



Chapel Chimes



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The Holiday time between Thanksgiving and Christmas is a time of profound feelings and memories. In our lifetimes we acquire losses as well as gains during every season of the year, experiences that leave us with strong and deep emotions.

A **Service of Remembrance and Hope** will be offered on **Wednesday, December 4**, at 7:00 pm for those for whom the time between Thanksgiving and the New Year contains memories of loss and other forms of abandonment. This service will be very similar to the Longest Night worship service that was held just prior to Christmas last year at Chapel Lane and will once again provide an opportunity to hear and reflect on God's promise to not abandon us in the midst of our pain.

If you are interested in attending and would like to have a ride, please contact the church office.

Sanctuary to be Opened for Respite

The sanctuary will be open as a place for members, friends, and neighbors of Chapel Lane to stop in as a respite from the challenges of the holidays on Mondays through Fridays, December 2-23 from 7:00 am to 9:00 pm.

You're invited to be among those who offer this hospitality to others by signing up to be present at the church to welcome those who enter. There is no expectation or obligation beyond being one who welcomes those who come in. It's suggested that persons serve in pairs and you're invited to sign up for as many hours and days as your schedule allows. This could be a gift you give yourself as well as share with others this December!

There will be a notice on the sign outside the church sharing with those who drive by the invitation to experience the peace of the sanctuary during December. You're also encouraged to tell your friends and neighbors!

Thank you for your willingness to listen to the Spirit regarding this opportunity to share the love of God with our neighbors.

Christmas Eve Offering

The Board of Deacons voted to designate this year's Christmas Eve offering for the Pastor's Emergency Fund. This fund is used to assist people in the community with utilities, rent, propane, vehicle repair, and prescriptions. Your caring and generosity will be appreciated during this season of sharing and giving.

Emergency Relief of \$300

for the fourth quarter of this year 2019 was allocated from the Deacon's budget to The Open Door in Midland for holiday meals. Four months in 2019 had five Thursdays; on these Thursdays, five or six Chapel Lane members prepared and served lunch to the guests and also prepared a take-out sack meal for each guest. Thank you!

Peace and Global Witness Special Offering

Formerly called the Peacemaking Special Offering, the offering totaled \$670.00. The Board of Deacons dedicated the 25% of the offering, \$167.50, to the Whispering Pines Mobile Home Park for its programs to benefit the residents. The remaining 75% of the total offering, \$502.50, was sent to the Presbytery of Lake Huron. The Deacons are very grateful for the congregation's generous support of peacemaking in our community and around the world.

Thank You

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

We are so appreciative of all of you who returned your Generosity pledge forms! Your commitment to our church is inspiring! If you haven't returned your form, it's not too late. Drop it in the collection plate or in the church office. Together we are doing God's work here and now!

Generosity Ministry

Fun and Faith

We hope you like the events that are planned and will want to participate in the Fun and Faith activities. The following are the months and events:

DECEMBER 6 at 6:30 pm – **Potluck**; meat will be provided, participants please bring a dish to pass. Christmas Bingo and Prizes. \$5.00 Gift Exchange. Held at church.

JANUARY 17 - **Film** – About "World War II" Film followed by dessert. Church Organizer: Ann Moe

FEBRUARY 21 – **Code Breakers** - 4426 N. Saginaw Rd. Organizer: Judy Brauer

MARCH 20 – Road Trip to Flint, Mi - **Flint Institute Of Art**
Organizer: Mike Starch

APRIL 17-**Amish Chicken Dinner**
Organizer: Sally Ginter Coats

MAY 15 – **Mount Pleasant Indian Heritage** – Mt. Pleasant

SUMMER - LOON'S BASEBALL GAME
Organizer: Nancy Graves

Dates of these could change. We try to establish the third Wednesday of the month as the date, but because of schedules, dates could change. Also, dinners or lunches might be included. PLEASE PUT THESE EVENTS ON YOUR CALENDAR!

From Timm

*The people who walked in darkness have seen
a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep darkness—
on them light has shined.*

*You have multiplied the nation, you have
increased its joy;
they rejoice before you as with joy at the
harvest,*

*as people exult when dividing plunder.
For the yoke of their burden, and the bar
across their shoulders,
the rod of their oppressor, you have broken
as on the day of Midian.*

*For all the boots of the tramping warriors
and all the garments rolled in blood shall be
burned as fuel for the fire.*

*For a son has been born for us, a son given
to us;*

*authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is
named*

*Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.*

*His authority shall grow continually,
and there shall be endless peace for the
throne of David and his kingdom.*

*He will establish and uphold it with justice
and with righteousness*

from this time onward and forevermore.

The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

Isaiah 9.2-7

To the Saints engaged in God's mission within
Chapel Lane Presbyterian Church, greetings;

These familiar words are frequently heard on
Christmas Eve in worship: a prophetic text from
Isaiah which the Church remembers Jesus as a
fulfillment of God's promise. When first spoken,
the nation of Israel was actively threatened

with war and by a lack of leadership. The poem promises an end to the oppression and the appearance of a new king.

The poem is graphic in its imagery reflecting the realities of oppression and the blessings of the leadership. There are interesting metaphors: darkness/light; warrior's boots/bloody garments; a son who is both a child and a father, a counselor and a prince. The prophet promises that the "yoke of their burden, the bar across their shoulders" shall be replaced with God's authority which shall "rest upon [the king's] shoulders." A yoke of blessing replacing a bar of burden!

"The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this", shares Isaiah. God's promise is fulfilled again. Thanks Be To God! May you experience in your midst this Christmas this yoke of blessing, the presence and the presents of Jesus, Prince of Peace. Thank you for your witness to God's mission in the person of Jesus through the passion and purpose of the Holy Spirit.

Blessings and Be Well...

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Presbyterian Women

Chapel Lane women are invited to meet with one of the monthly Bible Study Circles. We will be studying "Love Carved in Stone, A Fresh Look at the Ten Commandments." Study books are available in the kiosk in the foyer. The cost is \$10.00.

Evening Circle Will meet Monday, December 2 at the home of Erlene Carmody. Contact Nancy Graves, 989-631-3327, for more information. All women of Chapel Lane are welcome.

Afternoon Ladies' Circle

The afternoon ladies' circle will have its fourth study of the 2019-2020 season on **Monday**,

December 16th, in the church library from 1:30 to 2:30 pm. The lesson book is entitled Love Carved in Stone: A Fresh Look at the Ten Commandments.

The focus of this study is the Fifth Word, which calls us to "honor our parents" with a remembrance of those in our lives who have nurtured/parented us both physically and spiritually. The Word addresses the wound of rootlessness and the inability to forgive. Please join us. Questions? Call Sally Ann Sutton at 989-835-2428.

Worship in December

Worship in December contains the four Sundays of Advent, Christmas Eve, and the first Sunday of Christmas. The focus for worship will be on prophetic texts from Isaiah and a Psalm each Sunday of Advent. On Christmas Eve we will hear the traditional texts from Isaiah and from Luke and on the first Sunday of Christmas we will hear the prologue of the Gospel of John, essentially John's birth narrative. On Sunday, December 15th, the youth will be helping lead worship with their pageant.

The **Christmas Eve service** will be held at 7.00pm on Tuesday, December 24th.

On Wednesday, December 4, a **Service of Remembrance and Hope** will be offered at 7:00 pm in the sanctuary for persons who wish to reflect and remember on memories of loss and abandonment that they carry with them.

Worship at Chapel Lane

Sunday worship services at Chapel Lane are at 8:15 am and 10:30 am weekly. Both the 8:15 and 10:30 am services will include the Sacrament of Communion weekly during December.

Reminder for Winter Months

If the public schools are closed for inclement weather, the church office will also be closed.

Sermon Texts in December

12-1	Isaiah 2.1-5	Psalm 122
12-8	Isaiah 11.1-10	Psalm 72.1-7, 18-19
12-15	Isaiah 35.1-10	Psalm 146.5-10
12-22	Isaiah 7.10-16	Psalm 80.1-7, 17-19
12-24	Isaiah 9.2-7	Psalm 96
	Luke 2.1-20	
12-29	John 1.1-18	

Thanks to...

- Those who support God's mission through Chapel Lane with their time and talents in so many ways in so many areas each and every month.
- Those who contributed matching funds to provide funds for food for the orphanage in Haiti during November and December
- Everyone who participated in the service of reconciliation on November 6th.
- The youth of Chapel Lane who gather weekly for fellowship, support, discipleship, and for their contributions to worship leadership on December 15.
- Those who helped make the Thanksgiving Dinner and accompanying Share Fair faithful and hospitable events.
- You who pledge your financial support of God's Mission through CLPC.
- The members of the Nominating Committee for their due diligence in listening to the Spirit's voice regarding persons God is inviting to serve as Elders and Deacons in CLPC and for those who participated in the congregational meeting electing these persons on November 24.

Thursday Bible Study

The Thursday afternoon Bible Study group has chosen "*Encounters With Jesus, Studies in the Gospel of John*" by Frances Taylor Gench as its focus of study for the time being. The group meets from 1-2:30pm in the parlor and you are invited to attend. Copies of the book are available in the church office.

Advent and Christmas

The season of Advent begins on Sunday, December 1, and runs for four weeks. Christmas, too, is a season, beginning on December 25 and running through January 6.

The celebration of these seasons will combine familiar elements with some new additions.

First, the **Sacrament of Communion** will be celebrated **at the 10:30am worship service as well as the 8:30am worship service each Sunday, December 1-January 5, 2020.**

An Advent/Christmas study focusing on texts from the prophet Isaiah has been prepared and distributed to members and friends of CLPC. This study is available for use at home and in group gatherings, including one over a soup lunch each of the four Sundays in December (1, 8, 15, 22) at the church following the 10:30am service.

Sundays in Advent will include the traditional lighting of the Advent Candles. The Christmas Eve worship service will be held at 7:00 pm on December 24.

Office Closed

The office of Chapel Lane will be closed from Tuesday, December 24 through Wednesday, January 1. Pastoral care needs can be addressed by calling Timm on his mobile, 814-873-1910.

Facebook

Have you visited our Facebook page? Check it out. There are lots of pictures and news about what's happening at Chapel Lane! Just search for Chapel Lane on Facebook. Anyone can see our page. Here is a link:

https://www.facebook.com/ChapelLanePresbyterian/?eid=ARBey_2EkWopaJV2ncmOgPbalCM1rNgw_xZZyAHW_h9EAnb9slhzTKyIslmwCFd1CZPfNJI_XJmeg8evQA

Condolences

We extend deepest sympathy to Tina Jacobs on the loss of her mother, Patricia Jacobs, on November 16, 2019.

Our sympathy to Carol and Tim Brown on the passing of Carol's dad, Jesse Key, on November 9, 2019.

Deepest sympathy to the family of Chapel Lane member, Danelle Kristal, who passed away on November 23, 2019.

Our sympathy to the family of Chapel Lane member, Joyce Osborne, who died on November 29, 2019.

December Birthdays

- 2 Sally Ginter-Coats
- 13 Jim Wallace
- 19 Karen White Everett
- 22 Nancy Ott
- 31 Joshua Cull
- 31 Brad Martin

FUN AND FAITH

DECEMBER 6, 2019 – 6:30 – CHURCH FOYER

POTLUCK DINNER – Meat will be provided. Please bring a dish to pass. PROGRAM- CHRISTMAS BINGO with prizes. \$5.00 Gift Exchange.

There will be a Poster/Sign-up sheet if you will be coming. Plan to come and have fun.

What is happening at Chapel Lane?

- Sanctuary open in December, weekdays 7 am- 9 pm
- Worship Service of Remembrance, Wed., Dec. 4 at 7 pm
- Afternoon Circle, Monday, December 16 at 1:30 pm
- Christmas Eve Service, Tuesday, Dec., 24 at 7:00 pm

Don't forget to follow us on Facebook (Chapel Lane Presbyterian) and check out our website at chapellanepc.org for the latest news. Find out how the Spirit is leading us to share God's presence in our community.

Our Mission Statement

*Celebrating our diversity of gifts,
we seek to serve Christ by serving others
with grace, love and laughter.*

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