” I will go out on a limb and say that many if not most Christians today are not content. As I look through popular pastoral ministry websites, most are filled with catchy articles such as, “5 keys toward having a growing church” or “8 reasons your church is not growing.” The articles feed on the notion that pastors are not content with the church they are pastoring and will only be content if their church is growing!

The same goes for people in every situation in life. One day I’ll be content when I have enough money to retire comfortably. Or I’ll be content when I have a bigger house...or a nicer boat...or a better car. But Paul in Phi-



lippians 4:11 says that he learned to be content in every situation! And remember that Paul did not exactly have it easy. He spent a significant amount of his life suffering for the sake and cause of Christ. When most people think of contentment, the word suffering is not involved.

But the thing we can learn from both Paul and Burroughs is that contentment is not, and can never be, found in the things of this world. True contentment, the rare jewel that it is, is only found in Christ. An illustration used in the book is that of the Ark. As Noah was on the Ark, he was protected from everything that was raging around him. Likewise, we can find our contentment in Christ and Christ alone. In this way “the Faith” becomes our worldview, our culture, our practice. It is a deep relationship of continual submission to the will of the Father. It is one of the mysteries of the faith, that the rare jewel of Christian contentment is not found in a liberation of the will, but in the submission of our will. 

In Christ,

Trey

TVC MEMBERSHIP UPDATES

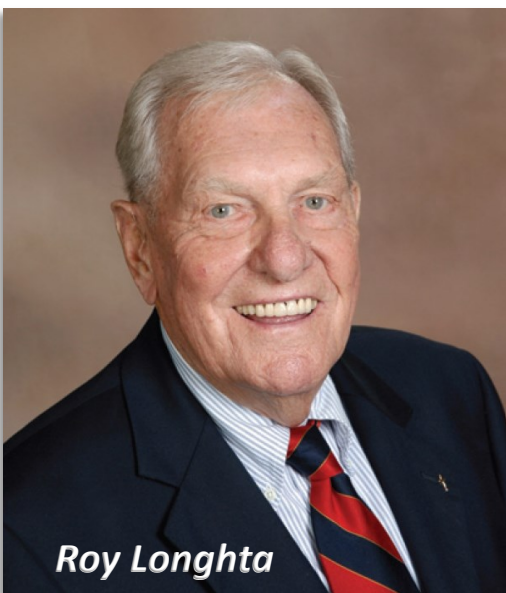
Members of The Village Chapel

678 Adults 129 Children

Friends of the Chapel

253 Adults 51 Children

Meet the Congregation– Roy Longhta



Roy Longhta

Roy Longhta grew up in the Land of Lincoln (Springfield, Illinois). He attended the University of Illinois, graduating in 1953 with a degree in finance. Shortly after graduation Uncle Sam beckoned and drafted him into the U.S. Army. He served 2 years during the waning years of the Korean War.

During part of the time he was in the military, he was stationed in France. While there he decided to take some leave and go on holiday. He wanted to see a famous park, Tivoli Gardens Park in Copenhagen, Denmark. He met a beautiful young lady there named Tove and he was smitten. The attraction was mutual and she came to visit him in France. They fell in love and later got married. They had 3 children, Lisa who now lives in Ohio, Sonja and Tom who both live in Florida not far from Tampa. They gave the Longhtas 8 beauti-

ful grandchildren and 8 wonderful great grandchildren. Roy loves to get together with his family for a big reunion once a year at Ocean Isle Beach on the North Carolina coast. They all look forward to this and even though they see each other at other times this is the one time of the year they are all together as one big family.

Roy spent the majority of his career with Aetna Insurance Company. He was in marketing where he contacted independent agencies. He worked with a man named David Kocher who with his wife, Grace, later came to Pinehurst and encouraged Roy and Tove to move to this area after retirement. Roy wanted an area that offered ample golf opportunities and in 1991 they moved to Pinehurst.

The Kochers also encouraged the Longhtas to take a look at The Village Chapel. Roy and Tove attended the Episcopal church in Southern Pines initially, because that was the faith Roy had followed for years being comfortable with the high Episcopal tradition and service. Tove had a Lutheran background. After visiting The Village Chapel, they decided to change churches and Roy has been a faithful member ever since.

Sadly, Tove passed away in 2015. The next year Roy decided to move to Belle Meade and has lived there since then. Also, his friend, David Kocher, had passed away and Grace also lives at Belle Meade. He says it has been comforting to have Grace there sharing meals together and participating in some of the social activities provided by the St. Joseph Community.

Roy has shared much of his time and commitment to The Village Chapel. The following is representative of the time he has given to this church community: service on the Finance Committee (1997 – 1999); chair of the long range planning committee (1997 -2000); The Board of Trustees (2000 – 2003, chairman 2002 - 2003); chair of the Membership Committee (2003 – 2005); service on the Stewardship Committee (2003 – 2007, chair 2006 – 2007); service in the Shepherd's Program (2006 – 2012); service as a lay reader for 12 years and coordination of the lay readers for the 8:00AM and 11:00 services for 12 years. In the past he has also headed the Home Lay Eucharistic Minister group and still visits homebound members to serve communion. He also served on the Search Committee when Pastor Ashley was called. He has participated in Community Bible Study which is not a part of or sponsored by The Village Chapel, but which he considered a vital part of his life.

Roy has some weakness in his legs so he tries to maintain all the strength that he can and swims 1 hour a day 3 days a week doing 36 laps each time in the pool at Belle Meade. He has a specific routine and alternates different laps. This is remarkable! The one thing that comes through clearly when you talk to Roy is his sense of commitment to The Village Chapel. He says with conviction, "I love that church!" and you know he means it.

Submitted by Gerri Crutchfield



New Members– Jim & Natalie Hyler

Jim is originally from Danville, Virginia and Natalie from Rocky Mount, NC. They lived in Raleigh for 25 years and moved to Asheville in 2017. In Asheville they are members of Biltmore Church. Jim has two adult children and six grandchildren. After purchasing a home in the Village in 2020, they now split their time between Asheville and Pinehurst. With our "dual membership option" they joined TVC last December, finding it convenient to worship with us when in Pinehurst. They attend the 11:00am service.

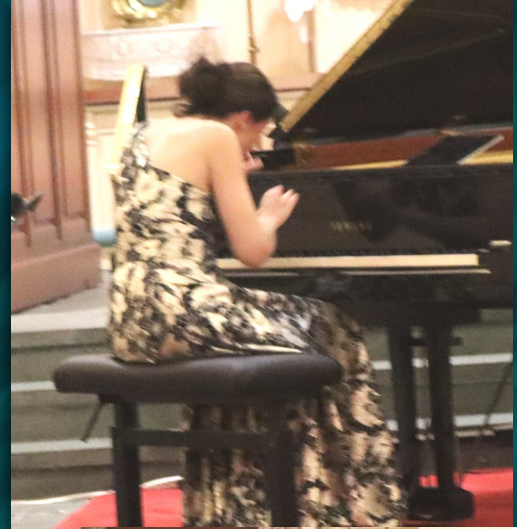
They were attracted to TVC because of the commitment to the Gospel and being Bible Based.

Both Jim and Natalie are self-employed. Jim serves on several Boards of directors and also provides advisory services. Natalie has her own interior decorating business. For enjoyment and hobbies, Natalie plays the piano and is interested in all things artistic. Jim plays golf and is also involved in the administration side of the game. His fitness exercise of choice is walking. They both read for relaxation with a focus on learning more about the Bible, spy novels and history.



From the Director of Music

On Friday, February 23, The Village Chapel Music Series hosted Sandhills-based pianist *Kristina Henckel* in concert featuring music by Chopin and Bedrich Smetana.



Our thanks are extended to those in attendance for supporting our local artists and *The Village Chapel Music Series*.



Communications Committee

THE COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

is responsible for overseeing material to be submitted to the public or church community that adheres to the *mission of The Village Chapel. It also reviews the budget used for communications for the Village Chapel.

Currently the committee is co-chaired by Gerri Crutchfield and Shirley Aquino. Members who currently serve on the committee are asked to meet once a quarter to discuss goals, issues, procedures, as well as look at writing assignments, budget, and upcoming special events.

Gerri Crutchfield organizes the meeting schedule and takes minutes of the meetings. She also maintains a list and writes articles on members of the Village Chapel


for the Herald.

Shirley Aquino acts as a liaison with The Village Chapel and the Pilot newspaper and Pinestraw magazine. She maintains updates for the ads for each month on that month's events and worship schedule as well as ads for the Sandhills Guide and Pinestraw Magazine

Steve McKenzie oversees all material for digital distribution not only to membership but also to the public. Heather Wiggins maintains the calendar for The Village Chapel.

Another important aspect of the Communications is the development of printed material to be sent out to the public of upcoming events such as Christmas and Easter, as well as to new people coming to the

community. Steve McKenzie along with the co-chairs will be monitoring this and continue to provide printed materials to the public.

Writers are needed to interview new members and write a brief article for The Herald newsletter. 

Mission Statement

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.

(Continued from front page) From two students initially, to 5-6 students this year, the interest from parents and youth is growing.

The scholarship was designed to bring attention to our Youth ministry and to be a blessing to the Chapel's Youth. And it has certainly done that. Youth have to be members to participate, and it has increased our membership thus far, for which the scholarships were designed.

We will continue to offer music concerts and special music events. Stephen Gourley has done an excellent job in planning and coordinating these events. No doubt, these events have been a draw to TVC and have maintained our reputation of music par excellence.

There are other events that we host throughout the year with the goal of bringing people to our campus and beautiful Sanctuary. Events like Human Trafficking, A Christmas Carol, ESU's Shakespear competition, etc., demonstrate our desire to be a church for our community. We offer our Chapel Hall, Heritage Hall, Sanctuary, and Care Cottage to many community groups that truly appreciate our collaborative spirit.

We will continue to advertise our worship services and events in the Pilot Newspaper, PineStraw, Easter & Christmas mailers, and monthly new resident mailings. Our TVC website and social media have gained

significant use and popularity, and we will continue to innovate ways to promote TVC. Steve McKenzie is to be commended for his contributions in this area.

Our Christian Education ministry has many opportunities for spiritual formation. We offer many different studies, on various days and at various times. Men's group, Women's groups, Co-ed groups, from Christian Apologetics to Christian History, and Bible studies, there are many different offerings. We will continue to invite people to small groups, thus inviting people to meet Jesus. Over the years, we have had significant growth as a result of our small groups.

We have an outstanding Associate Pastor, who is an excellent preacher, and has tremendous presence in the pulpit; We have an outstanding Minister of Children & Youth, who is an excellent teacher and liturgist, who has tremendous rapport with the children and youth, and their families; We have an outstanding Director of Music, who is an excellent musician and composer, who has a tremendous affection from a supportive congregation. I am truly grateful for our ministry team, and I will do everything in my power to serve them, encourage them, and protect them.

Our staffing situation is the best I have seen since coming to the Chapel in 2011. Heather, Craig, Steve, Stanley...thank you for everything you do for TVC!

On March 1, 2024, Vickie and I will begin our 14th year at TVC. I enjoy preaching and teaching, and I enjoy leading those I serve and serving those I lead. I can't see myself doing anything else, anywhere else. I still have vision for The Village Chapel, love for the people, and I look forward to shepherding God's flock as long as I am in His will. I have always, and I will forever give God the glory - for everything! "If God be for us, who can be against us?" (Romans 8:31)

We will continue to do what's working and re-evaluate what isn't. We will remain cognizant of our spiritual identity and try to avoid violating our spiritual DNA with endeavors that are not consistent with our mission and character. We will strive to remain orthodox, independent, and interdenominational.

Worship...Learn...Serve

Together in Christ,

Pastor Ashley



Ash Wednesday Service



Wednesday, February 14 we began the season of Lent with our annual Ash Wednesday services at noon and 6:00pm

The Village Chapel is Hosting Its Annual
Community
Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, March 30th, at 1pm

10 Azalea Rd, Pinehurst NC

There will be a drawing for prizes

A visit from the Easter Bunny


Easter Story

Tons of eggs to hunt and lots of smiles.



All Welcome! For more information on
The Village Chapel visit-
www.tvcpinehurst.com


Children and Youth



The TVC Youth had a blast bowling at the Sandhill's Bowling Center.



Hebrews 10:24-25.- And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.



Hometown Nazareth
Where Jesus was a Kid



REGISTER HERE!

**Registration is
now OPEN!!**

VBS June 24-28 | 9:00am-12:00pm

UPCOMING OUTREACH EVENTS

Life Care Pregnancy Center Diapers

are being collected for the Life Care Pregnancy Center.
A collection box is in the Atrium. All sizes are appreciated.

Sandhills Student Assistance

is in need of non-perishable food donations such as Lance crackers, protein bars, fruit cups, juice pouches, breakfast bars, as well as individual microwaveable cups of noodles and mac & cheese.

Friend to Friend

The Rock N' Run 5K is coming up!

Register today- <https://runsignup.com/Race/NC/SouthernPines/FriendtoFriendRockNRun5K>
to take advantage of early bird pricing and a guaranteed t-shirt.

Sandhills Habitat Apostles Build

volunteer on line signups are now
available at

<https://sandhillshabitat.volunteerhub.com/>

The Village Chapel's weekend

Apr 18-20, 8 am - 1 pm.

No experience necessary!



In Honor of God's Servant, Jimmy Schneider. Volunteers are needed to help facilitate and expand the upcoming program this March at the Scotland Correctional Facility. Please contact Buck Bradshaw at 910-695-6217 or email hbradsha18@gmail.com if you are interested in becoming a volunteer to schedule required training. For additional information, visit www.kairosnc.org for the history of Kairos Prison Ministry's Vision and Mission's three programs: Kairos Inside (men's and

women's ministry begun in 1976), Kairos Outside (begun in 1991), and Kairos Torch (begun in 1997). For additional information, visit www.kairosnc.org

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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."

First Wednesday Fellowship

Next up— March 6, 2024 6:00pm

Chapel Hall



**Call the church office
for reservations**

We Need Graduation Guardian Angels

This is our 6th year of helping these unaccompanied youth and thus far, we help seventy-nine (79) youth! Unfortunately, the issue of "unaccompanied/homeless" youth is not going away.

Moore County High School Seniors will graduate in June 2024 and this year we have eighteen (18) unaccompanied /homeless youth we would like to help "jumpstart" their career path. In addition to these eighteen we would like to assist three attendees of the Boys and Girls Club. As in years past, we would like to help these children of God. We will furnish them each a VISA gift card to purchase clothing for graduation, defray enrollment costs for college, etc.

For the next weeks, through May 5th, we are inviting you to become a "Graduation Guardian Angel." You can make your check out to the Chapel and in the MEMO mark "graduation" before depositing it in the Chapel office/offering plate OR you can go to the Chapel's website and under "Giving" make a credit card donation. In the drop-down menu select General Fund and in optional menu type "graduation."

Please no later than May 5th. The "scholarship VISA cards" will be purchased and delivered to the High School Social Workers for distribution to preclude any embarrassment.

Bless you and thank you for your consideration.

Men of the Chapel Ministry



**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS MARCH 10! BE
SURE TO SET YOUR CLOCKS AHEAD 1 HOUR. HERE
COMES SPRING TIME!**

Women of the Chapel

The History of The Women of The Chapel

Presentation by Janet Lowry and Cathy Elsea

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2024
10AM - 12:30PM

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Amy Crabtree
- 4 Noel Roberts
Landen Smith
Brook Totten-
Lancaster
Catherine Stewart
- 5 Phil Martinello
Gary Mullis
Dianne
Cole-Hall
- 7 Anne Fox
Arlene Knapp
- 8 Mary Delauter
Char Rohr
- 9 Lawson Barrett
Dale Mitchell
- 10 Stephen Stewart

- Payton Jones
- 12 Russell Zumwalt
Jeff Fox
- 13 Cam Cantelou
- 14 Ferrell Ann Harper
Susan Leader
- 15 Amy Corcoran
Nathaniel Walker
Nathan Presnal
- 16 Harriett Riley
Mira Reynolds
- 17 Phil Wiggins
Walter Blackwell
- 18 Sybil Del Bueno
Jim Fisher
Ford Grimshaw
Millard Welch

- 19 Melanie Burgess
- 20 Roy Register
Abigail Smith
David Oppen
- 21 Andrew Wilson
- 22 Janis Nestor
- 26 Buck Adams
Tori Marotto
Maribel Pena
- 29 Jackie Garris
Jennifer Imperial
Mary Barranti
Allison Couzens
- 30 Kevin Brundage
- 31 Tom Schroeder

Anniversaries

- 4 Greg & Mandy Grimshaw
- 5 Jerry & Yvonne Taylor
- 9 Dale & Clela Mitchell
- 13 Mike & Irene Bradley
- 24 Robert & Ellen Weaver-Bailey
Steve & Bonnie Jo
Wurzbacher
- 26 David & Lynette Crosby
- 29 Tom & Mary Stultz
- 31 Marjorie & Jan Ludwig

Please contact the office (910) 295-6003 if your birthday or anniversary information is incorrect, or if you need to be added to the list.

The Women of the Chapel

Cordially Invite all Ladies to the
Annual Spring Tea
Tuesday, April 16, 2024. 2-4pm
in Chapel Hall



Featuring Guest Speaker - **SANDY FISHER**
will provide a program entitled "Seasons in the Garden"

High Tea will be catered by Elliott's on Linden

Please come and enjoy Faith, Fellowship, Food and a lovely cup of tea!

Women of the Chapel Spring Tea 2024

Please complete and return this form **The Reservation Deadline is April 4**

Payment must accompany your registration form \$27 per person

Name _____ Phone _____

Email _____ Check # _____ Amount \$ _____

Please make check payable to The Village Chapel and note in memo "WOC Spring Tea"
Registration forms and payment should be placed in box outside Heather's office.

Guest Names: _____

Please contact Janice Cantelou atncrunner@gmail.com if you are interested in hosting a table of 6-8 ladies

Holy Week Services



Maundy Thursday, March 28

Meditative Music-11:00am, Service-noon

Good Friday, March 29

Meditative Music-11:00am, Service-noon

Easter Services

8:00 am- Holy Communion Service

9:30 am- Family Service

11:00 am- Traditional Service

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