



# Glad Tidings

Fort Myers Beach, Florida

October 2018

## “The Fingerprints of God”

*“The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands. Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they display knowledge.” –Psalm 19:1-4*

*“For since the creation of the world, God’s invisible qualities, his eternal power and divine nature have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that all people are without excuse.” –Romans 1:20.*

Anyone who has kids understands about the fingerprints sticky little fingers leave on tables, windows, shirts, computer screens...everything our precious little ones touch. The same is true with God. God leaves marks on everything God touches.

God is the creator of everything. In the Scripture readings above, He also tells us that we can see aspects of Himself – His “fingerprints” so to speak—on everything that God has made. In theology, this is called “general revelation”—the testimony that God’s creation makes about God’s nature and existence.

With this in mind, I returned from Alaska in July, and I am still absolutely overwhelmed by its immense beauty. God’s fingerprints were everywhere—the majestic, snow-capped mountains, the glorious glaciers, the seas, trees, flowers, wildlife, and so forth, all pointed to a loving, compassionate Creator.

However, God’s revelation of God’s self through creation goes far beyond being awed at the peaceful beauty of a forest, or the majesty of waves crashing along the seashore, or the magic of a star-filled night sky. In fact, you too are a part of God’s creation, and you too are unique and beautiful. As we wrestle with how God has His fingerprints on the various aspects of our lives and society in general, it’s important to focus a bit narrower, make it more personal and ask, “How does God have His fingerprints on me?” Or, to put it another way ... Is God leaving a mark on/in MY life? Can others see God’s touch in my life? If not, why not? Sometimes we may prefer that God keeps His “hands off” of our lives. Maybe so.

Perhaps it is time to pause for a moment right now and examine our own life. When we allow God to leave His mark on us, we somehow are transformed into being more like God or more specifically, Jesus Christ. I don’t claim to understand how it works, but I know it does. Coming to church on Sunday’s is a good start, but it’s not going to be the only transforming feature in our life. That will take a deeper level of commitment. If we truly want God’s fingerprints all over us, we have to open ourselves up to the Holy Spirit on a continual basis...through exploration of the Scripture, through prayer, by being with others who want the same thing (lots of opportunities to be around other followers of Christ), and by extending God’s touch to others in the community through service.

Can others see God’s fingerprints on your life? What needs to happen in order to experience God’s mark on your life? I challenge you and myself to an even greater level of commitment. Are you in?

Remember: God is everywhere. God’s fingerprints are on everything in creation, including you and your life!



In Christ’s love,  
Pastor Steve.

# Upcoming Events at CBTS

## Craft and RUMMAGE SALE

**Craft and Rummage Sale,  
November 2 & 3, 2018**

**Friday 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. &  
Saturday 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**

**Calling all Crafters!** If you have a talent such as watercolor/oil painting, quilting, designing

jewelry or making ornaments, please consider donating these items to Chapel to sell at our Fall Craft & Rummage Sale. If you prefer, you may rent a 4' x 6' space and table for \$15 or just a space for \$10 to sell your own items.

We are also asking members, friends and visitors to donate their **gently used "treasures"** to Chapel to sell. Drop off any donations Monday, October 29 – Thursday, November 1, during normal office hours. Please make sure items are clean and in working condition. *We are unable to accept clothes or large furniture.* Again, if you prefer, you may rent

a space to sell your own items. Tables will be set up in Silver Hall and around the Veranda and manned by volunteers. Food will be available for purchase both days. To make this endeavor a success, we need volunteers. Please contact the Chapel office at (239) 463-3173 or email [chapel@chapelbts.org](mailto:chapel@chapelbts.org), if you are willing to volunteer one or both days. We need people to sort through donated items, pricing, staff tables, and prep and sell food.



*Reducing Hunger, Improving Lives  
Worldwide*

## Echo (Education Concerns for Hunger Organization) ECHO International Agriculture Conference

ECHO is excited to host their 25<sup>th</sup> Annual International Agricultural Conference, November 13 - 15. Community development workers, from around the world, will gather to learn from speakers, workshops and hands-on training in agriculture and

appropriate technologies, and network with others who work towards finding sustainable solutions to hunger. Each year, with the help of churches and volunteers like you, ECHO is able to provide meals at no cost to conference delegates thus keeping the cost of attendance affordable. As in years past, Chapel will provide salads and desserts for one of the luncheons. Mission Committee Members will prepare the food on Wednesday, November 14. If you are unable to help prepare salads, you may drop off cookies or brownies. We also need volunteers to serve on the buffet line at the luncheon on Thursday, November 15. Call Anita Turner at (239) 357-9883 if you can help or sign up on the white



### Reformation Sunday, October 28

During Sunday worship, we will recognize our Scottish Heritage of the Presbyterian denomination known as "**The Kirkin' O' the Tartan.**" As part of the celebration, James Freeman (pictured), will share his artistry of bagpiping and accompany our Music Director, Michael Melnikov. Pastor Steve will join in on snare drum.

Following worship, we will gather in Silver Hall for coffee hour to partake of some traditional Scottish desserts. Feel free to wear your family colors or kilt and/or bring a dessert reflecting memories of your Scottish roots.

The Kirkin' O' the Tartan is a celebration of Presbyterian roots, going back to the Scottish Reformation of the 16th century. At that time, Scottish people expressed their family heritage by wearing a specific plaid cloth known as a clan tartan.

## Apple Sunday Communion Luncheon

On October 7, following the 10:00 a.m. Worship Service at Chapel by the Sea, we will host



our annual "Apple" Sunday along with a Communion Luncheon celebrating all things apple. We are asking those planning to attend to bring your favorite dessert made with apples and/or a small bag of apples. Chapel will provide the luncheon food. Don't miss the opportunity for fellowship and the taste of Fall.

"Communication Card" found in your bulletin. Let us work together to "honor God by reducing hunger and improving lives worldwide."

### Broadway Palm

On November 7, Chapel by the Sea will attend the Broadway Palm and enjoy the show *42nd Street*.

The cost is a \$65.00 per ticket which includes the show,



meal, gratuity and taxes. If you would like to ride the Church bus to Broadway Palm please be at Chapel at 4:30 p.m. Call Anita Turner with any questions at (239) 357-9883.

The cost is \$65.00 per person for show, meal, gratuity and taxes. Deadline to order tickets is October 21.

## Sisters In Spirit (SIS)



Sisters in Spirit (SIS) is a group of women at Chapel by the Sea who meet once a month, enjoy fun activities and events, and grow closer to God and each other. On Tuesday, October 9, SIS will take a tour of the Gladiolus Learning and Development Center (GLAD). The Gladiolus Learning & Development Center provides early education to all children while focusing on raising financial support for children of low income working families. After the tour of GLAD, SIS will meet at Ruby Tuesday for lunch. The church bus will leave Chapel by the Sea at 10:00 a.m. Please fill out the communication card in the Sunday bulletin or call the Church office at (239) 463-3173 if you will be attending and riding the bus.

## Sew N Sews

The Sew N Sews have started a new project! They are making purses out of ties. If you have any ties you would like to donate for the project please bring them to the office at Chapel by the Sea. Sew N Sews meets Thursdays from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., Room 5.

## Women's Bible Study

Bible Study Fellowship is an interdenominational, weekly, in-depth Bible study with more than 1,000 classes in nearly 40 nations. This year our study is titled "People of the Promised Land I." We are studying the books of Joshua, Ruth, 1 and 2 Samuel, 1 Kings 1-11 and overviews of Psalms and Proverbs. The class started September 10, 2018. We meet Monday evenings from 6:45 p.m. to 8:15 p.m. at New Hope Presbyterian Church, 10051 Plantation Road in Fort Myers. Ladies of all ages and school-age children are invited to attend. Please come and bring a friend! For more information, call Laurel Volberding at (239) -470-8026 or go to the BSF website: [www.bsfinternational.org](http://www.bsfinternational.org).

## Food Week of Action and World Food Day

October 14 - 21, 2018

The Presbyterian Hunger Program envisions a world where everyone has enough affordable, healthy and culturally appropriate food, where no one is hungry, and where all who work in the food chain are fairly compensated, respected and celebrated.

The purpose of the Food Week of Action is to raise awareness about hunger and its underlying causes, and to motivate people to take one or more actions of local and national concerns. There is a great need across the globe for more equitable and ecological food and farm systems which will bring communities close to food sovereignty and more control over seeds and land. Check out the PHP website ([php@pcusa.org/foodweek](http://php@pcusa.org/foodweek)) to learn how we, locally, can help advance this important issue. You may also want to check out ECHO (see article on previous page).

## Operation Christmas Child! Every Box Tells A Story...

Zabricent, Moldova in Eastern Europe

The distribution of shoebox gifts brought joy and spiritual transformation to a Moldovan family. Brothers Danu and Cristi opened their gifts to find warm knitted caps which they immediately put on. Cristi's favorite gift was a toy car, and Danu was happy to find school supplies in his box. Their little sister, Marcia, loves her gift of many colorful crayons. The greatest gift that the three children received was hearing the Gospel and coming to faith in Jesus Christ. They experienced God's love through the shoebox gifts and learned about Him by taking "The Greatest Journey," a 12 lesson Bible course. As the children studied the lessons, they showed their new found faith with their mother and father. As the family grew in faith, their parents also accepted Jesus as their Savior.



Fact: Every 24 hours, more than 30,000 children worldwide hear the Gospel at shoebox outreach events.

## Charitable Giving

I know the members of Chapel by the Sea are generous with many charities. Unfortunately, some groups are not as careful with our donations as they should be. It is best to make sure that the organization is registered as a non-profit, also known as a 501c3. That nickname came from the numbers in the United States Code.

Another way to be diligent with your giving is to use the internet to check out the organization. Charitynavigator.org is easy to use and can give you a great deal of information. You just type in the name of the organization. It uses a 4 star rating system based on finances, accountability and transparency. I have been surprised to learn that some groups that I had respected were using a large percentage of their income for administrative costs. They pay high salaries to a CEO or use a lot of money for advertising. Another source for information is give.org. This site is affiliated with the Better Business Bureau. This site merely indicates if a group meets standards, does not meet standards or did not disclose. I do not find this site as helpful but it occasionally offers insights I do not find on Charity Navigator. If you have any questions, please chat with me. Rexann Hosafros

# Health Happenings at CBTS

October Health  
& Safety Message



Our Parish Nurse is available for health counseling, health education and emotional/spiritual support. Call the church office and Ann will return your call. Office hours for the Parish Nurse are Tuesday & Wednesday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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## A Letter From Our Parish Nurse

Happy October to All!

Just a reminder that the flu season begins this month and that means it's time to get your flu shot. New flu vaccines are released every year to keep us protected against changing flu viruses that can make us sick. I

encourage you to talk to your health care professional or go to your local pharmacy to get a flu shot before November. Remember: You cannot get the flu by getting vaccinated. Getting immunized will help you and everyone in the community to stay healthier. One of the ways you can help support the health of our community is by donating your blood. Blood used for patient care at our Lee Health 4 acute care hospitals has to be constantly replenished in order to maintain a constant supply. On Sunday, October 21<sup>st</sup> we

will have the Lee Memorial bloodmobile on our church campus from 9am to noon. Please consider stopping by the bloodmobile before or after the worship service to be a blood donor. Just a single pint of donated blood can help save the lives of several people. Also, you may not know that there are health benefits to donating...you will receive a mini-physical at no cost which includes checking your vital signs, hemoglobin and cholesterol levels and you will be told your blood type. To donate blood you must: weigh at least 115 lbs., be at least 17 years old, be in general good health - no colds, flu sore throat, etc., present a photo I.D. with D.O.B., if a new donor. To make a specific appointment please call (239) 343-2333 or stop by the Chapel Office.

Research tells us that one of the secrets of healthy aging is to keep physically active and engaged in social activities. On October 27<sup>th</sup> you can do both by participating in the Alzheimer's walk. Come join our team, Chapel's Angels, and help raise money for research and increase awareness of how Alzheimer's disease touches many of our lives. Together we can make a difference.

## Chapel Angels



Dear Chapel Family,

We are participating in the 2018 Walk to End Alzheimer's - Fort Myers, Lee County, FL. We are committed to raising awareness to support Alzheimer's care, support and research, and we need your help. You can help in two ways:

Join us in the fight against Alzheimer's by walking with us.\*

Or you can register for the Walk. There is no cost to register. SW Florida Chapter will receive funds for each person who registers. If you need help registering, please call Kim Southworth at (239) 671-1935. The Walk is October 27<sup>th</sup> at Centennial Park. We'd be so grateful if you would join or support us by registering for the event. Together, we can end Alzheimer's. Visit the website at [http://act.alz.org/site/TR/Walk2018/FL-FloridaGulfCoast?pg=entry&fr\\_id=11130](http://act.alz.org/site/TR/Walk2018/FL-FloridaGulfCoast?pg=entry&fr_id=11130)

## On-Going Activities at Chapel by the Sea

**Children's Church/Nursery** — Sunday mornings at the 10:00 a.m. Worship Service.

**Solomon's Porch Reading Group** — 3:00 p.m. in the Session Room of Silver Hall. New members welcome!

**YOGA** — Wednesdays from 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m., Session Room of Silver Hall.

**Sew N Sews** — Thursdays from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., Room 5.

**Soup Kitchen** — Chapel volunteers in Immokalee on Friday August 24 and Friday September 28.

**Alzheimer's Association Caregiver Support Group** — 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of each month, 1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. in the Session Room. Contact Parish Nurse, Ann Fossum (239) 463-3173 ext. 13.

**Healing Service** — The Healing Service is held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month after the 10:00 a.m. Worship Service.

# Happenings at CBTS

## Paying It Forward

We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give.

—Winston Churchill

For those of you who are here and have attended services or other programs, you have seen, first-hand, the beautiful landscaping and new plantings in front of the Sanctuary entrance. For those who haven't returned for the season yet, we are sharing that beauty with you in this issue of Glad Tidings.

This new look has been provided by *Tom and Lee Anne Fitzgerald*. They have generously and graciously, donated the funds for this project, which also included revamping and updating our irrigation system to cover the entire property. We, the Chapel Family, extend our appreciation and thanks for the Fitzgerald Family.



# Thank You!



## More Cedarkirk "Thank You's"!

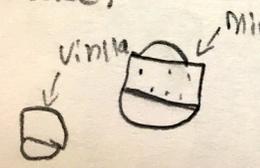
Again, thank you to everyone who donated money to help send children to summer camp where they had the opportunity to grow closer to God and make wonderful memories!



From Jacob

For paying the money for me to go to Cedarkirk! If it wasn't for you I might not have gone and had fun, make friends, and learn! Your generosity was kind! We cooked Chicken Alfredo, swam, sang, ziplined, prayed, learned, and had fun!

Thank you for sending us to cedarkirk We Had a Lot of Fun singing Zipling Swimming Conning Gaga ball I Lost all the Time no matter how hard I tried I lost and the little kids won most of the time and had breakfast Lunch and dinner and for our last dinner we had chicken alfredo and mint Ice cream cake and vanilla Ice cream cake.



Dobbin  
Thank you




Dear Chapel by the Sea  
I want to thank you for sponsoring the Cedarkirk Night Owl camp this summer. I got to enjoy a camp I never would have been able to otherwise, and had tons of fun. So thank you for that, and everything else you do!  
-Hannah Velazquez

# Celebrations



A family baptism and new Chapel Members on Sunday, September 9. Welcome to Suzanna Marie Brady Shianne Marie Moore and Trinity Helen Moore.



Arlene Fisher celebrated her birthday at Chapel by the Sea on Sunday, September 2. Steve Fisher celebrated his birthday at Chapel on September 16.



## Children's Church

Our Sunday School classroom has been filled with happy voices as well as joyful noises from a variety of instruments. The cacophony one might be hearing upon entering the hallway is comprised of a series of plastic tubes aptly named "Boomwhackers." which were confiscated from a closet. Each is designated with a note from the scale and we have been finding the "sweet spot" on the last two inches of the tube, which, when struck with a wooden dowel, resonates with its proper tone. Some of the children prefer other instruments, such as a keyboard, a ukulele or a wooden ghuarra, which is a carved piece of wood with notches cut into its side. To play this, one must use a wooden stick to strum over the notches, which emit a unique sound! We are so grateful to Ms. Nancy Combs for helping us learn more about music and how to be a part of a marching band. We thoroughly enjoyed marching around and making our joyful noises with all of you! We might do this again soon!

We will begin the new school year with our new curriculum from David C. Cook. It is full of interesting lessons that coincide with on-line activities and discussions that the children can share with their parents and siblings. I will have more information when it arrives! We also invite anyone to join us if you'd like to share a story, song or experience, call Debbie at (239) 677-7017. I have been so very blessed to be given the opportunity to be the coordinator of the Sunday School here at Chapel by the Sea. The children have been participating in many discussions of the topics from the scripture readings we've been following from Dr. Adkison. Many of these lessons coincide with questions about our view of the world, other religions as well as how we connect with God. One thing for certain, there is rarely a dull moment in our room! I really wouldn't have it be any other way! I have discovered that after teaching in a variety of preschools and day care centers for over thirty years that the best way to engage a child's attention is preparing something that speaks to them via art, books, games or whatever interests them. Music is a real crowd-pleaser in our group right now. The key is to keep listening to what interests them most, what are they passionate about, so that we can all learn from each other and keep sharing our curiosities. Who knows what we'll be delving into next?

Debbie Dunlap, Chapel Sunday School Teacher

## October Birthdays

- 3 Barbara Henderson
- 4 Janna Holmes
- 6 Gail Garner
- 6 Kim Southworth
- 6 Roger Welton
- 7 John Remington
- 7 Ed Rolph
- 8 Albert Werner
- 9 Meg Bushnell
- 9 Don Cady
- 9 Cesar Chavez
- 10 Betty Nelson
- 11 Lee Fisher
- 11 Tom Means
- 11 Kim Worden
- 12 Gladys Englund
- 12 Bob Nunn
- 14 Don Jafvert
- 16 Grove Spearly
- 18 Gregory Cereceda
- 20 Betty Grebs
- 21 Phyllis Yordy
- 31 Joyce Riggleman

## October Anniversaries

- 6 Ed & Jevy Osborne
- 9 Mike & Nancy Ziegler
- 10 Dick & Judith McNeal
- 22 Chuck & Marge Golden
- 25 Harvey Hagman & Kathy LaCombe

## New Members

- Suzanna Marie Brady
- Shianne Marie Moore
- Trinity Helen Moore



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It's a way for you to give faithfully through our website [www.chapelbts.org](http://www.chapelbts.org).

### **October Liturgists**

October 7	Laura Miller
October 14	Chuck Golden
October 21	Dobbin Greer
October 28	Jacob Greer

## The Staff of Chapel by the Sea

The Rev. Dr. Stephen D. Adkison, Pastor/Head of Staff (email: [skypilot\\_mddiv@hotmail.com](mailto:skypilot_mddiv@hotmail.com))  
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