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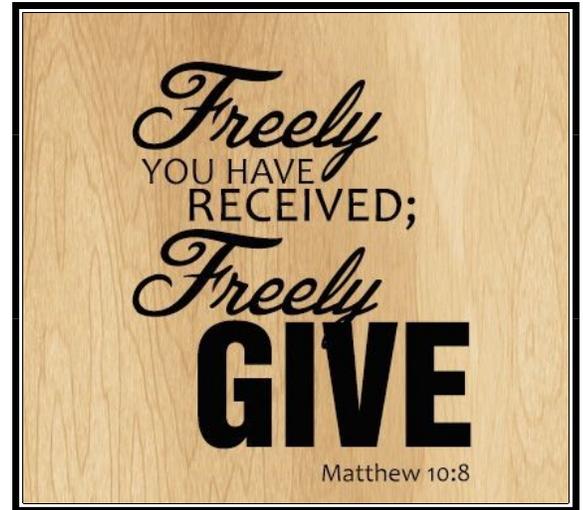
Dear Friends of Chapel by the Sea:

Grace and peace to you in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ! This is an exciting time in the life of Chapel by the Sea, and as disciples, we are called by the Lord to be good and faithful stewards of the gifts God has given us. We recognize and thank God by returning a portion of His abundant blessings, helping to build His church and to minister to our community. This year's Stewardship Theme is "**Freely Received, Freely Given**" which is a reference to Matthew 10:8. In this verse, Jesus calls us to give back a portion of the gifts that we have freely received from God for there is a great blessing not only in receiving, but an even greater blessing in giving.

Furthermore, in Luke 6:38, Jesus says, "**Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.**" The promise here is if we give freely, faithfully, and abundantly to God of our time, talents, and treasures, then God will abundantly give back to us, not because God has to, but because God wants to.

One of my favorite quotes on giving is from Pastor Rick Warren of Saddleback Community Church and author of *The Purpose-Driven Life* and *The Purpose-Driven Church*. He says, "**You can't out-give God.**" The more you give to God of your time, talents, and treasures, the more God will give back to you. Historically speaking, friends and members of Chapel by the Sea have always believed this and have responded graciously to any and all needs that were presented. Let me personally say "Thank You" for your past, present, and future generosity!

Today, on behalf of the Session and the Finance and Stewardship Committee, your help is once again needed as we plan for the upcoming year, and I ask you to give to God by supporting His church through your time, talents, and treasures. In the near future, you will receive in the mail an envelope and a stewardship pledge card, and I humbly ask that you take the time to prayerfully consider your gifts that will enable Chapel by the Sea to continue and to grow its mission of being a powerful witness of Jesus Christ in our community. You can either mail your pledge card in, or you can save a stamp and bring it with you to church on March 19th at which time during the 10 a.m. worship service, you will have an opportunity to either put it in the offering plate during the offertory or you may come forward and place your offering on the communion table. Again, thank you, and may God richly and abundantly bless you and Chapel by the Sea!



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

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“Souper” Bowl Sunday



The NFL Super Bowl and the Chapel “Souper” Bowl is **Sunday, February 5!** Soup pots, with the logo of each of the two Super Bowl teams, will be located at 2 entrances to the Chapel. Put your donations in the pot of the team you hope will win the Super Bowl and we will announce the “Souper” Bowl winner the following week. To get you in the right mood for the game, a **barbecue**, lunch with all the fixings, will take place after the 10:00 a.m. service on February 5. In the end, everyone wins! The funds collected this year will benefit the Soup Kitchen in Immokalee. Join us for fun, food, and fellowship.

A Reminder of How God Works Through Us

During the Christmas season, Chapel received this note from a former God’s Table participant.

“I used to be homeless on the beach here. Thru God’s Table you helped me to survive until God was done with cleaning me up. By the grace of God, 7 years later, I am clean, work for a living and live for Jesus. Thank you so very much for all you do.”

It is amazing how God works. It is humbling to be part of something greater than ourselves. Just know that our work we do at Chapel, even if we never are aware, can and does make an impact through God’s grace.

Stewardship Thought

All creation teems with the abundance of God's provision: mountains and hills, fruit trees and cedars, the Gulf and beaches, creeping things and flying birds! Our own lives bear witness to the abundance of God's love and mercy. Thus, we offer to God a portion of all we have freely received.

Treasurer’s Report

2016 – Operating Financial Summary	
Contributions/Pledges	\$443,357.78
Expenses	\$446,086.64
Net	(\$2,728.96)

2016	Designated Funds	Capital Funds
Balance 1/1/16	\$29,955.57	\$155,820.30
Contributions	\$38,095.37	\$ 18,169.58
Expenses	\$29,152.01	\$115,533.25
Balance 12/31/16	\$43,612.15	\$ 58,456.63

Thank you for your continued support of Chapel By The Sea!

Sisters In Spirit (SIS)



This month on February 14, SIS will gather at the Fort Myers Beach library at 10:30 a.m. for a presentation by Russ Carter about The History of Fort Myers Beach. After the presentation we will enjoy lunch in the Library Cafe. In celebration of Valentine's Day, we welcome the men of our Chapel community. Don't forget to sign the communication cards. If you have questions call Nancy Combs (239) 233-8630. SIS is a group of women at Chapel By the Sea who meet the second Tuesday of every month. All women are welcome! We would love to see you!

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Monthly Church Dinners

Saturday, Jan 14, Silver Hall turned into a real Italian ristorante, with about 100 guests enjoying Chef Mama Chapolletti's Phenomenal Spaghetti Sauce, Sous-chef Tanya's Magnificent Meatballs, and all the trimmings, complete with fresh ground Parmesan served by Maitre d' Eduardo. Behind the scenes, the Discipleship and Fellowship Committee members served as back-up chefs, servers, and clean-up crew. Reviews were outstanding! Be sure to join us this month on February 11 for the next Chapel by the Sea Italian night! Bring your friends and family! All are welcome!



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Chapel's Volunteer of the Month



Alice Glawe is a familiar face (and voice) at Chapel by the Sea. She has been serving as a volunteer and singing in our choir since meeting the Rev. Don Jafvert more than forty years ago. She spends a major portion

of each year here on Fort Myers Beach in her condo looking out over the Gulf, and we miss her every summer when she goes north to a log cabin on Indian Lake, in Pennsylvania, closer to her daughters.

Alice has had an interesting and varied life so far, and loves to regale others with stories of her experiences. She and her husband John graduated from high school together in Wilkes-Barre, PA. Alice then studied at the Dean School of Business of Wyoming Seminary, while John pursued a career in broadcasting. Her career included work as a statistician with the Anthracite Institute in northeast Pennsylvania, a secretarial accountant, a legal assistant, and then as Buck Township's secretary, treasurer and tax collector.

As a volunteer, she was busy with the League of Women Voters, the YWCA, the Bear Creek Grace Chapel Guild, and as a lay preacher of the Wyoming Valley Council of Churches. Life was disrupted in 1972 by the flood associated with Hurricane Agnes, which destroyed her home and the nearby home of her parents. This was soon followed by the death of her only son. And it was near this time that she met Rev. Jafvert and began attending Chapel in Fort Myers Beach.

Alice loves to entertain, both as a performer of her original monologues and as soprano soloist and choir member, first in Pennsylvania and now in Florida. Alice, who describes herself as "almost computer illiterate", considers herself blessed as a daughter, a mother of three and grandmother of four, and a joyful child of God.

February Birthdays

3	Janna Linehan	18	Harry Mitchell
4	Ron Krupa	18	Carolyn Anne Morrisette
4	Anita Turner	18	Julie Palmer
7	Nuel Smock	19	Marge Golden
8	Elaine Beebe	20	Bill Boyer
9	Barry Ahlemeier	20	Ed Collins III
9	Bob Allegier	20	Cynthia Harris Ross
9	Lee West	21	Don Ivester
10	Janet DeBenedett	22	Bill Johnson
11	Dick Wonkka	22	Hilda Seybert
13	Vicki Dutcher	23	Caroline Elizabeth Brooks
13	Bob Young	25	Steve Gumm
14	Jim Cook	26	Colton James Smith
14	Valentine Smith	28	Karen Haengel
15	Marianne Worden	28	Bill Pearson

February Anniversaries

- 1 Dan & Barbara Wickell
- 3 Steve & Arlene Fisher
- 3 Jack & Gail Garner
- 13 Ray & Bernice Tegner
- 14 Carmine Pacchino & Rexann Hosafros
- 14 Albert & Patricia Myers
- 16 Tom & Karen Swanbeck
- 18 Charles & Margaret Anderson

Flowers

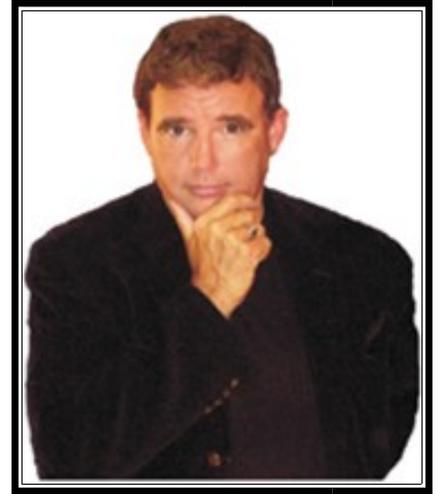
Flowers are a beautiful way to honor loved ones and God. To sign up for flowers fill out a card and the chart in the Church Office or call at (239) 463-3173. The flowers will be displayed at the Worship Service and noted in the bulletin.

In Memorium

Please keep these families in your prayers: The family of Sally Kelley who passed away on Sunday, January 8, 2017; the family of Eileen Green who passed away on Thursday, January 5, 2017; the family of Jackie Vander Spoel who passed away on Sunday, January 22, 2017.

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Chapel by the Sea Concert Series **Tommy O a.k.a. "Elvirotti"** **Thursday, February 16, 7:00 p.m.**



Join us for the Chapel Concert Series featuring **TOMMY O** a.k.a. "Elvirotti" which acknowledges his vast range of performances from Elvis to Pavarotti. TOMMY O is a guaranteed display of impeccable showmanship, leaving audiences with the gift of indelible joyous memories. No Ticket Required – Free Will Offering. **Thursday, February 16 at 7:00 p.m.** in the main Sanctuary of Chapel by the Sea.

Choir/Handbells

Would you like to make beautiful music to worship and honor God? Join the Choir and/or the Handbells at Chapel. Please call Lois Doggett at (239) 463-5583, Nancy Combs at (239) 233-8630 or the Church Office at (239) 463-3173 for more information.

The Chapel Cats

The Chapel Cats perform the first Sunday of each month (Communion Sunday). If you enjoy singing "Praise and Worship" songs, give our Music Director, Michael Melnikov a call at (239) 331-5301. We are also looking to expand the number of instruments played in this group.

Broadway Palm

On February 22, Chapel will head to Broadway Palm to watch "Anything Goes". The ticket is \$60.00 which includes dinner, show and taxes. The church bus leaves Chapel at 4:45 p.m. and also picks up off island on Pine Ridge Road. To make a reservation, contact Elaine Brinkman at (239) 463-3992 or (630) 605-0400. Please drop off your payment at the Chapel office. Tickets must be reserved and paid for by February 7.



Spiritual Commitment

I will support the church

- by attending faithfully
- by living a Christ-like life
- by giving regularly

I will protect the unity of my church

- by acting in love toward other members
- by refusing to gossip
- by following the leaders

I will share the responsibility of my church

- by praying for its growth
- by inviting the community to attend
- by warmly welcoming those who visit

I will serve the church

- by discovering my gifts and talents and using them
- by developing a servant's heart
- by studying the Bible daily

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February Health & Safety Message from Chapel's Parish Nurse



Ann Fossum, RN,
Parish Nurse

February is Heart Health Month!

There are so many ways that you can improve your heart health...Eating fresh fruits and vegetables, taking medications as prescribed and calling your health care provider if there are changes in your weight or blood pressure, not smoking, staying well hydrated...the list goes on and on. However, one of the BEST ways to keep your heart healthy is to walk. The recommended amount of walking is 30 minutes per day or 3 times a day try to get outside to walk 10 minutes. Most people find that doable and they feel better after they do it. Walking boosts energy, improves posture and circulation, and strengthens our bones. If you are looking for a fun group to walk with, join us at Chapel every Tuesday at 9:30 am for our walking Club. Blessings for Good Health, Ann

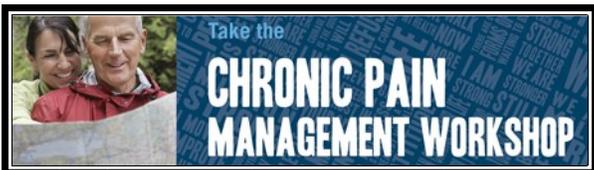
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CarFit

Tuesday, February 21 from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

CarFit is sponsored by the Lee County Sheriff's Community Relations. The program is designed to help older drivers find out how well they currently fit their personal vehicle, to highlight actions they can take to improve their fit, and to promote conversations about driver safety and community mobility. A proper fit in one's personal vehicle can greatly increase not only the driver's safety but also the safety of others. Free and Open to the Public. Each "car fit" will take approx. 20 minutes.



Chronic Pain Workshop

Tuesday, February 28 from 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Chapel by the Sea in Silver Hall

Chronic Pain Workshop (six-week series through April 4) sponsored by Lee Health Solutions. When you have chronic pain, you

face challenges every day. This workshop helps you and caregivers discover strategies and skills to take control to improve health and well-being. Free and Open to the Public. RSVP to chapel@chapelbts.org.

Ongoing Fitness & Wellness Programs at Chapel by the Sea

Every Tuesday

Sea Dolphins Walking Club from 9:30-10:30 a.m. Group will gather on the Church Veranda. Walk 30-minutes around the Chapel neighborhoods or on the beach; then return to Chapel.

Zumba Gold, Silver Hall from 1:30 p.m.-2:15 p.m. Perfect for active older adults. Improves balance and range of motion. Class can be tailored to fit individual needs. \$5.00 per class w/punch card or \$6.00 walk-in.

Every Wednesday

Weight Watchers from 10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m. in Silver Hall. Weigh-in begins at 10:00 a.m. followed by the meeting at 10:30 a.m.



The Sea Dolphins Walking Group

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“Undecorating” Party at Chapel Last Month

A special “thank you” to everyone who showed up at Chapel by the Sea to help “undecorate” the church. Your help was greatly appreciated!



The Immokalee Soup Kitchen

If you would like to make new friends, worship and get closer to God, feel free to join us serving hungry farm workers at the Immokalee Soup Kitchen. Chapel volunteers the fourth Friday of each month. The Chapel bus leaves at 9:30 a.m. and returns about 2:45 p.m. The sign-up sheets are posted in Silver Hall.

The Sew N Sews

Sew N Sews is open to all women from Chapel members to the community at large. We meet every Thursday, from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. If you can use a pair of scissors, you have a seat at the table. For more information please call Nancy Bell (845) 863-5222 .

Luncheon

The *first* Sunday of each month there will be a luncheon following the Communion Service. All are welcome!

Chapel Habitat Builders

Habitat will be building 55 new homes this season. Our team will be assisting with any number of different tasks as Habitat deems necessary each week. The team’s expertise includes siding (vinyl), painting (interior and exterior), demo, cleanup, accessorizing, and any number of other skills. Both men and women are welcome. No experience or special tools are required. “On the job training” will be provided. We work every Thursday and leave the rear of Chapel parking lot at 7:30 a.m. and return to the Chapel by 3:30 p.m. Bring your own lunch, snack, and water and soft drinks. If you plan on participating or even just considering it, please call Tom Kelly at (612) 325-0450.

February Liturgists

	8:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.
February 5	Laura Miller	Elise Missall
February 12	Bill Saunders	Doug Bidgood
February 19	Joan Cady	Beth Leys
February 26	Dean Southworth	Joyce Riggelman



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Classes at Chapel by the Sea

Adult Sunday School

Join us in at Chapel by the Sea in the library for our Adult Sunday School Class. We meet every Sunday from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. before Worship Service. We will be studying The Gospels... Matthew, Mark, Luke and John.

Solomon's Porch

Theological Reading Group

Join us on Tuesdays at 3:00 p.m. here at Chapel in Silver Hall in the Session Room. All are welcome. The book we are reading and discussing is called Celebration of Discipline by Richard Foster.

The Staff of Chapel by the Sea

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