



Chapel in the Pines Presbyterian Church News for week of May 21, 2017



From Our Interim Pastor

Dear friends,

In a recent Gallup poll (March 2017), regular worshippers were asked why they attended churches and synagogues. Three out of four people responding to the poll indicated that the top reason they go to church is to hear sermons about the Bible or to help relate faith to their daily lives. As Christians, we believe that the Bible informs and directs us in our daily living, no matter the time or the circumstances in which we live.

About 500 years ago, Martin Luther, founder of the Protestant Reformation, wrote of the Bible's importance and relevance in his life: "The Bible is alive, it speaks to me; it has feet, it runs after me; it has hands, it lays hold on me." Centuries later, Abraham Lincoln described how the Bible is God's best gift to us. "All the good from the Savior of the world

is communicated to us through this book. I have been driven many times to my knees by the overwhelming conviction that I had nowhere else to go."

When we are driven to our knees, let us give thanks that God's word is alive and helps us. No matter what happens to us and in our world, remember what Jesus said to his disciples, "Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away." (Mt 24:35)

Join us Sunday as we are directed by our two scripture passages, John 17:1-11 and Acts 1:6-14. Hope to see you in worship!

Grace and peace to you,
Lynn Stall
lynnstall@citppc.org

To read our mission co-worker Karla Koll's April letter please [click here](#).

PASTOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE (PNC) UPDATE

May 22, 2017

The committee met Sunday May 21 and will meet again Thursday the 25 to outline the process that will be used to screen the Pastor Information Forms (PIFs), applications, for potential candidates we receive. Chapel in the Pines' Ministry Information Form (MIF) will be reviewed by the Commission on Ministry (COM) of the eastern neighborhood of Salem Presbytery on May 25. Once it has been approved by the COM, the MIF will be sent to the denomination and be posted on the denomination's web site. The denomination will send Chapel in the Pines potential candidates for the called, installed position based on the candidate's profile and Chapel in the Pines MIF in which the church specifies characteristics sought in a pastor. The church will also receive self-referral applications from candidates.

The members of the PNC are Monty Brekke, Amanda Briggs, Pat Chappell (chair), Paul Harrell, Lynne Hoerter and Marcia Ladd. Please feel free to reach out to any of us.

Marcia Ladd
Recording secretary

General Time Line for The Transitional Process Chapel in the Pines Presbyterian Church

Bold lines are completed action items

- **Pastor departs - April 2016**
- **Interim Pastor Search Committee is established and begins search**
- **Interim Pastor, Lynn Stall, begins 7/17/16**
- **Interim Pastor joins the community and focuses on the programs, stewardship, budgeting, growing church, Advent and Christmas season, etc.**

- Transition Team is approved by the Session and begins meeting to plan various steps and events
- Steps and events include interviews with active elders, deacons, and staff members; gatherings with younger adults and young families to hear about their needs and wishes; a congregational lunch and table discussion;
- Congregational survey is completed
- Transition Team will gather all information and prepare a printed Mission Study, including a demographic study of the area
- CITP's Mission Study is presented to the session for approval before it is sent to Salem Presbytery's Commission on Ministry
- Commission on Ministry approves Mission Study and gives permission to elect a Pastor Nominating Committee (or PNC)
- CITP's Nominating Committee receives nominations and puts together a representative slate for the congregation to elect the Pastor Nominating Committee
- PNC is trained by a vacancy counselor of Salem Presbytery
- PNC prepares the Church Information Form (or CIM) and the Church Leadership Connection (CLC) of the PC(USA) puts it online
- PNC begins receiving Personal Information Forms (PIFs) from clergy candidates
- PNC narrows the list of potential candidates and begins interviews (phone, Skype, visits), checking references, and listening to sermons
- PNC sets up personal visits with a short list of candidates
- PNC selects one candidate and negotiates the Terms of Call
- The candidate is presented to Salem Presbytery's Commission on Ministry for examination and approval
- Approved candidate is presented to the congregation at a called congregational meeting by the PNC
- Pastor is elected
- Interim Pastor plans her departure for a time to be determined
- Pastor-elect moves, begins work, and is installed

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

FELLOWSHIP HALL KITCHEN CLEAN-UP

Saturday, June 3rd
9:00 a.m. to noon

A few people are needed to clean the new Fellowship Hall kitchen. Post construction debris removal is needed prior to installing shelf liner in the cabinets and drawers.

Limited space is available so please contact me soon to reserve your space on our cleanup team! For more information please email Lynne Hoerter by [clicking here](#) or call her at 919-929-2612.

GENERAL FELLOWSHIP HALL CLEAN-UP

Volunteers needed on Saturday, June 3 from 9:00 a.m. to noon. We will clean the new Fellowship Hall so we can move in. This will save us about \$2000 towards the cost of the building (and due to overruns this is very helpful). We will dust, clean all windows inside and out, sweep and mop the floor, clean bathrooms, and general cleanup of the site. We will need step ladders for window cleaning inside and out. If you can bring paper towels, Windex, and dusting supplies, it would be appreciated. There will be plenty for everyone to do and all skill levels can be used. For more information, contact Bruce Raymond by [clicking here](#).

UPCOMING EVENTS

Scottish Country Dance Party, June 10th, 2-5 p.m.

The Scottish Dance Class will hold its end-of-year party on Saturday afternoon on June 10th.

The group invites church members and friends come to watch the dancing AND to listen to the great music provided by local musicians, Mara Shea (fiddle) and Dean Herington (piano). The dance begins promptly at 2. There will be an intermission with goodies and punch. You need not stay the whole time, but the group would love to see you there!

For more information call Eilean Yates 704-482-8253 (H) or 704-466-9757 (C) or e-mail her by [clicking here](#).

Vacation Bible School

June 12-16, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

at Chapel in the Pines

Our theme this year is

Let

Your Light Shine!

Classes for preschool through adult shared between Mt. Zion, Chapel in the Pines, Evergreen and Haw River Baptist. A light supper will be served each evening.

For more information or if you're interested in volunteering please contact Lynn Stall [clicking here](#).

BITS AND PIECES



Pennies for Hunger Offering

This **Sunday, May 28** we will receive our Pennies for Hunger offering. Pennies for Hunger helps alleviate hunger in the 19 counties of Salem Presbytery and throughout the world. Let's work together to show that even a penny can go a long way to help feed hungry people.



INVESTING IN OUR YOUTH

On Sunday, June 4 we will receive the Pentecost Offering. This Special Offering supports our children at risk, youth, and young adult ministries. Not only does this Offering support these ministries at the national level, but 40% of the offering will stay here to be used to support Communities in Schools of Chatham County, whose mission is to surround students with a community of support, empowering them to stay in school and achieve in life.



FARM TO HOME

For over two years, the Farm at Penny Lane's Farm to Home program has been providing free, fresh produce on a weekly basis to clients of the Center for Excellence in Community Mental Health and others in our community who are effected by mental illness. This year, instead of selling a portion of our produce at the Fearington Farmers Market we will be expanding our Farm to Home program to serve ten additional households.

Not only are those receiving the produce benefiting but six, additional individuals have joined our Farm to Home Harvest Crew: a new, vocational work-exchange

program.

Our goal is to raise \$5,000 for the Spring/Summer season and \$5,000 for the Fall/Winter season. Please consider helping to increase our impact by sponsoring a fruit and veggie pack. [Click here](#) for additional details and sponsorship information.

With much appreciation,
Michelle Morehouse
Farm Program Manager
UNC Farm at Penny Lane
UNC Center for Excellence in Community Mental Health
919-445-0665

Opportunities for Service

MISSION AND SERVICE

The Mission and Service Committee invites you to share your ideas with us. Please know that our monthly meetings are open to anyone interested and we meet regularly on the first Sunday of the month following the Sunday worship service (gathering around 12 noon, at the church).

It is a new year and we welcome your suggestions and would love to hear about mission and service opportunities you feel passionate about. If you would like to learn more, or would like to submit ideas for the committee to consider, contact our committee chair Maggie Reif by [clicking here](#).



TAKE AND READ BOOK PROGRAM

The Take and Read Book Program needs you!

Make a difference in children's lives! Having books in their homes improves academic success for children, yet low-income children often have few or none.

The Take and Read Program provides new or gently used books to children in need. To date Take and Read has been able to supply over \$1,100 worth of new books and a large number of gently used books to children in Chatham County. This is possible because of support from the Mission Service Committee at Chapel in the Pines, a gift from USBORNE Books, and generous contributions from our congregation, both in cash and book donations. We placed books at the three Chatham County food pantries (CORA, Take and Eat, and West Chatham) and the Moncure Health clinic so children can take home a book after their family visits. We donated books to the The Day of the Book street fair in Siler City, the summer tutoring program provided at Mt Zion Baptist Church, The Boys and Girls Club and Head Start in Siler City and the Department of Social Services in Pittsboro.

There are many ways you may help:

- Deliver to area agencies once a month - contact Paul Harrell at 919-542-2743.

- Donate new or very gently-used books - leave in church narthex marked "Take & Read Program"
- Donate money - mark donation "Take and Read Program"

For more information contact Paul Harrell at 919-542-2743 or email by [clicking here](#).



CHATHAM HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Chapel in the Pines' next work days are on **June 3 and July 29, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at 428 E. 9th Street in Siler City**. If you'd like to help or need more information, please contact Bart Holtz by [clicking here](#) or call at 919-968-9088.



SUNDAY VOLUNTEERS - We have several openings that need to be filled for lay reader, communion servers/prep, and flowers for the sanctuary. To sign up to volunteer for worship reader, to help serve or prepare communion or provide flower for Sunday worship please [click here](#).



TAKE AND EAT FOOD PANTRY - The food pantry is currently short on funds. To see a list of food items most needed all the time please [click here](#).



SING, RING, DANCE!

SUMMER PICKUP CHOIR REHEARSAL BEGINS SUNDAY, JULY 11. Please join us at 9:45 a.m. on Sunday, July 11 to rehearse. No experience necessary and everyone is invited to join!

CHOIR REHEARSAL

Our choir, under the direction of our Director of Music Jeremy Nabors practices every **Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.** All are invited to come and sing! For more information you may contact Jeremy by [clicking here](#). Or visit the choir page on our website by [clicking here](#).

HANDBELL CHOIR

Our handbell choir, under the direction of Katherine Brekke practices every **Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. at the church**. New ringers are always welcome to join us; no experience is required. For more information, please contact Katherine Brekke by [clicking here](#). Or call her at 919-624-9711. You may also visit the handbell page on our website by [clicking here](#).

Sunday School Classes and Adult Ed Opportunities

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL ON BREAK FOR SUMMER - May 28 is the last day until August when classes resume.

Sunday school for children, ages Pre-K through 5th grade, will not have Sunday school during the Summer months. All children's Sunday school teachers will have a break during these months. Those who are interested in helping with Children's Church, please contact Barbara Strange by [clicking here](#).

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES: (Please note differing start times)

- The Exploring Together Class - Begins at 9:00 a.m. This class is studying the New Testament book of Acts, which relates the founding and early history of the Christian Church. For more information contact Brenda Moore by [clicking here](#) or visit the church website by [clicking here](#).
- The Literature and Spirituality Group meets every 3rd or 4th Sunday of the month to discuss spirituality with the help of good books and good fellowship. Everyone is welcome! For details contact Todd Adams by [clicking here](#) or visit the church website by [clicking here](#).



WOMEN'S STUDY GROUP - *Coffee and fellowship at 9:30 a.m. - Study from 10:00-11:00 a.m. Meets every Tuesday at Chapel in the Pines [except the 2nd Tuesday of the month when the class works at the food pantry].* The group is using the Kerygma Bible Series to study Genesis. If you have questions, contact Lynn Stall by [clicking here](#) or call 919-960-0616.



CONVERSATIONS ON RACE - Are you interested in working toward racial reconciliation in our community and our world? Would you like to challenge yourself to understand how issues of race affect our communities, schools and churches? All are welcome to join us for conversation which will spur us on to action. We meet Wednesdays, 10:00 a.m. at the church.



Hi Thirsty folk!

I hope that you can join us for Thirst Quenchers on Thursday (Ascension of the Lord Day) at 5:30 p.m. at Rasa Malaysia in Southern Village. We thank Minnie Sue Douglas for the article we will be discussing:

To read *James Comey: The fall of a Niebuhiran* [click here](#).

This other article should help with our discussion:

To read *Five Things You Should Know About Reinhold Niebuhr* [click here](#).

Stay thirsty my friends,
Sandy

For more information, please contact Sandy Williams by [clicking here](#).

Evening Worship Services



OPEN SPACES - ON BREAK UNTIL SEPTEMBER

For more information please email Lynn Stall by [clicking here](#).

Fellowship News and Opportunities

FELLOWSHIP TEAMS

On Sunday mornings fellowship teams prepare snacks, set-up, clean up, and usher. Each member is assigned to one of the following fellowship teams. Your team leader will contact you prior to your assigned month. Your participation is a wonderful way to get to know one another as well as a way to make our visitors feel welcomed. For more information contact the Fellowship Committee Chair, Elder Lynne Hoerter by [clicking here](#).

Church Business

SESSION DIGEST

Session Digest May 15, 2017 Stated Meeting

Actions of the session at the May 15 stated meeting

- Incoming deacons (Madeline Schalk, Susie Smith and Vince Walker) and elders (Paul Isom, John McDowell and Stan Campbell) were examined and unanimously approved to serve in their incoming positions
- Our church's portion of our denomination's Pentecost offering will go to Communities in Schools in Chatham County
- The local portion of the 2016 Capital Campaign will go to the tiny house project at the Farm at Penny Lane
- The re-design and update of the web site by Page Progressive was approved
- New members will be received on June 11
- The Commission on Ministry of Salem Presbytery will review Chapel in the Pines' Ministry Information Form on May 25

Marcia Ladd
Clerk of session



FELLOWSHIP HALL UPDATE - to read the latest Fellowship Hall building update please [click here](#).



LET'S STAY CONNECTED!

Are there church members you have not seen in several Sundays? Do you know of a new family in your neighborhood that might be looking for a church home? Help us connect to these people by taking a few of the Chapel in the Pines postcards from the narthex, writing a short note, and dropping them in the mail. We are all ministers!!! For more information or to get postcards contact Barbara Strange by [clicking here](#).



MAY BIRTHDAYS

- 5/2 Casey Brekke
- 5/4 Shirley Wilson
- 5/7 Jan Rickard
- 5/8 Karen Fisher
- 5/10 Pat Chappell
- 5/12 John Fredericks
- 5/13 Mary Norgren, Edward Bruce
- 5/15 Barbara Treyz, Jeremy Nabors
- 5/16 Georgana Bond, Peaches McIntyre
- 5/17 Peggy Wilkerson
- 5/19 Dale Chodorow
- 5/20 Lucy Poitras
- 5/24 Chick Biddulph, Justin Szczypinski
- 5/25 Phyllis Marine, Taylor Poitras
- 5/26 Ellie Poitras

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