

HAPPENINGS

February 2017

Newsletter for Chapel Hill United Methodist Church

SCOUT SUNDAY,

FEBRUARY 5TH AT 9:30 A.M. AND 11:00 A.M.

Our Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts will be a part of our 9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. services on February 5th.

CHAPEL HILL SUPER BOWL BOWLING PARTY AT ARC LANES

4901 MONROE AVE. EVANSVILLE, IN

(BEHIND WASHINGTON SQUARE MALL)

FEBRUARY 5, 2017 AT 5:00 P.M.—7:00 P.M.

Cost is \$5.00 per person. This includes bowling, shoe rental, and food. Sign-Up Sheets at the front desk and

UNITED METHODIST MEN

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14TH AT
6:00 P.M.

The United Methodist Men will be meeting on Tuesday February 14th, Valentines Day. The ladies are invited to attend on this special day.

Ladies

PNO (PARENT'S NIGHT OUT)

FEBRUARY 10, 2017

It's a New Year for PNO and I pray that we can only make it better every year. As you all know we're having to do every other month due to lack of new volunteers to sign up and have fun Friday with us. There's other things to do besides being in charge of children. Help serve food, registration and crafts.

We're hoping this Friday can help you and your Valentine have fun time together. We will have a cake dance, crafts, snack and movie.



Check-In: 6-6:15 p.m.

Games/Crafts 6:15—7:45 p.m.

Snack: 7:45—8 p.m.

Movie: 7:45—9 p.m.



If you have any questions, please call Marie Rutledge,

MESSAGE SERIES FEBRUARY 5, 12 AND 19:

The Wesley Challenge: 21 Days to a More Authentic Faith; A series of messages built around 21 questions that John Wesley encouraged the first Methodist to ask one another. The series will help you develop deeper spiritual habits, practices and actions that can lead to a more thriving Christian Life.

Alzheimer's Caregiver's Support Group

Thursday, February 2nd, 4:00 p.m.

Alzheimer's Caregiver's group will meet Thursday February 2nd at 4:00 for a time of sharing. The group is open to our community so if you know someone who could

ONLINE DONATIONS

Be sure to create your profile so it will save your credit/debit plus checking/savings account info.



THE PASTOR'S CORNER

Some people who claim to be Christians actually say, "You know, I love the Lord. I just don't love the church."

Sorry, but that is impossible, because 1 John 5:1 says, "Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has become a child of God. And everyone who loves the Father loves his children, too." I have learned that when I become friends with someone I become friends with their children as well. If I love them, my love extends to their family. In a way, their children become like nieces and nephews to me.

In the same way, when we love God, we also will love God's children. And if you don't love God's children, then one has to question how much you really love God.

As a pastor, I have had people disagree with me on certain things, and I don't take offense to that. But it is a different matter altogether when it comes to my wife. One way to make sure that I am offended is to insult her, I take that personally.

The church is the bride of Christ. We belong to Him, and He loves us. In fact, the apostle Paul used that analogy in

Ephesians 5 when he wrote, "For husbands, this means love your wives, just as Christ loved the church. He gave up his life for her to make her holy and clean, washed by the cleansing of God's word" (verses 25–26). I love the phrase, "as Christ loved the church. He gave up His life for her..." Our Lord Jesus loved the church so much he died for it. What incredible love He has for the church. I want you to love the church that much, especially Chapel Hill.

It is popular today to criticize the church. But understand this: When you insult the church, you are speaking critically of someone whom Jesus loves.

If you are a Christian, then you will long to be with God's people. You will love God's people. You may not always like other Christians or feel close to them but they are God's children and we who love God, love God's children.

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HELP CHAPEL HILL RAISE MONEY FOR SPECIAL PROJECTS:

You can help Chapel Hill raise money by participating in the Scrips Program. All you have to do is your normal shopping and plan just a little! Participating companies allow non-profits, like us, to purchase shopping cards and keep a certain percentage. You get the benefit of a fully purchased card. Say you buy a \$25 Cracker Barrel card. When you spend it, you will receive \$25 worth of food. Chapel Hill will keep 9% of the cost when it is paid for. That's \$2.25 that Chapel Hill has made from that one card!

There are multiple ways you can participate.

1. Each Sunday, myself or someone else will be selling cards before and after the 9:30 service. These are the most often purchased cards.
2. You can go on-line and place your own order and take advantage of the hundreds of participating companies.

3. If you are not comfortable or don't have the access to a computer. You can fill out an order sheet and give it to me, or turn into the office during the week, what you would like to order from the hundreds of options. I can place the order for you.

If you place the order yourself, registration is easy and you only have to do it once. Go to the website: shopwithscrip.com. Click on the "Register" button. Click on "Join a Scrip Program". Enter Chapel Hill's enrollment number CD24A19C362L8. This is case sensitive. The next page will have you fill in some quick information and create a user name and password. Press save. Voilà! You are ready to place your own order.

If you place your own order, just have it entered by noon on Mondays. They will arrive by Friday at the church. If you have any questions, please contact me. My telephone

Its that time of year again. Yes, you know its the beginning of a new year when you sit down and turn on the TV and the commercials are everywhere. Yes, the newest diet program, exercise equipment, and wrinkle remover miracles are right there to remind you that you are not what you “could/should” be. So, we order them with the hopeful expectation and best intention. We receive and open 'The BOX' that will change everything. And for a while we are motivated. We truly desire to “be all we should be?” Until the day of discouragement replaces our zeal.

Why? Because all of the so called “life changing miracle products” do not change our hearts. They depend upon the “self-will” and “self determination” of the flesh. All the 'newest and best' the world has to offer can never fill the voids of our souls.

BUT, there is great news. As a child of The Most High God, The Creator of Heaven and Earth, Our El Shaddai, we already have the solution...the answer. We have Jesus, who opened the way for us to be reunited with our heavenly Father so that we never have to “do it by ourselves” again.

*“You who respect [fear] the LORD should **trust in him**; he is your helper and your protection [shield].” Ps 115:11*

“...for the Lord your God, He is the One who goes with you. He will not leave you nor forsake you.” Hebrews 13:5b

“Don’t be afraid or discouraged, because the LORD your God will be with you in all you do.” Joshua 1:9

As His Child, we already have ALL that we need! “Jesus has the power of God, by which he has given us everything we need to live and to serve God. We have these things as we better come to know Jesus, who called us by his glory and goodness.” 2 Pet 1:3

Isn't it amazing that we are willing to try almost

anything except seeking **the Lord**. We will trust in the schemes and plans of 'the world' instead of knowing **Him**. We will work at discovering ourselves instead of seeking to know **Jesus**. And what does that get us? Exhaustion, disappointment, and so on, because without the knowledge of **Him** in relationship, we will never experience the mighty power that raised **Him** from the dead! Phil 3:10

But FIRST we have to seek Him. “But seek God’s kingdom first, and all your other needs will be met as well.” Lk 12:31 And where is this “Kingdom of God”? It is where the King LIVES. As a child of the King, it is Christ in us, the hope of glory.

SO, if we already have ALL we will ever need IN CHRIST who lives within us thru His precious Holy Spirit, why do we keep looking everywhere else? We have already received The ultimate Gift. Maybe, just maybe, its because we're so busy we've forgotten what we have and whose we are? Maybe we've lost our “first love”? Maybe we are reluctant to open 'the box' we have put our Lord in until we've come to the end of *ourselves* and *our* resources?

Oh Father God, help us to open THE BOX that we have placed you in. To open the Gift of YOU, never to be closed again. Give us the courage, O Lord, to relinquish our struggle to “become” and to just trust and “Be” in You. To see and experience You in a new and fresh way. Give us a new revelation of who you are and who we are in You. Remind us, Lord, that You are the Giver of abundant life and love: The Almighty, All Powerful, All knowing, One True Creator God who loves us and cares about EVERY thing in our lives; big and small. Help us to surrender our “self sufficiency” to You, as You have urgently and lovingly bid us to “come and leave our earthly cares with you. To learn from you and take your yoke which is light (serving you and not ourselves). And teach us, Blessed Savior and Lord, how to truly Rest in YOU. Mt 11:28-30”

Dear Chapel Hill Church Family,

Thank you so much for all the love and kindness that was shown to our family during the time of my mothers death and funeral. We have been blessed in so many ways; food, visits, phone calls and so many offers to help. Chapel Hill is a church that has changed our lives.

Love You All,

ELEVEN WAYS TO SUPPORT THE MINISTRIES AT YOUR CHURCH

1. **Gift of Cash**—Cash gifts may be deducted for one year or over six years, up to 50% of adjusted gross income. For example, on a \$10,000 cash gift in a 25% tax bracket, you may save \$2,500 in taxes. The church also welcomes cash gifts and pledges that are payable over a period of years.
2. **Appreciated Stock**—Appreciated stock (held more than one year) makes an excellent gift. You may avoid capital gain taxes and receive a charitable tax deduction for the full market value of the stock.
3. **Bequest Through Your Will** — Your Last Will and Testament is your final opportunity to make a lasting gift to your church and remind your loved ones of your faith. You may make a bequest by providing a dollar amount, specific property, a percentage of your estate, or what is left (the “remainder”). In many cases a simple codicil to your Will can add the church and does not require re-writing your Will.
4. **Charitable Remainder Trusts (Annuity and Unitrust)** - Members may benefit from lifelong payments from such a trust. The member selects the rate of return from these income-producing trust arrangements and may choose a fixed or fluctuating annual payment to be made to the designated parties as long as they live. Capital gain taxes may be minimized, and you may receive a tax deduction based on the age of the income recipient and the rate of return. The remainder gift come to the church.
5. **Charitable Lead Trust**—In a charitable lead trust, assets (generally cash or securities) are transferred to a trust which pays income to the church for a number of years which you determine. At the end of the designated time period, the trust terminates and the assets revert to you or are given to the person(s) you name. This trust can help lower estate and gift taxes that would otherwise be due on the value of assets. This charitable vehicle is especially attractive if a member wishes to leave assets to children or grandchildren in the future.
6. **Charitable Gift Annuity**—In exchange for a gift of cash or marketable securities, the Kentucky United Methodist Foundation will pay you (or your spouse) a fixed, annual income for life. Your rate depends upon your age—the older you are, the higher the rate. In addition, you may receive a substantial income tax deduction the year of the gift, and a portion of the annual payment you receive is not taxed. Upon the death of the beneficiaries the remainder goes to your church.
7. **Deferred Charitable Gift Annuity**—A deferred charitable gift annuity is similar to a regular charitable gift annuity, but payments begin at some future date. Your tax deduction and annual rate of return on your annuity increase the longer you wait to start payments. This can be an excellent retirement planning vehicle to implement during prime income-earning years. The charitable remainder gift goes to your church.
8. **Gift of Life Insurance**—Life insurance can be another way to make a substantial future charitable gift. Gifts of life insurance can be made either by designating your church as beneficiary or by irrevocably assigning ownership of the policy to the church. Beneficiary designations alone produce no income tax deductions but may remove the proceeds from the donor’s taxable estate upon death. Assignment of the policy to the church may create a current income tax deduction for the present value of the policy. In addition, annual income tax deductions may be allowed for any premiums the donor voluntarily continues to pay when ownership has been assigned to the church.
9. **Retirement Accounts and Pension Plans**—Retirement plan assets may be subject to taxation levels that minimize their benefit to heirs if tax-wise planning is not arranged. It is sometimes more tax-effective to gift retirement plan assets, and then use other assets to furnish heirs with an inheritance. Retirement plans (IRAs or qualified company plans) may be given to your church with proper beneficiary designation and planning.
10. **Gifts of Real Estate**—For some individuals a gift of land, a house, or a vacation home is a preferred way to make a gift. You may receive a tax deduction for the full market value, minimize capital gain taxes, and remove the asset from future estate taxes. One option to an outright gift is to give real estate and retain a life tenancy. This can provide a current income tax benefit. You continue to live there, maintain the property and even receive any income it generates. At your death the property reverts to your church.
11. **Creative Combinations**—In planned giving one size does not fit all. Depending upon your circumstances and gift objectives, you may use one or even several planned giving vehicles to achieve the goals best suited for you.

EVANGELISM TEAM: BY LESLIE HOSKINS

The Evangelism team is ready to begin working on activities and events that will be “inviting” to persons at Chapel Hill and the surrounding community, to bring them into contact with the Good News, resulting in decisions for making Jesus Christ their Lord and Savior. That is the Evangelism team’s purpose. We are currently trying to develop these activities and events. We feel that our team has a huge responsibility to “open the doors” of Chapel Hill and share the Good News.

Our responsibilities, in consultation with the pastor, include:

- ◆ Develop and implement events and activities to create a non-threatening environment in which persons who do not know the Good News, would be willing to attend.
- ◆ Develop and create marketing materials, brochures, newspaper ads, radio spots, etc. to inform the community about Chapel Hill and its opportunities for meeting Christ.
- ◆ Assess the community for the most effective means of

communicating services and activities to get the greatest return on the financial and time investments of Chapel Hill and its membership.

- ◆ To implement Class 101 activities.
- ◆ Plan and implement an annual event that will focus on displaying the musical/vocal talents of Chapel Hill, as well as create an interest in attending Chapel Hill for those without a church home.

You will see some of our team members at the welcome desk each Sunday morning. They are there to help newcomers, as well as our “regulars” , by answering questions, supplying “emergency” items, and greeting everyone. Please stop by and say hello as you come into our church.

We welcome ideas and suggestions as to how we can best accomplish our purpose. If you have ideas or suggestions about activities and events, please write them down and give it to our person at the welcome desk. We are

FINANCE/STEWARDSHIP: BY STEVE HOSKINS

The Finance/Stewardship Committee would like to express our sincere thanks and appreciation to Janet Faught who has chaired this committee in the past. Janet’s foresight and professionalism was always very uplifting and we will miss her expertise. THANK YOU, JANET.

This year, 2017, we will have co-chairs; Brian Poynter and myself. If you do not know Brian, please make it a point to introduce yourself. He is a great addition to the committee and is open to your thoughts, questions and ideas.

This time last year, we were kicking off our THRIVE program, and as Chapel Hill usually does, the response was impressive. With your generous response to the church’s needs, we were able to accomplish 2 of our 3 goals. Our immediate goals; re-roofing the administration wing and a return of program budgets to the level of 2009, before we began construction on our Children and Youth wing, were both met. Our third goal, that of establishing a 3 -month reserve of operating expenses is still a work in progress and we will be putting forth a new effort on the THRIVE program.

Our new Finance/Stewardship committee remains very transparent in our dealings and the finances of Chapel

Hill are always open and available to any interested party. Our monthly meetings are open to anyone and you are welcome to attend.

And finally, a word about our building program. Our initial investment in the Children and Youth wing and the lives of our children and the future of Chapel Hill was well over 2 million dollars. Currently, our mortgage on the property is less than \$750,000.00! THANK YOU LORD! The Finance committee has been very responsible and diligent in our administration of this obligation. By refinancing the debt in 2016 we were able to save about \$7,500.00 in interest. Our current monthly obligation is close to \$5,500.00 for debt retirement on this addition.

Wouldn’t it be wonderful if we could relieve ourselves of this obligation and use that same amount to help the needy and the lost in our community. Imagine the impact we could have for the glory of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ! If each family would give an additional \$5 or \$10 per week, specified for the building fund, this debt can be retired years ahead of time and allow us to have more outreach programs and influence in our community.



BACKPACK MINISTRIES DONATIONS NEEDED BY SARA SHELTON

Chapel Hill is currently donating 15 bags a week to the Backpack Program for Bendgate and Spottsville Elementary Schools. To fill these bags we need donations of lunch and dinner items.

Chicken Noodle Soup, Progresso Soup, tomato soup, vegetable soup, ravioli, potato soup, beef stew, small jars of peanut butter, Uncle Ben's 90 second rice, Spaghetti O's, Knorr Pasta Noodles, pop tarts, mini cereals, and oatmeal. Thank you to everyone who supports our Backpack program. Any donations made make out to Chapel Hill and in the memo write Backpack Program.



GO! BY NIKKI HUTCHINSON

ASH WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1ST:

(NO REGULAR CHILDREN'S CURRICULUM/ PROGRAMMING)

The Children's Go! Program will be joining the Youth in an Ash Wednesday Service in Static Hall. Since this is a special service for the church body, we ask that all parents stay with their children in the service.

Every child, youth and adult is welcome to attend this service. **The nursery will be closed during the**



WHY ASHES ON ASH WEDNESDAY?

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the season of Lent. Lent is a time when many Christians prepare for Easter by observing a period of fasting, repentance, moderation and spiritual discipline. Ash Wednesday emphasizes two themes: our sinfulness before God and our human mortality. The service focuses on both themes, helping us to realize that both have been triumphed through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

During some Ash Wednesday services, the minister will lightly rub the sign of the cross with ashes onto the foreheads of worshipers. The use of ashes as a sign of mortality and repentance has a long history in Jewish and Christian worship. Historically, ashes signified purification and sorrow for sins. It is traditional to save the palm branches from the previous Palm Sunday service to burn to produce ashes for this service. Sometimes a small card or piece of paper is distributed on which each person writes a sin or hurtful or unjust characteristic. The cards are then brought to the altar to be burned with the palm branches. The ash cross on the forehead is an outward sign of our sorrow and repentance for sins.

GROW! BY ASHLEY BAIRD

We are now accepting gently used toys for the nursery. Donations may be left by the Check-in station in the Children's wing.

*We love because He first loved us.
1 John 4:19*



Roses are red,
Violets are blue.
Someone loves you,
here is a clue:
John 3:16



CHAPEL KIDS BY STEPHANIE POWELL

Happy Valentines Day Chapel Hill! Chapel Kids is offering early enrollment beginning Feb. 1 to members here at the church and children who are currently enrolled in the program. We have made a few minor changes to one of our current classes, and we are also adding an additional class for preschoolers who are not able to attend kindergarten due to the new age cut-off in August. Beginning March 1st, we will open enrollment to the public so if you are interested in signing your child up for this exciting program, please contact Denise Kirtley or Stephanie Powell. Check out the Chapel Hill website for more information as well.



YOUTH PROGRAM: CODY POWELL LEADER



This past month the Youth attended Winter Blitz in Louisville, KY. Eighteen members of our Youth and nine chaperones attended. On Saturday 9 students made their first time public professions of Jesus



Chapel Hill Budget for January

Total January Budget Received	\$38,860
Total January Budget Needed	
Total Budget YTD Needed	
Total Budget YTD Received	\$38,860
Debt on Children's Wing	\$739,515.98
Average Attendance for January	

JANUARY DRIVING MINISTRY

Number of transports	17
Miles driven	570
Volunteer hours	42

ALZHEIMER'S CAREGIVER'S GROUP

Alzheimer's Caregiver's group will meet Thursday February 2nd at 4:00 for a time of sharing. The group is open to our community so if you know someone who could benefit share this date and come with them if possible for

CELEBRATE RECOVERY "THE JOURNEY BEGINS"

Celebrate Recovery "The Journey Begins" based on: The Eight Principles from the Beatitudes and The Twelve Steps along with their Biblical Comparisons.

1. I Can't
2. God Can
3. Let God
4. Search for the truth
5. Admit It
6. Ready to let go
7. Ask for healing
8. Willing to change
9. Make amends
10. A daily inventory
11. Pray and meditate
12. Share

You can expect to "Grow in Christ" in this program "While Helping Others" what an amazing journey.

We will meet Monday at 5:00 in the fellowship hall for our meal and opening. We break in to groups at

IN HONOR AND IN MEMORY OF...

DONATED TO THE GENERAL FUND

IN MEMORY OF SEAN POWELL

JAN BRATCHER

DONATED TO THE BUILDING FUND

IN MEMORY OF RYAN OWENS

JOSH & BRIDGETTE MALLORY

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BOB AND BOBBIE BUCHANAN

JOE AND LANA HAGAN

HATTIE UTLEY AND FAMILY

LANOVA COOK

CHARLES AND PEGGY KUDER

BONNIE FAUGHT

MARK AND JENNIFER UTLEY

ELINOR (JO) MEEKS

GEORGIA ANN GLASSCO

IN MEMORY OF LOU SHERM

LANOVA COOK

DANNY AND JULIE KINDER

CHARLES AND PEGGY KUDER

TOM AND JANICE PERRY



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

FEBRUARY 2017

1	10:00 a.m. Nellie Group will be meeting at Eastgate Restaurant.
2	GROUNDHOG DAY 4:00 p.m. Care Giver's Support Group
4	10:00 a.m. FH Reserved
5	Scout Sunday 5:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m. Super Bowl Bowling Party at
6	6:00 p.m. Discipleship Team
7	6:30 p.m. Staff Parish Relations
8	PNO Registration Due
9	6:30 p.m. BSA Parent Meeting
10	6:00 p.m. Parent's Night Out
12	Special Offering: Give a Heart to Seniors
14	VALENTINE'S DAY
16	6:00 p.m. Fellowship Team 6:00 p.m. BSA Pack 280 Meeting & Awards
19	4:00 p.m. Lay Leadership
20	PRESIDENT'S DAY
21	11:30 a.m. Hilltoppers
24	6:00 p.m. BSA Pine Derby Set-Up
25	9:00 a.m. BSA Pine Derby
28	6:00 p.m. Evangelism

MARCH 2017

1	ASH WEDNESDAY
9	Winter Jam
11	FH Reserved
12	DAY LIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS
17	ST. PATRICK'S DAY
24	Sanctuary Reserved Wedding Rehearsal
25	Sanctuary/FH Reserved Wedding
26	UMCOR

Drive Team Ministry

Have you been looking for a Ministry to be a part of? The Drive Team is looking for drivers to help those in our community attend their doctor appointments. If this is something you feel you would like to be a part of contact the church office or Stan Glenn.



OPEN DOOR SMALL GROUP

Come and join us on Wednesday evenings 6:00 p.m.-7:15 p.m. in room 303. All are welcome! We work on different studies that help us to be better Evangelist; focusing on how we can let the essence of Christ flow from us as witness to all! If you have any questions or would like to know more about this

Small Group Hosted By Katie Kirkwood

This small group meets on Wednesday evenings at 6:00 p.m. The small group takes place Wednesday evening during the Children's programming therefore the nursery is available for those parent's or guardians needing childcare.

Please Notify the Office of Schedule Changes

Please notify the office of any scheduling changes. For example; room changes, change in meeting time, or cancellation of meetings. The doors are unlocked electronically. If an event is changed or cancelled the building is left opened. The Office Manager, Sarah Scott, has remote access to the locks and can be reached at 270-

TRANSFORMATION: NOT A FAN SMALL GROUP

Everyone Welcome! Come and be transformed in this new small group hosted by Tony and Cindy Breedlove! The group meets every Thursday at 6:00 p.m. in room 204. This is a new and exciting small group that began this past September. This January they will begin a new 6 week study entitled, "Not a Fan".

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Lots of updates on all the activities
going on at the Chapel on the Hill

SO MANY WAYS

TO CONNECT!

Check out Chapel Hill

Facebook Pages

facebook.com/groups/chchurch/

COME WORSHIP WITH US on Sunday

8:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service (Fellowship Hall)

9:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service (Sanctuary)

11:00 a.m. New Traditions Worship Service (Sanctuary)

9:30 a.m. Sunday School

Communion is offered in the chapel following the 8:00 a.m. service every Sunday except
the 1st Sunday of the month.

Office Hours 8:30- a.m. - 4:00 p.m.



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