

March 2021

*The Little Chapel with the Big Heart*

Dear Little Chapel  
on the Boardwalk family,

This month marks the one year anniversary of our not being able to worship in our sanctuary due to the coronavirus. It has certainly been a year of challenges and disappointments and changes and joys and sorrows and unpredictable weather.

We have experienced just about every emotion there can be when it comes to worship, and yet except for one Sunday at the beginning of March 2020, we have not missed a single Sunday of having worship in some form or another. Sometimes our services were online only. Sometimes they were outdoors and online, but hopefully soon, we will move back inside, taking all the necessary covid-19 precautions.

Our current plan is to move back inside the sanctuary on Palm Sunday! We will continue to have a service in the parking lot for those who are not yet comfortable with moving inside.

The times are going to be a little different from what you are used too, but it will be the best way moving forward.

On Palm Sunday we will have our **INDOOR** worship service at 9 am and it will be limited to 60 persons with social distancing. We will continue with our **OUTDOOR** service at 11 am. The services will basically be the same, except one will be inside

and the other in our parking lot. We are currently working to put up new cameras in the sanctuary which will give us the ability to "live stream" our services. So, you will have the option of coming indoors for worship, worshipping outside or worshipping "live" on your couch at home watching your computer.



For Holy Week, we will worship on Maundy Thursday indoors at 7 pm and we will have a Good Friday service at noon, indoors.

Then on Easter Sunday, we will have a 7 am Sunrise Service in our parking lot and then an indoor service at 9 am and another one at 11 am. Both of our indoor services will be identical and will last 45 minutes. We will do all we can to keep everyone updated as we get nearer to these Holy Week services.

As we continue to have to be flexible during these times, I want to express my sincere

appreciation to a few folks who for the past year have gone above and beyond the call.

First and foremost is Mr. Gary Kohunsky. When the decision was first made last March to cancel indoor worship services and record a service to be put on line, Gary volunteered to do the recording.

Then when we decided to have worship outdoors, Gary again stepped up to volunteer to record our outdoor services. Gary has not missed a single Sunday since March 15, 2020. Not one single Sunday. Every worship service for the past year he has recorded and put on our website. Thank you, Gary.

Another person to thank is David Heinzman. David has moved from playing the organ to playing the piano to a keyboard outside. There have been mornings when the thermometer has dipped well below freezing and David still gets his fingers thawed out enough to play for us.

He not only plays every Sunday but he has put together two wonderful programs for Advent and for Lent. I can't tell you how much I appreciate David and his flexibility to try anything asked of him. Thank you, David.

Barbara Tyndall is another person who needs to receive special thanks. Ever since we moved our worship service outside last May 31<sup>st</sup>, Barbara has shown up an hour early every Sunday to help get all the

equipment set up and running. She is another of those persons who has not missed a single Sunday. She is always there, ready to set up and pass out bulletins, and take up the offering. Thank you, Barbara.

I also want to thank Zoe Laakmann, Brenda Parker, Marti Shogi, and Marica Rabun for helping out in various ways each Sunday. These folks are there most every week to help our worship service go as smoothly as it can, and it could not happen without their assistance.

And now, about Lent. The Lenten season, though not as festive and popular as Advent, is an important season in the life of the Christian faith.

Lent is a time for penitence and the discipline of prayer, leading up to a recommitment at Easter. Lent should not just be seen as a time of giving up something, but mainly as a time to give ourselves up to God anew as disciples of Christ.

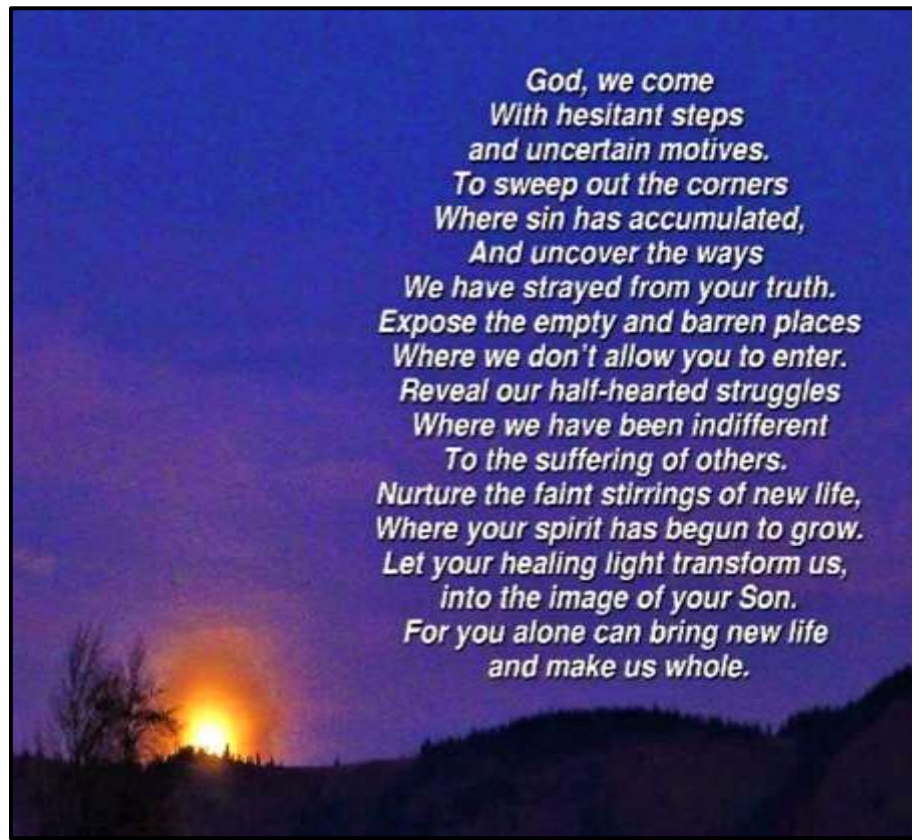
Lent is a way for us to pay attention to our own lives. We receive the sign of the cross on our foreheads on Ash Wednesday so that we can focus our attention on who we really are. In this way, we remind ourselves that we are bound for the death – and that we are bound to the death of Christ.

Lent provides us with a time to focus our attention on the mystery at the heart of the Christian life: that through death, the death of Christ, we have entered new life.

I hope this Lenten season will be a special one for you.

Blessings,

*Pastor Pat*



**WE NEED YOU!**  
**TO MAKE IT HAPPEN**

Who would have thought that our parking lot would be used for Sunday services, and lawn chairs become our substitute for pews? Who would have thought that we'd sit in our cars in the church parking lot listening to Little Chapel's Sunday worship services on the radio? Who would have thought that we'd worship at home watching recorded videos on Facebook and our website? Who would have thought dressed in our Sunday 'best' means a clean mask?

Yes, indeed, who would have thought?

A year ago, probably none of us would have believed that we would be doing any of these things, but we are. And now, we are about to embark on not only returning indoors; we plan to video worship services with *new* robotically controlled cameras installed in the sanctuary. AND, the plan is to livestream our church services – meaning they will be transmitted real time as they are happening and viewable on phones, tablets, computers, and smart TVs. BUT...

We need you to help make it happen by volunteering to join our communications team now, as we learn together how to operate our new camera system using simple preset buttons and a joystick controller. Please contact Gary Kohunsky at 352-7579 or [gwkohun@yahoo.com](mailto:gwkohun@yahoo.com) to get more information.

**YOU can help make it happen.**



## FEBRUARY'S



## HIGHLIGHTS

By Mary Jo Kohunsky

The Session of LCOB met for its regular Stated meeting on Monday, February 15 at 7 PM in the Sanctuary, following all COVID precautions.

As part of our plan to search for a new Pastor when Pastor Pat retires in December, we have sent the required request to form our Pastor Nominating Committee (Search Committee). We have not yet received the reply, but will keep the congregation informed as we move forward.

A letter will be sent out to folks who have not been part of the life of Little Chapel for a couple of years. We hope that when they hear from us, they will return.

Our computer system is finally up to date, but will need virus protection and security for all of our workstations. Computer Warriors will be the provider for these services. Information about discounts for members of the congregation will be coming soon!

As part of the master plan for security, two additional cameras will be installed soon, to provide full views of the parking lot. Because the one we have near the door now works well, the Property Committee decided to

go ahead with the rest of the system.

A beautiful bench has been installed on the Lumina Avenue, thanks to work and contributions by the NHC garden club. It will provide a lovely place for meditation and prayer. Take a look at it when you are next at LCOB, and pause for a moment that refreshes the soul!

January donations were generous once again. Thank you for remembering that the work of the church continues even during these challenging times, and your financial support is essential.

The youth of the congregation will soon have a new opportunity to grow in their faith here at LCOB. An email will go out to all youth (6<sup>th</sup> grade through high school), seeking input on what kind of program would work best for them and for LCOB during these stressful pandemic times. Contact Christine Kennedy or Sarah McLaughlin for more information.

If you peek into the narthex of the church after February 26, do not be alarmed that the Claude Howell paintings are no longer on the wall. They are being picked up by an art restoration company from Raleigh, who will keep them for a couple of weeks and return them, all restored, on or before March 12.

The Session continues its monthly discussion of the possibilities for indoor worship, in view of guidance from local and state authorities and CDC, as well as that of the Presbytery. The guidelines set up in early 2020 now seem manageable, and it is felt that we can begin some

return to worship in the Sanctuary. The Worship Committee has been working to provide safe opportunities for members of the congregation. With that in mind, the Session voted to approve the following schedule for the next few months, provided the COVID situation remains stable and no new guidance is received. Remember that these plans are tentative, but we hope the situation will not warrant any changes.

***March 28 -- Palm Sunday services at 9 am (indoors) and 11am (outdoors)***

***April 1 -- Maundy Thursday service at 7 pm (indoors)***

***April 2 – Good Friday service – noon (indoors)***

***April 4 – Easter Sunrise service – 7 am (outdoors)***

***Easter Worship – 9 am (indoors) and 11 am (also indoors)***

***June 6 – Beach services at 8 am, pending Town approval, continuing throughout the summer***

***June 6 – Worship in the Sanctuary at 11 am continuing throughout the summer.***

In addition, two wedding ceremonies will be celebrated during May, indoors, with strict adherence to COVID protocols and limited attendance.

It is customary to serve Communion on the first Sunday of the month, so on Sunday, March 7, Communion will be

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served at the 11 am outdoor worship service.

Be sure to go to the LCOB website, and select the *Musical Meditations for Lent* tab at the top of the page. You will be treated to a beautiful recording made in David Heinzman's home, and featuring several pieces of his own artwork.

The next meeting of your Session will be held on Monday, March 15.

## *Birthdays of the Month*

2 Becky Miller  
6 Jane Davis  
6 Beth Sedlock  
7 Mila Hill  
9 Paula Atkins  
9 Jean Schild  
12 Barbara Tyndall  
12 George Wesoloski  
14 Maxfield Gearhart  
15 Betty Gischel  
15 Wilson Rogers  
18 Sarah Barnes  
18 Anna Withers  
19 Peggy Gentry  
20 Tom Solley  
22 Roy Anderson  
25 Ann Martz  
26 Gayle Rivenbark  
26 Nancy Rosselot  
27 Brenda Boxley  
27 Ginny Hall  
30 Cameron Atkins  
30 Will Dudley  
31 Hellen Langford



(Above) Brenda Parker signals the beginning and ending of our worship service with her bell ringing. (Below) Zoe Laakmann serves as Sunday's song leader.



## *Memorials*

### SILVEY ROBINSON

Mrs. W. Lawrence Bass

### GERRY WILLIAMSON

Mrs. Katherine Karp

Mr. & Mrs. Keith Beachy

Mr. & Mrs. Karl Vass

Presbyterian Women,  
Circle #2

### RACHEL CHRISTOPHER

Mrs. Katherine Karp

Mr. & Mrs. Brett Blizzard

## *Honorarium*

### JOAN ROBINSON

Mr. W. Lawrence Bass



**March 28**, there will be a 9 AM Palm Sunday service in the Sanctuary. An outdoor service will be held in the parking lot at 11 am and will also be posted on the website and Facebook Sunday afternoon.

**April 1** - Maundy Thursday service will be in the sanctuary at 7 pm.

**April 2** - Good Friday service at noon in the sanctuary.

**April 4** - Easter Sunday services at 7am in the parking lot; at 9 am and 11 am in the sanctuary.

All rules established for health and safety will be followed at all services and masks must be worn. Reservations will be required and more information will be forthcoming on that procedure.

## **SANCTUARY STAINED GLASS**

**Letting God's brilliant and beautiful sunlight shine through**

By Janice Allen

Art forms have always been important to The Little Chapel on the Boardwalk from the time the plans were drawn until today. In August of the church's twentieth anniversary a festival of arts with displays of handiwork, paintings, carvings, pottery making, and needlework plus musical concerts were held. You might remember from last month's article that the architect felt that there should be a collaboration between architect and artist.

The stained glass windows in the front of the sanctuary were not put in when the church was built.



The session minutes from that time say that Mrs. Frank B. Hall wrote that when the church was built, the windows behind the chancel were supposed to be opaque. They were not so you could sit in the sanctuary and see people in bathing suits sitting on the porch across the street.

Remember this was 1951. Session minutes reflect that at one meeting they had a long discussion about this. According to Charles Boney, the architect, when the church was built,

they could not afford stained glass so the original design featured a tinted glass panel on the north wall of the chancel with a wooden cross built into the center held in place by piano wire. He said it floated some but not too much. This window was damaged by a hurricane.

The Costas Memorial was started in memory of Mrs. Beulah Costas, mother of Helen Langford, for the center stained glass window. 1974 was a busy year. In January the committee reported on the progress of the memorial window.

In February Helen McCarl reported that a committee meeting would be held soon to discuss plans sent by Willet Stained Glass Company of Philadelphia, PA.

On May 12, 1974, Mrs. McCarl reported that the committee had met with architect, Charles Boney and decided to have Willet Stained Glass Company make the window.

In September 1974, Mr. Boney spoke at a church night supper about the window. That same month the session took action to procure the proposed window.

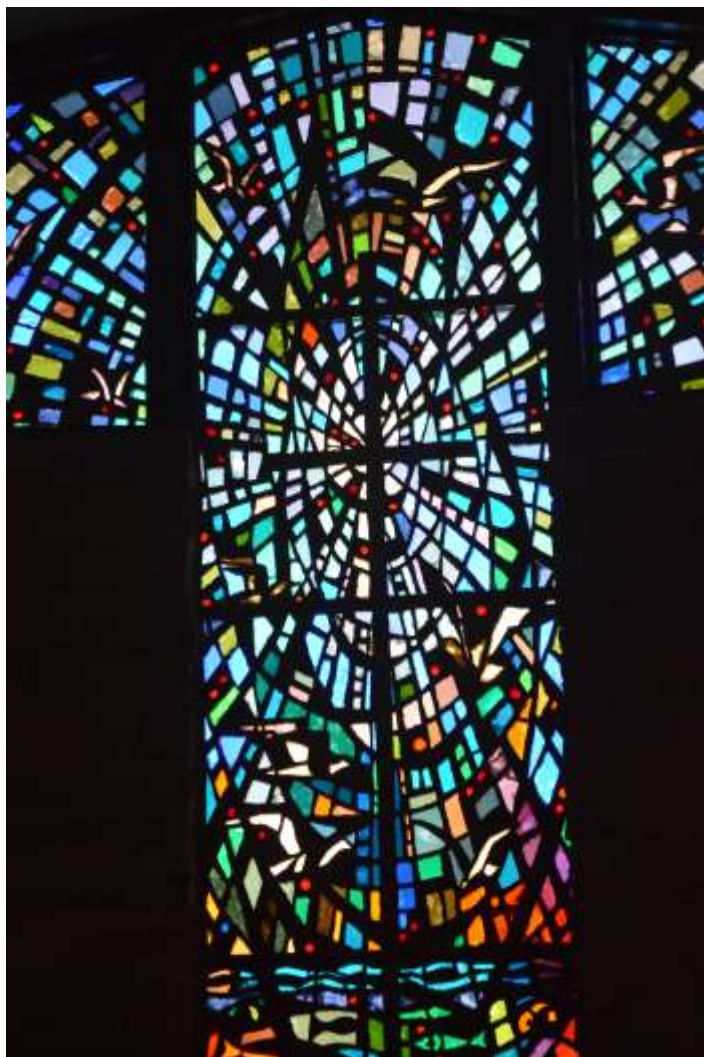
Willet Stained Glass Company was started by William Willet in 1898. It was one of the first American studios to fabricate faceted stain glass windows. This company has windows in the National Cathedral in Washington, DC as well as in many other famed churches.

They also have windows in the Metropolitan Museum in NYC and at West Point in Cadet's Chapel, Washington Hall. The stained glass windows in the sanctuary of First Presbyterian Church in Wilmington are Willet stained glass windows.

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Henry Lee Willet, son of William Willet, was the designer of the windows in the cross you see at the front of the sanctuary.



When he died in 1983 his obituary stated that he was the nation's foremost artist in stained glass and his studio at the time was one of the largest in the United States. Henry Lee's father William Willet worked in faceted glass with lead in the matrix.

Henry Lee was one of the first stained glass window designers to use epoxy which is what is in The Little Chapel's windows.

According to Charles Boney when the contract was signed Willet was given several charges that seemed appropriate for here: colors of azaleas; blue sky; descending dove; a cross and some elements of nature found along the shore. There is a basic tint of blue in the design on a cross with birds and nets and fish woven in.

Faceted glass set in epoxy allows for expansion and contraction and gives more permanence. Faceted glass means that the glass usually about 1 inch thick (can be up to 2 inches thick) has been chipped or cut on the interior edges with a special hammer and anvil tool. These chips refract and reflect the light making the window have a great brilliance of color under transmitted sunlight.

When we say chipped or cut compare it to a gemstone in your jewelry. They are not flat. The negative space (matrix) in an epoxy set window is more noticeable than in leaded glass windows.

In February 1975 a representative from Willets came down and measured and hoped to have the windows in by Easter. April 13, 1975 Bill Graves reported to the session that the windows were in and everyone seemed please. These windows were dedicated May 25, 1975.

When the sanctuary was widened there was no way to extend the original as the glass could not be matched.



Henry Lee Willet died in 1983. These side panels given by Roy and Grace Hobbs were done in 1984. Ann Willet, daughter of Henry Lee Willet, designed the side panels. One of our members, Robert McCarl, seems to think that Ann collaborated with her father on the original ones. These side panels are also faceted glass set in epoxy.

Henry Lee Willet once said that no church building is complete without God's sunlight coming through glass and giving color. We have beautiful stained glass not only in the sanctuary but also in the narthex so God's sunlight has a lot of places to brilliantly and beautifully shine into our building.



Information from;

Sessional Records  
Interviews  
Internet Research

**DO YOU KNOW  
WHAT THIS IS ?**



Hint: Coming soon to a sanctuary near you.

Stay Tuned!

I ♥  
PYC

**\*\* PYC Small Group \*\***

On Sunday, March 7, we will begin a PYC small group. At 6 pm we'll meet at the church with no more than 15 participants, and these COVID-19 protocols will be followed:

Temperature taken at the door, hand sanitizing, masks worn, and social distancing when sitting as a group.

We are inviting the youth group (starting at 6th grade) to participate in a time to come together again. We will follow a 4-week devotional, have a snack, and use the time to regroup after being apart so long since the covid pandemic began.

Christine Kennedy & Sarah McLaughlin will be leading this small group.

**\*\* Easter 2021 \*\***

For our Easter egg hunt, we are asking for donations of candy (NO PEANUT BUTTER or NUTS in the candy please).

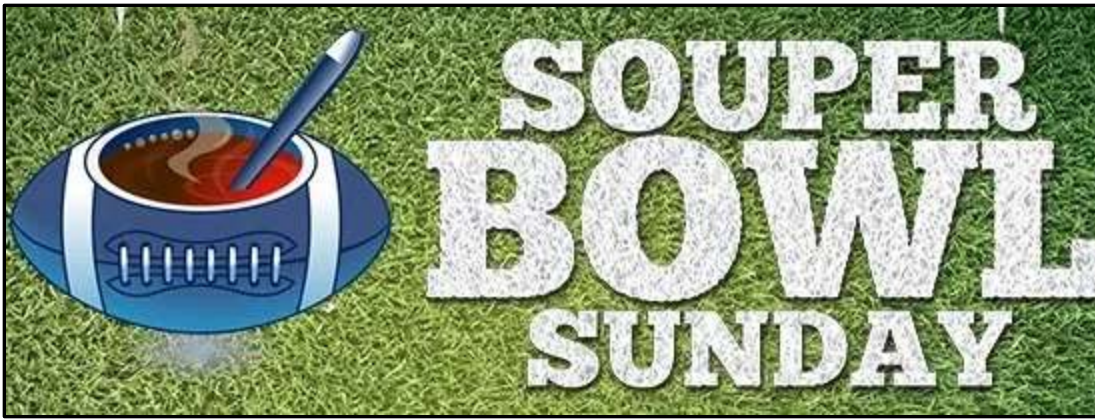
We plan to have a modified Easter egg hunt at the church. Families will have to sign up online so we can limit the group to 25 families and masks will need to be worn the entire time.

The Easter egg hunt will be held at 10 am on Saturday, April 3. Volunteers to stuff eggs would be wonderful.

We will post a time soon when we hope to get together safely in small numbers to stuff eggs. Volunteers would be wonderful!

Thank you all for your continued support of CE. Sarah and I are hoping to get our young people back into a more normal routine, bring them back to the church, and give them a place to come together.





**FEBRUARY 7, 2021**

**Final Game Score**

**Tampa Bay – 31**

**Kansas City - 9**



**Ed O'Neil stands ready with an empty soup pot eager to accept cans and cash donations**

**Little Chapel's final count = Tampa Bay - 166 cans & \$20, Kanas City - 99 cans & \$10**

The Souper Bowl of Caring empowers youth and unites communities to tackle hunger using the energy of the Big Game. Its vision is to transform the Big Game into a nationwide movement inspiring people to give locally and make a collective impact on hunger. People collect monetary and food donations traditionally during the weeks leading up to and after Super Bowl Sunday. All of the money and food is then given directly to local charities of the group's choice.

Started in 1990 at Spring Valley Presbyterian Church in Columbia, South Carolina, the Souper Bowl of Caring has branched out to include schools, businesses and congregations of all faiths. Together, they have raised more than \$163 million in monetary and food donations. In 2020, thousands of groups collected over \$10.6 million of food and contributions. Thanks to all who contributed!





# Top o' the Morning to Ya

By Leita McCormick

When people turn their calendars over to March, most associate the month with the tradition of St. Patrick's Day. But there are several other traditions to be observed during March which I will touch upon later in the article.

First, I will address the tradition of celebrating St. Patrick's Day on the 17<sup>th</sup>. The holiday has evolved into a celebration of Irish culture with parades, (the more than 100 parades held across the United States will be virtual this year) special foods, music, dancing, drinking and a whole lot of green.

The most revered reason to celebrate is the observance of the death of St. Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland, who lived during the fifth century.



Reportedly, he was born in Roman Britain, kidnaped, and brought to Ireland as a slave at the age of 16.

He later escaped but returned to Ireland and was credited with bringing Christianity to its people.

The legend that St. Patrick actually banished snakes from Ireland is less documented. While it is true that the island is supposedly snake-free, chances are that this has been the case throughout human history.

Or, it might have happened like this:



*Snakes! I have no idea how you got here or why you're here, but please just slither yourselves off of this island now!*

Then there is the fable about leprechauns. According to the folklore, you get pinched on St. Patrick's Day if you are not wearing

green. If you do wear green, it makes you invisible to leprechauns and you are safe from the little creature's nipping. Just to be sure, I always wear green on March 17<sup>th</sup>!

Another element that is synonymous with the celebration of St. Patrick's Day is the popular dish, Corned Beef and Cabbage. A simple recipe can consist of only four ingredients plus seasonings: corned beef brisket, red potatoes, carrots and cabbage.



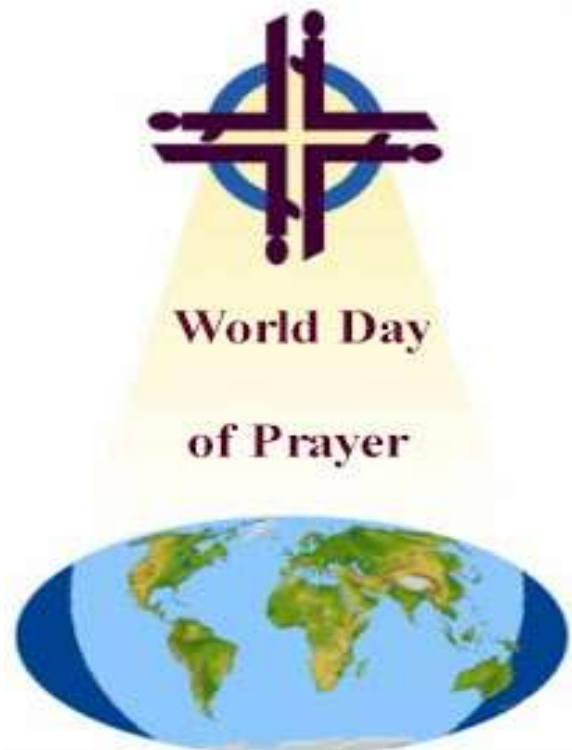
One of my favorite things about St. Patrick's Day are the delightful blessings and funny curses:



MAY YOUR TROUBLES  
BE LESS  
and your  
Blessings  
be MORE  
AND NOTHING BUT  
**HAPPINESS**  
come through your  
door  
FIVEheartHOME IRISH BLESSING

May those who love us,  
love us.  
And for those who don't  
love us,  
May God turn their  
hearts.  
And if he can not turn  
their hearts,  
May he turn their ankles,  
So we may know them by  
their limping.

There is, however, a special day in March to observe:



On the first Friday of March of each year, people of many faith traditions come together on World Day of Prayer to join in prayer and action for peace and justice. This global ecumenical movement is led by Christian women.

Last year, the Church Women United held the service at Kure Memorial Lutheran Church. This year the World Day of Prayer takes place on March 5, however, due to the pandemic, there will be no 2021 worship service offered. Future

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services will be planned as information becomes available.

Another change due to Covid-19 is that the 2021 NCAA DI men's basketball tournament will be unlike any March Madness that has come before. To some, that is not an annoyance; they would rather see the church open again so we can worship inside. But to those who are sports fans, it is disconcerting.

Take heart...all 67 games of the tournament will be televised beginning March 18 and ending on April 5.

Wishing all Little Chapel on the Boardwalk members a very happy, healthy month of March.

**And don't forget to wear green on the 17<sup>th</sup>.**



## SHAMROCK vs. CLOVER

While shamrocks and four-leaf clovers are often confused, there are significant differences between the two.

A shamrock is a traditional three-leaf clover, a symbol of Ireland for centuries. It's also connected to Christianity as the three leaves are believed to represent the Holy Trinity as well as Faith, Hope and Love. It's the more common variety of clover and can be found everywhere - not just in Ireland. When celebrating St. Patrick's Day, the shamrock is the correct symbol to use.

Four-leaf clovers, however, are much harder to find and are uncommon compared to shamrocks, or 3-leaf clovers. As such, they're associated with good luck. It is thought that each leaf of a clover represents something.

The first three represent **faith**, **hope**, and **love**. If you come across one that has a fourth leaf, it represents **luck**.

## Daylight Saving Time Starts Sunday, March 14



Daylight Saving Time starts on the second Sunday of March for the United States. Clocks are turned forward one hour from 2 am to 3 am.

That Sunday, the clocks will **SPRING** forward, causing areas that practice daylight saving time to lose an hour (don't worry, the hour is gained back in the fall).

Most of the United States and Canada observe DST on the same dates. But of course, there are exceptions. Hawaii and Arizona are the two U.S. states that don't observe daylight saving time, though Navajo Nation, in northeastern Arizona, does follow DST, according to NASA.

## THE NEW NORMAL REQUIRES ADAPTABILITY & FLEXIBILITY



When it's cold and/or rainy, we sit in our cars and listen to the service on the radio. Barbara Tyndall greets us when we enter the parking lot, she hands out the bulletins, and does a head count every Sunday. Thank you, Barbara!



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**SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE – 11 am (Outdoors/Parking Lot – weather permitting)**

**Bring your mask, lawn chair, 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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