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Hello, once again, to the Chapel by the Sea community and grace and peace to you in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ! Well, our journey through the "High Season" has finally come to an end, and I have greatly enjoyed meeting and worshipping God with so many new friends! While I will not miss the heavy traffic, I am definitely going to miss all of our "Seasonal Residents." I look forward to seeing you all again next Fall!

In the meantime, life goes on here at Chapel by the Sea, and we are staying as busy as ever. I have begun a sermon series on the Lord's Prayer as recorded in Matthew 6:9-13. For the next few weeks, I'm exploring in greater depth the prayer that Jesus taught his disciples to pray. This short prayer is theologically and historically rich with meaning, and yet, it also has very practical application for us in contemporary times. For those seasonal residents (and even for full-time residents), this series will be available online at www.chapelbts.org. Simply type in the website address, and then click on the "Sermons" tab at the top of the homepage, and then you will be directed to all of the sermons in the Lord's Prayer series (as they come available), as well as to all of the past sermons that I've preached since I arrived at Chapel back in June 2014. Maybe there was a particular sermon that inspired you that you would like to listen to again, or maybe you missed a particular worship service one Sunday and would still like to listen to the sermon? All you have to do is go to our church webpage and click on "Sermons." By the way, while you are at Chapel's webpage, check out some of the other exciting activities that are going on.

Until next time, please keep Chapel by the Sea in your prayers, and may God richly and abundantly bless you all!

In Christ's love,
Dr. Steve Adkison
Pastor/Head of Staff
Chapel by the Sea Presbyterian Church



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Easter Sunday Communication Card Comments

"Thank you for welcoming me into your celebration."

"Always enjoy services here when we are vacationing."

"Thank you for the warm welcome on this Easter Sunday 2015"

"Love your church, very beautiful, very caring and friendly."

"Wonderful message!!"

"Thank you for welcoming us."

"Great service and good way to start our Spring Break. God bless."

"Thank you for welcoming us to celebrate Easter with you."

"Thanks to Chapel and Pastor Adkison. Your sermons never fail to move us. Keep up the great ministry. We'll see you in the fall God bless."

"Going back home tomorrow. Enjoyed worshipping with you . Happy Easter. See you next year!"

"Very pleased to find this church."

"Fabulous Service!"

"We will be leaving for home soon. Have enjoyed your sermons. First season to visit this church. Will be back in the fall."

Dear Rev. Adkison,

Just a note to thank you and your congregation for the wonderful day of baptism for our grandson Bennett. We were honored to be part of your church that day. Our family's time together in Florida was very special, I've returned to 11 1/2 inches of snow and had to blow snow and shovel before we could get in the driveway to unload. Best wishes to all. Happy Easter!

Sincerely, Herb & Carol Hageman

Financial Update

Year-to-date Receipts

- Actual Receipts to Date **\$201,240**
- Budgeted Needs to Date **\$188,621**

Outstanding Prior Year Debt \$0

Silver Hall Roof Campaign

- Additional Committed Pledges **\$14,236**

2015 Stewardship Status

- Pledges to Date **\$331,464**
- Annual Budget Needs **\$447,700**

As you can see from the above figures, we are doing fine, to date, in meeting our minimal needs. We will keep doing well if we all continue to remember Chapel this summer with our prayers and financial support.

In Christ's Love, Steve Raps,
Chair of Administration &
Finance Committee

May Liturgists 10:00 a.m.

May 3 Laura Miller
May 10 Neil Callahan
May 17 Chuck Golden
May 24 Rexann Hosafros
May 31 Marylu Marshall

Facebook

Don't forget to "Like" us on Facebook!

Contact Information... Chapel is updating our contact information. Please fill out the white Communication Card at Worship Service on Sunday or call the Church Office with your current email.

Leaving for the Summer?... Be sure to write down your address change on the Chapel Communication Card, or in the office.

Immokalee Soup Kitchen... We go to the Soup Kitchen in Immokalee the second Wednesday and fourth Friday of each month. Please join us for this important mission activity. Volunteers are needed.

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Last month SIS (Sisters in Spirit) enjoyed a beautiful day at the Mound House for the underground exhibit "Stories Beneath Our Feet." They had lunch afterwards at Lin's Garden. Some of the ladies helped to wrap shoeboxes after lunch for Operation Christmas Child. SIS will start their "summer schedule" this month. On Tuesday, May 12, at 11:30 a.m. lunch will be held at Island Pancake House. Men are invited to join the group for the summer. Call Nancy Combs at (239) 233-8630 for more information.



Picnic... Join us here at Chapel after Worship Service on June 14 at 11:45 a.m. for an Old Fashioned Church Picnic to honor Pastor Steve and his family's first anniversary here at Chapel by the Sea.

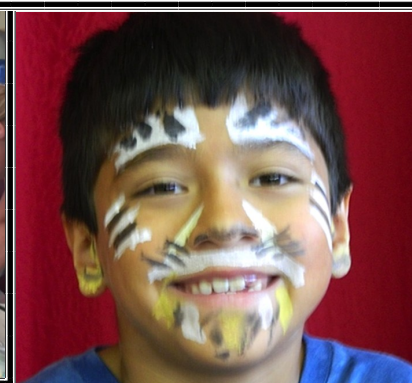
Gladiolus Learning and Development Center... Kindergarten (VPK) classes at Gladiolus Learning and Development Center will be celebrating moving up to kindergarten June 5 at 10:30 a.m. at the United Way offices on Concourse Drive. Following the ceremony, the children and their parents and teachers will return to GLAD for a party. Cupcakes are needed for the party. If you would like to provide some cupcakes for the party, Please contact Sharon Trantina at (239) 989-1104. Cupcakes may be delivered to GLAD at 10320 Gladiolus Drive on June 4 during the day or on June 5 by 9:30 a.m. Kindergarten ...Here they come!

Chapel Outing to Broadway Palm... On Sunday afternoon June 7th, we will be going to Broadway Palm to see "Church Basement Ladies". The cost is \$51.00 which includes the meal, play and tax. The Chapel bus will leave after the 10:00 a.m. Worship Service. Please call Anita Turner at (239) 357-9883.

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance to Earthquake Survivors in Nepal... To give financial support for relief efforts please make your checks to Chapel by the Sea; in the memo line write DR999999-Nepal. Continue to pray for those who suffered loss and for those who are working tirelessly to provide rescue, humanitarian aid, and spiritual and psychological support.

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2015 Annual Easter Party & Egg Hunt at Chapel Last Month



Easter Sunday Chapel Brunch



A Note From Your Parish Nurse

Summer Safety...When you think of Summer think SAFETY! Summer is the time of year when we are at most risk for natural disasters such as: hurricanes, flooding, brushfires, and tornados. The key to surviving these disasters is understanding the risks and being prepared. Whether you are in Florida or up north, your County has an Emergency Management Department with information to assist you. In Ft. Myers you call (239) 533-0622. Take the time to call them after you read this and have them send you information today! No matter where you are this summer, everyone should have a 72 hour Disaster Survival Kit prepared in your home. You need to pack essential items to help you survive; this is a minimum suggested list of survival items. You need to ensure a minimum of three days supply for each person and pet.

- Non-perishable food
- Manual can opener
- Personal Medications, pills
- Special food for infants
- Small cans of food
- First Aid Kit
- Battery operated radio & Flashlight
- Extra batteries
- Blankets, pillows, sleeping bags or lawn chairs
- Sanitary supplies
- Cards, books, small games
- Pet foods
- Wet and/or cold weather clothing
- Drinking water, 1 gallon per person per day, and other drinks

This seems like a big task, but most people have these items already, except the canned goods, batteries and water. If there is a disaster predicted then you need to just pull these items together to take with you if you must evacuate. If you must evacuate, you need a plan for where you can go. There are Special Needs Shelters for individuals who have medical needs requiring constant electricity like Oxygen or C-PAP equipment, dialysis, etc... Please contact Sheila at (239) 919-2295 if you need to register for a Special Needs Shelter. This must be done in advance, now is the time to do this. Have a wonderful summer season!

God's Love and Peace, Sheila



Sheila Morales

Learn How to Save a Life...Ushers and Members consider taking one of the AED/CPR classes this month and learn these lifesaving techniques. Recertification Class: Wednesday, June 3, 9:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m. for those who have been certified and it is going to expire) Certification Classes: Saturday, June 13, 9:00-2:30 p.m. or Wednesday, June 24, 9:00-2:30 p.m. Call Sheila to Register at (239) 919-2295 (the church will pay the cost of \$40.00 per person for ushers or members).



Team Chapel Relay for Life...

Team Chapel participated in Relay for Life on Fort Myers Beach last month and held their annual book sale on the front porch of Chapel.

Team Chapel raised over **\$10,000.00** for Relay For Life/American Cancer Society!
**THANK YOU FOR HELP-
ING FIGHT CANCER!**

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Chapel Volunteers

Each month throughout the summer we will be recognizing our volunteers here at Chapel by the Sea. Thank you all for the time and caring you have given to Chapel and other missions, so that we can continue to carry the message of God's love.



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Let's Get to Know Our Chapel Volunteers a Little Better!



Doug & June Bidgood

Doug and June Bidgood are Canadian Snowbirds who spend the winter on Fort Myers Beach. The rest of the year is enjoyed at their home outside Toronto, Ontario and at their cottage on Chandos Lake.

They have four children and ten grandchildren. Their daughter who is their eldest, is a Presbyterian Minister (Rev. Elaine Sweet), in Moorhead Minnesota. She lives there with her husband and their three children. She takes after June's father the late Rev. John C. King, a United Church Minister in Canada. Doug and June have three sons, Paul, Kevin and Stephen who are all married with children and live near them in Ontario. They all enjoy visiting Florida whenever possible.

June and Doug bought their Florida condo 2002. June stayed for the season beginning in 2004. Doug started staying for the season when he retired from General Motors in 2009 after 38 years. June volunteers in the church office and participates in S.I.S. activities. She also plays in the hand bell choir "Chapel Bells", as well as the "Chimes" choir. Doug volunteers his time to vacuum the church each week and is a member of the Building and Grounds Committee. He is also a member of the Fort Myers Beach Kiwanis Club and can often be seen working at the Thrift Store.

Doug and June enjoy their time at Chapel and believe that the more you get involved the more you get from church.

May Birthdays

3 Jonna Erlander	18 Tim Cherry
4 Kathro Taylor	18 Larry Rhude
5 Julia-Claire Franzen	22 Carly Frazier
5 Eugene Kelley	22 Cathy Raps
5 Jan Kitchen	23 Eileen Green
7 Jevy Osborne	25 Helen LeCount
9 Romas Sprein	25 Walt Zook
9 William Verbeke	28 Al Memler
11 Shari Rolph	28 Kelsey Pinkard
12 Dorman Willard	28 Steve Raps
13 Frances Kuhn	29 Paul Cereceda
13 Gerry Trantina	29 Bob Taylor
15 Carolyn Ahlemeier	

May Anniversaries

Huggy & Mary Lou Ellyatt	5/1
Early Jr. & Cynthia Ross	5/5
Jack & Carol Underhill	5/5
Tom & Bette Mason-Smith	5/10
Walter & Shirley Rouse	5/14
Ron & Marge Buss	5/20
Don & Lee Ann Ivester	5/23
Paul C. & Amy Stevens	5/25
Pastor Steve & Pam Adkison	5/26
Clifton & Wanda Hart	5/26
Jon & Colleen Hazelbaker	5/29



The Sew and Sews

Meet every Thursday morning at 10:00 a.m. in Room 5. Bring your lunch and ideas even if you can't sew. All are welcome. Call Nancy Bell (845) 863-5222

with questions or the church office (239) 463-3173.



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LEPERS ... I HEAL LEPERS

Flowers... Flowers are a beautiful way to honor a loved one and God. Please sign up in the church office by filling out a card in the brown box and on the board as you walk in.

Summer Camp... Do you want to help send children/youths to Cedarkirk for Summer Camp? Just make your check out to Chapel by the Sea and mark "Camp Scholarship Fund" on the memo line. Thanks for your help! Call Anita Turner for more information at (239) 357-9883.

The Staff of Chapel by the Sea

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