



Chapel in the Pines Presbyterian Church News for week of July 16, 2017



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From Our Interim Pastor



Dear friends,

During this past Sunday's worship service someone placed a book written about the Bible on many of our windshields. Some of you expressed concern and confusion over what was an unsolicited and unwelcome act. As you know, Christians do not all agree on every subject, including our understanding of the Bible. If you've been to a Christian bookstore or looked through a church catalogue in recent years, you've seen the wide range of translations and versions of the Bible as well as numerous helps regarding interpreting the Bible.

We, Presbyterians in the Reformed tradition, describe the Holy Scripture to be our "rule of faith and life" so it is important that we read and study the Bible that it might inform our daily lives. If you do not read your Bible regularly now, these slower days of summer are a good time to begin. Consider setting aside a certain time and place to read your Bible. Use a study Bible that includes some commentary and background. Approach your study with an open heart and mind, reflecting on how the verses apply to your life. And, always pray that God will direct and bless you in your reading!

Grace and peace to you,
Lynn Stall, Interim Pastor

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

Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) Update July 16, 2017

The committee met on July 16 to continue to discuss and vet the Pastor Information Forms (PIFs) we have received to date. As of this writing we have received a total of 173 PIFs. We have asked the denomination not to send us any more "matches" for the time being, we will continue to accept self-referrals. On a weekly basis, the presbytery office was checking for new pastors seeking a call who may be a fit with our church and sending those PIFs to us. This is the "matching" process to which we are referring that we will hold off on for at least a while. We have already spoken via teleconference with 3 candidates and will speak with 5 more week after next. We will continue reading PIFs and listening to sermons until we have vetted all 173 candidates. The applicant pool is very diverse and includes some exciting choices. Please keep us in your prayers as we work our way through this discernment process.

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, although please understand our work is confidential and we need to be very circumspect about sharing any specific information.

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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BITS AND PIECES



Hearing Loop
Switch hearing aid to T-coil

We recently completed the "technology" aspects of the fellowship hall, including the audio system, a hearing loop, and Internet access.

The audio system supports a combination of wireless and wired mics that will allow for announcements, presentations, panel discussions, readings, etc. as well as flexible support for musical performances, plays and other productions, etc. In addition, audio from the sanctuary is now accessible in the fellowship hall (for "overflow" events).

There is a hearing loop wire embedded in the concrete slab (with a 100-year warranted!) that provides clear sound to those using a "T-coil" enabled hearing aid or one of the hearing loop headsets that can be borrowed.

There is now a new wireless network in the fellowship hall (called "Fellowship_Guest" with the the standard guest password) that allows access to the Internet. A telephone is provided for security (since cell reception is spotty).

Proper specialized cabling has been pulled in to support a high-quality video projector to be mounted from the ceiling in the future. In the mean time the small video projector can be used for moderate sized groups.

We hope you enjoy these aspects of the fellowship hall.

Peace,
Bob Warren



CHRISTMAS IN JULY FOOD DRIVE

Take and Eat Food Pantry is always in need of non-perishable food and/or monetary donations. During the summer months donations at the Food Bank are very low. Please consider donating food at any time, but especially during our Food Drive in July.

Please contact Debbie Sears at 919-942-8844 for more information. Checks can be made out to Take and Eat Food Pantry or CITP with Food Pantry in the memo line. Thank you for your support!

Foods commonly handed out at Take and Eat - PLEASE NO GLASS JARS

- Canned vegetables: green beans, corn, mixed vegetables, peas carrots, beets, sweet potatoes, tomatoes - low salt is nice but not necessary
- Canned Beans: Baked Beans, Great Northern, Pork and Beans, Blackeye Peas, Kidney Beans, Black Beans
- Canned Soups: tomato, chicken noodle, beef, vegetable
- Canned meats: tuna, ham, chicken, chili with or without beans, Chef Boyardee types
- Breakfast foods: oatmeal, grits, cereals, pancake mix and syrup, breakfast bars
- Canned Fruit: peaches, pears, mandarin oranges, pineapple, applesauce, fruit cocktail
- Miscellaneous items: rice (white is best), peanut butter, dry beans (any kind), mac and cheese, pasta (all kinds but especially spaghetti noodles), canned

spaghetti sauce



FUEL UP @ PERRY HARRISON SCHOOL

In 2007, Chatham County Schools teamed with school and community partners to ensure that students in need have food at times when school is not in session. The **Fuel Up** food program provides backpacks of food to students to meet their nutritional needs during weekends and breaks in the regular school year months. Food is provided through donations only, no tax dollars are spent on the program. Each weekend the backpacks contain enough food for two breakfasts, two lunches, three dinners and two snacks. Additional food is provided for long weekends and school holidays.

HOW CAN I HELP?

- **Donate Food** - a complete list of foods can be found on website link below.
- **"Adopt" a bag** - different levels of sponsorship are available
- **Donate funds in any amount** - donations are tax deductible and tax receipts will be provided. Please make checks payable to:
Fuel Up at Perry Harrison and drop checks off at the school or mail to 41 Amity Court, Pittsboro, NC 27312
- **Volunteer your time!**

To learn more about the **Fuel Up Program** please [click here](#) or contact Jen Buckmire at 919-357-2463 or email her by [clicking here](#).



BUILD A BACKPACK CAMPAIGN

Chapel in the Pines joins Chatham County United Way in launching their annual Build a Backpack Campaign. Help local children in need start this school year by providing a backpack filled with school supplies! Thank you for your past support; let's make this year's campaign even bigger!

Donations will be accepted July 17 - August 4 at Chapel in the Pines. You may leave supplies in the collection box in the church narthex. For more information or to make a cash donation please contact Alane Coore at United Way of Chatham County by calling 919-542-1110 or by email at uwayadm@emji.net.

Items needed are backpacks, glue sticks, loose-leaf paper, rulers, pocket Kleenex, hand sanitizer, notebooks, binders, erasers, pencil cases, pencils, paper, pens, crayons and folders.

UPCOMING EVENTS

FOURTH SUNDAY FORUM - Mark your calendars for a panel discussion on Sunday afternoon, August 27 in the Fellowship Hall. Some of Chapel in the Pines' retired clergy will be reflecting on their years of ministry and on the various ways the larger church has changed in recent decades. Join us as we look back at church ministry and as we consider the forces that shape church life now.



Strobilus Arts
at Chapel in the Pines

Strobilus Arts is excited to present an exhibition of visual art in all media by members and friends of Chapel in the Pines Presbyterian Church! The exhibition will open with a reception in the new fellowship hall on Friday, September 22 and be open for viewing from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. on that date as well as from 11:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, September 24.

Our church members and friends are invited to apply for submission (1-3 items) in our Strobilus Autumn Art Exhibition. If you or a friend or relative have created art works in any medium that you would like to submit for consideration, please take

an application from the narthex table, or contact Jan Rickard by [clicking here](#) or Sarah Graham by [clicking here](#) to have a form emailed to you. **Applications are due no later than Monday, September 4.**

We are excited to be hosting this exhibit in our beautiful new fellowship hall! There is ample room there to showcase many works of art for viewers to enjoy.

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 day is **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. Please join us at **9:45 a.m. on Sunday** 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 - Classes resume in August.

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 book *Martin Luther: a Short Introduction*, by Scott Hendrix. We welcome new members at any time. 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 - ON BREAK UNTIL AUGUST. 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!

Hi Thirsty folk!

All are welcome at this lively and diverse theological discussion group. We regularly meet at Rasa Malaysia Restaurant in Southern Village on the second and fourth Thursdays at 5:30 p.m.

Stay thirsty my friends,
Sandy

For more information, please contact Sandy Williams 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 June 19, 2017 Stated Meeting

Actions of the session at the June 19 stated meeting:

- New Board of Trustee officers were elected - Al Schalk President, John McDowell, Vice President, Jerry Wehmueller Treasurer and Marcia Ladd Secretary
- The church will be implementing a second Sunday lunch after worship each month, the fellowship team assigned to that month will be in charge of the event
- Diana Hales, Chatham County Commissioner will hold a forum at CitP this Sunday
- The church will be accepting donations for the annual Build a Backpack Program sponsored by the United Way
- The church will hold a Strobilus art event September 22-24 in the Fellowship Hall with an opening night celebration on Friday night. For more information reach out to Jan Rickard
- The Education Committee is seriously considering using the Godly Play model for children's programming in the fall. Heather Ferguson, DCE at Westminster in Durham, will conduct a workshop on the programming immediately following worship on July 30
- Authorization was given to complete the hearing loop in the Fellowship Hall
- Lynn Stall's contract was extended by session for an additional 6 months through mid-January

Marcia Ladd
Clerk of session



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](#).



JULY BIRTHDAYS

7/01 Jack Zollinger

7/04 Julia Trimmer
John Walkup
Johnson Brekke

7/07 Paul Isom
John Szczypinski

7/10 Judy Kenyon

7/16 Beverly Chapin
Lee Werley

7/20 Kristin Lavergne

7/21 Phillip Russell

7/22 Marcia Ladd

7/23 Billie Staats

7/24 Eric Edwards

7/26 Nedra Van Gombos

7/29 Elizabeth dePrater

7/30 Emily Raitano
Bob Warren

7/31 Mary Myers

STAY CONNECTED WITH CHAPEL IN THE PINES:



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