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Chapel in the Pines



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If you are looking for Andrew's musing, please 'view it on webpage' (see above) and continue reading the newsletter and you'll find it. Many questions you have about the happenings of CITP are answered in this email!



congregational **MEETING**

Please note: We will have a churchwide congregational meeting at the 10am Combined Worship Service THIS Sunday, May 11. We will be electing new elders and deacons at this meeting. We hope you will plan to attend!

**JOIN US MAY 11 AFTER WORSHIP AS WE
HONOR AND CELEBRATE OUR NEW
CONFIRMANDS WITH CAKE AND PUNCH!**

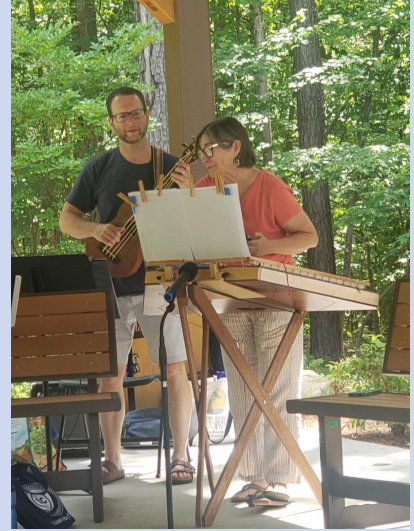


Also note: We will not be having our regular monthly potluck this month, due to needing to prepare the space for the big Presbytery Meeting CITP is hosting this week. However, we will have refreshments of cake and punch to honor and celebrate our new confirmands after worship this Sunday. We hope you can join us in this time of joy.

IN CASE YOU MISSED OUR SING ALONG LAST SATURDAY...

We have some photos by Mark Herboth to share with you! We hope you'll be able make it to the next one! (Thanks for sending these in, Mark!)





CAN YOU HELP?

Hygiene Kits Clean-Up Buckets



**Sign-up to bring supplies.
Assemble Kits on May 18th.**

We are making Church World Service kits again this year to help people in need – especially after a disaster.

Please help by **signing-up** in the narthex to bring items OR contact Susie Smith snyncks@gmail.com to indicate what items you will be bringing and the quantity. (We do not want 100 combs and only 10 nail clippers.) This year our goal is to make at least 125 hygiene kits plus TWO clean-up buckets (supplies for after a hurricane) -- so we need 125 combs, 125 nail clippers, etc. [CLICK HERE FOR THE BUCKET LIST](#); [CLICK HERE FOR THE HYGIENE KIT ITEMS](#), they are also below.

Purchase items and bring them to the church by Sunday morning, May 18.

We will assemble the items between services on May 18 (final pack on the 25th).

Contact: Susie Smith

For each Clean-Up Bucket we need:

- One five-gallon bucket with resealable lid (If reused, please scrub clean. Do not use a bucket that has held chemicals of any kind. Brand labels on the outside are acceptable.)
- Five scouring pads (No stainless steel or pads with soap in them. Remove from packaging.)
- Seven sponges, including one large
- One scrub brush (With or without handle.)
- 16 reusable, lightweight multipurpose cleaning towels (Not paper towels. Remove from packaging. Here is an example: [Amazon.com: JEBBLAS Disposable Cleaning Towels Dish Towels and Dish Cloths Reusable Towels, Handy Cleaning Wipes, 50 Count/Pack, Blue : Health & Household](https://www.amazon.com/JEBBLAS-Disposable-Cleaning-Towels-Dish-Towels-and-Dish-Cloths-Reusable-Towels-Handy-Cleaning-Wipes-50-Count-Pack-Blue-Health-Household))
- One 16-34oz bottle of liquid dish soap (antibacterial preferred)
- One 12-40oz bottle of liquid concentrate household cleaner that can be mixed with water (No spray bottles.)
- One 50-100ft clothesline (Cotton or plastic line.)
- Five dust masks (N95 particulate respirator dust masks preferred; No surgical masks.)
- Two pairs of heavy-duty, waterproof dishwashing gloves (Latex-free preferred. Durable for multiple use. Remove from packaging.)
- One pair of heavy-duty, reusable work gloves (Such as nitrile, cotton with leather palm, or all leather.)
- 20-28 heavy-duty or contractor-type 30-45 gallon trash bags on a roll (Remove from packaging.)

All cleaning items must be new and all liquid items must be capped and securely tightened. Place all items into the bucket, making sure they are packed securely to avoid damage during shipment. Snap the lid on tight and seal with packing tape. Please do not enclose cash or checks inside of the kits or the boxes.

For each CWS Hygiene Kit we need:

- Washcloth
- Toothbrush (in original packing)
- Fingernail or toenail clipper (packaging removed)
- Bath-size bar of soap (in original packaging)
- Travel-size deodorant (3.4 oz. or less, non-aerosol)
- Travel-size lotion (3.4 oz. or less, fragrance-free, NEW only)
- Travel-size shampoo (3.4 oz. or less, NEW only)
- Travel-size toothpaste (3.4 oz. or less, expiration date of 1 year)
- [Sturdy wide-tooth comb](#) (6" minimum teeth, packaging removed)

We **WELCOME** all people into our community of of faith.

We **WORSHIP** God with gratitude for the grace given to all people through Jesus Christ.

We **WITNESS** the love of Christ through our gifts of time, talents, and resources as we grow together in our faith.

Mission News, Events & Volunteer Opportunities

To read Susie Smith's latest article titled "Love Wide", [CLICK HERE](#).



May 8-15 , 2025

Weekly Reminders

Thursday, May 8

Office Hours 9am-1pm

- 9am Men's Fellowship, Fellowship Hall
- 6pm Thirst Quenchers

Friday, May 9

Office Closed

- 12pm Write to Heal Class by Mary Barnard, Sacred Art Classroom
- 3:15pm Presbyterian Women's Circle, Fellowship Hall

Saturday, May 10

Office Closed

Sunday, May 11

Confirmation Sunday

Congregational Meeting

Happy Mother's Day

Holy Communion Sunday

Pennies for Hunger Sunday

- 9am Exploring Together Class, Zoom
- 10am COMBINED Worship, Indoors and Livestreamed
- 11am Refreshments after Worship

Monday, May 12

Office Hours 9am-1pm

- 6pm Faith Formation Committee Meeting, Zoom

Tuesday, May 13

Office Hours 9am-1pm

- 9am Presbytery Meeting, Sanctuary & Fellowship Hall
- 7pm Building & Grounds Meeting, Zoom

Wednesday, May 14

Office Closed

- 4:30pm Presbyterian String Band, Sanctuary
- 6pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
- 7pm Bible Study with Andrew
- 7:30pm Adult Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary

Thursday, May 15

Office Hours 9am-1pm

- 10am Crafty Crafters, Fellowship Hall
- 10:30am Poetry Discussion, Galloway Ridge

Church Office Hours

Mon, Tues, Thurs: 9am-1pm

Andrew: By Appointment

Our master calendar can be found on our website as well. If you see something on this calendar that should be corrected, please let Teresa know so she can edit the church's master

NEWSLETTER & BULLETIN DEADLINE



If you wish to have something in our newsletter and/or bulletin, the deadline to guarantee it makes it in that week is 5pm Tuesday. We apologize for any inconvenience.



Greet Our Online Worshippers

You are cordially invited to go to the center front of our sanctuary each week 10 minutes before the combined 10 am or our regular 11am service and also immediately after the end of those services, to say hello to our online worshippers. We do not show the congregation during worship, in order to respect vulnerable members including children, but would like for our online viewers to see those who don't mind being seen! (Children may participate in these greetings with their parents or guardians.) The livestream cameras will only show those people who stand in the zone between the piano and the Communion table.



Office Hours

Monday 9am - 1pm

Tuesday 9am - 1pm

Thursday 9am - 1pm

**If in doubt, call
or email first.**

(Monday and the "T" days
we are open 9am to 1pm!)

Contact: Teresa

This Week



Pastor on Call This Week:

Andrew Taylor-Troutman
andrew@citppc.org
540-239-7060



The sign-up sheets to bring flowers in 2025 is on the welcome table in the narthex! **We have MANY open slots.** Please sign up soon to get the date you would like.

Contact: Hope Weber or Jan Herboth

CURIOUS ABOUT THE MOUNTAIN DULCIMER?



The Chapel Hill Mountain Dulcimer Group meets at Chapel in the Pines on the fourth Thursday of every month from 2-4pm. Listeners and beginners are welcome!

Contact: Marian 469-261-4685 or
Cornelia 919-606-1395



NURSERY SERVICE FOR CHILDREN FOUR AND UNDER WILL BE PROVIDED AT OUR 9:15AM AND OUR 11AM SERVICES, AS WELL AS AT OUR 10AM SERVICE AT THE COMBINED WORSHIP SERVICES ON THE SECOND SUNDAY OF THE MONTH.

CONTACT: JOELLE BRUMMITT-YALE



This Sunday is our **PENNIES FOR HUNGER** Sunday. Please bring your change, dollars, or checks to put in the basket to help curb hunger. We also take credit card online if you prefer to donate that way.

Sermon Transcripts

Each week when Andrew preaches, we strive to update his sermon transcripts here for those who wish to have a PDF to read. You can click on the red button below to read Andrew's latest sermon transcript.

Andrew did not preach Sunday 05/04 so the latest one is 04/27.

**CLICK HERE TO READ
ANDREW'S SERMON
TRANSCRIPT FROM 04/27**

Watch the Livestream

UPDATED! Each week we have

CITPPC YOUTH GROUPS



YOUTH GROUPS

PLEASE NOTE, THERE IS NO YOUTH GROUP THIS SUNDAY.

6th-8th graders in confirmation class will meet the first and third Sunday from 3-4:30pm.

K-8th graders are invited to faith formation on the second and fourth Sundays of each month in the fellowship hall from 3-4:30pm.

High school youth meet every Sunday from 5:00-6:30pm.

Contact: Joelle Brummitt-Yale, Director of Children's and Youth Ministries, jbrummitt@citppc.org

CHAPEL IN THE PINES

Parents Group

2ND AND 4TH SUNDAYS
3-4:30PM
GATHERING ROOM

CONNECTION | STUDY | REFLECTION

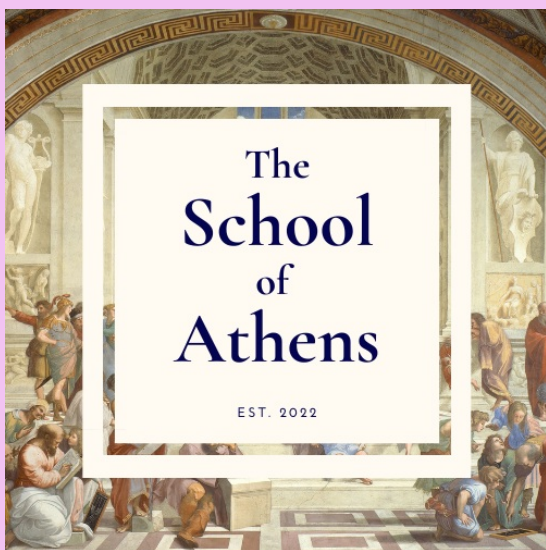
CHILDCARE PROVIDED
PLEASE CONTACT GINNY FOR MORE INFO:
GINNY@CITPPC.ORG

volunteers who livestream the 10am service on second Sundays and 11am service other weeks. When we have that available, we will share a link to it here.

If you wish to subscribe to our YouTube channel, click on the subscribe button once you pull up our page. By subscribing, you'll get a notification every time we update our video posts!

CLICK TO WATCH THE
LIVESTREAM FROM
SUNDAY 05/04/2025

**You are
Invited**



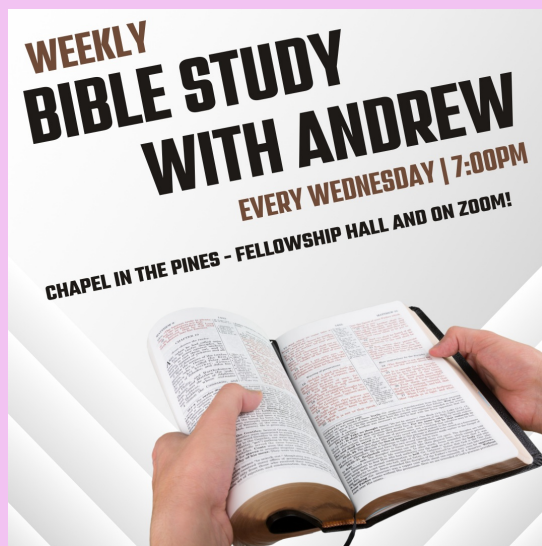
Spring Poetry Forum
Date: Saturday May 17
Time: 2 to 4 pm
Location: CITP

NEW! Bring one or more poems to share about Spring—which include themes and symbols of renewal, rebirth, transformation, new beginnings, transitions, beauty, nature and hope.

PARENTS' MEETING: We have a small group for parents! Every second Sunday during the time when our K-8th graders meet for faith formation (3-4:30pm), join us for a time of connection, study, and reflection together in the Gathering Room. We'll also meet there on fourth Sundays and we will join the Racial Justice group that will be meeting in the sanctuary on those dates!

Childcare will be provided for children too young for youth group (under 3rd grade). Please let Ginny know if you are planning to bring your children so that we will be well prepared. We'll make plans for the future of our group together.

Contact: Ginny Taylor-Troutman



UPDATES! You are welcome to join us for Bible Study on Wednesdays at 7pm! We are back to meeting weekly, but will break for the summer starting in **JULY**. Come to the Fellowship Hall or connect with us on Zoom! Watch for an email to come out each week that will share the scripture we will be studying that week.

CLICK HERE WEDNESDAY
EVENINGS TO ZOOM THE
BIBLE STUDY CLASS AT
7pm

Your poem may be an original—or an ancient, classic or contemporary poem. Be creative in your consideration of any poems that capture a fresh and uniquely authentic perspective on the deeper meaning(s) of Spring.

There is no cost to attend this.

Greek and Roman Mythology

Date: Saturdays, May 24,
and continuing on May 31

Time: 2 to 4 pm

Location CITP

NEW! This event, which will include lecture and discussion, is a primer on Greek and Roman mythology. participants will learn why humans wrote myths, and how mythology compares with religion. You will become acquainted with the many deities of the Greek and Roman pantheons. And the class will examine several myth stories in particular. Bring your favorite myth.

There is no cost to attend this.

Health Update

Dear friends of Susie and Ed Park,

Susie is very ill, and the family has started a CaringBridge page to update you about her condition.

You will have to sign up for the CaringBridge website, but it is free to use. Click on the link below to sign up and read the first post. Once you sign up, you will be notified whenever there is a new post.

Please note that Susie is not strong enough for conversation, and the family is busy with her care, so they

Men's Fellowship

We have resumed our
Men's Fellowship gatherings!
The second Thursday of the month
we meet 9am in the Fellowship Hall
The fourth Thursday of the month we
meet 9am at the Belted Goat.



Adult Vocal &
Bells!



WEEKLY CHOIR REHEARSALS!

Handbells: We have two handbell choirs. One choir meets on Wednesday evenings at 6pm. This group is for those with more experience in ringing. The Grace Ringers meets on Sunday morning at 9am. This group is aimed for those who are new to ringing or with limited musical experience. Both groups are for anyone in the 6th grade and up.

Contact: [Katherine Brekke](#)

Adult Choir: Adult Choir rehearses weekly beginning in the sanctuary at 7:30pm on Wednesdays. If you're interested in joining us, contact Jeremy!

Contact: [Jeremy Nabors](#)

would appreciate NOT receiving phone calls at this time. You can leave greetings or comments through the CaringBridge page, and they know she will love hearing from you this way.

TO SIGN UP TO VISIT
THE CARINGBRIDGE
CLICK HERE

Worship Updates

During the months of July and August, we will have Combined Worship at 10am indoors, which means no outdoor worship at 9:15am.

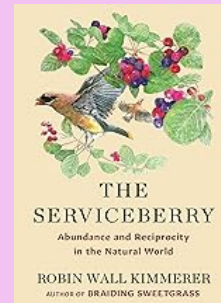
We hope all of our 9:15 and 11am worshippers will join this 10am summer worship, and that we can embrace the opportunity to worship and share fellowship with each other during this time.



The Women's Study Group gets together every week in the Fellowship Hall's conference room on Tuesdays at 10am. They have excellent guest speakers, discuss books, poetry and share in delightful fellowship together.

The group is currently reading Robin Wall Kimmerers book, *The Serviceberry: Abundance and Reciprocity in the Natural World*. Please know you are invited to join the group for fellowship and wonderful discussions.

All women are welcome!
Contact: [Marcia Ladd](#)



Until next week...
GRACE & PEACE

PASTOR'S MUSING

Finally, Comes the Poet

A Longing to Belong: A Homily at Galloway Ridge
Acts 9:36–43

The acclaimed, brilliant, tortured, and tragic genius writer David Foster Wallace once remarked, “I don’t believe in God, but I miss Him.” This sentiment seems to me to mark the current context for many people in America today.

On the one hand, Americans have turned away from the church and organized religion. Some of this is due to scientific advancements and human rights, which some Christians have wrongly taken positions against. Indeed, we Christians have often been the worst ambassadors of the faith; survey after survey has shown that the number one reason that people have left the religion is because of the hypocrisy of pastors and people in the pews. Lord, have mercy upon us.

Hypocrisy is nothing new. Yet, in the past few decades, there has been a shift in public attitudes here in our country. People are not flocking back to the church, even in denominations like the Southern Baptists, which at one point enjoyed the highest membership totals. But at the same time, the so-called New Atheists have lost ground. It is no longer popular to say, “God is dead.” As Lauren Jackson put it in this Sunday’s *New York Times*, “the power of belonging” is a real need, and people seem more open to the idea that such belonging might be found within institutions of religion.

What, then, should be our response as people of faith? Personally, I am tired of the arguments for the existence of God, namely, because I am weary of arguing. There is enough that divides us. What can we share? What shared understanding can we wrap our arms around, if not fully embrace?

It is through this lens that I read this passage in Acts. Indeed, Peter demonstrated the power of God. But before the apostle was on the scene, there was Tabitha, a woman of faith in action: “She was devoted

to good works and acts of charity” (Acts 9:36). Tabitha was so beloved that, when Peter arrived, “all the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them” (Acts 9:39). No, she hadn’t changed names! The Aramaic “Tabitha” is translated to “Dorcas” in Greek. This translation in the text shows that she was a Jew, a member of an established religion, who was known in the larger, Gentile population not for her statements of faith but for her acts of love. She was remembered and mourned for her kindness to those in need, acts of generosity that were as apparent as the articles of clothing that she gave.

Peter raised her from the dead, and “many believed in the Lord” (Acts 9:42). The power of God was made manifest, and we can pray for signs and wonders in our day and time.

But those people wouldn’t have mourned Tabitha/Dorcas if not for her kindnesses.

People remembered her not for her arguments, but for her faith in action.

May we embody the same qualities. May we be known as a kind, generous, welcoming, inclusive, and faithful people in a time when more and more individuals are longing for a sense of belonging in their lives. May we do the work that matters – feeding, clothing, housing, caring for the sick and for children – and not waste time and effort with silly arguments. May we remember that our work is about resurrections in this life – raising our hands and minds to help and so lifting up our hearts to God.

Andrew Taylor-Troutman
Galloway Ridge
May 7, 2025

NEW! To read Andrew's article "Little Big Moments: For Mother's Day" (chapelboro.com) [CLICK HERE](#)

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