

Chapel in the Pines Presbyterian Church Week of February 13, 2019



Here we are.

On a cold December afternoon on Christmas Eve 1983 ...

I met my husband when he was interviewing for a job at the VA Hospital ...

Aging is an extraordinary process where you become the person you always should have been ...

Every authentic encounter with God in my life has drawn me beyond what felt familiar or comfortable ...

It was a church that had seen the long leaf pine burned down into tar and pitch ...

So begins a few of the faith narratives submitted to our writing project. What's the rest of the story?

You will have the opportunity to hear these sacred stories as read by their authors this Sunday after worship! Come to the fellowship hall, grab a snack, then settle in for childhood memories and witnesses of armed robberies, of travels abroad and journeys into the depth of the soul, of the ache of grief, of wonder and joy. John Steinbeck once said that there is only one story worth telling: a story of redemption. Redemption is the heartbeat of the Bible: the old, old stories of misfits and merrymakers, of sinners and saints, of Jesus and his love. The story takes on new flesh when we share our spiritual journeys, for we carry our truths like candles in the wind.

After we hear from our authors, I'll have a few storytelling prompts to spark conversation at tables. Maybe you will go home inspired to put pen to paper! I hope that you will join us Sunday, and then you will add your own words to our growing collection of love made visible.

In gratitude for grace,
Andrew

Keep up with all events with our online church calendar by [clicking here](#).

To read our Mission Co-Worker in Costa Rica Karla Koll's January prayer letter please [click here](#).



A big thank you to all who donated food last week. This month Chapel in the

Pines has already collected 329 pounds of food for Take and Eat Food Pantry - YAY!.

A special "thank you" to the boy who helped load all the food donations into my car last Sunday.

Gratitude and grace,
Debbie Sears



Hey All!

Intern Vance Stiles here with a new opportunity for inter-generational connection! I'm starting an inter-generational program between Chapel in the Pines and UNC Presbyterian Campus Ministry.

The goal of this new program is to connect college students and those who are retired/soon to retire and don't have kids in the house! It will revolve around twice monthly meetings between each household and a pair of college students. This Sunday I'll have more to say on it, and will be looking for those interested in the program to start a list of signups!

If you have any questions feel free to shoot me an email by [clicking here](#).

Peace,
Vance

FEBRUARY/ MARCH CALENDAR



CAREGIVERS LUNCHEON - Saturday, February 23, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall of Chapel in the Pines. If possible RSVP by February 3 to Nana Morelli, Office Manager at 919-960-0616 or email by [clicking here](#). For questions, contact Braxton Malan at 717-533-6441. There is no cost,

simply let your Deacon know how many will be attending.



Spring Art Show at 123 Art Studios

Featuring Local Artist, Emma Skurnick
Also featuring the Open Studio Group
And 10 more local artists

Date: March 23 & 24, 2019

Time: 11 am - 5 pm

Location: 123 Beech Forest Way, Pittsboro,
NC 27312

to the friends my paintings have brought me
and all yet to come:
hello

the show listed above will be held
at the studios where i paint


i will be exhibiting
in my studio space
(first time ever opening where i work)
with new paintings

i am painting larger these days
and trees seem to be on my mind
in my heart
(i guess they always have been
but the ratio of trees to clouds is wider!)

upstairs in our exhibit gallery will be
emma skurnick and her students -
if you have not yet experienced
the pleasure of emma
this is a real boon
and on its own
worth the long windy drive
down the bumpy gravel road

please come join us
i'll be happy to see you
sarah graham

SPECIAL EVENT




Chapel in the Pines Presbyterian Church
Conversations on Race Group
Presents

Racial Equity Performance Series

Two nights of performances and conversations about structural racism, family legacies, and the stories we share with one another.


Featuring
 Elizabeth M. Melton and Sonny Kelly



Unpacking Longview
 February 3 @ 4 PM

Join me as I share my family's history of taking time for the difficult conversations. -Sonny

A story about public school desegregation in my East Texas hometown, legacies of whiteness, and Texas pride. -Elizabeth



The Talk
 February 24 @ 4 PM

February 3 & 24 at 4PM
 with community discussions to follow at
Chapel in the Pines PCUSA
 314 Great Ridge Parkway - Chapel Hill
 Donations accepted at the door.

Sunday, Feb. 24: 4:00-6:00 p.m. - *The Talk* - Chapel in the Pines' Sanctuary

Performer Sonny Kelly will share his one-man performance focusing on his family history and tough conversations black parents must have with their children. The performance is appropriate for children ages 9 and up. The performance will be followed by a question and answer period with Sonny. For more information on *The Talk* visit [click here](#).

MISSION NEWS

CITP GUATEMALA MISSION TRIP We now have the dates for the Guatemala trip - Wednesday, March 27th through Wednesday, April 3rd. If you are interested in going please



Love

"Love" is everywhere this week. It's Valentine's week. People are wearing red. Children are choosing valentines for their classmates and teachers. Boyfriends are picking out the perfect gift for their girlfriends. You can even get a heart shaped pizza to give to the one you love.

But what about that other kind of love? The kind that followers of Christ have in their hearts to share with others? "Agape love" - from the Greek - meaning "goodwill, benevolence, and willful delight in the object of love".

I remember singing a song years ago at the Presbyterian campus ministry in Madison, Wisconsin. The words went something like this:

**Oh, I love you with the love of the Lord,
 Yes, I love you with the love of the Lord:
 I can see in you all the beauty of my king,
 Yes, I love you with the love of the Lord.
 (The word "king" referring to "Christ the king".)**

A few weeks ago I encountered a woman who needed some "agape love". I was serving lunch to people who are homeless or just in need of a meal at the Interfaith Community Kitchen in Chapel Hill. She was one of the regular visitors. She came up to me frustrated, angry, and talking loud and fast. She said that she was allergic to an ingredient in the food being served that day. She wanted to see the manager. Someone spoke saying not to be concerned. "She's a regular troublemaker".

I needed to decide in that moment to see her differently than being "a regular troublemaker". Could I see in her "all the beauty" of Christ? Could I respond to her with agape love? I did my best.

Around us there may be people who are facing mental health challenges. Life may be extra difficult. Sometimes we may have a clue to what they are facing. Sometimes we just have to share **love**.

An upcoming Faith Connections on Mental Illness conference can offer ways for us to love and help. Consider attending. For more information please [click here](#).

Mission and Service Committee
Susie Smith - slyncks@gmail.com

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE



LOOKING FOR WAYS TO SERVE AT CHAPEL IN THE PINES?

There are so many ways you can help the staff, pastor, congregation at Chapel in the Pines. Volunteers are essential to the office, worship, mission and service, building and grounds, membership, communications, stewardship, finance and administration, personnel, fellowship, special events. If you would like to explore how you can help please visit our church website by [clicking here](#).

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - CHATHAM YOUTH DEVELOPMENT CENTER

You may have heard prayer requests from the young women at the Chatham Youth Development Center: "Pray for my mom. She had a heart attack last week." "Pray to watch over my family, for my release date, for patience and self-control . . ."

These young women are struggling during their time at the CYDC. Many are homesick but appreciate the opportunity to change the course of their young lives. For three years, a small team of folks from Chapel in the Pines has been visiting twice a month. We play games, do crafts, and have discussions. Just being heard by a caring adult means a lot to these young women.

If you've prayed for them, they send their thanks. If you've considered joining our team or would like more information please email Keith Glidewell by [clicking here](#).

SACRED ART TABLE

Every Sunday during worship, children and youth are invited to sit at the sacred art table in the narthex. Adult volunteers are needed to sit at the table with the children to support them as they work on a piece of art. If you're interested in volunteering or would like more information, please contact Joelle Brummitt-Yale, Director of Children and Youth Ministry by [clicking here](#).

TUTORING PROGRAM AT MT. ZION MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

Chapel in the Pines and Mt. Zion provide individualized tutoring at Mt. Zion during the school calendar year. For more information please contact Barbara Strange by [clicking here](#) or Marcia Ladd by [clicking here](#).



THE FARM AT PENNY LANE - Chapel in the Pines is a supporter of The Farm at Penny Lane. Volunteers assist with planting, watering, weeding, mulching, harvesting, trail maintenance, and special projects. To volunteer please [click here](#). Please give them 24 hour notice when signing up or canceling. They plan their work around volunteer availability. If you arrive unexpectedly or don't show up at all it can have an impact on the staff. To find out more about The Farm at Penny Lane and how you can help please [click here](#).

MISSION AND SERVICE

The Mission and Service Committee invites you to share your ideas with us.

Please know that our monthly meetings are open to anyone interested and we meet regularly on the fourth Sunday of the month.

It is a new year and we welcome your suggestions and would love to hear about mission and service opportunities you feel passionate about. If you would like to learn more, or would like to submit ideas for the committee to consider, contact our committee chair Maggie Reif by [clicking here](#).

FAIR TRADE EQUAL EXCHANGE COFFEE, CHOCOLATE AND OLIVE OIL- For more information see Janet Dopler after worship or contact Susie Smith by [clicking here](#).

TAKE AND READ BOOK PROGRAM

For more information contact Paul Harrell at 919-542-2743 or email by [clicking here](#).

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Our next Habitat Build work days in Pittsboro are January 19, February 16 and March 23 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., with an hour for lunch. Lunch will be provided. If you're interested in helping or have any questions please contact Bart Holtz by [clicking here](#). If you are available to provide a lunch item please call Bart at 919- 968-9088.

TAKE AND EAT FOOD PANTRY - For more information contact Phyllis Greene by [clicking here](#).



CHATHAM RINGERS

Chatham Ringers Middle School Bell Choir--Begins rehearsal on February 10, 4:00-5:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Do you have a child (5th-8th grade) interested in learning an instrument? Come join the The Chatham Ringers! We are a community organization for youth in 5th-8th grades who would like to learn to play handbells. No experience with bells is required, though music reading skills are preferred. We rehearse at Chapel in the Pines every Sunday from 4:00-5:00 p.m. We require a semester commitment. For any questions or to sign up, please contact Katherine Brekke at (919) 624-9711 or email Katherine by [clicking here](#).

HANDBELL CHOIR REHEARSALS

Handbell Choir meets every Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. For more information please visit our website at www.citppc.org or contact Director Katherine Brekke by [clicking here](#). All are welcome to join!

CHOIR REHEARSALS

Choir meets to rehearse every Wednesday at 7:30 p.m in the Fellowship Hall. Please visit our website at www.citppc.org or contact the Directory of Music Ministry, Jeremy Nabors by [clicking here](#). Everyone is welcome to join!

Sunday School Classes and Adult Ed Opportunities - for details on all of our classes please visit our website at www.citppc.org.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

9:15-10:15 AM

Children's Godly Play - Children ages 4-9 will meet in the original Godly Play classroom (first classroom on the right down the education hallway). Children ages 10 and up will have class in the last classroom on the left hand side of the same hallway. Nursery care will be available for children under the age of 4. To learn more about Godly Play, visit [Godly Play Foundation](#).

YOUTH GROUP - Youth in grades 5-8 are invited to attend youth group meetings in the Fellowship Hall each Sunday 4-5:00 p.m.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES: (Please note differing start times)

- **EXPLORING TOGETHER CLASS**- this class meets at 9:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall meeting room. This class is studying the Letter to the Hebrews. For more information contact Sandy Williams by [clicking here](#).

- **THE GATHERING** - Come brew yourself a Keurig cup, then join Andrew at 9:15 a.m. in the Gathering Room (children's wing of main building) for conversation about the Poem of Preparation found in each week's bulletin. The idea is the discussion will prime the pump for that morning's service, as well as create community through conversation (and caffeine). Andrew particularly wishes to invite members of the choir (who might want to pop in before rehearsal), parents and caregivers (who can bring children to Godly Play), as well as new members and those interested in joining. There's no preparation ahead of time. Just show up and join this intentionally inter-generational learning experience. All are welcome!
- **THE LITERATURE AND SPIRITUALITY GROUP** - will meet February 24 at 12:30 pm at Mary Ellen Houck's place and discuss *Educated* by Tara Westover. All are welcome. For questions or directions please email Betsy Sunde by [clicking here](#).

WOMEN'S STUDY GROUP - this group meets every Wednesday at 11:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Currently they are discussing Diana Butler Bass' book *Grateful*. Everyone is welcome to join this class. For more information or to obtain a copy of the book please contact Marcia Ladd by [clicking here](#).

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY CIRCLE -- a blended circle made up of women from Chapel in the Pines and University Presbyterian Church meeting in women's homes at 10:00 a.m. on the first Tuesday of each month. This year's theme: God's Promise - "I am with you". All women are welcome to attend. Contact: Susie Smith by [clicking here](#).

OPEN SPACES - We invite you to join us every 2nd and 4th Mondays as we gather for song, silence, and sacrament in this contemplative service. Questions, please come and check it out or contact Andrew by [clicking here](#). Our next service is Monday, February 11, at 6:00 p.m.

THIRST QUENCHERS - this week we will meet on **Thursday, February 14 at 5:30 p.m.** at Rasa Malaysia in Southern Village. To read the article we'll be discussing please [click here](#).

Thirst Quenchers meets every 2nd and 4th Thursday at 5:30 p.m. at Rasa Malaysia in Southern Village. Everyone is invited to join us! For more information, please contact Sandy Williams by [clicking here](#).

CREATIVE COMMONS - In 2018, we at Creative Commons look back on a remarkable fall of writing! With Dorothy Baird's poetry class, Heather Jester's writing workshop, and so many Chapel in the Pines' members writing their faith, we were a creative bunch indeed. We collected a good many writings, and plan a sharing and celebration of such this new year. Stay tuned for details on that and for more inspiration and guidance from our Ed Park. For interest or questions please contact Sarah Graham by [clicking here](#) or Elizabeth Melton by [clicking here](#).

Fellowship News and Opportunities

FELLOWSHIP TEAMS

On Sunday mornings fellowship teams prepare snacks, set-up, and clean up. Each member is assigned to a fellowship teams. Your team leader will contact you prior to your assigned month. Your participation is a wonderful way to get to know one another as well as a way to make our visitors feel welcomed. For more information contact the Fellowship Committee Chair, Elder Barbara Amago by [clicking here](#).



February Fellowship Team for providing after-worship refreshments for the month of February!

February Fellowship Team Members are:
Braxton Malan, Leader; Blisse and Todd Adams, Greg and Emily Behr, James and Marcey Clark, Dina and Tom Crosby, Janet Dopler, Aaron and Ashley Freuler, Paul Isom, Martha Juel, Marcia Ladd, Lee Werley, Kevin O'Dell,

Mary Raymond, Chuck and Jan Rickard, John and Betsy Szczypinski, Emily Williams, Shirley Wilson, Polly and Sandy Williams.

Chapel in the Pines Presbyterian Church Session Digest - December 17, 2018

At its Stated Meeting, the Session:

- Received the Pastor's Report who will reconvene the Elders and Deacons in January to start working on "What God is calling us to be."
- Received the Treasurer's report that the church's finances were about where they were expected to be, anticipating a break even by the end of the year.
- The Stewardship campaign is officially over, although some monies may trickle in, we collected \$325,500 in pledges for a \$300,000 budget.
- Session approved a modification to Andrew's terms of call, anticipating they might change again after all the pledges are received
- Session set staff raises at 3% as a hearty endorsement of the fine job they all do
- Duke is piloting a new internship program where interns will focus 20% of their time on working in the community, Chapel in the Pines is eligible and will apply in January

Respectfully submitted:
Marcia Ladd

Clerk

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS



02/01 Ian Grimes

02/05 Barbara Amago

02/07 Jane Wolf

02/10 Georgia Campbell

02/13 Fred Royal

02/14 Maria Campbell

02/16 Betsy Sunde
Ed Baird

02/17 Susan Cyr

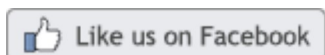
02/19 Ron Greene
Bear Riggs

02/20 Caroline and Ellie O'Connell-Edwards

02/22 Mary Roodkowsky
Eileen Bogan

02/28 Lou Brock
Miles Freuler

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