



August 2020

The Little Chapel with the Big Heart

Hallelujah Anyway!

Dear Little Chapel on the Boardwalk family,



As we enter the month of August, 2020, it certainly is a summer none of us ever thought we would experience.

We are moving through the summer months and not using our parking lot as a way to generate funding for our various mission projects. We have missed a week of fun and noise that normally accompanies Vacation Bible School.

We are not able to gather on the beach at 8 am on Sunday mornings for worship; and it has been more than 4 months since we have been able to have worship services in our sanctuary.

At the July Session meeting, it was decided that we will remain out of the sanctuary until the end of September.

Strange times might lead to depressing times if we were not followers of the living Christ. We have reason to be grateful (though life at the moment is full of inconveniences) because we have life.

Deep in the heart of gratitude is a nugget of tremendous faith. For the truly grateful person is one who is walking the walk of faith, no matter what life "throws at them."

They are the persons who believe that their prosperity, peace, and goodness come from forces and sources outside themselves. Thanksgiving and trust are Siamese twins.

It's amazing how someone with no belief in God assumes that it was luck or their own cleverness that caused them to get where they are.

In contrast, the one who believes in God, thanks God when the blessings come, and will also find a way to thank God when the blessing don't come.

I was visiting a pastor in his office one day when I noticed that on his book shelf he had a rather large wooden sign made up of only two words:

Hallelujah Anyway!

"Robert," I asked, "What does that mean?" "Well," he said, "I believe God is blessing me always, and I must be thankful at all times."

It is amazing how this attitude works miracles. Instead of complaining when things go wrong (which in my opinion we all have the right to do at the moment), thank God anyway.

Believe that God will turn tragedy into a triumph. Once we begin to believe that God can turn a bad event into a blessing, we will begin to relax and not let things frustrate us as much.

When our attitude and our mood change, we will arise above the difficulty. That's the point where the miracle takes place! Our mountain suddenly turns into a miracle...

Be thankful anyway – and expect a miracle.

Blessings,

Pastor Pat

Dear God,

I may not have all I want, but I have all that I need. My life is not perfect, but my life is good.

Thank You.



July's Meeting HIGHLIGHTS

by Jean Schild, Clerk of Session

The session met for a stated meeting on Monday evening, July 20, 2020. The meeting was held in the sanctuary so that those in attendance could practice social distancing, with all in attendance wearing masks.

The focus of this meeting was future planning for church activities in light of the continuing coronavirus pandemic. Staff members Delores Dyer, Office Administrator, and David Heinzman, Director of Music, joined the session for this meeting.

Our current outdoor worship service on Sunday morning was evaluated and discussed. Problems associated with this service include intense heat and sunshine in the parking lot. After much discussion, it was decided that we will continue outdoor worship through September and change the time to 9:00 AM - 9:45 AM, beginning August 2. This change will help provide more shade for those in attendance and perhaps a cooler temperature by beginning the service thirty minutes earlier. Attendance at outdoor worship has been 60 - 70 persons. This service is filmed by Gary Kohunsky and posted online by 2:00 PM on Sunday afternoons.

It is our hope that indoor worship services can begin on October 4, 2020, which is World Communion Sunday. This plan is tentative and is dependent on Covid conditions at that time.

The Executive Board of the Mission Cabinet for the Presbytery of Coastal Carolina continues to make recommendations to sessions regarding safe practices for congregational gatherings, including worship and church meetings. Our session receives these guidelines and has been reviewing Presbytery recommendations as decisions are made for LCOB.

A Worship Task Force is being formed to plan for a return to indoor worship in our sanctuary. This group consists of Delores Dyer, David Heinzman, Janice Allen, Barry Lindholm, Jean Schild and Pat Rabun. All details concerning a return to worship in the sanctuary will be coordinated by this group.

Video recording of our worship services will continue each week, regardless of whether services are held

outdoors or inside. Anyone wishing to volunteer to help with this task is invited to contact Gary Kohunsky. New camera/video equipment in the sanctuary is also needed.

There will be no celebration of communion in August and a decision about September will be made at the August session meeting. Prepackaged communion kits have been ordered for our use, in view of Covid conditions.

Church committees are allowed to meet at the church, beginning September 1. Meetings must be held in the sanctuary to enable groups to socially distance, and masks are required. All meetings are to be scheduled through the church office by calling Delores Dyer. This is very important at this time so that we can avoid conflicts in scheduling.

The session approved a motion providing that no outside (non-church) groups be allowed to use our facilities through the end of 2020. This decision was made in order to provide appropriate sanitation and cleaning requirements, thus protecting our congregation, in view of the pandemic.

Our Property Committee has continued its work during the summer. Windows will be replaced that were damaged by Hurricane Florence. Discussion continues on appropriate maintenance for our Claude Howell artwork in the narthex. Technology upgrades continue on our computer system. Repairs to the church sign at the front parking lot entrance are continuing. Landscaping improvements continue, thanks to some members of the committee and their spouses.

The Property Committee presented Delores Dyer with a certificate of appreciation for all her help in the various property initiatives. Thanks, Delores!!

The Finance Committee reported that the pledged giving for the congregation has remained good. It is very important for our members to continue their pledges if possible, as most of our expenses continue in spite of the pandemic.

The Labor Day Parking Lot activity, coordinated by the Missions Committee, has been cancelled for this year, due to the pandemic.

The next stated session meeting will be held on Monday, August 17, 2020 in the sanctuary.

EVERY DAY MAY NOT BE GOOD
BUT THERE IS SOMETHING GOOD
IN EVERY DAY



As our church tries to plan for fall activities for this year, we are very conflicted because of the coronavirus pandemic. While we are anxious for activities to begin again, we are also aware that the virus is still very present in our community and we must proceed with caution and discernment.

The LCOB session has approved the resumption of church activities and committees, provided that groups meet in the sanctuary, in order to provide for social distancing, and masks are required.

With those prerequisites in mind, it is possible to resume our Thursday Morning Bible Study. My recommendation is that, if we continue in the fall, we complete our study which we began in winter 2020 -- Ray Vander Laan's A Clash of Kingdoms. We have four weeks remaining from our winter study and will benefit from some review, of course! So, we can easily fill our fall schedule by completing this study.

If our group decides to meet this fall, we will gather only in the sanctuary, to provide for social distancing. Masks will be required. And there will be no refreshments provided, with exception of perhaps bottled water and prepackaged cookies, etc. I recommended an abbreviated time, given the conditions.

The big question, of course, is whether this is a prudent course to follow at this point. If you are

a member of this group and have an opinion or comment, please email or call Jean Schild. We really need to hear from participants on their willingness to attend.

I feel that it is better to err on the side of caution...but surely want to meet the needs of our group, given we can take precautions to protect everyone. We all have different views on reopening our activities, and none of us can claim to have the ultimate knowledge about possible outcomes. But we all want to obey our God in His command to study and know His word, while protecting His sheep.

May God provide us with wisdom and discernment in this uneasy time!

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In Loving Memory

Charles North

Mr. & Mrs. Harriss Northrop

Nancy Herring

Mr. & Mrs. Harriss Northrop

Mary Wilson

Mr. Roger Carlton Wilson



- 2 Larry Honeycutt
- 8 Tristan Isaiah Register
- 9 Elaine Senten
- 10 James Skiba
- 11 Janet Paterson
- 11 Helen Swartz
- 12 Ellen Dudley
- 13 Rick Miller
- 14 Harriss Northrop
- 15 Pete Paterson
- 17 Joyce Bradley
- 17 Hunter Jordan
- 17 Lamon Spainhour
- 18 Susan Long
- 19 Bagley Reynolds
- 21 Carole Coble
- 22 Gerald (Gerry) Williamson
- 23 Dan Hammond
- 23 Sherry Lovette
- 23 Pamela Morine
- 24 Mark Clawson
- 24 Tom Kennedy
- 26 Josh Fairchild
- 27 Rosemary Almy
- 27 Curtis Dinko
- 27 George Johnson
- 27 Lydia Laboccetta
- 28 Hunt Allen
- 28 Dickson Bridger
- 28 Karen Brown
- 29 Rhonda Woodell
- 30 Ben Barnes
- 30 Rita Bolick



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

By Barry Lindholm

Well I guess that *change* is the new normal. Not only do we see it socially and politically – but how about the *change* in our weather! We've gone from a cooler and wet spring thru June that has now become a HOT and dry July leading into summer – whew.

I was beginning to get weary with all of the change and negative news – but as I was putting my midyear update together for my meeting with Pastor Pat this week, I was plowing thru the Property financials and it hit me that there are positives – you just may have to look a little harder.

The GOOD NEWS is that with limited activities in the church, and mostly plenty of rain - our power and water charges are down a little over \$ 3,200 as of the end of June! Hey, John Copeland, how do you like that!

So, *I* am going to try and change this property committee update and keep it about the positives and good news that's happened in the last month!

WINDOW REPLACEMENTS



As you know we've gone thru an intensive process to inspect and evaluate our 43 windows and 1 door that we MAY have received something from our Guide One insurance "policy adjuster."

The GOOD NEWS – we just received the \$ 11,283 check from Guide One which will cover these windows with no additional dollars from Little Chapel. WOW!

TECHNOLOGY TEAM



Well, you all know that Hugh Armstrong has been working both on-site and from home on our systems needs in the church over the last 4-5 months. He did some upgrades and basically completed his review and documentation of our systems and it was decided to bring in some help.

As mentioned previously, we have done a complete review of the capabilities of Computer Warriors. The GOOD NEWS is we are now engaging them to complete all the PC Windows 10 upgrades, our server, the A/V room, and eventually look at some transition changes to ONE internet and phone service provider.

Some of the software updates go back to 2009! The bottom line is we have no choice as our software versions have expired – unfortunately it is now time to pay the piper, so to speak.

From our side this has really been a team effort from Hugh to Delores to Pat, and finally, to myself – Thanks to All !! The positive is we *may* be able to get on-going cost savings from this effort – fingers crossed ©

LANDSCAPE TEAM



This is positively GOOD NEWS. Once again most of our "volunteer" landscape team of Neale Turlington, Gary & Betty Gischel, Jim & Ann Martz (not pictured) - spent most of Saturday afternoon the 18th performing their magic.

Anyone attending the parking lot service that Sunday should have noticed the improvement. It included the "manicured" podocarpus along Fayetteville Street; all the other shrubs around the church and Matthew House; and the over grown areas on the Oxford side of the church!

They were assisted by our very productive longtime landscape service providers - Alfredo & Crew. I just showed up at the end to fix some of our irrigation issues and witness all the hard work in very hot and humid weather! Thanks to All!!

I would also like to thank again John Moore for his repair and primer painting of our front entrance sign which should get us thru this year before we can determine the requirements and production of a new sign. Pete Paterson will be finishing up the painting shortly.



PARKING LOT



I want to THANK all of our Little Chapel "blue sticker" members for their efforts and patience in handling the *orange cones* at the 3rd entrance to our parking lot. Our rationale for some of the protocols (masks, social distancing, etc.) that are in place for our members are similar to how we manage "who" has access to our parking lot & building for the safety and security of our pastor and staff!

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The GOOD NEWS is that these changes appear to be working and it is amazing that we now have virtually none of the beach visitors and their resulting trash to pick up.

We do feel sorry for visitors with the limited parking and recently increased fees to park – but the City of Wrightsville Beach only allows us the holidays for general parking and with the caveat donation monies only. The parking lot restrictions begin with the city's directives and the protocols with the state, local, and our Presbytery recommendations.

SPECIAL THANKS



I want to end this article with a special Thank You to Delores Dyer for all her support, knowledge of all of the Church's activities, and input that was available to me and our property committee efforts from the very beginning of my involvement.

As such, Delores (and David) were asked to attend our Session meeting last Monday evening the 20th of July, and it gave me the opportunity to present her with a Certificate of her Participation & Appreciation for her extraordinary support of the property committee's efforts over the last few years. Thank You again, Delores!

This has been another GOOD NEWS report on one of the folks who performs all the nitty gritty back room stuff for Little Chapel on a daily basis –

Thanks to all of our Staff for their support!!





ANNUAL MIGRANT MINISTRY

Migrant Ministry is an important phase of the Church Women United outreach. Each year, health kits and duffel bags are assembled by member churches to be used by North Carolina's migrant workers. The health kits are given to the Telamon Corporation in Whiteville for distribution to workers in Southeastern North Carolina.

Preparation of health kits for 2020 was delayed due to the Coronavirus/Covid-19 pandemic. New groups of workers arrive at different times during the year. With the relaxation of quarantine guidelines, we can shop to get required items for this project.

MIGRANT HEALTH KITS ARE TO CONTAIN:

Soap, Toothpaste, Dental Floss, Band-Aids, Safety Pins, Shampoo, Towel, Washcloth, Hand Cream, Nail File, Deodorant, Comb & Brush, Plastic Soap Dish, Disposable Razor, Toothbrush in a Container

Place items in a duffel bag 18" X 36" made of strong material with a drawstring at the top.

Empty bags will be available in the Narthex Sunday, August 9. Kits should be returned to the church by Sunday, September 13.

Please leave completed bags in the fellowship hall. Church Women United will take the bags to Wesley Memorial United Methodist Church to be collected by Telamon Corporation.

Thank you for your support of the Christian outreach which will provide basic health needs to the many migrant workers arriving in our area during the year.

Love and blessings to all,

Jean Northrop
Little Chapel CWU Representative



By Leita McCormick

When LCOB's previous music director gave notice that he was retiring, Brett Blizzard, a member of the Personnel Committee, went into action. He scheduled an interview with David Heinzman, Music Director at St. John's Episcopal Church, whose reputation preceded him.

In October of 2013, David's position as Director of Music Ministry was approved by the Committee and like Brett said, "the rest is history".

David is an organist, harpsichordist, composer, teacher, and author whose "career" as a church musician started at the age of 14.

His musical education began when he was in the elementary school band in Detroit. It continued through high school, at the University of Michigan, where he earned both a Bachelor and Master of Music degrees, and at the University of Southern California, where he earned a master's in music composition.

During his student days, David was winner/performer of the Young Artists' Auditions for the Bach Festival (Michigan); a finalist in the Arthur Poister Organ Playing Competition (Syracuse, N.Y.); and First Place Winner in the Long Beach (CA) AGO Competition.

He also has had his organ compositions published, as well as his book "MIDI Goes to Church" and has made recordings for various organ companies.

David built his first harpsichord from a Zuckerman Kit at the age of 17. As an active recitalist, he has performed organ and harpsichord concerts throughout the country, as well as featured soloist in orchestra and chamber ensembles.



First harpsichord built by David in 1975



David performing on his first harpsichord

Prior to relocating to Wilmington almost 10 years ago, David had served a number of churches in Michigan and California.

Since moving to Wilmington, he has held positions as an accompanist for The Carolina Vocal Ensemble, Dean of the Wilmington Chapter of the American Guild of Organists, Music Director at St. John's and now at Little Chapel on the Boardwalk.

David's talent is not limited to the piano, harpsichord and organ. He also plays the guitar and trumpet and is an accomplished artist.

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Underwater Quintet painted by David

As Director of Music Ministry, David provides music for church services, weddings, funerals and the adult choir. In his church office, there is a collection of over 600 pieces of choir music. To add to the library, he sometimes buys or composes choir music "just to keep up with the times".

When asked how much time it takes him to prepare for church services and music programs, he said he has to work at it "all the time – at church and at home."

He is disappointed that the choir was not able to perform the Cantata at Easter this year, but hopes there will be other opportunities for the choir to perform when Covid-19 restrictions are lifted.

In addition to working on composing or arranging new music for the choir when it was performing prior to the pandemic, David would conduct choir practice with the 20 or so choir members every Thursday night and practice with the 10 bell ringers on Tuesday nights.



Thursday night choir rehearsal

And, during the months of June through September in past years, we always enjoyed hearing David play the keyboard at the beach services.



David and his keyboard before a beach service

When asked what his future plans were, he said, "to retire...eventually...not entirely." With a beautiful grand piano, organ and harpsichord in his residence, it would be hard to image this brilliant, talented musician ever retiring from his life's work.



The grand piano (continued on next page)



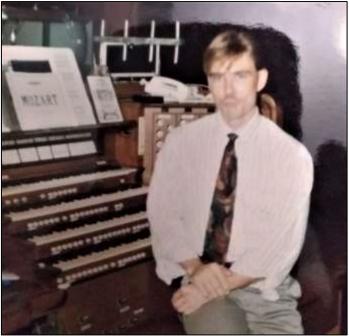


organ harpsichord

Some other pictures David shared with me







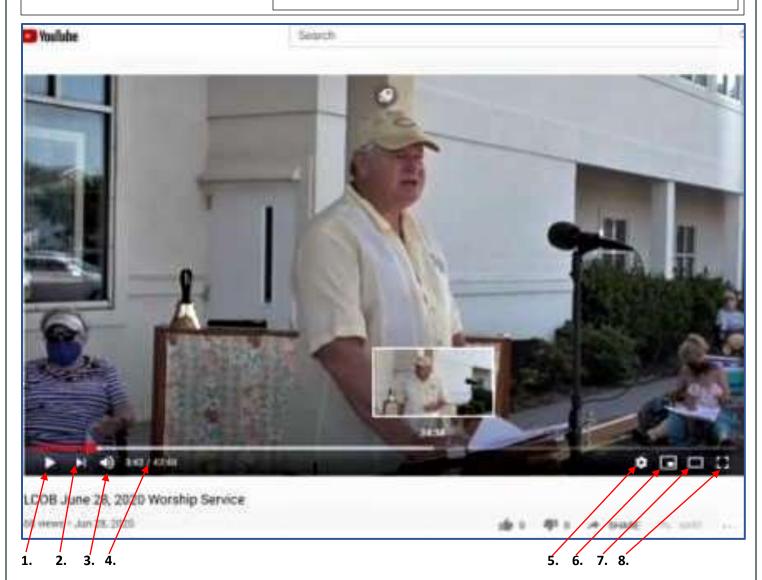
at an organ recital at the Immaculate Conception Basilica in Washington, D.C. in 1991

David said Little Chapel on the Boardwalk is like family to him and he misses seeing everyone. Hopefully, this will change soon, and we will be able to worship together in church again. Until then, we will continue to have outdoor worship services or watch them on video, all accompanied by David's inspirational music.

Amen.



YouTube Video Playback Options select your video and audio preferences



The video recordings of Little Chapel's Sunday worship services are viewable after they are posted on our website (www.littlechapel.org) and Facebook page – usually early Sunday afternoon. There are a number of ways you can watch these (or any) videos, but you may not be utilizing all the tools YouTube provides. Since it is likely we will continue recording our worship services, the following information is provided to assist you if necessary, in how to set up and control your TV, computer, or tablet for the best screen size, video quality, volume preference, etc.

- 1. PLAY ARROW This starts the video if you don't 'auto play.' Once selected, this button changes to 'll' which is used to pause the video. Click pause again and the video resumes play.
- 2. NEXT VIDEO Click this if you want to view another Sunday service video. It's like changing the channel on your TV.

3. AUDIO (SOUND) - If there is a diagonal line through this speaker icon, it means your audio is muted and you won't hear a thing. To unmute, click it again. To the right of the speaker icon is a volume bar. When the audio is not muted, you can raise the volume by positioning your cursor over the solid circle on the short volume line. Hold down your mouse's left click button and move the circle to the right (to increase the volume) or to the left (to lower the volume). Moving the circle all the way to the left will activate the mute mode.

In addition, your computer, tablet, cell phone, and TV all have volume controls which can be adjusted to your pleasure. If you have head or ear phones, you might want to try them a time or two. I find this listening method provides the best quality sound.

- 4. VIDEO TIME (Minutes & Seconds) The time to the right of the slash indicates the total length of the video, and the white bar also represents the total time of the video. In the example above, from start to finish, the video lasts 48 minutes and 48 seconds. The time indicated to the left of the slash is how far into the video the red bar is. In this example, the video was stopped at 3:59 to capture this screen shot.
- 5. SETTINGS This feature allows you to select 'autoplay' which means when the video will start playing as soon as it's loaded onto your device; no need to click the Play button.

Also, you can select the playback speed from 'Normal' to slower than normal to really fast.

Last, you can select the quality of the playback video – from 144p to 720p. Choosing 'Auto' will provide the highest possible video playback quality.

- 6. MINIPLAYER Selecting this option reduces the size of your view to a 'mini' size.
- 7. THEATRE MODE This option replicates a theatre style layout (think 16:9 aspect ratio).
- 8. FULL SCREEN This option fills your display top to bottom, side to side and is probably the preferred option to view videos. When you click this option, the icon changes its shape to resemble a cross. Clicking the cross lets you escape from the full screen view, or you can click on the ESC (escape) key on your computer keyboard.

The Little Chapel on the Boardwalk Scholarship Committee

congratulates our 2020 scholarship recipients

LYDIA WADSWORTH and ANDREW SCHILD

These two outstanding students will each receive a \$2000 scholarship sent to the financial aid office of their chosen university. The Little Chapel scholarship comes from designated funds given through gifts, contributions and memorials.

Each year the amount given may vary. The funds depend on the monies received and the number of students who apply for our Little Chapel scholarships. The two recipients of these scholarships this year had outstanding applications and the scholarship committee is pleased to award them to Andrew and Lydia.

The Scholarship Committee

Harriett Andrew and Iris T. Davis



Reminder: The Sister Isaac Center remains closed until further notice and no donations can be dropped off at this time. Thank you for waiting to bring your donations to the Little Chapel until after the Center reopens.

Little Chapel on the Boardwalk Financial Report as of June 2020

June

Income \$27,324

June

Expenses \$39,436

Year-to-date

Income \$244,399

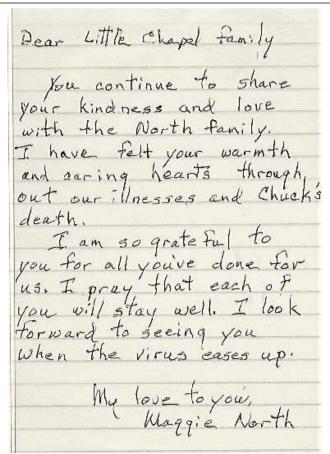
Year-to-date

Expenses \$209,699

A heartfelt thank you to Zoe, Emma and Mia whose thoughtfulness during these times of missing each other brought such joy to my soul.

The flowers were beautiful just like each of you.

Blessings & Love,
Marcia



WE'RE MOVING!

BUT It's Not What You May Think...

Beginning August 2, we will move the Sunday service up a half hour earlier.

We will start at 9:00 am. The feeling was that 30 minutes will give us a little more shade in the parking lot and hopefully allow things to be a little cooler.

The service will go from 9-9:45 am until further notice.



Sunday worship service videos have been recorded for playback since March 22 when the coronavirus caused us to suspend inside worship services for our congregation. We could use some additional help now with the Sunday video recording and on-line posting. If you would like to be part of a small group of people to help, please contact Gary Kohunsky (gwkohun@yahoo.com) or (910-352-7579).

The video recording process is as easy as operating a point and click camera or your phone camera. We will provide adequate training and assistance for those interested.



















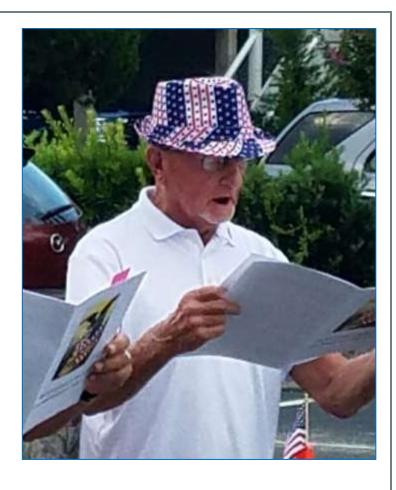
















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SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE (Outdoors/Parking Lot – weather permitting) at 9 am (beginning in August) Bring your mask, lawn chair (umbrellas are ok to bring too), and practice responsible social distancing Sunday worship service videos are available @ www.littlechapel.org and on Facebook

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