



October

The Little Chapel with the Big Heart

2020

Dear Little Chapel on the Boardwalk family,

Normally the season of fall is marked with many wonderful events:

- The first day back to school (though I am guessing some of the young people would not necessarily consider that a wonderful event),
- The cooling of temperatures,
- The leaves changing colors,
- Fewer crowds around Wrightsville Beach, and
- The beginning of football season.

But nothing is *"normal"* at the moment. Much of school is being done at home, online; and football certainly has a new look with most of the games being played to a very small or non-existent crowd. Many of the places we like to visit and things we like to do normally in the fall probably will not happen this year.

But we all know these are not *"normal"* times by any stretch of the imagination. And these *"un-normal"* times affect all areas of our lives, including what does and doesn't go on at Little Chapel.

As most of you know, fall is also the time when most churches



begin talking more about money and budgets for the upcoming year, and for the most part, we begin that conversation at LCOB as well.

But I am always conflicted when it comes to trying to label this time of year in regards to church and money. As we begin to talk about pledges, budgets, line items, salaries, programs -- what is the appropriate name to call this time of year in the church?

It is not really stewardship season if we think of stewardship as something that goes on in our lives year-round.

It's really not even commitment season, because our commitment to God - our commitment to the church - is not a seasonal thing; it is something that is with us year-round.

So, what do we call this time of year? Many churches try cute gimmicks and even "Madison Avenue" type material hoping you will read the slick brochure and give more money.

And because of the pandemic and more virtual presentations, I am guessing some of those "ads" are going to be slicker than ever. I myself have never been much for gimmicks that try to either impress or guilt people into giving more.

I believe that what is given to the church is a personal matter between you and God; and that for the most part, no slick brochure, or guilt-ridden sermon or tug-at-the-heart-strings video is going to make anyone give more.

People will give based on their relationship with God. Which brings me back to this year. I know that for many, these continue to be uncertain times in every area of life including financial. So, because of that, our campaign this year is going to be more "low key" than it has been in the past.

That doesn't mean it isn't important. It just means there will not be a lot of talk about money and giving. Sometime in October you will receive a letter from me along with a pledge card

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that I hope you will return on Commitment Sunday, which will be November 22.

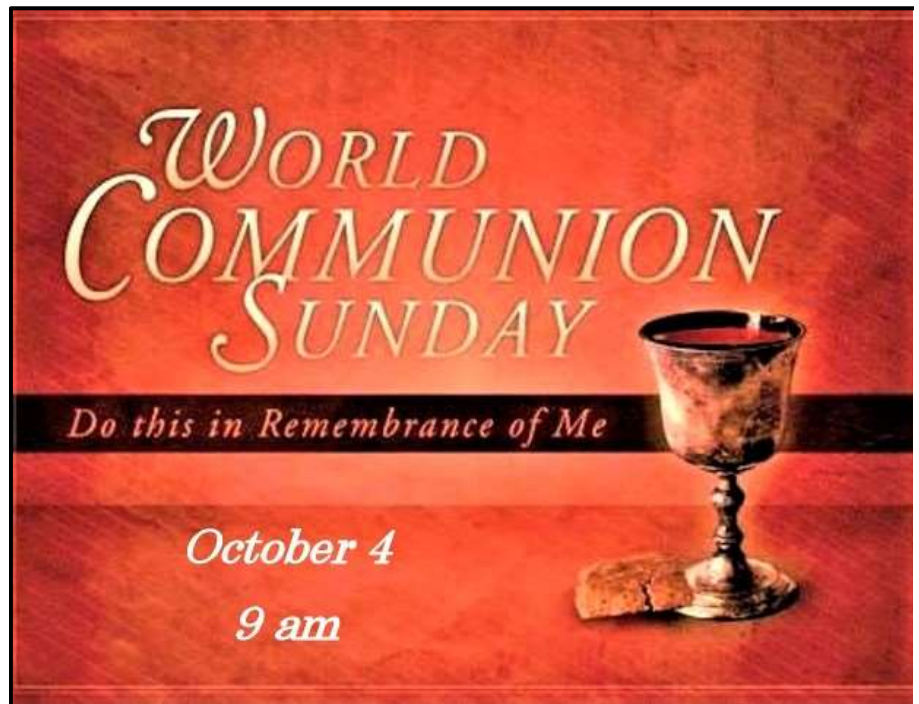
Again, please don't take this more "low key" approach as to my saying this is not important...it is very important. I just feel that with so many other things going on in the world that you will give from the heart without a lot of prompting and reminding.

Blessings,

*Pastor Pat*



- 1 Sandra Wall
- 3 Sue Homestead
- 3 Gerda Strahl
- 6 Carol Russell
- 7 Timothy Karp, III
- 8 Tina Copeland
- 9 Marty Cobble
- 10 Janice Blanton
- 12 Tim Foster
- 14 Gene Auvil
- 14 Jim Martz
- 16 Dolores Myers
- 18 Mary Brian Miller
- 23 Jeffrey Miles
- 23 Al Wordsworth
- 24 Gary Kohunsky
- 25 Dan Langford
- 26 Lydia Wadsworth
- 27 Billie Milton
- 31 Beth Reid
- 31 Joseph (Butch) Wall



*The first Sunday in October is designated as World Communion Sunday, which celebrates our oneness in Christ with all our brothers and sisters around the world. And though the service itself and how we celebrate it will be a little different than from years past, we will still celebrate at our outdoor service on October 4th at 9am.*

*The Apostle Paul tells us that we are to "discern the body" when we partake of Holy communion, mindful that we note our relationship to all our brothers and sisters in Christ in the celebration. One is not to go hungry while another is drunk! (I Corinthians 11:21).*

*Celebration of World Communion Sunday was adopted as a denominational practice in the Presbyterian church (US) in 1936. On Sunday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, we will continue that tradition outdoors.*

## *In Loving Memory*

Shirley Goodson

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Andrew

Sheila Saklad

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Homestead \*

Ms. Susan Long \*

*\* Donation designated to Little Chapel's Endowment Fund*



## Outdoor Worship Service Sunday, September 27, 2020

Photos by Lori Holcomb



Rev. Jerrod B. Lowry, General Presbyter and Stated Clerk for the Presbytery of Coastal Carolina, delivered the sermon during outdoor worship at Little Chapel on September 27.



Pastor Pat served as Liturgist



Special music during the worship service – *Dona Nobis Pacem* – was provided by Marti Shogi, Mila Hill, Susan Long, and Jean Schild along with David Heinzman.

# Session Meeting

## HIGHLIGHTS

By Jean Schild

*Since the August Session highlights were not included in September's issue, they are printed below followed by the September highlights.*

### AUGUST SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

The Session met for a stated meeting on Monday, August 17 at 7:00 PM in the sanctuary.

In light of the Governor's extension of Phase 2 for Covid 19, it was decided that we will not have any meetings/gatherings in the church facilities until at least October. This means that we will continue to have outdoor worship services in our parking lot on Sunday mornings at 9:00 AM, weather permitting, through the end of September, at least. We continue to monitor the state and Presbytery Covid recommendations.

There is a need to purchase a new electronic keyboard for use at our outdoor service and beach services (when our beach services are allowed to resume, hopefully in 2021). David Heinzman, Director of Music Ministries, will be coordinating this purchase, with approval by the session.

Boy Scout Troop 232, sponsored by our church, will continue to meet this fall, outside in our parking lot, due to the pandemic. They have a Court of Honor planned for August 31, also to be held in the parking lot. We appreciate their understanding and flexibility with these unusual issues facing the church and the use of our facilities.

The session felt that the sacrament of communion using the prepackaged communion elements worked well in August and we will continue with that format for communion for the foreseeable future. Feedback from the congregation in attendance was very positive.

We will celebrate communion on September 6 at our 9:00 AM worship service.

The Rev. Jerrod Lowery, Stated Clerk and General Presbyter of Presbytery of Coastal Carolina, will join us for worship on Sunday, September 27 and will be preaching at that service. Rev. Lowery is a

dynamic speaker and this is a wonderful opportunity for our congregation to become more acquainted with the leadership of our Presbytery. We are honored that Rev. Lowery is willing to join us, in spite of the difficult conditions that we are experiencing, due to Covid 19. We are praying for good weather on that date, so that many of our members can participate in a very special worship service.

Our Finance Committee continues to present a favorable financial record for the church thus far in 2020. Thanks to all our members who are diligently continuing to give to the church, so that we can meet our expenses. As can be imagined, the staff salaries and church facility maintenance continue, even though many of our routine activities are discontinued for now.

Plans were discussed for our fall stewardship campaign, which will be very low-key this year, due to the pandemic. All committees are urged to review their budget requests for 2021 and forward these requests to the Finance Committee, so that the 2021 budget can be formulated.

Plans for formulation of a Nominating Committee for 2021 church offices are underway. We will have a congregational meeting on September 20, after the worship service, to elect a nominating committee. In case of inclement weather which forces the cancellation of the outdoor service, the election of the nominating committee will be by email and phone by church members.

All of these details have been recommended by the Presbytery, as we deal with the difficulties presented by the pandemic.

### SEPTEMBER SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

The Session met for a stated meeting on Monday, September 21 at 7:00 PM at the church.

The Session welcomes new members Nancy and Mike Harris and Jeannie and Scott Willetts, and new Affiliate members Brenda and Sandy Thorpe, who retain their membership at First Presbyterian Church, Rocky Mount, NC.

We are happy that the Rev. Jerrod Lowry, Stated Clerk and General Presbyter of Presbytery of Coastal Carolina, will share worship with us on Sunday, September 27. Rev. Lowry will bring the message and Pastor Pat will be liturgist.

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World Communion Sunday will be celebrated on October 4, 2020. We will celebrate the sacrament of communion on that day, with Christians around the world. Our worship service will be outside in our parking lot.

The Session has approved the resumption of indoor worship on November 1, 2020, All Saints' Day, depending on continuing favorable Covid conditions in the area/state. The Worship Task Force is still working on the details of how this will happen. This group has met twice, with a third meeting scheduled for September 30. Of course, any plan is contingent on conditions and recommendations with regards to Covid 19. We continue to monitor the recommendations from the state and from the Presbytery. Stay tuned!

Church committees are asked to submit budget estimates/requests for 2021 by November 1, 2020.

The Personnel and Planning Committee is working on the details for open enrollment for staff benefits.

The Mission Committee is working on the details for a virtual Alternative Christmas Market for December.

The Property Committee continues to be busy, coordinated by Barry Lindholm. Technology issues have included replacement of several staff computers, upgrading all staff computers to Windows 10 and adding new software as needed, and having all PC computers on dollies/off the floor to assist with potential flooding threats. We have been able to decrease our costs for the office copier for next year, thanks to Delores Dyer, Office Administrator, and our Toshiba Account Manager. New Fellowship Hall doors have been installed, along with several windows. The playground equipment is being removed and additional security provided for that area. Work continues on our landscaping. Special thanks to Barry, Jim Herren and the Property Committee!

As of October 1, meetings can be held inside the church, in the sanctuary, with participants wearing masks and practicing social distancing. It is imperative that all committees make sure that Delores has these dates on the church calendar in the office, as sanitation must be provided in these areas.

The next meeting of the Presbytery of Coastal Carolina will be held on October 3, via Zoom, due to Covid.

The session agreed that any memorial services/funerals or weddings held at the church can be posted on our website if filmed appropriately.

## CHANGE A CHILD'S FUTURE



The Malawi child sponsorship mission that LCOB partners with St. Andrews Covenant Presbyterian Church, will begin in October.

Seventy-five dollars is all it takes to sponsor a child's education in Malawi, Africa for a year, providing books, uniforms, and a meal a day.

This opportunity not only changes the life and future of the child attending school, but often the lives of their entire family. God is transforming a village in Africa and he has given us the opportunity to join Him in that work.

Please prayerfully consider helping change a child's life with a sponsorship for a year. If you have any questions, please call Janice Willets at 910-262-8458.

## Little Chapel on the Boardwalk Financial Report as of August 2020

August Income	\$31,788
August Expense	\$38,625
Year-to-date Income	\$311,585
Year-to-date Expenses	\$293,302



# Property Committee



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

By Barry Lindholm

We have been working hard to address the needs for improvement while at the same time performing triage on the problems and surprises that are characteristic of the Property Committee.

Special thanks to committee members, staff, and others in our congregation for working with us as we address the physical and operational needs of our church.



## TECHNOLOGY

This is and has been the number 1 operational challenge for property.

We believe we have finally achieved a stable Phase 1 systems environment that now has everyone on current supported release levels. We have also had to:

- Replace Pat's laptop
- Replace Delores' computer
- Replace Joan's computer
- Upgrade all staff computers to Windows 10
- Add new software

We have used Computer Warriors as a partner in this upgrade and conversion process. We now have all computers on surge and backup battery protectors, and now all PC computers are on dollies - off the floor to assist with potential flooding.

We are now better able to assess what our needs are for next year's funding requirements.

## Office Equipment

Toshiba and Copier



My objective this year was not only to "fix things" that generally result in having to spend money, but also, to manage our expenses - which the hope is to improve cost savings. One of our big expense items in the Office Equipment area is our copier - \$ 14, 500 a year!

In conversations with our Office Administrator, Delores Dyer earlier this year, it seemed to represent an expense we were just stuck with. However, Delores went ahead and contacted Toshiba and our Account Manager and started a dialogue.

The net/net is that we will not only get a new copier with equal functionality, but we will also be able to remove the insurance premium we were paying when we already had coverage with our current insurance carrier!

But the real kicker is Toshiba came up with a new lease arrangement that:

# 1 - does not require us to buy ourselves out of our current lease agreement and

#2 - offered us a decrease in our monthly payment - we will be able to save approximately \$3,800 to \$4,800 a year!!!

We have had great customer service support from Toshiba but our Account Mgr. and Delores went beyond the call of duty. Thank You!!

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## Safety and Security

Heavy Duty lock boxes  
for the WB Fire Fighters

We have finally had the Wrightsville Beach Fire Department assess the proper location for the installation of our fire boxes that will contain keys for access upon any emergency access situation on all 3 of our buildings. These will be installed in the next couple of weeks.



## Property and Buildings

On Saturday, September 19, Ryan Norris and crew installed the new Fellowship Hall Door(s), push bars for the Oxford doors, and the Kitchen and room 117 windows. Additional finishing will be done the following week.

In addition to the Kitchen and Room 117 windows, we will only have a few additional windows remaining to be installed of the 44 that were funded by Guide One insurance.

We had a few recovery maintenance activities after Hurricane Isaias that included the powering back up of a few of our A/C systems and damages to certain components of our security system.

We believe these were related to the sudden power outage.

*A New Partner!*



## Landscape Initiatives

The Landscape sub-committee met and determined the following:

After input from Pastor Pat and Angela McConnell, our Preschool Director, it was agreed to remove the playground equipment. It will be broken down and Habitat Restore will pick up the plastic structures.

Decisions have not been reached as yet on the wooden structures, but the actual swing seats have been removed.

Security chains have been put on the gates to add additional security and safety for anyone entering this area. Once a number of things have been removed a mowing, weeding, and clean-up effort will take place.

NHC – Garden Club has approached the committee to become a partner in providing plants, resources, and on-going maintenance to continue the implementation of the Landscape Plan.

With the Garden Club's input, the first step could be the Lumina side of the Church for improvements. In the next couple of weeks, the stumps along Lumina and the Lumina/Oxford corner of our church building will be ground down to allow for landscape improvements.

Additional plants will be added by the Fellowship Hall doors.

Our Property Committee is currently planning to meet on Sunday, October 18 in the Fellowship Hall, after the Sunday service, to review the budget and funding requirements for 2021.



## Little Chapel members whose 'church' home & their 'home' home are both on Wrightsville Beach

*Here are their stories about how  
that came to be*



*By Leita McCormick*

**Wrightsville Beach, incorporated in 1899, has a population of just over 2,500 residents. Among them are 25 Little Chapel members who have the distinct privilege of living on the island, some within walking distance of the church.**

Recently, I had an opportunity to visit with some of those members to talk about how they came to live on the island and what it meant to them to be able to attend church services so close to home.

Shirlee Gearhart, Dru and Jim Hoge, Peggy Gentry, Patty Seitter and Mackenzie and Matt Sawyer were kind enough to share their stories with me. The circumstances under which they moved to Wrightsville Beach varied: some by luck, some by chance, and some by default.

**When Shirlee and her husband, Jim, graduated from college, they were lucky enough to both get teaching jobs in Wilmington.**

They had a house in town for four years, then moved to Wrightsville Beach in 1960. They wanted to be near the water. After living in a small house nearby, they bought a lot and built the house that Shirlee lives in today.

Shirlee said the whole island looked very different in the '60s than it does today. There was very little development.

"I could wander around freely. There were tidal waters, marshes and a lot of nature...but NOT one blade of grass in any of the yards."



*Shirlee hanging clothes in her sand-covered backyard*

In 1989, Dru and Jim were both working in Connecticut. By chance, while looking for a potential area in which to retire, they heard about Wilmington.



*Shirlee sitting on the steps of her home*



They bought their present home that year and rented it out. In the winter of 1995-1996, Connecticut got 120 inches of snow. One day when Jim returned from a business trip, Dru told him, “I have shoveled my last snowflake,” and the rest is history. They moved in 1997 not long after Hurricane Bertha.



*Dru waving from her front balcony*

Peggy and her late husband, Clyde, moved into an apartment on Wrightsville Beach in 1954. In 1955, they bought the four-apartment complex and the lot next door.



*Peggy's apartment complex and current house on corner*

They continued to work in other states for the next 26 and years, and just “held onto the complex and the lot until we moved back in 1988 and built our house”. Peggy remained in the house after Clyde passed away.

In Patty's day, “you had a house in town and one at the beach.” Every summer for 30 years, she and her husband, Dellmer, would come to their house on

Wrightsville Beach. When Dellmer passed away, she sold the house in Wilmington and built her current home on the empty lot next to her mother-in-law's house on North Lumina.



*Patty relaxing on her front porch rocker*

Mackenzie and Matt's history is a little different. They are both from Charlotte. The four years Mackenzie was an undergraduate at UNCW, she visited Wrightsville Beach and knew she wanted to move here. “The beach was a big attraction”. She and Matt rented in Mayfaire before buying their townhouse in 2018 after they got married.



*Mackenzie & Matt Sawyer's home*

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The following are interesting stories of when and why the members joined Little Chapel on the Boardwalk.

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**Shirlee and her husband, Jim, who knew the Pastor at Westminster Presbyterian Church in downtown Wilmington, became members of the church because Jim said, “that is where he wanted to go”. Each Sunday, they would drive from Wrightsville Beach across town to attend services. When their second daughter was born, Shirlee said it was “a problem to get the children up and ready to drive into town in time for church” She wanted a change.**



When another friend of Jim’s, a member of LCOB, suggested they start attending services there, they went, joined and “never left”. In earlier days, Shirlee was very involved in the church – she led her circle, was President of the Presbyterian Women, served as an Elder, and taught Sunday School.

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**Dru and Jim did not know about LCOB when they moved to Wrightsville Beach. They were focused in getting settled in after the hurricane damage.**

In 1999, they decided it was time to find a church home. Their plan was to visit each church on the island for a month, then chose one. LCOB was the last one they visited. They walked in for the service and thoroughly enjoyed it. “So many people said Hi. Everyone was very friendly, which was not

always the case in the other churches we visited.” Dru said they had found their church home.

Both Dru and Jim are Bell Ringers, Jim served as an Elder, Dru served as President of the Presbyterian Women, participates in knitting Prayer Shawls, and is in Circle 1.



From their back balcony, they enjoy seeing sunsets, boating activities and wildlife on the Intracoastal. They have seen dolphins, manatees, otters, herons, egrets and lots of birds, in the past, but not so much lately. However, they still see lots of seagulls perching on the posts by the fish cleaning stations waiting for the spoils of the day.

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**Peggy and Clyde used to spend a month every summer in Wrightsville Beach while working elsewhere. They attended services at LCOB, worked with the youth group, and helped prepare Sunday night dinners for the group. They didn’t join the church until they moved back 32 years ago.**





Peggy served as head of her circle for a while, always worked in the kitchen for church breakfasts and MOW, is in a prayer group, helped with summer bible school and in the nursery. She also crochets hats for mission groups.

Peggy “always walked to church up until about four years ago.” She hasn’t been able to attend the parking lot services but will once we are permitted back into Little Chapel.

Meanwhile, Peggy enjoys her time on her front porch.



*Peggy also enjoys the views from her front porch*

Patty lived in town and came to the beach every summer for many years. She was a member of St. Andrews before joining LCOB six years ago.

She likes the convenience of being able to walk to church when the weather is good and enjoys going to the parking lot services “where you can meet and see everybody”.

She has fond memories of riding the trolley or hitching rides to the beach. “Everyone knew everyone.” At night she would dance to the “Big Bands” at Lumina, at the USO Clubs or at New Hanover High School.

The boys in her graduation class of 1946 were all drafted and were not able to finish school. Companies of ROTC were formed, and Patty was picked as a sponsor for Company A.



*Patty with an ROTC cadet*

Mackenzie visited Little Chapel a few times after she started UNCW in 2008. She was raised as a Presbyterian and was looking to join a Presbyterian church. When she and Matt moved to Wrightsville Beach, they started going to Little Chapel and joined in 2017. They liked the informal atmosphere of the church and enjoyed going to the beach services.

Mackenzie is a LCOB Bell Ringer and said, “being close to the church was an advantage when going to practice once a week on Tuesdays and playing on Sundays.”



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She said she would like to get more involved in the church when the pandemic is over. They both would be interested in helping to bring in more young people to the church.



**Matt & Mackenzie Sawyer**

Every member I talked with expressed the same feeling of contentment about living on Wrightsville Beach and living near the church – in both situations, they felt a part of a friendly, close-knit community.

***“We wouldn’t change a thing about it.”***

***“We have everything we need or want here.”***

***“Wouldn’t live anywhere else.”***

***“Like the change of seasons.”***

***“Love the breeze. Rare when there isn’t one.”***

***“We liked the idea of being near the water.”***

***“Living here, we are close to all our hobbies...kayaking, fishing, boating, paddle boarding, surfing, swimming...”***

Can you guess which member(s) gave me that quote?

When asked if there was a downside to living on the island, most said if anything, it would be the traffic, particularly on holiday weekends. As Dru said, “If you don’t have it in the house by the Friday of a

holiday weekend, you don’t want to be getting in the car...you just do without it.”

Patty answered with a resounding, “NO. There aren’t any downsides.”

Peggy’s husband used to say, “If you don’t like the noise or hurricanes, you can move.”

Mackenzie said, “Sometimes anxiety that comes from the hurricanes can be a downside for people.”



Curiously, no one thought being caught by the drawbridge opening was a problem. Humm.

**Additional notes:**

**Shirlee** remembers pushing her daughter’s stroller when walking to the post office to get her mail. It was located next door to Newel’s, the variety store, which is now Wings. “There were no home mailboxes at that time.”

**Dru** is known as the “cookie lady,” because when she and Jim go on their nightly walk after dinner, she always has cookies in her pocket. “Not human cookies...they are doggie cookies for the dogs which run up to me when they see me.”

**Peggy** remembers when the bridge was not there and there was no Eastwood Road. You had to take the Causeway, a two-lane drawbridge, to get onto the island. She is thankful that Roberts is still here.

**Patty** showed me a picture taken at her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday last year when her family of 23 all came to Wrightsville Beach to be with her for the celebration. She also told me about her

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participation in the Card Ministry where she addresses sympathy cards to be sent to church members who are in need: a death in the family, in the hospital, or homebound.

**Mackenzie**, who has an occupational therapy practice, and **Matt**, who is a real estate agent, often ride their bikes to church services. They also come across the “cookie lady” when walking their two dogs and said, “she feeds them treats all the time...they stay healthy because of her.”

*Many thanks to Mackenzie, Peggy, Dru, Patty, and Shirlee for taking the time to share their stories, memories, and experiences with us.*



## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Little Chapel welcomes **Nancy and Mike Harris**, **Jeannie and Scott Willetts**, and new Affiliate members **Brenda and Sandy Thorpe**, who retain their membership at First Presbyterian Church, Rocky Mount, NC.

They were announced during new member Sunday, September 13 during our outdoor worship service.

Pictured below with Pastor Pat are Jeannie and Scott Willetts.



*David Heinzman at the new Williams keyboard used for outdoor worship*



*Brenda Parker starts and ends the outdoor worship service by ringing the bell*



# LITTLE CHAPEL VIDEOS

## ARE YOU WATCHING?

Little Chapel on the Boardwalk  
Wrightsville Beach, NC  
Sunday Worship Service  
September 27, 2020

By Gary Kohunsky

### CHANGE IS INEVITABLE, GROWTH IS OPTIONAL

John C. Maxwell

Change is inevitable in life. You can either resist it and potentially get run over by it, or you can choose to cooperate with it, adapt to it, and learn how to benefit from it. When you embrace change you will begin to see it as an opportunity for growth.

Since the Covid-19 pandemic swept over us months ago, we have not been able to worship in the sanctuary; and for the past 28 weeks, video has been recorded for those who aren't able to attend the 9 am outdoor/parking lot worship service.

Soon the weather will limit what can be done outdoors; and while we will soon be allowed to return to indoor services with the proper safeguards, not everyone will be able to, or may not be ready to return to worshipping indoors.

It has been decided that recorded video of Little Chapel's services - and eventually livestreaming

them - will become a permanent 'outreach ministry' for those near or far, for our members and non-members alike, whether we are indoors or outdoors.

That's the good news. The less good news is that the audio-visual equipment installed in the sanctuary is outdated and not compatible with what is required for posting videos and livestreaming.

The camcorder I've been using for the Sunday service video recordings is pretty much a point-and-shoot camera designed for home use. It has an integrated microphone which only has a range of about 12 feet which is why I set up the tripod so close to Pastor Pat.





A Little Chapel committee has been formed to evaluate the church's audio-visual systems and to make recommendations for upgrading and/or replacing some of the components. Those serving include Beth Price, Delores Dyer, Hugh Armstrong, Brett Blizzard, Barry Lindholm, Wilson Rogers, Pastor Pat, and Gary Kohunsky.

One of our objectives is to recommend an entry-level audio-visual solution that is affordable, scalable for expansion, and easy to operate.

The committee recently visited Port City Community Church after an invitation was extended to Little Chapel for us to look over their equipment and operations.

A small contingent of the PC3 production crew then visited Little Chapel to look at our equipment, understand our objectives, and help make recommendations on what would be an affordable, entry-level system to meet our immediate needs and goals. *(The pictures throughout this article were taken during our day at PC3 and at Little Chapel. Thanks, Delores!)*



Currently, we are in the process of identifying workable A-V systems and evaluating what would best serve Little Chapel in our new video outreach ministry.

While the costs of equipment, installation, and maintenance are not yet known, one of Murphy's laws goes something like this:

*"Whatever we think it will cost...  
it will cost more."*

To that end, a Camera Fund has been set up; and while there is no plan to conduct a special offering or have a bake sale (although that's not a bad idea), anyone who'd like to make a contribution to that fund is encouraged to do so, so that Little Chapel may continue to reach those who aren't able to be with us on Sundays.

Also, while Port City Community Church has a congregation much larger than Little Chapel, they also have a 20-person audio-visual production team consisting of a few staff, but mostly volunteers.

Little Chapel is not comparing itself to any other church, staff, or congregation; but we do know that all churches rely on volunteers in so many ways to serve others. Whatever audio-visual decision is rendered, it will require volunteers to be trained and then operate the equipment.

Technology advances quickly, sometimes too rapidly for us to even remember when we had enormously sized televisions or we relied on pay phones and pagers when we travelled, or for that matter, lived without the internet.

But we've learned that a 'smart' TV is not scary; cellular phones are everywhere and are even replacing land lines; and what could be easier than shopping at our favorite store (it begins with 'A') while we are in front of our computer, tablet, or smart phone...and even having our orders shipped - usually free - to our homes?

The point is, with a little education and hands-on training, anyone is capable of pushing a button or two, flipping a switch here and there, and being part of something that serves others. It's what I do every Sunday, so you know if I can do it, how difficult can it be?

Contact Pastor Pat, or me if you have the slightest interest and we'll be happy to discuss with you how you can help - either through a contribution or through your volunteered service.



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**SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE (Outdoors/Parking Lot – weather permitting) at 9 am**  
**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](http://www.littlechapel.org) and on Facebook

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