The MESSENGER

March 2018

A Letter from Pastor Brendan

"Raising Up Fully Committed Followers of Jesus Christ."

I have found that every time my spirit is renewed in Christ, the level of concern I feel for our world is heightened. This Lenten Season of spiritual renewal is no exception. As I turn on the news and hear of school shootings and threats on our young people, my heart breaks.

We know that we live in a troubled world. Blinded by pride, dispassionate to truth, and in need of a cure. God has the prescription for what ails our world. That prescription is revival in the church. Revival is the need of a generation of Christians suffering from spiritual amnesia. Amnesia is a condition of memory loss. People with severe amnesia can forget who they are. Now is the time for Christians to remember and reclaim who they are in Jesus Christ. We cannot forget that we are pilgrims on this earth and that this world is not our home. We cannot forget who our spiritual enemy is. We cannot forget that we are descendants of a long lineage of heroes of the faith found in the Bible and in church history. We cannot forget that the torch has been passed off to us in this generation and now is our time to run the race.

Revival does not begin with the politicians, educators, or economic wizards. Revival in the church begins with a godly core—"If My people who are called by My name..." This godly core is known as a holy "remnant". What is a "remnant"? In fabric, a remnant is a left over piece of the original cloth. In agriculture, a remnant is seed set aside from a previous harvest to plant for a new harvest. God always preserves for Himself a holy remnant for His purpose and glory.

How important is a holy remnant in God's plan of redemption? Even now there is a godly remnant—a revival core—who are waking up across this land. Are you one of them? Will you be a part of a revival core who will help wake up believers, reach out to the lost, and turn the hearts of people back toward God?

I love the prayer that says, "In your mercy, God SHAKE US UP to WAKE US UP so that we will GET UP, DRESS UP, STAND UP, LOOK UP, SEE WHAT'S UP and LIFT JESUS UP so heaven can be FILLED UP and the devil SHUT UP!"

In Christ,

Brevdan Hock
Rev. Brendan Hock

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Ezra 9:8 (NKJV)

"And now for a little while grace has been show from the LORD our God, to leave us a remnant to escape, and to give us a peg in His holy place, that our God may enlighten our eyes and give us a measure of revival in our bondage."

Isaiah 1:9 (NKJV)

"Unless the LORD of hosts had left us a remnant, we would have become like Sodom, we would have been made like Gomorrah."

Church Secretarial Office Hours

Monday, Tuesday, & Friday:

9:30 AM - 12:30 PM

Wednesday & Thursday:

9:30 AM - 3:30 PM



Worship Update

Jen Clubb - Director of Music

Changes You May Notice

One of the challenges I face is how to position the choir so they can be the most effective. They have been very patient with me as we try new things. You may continue to see little changes in where or how they stand when they sing. The goal is to share our song with you so you can connect to it and share in worship through music.

Along with that, you may notice a change in how the choir is sitting in the front. I believe the purpose of the choir up front is to help lead the congregation in the singing of the hymns. Hopefully our new arrangement helps with this.

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A Night of Prayer for Our Youth

On <u>Thursday</u>, <u>March 15</u>, at 6:00 <u>PM</u>, we will be sponsoring a Night of Prayer for the Youth of today. We are profoundly saddened to live in a society where people are overcome with such evil, that they take the lives of innocent youth as witnessed in the latest school shooting.

As your Pastor, I believe that ultimately this is a heart issue; therefore, as a church, I invite us to come together for an evening of corporate & private prayer as one way of raising up a standard against the enemy & author of evil.

This service will take place 6:00–6:30 PM. We will meet in the Sanctuary.

Matt Logan - Worship Leader

Yes, Worship Can Be Fun!

Though Sunday morning can become a routine part of our lives, it's important to remember the impact worship can have on our lives; it can refresh us, inspire us, encourage us, empower us, and fill us with joy. The expectation of these things should make worship with other believers stand out in our lives, and it should also excite us! No matter our current life situations, we shouldn't forget how great a privilege it is to worship with other believers.

One way scripture portrays that worship can be fun is music. Worship is a joyful occasion, so why not celebrate it with music that brings us into God's presence, and allows the Holy Spirit into our hearts? Psalm 95:1-2 (NIV) says, "Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation. Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song." This doesn't mean we must sing, clap hands, or shout for joy on a Sunday morning, but it does call us to praise Him with our whole self: body, mind, and soul. Whether you stand, sit, sing, close your eyes, raise your hands, clap your hands, or meditate during worship music on Sundays, remember that God calls us to be joyful in our praise. How can we exude our fun, joyful spirit in our worship?

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Lent & Easter Schedule at Chapel

- 3/21 Senior Easter Luncheon | 12 2 PM | Parish Hall
- 3/29 Maundy Thursday Service | 7 PM | Sanctuary
- *3/30 Good Friday Meditation | 10 AM 1 PM | Sanctuary
- 3/31 Easterrific Kids Event | 10 AM 12 PM | Parish Hall
- *4/1 Sunrise Service | 6:30 AM | Heiland View Cemetery
- 4/1 Sunday School | 9:15 AM | Education Wing
- 4/1 Easter Services | 8 & 10:30 AM | Sanctuary

*Good Friday Meditation will be a time of self-guided prayer & meditation. Printed devotionals will be available for you on a table as you enter the sanctuary. Enter and leave on your timeline: sit in a seat, kneel at the altar, or prayerfully walk throughout the sanctuary.

*The Sunrise Service will take place on the circle at Heiland View. Light refreshments will be served in the Parish Hall after the service.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

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

March Theme

Our theme for Children's Ministry in March is <u>Peace: Proving you care more about each other than winning an argument!</u> Wow, this is a tough lesson for not only kids but adults as well in our current culture that highlights "trash talk"! During this month, we will start with some Bible stories in the Old Testament where people showed how to make peace with others even when it went against their own self interests. We then move to God's way of making peace with us through his Son, Jesus. Our Bible memory verse is "So let us do all we can to live in peace. And let us work hard to build up one another." Romans 14:19, NIrV

Easterrific Saturday

<u>Date</u>: Saturday, March 31, 2018 | <u>Time</u>: 10 AM – 12 PM | <u>Location</u>: Parish Building

<u>Activities</u>: Harvey & Sam Puppet Company, Games, Egg Hunt, & More! | <u>Ages:</u> Birth - 6th grade **Note:** this is not a drop-off event (Parents are to remain with their child at all times)

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*Please pre-register by completing the Registration Form below, or online at http://chapelchurch.com/ org. Feel free to register your children, grandchildren, neighbors, etc.!

<u>Donations Needed:</u> Individually wrapped candy pieces (i.e. gum, starbursts, sweet tarts, chocolates, etc.) and small toys (i.e. small yo-yo's, tiny bounce balls, bracelets, necklaces, etc.) for ages birth through 12 for our Easterrific event. Please bring donated items to Bonnie Bluett's office by Sunday, March 25, 2018. Thank you so much!! Volunteers are also needed, so if you would like to help, please email Bonnie at bonnie@ chapelchurch.org or call 244-6375, Ext 108.

Easterrific Registration Form

Child Name(s)	Age Group (please circle for each child)				
	0-3	4-6	7-9	10-12	
	0-3	4-6	7-9	10-12	
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	0-3	4-6	7-9	10-12	
How did you hear about this event?					
Email for future events:					
Parent/Guardian Signature				Date	

- Please mail to Bonnie Bluett, Chapel Church, 3050 Cape Horn Rd, Red Lion, PA 17356, OR
- Scan & email to bonnie@chapelchurch.org

Note: Pictures will be taken throughout this event, and could be used for media/display purposes. These pictures are the exclusive property of Chapel Church and its photographers.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY (CONTINUED)

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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 under the wonderful leadership of Karla McCleary, Clint Snyder, and Krysta Tyson.

The March Tween Event will be <u>Friday, March 9th</u>. This event is a Laser Tag/Bowling Outing <u>Time</u>: 6:30 - 9 PM | <u>Location</u>: Meet at Chapel's Education Wing at 6:30. Pick-up will be approx. 9 PM at Chapel. | <u>Cost</u>: \$15/Tween

Please RSVP & pay \$15 to Bonnie by <u>March 4th</u>. Transportation is provided by Tween Leaders to Laser Alleys, 3905 E. Market St., York, PA.

Vacation Bible School

Dates: June 17th – June 22nd, 2018

Times: 6 – 8:30 PM

Ages: 4 through completing 6th grade

Theme: Shipwrecked: Rescued by Jesus!!

VBS Coordinator: Peggy Fry, Cell #: 968-6286

More details to come!

Volunteers are always needed for our Special Events. If you would like to help in some way, please

contact Peggy Fry at 968-6286. Thank you so much for your blessed service for our children!



Summer Church Camps

There are a variety of church camps being offered this summer that focus on hiking, backpacking, soccer, music, drama, canoeing/kayaking, photography, archery, and other adventures! For more information, please go to www.susumcamps.org. Please note that there are discounts for early registration, multiple siblings attending, or referring a friend who has never attended!

Chapel Church is able to pay one-half of your registration fee if you do one of the following by 4/22/18:

- (1) Complete your application online & pay one-half the registration fee with a credit card to hold your spot at camp. Please make a copy of your online application & give to Bonnie Bluett by 4/22/18; **OR**
- (2) Complete a paper application and send in a check with one-half the registration fee to hold your spot at camp. Please be sure to make a copy of the application and give to Bonnie Bluett by 4/22/18.

CHAPEL STUDENT MINISTRY

Ian McKinnell, Director of Student & Young Adult Ministry, 717.244.6375 x 113 / ian@chapelchurch.org

CSM Schedule

- 1 Youth Night 6:30-8 PM
- 4 Sunday School 9:15-10:15 AM
- 8 Youth Night 6:30-8 PM
- 11 Sunday School 9:15-10:15 AM
- **15** Youth Night 6:30-8 PM
- 18 Sunday School 9:15-10:15 AM
- 22 Youth Night 6:30-8 PM
- 25 Sunday School 9:15-10:15 AM
- 29 Youth Night 6:30-8 PM Easter Eggs!

Volunteers

We now have enough volunteers to go on the mission trip with us! Praise God for providing what we need to do His work!

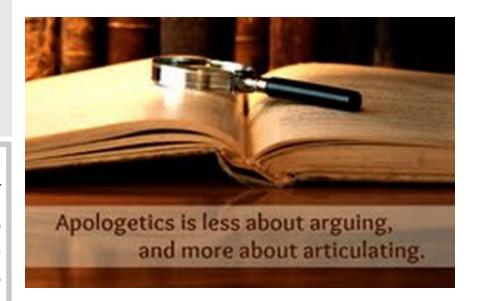
I would still love to see a few people, who are passionate about Youth, step up and join us in the Youth Ministry at Chapel!

Sunday School Plans

In March, we will wrap up our apologetics series and we will take a look at some of the unlikely people God has used to carry out His mission. We will also be continuing our study of Hebrews in the Sunday School hour.

"But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect..."

I Peter 3:15





ADULT MINISTRY

George Bradshaw, Director of Adult Ministry, 717.244.6375 x 107 / george@chapelchurch.org

Small Groups Info

The small group classes are an excellent opportunity for fellowship among the members of our church. The classes have been studying a variety of new topics.

The topics are all very interesting, engaging, and most importantly, show us how to be fully committed followers of Jesus Christ. It is never too late to join a class.

If you are feeling the call to lead a class on a topic close to you, or want to know which class may be best suited to your needs, please contact George Bradshaw.

Senior Easter Luncheon

Wednesday, March 21, 2018 | Noon to 2 PM in the Parish Hall.

For the fourth year, the GEMS women's group is hosting a community Easter luncheon for anyone 60yrs or older. This is a free event.

A light lunch will be served. Entertainment will be provided by Hosanna Ringers - a bell choir from the Jessica & Friends organization. This organization serves autistic and intellectually challenged adults. A free will offering will be taken to support their programs. After lunch, we will have the very popular egg hunt with lots of good prizes!

We invite you to come out for good fellowship, good food, and good fun. <u>Please RSVP to Judy Schappell at 717-858-7009</u>. Hope to see you there!

Men's Ministry

Please save the date for our 2018 Retreat! Our date is Sept. 14-16, 2018, at Camp Hebron. Keep your heads up for more details, but we're very excited for our new-to-us venue!

Please also remember our Bible collecting that will benefit Prison Ministry at Chapel. Everyone has unused Bibles, let them bless somebody instead of collecting dust! Place them on the tables in our Sunday School room (A2). We ask that you keep our men's ministry and leadership in your prayers.

Our Chili Cookoff will take place this year on March 18, at 2 PM, in conjunction with March Madness. See next page for more details.

Seth Gingrich | 717.542.4332 gingrichseth@yahoo.com

Women's Ministry

Need another reason to attend the Women's Retreat on March 23-25? We will be celebrating the 20th year of the Chapel Women's Retreats and God's faithfulnessthroughtheyears. Joinyour friends, bring a friend, or make new friends at this upcoming event!

Sign-up is still available, but don't delay! Pick up abrochure at the Welcome Center, or contact the church office to sign-up. Please complete our joy by signing up for this fun and refreshing time away. It's more than a weekend...

Any questions? Feel free to contact any member of the Retreat Committee listed on the brochure, or contact the church office at 717.244.6375, or email Meagan at meagan@chapelchurch.org.

MINISTRY UPDATES & OPPORTUNITIES

Ladies Paint Night



Beth Innerst is hosting a painting class, led by Julie Smith, who is an art teacher. You will be painting this picture.

The event will be held in the <u>Parish Hall on Sunday</u>, <u>April 15</u>, from 1 - 3:30 PM. The cost is \$25/person with the proceeds going to the Building Fund.

Make out checks to Chapel Church with "painting class" in the memo. Place payments in the offering plate, mail in, or place on the desk in the church office to make your reservation for the class (make sure your name & phone # is attached).

All ladies are invited to participate in this fun afternoon of paint & fellowship. Experience in painting is not necessary. Hope to see you there!

Chapel Picnic Quilting

Quilters working on quilts to be sold at "The Great Chapel Picnic" will be meeting on Tuesday mornings, at 9:30 AM in Room A3/A5 in the Education Wing.

We would love to have anyone with experience, OR anyone who would like to learn! More hands would mean more projects finished for the Picnic Auction. If you have any questions, please contact Carol Blessing at 717.244.5293.

Applesauce for Easter Dinner

Quarts of applesauce will be available for purchase in the church lobby on March 11th after the 8 & 10:30 AM services. Quarts of applesauce are \$3.50 & Apple Butter is \$2.50.

Chili Cookoff & March Madness



Sunday, March 18, 1 PM, Parish Bldg

Fellowship | FFL Awards | Chili Judging

Bring a snack or drink to share

RSVP to Seth Gingrich at gingrichseth@yahoo.com, or 717.542.4332.

*Let Seth know the item you're bringing and if you want to enter a chili dish!

Red Cross Blood Drive

Tuesday, March 27 | 1 - 6:30 PM

Location: Chapel's Parish Building

*Call 800-RED CROSS to schedule your appointment.

Good things happen when you help.

Stewardship Update

Thoughts from the Finance Team

The following is adapted from "Managing God's Money" by Randy Alcorn.

Is money really important to God? Thousands of Bible verses talk about money and possessions and how God's people should use them. The sheer quantity of references to money and possessions tells us that God views this topic as important. Jesus spoke more about how we are to view and handle money and possessions than about any other topic, including Heaven and Hell, prayer and faith. There is a powerful relationship between out true spiritual condition and our attitude and actions concerning money and possessions.

Read the story of Zacchaeus in Luke 19. Then read the story of the rich young ruler in Matthew 19. Jesus' response to these two men directs us to examine our own hearts. Zacchaeus's salvation was judged in part on his willingness (in fact, his eagerness) to part with his money for God's glory and the good of others, while Jesus admonished the rich young ruler, who believed that he was righteous, because in his mind, he had followed the law and kept the commandments. Jesus pointed out that his love of his money and possessions (and his unwillingness to use them for God's kingdom) stood in the way of becoming a true disciple.

In Luke 16:10-11, Jesus makes a direct connection between our present handling of our earthly wealth and the "true riches" we may inherit in Heaven. What we do with a little time, talent or money now tells God a lot. We are entrusted to be stewards of whatever (much or little) he has blessed us. Even if we think we have only a little, it's probably more than most people on this earth have.

Do we find ourselves saying, "If only I had more money, I'd give it to church or missions," or, "I'm not able to give now because I don't have enough money?" If so, we are probably not being honest with ourselves or God. Are we stingy with our gifts to God, yet manage to spend significant amounts on clothes, phones, entertainment, eating out, coffee, etc? The list goes on and on. More likely, we don't have enough money to give to God because we are never done spending on ourselves. The issue is not what we would do if we had more money. The issue is what are we doing to be good stewards with what we do have. Are we investing in our own wants and desires, or are we investing in helping others and advancing His kingdom?

So again we ask – "Is money really important to God?" Probably not. But we are. He wants to be Lord of our hearts, as well as every other aspect of our lives. And Matthew 6:24 tells us that if Jesus is not Lord over our money and possessions, He is not our Lord.

The finance team thanks you for your continued financial support of the ministries of Chapel, and we thank you for trusting us to represent you on the Finance Team. Please pray for us as we endeavor to be good stewards of the gifts given to Chapel Church for the work of God's kingdom.

Brian Conner, Bill Leight, Debi Deller, Esther Hengst, Pastor Brendan, Paul Saylor, Ron Chubb, Missy Eberly, Ryan McCleary, Brian Koons, & Jim Duff

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Happy Birthday to...

- Misty GoldsteinHailey Wood-FleagleNehemiah Wood-Fleagle
- 3 Brooke Gingrich Miriam Mitzel
- 4 Jerry FarrellConnie Hussman
- 5 Lon MalesDalton Orwig
- 7 Rachel Conrad
 Kathy Leiphart
- 9 Valerie Ludwig
- 10 Jay Goldstein Michael Hengst
- 14 Norma Peterson
 Spence Williams
- 15 Tara Strauser
- 16 Cassie Durhamlone GroffRuth LuckenbaughBill McIntire
- 17 Paige Taylor

- 18 Lana Cooley
 John McClane
- 20 Pat Miller
 LeeAnn Wilt
- 22 Kristine McWilliams
 John Wagaman
- 23 Brendan Hock
 Matt Logan
- 24 Grant FickesToby ShoffNancy SmithBob Wonder
- 25 Jillian Tyson
- **26** Ruth Poff Ernie Smeltzer
- 27 Vanessa FickesCasey Helmeczi
- 28 Dan Cooley
- 29 Jeremy Orwig
- **30** Bradd Sprenkel
- 31 David Bluett
 Jen Clubb

Happy Anniversary to...

- 8 Ed & Phyllis Fisher
- 14 Jerry & Linda Henry
- 25 Jim & Deb Fickes

Homebound Visitation Schedule

- 4 Jean Chubb
- 11 Donna Hoke
- 18 George/Kathy Bradshaw
- 25 Need a Volunteer

Thank you!

Dear Christian friends, I would like to thank you all for the calls, visits, cards, get well wishes and prayers during my recent foot surgery. It is so nice to know people are thinking of you and praying for you. It has certainly lifted my spirits to hear from all of you. I still cannot put weight on my foot, but I am sure I soon will be back to fellowship with all of you.

In Christian Love.

Dawn Snyder

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