



# Glad Tidings

Fort Myers Beach, Florida

April 2018

Dear Chapel by the Sea Family:

Greetings and grace and peace to you in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ! By the time you read this, "season" will have come and gone, and let me say, as I reflect back, what an exciting season it was for Chapel by the Sea! Our Stewardship Campaign went quite well, and I once again would like to offer a special "thank you" to all who graciously and joyfully contributed of your time, talents, and treasures. Chapel's concert series was nicely attended, and we are thankful to all of those musicians and performers who shared their talents and gifts with us. All of our other mission/outreach activities (i.e., God's Table, Habitat for Humanity, Mision Peniel, Immokalee Soup Kitchen, etc.) effectively met physical and spiritual human needs.

In addition to this, our worship together was inspiring and encouraging. Chapel added many new members, both Active and Affiliate. Here is some of the delightful feedback Chapel received from worshippers' Communication Cards over the last few weeks: *"Another beautiful Sunday!" "This is our last Sunday and have enjoyed the service for four Sundays. Very inspirational, uplifting, and joyous. Thank you!" "Good to be back!" "We will miss you all!" "Praises for the beautiful Prelude this morning." "We've enjoyed being a part of this church family—next year!" "Have so enjoyed attending here while on Ft. Myers Beach. Hope to be able to see you again next February." "Each message is a blessing..." "Great service! Thanks!" "Thank you for your prayer list, it helps!" "We enjoy the friendly atmosphere and Pastor Steve's uplifting services." "Winter visitor that enjoys your services." "Good service, thank you for being here." "We are Lutheran, but so enjoy your church service and wonderful sermons. Look forward to our time in Fla. and attending Chapel by the Sea." "We love Chapel by the Sea and feel blessed to have Pastor Steve." "Love coming here. Thanks and see you in January 2019!" "We come here faithfully while in Florida." "We've really enjoyed worship here during our stay in FMB. Thank you!" "We are very thankful for every message. They are blessings for (us). Chapel by the Sea is a very friendly church." "Love coming to Chapel by the Sea when we are here for the month of January. Like your Facebook page!" "You have a lovely church." "We celebrate every Christmas Service here. We love this church." "Thank you for welcoming us today!"*

In closing, may you all continue to be abundantly blessed so that you may go forth to bless another! Soli Deo Gloria!



In Christ's love,  
The Rev. Dr. Stephen D. Adkison, D.Min.  
Pastor/Head of Staff  
Chapel by the Sea

# happenings at CBTs



## The Chapel Habitat Builders

The Chapel Habitat Builders will be wrapping up their season on April 5. They finished siding an 8th house this season. Thank you to all of the volunteers who helped with this important mission. Chapel is looking forward to another wonderful season in the fall. "A decent home provides the strength, stability and independence that families need, and Habitat for Humanity's vision is a world where everyone has a decent place to live. Together, we build better lives."



## 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.



## ECHO

In celebration of **Earth Day** on Sunday, April 22, we would like to highlight **ECHO**. This organization strives to improve the lives of millions worldwide by reducing hunger through sustainable solutions. **ECHO** equips small-scale farming families with agricultural resources – training, information, and seeds – that improve crop production.

The **ECHO** campus and farm is located in North Fort Myers and tours are available Tuesday, Friday

and Saturday. You won't want to miss the demonstrations in the Urban Garden, which feature some wacky, yet effective ways to grow crops where there is little or no soil. You may also want to tour the new Technology Center. You will discover how simple technologies made from local or recycled materials can im-

prove lives. Appropriate technologies transform sand into water filters, manure into energy, and bicycles into power tools. These innovations may appear simple compared to high-tech gadgets, but it takes skillful design and ingenuity to make essential resources with only local materials.

Hunger is a reality for 795 million people in the world. Learn more at [www.echonet.org](http://www.echonet.org). Let us take this opportunity to educate ourselves and to be part of the solutions.



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## Keeping in Touch with Chapel

Just wanted to remind people, as they head north for the summer, that they should sign out in the church office or via the Communication Card in the Sunday bulletin. Glad Tidings is not forwarded from here at the beach as it is bulk mail. OR, go on our chapel website, [www.chapelbts.org](http://www.chapelbts.org) for all current news. OR, just Google Chapel by the Sea and click on Chapel by the Sea Ft Myers Beach. That gives you the Chapel Home page. In the banner, you'll find SERMONS which will give you Pastor Steve's wonderful current sermon or 145 archived sermons dating back to January 2015! That banner on the Home page also contains "Give Online" which leads you through our new E Giving opportunity. See you when you return to the beach and Chapel...you will be missed!



### Sisters In Spirit

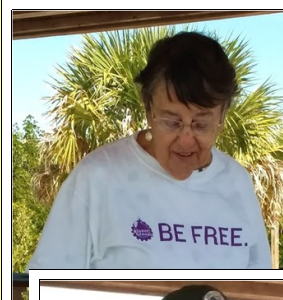
Sisters in Spirit (SIS) is a group of women

at Chapel by the Sea who meet once a month, enjoy fun activities and events, go new places and grow closer to God and each other. On April 10 at 11:00 a.m. SIS will take a walking tour of the Koreshan State Park in Estero. Men are welcome to join for this outing. The entrance fee is 2.00 per person. Lunch will be enjoyed at Truly Scrumptious in the Santini Plaza on the way back. We will meet to carpool at Chapel by the Sea at 10:00 a.m. or at the Subway at Santini Plaza at 10:15 a.m. Call Nancy Combs at (239) 233-8630 for more information.



### SIS at Lover's Key Last Month

The ladies enjoyed an outing to Lover's Key in March. A presentation about the sea turtles, some Tai Chi and lunch were some of the fun activities they participated in while there!



### Operation Christmas Child

A special THANK YOU to those of you who have contributed gift items for the shoeboxes! Your gifts will be included with the items that will be used to boxes when we have a packing party in November. Please pray for the children who will receive your gifts. They will be Blessed and sent with the message of God's Love.

Suggestions for shoebox items: bar soap, combs, washcloths, notebooks, pencils, erasers, sharpeners, cuddly toys, balls, hairclips.



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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

Discussing death in general does not come easy for many of us. As Christians we are promised that “the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord” (Romans 6:23). However, it is still not always easy to have a conversation about dying well. As we know, every person will eventually face death and the church can help play a role in preparing for this emotionally and logistically. We invite you to a free lunch and learn workshop on funeral planning, advanced directives, and cremation. All are welcome on April 11 at 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. in Silver Hall. This will be a gentle talk on advanced planning and a way for you to explore discussing your wishes. I believe you will find this information helpful as an individual and also in thinking about taking the burden off your loved ones for when the time comes. Our speakers will be Pastor Steve, Parish Nurse Ann Fossum, and Leslie Fowler from the National Cremation Society. If you have questions, call Ann at (239) 463-3173x13. Please RSVP to Denise at (239) 463-3173x20 if you are planning to attend. Peace, Ann

### Health & Wellness Programs

All are welcome on Wednesday, April 4 at 12:30 p.m. in Silver Hall for a Lunch & Learn. We will discuss carbohydrates and provide a theme-based lunch as well. Free will donations are accepted.

On Saturday April 7th at 5:30 p.m. in Silver Hall will be the presentation “Honoring God’s Temple Through True Health.” This informational lecture is provided by Dr. Ryan Nickens from City of Palms Chiropractic. Dinner will be served. The admission fee is \$10.00. Contact Edward Milde at (239) 322-7828, or MLNR2B@aol.com. Tickets will be available in the church office as well.

### On-Going Activities at Chapel by the Sea

**Adult Sunday School** — Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m., Silver Hall Library.

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

**CBTS Dolphins Walking Club** — Walking Club has been discontinued until next season.

**Solomon’s Porch Reading Group, Adult Study** — Tuesday afternoons at 3:00 p.m., Session Room

**YOGA** — April 4 to May 2. Wednesday afternoons 2:00 p.m. – 3:00p.m. in 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 go to the Immokalee Soup Kitchen on Friday, March 23. Chapel bus leaves at 9:30 a.m., returns about 2:45 p.m. Sign-up sheets to volunteer are posted in Silver Hall.

**Alzheimer’s Association Caregiver Support Group** — Alzheimer’s Association caregiver support groups are conducted by trained facilitators. The groups meet the 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 or [ann@chapelbts.org](mailto:ann@chapelbts.org).





# happenings at CBTs

**Chapel by the Sea  
Spaghetti Dinner  
Saturday, April 14,  
5 – 7 p.m., Silver Hall**

Join us for Chapeletti's world-famous homemade sauce and hand-rolled meatballs. Net proceeds will go toward Kitchen Renovations. \$10 per adult / Kids under 10 free.



Clif & Wanda Hart at the March Spaghetti Dinner on St. Patrick's Day.

## April Birthdays

2 Eva New	15 Elise Missall
4 Marge Bejune	16 Sharon Trantina
8 Patsy Cater	20 Sandy Branscom
9 Stephen Joshua Adkison	21 Harvey Hagman
9 Marge Buss	21 Heather Hicks
9 Louis Knipp	21 Judith McNeal
10 Lynda Monaco	22 Don Coon
11 Carol Phillips	25 Jack Doller
12 Jaci Willow	25 Peg Stanzel
13 Mary Gumm	27 Marge Burrell
13 Kenny Nienhaus	28 Will Jacobs
13 Patty Van Gorder	29 Charles McNear
	30 Jodie Guenther

## April Anniversaries

4 Bill & Anita Turner	21 Keith & Lorena Rome
9 Butch & Ann Lloyd	28 Phil & Nadine Freeman
13 Tim & Beth Cherry	30 Walt & Ruth Zook
16 Lloyd & Lynda Hicks	

## In Memorium

Please pray for the family of Deb Gibson in her passing in March.

## New Members

Jim & Brenda Atterholt	Edward & Vicki Strand
Chuck & Cassie Conrad	Steve & Danella Van Tasell
Chris & Karen Mossman	

## Flowers

To have flowers displayed at the Sunday Worship Service and noted in the bulletin, please fill out a card in the Church Office and the chart on the bulletin board.



Barbara Wickell's birthday in February.

## John Slavens' 91st Birthday!

The Chapel Mission Committee celebrated John's 91<sup>st</sup> birthday with Pastor Steve presenting Holy Communion. Lots of wonderful memories, ice cream and cake!





# happenings at CBTs

Chapel Events at the end of February and in March.

## Installation of Elders Class of 2020



## The Chapel by the Sea Craft & Rummage Sale



## The Shrimp Parade

Chapel by the Sea won another trophy for 1st Place Marching Unit (non-musical)



## Joybell gave a wonderful performance!



## The Volunteer Luncheon





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**The Memory Makers  
Big Band.**  
*Dancing and wonderful music!*





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### **Broadway Palm, My Fair Lady**

Wednesday, April 18.

Deadline to order tickets is

April 1. The \$65.00 ticket includes the meal, the show and tax. The church bus leaves Chapel at 4:30 p.m. and also picks up off island people on Pine Ridge. Call Anita Turner at (239) 357-9883 for reservations.

### **April Liturgists**

April 1 8:00 a.m. Laura Miller 10:00 a.m. Miffie Greer

April 8 10:00 a.m. Janna Holmes

April 15 10:00 a.m. Sondra Hunt

April 22 10:00 a.m. Jennifer Pinkard

April 29 10:00 a.m. Diane Means

Just a reminder ...Chapel will go back to one Worship Service on Sunday mornings at 10:00 a.m. after Easter Sunday.

### **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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Laz Hernandez-Rico, Audio/Visual Booth  
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