

Chapel Hill Newsletter

January, 2016



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A note from the pastor,

As I sit here and attempt to write this for you, my mind is in many other places. I am thinking and preparing for a funeral in a few days. How does one find peace and hope in such a time? Also I am thinking about Christmas Eve service, Caroling on Sunday, preparing for our family Christmas, a sermon on Sunday, and planning for a short time away in January. Yet I am reminded it is such a time as this that Christ came on a not so silent night for me and for you. Christ was born to save us, yes us! So as we enter into a new year what could be different? My attitude? My scheduling of my time? My approach to relationships? My priorities? What would Christ want me to do that would be new and refreshing not only in my life, but as I live my life for Christ?

What will 2016 bring for my life, my family, and the church that I have come to love and serve? What doors will Christ open for me and encourage me to enter into? Where will Christ lead me this year in my life and in my ministry? Maybe it would be that I need to spend more time listening and watching for God to move and lead me where he needs me to go. Jesus says in Matthew 25:19-20, "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age." (NIV) Maybe I need to trust God more. Chris August, a contemporary artist says it this way:

*I could use a little more Jesus
And a little bit less of me
I could be a little more humble
If we're speaking honestly
The more I see this heart inside of me
The more that I believe
I could use a little more Jesus
And a little bit less of me*

What is God preparing Chapel Hill UMC for and where will He lead us to in the new year of 2016? What doors will God open for us this year and how will we minister to those we know and to those we don't? 2016 can and will be an exciting year for us as individuals and as a church if we allow God to take the driver's seat! Let us journey together to new and exciting places.

*Congratulations! Today is your day. You're off to Great Places! You're off and away!
You have brains in your head. You have feet in your shoes You can steer yourself any
direction you choose. You're on your own. And you know what you know. And YOU are
the guy who'll decide where to go. You'll look up and down streets. Look 'em over with
care. About some you will say, I don't choose to go there."With your head full of brains
and your shoes full of feet, you're too smart to go down any not-so-good street. And you
may not find any you'll want to go down. In that case, of course, you'll head straight out
of town. It's opener there in the wide open air. Out there things can happen and frequently
do to people as brainy and footsy as you. And when things start to happen, don't worry.
Don't stew. Just go right along. You'll start happening too. OH! THE PLACES YOU'LL GO!*

(Dr, Seuss)

Cool Running's (Peace be the Journey),

Pastor Mark

Joyce and I would like to thank you for your thoughtfulness and graciousness during this season
THANK YOU! May God's blessing be with each of you.

SERMONS AND SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR JANUARY

Pastor on vacation

Epiphany of the Lord

“Sky Spills Over”

Baptism of the Lord

“Because He lives (Amen)”

1st Sunday after the Epiphany

“Hope in Front of Me”

2nd Sunday after the Epiphany

“Voice of Truth”

3rd Sunday after the Epiphany

January 3

January 10 Ezekiel 37: 1-14

January 17 John 11:17-27

January 24 Romans 8: 18-30

January 31 Matt. 25:31-45

Keep in Our Prayers

The Bev Harner Family, Carolyn Goldner,
Larry Smith, Dick & Phyllis Dowsett,
Don Poziwilko, Rev. Myron Williams,
Ellen & Bonnie Saurbier, Eddie &
Virginia Watson, Alvera Rimkus,
Laura Neal, Les and Irene Wonson,
Esther Peters, Cheryl Bailey,
Stefani Mileski, Asa Fikes, our military
and their families

Please
Pray
for...



We Are
BLESSED

Keep in our Prayers

Our Pastor
and

Those individuals who are serving
within our church fellowship and
our community.

May their lives show Christ in all they
do and say.

Peace with Justice Offering - January 17

Monies go worldwide in the cause of advocacy for the poor and the disenfranchised in many places. However as you may be aware, half of the offering stays within our conference to offer assistance to those closer to home.

In 2015 monies went to refugees as they live and work in the US while seeking permanent status as citizens or with green cards. You have also enabled the ministry of Haitian Artists for Peace International. Finally this past year we have given funds to Circles, a new program in the US that seeks to work with families in poverty, helping with employment, finances and other issues that may keep a family below poverty line. This program is becoming active in the Grand Rapids area and will soon spread to other areas of MI.

Wishing you God's blessings for 2016 Ellen A. Brubaker

Opportunities to support Chapel Hill UMC

UMCmarket

Together Supporting Our Church

We have a new opportunity

UMCmarket

This is a website where you can purchase from a wide variety of websites: electronics, clothes, educational, auto supplies, insurance, travel and more

While purchasing thru this website a percentage of your purchase comes back to Chapel Hill UMC.

The stores are endless...

Best Buy Barnes & Noble Sears

Vitamin Shoppe Groupon

Overstock.com Kohl's Lowes

& more

CHECK IT OUT.... <http://www.umcmarket.org>

CHAPEL HILL IS GOING FOR GOLD

Gordon Food Service has a points Program that we are enrolled in called Gordon Go. Everyone can earn points on any purchase. So when you check out - tell them you'd like the points put towards Chapel Hill, Sodus. You don't need a number or ID card. If you have questions ask Sandy Keath.
Thank you very much

MORE Opportunities to help support Chapel Hill UMC

What is AmazonSmile?

AmazonSmile is a simple and automatic way for you to support your favorite charitable organization every time you shop, at no cost to you. When you shop at smile.amazon.com, you'll find the exact same low prices, vast selection and convenient shopping experience as Amazon.com, with the added bonus that Amazon will donate a portion of the purchase price to your favorite charitable organization. You can choose from nearly one million organizations to support.

How do I shop at AmazonSmile?

To shop at AmazonSmile simply go to smile.amazon.com from the web browser on your computer or mobile device. You may also want to add a bookmark to smile.amazon.com to make it even easier to return and start your shopping at AmazonSmile.

Which products on AmazonSmile are eligible for charitable donations?

Tens of millions of products on AmazonSmile are eligible for donations. You will see eligible products marked "Eligible for AmazonSmile donation" on their product detail pages. Recurring Subscribe-and-Save purchases and subscription renewals are not currently eligible.

Can I use my existing Amazon.com account on AmazonSmile?

Yes, you use the same account on Amazon.com and AmazonSmile. Your shopping cart, Wish List, wedding or baby registry, and other account settings are also the same.

Benefits

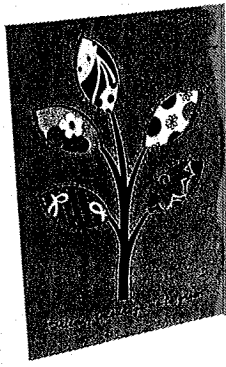
- Receive rewards for all your Meijer shopping, including gas and convenience store purchases!
- No minimum or maximum spending amount.
- Purchases can be made with cash, PIN-debit card or a Meijer Credit Card.
- Receive exclusive savings periodically!
- Your account is accessible anytime online at Meijer.com/rewards.



About the Program

Enrolled members shop Meijer, simply paying with cash, PIN-based debit card or linked Meijer Credit Card. Purchases made with a linked Meijer Credit Card earn 1%. Purchases made with cash or PIN-based debit card and a swiped Meijer 1 CardSM earn 0.5%.

Each year, at least 6% of Meijer net profits go toward overall community giving - one of the highest percentages in the retail industry!



Thank you note -- Craft Show Monies

Dear Sisters & Brothers in Christ,

Thank you so much for your donation of \$1000.00 to Papillon orphanage project. With your donation we now have enough money to put the roof on the boy's home. What a blessing for 8 orphan boys close to having a place they can call home.

Thank you so much!

Blessings Del Troutmen

P.S.

I might add we are taking a team in June if anyone in your church is interested in going. Call me at 269 621-3663 if interested.



Christmastime & Winter Mission Project: We are collecting coats, hats, mittens/gloves, scarves, & boots, in all sizes. New or gently used items may be donated. A mitten/hat tree is set up during the Christmas season; plastic totes under the mission table will be used to hold the extra items until distribution. Collection of items will continue through Feb. 2015. Adult items will be taken to the Consequential Mind's drop in center on Napier Ave. Items for children will be donated to our local school system as needed. The schools are, River, Eau Claire & Countryside. Contact the church office if you have questions.



Up Coming Events

Jan. 10 Every ones help is needed to **take down the Christmas decorations.** Thank you

Jan. 24 There will be an **all church Potluck.**
We will celebrating B Days and Anniversaries

Chapel Hill **New Year's Eve Party**

When: December 31st beginning at 7 p.m. until just after midnight

Where: Chapel Hill UMC Bring: Games, Food, & Friends

Come ring in the new year with your Chapel Hill Family!

We will snack play games and ring in the new year together.

All ages are welcome.

Questions? Contact Pastor Mark

Lay Participant Forms

Please sign up for lay participant positions.

Liturgists: Gray Greeters: Blue
Coffee Hour: Yellow Nursery: Green

Contacts:

Liturgists:	Linda Bennett	944-1961
Greeters:	Karen Hook	463-8535
Coffee Hour:	Sandy Keath	208-0115
Nursery:		

The deadline for weekly announcements going into the bulletin is Thursday at 10:00 a.m. However, we take prayer requests until the bulletin is printed.

The deadline for newsletter items for February is **Thursday February 11 at 9:00 am**

This month, volunteers for newsletter assembly will meet **Tuesday, January 19** at 9:00 am.

Marji will really appreciate your help!
Thank you



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

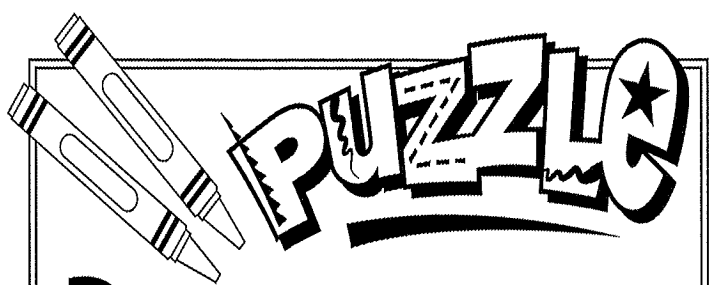
- 1/02 Linda Calahan
Joshua Goines
- 1/05 Judy Walter
- 1/06 Charles Cantrell
- 1/07 Deb Harris
Madison Scott
Doug Trail
- 1/08 Adeline Grootendorst
Zachary Harner
Calvin Prillwitz
- 1/09 Caleb Quattrin
- 1/10 Sharon Sanders
- 1/14 Amy Berget
Linda Carroll
Alissa Dilts
- 1/17 John Glassman, Sr.
- 1/19 Kelsey Warman
- 1/20 James Peters
Margaret Prillwitz
- 1/22 Kellie Peters
Kendra Warman
Joyce Zerbe
- 1/24 Cayden Dorman
- 1/25 Michael Case
- 1/26 Asa Fikes
Ed McKenzie
- 1/27 John King
Michael LaBorn
- 1/28 Kyle Oviatt
- 1/29 Pat Phillips
Garrett Strunk
- 1/30 Debbie McCartney
Gunnar Ratliff
- 1/31 Carole Vander Linden



JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

- 1/10 Jerry and Aimee Glassman
- 1/11 Robert and Louisa Bahus
- 1/25 Dale and Carole Vander Linden

If we have missed a birthday or anniversary, or have you listed incorrectly, please call the office so that we may update our information.



POWER OF PRAYER

When life gets crazy, worry creeps in. But God tells us exactly what to do — any time and anywhere.

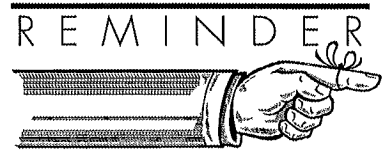
Directions: Circle the word in each group that doesn't belong. Then write those words on the numbered lines below.

1 apple anxious artichoke	2 every eagle emu	3 purple pink prayer	4 Paul petition Peter	5 taste touch thanksgiving
6 rest requests relax	7 God George Greg	8 puddle peace pond	9 transcends train truck	10 unusual unique understanding
11 guard giraffe gorilla	12 hearts hold held	13 many minds more	14 Philadelphia Pennsylvania Phillipians	

“Do not be _____¹ about anything, but in _____² situation, by _____³ and _____⁴, with _____⁵, present your _____⁶ to _____⁷. And the _____⁸ of God, which _____⁹ all _____¹⁰, will _____¹¹ your _____¹² and your _____¹³ in Christ Jesus.” _____¹⁴ 4:6-7, NIV

Answers: 1. anxious, 2. every, 3. prayer, 4. petition, 5. thanksgiving, 6. requests, 7. God, 8. peace, 9. transcends, 10. understanding, 11. guard, 12. hearts, 13. minds, 14. Phillipians

PRAYER



Use this fun family activity to remember to pray for other people.

What you need:

- White index cards (at least six)
- Markers or colored pencils (red, orange, yellow, green, blue and brown)
- M&M's candies

What you do:

1. On each card, write a group of people to pray for (family members, friends, teachers, sick people, etc.). Use a different color of writing utensil for each card.
2. While sitting at a table, divide the M&M's among family members.
3. Spread out the cards and explain that each color represents a group of people to pray for. Have each family member choose one candy and consider who they'll pray for.
4. Designate one person to start praying aloud. Go around the circle, and have the last person close.
5. At the end of that round, eat those M&M's.
6. Continue until you've prayed for all the cards. (Make more, if you'd like!)

January

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
	All items are p.m. unless specifically noted otherwise.					
3	4	5 Prayer grp 10:00 am Care grp 6:00pm	6 Bells 6:30 Choir 7:30	7	8	9
10 Children Participate in Worship Service Baptism - (Skibbe) Poole Take down Decorations	11 Trustee mtg 7:00	12 Prayer grp 10:00 am	13 Bells 6:30 Choir 7:30	14	15	16 Movie Night
17 Human Relations Day Offering	18	19 SPRC 7:00pm Prayer grp 10:00 am	20	21	22	23
24 All church Potluck	25	26 Church Council 7:00pm	27	28	29	30 Game Night
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www.chapelhill-craftshow.org

Adult Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.

Sunday Worship: 10:30 a.m.

K-12 Sunday School: after the
children's message

Mark Mitchell, Pastor

Church Office Hours
Tuesday through Friday
9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

In case of emergency when the office is closed,
please try the parsonage (925-4528).

Wondering if We Will Have Worship?

Since Michigan has been known to occasionally have inclement weather, should our worship service and Sunday school need to be cancelled for safety reasons, our policy is to contact TV channels 16 and 22 by 8:00 a.m. Sunday morning.

If in doubt about services being held please check both of these sources for their closing lists. Let's all stay safe this winter !