



# Glad Tidings

Fort Myers Beach, Florida

May 2018

## Chapel's Hurricane Preparedness Report for 2018

Greetings and grace and peace to you in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior! On the front of our worship bulletin every Sunday is our church's Mission Statement: "Chapel by the Sea was the first church on our island and remains a church for the community, welcoming all people seeking to know and serve Christ. We are a mission for Jesus Christ and church for all seasons...seasons of life...seasons of the year...seasons of our growth as Christians." Seasons change. Seasons come and seasons go, and as Ecclesiastes 3:1 says, "For everything, there is a season..." With this in mind, the Winter Season is now behind us, and we now enter into Hurricane Season. I'm sure that everyone remembers Hurricane Irma in 2017, and the National Weather Service is predicting an active hurricane season for 2018. We really appreciated your time and financial support last year after Irma and wanted to let you know that we are very well-prepared for this hurricane season!

We are well-insured for both wind and flood, in addition to our regular insurance policies. In addition, we currently have funds available that would cover any deductibles associated with insurance claims.

The following is a summary of procedures, as well as property maintenance and additions that are ready to be put in place in the event of a hurricane or other disaster:

- Emergency call tree roster of volunteers on island and off island to report if needed. (John Rotach is the POC and will initiate the call tree)

- All external shutters have been prepared so they can quickly be put in place over all the windows and glass doors.

- Obtained a supply of sandbags sufficient for placing in front of all doors to block blowing rain and storm surge. The large dolphin window has been caulked and water-tested for leaks.

- Procedure for Staff to work alternate locations and possibly alternate days if necessary.

- Computer systems are backed up on jump drives and will be removed from campus.

- Checklist for turning off equipment and securing the property.

As always we pray for the best, but it is also important as good stewards that we prepare for the worst. Thank you all for your continued support of Chapel by the Sea and may God richly bless you!

In Christ's love,

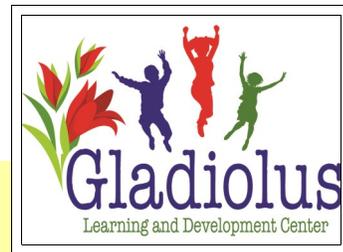
Pastor Steve and the Stewardship/Finance and Facility Management Committees



### Think Summer...Think Safety

Why think of summer in May? Because hurricane season begins June 1. Summer is the time when we are at most risk for natural disasters such as: hurricanes, flooding, brushfires and tornados. Whether you are in Florida or up north, your County has an Emergency Management Department with information to assist you. In Fort Myers you call (239) 477-3600. Everyone should have a 72-hour Disaster Survival Kit prepared. To help you survive, you need to pack a 3-day supply, for each person, of the following essential items: non-perishable food (cans or boxes); manual can opener; first aid kit, battery operated radio and flashlight as well as extra batteries; blankets, pillows, sleeping bags or lawn chairs; sanitary supplies; cards, books or small games; rain gear and warm clothing; *and most importantly drinking WATER, 1 gallon per person per day and other drinks.* **The tax free weekend to buy hurricane supplies is June 1-June 3.** Online resources such as [leegov.com/hurricane](http://leegov.com/hurricane), [red-cross.org](http://red-cross.org) and [noaa.gov](http://noaa.gov). are available. These websites provide information on evacuation plans, how to prepare your home, etc. Be safe this summer....think safety!

# happenings at CBTS



## Gladiolus Learning And Development Summer (GLAD)

### The Great Cookie Caper



It's time once again for the Great Cookie Caper! GLAD pre-k graduation has been scheduled for May 30th and we have been asked to supply cookies for the 45 graduates and their families. Please mark on the Communication Card if you can help by donating cookies or to help bake on Tuesday, May 29th at 10:00 a.m. in the Chapel Kitchen. For more information call Anita Turner at (239) 357-9883.

### Summer at GLAD

During the summer, GLAD needs your help more than ever. Besides the usual infant and toddler care, early head start and pre-kindergarten classes, GLAD offers a hands-on education program for elementary school age children. Some of the working parents are unable to afford the cost of the program so a scholarship program has been established. Any donation to the scholarship program would help insure that each child can have an educational, fun experience during the summer. Many of the regular volunteers have returned North, so there is an even greater need for volunteers during the summer. Opportunities include being present in the classroom and playing with the children as directed by the teacher. Young children enjoy being read to and learning simple songs and rhymes. If you have a special talent such as singing, dancing, playing a musical instrument, storytelling, or art, the children would enjoy having you share that talent with them. You are welcome to volunteer many times or one time and volunteers are never left alone with the children. To volunteer or for more information, contact Heather Singleton at (239) 481-2100. Donations may be mailed directly to GLAD at 10320 Gladiolus Dr. Ft. Myers, FL 33908. Thank you for all of your support during this past season. The children at GLAD greatly appreciate it.



### Operation Christmas Child...Celebrate!

Twenty-five years ago, the first Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes were given to children in war-torn Bosnia. The shoeboxes filled with gifts were an opportunity to tell the children that God loves them. From 1993 to 2018 over **157 million children** around the world have received the boxes and the message of God's love. In 2018, OCC hopes to collect enough shoebox gifts to reach another 11 million children in more than 100 countries.

We are so grateful to all of you who have supported and continue to contribute toward the success of this project. The message of a simple shoebox is **eternal**.

Individual gift items may be placed in the designated box located on the bench in the Narthex. Filled shoeboxes can be brought to Chapel at any time and will be dedicated on Sunday, November 11.

### 2018 Stewardship Campaign Report

To paraphrase our 2018 stewardship theme: "You planted and watered the seeds, but God made them grow!" Many thanks to the Stewardship team, led by Kim Worden, for a great effort in presenting clearly the needs of Chapel by the Sea and to Pastor Steve for his inspiration, leadership, and sermons. Our congregation, members and friends, have responded with a very generous increase of 13.6% over last year's pledges. Included are funds for operating CBTS (staff, property management, outreach programs, insurance/etc.) plus kitchen renovation, bus ministry, and building up our Capital Fund. The Finance/ Stewardship Committee will now work with each of our committees to construct the 2018-19 fiscal year budget which begins July 1st. Virtually everything that happens at Chapel is made possible by our members and friends support, which in turn helps to bring the promise of God's joy to Ft. Myers Beach and the world beyond. Thank you, all!

### 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, Adult Study** — Tuesday afternoons at 3:00 p.m., Session Room

**YOGA** — May 2, 2:00 p.m. New Class Time: May 9-June 6. Wednesday from 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m., Silver Hall.

**Cub Scouts** — Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. in Silver Hall

**Sew N Sews** — Thursdays from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Please bring your own lunch.

**Soup Kitchen** — Chapel volunteers in Immokalee on Friday, May 25.

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

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## May Health & Safety Message

### May Birthdays

4	Kathro Taylor	18	Tim Cherry
5	Eugene Kelley	18	Larry Rhude
5	Jan Kitchen	25	Helen LeCount
7	Jevy Osborne	25	Walt Zook
11	Shari Rolph	28	Kelsey Pinkard
12	Willard Dorman	29	Paul Cereceda
13	Gerry Trantina	29	Bob Taylor

### May Anniversaries

- 1 Huggy & Mary Lou Ellyatt
- 5 Earl & Cynthia Ross
- 14 Walter & Shirley Rouse
- 20 Ron & Marge Buss
- 26 Clif & Wanda Hart
- 29 Jon & Colleen Hazelbaker

### New Members

Tom & Nancy Testa

### Affiliate Members

Arby Alward  
Harry & JoAnne Hunter  
Thomas Koerner  
Gary & Melita Minnis  
Koral & Jim Rosendahl

### In Memorium

Please pray for the family of  
Fred Schmiesing who passed away on  
April 20, 2018.

### Home Communion

For those in our Chapel Family who are unable to join us for Worship Services and wish to receive Communion at home, hospital or health facility, contact the Chapel Office at (239) 463-3173 or [chapel@chapelbts.org](mailto:chapel@chapelbts.org). Pastor Steve Adkison, Parish Nurse Ann Fossum, RN and our Board of Deacons will coordinate an appropriate time to visit with you. If you have a special birthday, anniversary or other life-cycle event that you would like to recognize by receiving Communion with family and friends contact the office.

## A Letter From Our Parish Nurse....

### Boost your Brain and Memory

For many years now, we have been bombarded with information about how to keep our bodies toned and strong, but our bodies "command center" has been overlooked. Only lately, with the aging of our population and concern over the prevalence of dementia among our seniors, have we begun to focus on brain health. Growing research confirms the effectiveness of lifestyle changes in decreasing the risk of dementia and cognitive decline. If you care about your brain health, there are changes you can make and habits that you can form that will build your "cognitive reserve". Join me in a discussion to learn more about how to enhance your brain health at the next SIS meeting on May 8<sup>th</sup>, when a free delicious brain healthy lunch will be served and all will get a take home surprise!

### Sisters In Spirit (SIS)

Tuesday, May 8, 11:00 a.m. SIS Monthly Meeting with Parish Nurse Ann Fossum, RN. Ann will discuss "How to Enhance Your Brain Health" through food choices and activities that exercise our brain muscle. We will begin the meeting with a mission-oriented activity, which will help school-aged girls, around the world, stay in school. Come and enjoy a lunch with an omega-enriched meal and dessert. RVSP to [chapel@chapelbts.org](mailto:chapel@chapelbts.org) or (239) 463-3173.

### SHINE Medicare 101 Presentation by the Area Agency on Aging for SWFL

Tuesday, May 22 from 9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. in Silver Hall. If you are turning 65 or currently on Medicare, join us for a discussion that will help you to make an informed decision about your Medicare coverage and costs. SHINE (Serving Health Insurance Needs of Elders) counselors provide free, unbiased and confidential counseling to Medicare beneficiaries, their caregivers and those soon to be eligible. RSVP to [chapel@chapelbts.org](mailto:chapel@chapelbts.org) or (239) 463-3173 ext. 20.



### Solomon's Porch Theological Reading Group, Adult Study and Discussion

Solomon's Porch is starting a new book on Tuesday, May 15 at 3:00 p.m. in the Session Room. The book is called *The Return of The Prodigal Son: A Story of Homecoming* by Henri J.M. Nouwen. The cost for the book is \$14.00. Checks can be made payable to Pastor Steve. All are welcome! There will be no Solomon's Porch on May 1 or May 8.

### YOGA is for EVERYONE.... New Class Time

Starting May 9, the YOGA class for beginners will meet on Wednesday mornings from 10:30 to 11:30 AM. Classes will still be held in the Session Room of Silver Hall. Join us May 9 through June 6 for the opportunity to gain muscle strength and stability through wonderfully, relaxing exercise. Don't forget to bring a mat and bottled water. Cost per class: Chapel Members \$10; Non-Members \$12.



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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# *happenings at CBTs*

**Easter Sunday at  
Chapel by the Sea!**



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Easter Sunday  
Hat Parade and Brunch!



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## The Chapel by the Sea Annual Easter Party!

An egg hunt, games and lots of fun was had by everyone at the Chapel Easter Party! Thank you to everyone who attended and all of the wonderful volunteers. And a very special "thank you" to the Easter Bunny who visited Chapel by the Sea!



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Chapel by the Sea  
Easter Party 2018!





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### **May Liturgists**

May 6 10:00 a.m. Diane Means  
May 13 10:00 a.m. Laura Miller  
May 20 10:00 a.m. Jennifer Pinkard  
May 27 10:00 a.m. Dobbin Greer

### **Cedarkirk Presbyterian Summer Camp**

Once again Chapel will assist children who want to attend our Presbyterian Summer Camp, Cedarkirk, this summer. Programs are available for young people from grades 1-12. This is an amazing and life-changing experience for our kids. If you have a child or grandchild who may want to attend Cedarkirk, please contact Miffie Greer at [miffieg@gmail.com](mailto:miffieg@gmail.com) or (239) 339-7684 for further information. Camp sessions fill quickly, so time is of the essence! We also welcome contributions designated for these experiences.

### **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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