

Dear Little Chapel family,

Well, I am sitting here, looking at my calendar and usually my article for April is about the upcoming Holy Week services and our Easter celebration. And though Holy Week will happen and Christ Has Risen from the grave, how we remember and celebrate those days is currently "up in the air" due to the coronavirus.

So, instead of reading about what will be happening at Little Chapel April 5th through April 12th, I want to talk about Easter itself, because my friends, no matter how we celebrate it on April 12th, Easter is coming! And for that we can say,

"Thanks be to God."

On Easter Sunday we begin worship with me saying, "*Christ is risen,*" and you reply, "*He is risen indeed. Hallelujah!*"

This is an ancient Easter greeting that captures, in only eight words, the overwhelming truth and the jubilant mood of the day. The greatest festivals of the Church - Christmas, Easter and Pentecost, give us three visions into the very heart of God.

At Christmas we see the sweetness of the heart of God. The greatest treasure of God is given quietly, marked only by one star and some tumultuous angels. God's gift inspires sweetness in us.

At Pentecost we see the extravagant generosity of the heart of God. God gives open, death-defying boldness to some people who had been trembling at shadows, imprisoned by their fears. God's gift produces new freedoms, even in us.



At Easter we see the power of the heart of God as the resurrection of Jesus Christ announces God's unmistakable victory over evil and death. God's gift inspires hope in those who had never before known hope.

Hearts thus made sweet, free and hopeful are hearts that are seeing God.

"Christ is risen!"

He rises even in the midst of the coronavirus.

So, no matter where we might find ourselves this Easter, we can be ever-grateful that we worship a risen Christ!

Thanks be to God.

Easter Blessings,

Pastor Pat

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Lord, help me to live this day
Quietly, Easily,
To lean on thy great strength
Trustfully, Restfully,
To await the unfolding of thy will
Patiently, Serenely,
To meet others
Peacefully, Joyously,
To face tomorrow
Confidently, Courageously.



MARCH MINUTES

Contributed by Jean Schild, Clerk of Session

The session met for a stated meeting on Monday, March 16. Due to the recent health precautions due to the Coronavirus, the meeting was held in the sanctuary so that social distancing could be practiced safely for those in attendance.

The focus of this meeting was our church/sessional response to the Covid-19 pandemic. Guidelines and communications from the Presbytery were read and considered. The Rev. Jerrod B. Lowry, General Presbyter and Stated Clerk of the Presbytery of Coastal Carolina, has sent us directives and recommendations for the church.

The conclusion of his letter to the churches includes this statement: ***"I am not sure what the future holds but I am confident that it is God who holds the future."*** This message embodies the confidence that God is in control of all and we can depend on Him in the days ahead.

The session decided that there will be no worship services on March 22 or 29. Decisions regarding services in April will be made later. Most other activities and meetings have been cancelled.

In the absence of regular worship services, Pastor Pat will send out a daily email, Monday - Friday, to the church family, in order to maintain contact and to provide spiritual support. For those without email, we will try to provide a weekly mailing. We are also looking into the possibility of mailing the monthly newsletter to those members without email service.

The church office will remain open and Pastor Pat, Delores, Office Administrator, and Dan Holt, custodian, will be present, 9 am – 5 pm, Monday through Friday, with Pastor Pat present Monday - Thursday.

Pastor Pat, in conjunction with David Heinzman, Music Director, and Gary Kohunsky, Communications Moderator, will provide a virtual worship service to be aired online at the church website, every Sunday when there are no worship services held at the church.

The Property Committee has installed security cameras at the front door, with monitors for the offices. As a consequence, the exterior doors may be locked. Please speak into the device at the front door and the doors will be unlocked by the staff as appropriate. Many thanks to the Property Committee for providing this measure of security for our church and staff.

We will encourage our congregation to continue to pay their pledge, even in the absence of regular worship services. Checks can be mailed or delivered to the church during church office hours.

We must continue to pay our monthly expenses, including salaries, church maintenance and utilities, etc. and it is very important that we maintain a positive cash flow for the church. \$36,000.00 is required monthly for our continued functioning.

The Finance Committee reported a positive financial statement for the first two months of 2020. Many thanks to our congregation for the continuing commitment to our church and its missions.

Our regular Fifth Sunday Offering is scheduled for March 29 and the congregation is encouraged to support this additional offering, which provides support for our various activities and mission opportunities.

The Meals on Wheels program, which our church/circles participate in each fourth Saturday per month, has been suspended until the end of April, when further decisions will be made, due to the Coronavirus pandemic.

On March 31, our session will reassess the resumption of worship services for April.

The session discussed the absence of our telephone tree and Barry Lindholm, Property Committee Moderator, is looking into this problem and how it can be resolved quickly to help our members stay connected to the church.

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The chancel and bell choirs are thrilled to have the railing into the choir area of the sanctuary and thank the Property Committee for providing for this installation.

The Christian Education Committee announced that the children and youth of the church will coordinate/participate in the 10:30 Worship Service on Mother's Day, May 10, 2020.

Ed O'Neil, LCOB Commissioner to the Presbytery of Coastal Carolina meeting on March 7, 2020 at Trenton, NC, reported on this meeting, with very positive comments about the Stated Clerk, the Rev. Jerrod Lowry, the speaker for this meeting, Rev. Lyman Smith, U.S. Navy Chaplain, and several overtures from other Presbyteries to our Presbytery.



SPECIAL OFFERINGS

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

On Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday, we will be collecting a special offering for One Great Hour of Sharing and Good Shepherd. This offering will be divided between these two organizations.

One half will go to Good Shepherd Ministries of Wilmington, whose purpose is to plan and maintain an ecumenical and social ministry to meet the needs of the hungry, homeless, and jobless in our community.

The other half of this offering will go to One Great Hour of Sharing. This offering helps to improve the lives of people in challenging situations. It also provides us a way to share God's love with our neighbors in need. Our gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing make a difference in the world through impactful programs: Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Programs, and Self-Development of People.

Thank you for your help in supporting these two ministries. When you give a little, it adds up to a lot!



Notice about Sister Isaac Center

Because of the coronavirus, the Sister Isaac Center has been closed since March 16. At this time, it is uncertain when they will reopen. Please wait until the Center reopens to bring donations to the Little Chapel. As soon as they are open to receive donations again, there will be an announcement in the church bulletin.

In the March newsletter, The Sister Isaac Center was the feature article. We would like to thank Leita McCormick for her wonderful article and Lori Holcomb for the special photos.

THANK YOU!

Sunday March 1, 2020
Dear Friend,
Thank you for the monthly meal on wheels
you sent to my mother, Martha Holfford.
She really enjoyed it, and she knew it
was prepared with love.
My mother passed away on Feb. 5, 2020
at the age of 92. Thank you again, and
God bless you. Joanne Holfford (son)

Sunday Morning Worship



on the Beach

By Leita McCormick

For the past 11 years, every first Sunday in May through the last Sunday in September, various members of LCOB have met in the parking lot at 7 am to hook up the church trailer to their four-wheel drive vehicle and drive to Beach Access 4 for the 8 am beach service.

There they park on the sand and unload the contents of the trailer and begin setting up the equipment for the service. The trailer's self-contained. It has a generator, a complete sound system, an electric keyboard, music stands, a battery back-up system, and a make-shift chancel table consisting of a surfboard and sawhorses.



The idea for a beach service was started by LCOB's then interim pastor, Reverend David Jenkins, before Pastor Pat was installed. Since then, Pastor Pat has conducted the service with the help of many hands behind the scene.

The elements of the beach service are the same as of

regular indoor church services, but compacted into 30 minutes.

As Pastor Pat says, "It's an abbreviated service."

He also said, "The service is an outreach tool" because many people join the church after attending a beach service. He attributes the causal and comfortable atmosphere of the service for its popularity by members and visitors alike.

According to Pastor Pat, when the beach service first started, there was an average of 25 people attending. Then it increased to 100 and now it averages about 130, many from different denominations.



The element of the service Pastor Pat enjoys the most is the baby baptisms. He said he gets an average of two to three requests every year. A conch shell is used to hold the water he pours over the infant's head.

The most recent team of volunteer drivers consisted of



Bill Miller and John Moore, who faithfully conducted the set-up for almost 10 years.

When Bill had to give up the "mission" in 2018 for health reasons, he said, "The hardest thing I have ever had to do, was to stop doing it!" He truly misses everything about the beach service, from the set-up to take-down, the music, the message, and the blessings he has received.



Bill liked to park his truck and the trailer at an angle to block the sun and provide shade for those who came early to set-up their chairs, and always had extra chairs and blankets in his truck for those unexpected visitors who happened upon the service while walking on the beach.

John has turned over his responsibilities for the time being, and said he "would be happy to help in the future."

Today, the names of those who volunteer to haul the trailer to the beach are coordinated by Barbara Tyndall from a sign-up sheet located in the Narthex.

Barbara said anyone who wants to sign up to drive or just come early and help with the set-up is always welcome. "It's a lot of fun and you'll get a lot of satisfaction from helping."

Many people like to come early or stay around after the service to help. Putting together the sound system – speakers, microphone and organ – has become routine with the help of photos and places for the many plugs-ins; however, LCOB is looking into the possibility of getting a wireless system to eliminate the need for a generator.

David Heinzman is, too. He said, "It would make it so much easier instead having to plug in all those wires." When he began playing the "organ" at the beach service eight years ago, canned music was played. He didn't really care for that, so a keyboard was provided so he could accompany the choir.



A plywood 'floor' keeps the keyboard & David from sinking into the sand

On cloudy mornings, Pastor Pat and the dedicated drivers of the trailer are in constant communication with each other to determine if the service will be held or not. So far, there's an average of one a year being rained out. In that event, the service is moved inside.



"LCOB is very lucky to have the support of Wrightsville Beach. The town does not charge us anything for the pass to drive on the beach or to reserve Access 4. All we have to do is file a monthly report with the city to renew our reservation," Pat said.

WORSHIP ON THE BEACH

May through September
8 am Access #4

(The start of beach services this year may be impacted by the guidance and direction of the town of Wrightsville Beach due to the pandemic)



Pat and Marcia serving communion during the beach worship service



- 2 Kate Schild
- 3 Lori Holcomb
- 4 Deborah Bullard
- 4 David Long
- 6 Amanda Gotthardt
- 6 Don Smith
- 6 Barbara Williams
- 7 Patrice Huson
- 9 Tricia Ennis
- 10 Marie Godsell
- 12 Pat Rabun
- 12 Matthew Sawyer
- 13 Daniel Reddick
- 17 Adeline Hines
- 17 Dylan Schaffer
- 18 John Copeland
- 18 Pat Roche
- 19 Heide Hooper
- 23 Wendy Foster
- 26 Brendan MacDaniel
- 27 Terri Barker
- 27 Robert Gotthardt
- 28 Brett Blizzard
- 28 Pat Hatcher
- 29 Freddie Ledford



Submitted by Terry Paterson

Have you ever driven round and round a parking lot at the mall looking for a place to park? Or maybe you found a space, but there was a parking meter; and sure enough, you had no cash to feed to that machine.

Perhaps, on a beautiful day, especially a holiday or holiday weekend, you loaded up your family and all the necessary toys, food, and drinks and headed to the beach. Oh no! Everybody else must have gotten up at sunrise to get a parking space because there are none to be had on Wrightsville Beach.



Even if you had found a space it would require you to keep putting money in the meter which meant you would have to leave the beach and come back to the meter every couple of hours. What a bummer! This is not how you planned on spending your day off on the 4th of July.

But now, thanks to the Little Chapel on the Boardwalk (PCUSA), you can find a secure parking space in the church parking lot on three different holidays: Memorial Day, July 4th, and Labor Day.

About 8 years ago, the leaders of LCOB formulated a plan to help the community in two ways. On these 3 weekends, the town of Wrightsville Beach gave the church permission to allow parking in their church lot for 3 days at these holiday times. There would be no fee, but people could park here for a donation to contribute to the church's mission program. Voila! The community could find good safe parking and enjoy the beach; and secondly,

about 30 mission projects would benefit from these parking donations.

Here is how it works! Different church members volunteer to participate in this program in several areas. For the last few years, Carole Coble has been the overall chairperson to arrange the dates and times; others volunteer to work 2-3 hour shifts either directing vehicles into spaces, collecting and counting the money, or just visiting with the folks and telling them all about LCOB.



Just a few of our volunteers who staff the parking lot during 1 of the 3 holiday week-ends each year

Last season, we even had a cheerleader - aka Beckey Smith - who stood on the corner dancing and waving to people as they passed our property. She was really good at getting people to turn in and park in our lot. I think they came to see her as much as having a parking space.

Some people worked only one shift, some worked several shifts in one day, and others worked time each of the three days. Throughout it all, Pastor Pat was always there to help us out by keeping the

money secure and providing the volunteers with ice cold water.

This has been a really fun project as well as a profitable one.



"A duck in a truck? What's so unusual about that?" asks Jim Martz

Depending on the weather, we usually take in between \$4 - \$6,000 during the 3-day weekend. It is really amazing how the people who visit our parking lot see this project.

Most people are really generous and others not so much. The average visitor donates about \$20, but several times the experience has been quite different. Once a family arrived and gave us \$100 bill and wanted \$60 in change. We explained that we could not give out that much change and that we could not take a credit card. After looking at the list of recipients to whom we donate the money, they said, "Oh, just take this and keep the change!" Needless to say, we were quite surprised and very overjoyed.

Right behind them were 3 young people who were driving a beautiful BMW convertible with the top down. They asked how much we charged, and they were told that it was for a donation of their choice which would be given to the list of beneficiaries. The handed over a "big donation" of \$3.

No matter what the amount, they always get a "Thank you," "Enjoy the beach." and "Welcome to our worship service at 8 am or 10:30 am on Sunday!!" Most people are pleasant and appreciative of our service to the community. However, some folks arrive with kids and dogs to make that trip to the beach. When we explain that

dogs aren't allowed on the beach, they become very upset about what to do with their fur baby. Some just leave, some take a chance and take the dogs to the beach, and SOME... you guessed it! They ask us to baby sit the dog while they enjoy the beach. And, yes, we have done that, too!

Yes, it can be very hot and tiring, but for the most part we all have a really good time. There are lots of laughs, some angst over the behavior of some folks (we have to remember to curb our tongues); and much happiness from meeting the wonderful people who are so appreciative and fun to meet. Mainly, we are so proud and happy that we can share what God has given us to help these visitors to WB and to be able to monetarily give to worthy community agencies who in turn help so many needy people.

Come join us the next time we have holiday parking. I promise that you will be blessed by spending a little time to help so many people.



The view from Matthew House's porch illustrates what the parking lot looks like when it is full

Little Chapel on the Boardwalk Financial Summary

January – February 2020

Total Income Received \$80,499

Total Expenses \$67,316

+ 13,183

Please help us to stay ahead of the curve and send in your pledge or drop it by the church office. Even though we are not worshipping in our sanctuary, the bills continue to come in.



Home School

It's a family affair

By Leita McCormick

Photos by Lori Holcomb & Gina Good

Recently, I had the pleasure of observing the Honours Guild Home School classes held on Wednesdays at LCOB.

The group consists of 10 high school young men and a dozen middle school students, and provides a wonderful launching point in numerous subjects for their at-home studies throughout the week.

The Guild was started three years ago, when its founder, Gina Good, was looking for a haven where the families could come together once each week to have dialectic discussions in literature, science, finance, and history. Gina felt that "the coming together once each week would provide academic accountability and community for the long-time homeschooled children and their friends."

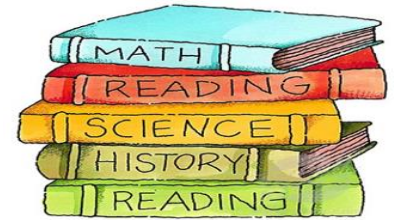
Gina and her children had been a part of cooperatives in the past but were looking for a more high-level experience with instructors who were passionate about specific subjects, and Good, as a seasoned instructor, was willing to take on the role of mentoring several subjects.

Al Wordsworth, neighbor and friend to the Good family, volunteered to bring his talents as an engineer to the Guild as an instructor of logic. Al suggested that Gina talk with Pastor Pat about using some of the church's upstairs rooms.

Pastor Pat took the request to the Session, and use of the rooms was approved. Good says, "We are grateful to be able to meet at LCOB and hope to be a blessing in return in some way today and in the future."

All the classes at LCOB are taught by instructors passionate about a subject. For example:

- Gina is a seasoned homeschooling mom, group organizer, and former bank manager, who uses her journalism background to teach writing, grammar, history, and science to the middle school students. She calls upon her speech background to teach speech and debate to the high school students.
- Her husband, Ash, a CFO, brings to the students his finance experience.
- An honors math student from UNCW delivers a powerful ACT math prep class.
- A retired PhD offers biology expertise.
- A former Marine and bibliophile creates excitement in the reading of any classic piece of literature.
- Gina's mom even assists her class from time to time.



"We've been blessed by a diverse community who want to be involved in the sparking of imagination, academia, and creativity in these young people," Good shared.

The full curriculum of home school classes includes science, writing, literature, history, debate and government, finance, and ACT prep for the high school; and history, science, writing, grammar, and spelling for the middle school.

Honours Guild students often are exposed to unique opportunities. In one of the high school classes, Ash was reviewing the assigned Stock Market Challenge where the students were to invest in at least five stocks, using the hypothetical \$100,000 each was given.

The exercise was to teach them about the Index, how to identify the list of stock symbols, and dollar-cost averaging; and to determine the student who "made the most money" at the end of the semester.

In middle school, the day meant exploring Russia in the Middle Ages, creating Russian art, and preparing the group for the forthcoming Environmental competition. All of this was after the writing and grammar lessons and singing of hundreds of memory songs (most of which Good created over the past decade of homeschooling) in the areas of science, English,

timeline, history, Latin, and math.

After the launching of these subjects each week while at the Guild, students complete assignments at home and bring them back together for discussion at the Guild with their fellow Guilders and instructors.

Every homeschooling family is unique; the majority of the Guild families appreciate a classical style of learning, which values a Socratic discussion among peers weekly.

The use of the once-vacant upstairs rooms at Little Chapel now provides that group with the opportunity to discuss the great conversations.



High School students in Biology class



Middle School students learning grammar

Last month, the students participated in the Regional Science Olympiad.

They competed and won medals in six events including astronomy, engineering, aircraft design, geographical mapping, ornithology, and earth science. This year, they added debate to their plates and even competed in a National Speech and Debate Association competition and came away with a win in a debate!



Honours Guild students enjoy the opportunity to attend Cape Fear Community College as high school juniors who wish to receive credit toward college work. They can earn enough college credits to enter college after their high school graduation with an Associate's Degree, saving parents

thousands of dollars in college tuition. Also, the home schoolers can still participate in sports by being members of the Southeastern Homeschool Cardinals Sports Association.

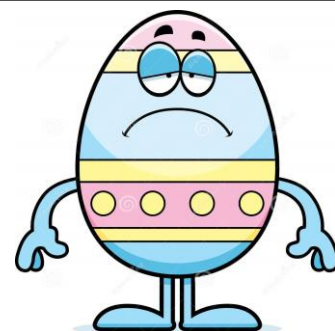
Many are curious about testing for homeschoolers.

North Carolina homeschoolers maintain their own attendance and academic records and are tested annually just like any public-school student. Records are kept by the NC Department of Non-Public Education.

In our state, there are more homeschool students than private school students, showing that homeschooling is on the rise.

"With the recent outbreak of Covid-19, our Honours Guild students and families hope to be resources to those who suddenly find themselves homeschooled all over the nation," Good added when questioned how the coronavirus would affect the school year.

"Nothing has changed academically for our homeschooled children except that our beloved Honours Guild will meet online until it is deemed safe to return to LCOB. We are grateful beyond words to LCOB for this opportunity."



Unfortunately....the filling of eggs and the Easter egg hunt must be cancelled due to the times we are living in right now.



The Church Women United Spring Forum scheduled for Friday, April 3 at Wesley Memorial United Methodist Church has been cancelled due to the coronavirus pandemic.

The Church Women United May Friendship Day meeting and luncheon has also been cancelled.

Migrant worker health kits will be prepared in May. Details will be provided in the May newsletter.

For further information,
contact Jean Northrop, 686-5376

from *Jesus Calling* ...

“This is a time in your life when you must learn to let go: of loved ones, of possessions, of control. In order to let go of something precious to you, you need to rest in My Presence, where you are complete. You can feel secure, even in the midst of cataclysmic changes, through awareness of My continued Presence.

Herein lies your security, which no one and no circumstances can take from you.”

I found this very meaningful in the midst of the present circumstances; I hope you will too.

Blessings,
Linda Shahaltough

Meals on Wheels

has been suspended until the end of April.

Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday worship services in the church sanctuary have been cancelled. Worship on April 5 and April 12 will be conducted via video which can be accessed either through the Little Chapel facebook page or website:

www.littlechapel.org

On March 1, as a PKC event, the children made blankets for sick children at NHRMC Betty H. Cameron Hospital.



Property Committee



We commit to being generous stewards of our gifts – time, talents, resources and, indeed our lives.

The Property Committee team moving forward will contribute every month to our Newsletter under our new emblem or banner above. This will allow us to consistently keep our congregation as up to date as possible. During this time, we are all being challenged to “maintain our distance” – but we all need to go above and beyond to find other channels to communicate in order to stay connected.

We have our Pastor and other committees and groups that take care of the spiritual side of our church, especially during this trying time. The Property Committee’s responsibility is to take care of the physical house of God in order to provide for a safe and secure place to assemble.

So, let’s start out by reminding everyone what the general mission statement and responsibilities are for your Property Committee:

We commit to being generous stewards of our gifts – time, talents, resources and, indeed our lives. The Property Committee is charged with managing the building, grounds, and physical assets of the church’s property. Many generous and dedicated members and work parties willingly work hard to keep the church facilities and landscapes in good repair and appearance.

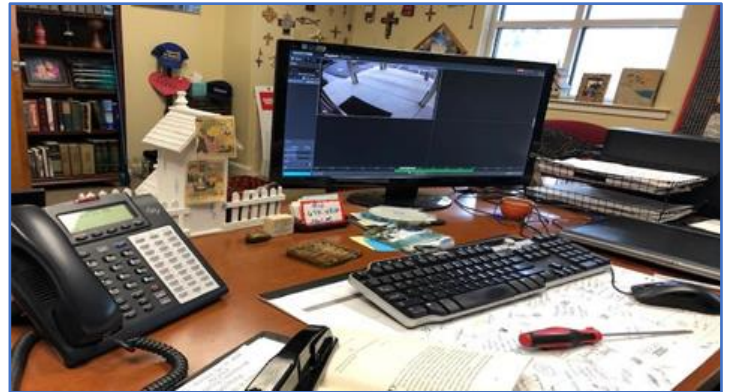
The following are some of the key results since the last newsletter & committee activities:

❖ Key Results

- Finished critical need to replace our old phone message system that will now enable Pastor Pat to once again *broadcast a personalized message* to everyone with a phone.

Pat now has his office set up to monitor the outside front entrance camera, the DialMyCalls website on his computer - while at the same time answering the phone. ☺

Thanks to Pastor Pat, Hugh Armstrong, and Delores Dyer for all their efforts!



- **Front Entrance Camera**, workstation access, and phone app installed, 21-inch monitor in office. Tri-County Alarm Systems put in two days of hard work to run all the wiring and also to load the workstation software and the app install on the phones.

Once again, our Property Committee member responsible for technology support will provide the on-going installations and training for the computer and phone installs.

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- **Manse** major renovations – inside with repairs and out with painting, for example.
- **Guide One** (our primary/base insurance carrier) funded EPI, a professional window evaluation company, to inspect ALL of our windows at our 3 buildings to determine what if anything can be financially compensated based upon past storm damage. They have also agreed to provide us with the detail evaluation / inspection report in 4 -6 weeks. This team of two, over 2 days, was outstanding!



(Property Committee continued)

- **Wrightsville Beach Fire Department new key boxes, which allows for quick access to the Church, Matthew House, & Manse IF the Little Chapel contacts are delayed**
- **Spring major Landscape maintenance around the Church & front of Matthew House**



- **WOW - our Choir Railing installed! A lot of work, as this was built from scratch!**



- **Beach Trailer appearance in a movie and the resulting maintenance and wider – beach-required tire upgrades (donated).**



❖ **New Business – Committee Updates and Review**

- **Operational Controls Sub-Committee,**
- **Gary Gischel, lead**

Team includes John Moore, Jim Legg & Jim Herren – focus on a discussion addressing three areas:

- ***Parking Lot - Rules and Regulations***
- **This primarily had to do with safety & support – especially related to Holidays**
- ***Storm Plan for “Named Storms”¹ Guidelines***

¹ A Named Storm or Named Windstorm is a storm designated by the US National Weather Service and/or the US National Hurricane Center and where a number or name has been applied.

- **This was a discussion of changes to the scope and process – volunteers were assigned.**

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WHATEVER YOU DO, DO IT ALL FOR THE GLORY OF GOD

- **Roof Access – New Policy**
- Identifies contractors who now have Certificates of Insurance (COI) who can access our roof and who from our Property Committee can access the roof, **ONLY** if they are accompanied by another individual - for safety reasons.

➤ **Planning, Safety & Security & Technology Support, Sub-Committee**

Barry Lindholm and Hugh Armstrong have been working on getting our technology and systems upgraded and documented. We are so fortunate to have Hugh as he has really jumped in to take on many of the projects that in the past have required us to rely on outside contractors, which generally are not cheap. In many cases, our Office Administrator, Delores Dyer, had to decipher where to go to get the technical support from either inside or outside of our membership.

Highlighted below are some of the areas that we have undertaken to address:

- Microsoft Soft Upgrades for all of the staff's workstations; Pastor Pat's much needed new laptop - setup and support; Camera access support; Telephone evaluation to determine cost savings; overall system performance & security enhancements; and more recently, assistance and planning to support our new remote access challenges.

➤ **Spring House Cleaning- LIBRARY
FIRST PRIORITY**

- (See write-up in next column)

Well that once again concludes this month's Property Committee update and some of the resources from both inside and outside of our team that "make things happen" 😊

We'll talk again next month – Be Safe!

Submitted and authored by Barry Lindholm

**THOSE WHO WALK WITH GOD
ALWAYS REACH THEIR DESTINATION**



Spring House Cleaning

FIRST PRIORITY – LIBRARY

Pastor Pat led a small group - Janice Allen, Betty and Gary Gischel - to update our library with the goal of providing current reading and reference materials for adults and children.

(see above 'before' picture)

To see the 'after,' you'll have to visit the library to see for yourself when LCOB reopens!

While the project is virtually complete, we have been able to provide hundreds of outdated books and reference items to organizations like the NE NHC Library, Sister Isaac Center, and Salvation Army for reuse. A blessing and outreach!

We would request members that have biblical or other library books and materials they wish to donate to contact charitable organizations of your choice rather than drop them off at the church.

This will eliminate duplication and prevent disorganization. The exception to this would be any historical documents or reference materials specific to LCOB which Pastor Pat could review.

Other efforts spearheaded by Angela McConnell and Hugh Armstrong are also underway in cleaning up storage rooms where outdated materials can create fire hazards.

APRIL's USHERS and LITURGISTS

(Worship in the sanctuary has been cancelled through April 12. The names of the ushers and liturgists which follow are provided only IF we are able to gather again at Little Chapel as a church family the Sunday following Easter.)

Ushers

Liturgists

April 19

Becky Smith
Brenda Parker
Jennifer Barnes
Sherri Alexander

Mary Jo Kohunsky

April 26

Becky Smith
Jennifer Barnes
Linda Johnson
George Johnson

Janice Allen

Do You Remember ...

'Is it Live, or is it Memorex?'



Lori Holcomb took this photo several years ago for Art in Worship at Little Chapel. It depicts Mary washing Jesus' feet.

She explains, "Actually, these are my son's feet and my daughter's hands. There's an ancient perfume bottle that my antique dealer brother gave me. I worked the photo in adobe photoshop to look like a painting."

In Loving Memory

Mary Wilson

Mr. & Mrs. Brett Blizzard

Mrs. Katherine Karp

Dickie Gardner

Ms. Katherine Karp

Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Solley

Mr. & Mrs. John Cowand

Mr. & Mrs. Brett Blizzard

Anne Tucker

Presbyterian Women, Circle #2

Silvey Robinson

Ms. Lovins Nichols

Mr. William Bass

Ms. Elaine Feldmesser

The Angel Family Foundation

Helen McCarl

Mr. Roger Carlton Wilson

Vezina Family

Mr. & Mrs. Harold Payne

David Heinzman, Sr.

Mr. & Mrs. Brett Blizzard

HONORARIUMS

Mr. William Bass

Ms. Joan Robinson



APRIL 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>At the time the newsletter was published, only the events/times shown on this calendar were scheduled.</p> <p>However, due to the coronavirus outbreak; activities, events, and rehearsals are at risk of cancellation. Before leaving home, check first with the church office (256-2819)</p> <p>Officer of the month: Bill Miller; Food of the month: Canned Fruit</p>						
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
<p>Easter</p> <p>Church Office</p> <p>Closed</p>						
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
8:30 Early Worship 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship 11:45 Property #102 5:30 PYC	9:00 1 st Pres – Upstairs 10:00 Chair Yoga 7:00 Boy Scouts 7:00 Session	9:00 1 st Pres – Upstairs 9:30 Prayer & Share 6:30 Handbells BULLETIN DEADLINE	9:00 1 st Pres – Upstairs 9 Home School 10 Chair Yoga 7 Bible Study	9:00 1 st Pres – Upstairs 7 Choir	9:00 1 st Pres – Upstairs	
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DID YOU KNOW THE VERNAL EQUINOX WAS MARCH 19?

(HINT: THE FIRST DAY OF SPRING)

The coronavirus pandemic has without much warning become the unwanted, uninvited, virtual center of the universe for most people. It's the topic of most conversations – keeping our distance of course. It's taken over most of what's on television, in newspaper and magazines, on the web, and in all social media. It's hard to escape – even for a minute – all the up-to-the-minute Covid-19 News, Specials, In-depth updates, even White House briefings. Cancellations have become the rule rather than the exception with churches and schools closed, businesses and restaurants shuttered; March madness and all professional sports suspended – even the 2020 Summer Olympics have been postponed.

So, the question is, “Did you know in the midst of all this disruption and upheaval in our lives, the first day of Spring – or the vernal equinox - was March 19?” (The term equinox comes from the Latin word "equinoxium," meaning "equality between day and night." And vernal also comes from Latin and means spring.) This year is the earliest arrival of the spring equinox in 124 years!

Lori Holcomb sent some reminders of what spring brings us in her photographs below.



Thanks, Lori, for reminding us that even when some of us wring our hands and turn into Chicken Littles, we just need to remember that God is always there, always with us, and He goes about doing his handiwork changing the seasons for us. Spring is there – everywhere - right before our eyes if we only pause to look, to appreciate, to thank Him. Quoting Bernard Williams:

“THE DAY THE LORD CREATED HOPE WAS PROBABLY THE SAME DAY HE CREATED SPRING.”



The Hope

Of Spring



***The dry seasons in life
do not last.***

The spring rains will come again.

~ Sarah Ban Breathnach



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Early worship service (May – September) 8 am @ Access #4
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Sunday School – 9:15 am / Traditional worship service in the sanctuary - 10:30 am -

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