

LITTLE CHAPEL *on the Boardwalk*

MAY NEWSLETER

2018



Dear Little Chapel on the Boardwalk family,

May is certainly a month full of a lot of wonderful things...the weather starts to get warmer (hopefully), we begin our beach service, some folks will be preparing for graduations, and there is Mother's Day.

This year on May 20th we will be celebrating Pentecost Sunday.

There are so many things happening this month, but one that I want to talk about is Memorial Day.

Memorial Day emerged from the grim shadows of the American Civil War. Before the close of the war, women began decorating the graves of soldiers who had died in that war.

The practice quickly spread, and a few years later, May 30, 1868

was designated as *Decoration Day* – a day for placing flowers on the graves of Union and Confederate soldiers throughout the United States.

In 1882, Decoration Day became known as Memorial Day, and all soldiers who died in other wars were also honored. Over the years, it has become a day when loved ones who have died in the service to our country are remembered. In 1971, the United States Congress declared Memorial Day a national holiday to be observed annually on the last Monday in May.

As most of you know, I grew up an Air Force “brat”. I was 19 years old before I lived some place other than on an Air Force base. Memorial Day has always held a special place in my heart as over the years I have attended many memorial services for those killed in battle.

This year we will continue a tradition we started a few years ago of listing in the bulletin those persons who died in any battle throughout American history.

If you have already called in a name over the past few years,

you don't have to call again, as we have the list which we started a couple of years ago.

The names will be in our bulletin on May 27 and there will be a special time in which they will be remembered.

I hope that in between all the good times that we all will have Memorial Day weekend, we will at some point stop and remember those who gave the ultimate sacrifice that we might enjoy the freedoms we have.

Blessings,

Pastor Pat



Congregational Meeting

A Called Congregational Meeting was held on April 15 after the 10:30 AM Worship Service.

The purpose of the meeting was to receive recommendations from the Endowment Committee and to approve the Terms of Call for the pastor.

The Endowment Committee proposed the following changes to the Endowment Description: The percentages of the Endowment's annual disbursement of funds be changed from 80% to 70% to grants to approved non-profit organizations, with 15% to Property Committee for operating expenses (formerly 10%) and 15% going to the Capital Improvements Reserve Fund (formerly 10% to remain in portfolio for growth).

Another change was in the wording of the Endowment Description allowing the Governing Committee to distribute 3.5% of the Endowment Fund annually to the Session, rather than requiring this action. A third recommendation was that no governing entity of the Little Chapel shall take any action that allows the value of the fund to fall below one million dollars (\$1,000,000.00). All of these recommendations from the Endowment Committee were approved by the congregation.

The Terms of Call for the Pastor is an annual financial package that is required by Presbytery, and these terms must be approved by the congregation. Included in the Terms of Call are salary, benefits, and vacation and sick leave policies. The Terms of Call for Rev. Pat Rabun included a 3.5% salary increase for 2018. This was approved by the congregation.



This is the day the
LORD has made;
We will rejoice and
be glad in it.

Psalm 118:24





APRIL HIGHLIGHTS

The session heard a report from the last meeting of the Presbytery of Coastal Carolina, March 3, from Elder Chris McKirachan, our Commissioner. The East Community will hold its June Gathering at First Presbyterian Church, Wilmington June 30, 2018. The theme is "Walk the Talk" and will be based on a small group Bible study for the gospel of Mark, May 19 - July 6. Pastor Pat will lead this study for our church. Details coming soon!

We will welcome new members on Pentecost Sunday, May 20. A meeting for prospective new members and Elders will be held at the manse on Wednesday, May 16 at 7 PM. Details can be obtained from Pastor Pat or the church office.

The session continues to struggle with the financial issues facing the church. Members of the Finance Committee met with the session in April to discuss this situation. Various ways to increase revenue were discussed and an ad hoc committee is being formed to address this need. Methods to expand our membership were also discussed.

The Memorial Brick program is underway, with Jim Smith, Jim Bolick, and Jim Alexander working on this. Forms are available in the narthex and can be turned in to the church office. Bricks will be located along the boardwalk by the front entrance to the sanctuary.

April 29 is a designated Fifth Sunday, when we will receive a special Fifth Sunday offering to help with our financial deficit.

Christian Education reported that the Easter Egg Hunt held on March 31 at the church was very successful with good attendance from the Wrightsville Beach community. Plans are now underway for our Vacation Bible School, scheduled for June 25 - 28.

The program on Security of the 21st Century Church with Sgt. Warren Kennedy was held at the church on April 11 and was well attended. The session will consider what steps should be taken to enhance security at the Little Chapel. The Property Committee has already been working to improve lighting on the outside of the building.

Plans are in place for the beach services, which will begin May 6 at access #4, Wrightsville Beach at 8 AM.

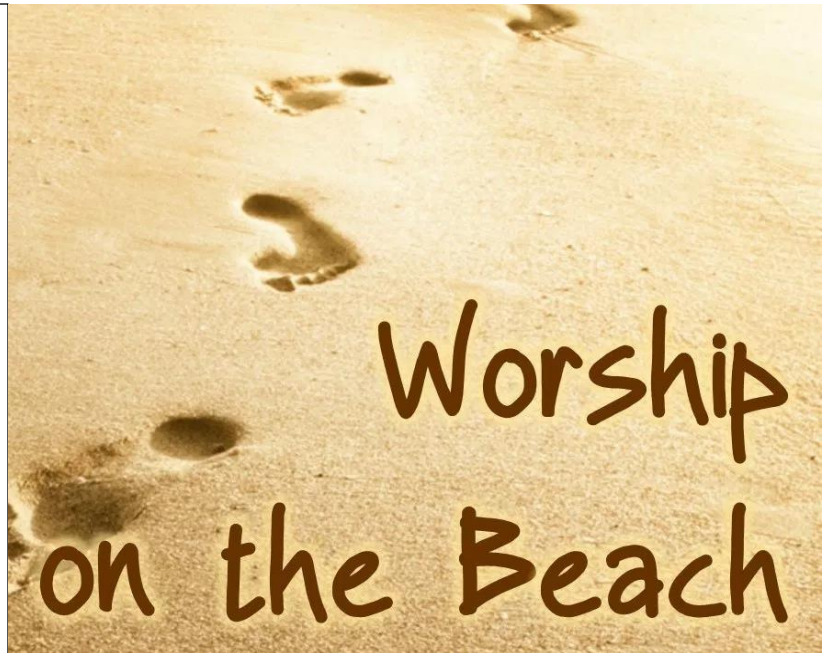
Two new nursery attendants, Jessica Wand and Kelly McMahon, have been hired to assist Angela McConnell, Director of Children's Ministry, in working with our children on Sunday mornings. They will begin on April 29, as our current nursery attendant, Allison, is graduating in early May and will be leaving us. Many thanks to Allison for her faithful dedication to our children.

IT'S BACK...BEGINNING MAY 6 8 AM - ACCESS #4

Feel the sand beneath your feet, listen to the sounds of the ocean, watch the sun sparkle like glitter on the water, and take in the beauty and wonderment of God's handiwork every Sunday during the summer when you worship with us on the beach. An informal, relaxed 30-minute service begins **at 8 am @ Access #4.**

Bring your lawn chairs or blankets

Beach dress - casual



WNOB

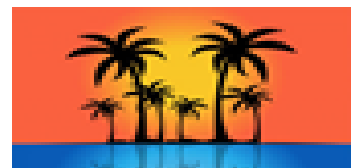
(Wednesday Night On the Boardwalk)

MAY 30 - 6 PM to SUNSET - POT LUCK & BYOB

After continuing to receive valuable input concerning the Wednesday Night on the Boardwalk event from the Time and Talent Fair, the decision has been made to continue this event during the summer months at Duneridge Resort. The first event this season will be held on May 30th from 6 to sunset. The location will be the same as last summer for those who attended, Duneridge Resort, 2400 N Lumina Avenue, Wrightsville Beach next to Access #4. Parking will be permitted and free in the Duneridge parking areas.

Dress comfortably and bring your bathing suits and towels! Sign-up sheets will be posted prior to the date in the narthex. There will be great fellowship and a memorable evening overlooking Wrightsville Beach, weather permitting. Please bring family members and friends. Looking forward to seeing you on May 30.

- Stephany Del Re', Congregational Life



SINGLES MEET N' EAT

Come join us for lunch on

Friday, May 11, 2018 at noon

We will get together at the

Holiday Inn Resort

1706 N. Lumina Ave.

Wrightsville Beach

Hope to see you there!

For more
information contact

Linda Shahaltough (794-5280)

PLEASE REMEMBER

5th Sunday Offering

April 29

Food for May – Baby Food

March 2018 Financial Status (\$)

Income	35,807
Expenses	35,748
Net Income	58

Year to date (\$)

Income	112,233
Expenses	119,405
Deficit	7,173

Memorials

January – April

Cecil Robinson

Mr. & Mrs. Norman Zettel, Mr. William Bass, Ms. Silvey Robinson

Peggy Mahoney

Ms. Margaret Grant, Dr. & Mrs. Thomas Head, Mr. & Mrs. Hariss Northrop

Carson Davis

Timothy Karp, Robert Andrew, Presbyterian Women, Circle #1

Iola Barnhill

Timothy Karp, Robert Andrew, The Snyder Family, Meta Greer/Smokey & Marian McDowel

D.S. & M.S. Courie, David Mims, SJMS Retirees, Stephanie, Jeff Price, John Brushaber

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

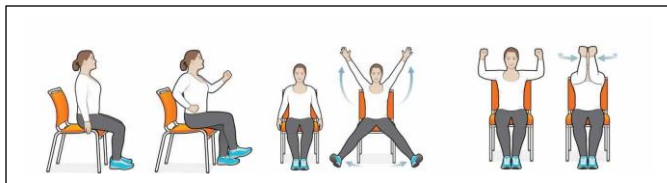
New Visitation Program

There has been much discussion regarding the Visitation Program here at Little Chapel. Some feel it is the pastor's responsibility to do visitation; others feel it is up to the Congregational Life Committee. Reality is that visitation is a combined effort of all members of the congregation, not just the pastor's or committee's job

Here at Little Chapel there are many members who contact and make personal visits to those who are homebound, hospitalized, in a rehab center, or recuperating at home. The Congregational Life Committee is grateful to these folks and wants them to continue with their personal ministry. To ensure that all members of the congregation who should receive visits will get them, Congregational Life is pleased to announce a new, more formal format for visitation:

Weekly, Pastor Pat and Susan Osteen will provide the congregation with the names of 3 individuals, requesting that congregants sign up to visit one, or all of them at some time during the week. Some of these folks are homebound; some will be nursing home visits; some at retirement centers. The 3 names will be in the bulletin every week, along with the names of the members in assisted living. The list will change weekly.

This new way of letting the congregation know who to visit on a weekly basis will greatly increase the effectiveness of the Visitation Program and outreach of the church, as well as helping members of the congregation have ministry opportunities. To be sure, visitation comes easier for some people than others, however we all need to remember that it is an honor to care for another person.



CHAIR YOGA

Due to the popularity of this class,
an additional day per week has been added.

Every Monday and Wednesday

10 am

Fellowship Hall

Cost: \$10 per session



MAY 17

11 AM – 5 PM

- The conservation and protection of all species of marine turtles both in the water and on the beach
- The rescue, rehabilitation, and release of sick and injured sea turtles
- To inform and educate the public regarding the plight of all sea turtles and the threat of their extinction
- To provide an experiential learning site for students of biology, wildlife conservation, and/or veterinary medicine from around the world.

Cost of the trip is \$20 per person which includes lunch, transportation and entrance to the turtle hospital.

Lunch will be at 11 am in the Fellowship Hall

*Please Join
Janice Allen & Linda Allen
For
Little Chapel's
Art & Stained Glass
Historical Tour
Wednesday, May 2
1 -3 PM*

WEDNESDAY, MAY 9 @ 1 PM

FELLOWSHIP HALL



June 13: You Have EMAIL (or is it Spam?)

July 11: How smart is a SMARTPHONE?

SAVE THE DATE: JUNE 4

Port City Music Festival

Windermere Presbyterian

104 Windermere Road

Wilmington, NC 28405

Featuring the works of

Ludwig van Beethoven

Franz Schubert

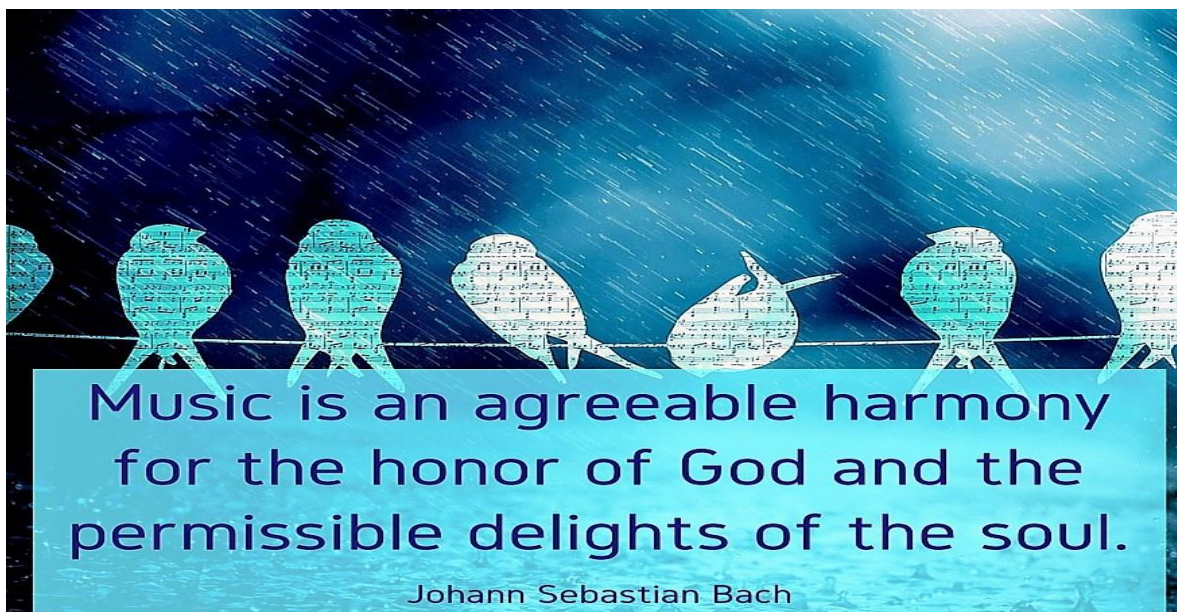
And the Music of China

Can You Name These RINGERS, circa 1987?



If nothing rings a bell (get it?)...

You'll Find Their Names at the bottom of some page in this newsletter



MATTHEW HOUSE UPDATE

Once again, during the month of March, college students filled the Matthew House while participating in an “Alternative Spring Break”. Along with thousands of other students from across our country, they chose to spend their spring breaks by serving others in need.

Groups from both NC State and the University of Missouri served with WARM (Wilmington Area Rebuilding Ministry) helping to complete safety-related home repairs and accessibility upgrades for low-income home owners in Brunswick, New Hanover, and Pender counties.

As an example, the “Mizzou Alternative Break” group put on much-needed front and back porches, including steps; put down new flooring in a bathroom; scrubbed the entire exterior of the house; and made repairs to the roof – all within four days! They even stopped by the house to put on some finishing touches before heading back to Missouri. Check out the picture of the grateful homeowner smiling on her new porch.



A third group from Illinois Institute of Technology participated in the annual Habitat for Humanity’s Collegiate Challenge program. These students spent

their week framing a house, putting in windows and helping construct the roof.

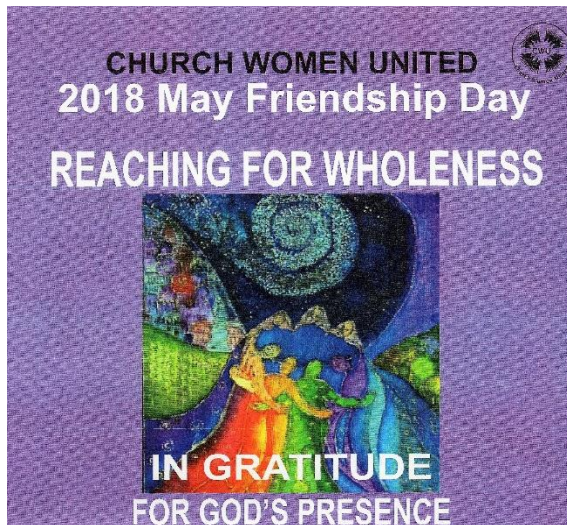
Because of their hard work another family in Wilmington will soon have a place to call their own. How refreshing to see the enthusiasm and dedication of all these college students, who travelled to our corner of the world to improve the lives of those in our communities.



This summer we will be welcoming several adult/youth groups to the Matthew House, who will continue the work of the college students by working with WARM.



If you’ve ever wondered why we named Little Chapel’s mission house, The Matthew House, it is because of Jesus’ familiar message to us. “Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me”. (Matthew 25:40)



CHURCH WOMEN UNITED

The Church Women United May Friendship Day Celebration “In Gratitude for God’s Presence”

focuses on our gratitude for God’s presence in all things, and especially as we respond to human needs. Childhood hunger is one of the most important needs at the present time, and that is our focus in this program.

The event will be held Friday, May 4, 2018 at St. Paul’s Evangelical Lutheran Church, 12 North 6th Street. This is the annual luncheon meeting. Migrant worker health kits prepared by our women will be presented to the Telemon Corporation for distribution. We will also have the annual collection of funds for the Fellowship of the Least Coin. Registration is at 11:00 am followed by the luncheon. Cost for the lunch is \$5.00

For tickets or additional information, please call Jean Northrup, 686-5376. Plan to join us for this enjoyable time of worship and Christian fellowship.

You are invited to join **Kids Making It** for their Building Brighter Futures fundraising luncheon on May 10th. Their keynote speaker will be **Kevin O'Connor**, host of *This Old House*. The event will be held at the First Baptist Church Activities Center on Independence Blvd from 11:30am-1:00pm. While there is no charge to attend, guests will be asked to make a donation at the event.

Jim & Rita Bolick invite you to sit at their table, please put their name in the comments section. Please see Jim or contact Kim Boyce at 910-763-6001 or email kim@kidsmakingit.org if you have any questions. To register please copy/paste the link below in your browser.

<https://entry.donorsnap.com/forms/oForms.aspx?id=MDM2NmU2MWItYTc5My00ZWU1LWlwZmMtODc0MDM3MWY5NjJk>



KIDS MAKING IT
woodworking program



This year the Birthday Offering will go to three recipients. Two of the recipients are located right here in the US. A brief description of each program follows:

The first is The Cottage Village, located in Cottage Grove, Oregon. This group plans to use the grant to build 13 tiny houses, thus creating a structured social community for individuals and families with very low incomes. With a centrally shared use area, these vulnerable rural citizens will have a protected environment in which to live.

The Dwelling Place in Minneapolis and St. Paul, Minnesota was established in 1998 as a support service for women and children as they escaped violent home situations. The grant will help purchase a vacant lot to build a multi-use facility at one location for group programming, case management, safe living spaces and staff offices.

The third recipient is the Village of Grace Center for Physical and Spiritual Health, located in Tegucigalpa, Honduras. This grant will enable the Presbytery of Honduras to purchase this retreat center in order to host international workshops, retreats and mission teams. The Presbyterian Women of Honduras will manage the facility.

The Scripture being used to further the importance of this offering is taken from Hebrews 4:16 (NKJV). It says:

“Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.”

Circle 1- Bertha Martin's Home

May 7 - 10:30 am

Covered Dish

Bible Study: Iris Davis

Circle 2 - Choir Room - LCOB

May 1 - 10:00 am

Bible Study - Gerry Williamson

Circle 3 - Hostess- Mila Hill

May 1 - 7:30 pm

Bible Study: Mila Hill

Circle 4 - Hostess - Rita Bolick

May 1 - 10:00 am

Bible Study: Janet O'Neil

Time change for the June 4 Spring Gathering from 6 pm to 4 pm. Meet in LCOB Fellowship Hall

From Stewardship:



We would like to thank all the members who have generously increased their pledges or have contributed a one-time donation to help Little Chapel meet our financial budget. It has been encouraging to see that 2 of the last 3 months we have met our monthly goals. We have also enjoyed hearing your stories the past few months during worship service, and want to thank the members who have taken the time to share their Little Chapel memories with the congregation. We are still looking for a few more story-tellers, so if you would like to provide a moment for Stewardship the 4th Sunday of the month, please contact Pat Hatcher or Marie Godsell. If you would like to share your story, but do not enjoy public speaking, we would be happy to read your story for you. This is a wonderful way for our members to come together by learning about one another.



Thank you for your heartfelt gift of \$1,117 for promoting and supporting One Great Hour of Sharing, an Offering that responds directly to the needs God has called us to fulfill in Isaiah 58. OGHS currently supports programs in over 100 countries.

This offering will be equally divided by OGHS and Good Shepherd which helps those in need in our community.

If we all do a little, it adds up to a lot!

Thank you!



5th Sunday Special Offering

Last year the session decided to take up a special offering on the 5th Sundays of the month to help off-set the budget shortfall. The first 5th Sunday month for 2018 occurs at the end of April. On **April 29** we are asking that everyone try and give a little more than their normal weekly contribution. This special offering will hopefully go a long way to helping us deal with our budget deficit.

THE SISTER ISAAC CENTER FINAL SPRING UPDATE

May is the final month for collecting donations for The Sister Isaac Center until September. Please bring your boxed/bagged items and place them on The Sister Isaac Center Bench before the end of the month. During the summer, the bench is used for other missions.

May special requests:

- ❖ Kitchen items including pots, pans, dishes, & small appliances
- ❖ Children's and infant clothing
- ❖ Spring/Summer apparel (especially X-Large clothing for men & women)
- ❖ Paper Products, including paper towels, toilet paper, diapers, and Kleenex plus dish washing liquid
- ❖ Toiletry items (soap, shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste, etc.)

If you have gently-used furniture, appliances or a large quantity of boxed/bagged donations, you may call the office of Mary Ann Kotas and leave a message requesting a van pick-up. Leave a detailed description of the items you wish to give at 762-5491, Ext 135. A volunteer will return your call to arrange a time for pick-up.

For questions, please contact Ellen Dudley at ehdudley@gmail.com or (910) 470-7588 or Jacalyn Bristow at Jacalyn@bristowsurveying.com or (910) 471-5959.

Many thanks to our wonderful team of drivers:

Cos & Nancy Cosby, Betty & Gary Gischel, Dan & Cheryl Hammond, Paul & Mila Hill, George & Linda Johnson, Ada & Jim Legg, Susan Long, Ann & Jim Martz, Dianne Matthews, Pat & Mary Roche

A sincere thank you to all the members of the Little Chapel for your donations! We appreciate your continued generosity!

Drivers This Month

May 6 - Ada & Jim Legg

May 13 - Ann & Jim Martz

May 20 - Jacalyn Bristow

May 27 - Ellen Dudley



PYC Calendar

MAY 6: Regular PYC 5:30PM - 7:30PM

MAY 13: No PYC - Happy Mother's Day!

MAY 20: Regular PYC 5:30PM - 7:30PM

MAY 27: No PYC - Happy Memorial Day Weekend!

Memorial Weekend Parking Lot FUNdraiser

Time to earn fundraising credits for all our amazing summer trips! Remember, you can sign-up for as many shifts as you'd like throughout the weekend. Students 15 or younger will need a parent/chaperone to work with them. Sign-up sheets will be posted in the Narthex mid-May--be on the look out for them.



SUNDAY, APRIL 29

2:30 - 4:30 PM

This film reveals how tech time impacts kids' development and offers solutions on how adults can empower kids to best navigate the digital world and find balance. Adults with children of all ages and children 10+ are invited. Little Chapel and Wrightsville UMC are underwriting this showing so there is no admission/ticket cost.

Spring Retreat 2018 at Camp Albemarle

This is our fourth year visiting Camp Albemarle in Newport, NC for our annual Spring Retreat. It was an amazing weekend. Our theme was *God is Greater than All the Highs & Lows*. Our anchor verse was Romans 8:38 - 39. We studied Joseph (Genesis 37 - 50) and Saul/Paul (Acts 8 - 9). We also spent time doing team building activities, building campfires, and conquering our fears through climbing the Alpine Tower.

Thank you for your prayers and continued support.





MAY'S STAFF SPOTLIGHT SHINES

ON

Emily Donovan

Director of Youth Ministries

What are the goals you set to achieve with and for our youth at Little Chapel?

My primary goal is to grow a deep-rooted faith in Christ for students in Grades 6th – 12th that will ground them as they transition into adulthood.

You plan and organize trips, retreats, missions and so much more. Why not just weekly PYC get-togethers?

During the school year, from September to May, we meet weekly every Sunday evening for 2 hours—we do this in addition to our year-round Sunday School class. On Sunday evenings, we share a meal together, play a few games, and then, either have a Bible lesson or participate in a local service project. Our fantastic parent volunteers plan, cook, and prepare our Sunday evening meals.

These weekly gatherings are a great way for everyone to check-in with each other before the start of another week and nurture their spiritual growth and Christian friendships. However, this is just one piece of the puzzle that makes our youth program meaningful.

Offering trips, retreats, and mission opportunities is, in my mind, critical to building a faith that is deeply-rooted. The human brain becomes more alert and aware when we travel outside of our comfort zone.

Taking teenagers out of town to discuss the Bible ensures these crucial messages get coded into their long-term memories.

I challenge you to spend five minutes with any of our students and ask them what they REMEMBER most about PYC and 9 times out of 10 they will tell you a story about one of our trips.

Our youth seem to have a bond, a connection with each other. Is there a common thread?

Our youth program is very unique and special. We have nearly full participation within our youth ministry programs--meaning all the families with teenagers that regularly attend Little Chapel participate fully in our PYC programs. This speaks volumes to the type of bond and connection these students feel for one another.

I try to achieve this by making every student feel like they are welcome and that they belong here—but it's also up to the students to make each other feel accepted. I work to guide and remind them through scripture that we are meant to be each other's keepers. That life already tries to label and separate and exclude and ignore—but within PYC we will love and accept anyone willing to share their time with us.



What's the most difficult part of your job at Little Chapel?

Maintaining visibility with the congregation. Our core ministry work happens on Sunday nights and when we take overnight trips. The majority of our students do not attend the 10:30am worship service—so it's hard for church members to see all that we do and meet these amazing students.

Another challenge is balancing everyone's needs. Ministry work is like trying to solve a puzzle that keeps rearranging itself midway through solving. Every student has their own set of needs; they are not all starting from the same foundation. It can get challenging to bring all those different dynamics to the table and spiritually feed each individual need.

What brings you the most satisfaction in your work?

I love when the students get excited about events and programs we do. Obviously, that's a self-serving satisfaction—a lot of behind-the-scenes work goes into planning Sunday School, PYC and every trip—so when the students get excited to come to church and participate in PYC programs—it's a type of validation that reconfirms I'm meeting their needs.

I also love “light bulb” moments where we're exploring scripture and they truly connect with the passage. It's humbling to watch God ignite something inside them and getting a front row seat to bear witness to those moments.

When you aren't being the Youth Director, how do you like to spend your time?

I love spending time with my family and volunteering within the community. We are pretty active during the week with extra-curricular activities, meetings, etc. and I spend the majority of my Sunday with the youth at

Little Chapel—so Saturdays are sacred family days for the Donovans. I love to read, learn new things, and travel.

Now that we have Directors of Children's and Adult Ministries, how does the Youth Ministry fit between or alongside them....or does it?

The Youth Ministry fits naturally between and alongside these two ministries. Teenagers require a specific type of messaging. They've outgrown the Children's program—but aren't yet ready for Adult ministry. They require a program that can channel their energy, give them a loving space to explore their thoughts, doubts, and questions, while at the same time provides a safe place to land—or crash.

Teenagers go through a tremendous amount of physical, emotional, and developmental changes as they prepare for adulthood. They are wired to begin stepping away from their parents, to find their own footing, and begin surviving independently. It's important that we protect these years and offer a safe space for them within the church to develop these skills. I'm excited to work with both ministries to figure out age appropriate ways we can support each other.

Would you rather cook or dine out? What would be on the menu that would make you happy?

Dine out! Our family has a variety of dietary needs—David is gluten free, I love bread. Mirabelle decided to become a vegetarian—even though she hates vegetables, and Finn is a pretty adventurous eater. Eating out means we all get to order what we want—and someone else does the dishes.

I love a good mac and cheese.

What's the most interesting book you've ever read?

Is this a trick question? Am I supposed to say the Bible? Honestly, the Bible is the most

fascinating book I have ever read. The same passage can have a different meaning depending on what age and stage you read it at—it's the best living document we have.

What's your favorite family activity?

I love when we get to spend time together, be it family movie night, beach day, going on vacations, or playing board games.

When you need some quiet moments alone, what do you do?

I hide in the bedroom. I did that a lot before the twins started elementary school.

Are there plans for a vacation or family get away this year?

Yes, we always try to take one in the summer—even if it needs to be low-key. It's important to get away from all the distractions of daily life and just focus on each other. Dave's traveling to Texas at the end of May so we're deciding if it's feasible to join him for part of his trip and explore Austin and San Antonio—the twin's godmother lives right outside of Austin. We'd love to spend time with her family and explore big sky country.

Do you have a role model you respect or admire more than others? Do you see yourself as a role model?

I used to have a lot of role models—but have found over the years there's a danger in doing this. Humans are notorious for making mistakes. Instead, I now admire the work people do more than who they appear to be. Putting a friend, or celebrity, on a pedestal distracts my focus from maintaining a closer connection with God and discerning where I'm being called to serve next. I try not to look at myself as a role model either—that feels stressful.

Is there a particular quote, saying, or maxim which has special meaning in your life?

Yes, Dave bought me a necklace right before we embarked on our journey to have children. It said "Fearlessness" in Sanskrit. Failure can feel awful—this word reminded me to let go of the fear of failure and just embrace the journey.

Finally, finish this sentence. "My greatest joy in life is....."

My greatest joy in life is being around my children.



**DO ALL THE GOOD YOU CAN.
BY ALL THE MEANS YOU CAN.
IN ALL THE WAYS YOU CAN.
IN ALL THE PLACES YOU CAN.
AT ALL THE TIMES YOU CAN.
TO ALL THE PEOPLE YOU CAN.
AS LONG AS EVER YOU CAN.**

John Wesley



HABITAT FOR HUMANITY UPDATE

With less than a month to go until the landscaping is completed, our work on the 2018 Habitat for Humanity Ecumenical Build is wrapping up. Little Chapel has proudly stepped up to share the responsibility for working with other Wilmington area churches to create a home with the Nelson family at 1901 Lingo Street.

Our 6 painters are ready to go on May 5 and a full team of 4 baseboard/hardware installers will do their work on May 12.

The LCOB food network is also already planning for May 12, when we will serve 24 lunches to appreciative volunteers! *If you have already volunteered to prepare or help serve our meal that day*, be sure to sign the new Menu Sheet in the narthex by May 1, indicating what you will bring and if you can join us at the home site.

All food items should be delivered in disposable containers to our church kitchen by 10:30 on Saturday, May 12, marked for HABITAT. If a serving tool is needed, disposable is your best choice!

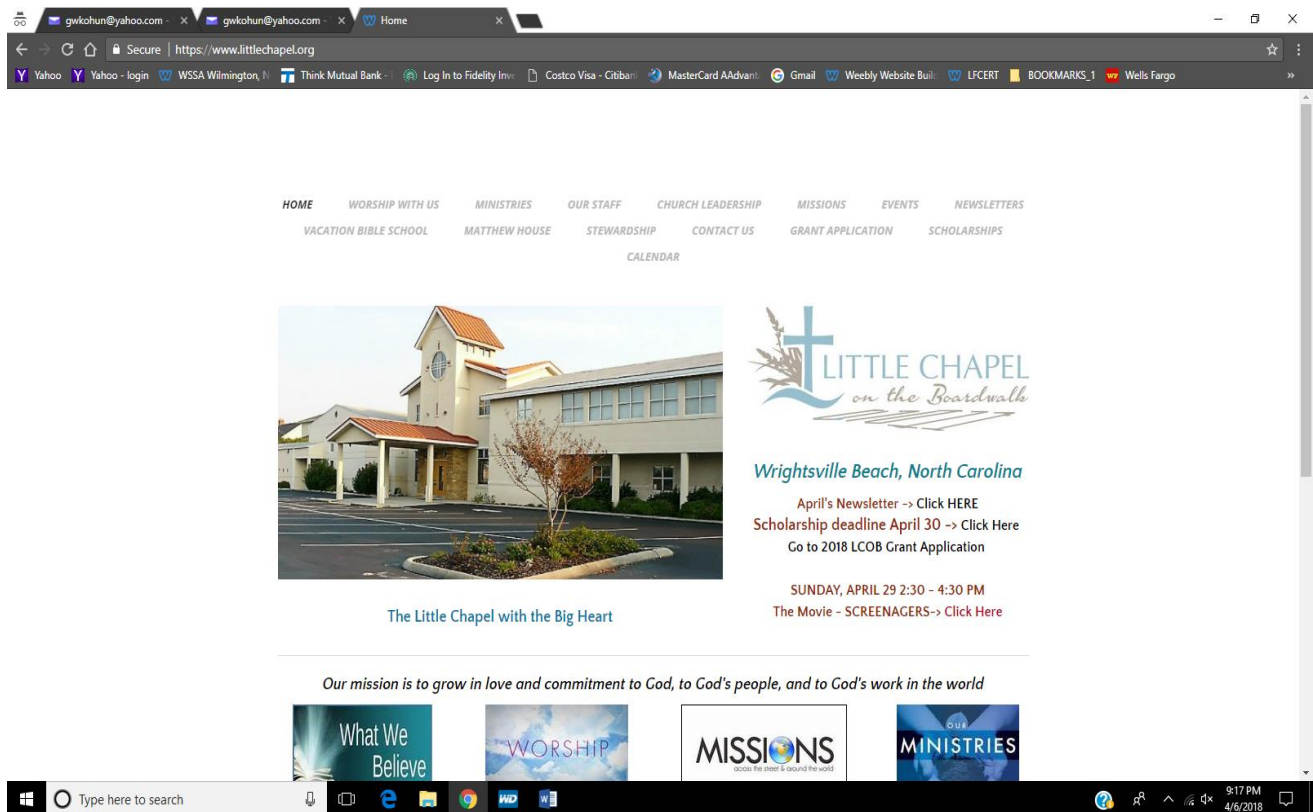
Check out the narthex posters in May to see who is representing LCOB at this build. Then watch for details on the dedication ceremony, when everyone from Little Chapel is welcome to inspect the house we have sponsored, and to meet the homeowner and her two daughters.

God's work. Our hands.



SCREEN SHOTS

YOU PROBABLY KNOW THE IMAGE BELOW IS A SCREEN SHOT OF OUR WEBSITE'S HOME PAGE...BUT DO YOU KNOW HOW TO CAPTURE (Copy) AN IMAGE OF WHATEVER YOU SEE ON YOUR COMPUTER SCREEN AND THEN PASTE IT INTO A DOCUMENT OR ON PHOTO PAPER? IF YOU ATTEND THE MAY 9 TECH TALK at 1 pm, WE'LL TELL YOU HOW TO DO IT ALONG WITH MORE 'HOW TOs.'



BTW, www.littlechapel.org posts church events, meetings, and activities on the **Events** Tab at the top of the page. There is a **Newsletter** Tab also at the top which takes you directly to the most current Newsletter so you can view and read on your computer or download and print if you want a copy. On Friday or Saturday, you can preview the early and late services bulletins and week's announcements by clicking on the **'Worship With Us'** tab at the top of the page.

JOIN US BECOME A MEMBER



As spring finally arrives, we reflect on new beginnings in our lives. These include new friends and new commitments. Little Chapel on the Boardwalk would like to invite our visitors to consider joining our very special church, the one with the BIG HEART.

Many visitors come once or twice, then decide to join us. Others take longer. New members often just enjoy taking in the beauty and peacefulness of the Little Chapel, while others throw themselves into various mission areas of the church.

Whatever your style and sense of comfort, we want you to know that we love having you with us, getting to know you, and sharing our unique spiritual journeys.

During my first year as a member, I would enjoy the friendly smiles and hellos from those around me in “my adopted pew” but I would leave after greeting the minister.

Eventually, I became more involved in conversation with the friendly people seated around me. I was encouraged when they didn’t push me into church events. But these warm caring people became my little group at the Little Chapel. And then I started participating in some activities which suited my talents and interests.

We are so happy to have you here with us every Sunday, whether it is in the Little Chapel or on the beach. We hope you will think about becoming a member of our special

church with such wonderful people.

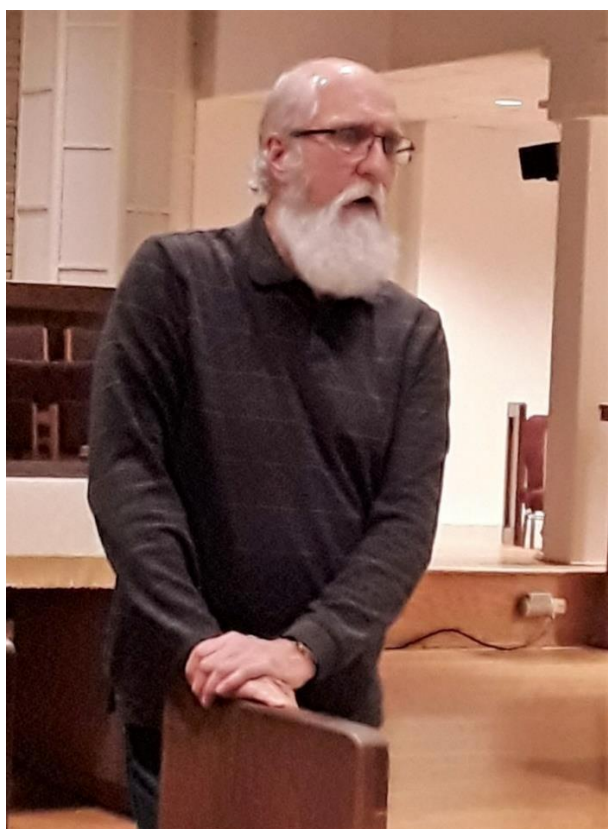
Our next new members service will be May 20th. Prior to that, Pastor Pat invites you to the church manse on Wednesday May 16th at 7:00 PM to find out more about our church and other new members, as well as those who have been a part of Little Chapel for some years.

As a little benefit, that Sunday May 20th is our monthly breakfast Sunday, and for new members it will be “on the house”! Please let Pastor Pat know that you are interested in joining the Little Chapel on May 20th so that details of your membership can be arranged.

*Marti Shogi Rowlands
& Maggie North*

- Membership Committee

Sgt. Warren Kennedy presented a timely and engaging presentation April 11 on how to be prepared, and able to quickly react should any of us encounter an active shooter or terrorist threat. Sgt. Kennedy was frank and honest, offering suggestions to those in attendance, helping us to begin the conversation of what changes need to be made at Little Chapel to better prepare for such an event. Members of the Wrightsville Beach Police Department were also present to answer questions.



From the Worship Committee

Our Heartfelt Thank You!

To everyone who came to help with preparing the church for Easter Sunday on Good Friday after the service; and to those who came on Tuesday to take down the cross and ready the sanctuary for the week's activities.

To Dewi and Marti Rowlands for their gift of a new lectern Bible for the sanctuary. It is the NRSV which matches the pew Bibles.

Dear Little Chapel Family and Friends: Thank you so much for your prayers, messages, phone calls, and cards so lovingly sent to express your sympathy and support as we mourn the passing of our great-nephew, Banner. Please continue to pray for our niece Kara, husband Forrest, and Banner's younger siblings Aslan and River as they travel through this very difficult time. With much love and thanks for the Little Chapel With the Big Heart,

Ed and Janet O'Neil

Little Chapel on the Boardwalk:

*My heart is deeply touched
by your thoughtful gifts you have
shared with me. The two who
believed the gifts were precious
angels also - lovely visits and
lots of fun. I treasure you all in my life!
Blessings always on your
ministry !!*

*Bildad McEwen
April 2, 2018
(Age 98 next
birthday in July)*



On Mother's Day Little Chapel will be supporting Children's Hope Alliance and Elderhaus.

Children's Hope Alliance has a long history of child advocacy and welfare dating back over 125 years. Last year, Children's Hope Alliance helped more than 3,600 children and families across NC. All of the programs and services provided create hope for hurting children and families in three ways: healing the hurt, providing a safe home, and encouraging a healthy start.

Children's Hope Alliance consists of Barium Springs and Grandfather Home for Children. These homes have expanded their care to include foster care and adoptions services, educational services and therapeutic services for children who have suffered complex trauma.

The mission of Elderhaus of Wilmington is to promote and sustain the independence of seniors wishing to remain in the community. This is accomplished with the PACE PROGRAM (program of all-inclusive care for the elderly), adult day services, and home care services.

Please give generously to help our children and seniors. Thank you!





Little Chapel Art and Stained Glass Historical Tour



When you look at a piece of art, what do you see? Do you see a scene, a story, or maybe a portrait? Do you ever wonder about the artist -- the time, effort, the conditions, or the love and patience embedded in the work? Maybe you've never really looked at or studied the beautiful art work and stunning stained glass at Little Chapel. It's all around us and we are blessed to have it.

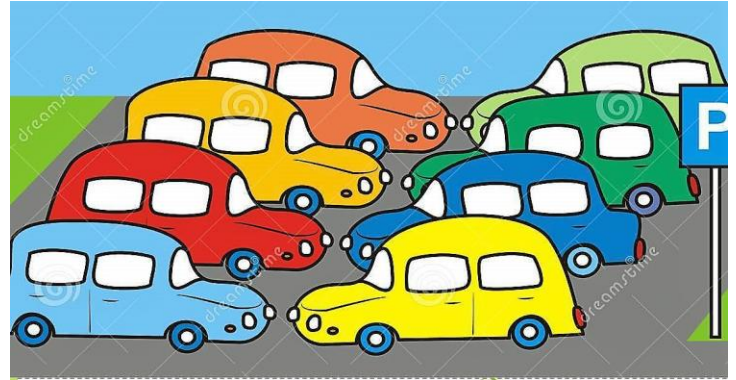
Janice Allen and Linda Allen will provide a historical tour of Little Chapel's art and stained glass on **Wednesday, May 2 from 1-3 pm**. This is an experience you don't want to miss. It will change how you see, understand, and appreciate our art and stained glass at Little Chapel.

PARKING LOT FUNDRAISER

Saturday, May 26; Sunday afternoon, May 27; & Monday, May 28

As in summers past, and again this year, Little Chapel will be letting visitors park in our parking lot over major holidays for a donation to missions. We are permitted by the town of Wrightsville Beach to open our lot to visitors over the three days of Memorial Day weekend, Fourth of July, and the Labor Day weekend. And as in the past, volunteers are essential to having a smoothly run fundraiser. Please be part of this worthy effort by checking the signup sheets in the narthex and signing up to help with the parking.

Your help IS appreciated!



LCOB BRICK & PAVER DONATION PROGRAM

Donate \$125 (Red Brick / 3 lines of inscription) or \$250 (Blue Paver / 4 lines of inscription)
More information and forms are available in the Narthex and in the Church Office



BELL RINGERS (LEFT to RIGHT):

Gwynn Honeycutt, Brenda Parker, Ann Branch, Michael Christopher, Rachel Christopher





Renewing Vows

*Celebrating 40 Years of Marriage
Reverend Patrick and Marcia Rabun
Request the pleasure of your company
as we celebrate
our love all over again by
renewing our vows
in the presence of God, family, and friends
Friday, July 27, 2018*

2:00 - 3:00 PM

Little Chapel on the Boardwalk Presbyterian Church

*Please RSVP to Jennifer Brindisi
brindddd@gmail.com or 206.225.4662*



Celebrate May Birthdays

01	Gary Gischel	16	Patsy Nelson
03	Maggie North	19	Lisa Jordan
03	Janice Willetts	19	Chris McKirachan
04	Jane Baldwin	19	Cheri Stalls
04	Dean Cobble	21	Mary Roche
06	Heather Schild	21	Kristin Skiba
06	Nan Spainhour	22	Betty Woodward
07	Chris Alexander	24	Robert Andrew
08	Christi Vass	26	Faye Hall
10	Sherman Criner	27	Mike Leach
12	Allison Clark	27	Marti Rowlands
13	Delwood Herren	28	David Heinzman, Jr.
13	Barry Lindholm	28	Nicholas Herren
14	Tommy Bancroft	28	Thomas Simmons
14	Pat Brassfield	30	Robert McCarl
15	Lee Allen	30	Emma McLaughlin
15	Brian Ennis	30	Doug Vass
16	Larry Daniel	31	Neesha Allen

MAY 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<div> <div>This month's food – <i>Baby Food</i></div> <div>Officers</div> <div>Janice & Reuben Allen</div> </div>						
6 8:00 Beach Service 9:15 Sunday School 9:45 Chancel Choir 10:30 Worship 11:45 CE – Room 115 5:30 PYC	7 9:15 Preschool 10:00 Chair Yoga 7:00 Boy Scouts	1 9:15 Preschool 10:00 Circle #2 – Choir Room 6:30 Handbells BULLETIN DEADLINE	2 9:15 Preschool 9:30 Knitters & Crocheters 10:00 Chair Yoga 1:00 Art & Stained Glass Tour	3 9:15 Preschool 7:00 Chancel Choir	4 9:15 Preschool	5 9:00 Men's Prayer Breakfast David's Deli
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29 9:30 Prayer & Share 6:30 Handbells BULLETIN DEADLINE	30 10:00 Chair Yoga 6:00 Wednesday Night on the Boardwalk - Duneridge Resort	31 7:00 Chancel Choir				



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10:30 am - traditional service, Sanctuary

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LOOKING AHEAD TO JUNE

Father's Day - June 17

First Day of Summer - June 21

Vacation Bible School - June 25 - 28