



November 2018

Dear Little Chapel on the Boardwalk family,

In a couple of days you will be receiving a letter from the Stewardship Committee along with a pledge card. I hope that you will prayerfully read the letter and then fill out the pledge card for 2019.

Our Stewardship Commitment Sunday will be November 11. At both services on that day you will have an opportunity to bring your pledge card and place it on the communion table. Please make every effort to be with us at one of the services as we celebrate what God has given to us.

In the third chapter of Second Corinthians, Paul writes: "You are a letter of Christ...written by the Spirit of God upon the heart...known and be read by everybody!"

Do you understand those words from Paul? YOU, personally are a letter of our Lord and WE, together, Little Chapel on the Boardwalk Presbyterian Church are a letter of Christ – sent to your families and communities with the love of God.

Each one of us is a letter of Christ. We are sent by God to help and encourage the people in our lives. When we accept Christ as our Lord and Savior, we "sign the letter" confirming our discipleship in the area of our stewardship commitment to our Lord's ministry.

In a fuller sense, when Paul says, "You are a letter of Christ, he is referring to the entire congregation in the town of Corinth – all of the believers, together. "We, the church, are a letter of Christ."



During our Stewardship Campaign, everyone is being asked to consider the spiritual letter of your own life, reflect on its contents, and then prayerfully consider your role as part of the greater letter of our church.

Let us sow generously and contribute according to what God has given us, with cheerful hearts and substantial commitment to what God is doing through us, together.

Blessings,

Pastor Pat

# Welcome ... to our church family







Ernie & Beverly Alexander

**Hugh & Ellen Armstrong** 

Joan & Russ Page

# November

## LITURGISTS

- 4 Marti Shogi Rowlands
- 11 Harry Paterson
- 18 Sherry Lovett
- 25 Bryan McIntyre



## Dear Little Chapel Family,

Thank you so much for all the beautiful cards and notes Reuben and I have received from you. Your thoughtfulness and kindness mean so much to us. Most especially thank you for your prayers as we go through this difficult time. We miss being able to come to church and seeing all of you.

Blessings, Janice



# NEWS from the WORSHIP COMMITTEE

The Worship Committee met in October. Jean Schild attended in the absence of moderator Janice Allen.

Please read carefully all the upcoming dates of services and events taking place at Little Chapel during November and December.

November 4 is ALL SAINTS DAY and loved ones who have passed durina the year will remembered by family members candle on the lighting а communion table as their name is read. There will be communion at both services and traveling communion will be taken to those who are not able to be at church.

The Community Thanksgiving Service with joint choirs

participating is scheduled for November 18 at 6 PM.

Monday, November 26, at 9 am is the time for decorating the church for Christmas. You are needed to come and give of your time, talents, and energy to make Little Chapel beautiful for the advent season. MARK YOUR CALENDARS in RED! Men and Women are needed!! Donuts and coffee will be provided. It is a JOYFUL Day. We will take the decorations down and store them for another year on January 7, 2019.

**December 2** is the Hanging of The Greens at 10:30 service.

December 9 is the Children's Pageant during the 10:30 Service.

December 16 is The Chancel Choir Cantata at the 10:30 service. There will only be one service on that Sunday and it is suggested to come early for good seating and parking.

December 24 there will be an informal family service. Everyone will use a glow stick in the place of a lighted candle at the end of the service. This 8 pm service is a Candlelight Communion Service. Come and share God's love with family and friends.

These are the important dates. We had much business to attend to and there will be more news from the worship committee next month to keep everyone informed.

Iris T. Davis



#### **WANTED:**

#### From U 4 December's Newsletter

Christmas or holiday stories, poems, drawings, articles, memories, devotions, greetings, pictures, etc. Please send your submissions to gwkohun@yahoo.com or leave a copy in Gary Kohunsky's mailbox on or before November 25.

#### NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY

You can learn how to run the sound for our 10:30 worship service. The sound operation is not difficult and a step-by-step procedure guide will be provided in addition to hands-on training. For more information or to sign up for the training session, please contact

Gary Kohunsky 910 – 352 – 7579



#### A Mission Committee Report on the Disbursal of Donations to Charities

The Mission Committee met on Sunday, October 14 to discuss just how we should disburse all available funds in our care. This includes two-thirds of the donations from the parking lot program and also some donations received from church members. The other third of funds from the parking lot have been given to our youth program, as usual.

It was quickly decided that we should, for this year, give all of the available funds to charities that are either very involved in hurricane disaster relief or those who have been extremely impacted by Hurricanes **Florence** Michael. We have focused the majority of the funds on food and housing, two areas where there is great need. We had a total of \$9,000 to donate in this way. These funds will be split equally, so that each charity will receive \$1125.

The charities selected are: Good Shepherd Center. Mother Hubbard's Cupboard, Salvation Army, Food Bank of Central and Eastern North Carolina (Wilmington Branch), Wilmington Area Rebuilding Ministry, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (earmarked for Hurricane Michael's terrible Florida damage to the panhandle), Habitat for **Humanity (earmarked for their** work to repair existing Habitat houses in Wilmington damaged by the hurricane), and Cape Fear Presbyterian Church here in Wilmington.

This church was chosen for financial assistance because the damage to their church complex is dramatic. The only inhabitable part of the entire church is one office. Everything else has significant damage.

It is a true blessing that we can be of some help to these nonprofits through the many donations we have received.

Please be praying for all of them as they struggle to help others who have been so traumatized, victims of the damage caused by Hurricanes Florence and Michael.

Blessings to you and yours,

Mission Committee

#### Ladies and Gentlemen:

Your help is needed to decorate Little Chapel for the Advent & Christmas season. Join the fun & fellowship as we install the poinsettia cross, set up the Chrismon tree, decorate trees, fluff bows & hang wreaths.

Mark your calendars!

**Date: Monday, November 26** 

Time: 9:00 - 11:00 AM



## MEMORIALS

## SEPTEMBER - OCTOBER

#### **Helen McCarl**

Mr. Robert Carlton Wilson

#### **Timothy Karp**

Robert McCarl

**Mary Wilson** 

Jane Millard

Apologies please - Memorials given during June and July were inadvertently omitted; they are as follow:

#### **Diane Skiba**

Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence Baldwin

Mr. Bryan McIntyre

Mr. & Mrs. Herman Blizzard

Dr. & Mrs. Steve Harlan

#### **Timothy Karp**

Mr. & Mrs. Harriss Northrop

Mr. & Mrs. Herman Blizzard

Mr. Tommy Powell

## **Laurie Bailey**

Mr. & Mrs. Harriss Northrop

#### **Carson Davis**

Mr. & Mrs. Harriss Northrop

### HONORARIUMS

SEPTEMBER - OCTOBER

Mary Ann Barden (95th)

**Polly Carter** 



The Church Women United World Community

Day Worship Service

Friday, November 2

Wesley Memorial United Methodist Church
1401 South College Road
9:30 am - Coffee & Registration
10:00 am - Worship Service

The theme for Church Women United Celebration programs in 2018, "Reaching Toward Wholeness," reflects the idea that wholeness requires feeling safe, cared for, valued and connected within our local community and the larger world. With these aspects present, there is harmony.

The World Community Day program is entitled, "In Harmony with God's People." Like many voices coming together in a chorus, people of many cultures and nations can come together to lift humanity beyond the brokenness of discord, violence and war. As we strive for peace and justice, we must focus on cooperation, collaboration and mutual support of people in our community and the world who need our service. You are invited to join us for this time of worship and fellowship

For additional information, please call Jean Northrop at 686-5376.





The Nominating Committee of Little Chapel on the Boardwalk wants to know who you think should be considered as either an Elder or a Deacon for Little Chapel. All members on the active roll of Little Chapel on the Boardwalk Presbyterian church are eligible to serve.

#### WHAT IT REQUIRES

The Book of Order states that Deacons & Elders are chosen by the congregation. Together with Pastors, the Deacons & Elders exercise leadership, government, and discipline and have responsibilities for the life of a particular church as well as the church-at-large. Deacons and Elders shall serve faithfully and shall be persons of faith, dedication, and good judgment. Their manner of life should be a demonstration of the Christian gospel, both within the church and in the world.

A commitment of time and resources, attendance at worship services, full participation in either Diaconate or Session meetings and committee meetings; visiting congregation members with needs; support and leadership of the church's programs and support of the church financially are required.

Please understand that these are suggestions to the Nominating Committee which will choose the eventual nominees to present to the congregation.

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I suggest	be nominated for the office of Deacon at Little Chapel on the
Boardwalk.	•

#### We also welcome self-nominations

YOU MAY PLACE THIS FORM IN THE OFFERING PLATE, SEND IT TO THE CHURCH OFFICE, OR GIVE IT TO ANY ONE OF THE MEMBERS OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Brett Blizzard, Gary Kohunsky, Susan Long, Brenda Parker, or Jean Schild on or before NOVEMBER 11. Forms are available in the Narthex or church office.

#### **Suggested Criteria for Church Officer Nominations**

- Church officers can be elected for a 3-year term, but cannot serve consecutive terms which total more than 6 years.
- Person should be a member of Little Chapel on the Boardwalk for at least one year.
- Person should not be nominated if spouse is already on the Session or Board of Deacons.
- An individual should not be nominated to the Session or to the Diaconate in order to get them more involved in the church.
- People who are nominated should be active in the life of Little Chapel, including attending worship.
- A person nominated must support Little Chapel financially.
- Individual should have knowledge of the congregation and its needs.
- The individual should have a willingness to work and to assume leadership roles and responsibilities.
- Nominees should be persons of faith, dedication, and good judgment. Their manner of life should be a
  demonstration of the Christian gospel, both within the church and in the community.



# Little Chapel's November

STAFF SPOTLIGHT

Shines on our Pastor,

Rev. Pat Rabun

(This is Part 2 of the Staff Spotlight Interview. Pastor Pat begins by talking about Hurricane Florence and the status of the restoration process with our church properties).

The little work that needs to be done at the Manse I don't think we're going to claim. The only damage was to a couple ceiling fans that were blown off outside. I think the other work we can take care of. The Matthew House requires a complete new roof. We have a roofing company now out of Raleigh and hopefully they will begin work the last week of October.

A few of the rooms inside Matthew House have been gutted down to the studs; all the damaged insulation has been removed as have the ceiling tiles and drywall. No one is able to stay there until the work is completed.

For the church, the roof over the fellowship hall has to be repaired. We have a restoration company who is still assessing exactly how extensive that repair work will be.

But at this time, we have no completion date for the church or Matthew House. We hope that Matthew House is up and running by the beginning of the year.

The Presbyterian Disaster Assistance team would like to use the house as one of their staging areas. They estimate being in our area for up to 2 years. It's been about a month now and lots of areas look like they haven't been touched yet. When we drove out to one of the houses on our WARM mission project, we couldn't even drive down one of the streets due to lots of trees and debris still in the roadway.

Tell us about your experience with the WARM mission.

We went to 2 houses the first day. The first house had a buckled floor but the second home had leaks where parts of the roof failed and she had 4 rooms that were damaged. This was an elderly woman's home. We went in and prepped the rooms for new drywall.



We pulled out insulation, took down fans, pulled up carpet tack strips, and did a lot of cleaning up. The sad thing about her situation is that she's disabled and has Multiple Sclerosis and her request for financial assistance was denied by FEMA. We spent several hours at her house and she was very appreciative.

We had a small work group from Little Chapel. We are scheduled to work on the WARM project for 1 day a week for 3 weeks. This is really a great way for Little Chapel folks who might get a little dirty doing something – to get out in the community and make a difference by working on – helping to restoresomebody's house. I hope we can do more.



Kathy Campbell, Pastor at Crossnore Presbyterian Church, is sending us a check to be used in some way for hurricane relief, and they are trying to see if they can send a small team to our area the first week in November to work. People do want to help.

Are we still collecting cleaning supplies and items, gift cards, etc.?

Yes, we are. This is a long-term recovery for many people. Needed repair work in some homes hasn't even begun. This is going to take time, and some people like to say this is like a marathon, not a sprint.

#### What questions are you asked most frequently?

It's the age-old question, "Why is this happening to me?" And most of the time, it's because something bad has occurred. I'm not sure there's a good answer to that question. I don't know why but I am a firm believer that in everything God created, God saw that it was good. We're told that in Genesis. If God ever made a mistake, it was in giving humans free will. It's because of our freedom of choice that we've done things that cause disruption in life. There is no answer to that question that makes the situation any better. My Dad always taught me, never be afraid to say, "I don't know."

You've said before that your job is in marketing, what do you mean by that?

I see my role in a very basic, maybe crass way of selling Christianity - trying to get people to understand what being a Christian is all about - the principles, the guidelines for living a Christian life. I don't manage things. I can't steer a hurricane through my prayers to go in another direction. My job is to promote God's love for all of us.

You've been at Little Chapel for a little more than 7 years. During that time, what achievements or enhancements are you most proud?

I think for one, the *Matthew House* - to have worked with it and see how it's developed. What that's done is allowed other people to come and work in the Wilmington area and through Matthew House, mission work here has been accomplished.

Little Chapel has had and continues to have *a strong* congregation, full of very wonderful people. Just to be able to continue to build to get Little Chapel where it is, working with the congregation, it's an honor. And *missions*. I always have been a mission person, getting out and doing for others.

I'm a firm believer that by doing things for others, the little things don't get you down. When you think about the size of Little Chapel, there's a tremendous amount of work that's done for others. This church does a lot, and a lot is done unseen, behind the scenes.

And the *beach service*. To continue that and build upon it and watch it grow.

When I came here, we were averaging about 35 at the beach service. And now we're averaging about 115 early each Sunday morning.



And much of that is attributed to the work of people like Bill Miller, John Moore, Barb Tyndall...all the people who are always out there doing work behind the scenes.

#### What makes it special for you?

Being outside. As much as I like formal worship, I like the informality of the beach service. It's special to see as many different kinds of people as we get worshipping with us at the beach. We have such a diverse group at that service.

People bring their children, their grandchildren. We have people from all walks – and vacationers. This was the 10<sup>th</sup> year and there are people who thank the church for doing this year after year. All those things make it a very special service.

You're an avid golfer, what courses haven't you played that might be on your bucket list?

Pebble Beach and TPC Sawgrass. I would like to really play Augusta, but I know that's never going to happen.

Does playing golf relieve stress or give you heartburn?

I don't think it gives me any stress, but I get frustrated that sometimes I don't golf as well as I'd like to. It's being outside that I like. I've never been a very good golfer. It's a good way to connect with people. I started golfing with my Dad and my brother. My brother was a scratch golfer and there was always a lot of competition between us when it came to golf.

#### Which sport do you most enjoy watching on TV?

College football. Auburn and Florida State are my teams of choice. That's where both of our kids went to school. And I do enjoy watching college basketball, but I am not a pro basketball fan. I used to be a really big Braves (baseball) fan. About the only professional sport I will watch is golf.

How long does it usually take for you to prepare a sermon?

Normally between 15-18 hours a week. I usually start on Sunday afternoons thinking about what I want to do the next Sunday or I'll read a text. By Wednesday, I start formulating my notes and then by Thursday I'm usually finished.

I don't touch it Friday, but Saturday I fine tune it and when I get up early Sunday morning, I do one final run through and make any last-minute changes.

But I never feel like it's completed until it's given. I have to give Marcia credit. She is my best supporter and my best critic. But I get very nervous every Sunday morning. I never eat until after the 10:30 service is over.

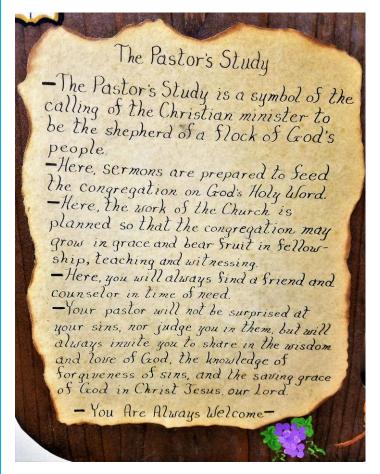


# You don't appear nervous when delivering your sermons.

The knots I get, the nervousness comes from people looking and saying Pat is sharing a word or a message he has from God, and that's an awesome responsibility, and at times a scary responsibility. I ask myself, "Is it the right message?"

#### Where do you prepare your sermons?

I like to work on them mornings in the church office. It's quiet there for a few hours. I will refine it at home or on our porch. I also feel it is my and our staff's responsibility to be in the church & available to our congregation, and that's another reason why I will work in the office on sermons — to be available when people need to talk to us.



#### You often quote Eugene Peterson.

I like the interpretation he did of The Message. It's an easy to understand text. My favorite author is Frederick Buechner who is a retired Presbyterian Minister. I have everything he's ever written. And thanks to Marcia, I like Max Lucado. He's an evangelical preacher in Texas and has written many good books.

#### Do you have a favorite Bible verse or passage?

John 15:15. It's always been a powerful verse for me. It's my favorite verse. Jesus is talking to the disciples; it's near the end of his ministry and he says, "I no longer call you servants, but I call you friends. A servant doesn't know what his master is doing, but his friends do."

# What is your perspective on where religion is in America today?

I think we've become a culture that has to be entertained and we want to feel good about it. We feel like we live in a difficult time, but every generation has felt that. Needing to be entertained has carried over into our religious and spiritual lives. What used to work in church doesn't work for many people any more.

There will come a time when churches will go to a more contemporary kind of service. It comes down to being entertained. The way we worship some think is archaic. I do think there is still space though for the way we worship – our style of worship. I think that's important. Instead of going into church saying, "How am I going to experience God today, we go in saying how is this service going to make me feel better?"

Worship is about us coming together, worshipping and praising God and not trying to feel good about things. The bottom line we need to get to is, it's not about us, it's about God.

Controversial subjects, politics, world events are mainstream; yet from the pulpit you steer clear of your opinions or positions. Is that hard for you to do?

My Dad would always tell me that everyone in the congregation comes to church with their own thoughts, opinions, ideas, and beliefs. You have to make sure you are open enough to listen and be receptive, and not use the pulpit as a vehicle to express your own views. If we are coming to worship God, we need to be careful about the words we speak. I don't want the pulpit to be used as a vehicle

to express my personal beliefs unless it's about worshipping God.

#### A mulligan – a do over – what would it be for you?

I've thought about this often. I really didn't know much about other denominations other than Methodist because my Mom and Dad were Methodist. And that's how I grew up.

I would have become a Presbyterian sooner. I would have gone to Presbyterian seminary right out of college instead of waiting.

#### The perfect day. What would it look like for you?

Getting up and golfing early in the morning. Come home, sit on the porch, relax, and then walk the beach with Marcia. That would be a perfect day.

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This is the last 'Staff Spotlight' interview. A BIG heartfelt THANK YOU to Dan, David, Emily, Delores, Susan, Angela, Joan, and Pastor Pat for taking the time to take a turn in the spotlight. Maybe we learned some new things and perhaps know a little more about our Little Chapel staff and what makes them tick. They are all special and we appreciate their work, their dedication, and their friendship.



If you missed seeing the Habitat for Humanity 2018 Ecumenical build video, you can view it on the Little Chapel web site - www.littlechapel.org

If you want to help repair homes in our area which were damaged by Florence, and if you are only available on weekends, pick up an informational flyer in the Narthex.

### **Annual Maze Craze at Galloway Farms**

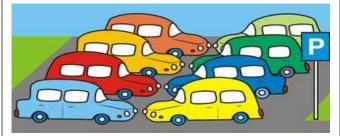
Sunday, November 4

370 Artesia Rd., Hallsboro, NC 28442



The whole church is invited to spend a fun day at the farm and in the corn maze. This will be a fun way to spend a few hours of intergenerational Christian fellowship. Galloway Farm's Maze Craze is the largest corn maze in southeastern NC. Arrive at the farm by 1:30 pm; wear comfortable shoes. \$10/person

#### THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU!!!



Our parking lot team has done it again! Our leaders and all volunteers did a wonderful job welcoming vacationers eager to park in our church parking lot.

Their donations to Little Chapel's mission outreach have allowed us to contribute funds in a meaningful way to various nonprofits who are in the midst of recovering from both Hurricane Florence and Hurricane Michael. We cannot thank you all enough!

Blessings,

**Mission Committee** 



## PYC SCHEDULE

November 4: Maze Craze Day

1:30PM at Galloway Farms in Hallsboro
No Regular PYC

November 11: Regular PYC

5:30PM - 7:30PM

November 18: Regular PYC

5:30PM - 7:30PM

November 25: No PYC

# Happy Thanksgiving!

#### Bath Baskets for Displaced Families

For November's service project, PYC is collecting bathroom supplies for The Help Hub at the Harrelson Center. These items will be given to displaced families. They estimate hundreds of families will need these supplies.

Let's help bless this need. PYC will be collecting the following new or gently used items:



Laundry baskets

Bath towels

Hand towels

Washcloths or bath puffs

Bath mats

Shower curtain & rings

\*NEW\* shower curtain liner

#### OTHER OPTION ITEMs:

Bath accessories like trash cans, toilet bowl cleaners, plungers, soap dispensers, toiletries, personal hygiene supplies, etc.

## Regular PYC is BACK!

Our youth program took to the streets these past few weeks doing a combination of service projects and fun evenings supporting local businesses. This was our way of aiding in the hurricane recovery efforts.

We met for pizza and ice cream downtown and enjoyed a devotion as the sunset across the Cape Fear River. We helped the Laakmann family--who suffered some structural flood damage--remove debris from a few fallen trees in their yard.

## THANK YOU!

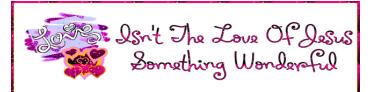
Thank you to all our amazing PYC families for remaining flexible during this time. PYC's regular Sunday evening program is back.

We meet in the Fellowship Hall

5:30PM - 7:30PM. Dinner provided. Contact Emily Donovan for questions.

















#### Day 1

October 16<sup>th</sup> was a gorgeous fall day and LCOB missionaries headed across town to work with WARM (Wilmington Area Rebuilding Ministry).

We met at the first worksite in Wilmington at 9 am and repaired wood floors that had buckled for Ms. Michelle. This was a learning process for most of us and we can give advice if you ever experience this issue.

We quickly finished this project (even though we had a donut break) and headed to Castle Hayne around 11 am. There we were greeted by Ms. Kathy. She is a sweet lady with a radiant smile and grateful attitude even though she is disabled by MS and her



home had suffered roof damage in Hurricane Florence resulting in major water damage in over half the house.

A church group from out of state had worked the day before tearing down sheet rock. We finished that project, removed ceiling fans and light fixtures, and cleaned up a big mess. WARM is replacing her roof and then the inside can be totally repaired.

Ms. Kathy taught us a lesson when she stated that she was very blessed because so many others had suffered more from the hurricane.

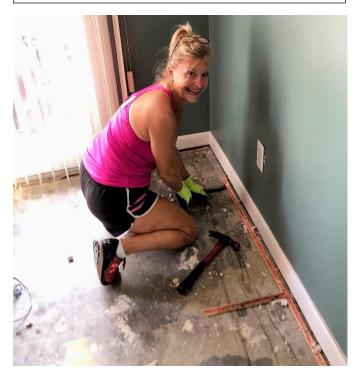
We also enjoyed a midday picnic lunch under a tree in the front yard. The sun was shining, a breeze was blowing and we said Grace and thanked God for many things because we are so blessed. What a privilege to serve our Lord!

Special thanks to volunteers Judy Gibson, Tonia and Adeline Hines, Susan Long, Sharon and Steve Minor, John Moore, Steve Willetts and Pastor Pat Rabun. You are an awesome mission team!

WARM's mission is to make people safer in their own homes by mobilizing volunteers to complete urgent repairs and accessibility upgrades. WARM serves low-income homeowners in Brunswick, New Hanover, and Pender counties, many of whom are elderly and/or disabled. WARM also focuses on long-term disaster preparedness and recovery.



By preventing home accidents and illnesses, WARM helps people age in place safely - preserving their dignity and independence.

















#### Day 2

On October 24, God gave us a spectacular fall day for our outside mission work at Ms. Julie's in Wilmington! She was so excited that the LCOB mission team came to tackle her yard which probably had not been touched in years.

In the past, she said she had loved to garden but Parkinson's Disease and neck surgery now prevent her from maintaining her big yard. She is the single mother of two sons and they live on child support.

She has hip replacement and back surgery looming in her near future so it was our pleasure to put a big smile on her face (and probably every neighbor's, too)!

We gathered limbs knocked down by Florence, raked massive amounts of pine straw, trimmed trees and shrubs, mowed the yard, and even cleaned the gutters (Thank You, brave John Moore!).

At noon, Ms. Julie and our WARM crew chief, Dwayne, joined us for a fried chicken and apple pie lunch. A special treat: Gerry Williamson stopped by with the BEST homemade oatmeal cookies I've ever eaten...THANK YOU, GERRY!

Loving thanks to our hardworking mission team: Tonia and Adeline Hines, Susan Long, Sharon Minor, John Moore, Steve Willetts and Pastor Pat Rabun...after lunch, Dwayne hugged me and said we were the BEST group ever!!!





September 23, 2018

To My Friends at Little Chapel of the Boardwalk:

For weeks I have looked forward with great anticipation to joining with your community this weekend (Sept 22 and 23) for the McIver Lecture and the privilege of preaching again in your pulpit. As usual I have prayed for God to lead me to share God's Word in ways that might have meaning to both you and me, as I prepared and shared The Word with you.

Then the world seemed to turn upside down. Suddenly, instead of praying for our mutual spiritual growth during our time together, I found myself praying for your safety, the security of your personal property, your church building, and for your neighbors and friends.

Having served as an executive for the American Red Cross, I am all too familiar with the realities of hurricanes - from the stress of anticipation and preparation to the heartbreak of returning to damaged or destroyed homes, or landmarks which you have loved, and the seemingly never ending steps as you try to return to normalcy. Instead of thinking about a nice September weekend at the beach, I stayed glued to the television and watched with horror as Wrightsville Beach and Wilmington became the bulls eye for Florence.

This weekend, a week later, I am still in prayer for you, as well as all of Eastern North Carolina. As many of you know I lived and worked in Whiteville, where our youngest daughter was born, and went to college in Laurinburg, as did my oldest daughter. So many of our friends and family all across the region have suffered damage or endured hardship as a result of this storm.

Thus, instead of basking in the sun, I have been asking God to bask you in love and some degree of peacefulness - and in prayer for you and yours. I know, as do you, that God will take care of you and not abandon you. Remember and keep reminding yourself of the familiar Bible passage of Romans 8, where we read that God will NEVER leave us alone in our times of difficulty. But I also know that such knowledge does not mean the road will be easy nor the journey not challenging.

Please know that along with countless others whom you know and don't know, that I travel this journey with you - in my heart, thoughts and prayers.

Whether or not I come to speak one day, I will definitely be back to visit your church, to enjoy your fellowship, and to celebrate the fact that "you made it through the rain".

With much love and support for each of you, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

Dr. Heath K. Rada, Moderator

221st General Assembly Presbyterian Church USA

# The Sister Isaac Center Reopens

After Florence caused water damage to the Sister Isaac Center and the Tileston Building, the Center plans to reopen by early November.

For the month of November, they are requesting donations of household items. (towels, sheets, blankets, comforters, pots & pans, small appliances, dishes, flatware, etc.) Also, toiletries and diapers are greatly appreciated.

You may place any boxed/bagged items on the Sister Isaac Bench at the Little Chapel and toiletry items in the basket on the Mission Table.

Please wait until after Thanksgiving to bring your gently-used clothing and shoes to the Little Chapel.

The clothing area at the Center will be the last area completed and it takes the most time to get organized.

A special thank you to Dan for keeping the Sister Isaac Bench neat and orderly during the weeks we haven't been able to deliver donations.

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

Dear Little Chapel on the Boardwalk Family,

I apologíze for the lateness of this note, but know that I have thought of each of you. Your prayers, cards, and visits were so appreciated. I wanted to thank the young people for singing and praying for me, and the women's knitting class for my warm and beautiful shawl. Special thanks to Pastor Pat, Marcía, Linda S., Brenda, Harriett and the McIntyres.

I have moved up to Teachey to live in my Mother's house. You are all invited, but not all at one time (ha ha!). My new address is: 140 Butterball Road, Teachey, NC 28464.

I will probably be looking for a church up here, but hope to visit when I can. I have my 4<sup>th</sup> surgery scheduled for October 30. Special thanks to my friend, Linda Shahaltough.

Love in Christ.

Dianne Matthews



In the lead up to Christmas, many of us spend time in search of the perfect gift - the gift that communicates to friends and family how much we know and love them. We search our memories for indications of what gift might make the faces of our loved ones light up on Christmas morning.

For those of us who gather in Advent expectation, we know that the only perfect gift ever given was the one we received in Jesus Christ. The Christmas Joy Offering celebrates the coming of Jesus Christ, the "perfect gift" from a gracious God.

The Presbyterian Church (USA.), through the Christmas Joy Offering, helps us respond to God's gift with generous gifts supporting church leaders, retired, present and future.

Through the Assistance Board of Pensions, this offering helps church workers in financial need due to health or a catastrophic event. The Christmas Joy Offering also supports new leaders for our Church and world through the ministry of Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color. Your generosity means a brighter future and opportunities to use their talents and skills to serve God and the church.

Please give generously to support leaders in our church and world - past, present, and future on December 2.

## Oink! Oink! Oink! Hellloooo, LCOB!!!!! Priscilla the Pig here!!



Maybe you thought that I had disappeared with some of my relatives in Duplin County that didn't fare so well during Hurricane Florence!!

But I didn't! I am still in the Narthex at LCOB, and I am very hungry. I haven't heard any Cha-Ching! Cha-Ching! in a very long time.

So how 'bout feeding the pig so that I can continue in some small way to help with the Missions projects of the Little Chapel, as well as, Coastal Carolina Presbytery.

Just drop any loose change or dollar bills into my snout, and I promise you that I will feel so much better and so will you.

See you soon!

Anktha Ooya!!

(Pig Latin for Thank You!)

# Brown Bag Lunch Food, Fellowship and Fun



**November 7** 

Noon - 2 pm

The Wright Flight: The Story Behind the Design and Flight of the Wright Flyer

Kip Nygren, former professor and department head at the United States Military Academy at West Point, NY, will share his expertise of the Wright Brothers, two aviation pioneers who made the first controlled sustained flight of a powered heavier than air aircraft in December 1903 in Kitty Hawk, NC.

Bring a sandwich or other entrée and/or side dish Beverage and dessert will be provided

Free will offering

#### MALAWI CHILD SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM

We at LCOB are again participating in the Malawi Child Sponsorship Program with St. Andrews - Covenant Presbyterian Church.

Information is being sent out to previous sponsors in hopes that you will be sponsors again this year.

All it takes to sponsor a child for a YEAR,

providing books, uniforms and one meal a day is only \$75.

Please prayerfully plan to participate in this mission, and watch for your sponsorship letter. New sponsors are welcome to participate as well.

For further information, please contact Janice Willetts at 910-262-8458.









Women of Little Chapel:

Please reserve Saturday December 1

Time: Noon

we will be celebrating our Christmas Gathering in the Fellowship Hall. Lunch will be catered at the cost of approximately \$10 per person. Please save this time and date to join in our annual Christmas Celebration!







# CHRISTMAS SHOE BOX GIFTS

For more years than most of us can count, members of LCOB have prepared and delivered *Meals on Wheels* on Christmas morning to neighbors in need, before celebrating with their own families and neighbors. This mission of our church is rewarding both to the givers and recipients, but the Little Chapel with the Big Heart goes a step further. We see to it that every meal is delivered with a lovingly wrapped shoebox, filled with small sundries and treats.

Please consider this a way that YOU can make a difference! Empty boxes are available in the fellowship hall to help you start spreading the joy of the season. Please return your filled and wrapped shoe boxes on or before Sunday, December 16 and apply one of the provided labels for male/female/either. We will need about 70 of these gift boxes to accompany our meals.

Below are a few gift ideas for your shoe box gift:

MALES	<b>FEMALES</b>	<b>EITHER</b>
Cologne	<b>Dusting Powder</b>	Bookmark
Handkerchief	Nail Polish	Brush
Razors	Lipstick	Kleenex
Socks	Perfume	Lotion
<b>Shaving Cream</b>	Jewelry	Lifesavers

Proverbs 19:17 "Whoever is generous to the poor lends to the Lord, and he will repay him for his deed."



# WARM Recovery Alternative Christmas Market

Don't know what to give your family and friends for the holidays? We have the answer right here at Little Chapel! On Sunday, December 2, from 8 a.m. to noon, stroll on in to our Fellowship Hall and select meaningful alternative gifts that will help others in need and honor those you love.

For those of you who are familiar with the Heifer International Market sponsored last year, this will pretty look familiar. However, instead of sending animals to deserving families our Mission overseas. Committee is focusing on local needs, particularly in light of Hurricanes Florence and Michael.

You may donate funds by choosing from a number of different tools and supplies that will be used to help the Wilmington Area Rebuilding Ministry as volunteers work to repair homes damaged in this year's storms. All of the homes are in such

condition that they jeopardize the health and safety of the residents, many of whom are elderly and frail.

In some cases, the resident is faced with the possibility of having to move from a life-lona home if this restoration work is not done, and may not have the means to move at WARM already had many homes on their project waiting list, but now have added many more due to storm damage.

Your donation will allow WARM to purchase tools and supplies to keep these projects on track, and to make sure the owners are safe and secure in their own homes.

Check out the Shopping List on the next page to plan your gift-giving selections.

A gift card will be created for each donation, so you can present it to someone you wish to honor. Even better, Little Chapel will continue to offer volunteer workdays for our members and their friends and families into 2019, so you may get to see your donation in person!

We are so blessed to be able to support our neighbors in New Hanover County! Thank you for your donation on

## Sunday, December 2.

If you have any questions about the marketplace or WARM, please contact Carole Coble, Kathy Blizzard, Sharon Minor, Terry Paterson, or Mary Jo Kohunsky.



# WARM RECOVERY Shopping List

Tools and Supplies	Donation (\$)	Quantity
Utility Knife Blades	5	
Circular Saw Blade	10	
Pry Bar	10	
Paint Brush Set	10	
Light-weight Work Gloves	10	
Two 2"x4"s	10	
Contractor Trash Bags	15	
Plastic Saw Horse	20	
Hammer	20	
Bucket of Nails	25	
Electric Space Heater	60	
Window Share of Window	100 50	
100 Sq. Ft. Roofing Shingles	120	
Vanity Top and Faucet	150	
Exterior Door for Mobile Home Share of Door	400 100	

WARM Recovery Alternative Christmas Marketplace
Sunday, December 2, 2018 8 am to noon

LCOB Fellowship Hall



- Mark Laboccetta
- **Andrew Schild**
- Lois DeVries
- **Katherine Karp**
- John Baldwin

- **Ashley Anderson**
- **Patrick Bristow**
- Judy Wesoloski
- **Christine Kennedy**
- **Arnold Cosby**
- **Suzanne Jenkins**
- **Tammy Rogers**
- **Patty Seitter**





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**Bulletin Deadline** 

**Thanksgiving** 

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9:30 a Prayer & Share

9 a Home School –

upstairs

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Office closed

Circle #1

**7p Chancel Choir** 

7 p Bible Study - Manse

women in service

10 a Chair Yoga

7 p Boy Scouts 10 a Chair Yoga

**Bulletin Deadline** 

# **NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**



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