

A Letter from Pastor Brendan

"Raising Up Fully Committed Followers of Jesus Christ."

Welcome to 2018! I am excited to enter this year of ministry with you! There is much to celebrate as we move into the New Year. In this addition of the newsletter, you will read about how God worked in powerful ways in our Children, Youth, and Adult Ministries throughout 2017. What a year it was!!

Our Children's Ministry team did a great job providing powerful events for our kids. Through their leadership, our children grew in their understanding of Jesus and His transforming teaching. The Youth Ministry at Chapel continues to grow. I am very excited to hear the stories about how our teens are embracing their faith with increased boldness. God has great things in store for this group of Young People!! Many of our Adult Education classes continue to expand with new members. A highlight was our Church-wide Study in the book of James. This not only brought new members to our Small Group Ministry, but it helped to bring us closer as a Church Family rooted in God's Word.

Beyond all these highlights, first and foremost, it was spiritually refreshing to sense God's amazing presence in our 2017 Worship Services. When the church gathers with open hearts, and an attitude of anticipation for God to lead, God always blesses with His presence. Sometimes God's presence comes with a challenge, and other times it's an affirmation, but it always comes to us from a God who loves us deeply and who has our best interest at heart.

The year 2018 will include a Celebration of the 160th Anniversary of this great church. In this year, we will take time to be reminded of our Godly history and profound heritage. One exciting way we plan to honor our history is by adopting a "Heritage Service Project" in our local community. This missions project will be in addition to the mission organizations Chapel currently supports. Plans are currently underway by our Mission Team, so be looking for more information in the coming months about how you will be able to serve.

I believe God has powerful opportunities in store for us as we continue to commit ourselves to Raising Up Fully Committed Followers of Jesus Christ at Chapel Church. Blessings on the Journey!!

In Christ,

Rev. Brendan Hock

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Worship Schedule

8:00 AM - Traditional Worship Service

9:15 AM - Sunday Morning Small Groups

and Sunday School (for all ages!)

10:30 AM - Contemporary Worship Service

Invite a Friend Sunday!

Prayerfully consider whether any of your loved ones would be interested in attending our "Invite a Friend" Sunday on January 21st.

WORSHIP UPDATE

Jen Clubb - Director of Music

We have a very unique situation at Chapel in the fact that Matt & I work together so well. Many churches with both traditional and contemporary services have such separation between the two, and often begin to feel like two different churches.

Matt & I are fortunate to have come to Chapel at the same time and joined together to create an equal balance between the two, to fulfill our belief that Chapel Church is one community of believers.

Looking ahead, we are excited to continue the music ministry at Chapel. Sometimes simple things, like moving the piano, have a big impact on the service and our ability to worship. We will continue to bring new ideas to create an engaging, reflective, and meaningful worship environment, and look forward to praising the Lord with you in 2018!

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Matt Logan - Worship Leader

2017 has been an exciting year of ministry at Chapel Church. As we reflect on this past year, we are so grateful to see God's hand in leading and guiding our worship planning. Many things were revamped and refreshed in 2017, and we are so grateful to sense the presence of Christ throughout this process.

We'd like to start by thanking everyone for their support over this past year. There was a great foundation - thanks to the work of many volunteers before us, and we thank everyone for their continued support. Without your support, the results of our efforts would not have been possible. And for that, we thank you.

Specific changes you may have noticed at the 8:00 AM service are: the Chapel Choir continues to sing, but often uses live accompaniment including piano, organ, drum, and featured instruments; Chapel Joyful Noise now sings every other month; and the youth have started their own worship group with the help of Katie Logan, which you will see more of this year.

Changes at the 10:30 AM service have been more obvious, and include: A live band, a rotation that incorporates the latest worship songs in addition to the 'classics', the use of an online system to schedule volunteers, a constant shuffle of our band make-up, and the change of our stage set-up. Many of these things were done with one common goal in mind: to keep worship from becoming routine. Above all else, worship should be easy... but it should not become stale. God is so Good! Let's praise Him with great expectation!

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CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Bonnie Bluett, Director of Children's Ministry, 717.244.6375 x 108 / bonnie@chapelchurch.org

Highlights from 2017!

During 2017 the Children's Ministry small group leaders have met periodically to continue to refine our Think Orange Sunday School program to connect and meet the needs of our children and families with music, Bible storytelling/drama, hands-on activities, and take home materials for kids to work on together with their families. As a result, we have gradually seen an increase in attendance by the fall season not only for Sunday School, but for our Tweens, Chapel Joyful Noise, and Children's Church programs. Children's Church has also been expanded to include 4-year-olds through 3rd graders during our 10:30 AM service throughout the year. This enhancement is particularly popular with newer families.

Special Events

Our Special Events are where we have an opportunity to get to know new families in our area or from the Chapel Day Care. For 2017 they were as follows:

Easterrific Saturday - April 15th - almost 100 children as well as their parents attended for Christian activities and an egg hunt

Vacation Bible School - June 11th-16th - Maker Fun Factory: Made by God & Built for a Purpose with almost 60 kids attending. Many kids told us that they didn't want VBS to end, so we encouraged them to attend our Sunday School program, which is like a mini-VBS, and some did! For some children though, this is one of the few times during the year that they are able to hear Bible stories, and various family members have related that these kids remember what they learn about God always being with them when they face tough times.

Church Camp – Summer 2017 – we had 7 kids attend the various UM church camps of Camp Penn, Greene Hills and Wesley Forest to strengthen their Christian walk in a fun way.

Harvest Hoedown – October 21st – we had approximately 40 kids & 47 adults attend for a fun evening of music, dancing, games & trunk 'r treat. What touched me the most that evening was a boy who was invited by one of our Chapel Tweens, and he told me that he had never attended church before! He asked me what we did in church, and his friend told him that he could come the next morning with him to Sunday School and see, which he did!! I am continually humbled when we do our special events and reach children and families who we do not know!

Kids Night Out/Tweens Project Gift Wrap – we had approximately 30 kids combined for this special kids event for Christmas with the Tweens raising over \$50 to purchase Kids Kafe food items for needy kids served by Community Reach in Red Lion.

Since we have had a growth in our Nursery and child care for Thursday evening small groups and church services, Jen Luckenbaugh has been hired as our Child Care Coordinator to help supervise these areas and connect with the kids and parents.

Children's Ministry goals for 2018 are to continue to connect with more families through all of the above ministry areas, as well as try to connect with Day Care families with a greeter a couple times per month, and explore starting a Mom's Support Group. We also will be hosting an "Invite a Friend" Sunday on January 21st for not only our kids, but for the whole congregation to participate in! We look forward to working together to help our children and families to continue to grow in their Christian faith!!

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY (CONTINUED)

Chapel Joyful Noise

Chapel Joyful Noise has approximately 20 kids from Kindergarten through 6th grade who love to sing. These children continue to be led by George Bradshaw, Seth Gingrich, and Heather Stem. They have also added a new component this fall called Chapel Bells with Jen Clubb where they will be interspersing bell choir music in between their singing performances.

Tweens

Our Tweens program is for 4th-6th graders. They meet one Friday night per month from September through May for Christian fellowship and activities. We currently have approximately 20 Tweens attending our activities under the wonderful leadership of Karla McCleary, Clint Snyder, and Krysta Tyson. The Tween program is attended by kids who regularly attend Chapel, as well as their friends, and kids who learn about our Tween program from Vacation Bible School & the Chapel Day Care. It is a perfect way for kids who are new to attending church to do so in a fun way and get to know other Chapel kids as well as some adults.

The January Tween Event will be Friday, 01/12 (Snow date: 01/26). This event is a Lock-In Overnight! **Time:** 6:30pm, Friday evening with Pizza dinner to start. | **Pick-up Time:** 9:00 AM, Saturday morning, Jan. 13th. | **Location:** Chapel Church Education Wing. | **Cost:** \$5 per Tween to help cover the cost of pizza dinner, donut holes, & drinks. | **What to Bring:** Snack item to share, Sleeping gear, Favorite game, Bible, & a Flashlight. **Please RSVP by January 7th if your Tween is attending by emailing Bonnie at bonnie@chapelchurch.org!**

Do You Enjoy Helping to Plan Special Events for Children?

We would like to form a Special Events Committee for Children's Ministry events for 2018. If you have ideas that you would like to share, please contact Bonnie Bluett at bonnie@chapelchurch.org, or by phone at 717-515-4995 by **January 22nd**. Thanks so much!!

CHAPEL STUDENT MINISTRY

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Missions in 2017

For the 2017 mission trip, we partnered with Servants which was an amazing week for me and for the youth. We did landscaping, demolition, painting, and more! While this was a very productive week, it was amazing to see the youth come together as a group and also see that there is work for them to do right here in York County. I feel like a lot of times we feel like we can't help complete the mission that God set for us in Matthew 28 unless we become a missionary but we can do exactly what Gods mission for us is right here in York.

2018 Mission Trip Prep

This is very important!! We are in need of some volunteers for our trip coming up this summer 2018. The dates for the trip are July 8th-14th. We will be going to New Castle, PA.

I need a 5 to 1 ratio of students to volunteers for both guys and girls. If you have any interest, please contact me.

Our sign-up deadline is the end of January!

Celebrating 2017

We have had a great year here at Chapel with the youth! I have been here almost a year now and 2017 has flown by! We have done a lot of different lessons during Sunday school and during youth night. We've addressed a series on questions that the youth had about their faith, we have done a series on James with the rest of the congregation, and we have studied the book of Mark in its entirety; all of these studies have challenged us to grow our understanding of the scriptures and also helped to grow the students' faith and relationship with God.

I believe that it is very important for the students to have a good grasp on the scriptures by the time they leave the youth group, but also have a good understanding of how the scriptures apply to their lives and why they are important.

We also have done a lot of fun activities, which I think is very important for the group as a whole. I have seen this youth group bond together and accept new 7th graders into the group and make them feel like they are part of the youth group. I attribute this bond in part to the fun activities that we do here at Chapel. The fun activities allow for the youth to really be themselves and have fun together outside of a church environment.



ADULT MINISTRY

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Small Groups Info

Happy New Year! It has been a pleasure to be serving as the Director of Adult Ministries and Campus Coordinator for Chapel Church. We offer a variety of study groups each Thursday evening as part of our Small Groups ministry. We meet in the Education Wing at 6:30 PM for a time of study and worship. Our Sunday classes meet at 9:15 AM, following our 8:00 AM service. Some of the groups we offer are:

- Men's Class
- Women's Class
- Young Adults Class
- Couples for Christ
- Families for Christ
- Crusaders for Christ
- God & Bible Class

We also offer various other small groups through the year. Please check the Chapel Church website for an updated list of class offerings (chapelchurch.org).

One of the very exciting happenings within this ministry in 2017 was our church-wide study of the book of James. The members of our small group classes have been actively engaged with study guides, videos, and devotionals during their in-depth understanding of James. Each Sunday, Pastor Brendan would use his message to further enhance the teaching in our classrooms.

As I am also the Campus Coordinator, I would like to report that our facilities were in high demand in 2017. Our facilities have been utilized for weddings, birthday parties, receptions, concerts, and family reunions. If interested in holding an event on our campus, please contact me!

Winter Bible Studies

THE BREATH OF THE SOUL - Room A4 | Thursday Evening: 6:30 PM

This simple little book attends to what we human beings are most inclined to forget, preparing for and engaging in prayer. It is an examination of what we ourselves must bring to the discipline of prayer whatever form it takes in order to make prayer authentic and real, a deep and profound part of our lives.

PSALM 119 - Room A2 | Thursday Morning: 10:00 AM | Thursday Evening: 6:30 PM

As Christians, we experience the same highs and lows of life as anyone else. The difference is that we seek to navigate the good and bad seasons with an awareness of God's presence, strength, and guiding wisdom. In the good days it's easy to celebrate, but even the most mature believers face dark nights of the soul. During those times, God feels distant, and our relationship with Him can appear to be less than fulfilling. Psalm 119 is a snap shot of how King David handled the good and bad seasons of life. Psalm 119 is the longest chapter of the Bible, and in this we see David walk through moments of joy, when it was easy to praise God, to moments of despair, "when he felt as though God was uncaring. Serving as the anchor for the study, Psalm 119 demonstrates the power of God's Word in the lives of believers and its ability to provide a warm blanket for the soul.

MINISTRY UPDATES & OPPORTUNITIES

Don't Throw Away Your Christmas Cards!

Now that the holidays are over and you are putting away your decorations, what do you do with your Christmas cards??

If the answer is throw them away - please bring them to church & put in the bin by the front door. **ANY** cards will be accepted.

Barb Forry will collect them & send them to St. Jude's Hospital where they will be recycled by the patients. Barb will collect cards all year long - so bring them in any time.

Thank you to everyone for your help in helping others!!

Prayer Requests

I wanted to take this opportunity to thank all the members of the prayer team. We have a wonderful group of people who take your requests very seriously. As the leader of the prayer request team, I wanted to give you an update on how to get your requests to us in a timely manner. There are three ways to submit a request.

1. Use the insert in the bulletin designated for prayer requests and place it in the offering plate. I get these requests on Monday morning.
2. Email your request to me at rduffteach@comcast.net. I check my email twice a day for requests.
3. Call me at 717-244-0242. If I am not home, you can leave a request on my answering machine or a message to call you. Feel free to call between 8AM and 10PM.

We will no longer be using the church phone line.

You can help the prayer team by giving us an update on your request. After two months, the request will be deleted unless you tell us otherwise.

- Becky Duff

Camp Counselors Needed

The Susquehanna Conference is looking for people that would like to volunteer to spend an exciting week in the outdoors experiencing God by sharing His story with others. Counselors are needed to spend a week counseling at one of their four summer camp sites. *The sites are Camp Penn (Waynesboro), Greene Hills (near Huntingdon), Mount Asbury near Newville), and Wesley Forest (Weikert).* The only requirements are that you need to be sixteen, have a Safe Sanctuary clearance, and want to share the love of God with the campers and have fun doing it.

Rev. Kevin Witt is the new Director of Camping/ Retreat and Discipleship Ministries for the Conference. Kevin is looking for volunteers to help make the summer camping program a successful one. Please consider giving a week of your time to serve the Lord in this capacity. It will be a week that you will not soon forget. To see the schedule of the different weeks of camp go to the conference website susumc.org and click on the **Camp & Retreat Ministries tab**. Under each site the weeks of camp are listed. The camping season runs from June 10th through August 10th. Many rewards are waiting for anyone that is willing to spend a week at one of the camps.

New this year - Give the Gift of Camp certificates are available from the conference website. This is a way to give a person part or all of their registration fees for the upcoming year. Do you know someone that would benefit from this program? The camp experience may change their life.

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

2017 Reflections

As the Stewardship Team reflects on 2017, we want to thank you for your faithfulness to support the ministry of Chapel Church. God is using your gifts of tithes and offerings to make a difference, not only in the spiritual development of our attendees, but also in the missional needs of our local community and indeed in other parts of our world. As part of your giving, we were able to pay over \$70,000.00 toward the principle on our mortgage.

In addition to the ongoing gifts you provide to ensure that ministry continues strong, many of our members gave additional contributions to fund various projects around the church.

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| \$3,750.00 | Repairs Donation |
| \$6,000.00 | Lounge Refurbishing |
| \$200.00 | Computer Upgrades |
| \$250.00 | Soup Pot for PB Kitchen |
| \$30,799.00 | General Fund Additional Support |
| \$40,759.00 | Bell Tower & Steeple Repair |
| \$640.00 | Building Maintenance |
| \$265.00 | Basketball Hoop |
| \$1650.00 | Sanctuary Window Tinting |
| \$900.00 | Parsonage Stove |

For the ways you gave of your time, talents and financial resources to we say thank you!

Ron Chubb, Bill Leight, Debi Deller, Pastor Brendan, Paul Saylor, Ron Lighty, Judy Price, Charlie Hess, Ryan McCleary, Jeff Poff, Jim Duff, & Esther Hengst

Ways to Give



In Person

Place checks or cash in an offering envelope and drop it in the offering plate as it goes by.



Text

Set up a one time or recurring donation by texting the amount you wish to give to Chapel's secure finance number (717-553-4294).



Giving App

You can also manage and view your giving from the convenience of your smartphone! Download the 'GivePlus Church' to set one-time or recurring donations.



Online

Visit www.chapelchurch.org/give to set up and manage your one-time and recurring gifts.

Any questions? Call (Debi Deller, Treasurer) 717-757-1234, or email

treasurer@chapelchurch.org

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Happy Birthday to...

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| 1 Elizabeth Baker | Brenda Wagner |
| Ed Holsopple | 18 Angela Orwig |
| Myra Rosengrant | Ed Van Wicklen |
| 3 Tami Smedes | 19 Bradley Conner |
| 4 Justin Strauser | 20 Deb Fickes |
| Chuck Vucetich | 21 Josh Bailey |
| 5 Kathy Shoff | 22 Brian Elicker |
| 6 Bill Livelsberger | Chloe Smith |
| 7 Diane Fauth | 23 Emma Clubb |
| 8 Brad Gladfelter | 25 Carter Armstrong |
| 10 Joshua Arroyo | 26 Jeff Schaeberle |
| Adalyn Leber | 27 Sylvan Keller * |
| 12 Don Wiemeyer | David Snyder |
| 13 Caden Cooley | 28 Remy Angel |
| Judy Heindel | 29 Steve Stine |
| 15 Edna Stambaugh | 30 Shelly Gladfelter |
| 16 Terry Bluett | Eileen Reinoehl |
| Lois Millar | 31 Stacey Bluett |
| 17 Tammy Henning | Ray Forney |
| Rhonda Kitlinski | |

Happy Anniversary to...

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| 2 | Wayne & Deb Angel |
| 4 | Jerry & Virginia Farrell |
| 10 | Daniel & Danyiel Wise |
| 26 | Gary & Colley Boyd |
| 27 | Ray & Norma Boyd |
| 28 | Richard & Ruth Poff |
| 30 | Bob & Deanna Holtzapple |
| | Larry & Lois Orwig |

Homebound Visitation Schedule

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| 7 | Terry Bluett |
| 14 | Kay Ludwig |
| 21 | Linda Connor |
| 28 | Gayle Wiemeyer |

*Celebrating Sylvan Keller

Sylvan Keller is turning 95! Please send some Birthday blessings his way & mail him a card.

Thank You!

The Poff Family would like to thank our church family for the prayers, prayer blanket, and concern during the past year. We have had a rough year, but God has been beside us. We are looking forward to seeing what God has in store for us in the new year.

- Richard & Ruth Poff

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sermon series and catch up with
what's happening at Chapel!

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