

The Chapel Herald



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

2 Corinthians 1:2

It's no surprise that our county has seen significant growth in the last decade and is slated to see even more growth in the coming decades. Moore County Partners in Progress- Economic Development, provides the following information on their website:

“Current 2021 population estimates (NC Budget & Mgmt office) indicate Moore County has 104,130 residents, and projections are that by the year 2050, the county’s population will be over 155,000. A 60-mile radius from central Moore County encompasses a population of more than 3.4 million people (AccessNC 2021 estimate). It’s true that Moore County is a popular retirement destination because of our temperate climate, the abundance of senior-oriented healthcare services, and our excellent golf courses. But our communities are also seeing an increase in the number of people aged 20 to 45 moving to the area, as more and more people in this age group are discovering the business and employment opportunities, safe neighborhoods, good schools, and other amenities here. Moore County is growing...”

That’s over 50,000 people in roughly the next 25 years, with a significant increase in the 20 to 45-year-olds. Introducing...Heritage Hall! The building has been a Godsend from the moment of its conception. It was unfinished business that was waiting for God’s timing and for a congregation that was ready to embrace the vision for meeting the future needs of our Chapel. From having the capital raised before breaking ground, to the uneventful support of the Village Hall and Village community, we’ve experienced God’s miraculous provision.

This building makes sense. It makes even more sense when we think about what the future holds for Moore County and The Village Chapel. We are being divinely positioned to reach thousands of retirees, families and children, and young professionals, that will one day call The Village Chapel, home. With the uptick in weekly attendance, and in the wake of one of the most worshipful and well attended Holy Week and Easter services, certainly in the last two years, we can all be extremely grateful for what God is doing in our midst, and for what He will do through us to the surrounding communities.

Worship, Learn, Serve.



Pastor Ashley



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The Raleigh Ringers

In Concert

Saturday, May 14, 7:00pm

Tickets: \$20/adults; \$10/students 12 and under

Tickets available at www.ticketmesandhills.com

Handbell choir rate available by contacting stephen@tvcpinehurst.com

Special Kudos

Claire Fields and Elizabeth Shaver are both members of our Chapel Choir and accomplished music teachers in the area. Claire teaches K-2 music at Sycamore Lane Primary School in Laurinburg and Elizabeth teaches chorus at Union Pines High School here in Moore County. At the end of April, both spearheaded fine arts presentations at their respective schools.



All K-2 students at Sycamore Lane presented a concert under Claire's energetic leadership and Elizabeth provided inspired musical and orchestral direction for Union Pines' production of *Seussical the Musical*. I have personally had the opportunity to witness both Claire and Elizabeth in their elements and not only is it an honor to witness the fruits of their labors, but also to see firsthand the respect and admiration from their students and peers.

They are truly making a difference in the lives of young people in our community and we are blessed to have such dedicated and talented educators in our midst.

-Stephen



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.

Meet The Congregation

The Wetzelberger Family

The poster family representing the future of The Village Chapel typically attends the 9:30 service and attracts attention owed to three well behaved, personable youngsters, the children of Greg and Natalie Wetzelberger.

Gatlin is 10. Greyson is 8. Vayda is 6.

They arrived in our community in May 2012, relocating from Florida's Panhandle, and soon began exploring potential church homes. High school acquaintances who later became sweethearts, Greg and Natalie are natives of Louisville, raised in Catholic families. "You can't throw a rock in Louisville without hitting a Catholic church," Greg observes.

The Wetzelbergers are a military family. After the move, Greg's new Fort Bragg chaplain suggested a visit to The Village Chapel. Soon thereafter Greg attended the 8:15 service and, curious, stayed for the 9:30, and went to Sunday School. "We fell in love with it," he said.

What solidified their bond with the Chapel is a tribute to its mission to reach out far and wide. Greg never will forget standing on the other side of a glass partition after the birth of son Greyson eight years ago. He heard footsteps. Who is bounding down the corridor? Then-Associate Pastor Ashley Smith. "I could not even remember his name," Greg said. "I said, 'What are you doing here?' He said, 'I'm here for you, brother'. Right then and there I knew there was something special about this place."

It was not the first time Greg experienced an epiphany. In 2004, he thought he "met" Natalie among a group of friends out on the town in Louisville. A buddy the next day reminded him that the blonde he talked to the night before was a high school classmate years earlier. In any case, romance would soon blossom even as Greg was charting his course of military service.

"We met on February 17 to be exact, a Tuesday," Greg said. "We started dating for quite a bit. I ended up leaving for basic training five months later. She came to the basic training graduation. ... We ended up getting engaged."



A surprise party for Greg afterward was transformed into a surprise engagement. They were married in a civil ceremony in Gatlinburg, TN, thus a son named Gatlin.

Greg deployed at 26 to Iraq in 2007. After that, "I was constantly gone. We never had the big, amazing wedding of our dreams. And we were broke." They decided to plan the marriage rather than the wedding. The plan has been well executed. Today, Greg is a fixture of the Thursday bible study at The Care Cottage. Pastor Ashley asked him to share teaching duties heading into 2022. Yet Greg and Natalie grew up in families prone to attending church services only on the Hallmark card days, Easter and Christmas.

As a serviceman, Greg was awakened to the power of prayer in his darkest hours. "There was a time in my life when I was sort of hostile to God," he said. "I wrote a paper against Christianity (at the University of Louisville). I got an 'A'."

With their marriage on the rocks in the early years, Greg pledged to God he would never drink alcohol again and, thus, pursued his faith journey.
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Families and Youth

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CLASS OF 2022

Katelynne Grace Brown

Katie is a Senior at Pinecrest High School. She is a member of the National Honor Society and is an avid swimmer. She has been active in several youth groups including The Village Chapel and has been employed at Chick-Fil-A for nearly three years. She loves Jesus and tries to live out her faith each day! She has always known that she would like to help others and will be pursuing her undergraduate nursing degree at Appalachian State in the Fall. She plans to pursue a graduate degree in nursing and become a nurse practitioner. One of her dreams is to volunteer with Doctors Without Borders one day!

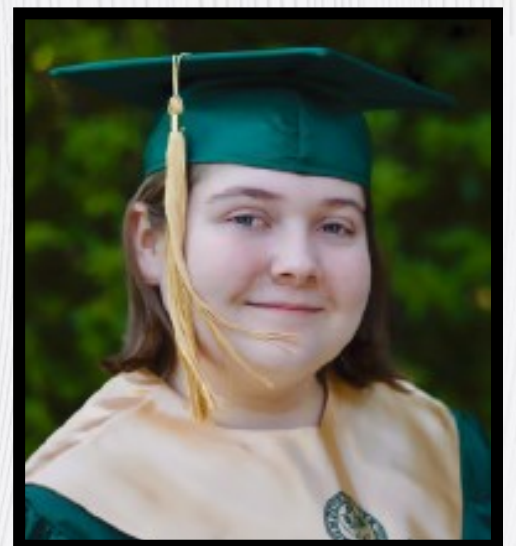


Lance Michael Deuel

Lance is graduating from Crestmont Preparatory Academy. He played two years of junior hockey in the Carolina Hurricanes house league and has achieved the rank of Chief Master Sergeant in Civil Air Patrol. Lance will continue to attend Sandhills Community College in the Professional Pilot Technology program in the fall. In the future, he plans to combine his interests in aviation, travel (32 countries and counting...), and homeland security with a four-year degree in criminal justice at the University of North Carolina at Pembroke. He is the son of George and Lois-Lynn Deuel

Olivia Anne Newman

Olivia is a Senior at Pinecrest High School. She participated in many advanced studies at Pinecrest but especially enjoyed her Arts courses. Liberty University in Lynchburg, Virginia has awarded her a full scholarship to their newly established forensic science/anthropology program. The inaugural class of that program will begin in 2023. Olivia will begin a transfer degree program in August at Sandhills Community College that is coordinated with her later studies on campus at Liberty. This summer she is working as a camp counselor for the Village of Pinehurst Recreation Department.

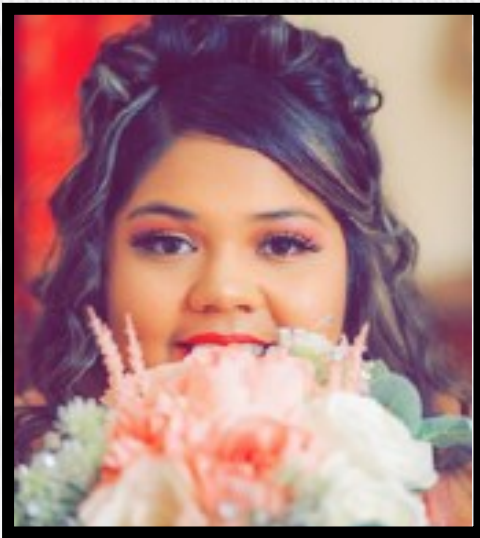


Families and Youth

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CLASS OF 2022

McGowan Augustine Sams

McGowan is a Senior at Pinecrest High School. He was a member of the Speech and Debate Team and enjoys fishing, golf, and playing the handbells. He has been a Boy Scout for a number of years and achieved the rank of Eagle Scout in 2019. McGowan will attend Campbell University in the fall and major in biomedical engineering. He hopes to one day attend dental school.



Melissa De La Cruz Santos

Melissa is a Senior at Pinecrest High School. She played flute and piano and worked for Chick-Fil-A. After graduating, Melissa plans on attending Sandhills Community College for 2 years majoring in chemistry and minoring in forensic investigation. Melissa hopes to transfer to the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

John William Sebastian

John is a senior at Grace Christian School in Sanford. He is the President of his senior class and Vice-President of the National Honor Society. He plays basketball and soccer and also coached young kids in both sports. He is an active member of the Civil Air Patrol. John has been accepted to NC State University and UNC-Chapel Hill. He plans on pursuing a degree in Computer Science.



Farewell



Family and friends of The Village Chapel said farewell to Hilbert "Bud" Fisher who passed away on March 9, 2022 after a period of chronic health decline.

He grew up in Raleigh where his father was the

head of the math department at NC State College (later to become NC State University). After graduating from Broughton High School, he enlisted in the Merchant Marines when WWII was starting and served for two years. He returned to Raleigh and enrolled at NC State, but Uncle Sam still beckoned and he was drafted because the government did not recognize the Merchant Marines as part of the armed services. This time he served his country in the Army. When he returned home, he went on to graduate from NC State and worked with several companies before accepting a position with DuPont.

One assignment took him to Raeford where he supervised the setting up of equipment in a textile mill. There was a young woman named Sue Gullede who lived there and one day her friend and neighbor approached her about meeting a young man who was new in town. She thought they might enjoy each other's company. Sue was skeptical of blind dates, but relented as a favor to her neighbor. The young man turned out to be Bud Fisher and af-

ter she got to know him "It was all sunshine and jingle bells!" according to Sue. Their relationship developed, love blossomed and soon wedding bells were ringing. They were married and it was not long before DuPont asked Bud to begin work in Wilmington, Delaware.

They started a family and eventually had three beautiful daughters, Laurie, Barbara and Amy. Sue shares, "Bud didn't know what to do with babies and young children!" He was always there as a loving father, but it was after the girls began to grow up that he was more involved with them. They learned a lot from their father and loved him dearly. One of the most important things that he passed to them was his faith tradition and beliefs. Bud grew up as a Lutheran and was committed to passing that tradition on to his daughters.

After retirement they looked at several different areas to settle. They finally decided to move to Knollwood Village in Southern Pines. One Sunday they attended The Village Chapel at the invitation of a friend and found that they really liked it. They found a home of worship that felt comfortable and right and, thereafter, became members.

No tribute to Bud Fisher would be complete without saying that he was a very strong NC State Wolfpack fan. His family remembers many trips to Carter-Finley Stadium, sometimes huddled under blankets when it was freezing cold. We are grateful to have known him as he shared part of himself that will always be with The Village Chapel family. We pray for peace and consolation for his family.



(Meet the Wetzelbergers- Continued from page 3)

This was the turning point that changed their lives.

"Any free time that he had, he was reading the Word," said Natalie, a Sandhills realtor. "He didn't have any extra-curricular activities. Many, many hours of reading, probably for a year solid, every free moment."

"That born again experience just gave me a hunger that I felt couldn't be satisfied," said Greg, who dwells in the highest levels of the Army's special operations. "When I work out, I don't listen to music, I listen to sermons. I think I've discovered something I didn't know was possible, that I didn't know was out there, and I don't want to look back."



HERITAGE HALL UPDATE—APRIL 2022



plete, the dry wall is finished, painting has begun. The doors are due to arrive this month and shortly thereafter we will be connecting electricity, gas and water.

The donor recognition plaques have been designed and ordered and are due to arrive by June 1. Much of the interior furnishing is either on order or on hand - TVs, the audio/visual system, the chairs, tables, sports equipment, the cabinets and shelving. And we can start moving the furnishings into Heritage Hall as soon as the painting and flooring is complete. Look for the exterior filling, grading, paver work and landscaping to begin within the next few weeks. With no unforeseen hitches we now anticipate completion about the middle of June.

Early May, thousands of people will be screaming as the horses head into the home stretch of the Kentucky Derby. Later in May, Heritage Hall will also be nearing the finish line. It is difficult to believe that what we started together just over three years ago is about to come to fruition. A dream, a plan, and now the realization of the dream is just around the corner.

You need only look out the window of the sanctuary or glimpse Heritage Hall as you walk by and you can see where we are. The roof is on, the masonry work is nearly complete, woodwork around the exterior doors will soon be installed. The exterior of the building is almost finished. Inside Heritage Hall there has been a great deal of work done and continues apace. The wiring is com-

As always, we are profoundly grateful to the members and friends of the Village Chapel without whose enthusiastic support, interest and generosity, this dream-come-true could not have happened.

Article by-George Trail

Help Wrap a Child in Love

You can support the gift of a personal blanket for each child living in the Boys and Girls home in Lake Waccamaw, NC. The children placed in this home have been taken from their at-risk homes.

Each blanket costs approximately \$30 and your donation can cover the cost of one blanket or help to support the Women of the Chapel's funding to provide a blanket for each of the thirty residents. For details please call Susan Joslin 910-295-1799.

Blankets will be delivered in the Fall.



OUTREACH



40 Volunteers Needed!
NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY!

**Are you STILL asking,
“How can I volunteer and make a
difference in one day?”**

The Village Chapel has partnered with **Sleep in Heavenly Peace** to help get quality made bunk beds to children in our local community.

Join us **May 21st, 9am-1pm** in the parking lot of the **Village Chapel** where experienced SHP workers will help train and supervise volunteers in an assembly line fashion to make 20 beds.

A sign-up sheet is located on the table on the front steps of the sanctuary or contact

Guy Veni (guyveni@gmail.com) or
Vickie Smith (vickiemcarsonsmith@gmail.com).

Upcoming Outreach Dates to Remember:

***Kudos and many thanks to all who volunteered at the
Habitat Apostle's Build site, Apr 28, 29 & 30th***

Volunteers needed for **Meals on Wheels** as they prepare to open their new facility on Juniper Lake Road. Please contact either Rebecca Listrom at rklistrom@yahoo.com, (910) 691-1517, or Melissa Schaub - (216) 396-9350, Mc@mb-equity.com to sign up for either meal prep or meals delivery.

Sleep in Heavenly Peace bed build day,
May 21, 8-2 pm.

Contact Guy Veni at g.veni@nc.rr.com,
910-690-7569 for details and to sign up.

Homebuyer Readiness Event

Saturday, May 21st 9-10 am
The Sunrise Theater,
250 NW Broad St, Southern Pines, NC 28387
Sponsored by
Habitat for Humanity of the Sandhills

***29th Annual Young Life in the Sandhills
Golf Tournament***, May 23, PineWild Country Club,
11 am registration, 1 pm shotgun start; contact
stallingse11@gmail.com, for more information or
register at
<https://sandhills.younglife.team/golf-tournament>.

***ARC of Moore in June
Drive Fore The Arc Golf Tournament***
Fri, June 10, 2022—9:00 am – 2:00 pm
Seven Lakes Golf Club
124 East Devonshire Avenue
West End, NC 27376

Register at: <https://thearcofmoore.kindful.com/e/drive-fore-the-arc>

OUTREACH

BOYS & GIRLS HOMES of North Carolina



Dedicated to providing a comprehensive array of residential and community based services to meet the needs of vulnerable children by addressing their physical, emotional, social, educational and spiritual development.

The beautiful campus has cottages, a school, a chapel, a working farm, offices for administration and therapists. Three hundred twenty-five children are in their care, most of the children are in foster homes. Thirty children are living on the campus. Each child in their care is assigned to a therapist. The goal at this special place in Lake Waccamaw, NC, is to help these children cope with the trauma they have experienced in their home by going forward with education, spiritual guidance, and mentoring from caring people.

They work on breaking the cycle of abuse, drugs, alcohol..... things that ruin a family. The beautiful chapel on campus, holds worship services, has visiting speakers come there to tell

the children what God has done in their lives, and the children have a Praise Band they participate in. The school on the grounds provides teaching that counter defeating experiences. The children work on the farm on campus, and enjoy animal therapy with dogs and horses.

The director, the second in command and the nurse have a dog with them. The children find this very comforting. There are many volunteer opportunities with these children. Offering a class for any type of craft would be most appreciated.

The therapists at Lake Waccamaw work with families at risk for breaking apart and therefore try to stop the cycle. Mr. Roy Register and his late wife Carolyn were very active in helping with the financial needs at this home. Staff at the home are very grateful for their assistance. The Chapel Ministry motto is: To know Christ and make Him known. The Chaplain mentioned that everything profound you do with your hands is a prayer. With that being said we are making blankets for the children who live on campus. These will be something they can call their own, and keep as long as they want.

Thank you for your support for the material.

Susan Joslin

We at the Village Chapel want to wish all our Mom's a very

*Happy
Mother's Day*

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."

Dementia Caregiver Support Group

Focuses on education and support for caregivers of loved ones with dementia. The group is co-facilitated by Rebecca Ainslie and Reverend Fran Stark.

2nd & 4th Wednesdays | 10:30 am
20 First Village Drive, Pinehurst, NC



Celebration of Holy Baptism
Everett Austin Moody
Parents: Lauren and Mike
May 1, 2022

May Birthdays

- | | | |
|---------------------------------------|---|---|
| 1 Jean Ann Doern Bill Collins | 13 Juanita Davenport | Chase Neely Denise Krise |
| 2 Gary Jacobsen Katie Wilson | 14 John Shannon Michael Pahk | 24 Ham Webster Stephanie Hoover John Rowerdink |
| 3 Benjamin Cooper | 16 Ashley Smith | 25 Betty Jane Wardle |
| 4 Steve Kelley | 17 Jesse Ingham | 27 Barb Beatty |
| 5 Rich Cowell Tim Woodruff | 18 Carol Gelfo Joann Baker | 28 Ron Whitley Don Taylor Debbie Putz |
| 6 Peyton Page Colton Malone | 19 Betsy Jacobs Chris Imperial Patrick Pizzella | 29 Tom Laird |
| 7 Glenn Bower Adrienne Oxendine | 20 Lori Valentinas Bob Lovell | |
| 8 Ilana Stewart Martha DeVault | 21 Barbara Fulghum David Crosby | |
| 9 Ronald Milam Collins Walker | 22 Sarah Smith Anna Page | |
| | 23 Dave Edrington | |

Happy Anniversary

- 2 Peter & Sigrid Gross
- 3 Jim & Maru Nelson
Paul & Patricia Rudovsky
- 9 John & Alyssa Brosch
- 12 George & Sharon Trail
Julian & Sarah Hawes
Stephen & Holly Ingham
- 14 Ashley & Vickie Smith
- 15 Jim & Amy Corcoran
- 16 John & Betsy Jacobs
- 21 Ed & Gerri Crutchfield
- 22 Jim & Laurie Walker
- 25 Rich & Lisa Wingfield
- 24 Nathan & Amy Whitfield
Jerry & Judy Townley
- 28 Kevin & Donna Brundage
Chase & Brynn Neely
- 30 Jack & Judi Wood
Richard & Pamela Pabst

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



The flowers displayed around the Altar are given to God's glory
and to the resurrection of His Son Jesus,
by the devoted members and friends of The Village Chapel.

**In Loving Memory,
Celebration, and Honor:**

- In honor of our grandchildren (by Mark & Esther Acker)
- In honor of Patricia McLean (by Mark & Esther Acker)
- In honor of our beloved mom, Marian Brundage (by Kevin & Donna Brundage)
- In memory of Bud Fisher (by his family)
- In honor of family and friends (by Dee Park & Jim Busby)
- In honor of our wonderful children (by Faith & Sam Clay)
- In memory of our loving mothers, Virginia L. Crabtree and Frances E. Symms (by the Crabtrees)
- In memory of our boys Leo and Richard Delauter (by Mary & Don Delauter)
- In memory of Bob Eelman (by Linda Eelman)
- In memory of family and friends that we have lost this past year (by Fred & Anne Fox)
- In memory of Amy Schuerholz Metz, sister of Beth/brother-in-law to Mike Gregory, Aunt of Chad Gregory (by Beth Gregory)
- In memory of S. Louis Gregory, father of Mike Gregory/father-in-law to Beth Gregory and grandfather to Chad Gregory (by Beth Gregory)
- In memory of Ethel Thomas Hart, William James Hart and Leon Holmes Jones (by Deborah & Jim Hart)
- In honor of William James Hart and Noel Deborah Hart (by Deborah and Jim Hart)
- In memory of Sean Ian Bennett (by Paula Hill)
- In honor of grandsons, Brandon & Shane, and son, Stephen (by Paula Hill)
- In honor of our daughter, Angela (by Jeff & Ruth Holm)
- In memory of Fritz and Betty Pfeiffer (by John & Betsy Jacobs)
- In memory of Jess and Trace Krall (by Judith Krall)
- In memory of Richard Kruse (by Lisa Kruse)
- In memory of Ernest Harris (by Lisa Kruse)
- In memory of Ron B. Crawford (by Linda & Ralph Lassen)
- In memory of Meg Lindenberger (by Bill & Kimberly Lindenberger)
- In memory of Diane Cole-Hall (by Jan & Marjorie Ludwig)
- In memory of Leigh Eckard Stiles (by Cynthia & Kenneth Matthes)
- In honor of our great granddaughters Ava and Lily Salzman (by Cheryl and Nick Nickerson)
- In loving memory of Mrs. Cecilia Bose Obi (by Jim Obi)
- In honor of our son's wedding on May 21, 2022, Daniel Pabst and Mary Rodgers (by Richard Pabst & Pam Bradley)
- In memory of our parents Eleanor & Merton Slater and Genieve & John Raffaele, by Jack and Beverly Raffaele
- In memory of Mary Ryckman (by John and Kathy Rowerdink)
- In memory William and Ellene Shannon, (by daughters Carol and Jill, and son, John W. Shannon)
- In memory of Eddie Wayne Carson and Garland Wayne Smith, Sr. (by Ashley, Vickie, Abigail, Sarah, Hannah, and Landen)
- In honor of Margret Carson and Lorraine Smith (by Ashley, Vickie, Abigail, Sarah, Hannah, and Landen)
- In honor of the blessing of our family (by Guy & Cheryl Veni)
- In memory of our parents Ethan & Mildred Voelkel and Eleanor & Stephen Selle with love (by Jim & Eleanora Voelkel)
- In memory of Jack Taylor and Jack Webster (by John & Elizabeth Webster)
- In honor of our parents (by Tyler & Heather Wiggins)
- In memory of John & Marian Wood and James & Harriett Cosgrove (by Jack & Judi Wood)
- In honor of God's faithful servant Rev. Dr. John Jacobs' legacy as Senior Pastor of our Chapel (by Jackie & Steve Woodward)



Patricia McLean



Katherine Smith



Ellen Woodard



*Alex & Sybil
Del Bueno*

The Village Chapel Home Eucharistic Ministry

serves communion to our
home-bound members every
month.

These photos were taken on Easter
Eve in celebration of our Lord's
last supper with His disciples.

Please remember these lovely, long
-time members in your prayers and
give thanks for their service and
contributions to the Chapel over
the years.

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