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MAY 2021

The Little Chapel with the Big Heart

Dear Little Chapel on the Boardwalk family,

Beginning on May 2, the Presbyterian Church USA has designated the week as Older Adult emphasis week in the life of the church.

It is a week that our denomination sets aside to give thanks for those "older" people in our congregations who have helped us get where we are today and to stress the importance of just how much the church needs to have those who are "getting up in years" to continue to offer their leadership and services to the church.



Without the elderly, the Presbyterian church would be in trouble as the median age of those in our denomination is 59.

And as I am officially one of those "older" persons, let me suggest you sit back...relax and enjoy a little humor from George Carlin about aging.

You might have read this before, but hope even if this is the second, third, or even fourth time you have read it, that it might bring a little smile to your face; for in this day and age we could all use a smile.

Do you realize that the only time in our lives when we like to get old is

when we're kids?

If you're less than 10 years old, you're so excited about aging that you think in fractions. "How old are you?"

"I'm four and a half!"

You're never thirty-six and a half. You're four and a half, going on five! That's the key.

You get into your teens, now they can't hold you back. You jump to the next number, or even a few ahead. "How old are you?"

"I'm gonna be 16!"

And then comes the greatest day of your life...you become 21. Even the words sound like a ceremony...YOU BECOME 21. Yes!!!

But then you turn 30. Ooooh, what happened there? Makes you sound like bad milk. He TURNED, we have to throw him out. There's no fun now, you're just sourdumpling.

What's wrong? What's changed? You BECOME 21, you TURN 30, then you're PUSHING 40. Whoa! Put on the brakes, it's all slipping away. Before you know it, you REACH 50...and your dreams are gone.

But wait!!! You MAKE it to 60. You didn't think you would! So, you BECOME 21, TURN 30, PUSH 40, REACH 50 and MAKE it to 60! You've built up so much speed that you HIT 70!

After that it's a day-by-day thing. You get into your 80's and every day is a complete cycle and it

doesn't end there.

Into the 90's you start going backwards; "I was JUST 92." Then a strange thing happens. If you make it over 100 you become a little child again, "I'm 100 and a half!"

May each of you make it to a very healthy 100 and a half!

See you Sunday,

Pastor Pat

MAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

For the month of May, we will continue with two worship services. Our indoor service will be at 9 am. and our outdoor service at 11 am in our parking lot. You NO LONGER have to make a reservation for the indoor service, but you will be asked to sign in when you arrive so we know who to contact if the need for social tracing arises. You will still be asked to wear a mask inside during the service. Also worship remember that our 9 am service is "LIVE STREAMED" if you want to participate in the service from the comfort of your own home.

Our 11 am outdoor service will continue to be on radio station 105.9 FM for those who want to listen to the service from their car while in the church parking lot.

April

SESSION MEETING

HIGHLIGHTS

By Mary Jo Kohunsky

Your Session met on Monday, April 19, at 6 pm in the Sanctuary.

The Presbytery Commission on Ministry for the East Community is working with us to enable a Pastor Nominating Committee to be formed. As soon as we get the formal ok, we will update the congregation.

At last, the Claude Howell paintings have returned to their rightful place in the narthex. You may see them in person if you worship indoors at 9 am on Sundays. The area where the paintings hang had been thoroughly cleaned and a new ventilation system has been installed to prevent further damage.

The Christian Education Committee is reorganizing the leadership roles for our younger members. The position of Director of Children's Ministry has been eliminated, and the new position will enable one person to lead both children and youth. We thank Angela McConnell for all of her work for our children, and wish her well in future endeavors.

Mark your calendars! Back by popular demand, Vacation Bible School will be offered this year, from June 21-25. You may volunteer to help with this exciting event in the life of Little Chapel by calling the church office, or contacting Christine Kennedy or Sarah McLaughlin, Co-Moderators of the Christian Education Committee. More information for volunteers and families will be announced soon.

The Sunday evening Youth group meets from 5:30 – 7:30 in the Fellowship hall, with social distancing and other COVID protocols. Christine Kennedy and Sarah McLaughlin report that the group is enthusiastic and dedicated. New members are welcome any Sunday, but you must contact the leaders to assure a place in the meeting.

Donations during March were less than expected, but the average for the year is still good. Please continue to remember that the Little Chapel

continues its work even when we are not all indoors on a regular basis.

If the Town of Wrightsville Beach gives its approval, the Mission Committee plans to accept donations for those who wish to park in our lot on Memorial Day weekend (May 29, 30, and 31), and volunteer information (including COVID protocols) will be available soon.

The Crossnore School children will be returning to Matthew House in June, after COVID protocols prevented guests from staying there last year. The teachers and students are all excited and are looking forward to spending time at the beach again.

The Great LCOB Squirrel Hunt continues! Have you seen him? We would love to find a new home for our uninvited guests. A member of the congregation who works in this field has examined possible entry points, but has not discovered the secret entrance. For now, we will use humane traps to enable him to raise his family in another place. This has to be done soon to prevent damage to the musical instruments and speaker system.

For those of you who would like to worship in the Sanctuary at 9 am, but have concerns about the reservation system, worry no more. For the next two months, reservations are NO LONGER REQUIRED. Just wear a mask, sit in places where bulletins are on the pews, and sign your name on a list in the narthex for contract tracing (that list is required by the government and by the Presbytery). No reservations are ever needed for parking lot services.

May 2 will be Communion Sunday for the month of May, and communion will be offered at both services that day. Future Communion dates will be June 6, July 4, and August 1. Join us for this special commemoration of the Sacrament that we may share together.

The next regular meeting of the Session will be on Monday, May 17.



NourishNC's vision is to be anywhere and everywhere hungry kids need us.

Nourish NC needs the following food items:

- 16 to 24 oz. boxes of cereal
- Canned pasta sauce (no glass jars)
- Hearty soups and stews

A basket has been placed on the bottom shelf of the kiosk in the narthex for collection.

Thank you,
Mission Committee.



Thanks to all who participated in the "One Great Hour of Sharing" and the "Good Shepherd" offering.

The amount collected in April for this ministry was \$1,336. One half of the money will be given to Good Shepherd ministries of Wilmington and the other half to OGHS.

Our Mother's Day offering that will be collected on May 9th, will support "Children's Hope Alliance and Elderhaus." By Supporting CHA, Little Chapel is giving hope to our children and their families in NC. CHA is the combination of Barium Springs and Grandfather Home for Children joining forces to serve children and their families, by creating hope now and in the future. CHA also provides different services in 61 NC counties.

The mission of Elderhaus of Wilmington is to promote and sustain the independence of seniors to remain in the community. Our collection will be equally divided between CHA and Elderhaus.

Thank you for supporting the young and elderly in our community.



VBS dates are June 21-25

There will be a sign-up system on the website when we get closer to the date.

PYC April 18

a fun game night before devotions!





Worship Committee

By Helen Swartz

The session voted to suspend sign-ups for the 9 am worship service indoors. You can attend the service without making a reservation; however, you will be asked to sign in at the door so we can do adequate contact tracing if necessary. You are still asked to sit only where there is a bulletin and continue wearing your mask while indoors.

There is a need for 3 Elders to serve communion May 2, at the outdoor service at 11 am. Ushers are needed for the indoor services to supervise the designated seating. No offering will be taken in the traditional manner.

Beginning in June, the beach service will be held at beach access #4 at 8 am; and the indoor services will begin at 10:30 am. Reservations are not required for the indoor service until further notice.

There is a need for the sanctuary flowers to be used after worship service. The flowers are placed in the refrigerator in the flower room after Sunday worship services. Anyone who would like to prepare a bouquet from the large arrangement to share with the sick shut-ins, nursing homes and assisted living facilities, please feel free to do so. There are vases and cards in the cabinets. This is a great way to use the flowers, keep in touch, and remember them.

From Pastor Pat -

I was honored a couple of weeks ago to lead the Celebration of Life service for Sylvia Solley. Marcia and I had the privilege of having Tom stay with us for the few days he was in town.

We had many wonderful conversations. After he left, Marcia found this note on the pillow that I want to share with you...

Joy came through in this most difficult, saddest time of my life. I feel sure it was orchestrated by God and carried out by all of those present and all of those not present but remembered yesterday.

I hesitate to name names because that indicates a ranking of importance and Sylvia taught me that all of God's people are important and we should hold hands together in a circle of faith that is joined together by love with the understanding that we all love one another as God loves us.

From the "Little Green Book of Comfort" God loves us...and understands. He hears us...when we lift our heads and call His name.

Humble yourself therefore under the mighty hand of God...Casting all your cares upon him; for he careth for you. (I Peter 5:6,7)

Thank you, my Little Chapel family,

Tom

BEACH SERVICE TO BEGIN IN JUNE



On Sunday, June 6th we will begin what has become an annual event in the life of the Little Chapel and that is worshipping on the beach during the summer. On that day we will be gathering access #4 at 8 am for worship. We will worship there (weather permitting) for the months of June, July and August. The service will last 30 minutes.

HELP IS NEEDED FOR THE BEACH SERVICE...

We need to have people who are willing to set up the equipment and folks who can pull the trailer out onto the beach. The trailer contains the sound equipment, including the keyboard and other items necessary for the service.

Your vehicle will need to be able to tow a small trailer out onto the beach. There is a sign-up sheet on the kiosk in the narthex for those who can help. Sign up today!

MEMO FOR MISSION

By Marti Shogi

Greetings from the Mission Committee!

We recently visited Habitat for Humanity's Restores, which they have remodeled. They can sell the following which you should deliver directly to the Restores, not to the church:

- Small working appliances.
- Housewares such as glasses, dishes, but no linens (sheets/towels).
- Extraneous small tools, hardware.
- Kids toys, high chairs, pack-andplay
- Small furniture, such as end tables, dressers, shelves, lamps.

Visit and donate to the Restores on 3rd Street and north Market.

The Sister Isaac Center is partially operating. They have specific requests which can be brought to the bench at church:

- Diapers, mostly the larger sizes.
- Children's clothes.
- Housewares, such as dishes, pots/pans/skillets, glassware.
- Towels, sheets (please mark size), blankets.

They are not taking <u>any</u> furniture. The director said they are now in the middle of finally making repairs from Hurricane Florence, so they don't think they will be up and running until fall. They are busy helping their clients, filling their specific needs/requests by appointment only. This was good to hear.

The Parking Lot Donations will take place on the following weekends: Memorial Day, July 4th and Labor Day. We will have shifts working the 3-day weekends: Saturday full day, Sunday after church and Monday.

Please contact Beckey Smith or Marti Shogi to volunteer for the parking lot teams.

Don't forget to bring your loose change to Feed the Pig in the Narthex!



VBS is back! We are so excited to be welcoming children to LCOTB this summer for Vacation Bible School, but we need your help!

We will need volunteers to check kids in, chaperone small groups, help with snacks, and do arts and crafts and music!

VBS will be held June 21-25 from 9 am to noon.

Please contact Christine Kennedy or Sarah McLaughlin by phone call/text or email. We can't wait to hear from you!

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Sarah: sarahmclaughlin98@gmail.com 910-465-1790



Claude Howell's triptych returns to the narthex

The triptych in our narthex is a painting made up of three sections. Such constructions are usually made of two 'wings' or 'shutters' attached to either side of a central panel. The paintings were removed recently to be cleaned and restored. The narthex was cleaned as well during this time.





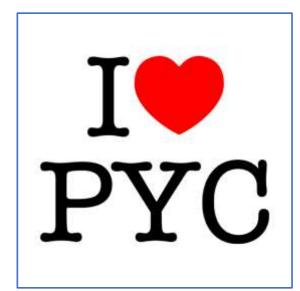












By Christine Kennedy

Just before Easter, we had a contest to see which team could stuff the most eggs in 30 minutes. Ragan and her 2 brothers won with just under 500 eggs stuffed!

By the time we all finished, we had stuffed over 1400 eggs for the Egg Hunt.

We've been talking about stress and about respect. It was so wonderful to have the youth back together.

And we have started planning for our trip to the Montreat 2021 Youth Conference.



Sarah McLaughlin, Susan Laakmann, and I are all going to chaperone as well as cook for the group. The dates we have signed up for is July 18-24.

We are also starting our study of "If: Trading Your If Only Regrets for God's What If Possibilities."



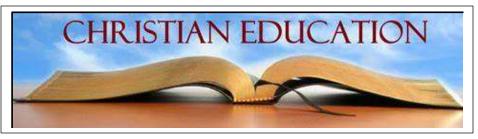




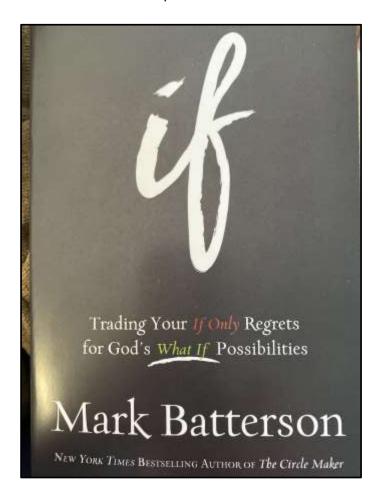
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- 3 Maggie North
- 3 Janice Willetts
- 4 Jane Baldwin
- 4 Dean Cobble
- 6 Heather Schild
- 6 Nan Spainhour
- 10 Sherman Criner
- 11 Andrew Almy
- 12 Alison Clark
- 12 Benjamin Elijah Register
- 13 Delwood Herren
- 13 Barry Lindholm
- 14 Tommy Bancroft
- 15 Brian Ennis
- 15 Patsy Nelson
- 16 Larry Daniel
- 18 Emma Ennis
- 18 Ethan Ennis
- 19 Lisa Jordan
- 19 Christine McKirachan
- 21 Charles Holden
- 21 Mary Roche
- 21 Kristin Skiba
- 24 Robert Andrew
- 25 Marley Hall
- 25 Maggie Smith
- 26 Fave Hall
- 27 Mike Leach
- 27 Marti Shogi
- 28 Nicholas Herren
- 30 Robert McCarl
- 30 Emma McLaughlin
- 30 Doug Vass



We did chapters 1-2 of the book "If, Trading your if only regrets for God's What if possibilities."



For a fun start they broke off into teams - We started with which team could unwrap the most Hershey's kisses while wearing oven mitts in 3 minutes!

And then we competed to see who could get an Oreo from their forehead to their mouth without using their hands!

It was a lot of laughs

-Christine

(The number drawn on 3 pictures are the number of kisses unwrapped in 3 minutes wearing oven mitts by each group.)

IF ... That tiny two-letter word is the hinge on the door of possibilities. Some of us are stuck in if only, living lives marked by regret. But God can turn your if only regrets into a what if attitude, a faith that looks forward to the future with holy confidence.











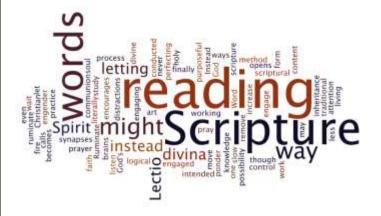




SPIRITUAL READING

By Dr. Christa Metzger

Your SPIRITUAL PRACTICE for this month is to take time – daily, when possible – to read a selection from the Bible or a spiritual book. Many of you probably already have this as a daily habit. This would include your Daily Devotional reading, a selection from your favorite spiritual writer, or a spiritual classic. The most important one to practice is, of course, the Bible. It is God's message told through human words. It has the power to transform our lives.



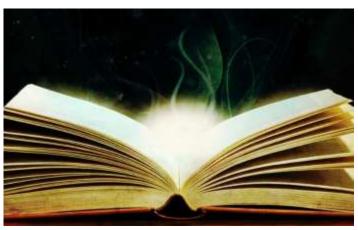
As you already know, there are many ways to read the Bible or any sacred scripture. In Pastor Pat's Wednesday evening Bible Study B.C. (Before Covid), our goal was to analyze and interpret events and teachings of the Bible, to learn about its meaning and historical significance; it was more of a scholarly study to gain knowledge.

Our goal for reading as a spiritual practice is to read under the guidance of the Holy Spirit in order to learn how to apply God's message in our lives. This requires a different kind of reading - a contemplative, reflective, repetitive kind of reading, asking yourself "What does this mean for my spiritual life?"

There is a method for reading the scriptures in this way that has long been used as a spiritual growth practice. Some of you may already know about and

practice it. The goal of this kind of reading of scripture is for insight, personal involvement, relatedness – involving the heart more than our intellect. You enter into the scripture and experience it from within. It is an ancient monastic practice called *lectio divina*. Lectio is Latin for reading, Divina is Latin for divine.

You may practice *lectio divina* with your favorite scripture passage, a story from the gospels, or a psalm. This process may also be applied to a passage from another sacred text, a spiritual poem or prayer, or other spiritual reading.



I hope this process will be helpful to you as it has been to me - your fellow pilgrim on this journey. I would welcome your questions or comments.

Feel free to contact me if you wish christame @twc.com



You can see Christa's DRAGONFLY though May 31

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SELECT A PASSAGE OF SCRIPTURE or other sacred text - begin with a prayer

Lectio Divina has five (sometimes only the first four are used) parts*

1. Lectio - read under the eye of God. Read slowly and reflectively

With the first reading, *listen* with your heart's ear for a phrase or word that stands out for you. What part evokes an inner response?

2. Meditatio - read until your heart is touched

During the second reading, reflect on what touches you, meditate on it, repeat it and allow it to nourish you. You may write it in a journal.

3. Oratio - respond in prayer with words or feelings

Respond with a prayer or expression of what you have experienced and what it calls you to. What is your inner response?

4. Contemplatio - silent contemplation

Rest in silence and let that word or phrase be with you. Let go of thoughts, words, images and just rest in God. A period of 5-20 minutes is recommended.

5. Operatio - becoming what you have read

Take a few moments to think about how you might take this phrase into your daily life; use it as a prayer word or sentence as you go about your activities.

*Compiled by C Metzger





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SHOWERS
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Telling the History of LCOB Buildings Through Paintings

By Janice Allen

The Little Chapel On The Boardwalk was begun as a joint effort by First Presbyterian and St. James Episcopal as a summer chapel. The watercolor of the original Little Chapel circa 1910 was done by Katy Rivers. It was on loan to the LCOB and after Katy's death the family gave the painting to the church.



The building was described as a one room clapboard sanctuary with a small porch on the front and a cupola on the roof. This painting does not show the cupola but in talking to some of our members I did verify that it had a cupola.

On the front porch was a table with a bell on it. The bell was too heavy to go in the cupola. This building was located about where St. Terese is today which at the time was in the middle of the island. At that time Wrightsville Beach and Shell Island were two different islands. It was hurricane Hazel that pushed the sand in and connected the islands.

During the war years they had trouble getting ministers so St. James gave First Presbyterian sole responsibility since St. James already had St. Andrews on the Sound so close by. Year-round church was started in 1942.

Some fun tidbits about this building are: Doug Vass lived next door and attended church in that building; Robert McCarl and Charlotte Murchison are two people we know who played the piano there and Mac McIver preached there one summer when he was attending Union Theological Seminary.

Little Chapel Moves to Oxford Street! The painting of the 1951 building on Oxford Street was done by Kat Rogers. You might know her children Scottie Anderson and Tommy Rogers.

Because The Little Chapel had outgrown the building they were in, plans were made to move to Oxford Street in 1949.



The building was begun in February 1951 and was completed in August 1951. The entrance was on Oxford Street thus the Oxford Street address until just a few years ago.

This contemporary church with its crabapple stone designed by Charles Boney caused "quite a stir." It was the first contemporary church design in eastern North Carolina.

Charles Boney had just graduated from NC State. Even though he received several awards for it there was still a lot of comment. The church was formerly organized as a *Presbyterian* Church on December 7, 1952.

The third watercolor was also painted by Kat Rogers. The church grew so much that in 1955 the building was extended to Lumina Avenue.

Three large classrooms, a lovely kitchen and connecting large room used for family suppers and other socials were added. This large room could be divided into three rooms.

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The fourth watercolor done by Kay Marshburn reflects the 1984-85 expansion which was dedicated on January 20, 1985.



In this expansion the entrance was moved to the Fayetteville Street side of the church. This expansion included adding the two wings to the sanctuary and expanding the chancel area.

Also, the fellowship hall which could accommodate a half-court basketball court plus several other areas were done in this expansion. With this expansion the entrance was right into the sanctuary-no narthex.

The last renovation as shown in the fifth painting also by Kay Marshburn is the church as you see it today.

This renovation was done in three phases from 1995-1998. Just as the project was to begin two hurricanes hit Wrightsville Beach in 1995. With this expansion the narthex was added plus the administrative offices and the second floor. The

lights in the narthex were originally in the sanctuary. The large overhead light was custom designed using some of the old lights. This final and most extensive phase of the building program was completed in 1998.



These paintings are a beautiful way to tell the history of the buildings and the growth and expansion of our church. The artists were Little Chapel members. Now you may look at these beautiful watercolors differently knowing the story they tell.

Information from:

Sessional Records

Interviews with Members

History of Little Chapel





Did You Know? Little Chapel's wooden boardwalk was replaced a few years ago with a safer, more permanent walkway.

Memorials



STEVE MINOR

Mr. & Mrs. Larry Honeycutt

Mr. Bryan McIntyre

JIM BOLICK

Mr. & Mrs. Gary Kohunsky
Mr. John Moore
Mr. & Mrs. Larry Honeycutt
Mr. & Mrs. Brian Ennis
Mr. Bryan McIntyre
Mrs. Katherine Karp
SYLVIA SOLLEY

Mr. & Mrs. Larry Honeycutt
Mr. & Mrs. James Rivenbark
Mrs. Katherine Karp
Ms. Barbara Tyndall

Mr. & Mrs. Cameron Dudley

<u>JUDY WESOLOSKI</u>

Mr. & Mrs. Gary Kohunsky
Mr. Michael Abernathy
Mr. & Mrs. Edmond Diver
Mr. & Mrs. Myron Swenson
Mr. & Mrs. Birch McMurry
MARY McCARL WILSON
Mr. Roger Carlton Wilson

Mr. & Mrs. Patrick Bristow
Mr. & Mrs. Larry Honeycutt

DAVID JENKINS

CONGRATULATONS! to Ethan Ennis on recent achievements in Scouting. On Saturday, April 17, Ethan participated in Pack 747's Pinewood Derby in Leland. Ethan's car placed 2nd in his den and also came in 2nd overall in the pack. On Sunday, April 18, Ethan received the Cub Scout Arrow of Light award and crossed over to Boy Scouts. He will now be working his way toward Eagle Scout.





Ev'ry Morning is Easter Morning

The lyrics are familiar to most of us, but chances are not everyone was awake, up, and on the beach Easter Sunday morning for the sunrise service. While we understand Pastor Pat's fingers are still thawing, these Easter Sunday pictures (courtesy of Christa Metzger) should warm our hearts & souls.









MAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

9 am - Indoors

(reservations <u>no longer</u> required)

Live streamed at 9 am on YouTube

(search: Little Chapel on the Boardwalk)

11 am - Outdoors

Little Chapel Parking Lot

JUNE WORSHIP SCHEDULE

8 am - Beach Service - Access #4

10:30 am - Indoors

(reservations <u>not</u> required)

Live streamed at 10:30 am on YouTube

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MAY SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES – 9 AM Indoors; 11 am (Outdoors/Parking Lot – weather permitting)

For outdoor services, bring your mask, lawn chair & practice social distancing. Livestream & recorded video of indoor services on Little Chapel on the Boardwalk's YouTube channel.

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