

A Letter from Pastor Brendan

"Raising Up Fully Committed Followers of Jesus Christ."

Welcome to 2019! I look forward a wonderful year of vibrant worship; a year marked by intentionally living out our Faith for the World to see and experience. I know it's January, so I should probably talk about resolutions. However, instead of resolutions for 2019, I offer a prayer.

Mid-way through 2019, we will be embarking on a Sermon Series that focuses on Paul's letter to the Colossians. Paul begins his letter by sharing his prayer for the Colossians. Paul writes:

"For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so that you may lead lives worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God. May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light."

Instead of New Years resolutions, I echo Paul's prayer that we would be filled with the fullness of life in Jesus. May we live in Him, following him, bearing fruit in all we do as we grow in the knowledge of God. I pray that we would be made strong in Jesus and be able to face, with patience and joy, whatever this coming year brings. And may we be filled in awe and gratitude of the blessings we have in Jesus!

I'll close this article with another prayer. St. Teresa of Avila carried this prayer around in her prayer book as a bookmark. The prayer was found after her death. I believe this prayer provides a great foundation for the New Year:

"Let nothing disturb you, Let nothing frighten you, All things are passing away: God never changes. Patience obtains all things. Whoever has God lacks nothing; God alone suffices."

May you find living these prayers to be a source of transformation, love, and joy throughout 2019!



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Worship Schedule

8 AM - Traditional Worship Service

9:15 AM - Small Groups and
Sunday School (for all ages!)

10:30 AM - Contemporary
Worship Service

Church Office Hours

Monday, Tuesday, & Friday:

9:30 AM - 12:30 PM

Wednesday & Thursday:

9:30 AM - 3:30 PM

WORSHIP UPDATE

Matt Logan - Worship Leader

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

We're so excited to enter this new year and see what God has in store for our worship. In doing that, I'd like to issue a challenge: to extend our worship outside of the church walls. God calls us to have a worshipful heart in all we do—not just while we're at church. It should consume our lives entirely, becoming a constant act in our existence. Whether it's through music, His Word, or interaction with fellow believers, our souls must commit to worshipping our mighty creator.

So—what are some ways you can cultivate a worshipful heart at home, at work, or in our community?

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Jen Clubb - Director of Music Ministry

MUSIC IN 2019

As we look forward to the rest of the choir season, we will begin getting ready for Easter. This year the choir will be singing an Easter Cantata. I would love to add more voices for this special event. If you sing, please consider sharing your talent with us this spring. The more voices, the merrier. Practices are Wednesdays from 6:30-7:30.

We probably won't start practicing for Easter until closer to March, but I need to order music soon. If you are considering joining us, please contact me.

Thanks for sharing your gift with us.

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January Worship Series

We're starting this New Year by studying the Life of Moses. This is going to be a powerful time in God's Word. We have a tendency to kind of look at Moses' life and think of him as some sort of larger than life, kind of super hero (maybe Charlton Heston gave us that idea). You know, he's got all the answers, everything he touches turns to gold. And yet, as we study Moses' life, we are going to see that is not the case at all. Moses is just a regular, ordinary guy who was born into some pretty remarkable circumstances. He made some mistakes, he let his temper get the best of him from time to time, he was filled with self-doubt and regret – much like you and me – and yet God took who he was; not who Moses wished he would be, but who he was. And God did something significant through him that would impact thousands and thousands of people.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Chris Schaeberle, Director of Children's Ministry, 717.244.6375 x 108 | childrensministry@chapelchurch.org

January Theme

Operating System: Update the way you react

It's 2019, and everyone is ready for a fresh start! That's why it's the perfect time to talk about self-control.

Week 1 – We start with a word picture Solomon writes in Proverbs 25:28. Solomon uses the idea of giant city walls keeping people safe as a way to show the importance of living with self-control.

Week 2 – Solomon uses the idea of a fighting warrior to help us understand that, regardless of the situation, being patient and keeping our cool is always the wise choice. We focus on Proverbs 16:32

Week 3 – Proverbs 12:18. Solomon talks about the power of our words. Right Words can bring healing to the situation rather than destruction.

Week 4 – Proverbs 25:16 and find out what happens when we indulge and eat too much. But this proverb isn't just about how much we eat. Kids will learn too much of anything, even if it's a good thing, can have serious consequences.

Kid's Game Night

January 11 | 5:30 PM – 8 PM for kids, kindergarten through 12th grade.

Join us for an exciting night of games (musical chairs, hot potato, Twister, board games, etc.)

Pizza will be served from 5:30 – 6:00. **You must pre-register for dinner with child's name and how many slices they would like.** There will be a small charge of \$1 per slice.

Parents are welcome to drop off their children (after signing them in, of course, and leaving a contact number to reach you). However, we could use a few adult volunteers to "man" game stations, so if you are able to help, please contact Chris Schaeberle.

Please bring a snack to share and a drink. Plates, cups, and napkins will be provided. Also, if you have a favorite game you like to play, please bring it along.

Snow date: January 18th.

To pre-register your child for pizza or to volunteer to help man a game station, please RSVP by January 8 to Chris.

Birthday Treasure Box

I am excited to announce this year the kids will receive a coupon on their birthday (in addition to the McDonald's treat they usually receive) to pick a treat from the Birthday Treasure Box!

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY (CONTINUED)

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New Security Changes

For churches, large and small, providing safety and security for their children's ministry participants is a major area of concern. Studies are showing one of the top concerns of a new, visiting family is security. They are looking for clearly established security protocols. Earning parents' trust by having high security standards is paramount to keeping families engaged. Chapel has worked hard to create a safe space for our children, and starting in January, we will be expanding upon what has already been accomplished.

Beginning January 6, 2019, from 9 AM until 10:15 AM, we are asking all adults to access their Sunday School classes by walking down the hallway and refrain from cutting through the Fellowship Hall. (We understand the coffee area is adjacent to the Children's space, which is clearly defined with the curtains and Chapel Children's banner. After visiting the coffee area, please exit through the double doors into the narthex and proceed down the hall to your classroom.) The side doors will be closed as well and we ask that you do not enter the Fellowship Hall through them either.

Thank you for helping us create a SAFE, SECURE and INVITING atmosphere for the kids God has entrusted to Chapel Church!

Tweens

Open to 4th-6th Graders

When: Friday, January 11

Event: Game Night/Lock-In

Time: 5:30 PM

Where: Fellowship Hall/Tween Room

Join in on the fun of Game Night and stay for the lock-in. Pizza will be served from 5:30-6:00 PM. *You must pre-register for dinner with child's name and how many slices they would like. There will be a small charge of \$1 per slice.*

What to bring: A Bible, a board game you enjoy, flashlight, sleeping gear (sleeping bag, pillow, blanket, etc.), a drink and a snack to share.

Pick-up: Saturday, January 12 @ 8 AM

Snow date: January 18th

RSVP by January 8 to Chris

Chapel Joyful Noise & Bells

Children's Joyful Noise and Chapel Bells will practice this month on **January 6**. On January 20, the Bell choir will be performing "How Great Thou Art" at both worship services.

Please meet in the lounge at 8:30 am and we will play at the end of early worship. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall after Sunday School and will then sing during the 10:30 worship service. We will practice for the rest of the service. **Children, kindergarten through 6th grade, are welcome to join.**

For more information, please email George Bradshaw at george@chapelchurch.org.

CHAPEL STUDENT MINISTRY

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CSM Schedule

- 3** Youth night 6:30-8p
- 6** Sunday School 9:15-10:15a
- 10** Youth night 6:30-8p
- 13** Sunday School 9:15-10:15a
- 17** Youth night 6:30-8p
- 18-20:** Winter Thaw Retreat
- 20** Sunday School 9:15-10:15a
- 24** Youth Night 6:30-8p
- 27** Sunday School 9:15-10:15a
- 31** Youth Night 6:30-8p

Sunday School Plans

In January, we will be doing a study on the first few chapters in Revelation. This is not the part that is talking about the end times, but the part that is the letters to the churches. I think that there is a ton of great take aways from these few chapters when it comes to the church today and our faith walk. The youth have been asking to study the book of Revelation for awhile, so we will start with this study and see how it goes!

Volunteers Needed

As we head into the new year please look and see what your gifts are, and consider serving and using the gifts that God has given you. There are many opportunities within the church to serve - from working with your hands in helping the trustees, to media, kids ministry, worship team, and many more! Of course, I am always looking for new volunteers to make an impact on the youth of this church; but if youth ministry isn't what you are gifted in, please talk to one of the leaders in the church about being involved in other areas of Chapel!



ADULT MINISTRY

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Spring Women's Retreat

Save-the-dates - March 22-24, 2019

The Retreat Planning Committee is excited to share that our speaker will be **Doreen Hinkle**, who is very familiar to women of Chapel and also in that she was a former speaker at our retreat in 2005. As a former member of Chapel, Doreen taught many years with our Junior High youth and then in the Women's SS class. She is a sweet woman of God who has a passion for teaching and fellowshiping with women, and also in encouraging spiritual growth through Biblical study and everyday experiences.

You will receive a brochure/registration in the mail if you've attended last year or you may pick one up at the Welcome Center. Feel free to get a brochure for friends you would like to bring along, as a registration form needs to be handed in for each person in your room. Not sure who you can room with? We will be happy to match you up with someone like yourself who is looking for a roommate(s). Just check off that box on the form and the registrar will contact you for possible roommate(s). Please, please circle this date on your new 2019 calendar and consider prayerfully if you will join us! The committee is busy planning a weekend get-away for YOU but it's not a get-away from your inner self. As you plan some time for you, it blossoms into very good time for those around you, as you refresh and rejuvenate your identity in Christ. The very best person to identify with! Please contact any member of the Retreat Planning Committee with any questions or concerns. It's more than a weekend...

Men's Ministry Save-The-Dates

CHILI COOK-OFF:

Sunday, January 20 | Parish Hall | 3 PM
Conference Championships on the Big Screen

MEN'S RETREAT:

Friday, April 5 – Sunday, April 7
Camp Hebron

**Watch the bulletin announcements & website for more info.*

Rummage Sale - Save the Dates

May 2, 3, 4, 2019

As this newsletter article is being written, it's several weeks until Christmas Day. . .with decorating still being done, cookies baked, presents purchased and wrapped, family gatherings and work parties to attend, etc. By the time this newsletter is received, Christmas Day will have come and gone and perhaps decorations already packed away for next Christmas. B U T . . . if you haven't packed things away and you'd like to "de-clutter" or "simplify", please consider saving your unwanted Christmas decorations for the Chapel Rummage Sale scheduled for May-5 months away!

If you have attended rummage sales in the past, you know that there's a Christmas Shop (and other seasons) contained within the sale!!!! Psst: ugly Christmas sweaters have become popular for Christmas parties – feel free to save and donate!!!

p.s. If you would enjoy helping with the planning and preparations, or have any questions, please call Jean Chubb @ 717-244-1089 or email @ jrc2@comcast.net.

MINISTRY UPDATES & OPPORTUNITIES

Supporting our Gift Card Fundraiser in 2019

All of us, as individuals and families, purchase food and other items at various stores every day. We hope that more of you will join with those who already purchase supermarket and gift cards. **Every time you make purchases through these programs Chapel receives income toward our Mortgage.** There is no added cost on your part in using supermarket or gift cards. The benefit of your participation is that you, on a regular basis, will be contributing to your Church.

Chapel is able to purchase gift cards at a discounted rate and sell at face value to contribute to our Mortgage Fund. Chapel sells supermarket gift cards to Giant, Weis, & Jerrys; and also gift cards for many retail stores and restaurants such as: Wal-Mart, Applebee's, Olive Garden, etc. **Gift cards are sold each Sunday between services & after the 10:30 service.**

Don't Throw Away Your Christmas Cards!

Please donate your unwanted Christmas Cards (or any cards) to Chapel. There is a shelf in the Education wing donation area marked "St. Jude's Cards" where you may place your cards. They will be used by children for craft purposes.

Church Events & Service Cancellations

In the event of bad weather, any cancellations will be announced on the chapelchurch.org website, Chapel's Facebook page, and by calling the church office at 717.244.6375 (press 0 to bypass opening info & the update will be recorded on the office voicemail message). Sunday Service Cancellations will be made by 6 AM Sunday morning. Monday – Saturday Morning & Afternoon Event Cancellations will be made by 8 AM. All Evening Event Cancellations will be made by 2 PM.

Mission News

"Thank you all so very much!! You ALL have blessed our family over and over again. I can never thank you enough. I never expected to open that envelope and see the grocery gift cards. I actually was speechless at first and then very emotional and then this overwhelming feeling of appreciation and knowing how much we have been blessed by the church family came over me. All day, I thought, "How can I ever show you all my appreciation?" I do not think I will ever be able to show you all how grateful my family is. Please know though that we are very very grateful and we will never forget all the kindness all of you have shown us through this very difficult time. God bless all of you and "Thank You!!!"

I and the committee would like to thank every member of the Chapel family for making this support possible.

Thank you,

Jim Fickes & the Missions Committee

MINISTRY UPDATES & OPPORTUNITIES (CONTINUED)

Cookie Sale To Combat World Hunger

Fantastic job, Chapel family! Our first year doing the Cookie Sale was a great success! Our first Sunday (Dec. 9) we had sold all but 2 trays going into the 2nd service, and those were gone before we went home. We contacted the folks at The Cookie Sale to see the possibility of getting more for the next Sunday since we had so many inquiries. We were matched with a local church who had unsold trays. We started Dec. 16 with 28 trays, & after Sunday services and our evening Family Christmas Concert, all were sold! This year, a total of 84 trays were sold - that's 31,500 children fed! Well done!

Tapestry Women's Group

Tapestry is a home Bible study group that meets at 9:30 AM, the second Saturday of each month, "down on the farm" at Beth Innersts' - 835 Hess Farm Rd, Dallastown, PA 17313. **The next gathering is Saturday, January 12.** Please contact Beth at 717.244.7527 if you have any questions - or just show up!

Thirsty Thursday Thank You:

We thank everyone who participated in Thirsty Thursday for the Fall Season of 2018. We had a great time of food and fellowship each Thursday before the start of Bible Study Classes. We particularly want to thank the Sunday School Classes and other Small Groups who signed up to provide meals each week. Due to some scheduling conflicts, we will not run Thirsty Thursday this Winter. However, we look forward to another great season of gathering around the Table Together beginning in September 2019. Thanks again!!

Thursday Bible Studies

We are excited to offer several Bible Study Classes beginning January 24 - March 28. Most of the classes will take place in the Education Wing each Thursday at 10:30-11:30AM & 6:30-7:30PM. More information will soon be posted with a complete listing of class options. Here is one of the classes to be offered:

Church In History:

"Reformation - Present" Led by Pastor Brendan

"Why is it important to be familiar with church history?" In the minds of some people, history is a subject to be tolerated only when necessary. The philosophy behind this attitude is that whatever was done in the past is dead and gone, but what is happening now is living and vital. However, several times in Scripture we are told to learn from the things done in the past, that we may become wiser (1 Corinthians 10:11; Romans 15:4), and this is especially true regarding church history.

Join us as we look at the History of the Church from Reformation (1517) to Present (2019). Learn about how many of our denominations were formed, our Biblical Doctrines and the people who led these movements: Zwingli, Luther, Calvin, Wesley, Spurgeon, etc. Lastly, learn about the various Revival Movements which took place during these periods of time: Great Awakening, Holiness Movement, Methodism, Pentecostalism, Neo-Orthodoxy, etc.

***Watch the Bulletin for class sign-up information.**

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

HVAC Fund Update

As many of you know, we are in the midst of replacing our HVAC system in the Fellowship Hall, Narthex, Lounge, and Entry Areas of the church. The cost for this replacement is \$84K. So far, we have already raised over \$75K towards our goal... We're so close!

Please continue to keep this need in prayer and give as you are able. Thank you!

* Details for this process were presented at our annual family meeting on August 26. Additional information can be found in the September & October newsletters.

Setting Goals

Adapted from "Using Your Money Wisely" by Larry Burkett

Anyone who has done much counseling will attest to the fact that those who are successful in any field are the goal-setters. They have a desire to achieve that is coupled with discipline. That combination is essential to being successful in anything, including Christianity.

Today, the lack of goal-setting is approaching a crisis level. Our problem is that we don't have to set goals. Our level of affluence allows us to drift along with relative ease and comfort. Jesus explained that this condition would be the greatest threat to being a follower of Christ (Christianity). First, it would be a threat because it would cause us to drift away from God's path. *"For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also" (Matthew 6:21)*. It is also a threat because, when comforts are in jeopardy, many will choose to follow those comforts rather than Christ. *"Yet he has no firm root in himself, but is only temporary, and when affliction or persecution arises because of the word, immediately he falls away" (Matthew 13:21)*.

As we start this new year, many of us will make New Year's resolutions that we hope will improve some aspect of our lives (losing weight, less TV or screen time, etc.). Woven in among every other area of goal-setting and planning is the financial area.

Larry Burkett reminds us that in this process, be certain that whatever goals you set are compatible with God's Word. God's way is not one of several available alternatives. It is the only way. We have to decide to either follow or reject his way. Christ told us that we cannot serve two masters *(Matthew 6:24)*

Unless realistic spiritual goals are established in this area, the others are doomed to failure. The one over-riding goal in the financial area must be that our lifestyles are glorifying to God. *Proverbs 16:9 says "The mind of man plans his way, but the Lord directs his steps."* God promises us guidance to keep us on track if we're willing to listen. The prerequisite to receiving God's guidance is the willingness to accept it. *"Commit your works to the Lord, and your plans will be established" (Proverbs 16:3)*.

So where do we start when establishing financial goals? With spiritual goals: **1) Bible study** – God promises the wisdom to understand His Word if we'll spend the time to study it. **2) Prayer** – you get to know about God by studying His Word. You get to know God through prayer. Set a goal to converse with Him regularly and consistently. **3) Church** – we are admonished not to forsake assembling together for worship and study *(Hebrews 10:25)*. **4) Money** - Giving is the external evidence of an internal spiritual condition. More so, giving is an objective, measurable commitment made to God. Few promises in God's Word are as clear as those related to giving.

Blessings to you and yours in the New Year! - The Finance Team



Freely you have received,
freely give. Matthew 10:8, 10

Name: _____

Address: _____

Amount: _____

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Happy Birthday to...

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| 3 Tami Smedes | 27 David Snyder |
| 4 Justin Strauser | 28 Remy Angel |
| Chuck Vucetich | 29 Steve Stine |
| 5 Kathy Shoff | 30 Eileen Reinoehl |
| 6 Bill Livelsberger | 31 Stacey Bluett |
| 7 Diane Fauth | Ray Forney |
| 10 Joshua Arroyo | |
| Adalyn Leber | |
| 12 Donald Wiemeyer | |
| 13 Caden Cooley | |
| Judy Heindel | |
| 16 Terry Bluett | |
| 17 Tammy Henning | |
| Rhonda Kitlinski | |
| Brenda Wagner | |
| 18 Angela Orwig | |
| Ed Van Wicklen | |
| 19 Bradley Conner | |
| 20 Deb Fickes | |
| Declan Hussman | |
| 21 Josh Bailey | |
| 22 Brian Elicker | |
| Chloe Smith | |
| 23 Emma Clubb | |
| 25 Carter Armstrong | |
| 26 Jeff Schaeberle | |

Thank you...

"Click Ludwig and his family would like to express their thanks for the many expressions of kindness shown to Lois in these past months as her illness began to decline. She appreciated the phone calls, cards and other supportive care that was shown to her. Your presence was comforting to the family at the services, as we shared the memories of a well-lived life. Her church family was very precious to her as she loved to "keep up" with the various ministries of the church, as well as individuals, and would encourage and help out when needed and as she was able. We find much joy and peace knowing that she is in her eternal home and has rest from her life's journey. We have one of her favorite recipes available at the Welcome Center. Please help yourself."
- The Ludwig Family

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 Robert & Deanna Holtzaple |
| Larry & Lois Orwig |

Thank you...to the G.E.M.S

"Thank you to GEMS, the Coloring Club, & any other individuals who participated in the Christmas gifts delivered to the shut-ins. Not being able to physically attend church services, it is so rewarding to know that we were remembered in this very special way at the holidays. Your thoughtfulness was such a blessing. Thank you."
- Grace McWilliams

"I am overwhelmed with the gifts & cards; birthday, get well, & Christmas cards; and well wishes for my release from the hospital on Thanksgiving day. Thank you for the beautiful afghan. It will be a part of my display during this period of celebrating the birth of Jesus. Thank you all." - Paul Saylor

Homebound Visitation Schedule

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|------------------------|
| 6 Terry Bluett |
| 13 Mary Groupe |
| 20 Kay Ludwig |
| 27 Linda Conner |

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