Bell Chapel News

Sharing Jesus with One Another and the World

JOIN US ON SUNDAYS:

Service @ 10:00 AM

Children's Church:
K-6th Grade

Cookies & Coffee @ 11:00

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The Wounded Healer

There have been many authors and people over the years that have helped to shape my approach to ministry, my way in which I preach, and the theology that shapes what I do as a pastor and minister. Many years ago, I went to the Abbey of the Genessee monastery with a couple of fellow pastors, engaging in a silent retreat for a week in order to embrace the daily practices of and learn from the monks who resided in the monastery. It was uncomfortable initially, but now I look forward to the next time I have the opportunity to go. There was a Catholic priest who lived at the Abbey for periods of time and wrote some books by the name of Henri Nouwen. One of those books that has influenced my ministry in profound ways is "The Wounded Healer." Although the book was written 50 years ago, there are still some great applications to ministry in today's world. Towards the end of the book, Nouwen is discussing principles of Christian leadership and says the following: "none of us can help anyone without becoming involved, without entering with our whole person into the painful situation, without taking the risk of becoming hurt, wounded, or even destroyed in the process. The beginning and the end of all Christian leadership is to give your life for others. This means a willingness to cry with those who cry, laugh with those who laugh, and to make one's own painful and joyful experiences available as a source of clarification and understanding."

I want to be available for anyone who is hurting. I want to risk being hurt and wounded so that I can walk through life with others who are hurt and wounded. Let us be people that, as wounded healers, can make ourselves available to others, pointing them towards the One who has healed both our wounds and the wounds of everyone, Jesus Christ. Amen.

In Christ, Pastor Seth

2:00-5:00PM M-W

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Calendar of Events

October 25 Trunk or Treat @ 4:00 pm – 7:00 pm
November 5 United Methodist Men @ 6:00 pm; Women's Fellowship @ 6:00 pm
November 10 Committee Meetings
November 14 Veterans Dinner
November 21 Sausage Making @ 8:30 am
November 22 Hanging of the Greens following worship
December 5 Breakfast with Santa @ 9:00 am – 11:00 am
December 24 Christmas Eve Candlelight Service @ 7:00 pm
December 27 "Come As You Are" Sunday

Worship is Sundays @ 10:00 am followed by cookies and coffee
Bible Study meets Wednesdays @ 6:00 pm
Choir meets Mondays @ 5:00 pm

FINANCE UPDATE

WEEK OF	GENERAL FUND	MISSION CANS
6/7/26	$3,587.17	
6/14/26	$2,703.17	Hospice
6/21/26	$1,831.17	$468.20
6/28/26	$2,380.17	
7/5/26	$3,432.17	
7/12/26	$2,307.17	Building
7/19/26	$2,526.17	Fund
7/26/26	$2,336.17	$2,154.15
8/2/26	$2,993.17	
8/9/26	$2,821.17	
8/16/26	$1,625.17	Pediatric
8/23/26	$3,147.50	Cancer
8/30/26	$2,396.17	Research
9/6/26	$2,457.17	$681.65
9/13/26	$2,478.17	
9/20/26	$2,067.17	
9/27/26	$2,062.17	

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anytime.
anywhere.

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Minimum amount needed in General Fund weekly giving in order to cover the 2026 budget: $3,836.

TRUNK OR TREAT

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25
BELL CHAPEL UMC

TRUNK OR TREAT 4:00 - 5:00 PM
FOLLOWED BY DINNER AND HAYRIDES UNTIL 7:00 PM

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Bible Study

Bible Study meets on Wednesday nights at 6:00 pm. Bible Study is open to anyone. On November 4, we will start a study on Revelation. Join us as we grow and learn from both Scripture and one another.

The UMM will be making sausage and pork chops on Saturday, November 21, 8:30 am -noon, in the Fellowship Hall. Lots of help is needed in different areas, including cutting, mixing, wrapping, and weighing. Order forms will be available on the Welcome Center Desk. You will be able to order regular, extra-seasoned, and hot. Bone-in pork chops are also available on a first come, first served basis.

Good Samaritans Food Pantry

Our annual turkey fund will be collected beginning on Sunday, October 25 and running through November 8. All monies collected will be used to buy turkeys for our Food Distribution families' Thanksgiving dinners. We greatly appreciate any help you can give us.

This year we will again be supplying Christmas gifts for the children of our food distribution families. If you want to participate in this project, you will be given the name of a child, their age, and a plastic shoe box towards the end of November. Please fill the box with age-appropriate gifts. All wrapped boxes need to be returned to the church by mid-December. Holiday food lists will also be provided. Together we can help in giving these families a brighter holiday.

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BIRTHDAYS

Sept 5 Arlene Zahniser
Sept 11 Judy Bender
Sept 11 John Rhine
Sept 15 Tina Rawson
Sept 16 Judy Fulmer
Sept 18 Debbie Bickar
Sept 19 Paul DeFrances
Sept 19 David Pawelczyk
Sept 21 Barry Starr
Sept 22 Ginny Pawelczyk
Sept 24 Dave Wukelic
Sept 26 Glenn Dornbusch
Oct 6 Olivia Ferguson
Oct 9 Sharon Kirtdoll
Oct 9 Nancy West
Oct 13 Loretta Colflesh
Oct 15 Olivia Wukelic
Oct 17 Lori Smith
Oct 19 Carol Dillon
Oct 19 Josiah Filburn
Oct 22 Monica Dornbusch
Oct 24 Raymond Selman
Nov 1 Jerry Gibson
Nov 2 Sue Evans
Nov 3 Gideon Filburn
Nov 4 Lisa Burch
Nov 6 Kylar Brockway
Nov 9 Wendy Lesnansky
Nov 15 Donna Gilson
Nov 16 Carol Evans
Nov 16 Kara Smith
Nov 17 Paula Dennis
Nov 19 Amy Kavanagh
Nov 19 Vicki Lesnansky
Nov 26 Colleen Wukelic
Nov 28 Linda McCullough
Dec 1 Erma Gribbin
Dec 9 Mitch Wukelic
Dec 11 Carol Smith
Dec 14 Nancy Argentine
Dec 14 Sara Peeler
Dec 19 Morgan Lesnansky
Dec 26 Lisa Anderson
Dec 26 JoAnn Watts
Dec 27 Stan Kavanagh
Dec 28 Ryan Finney
Dec 29 Kevin Burch
Dec 29 Charles Hayes

ANNIVERSARIES

Sept 3 Tina & Tim Rawson
Sept 4 Nancy & Charles Argentine
Sept 11 Nantha & David Schaefer
Oct 7 Colleen & Dave Wukelic
Oct 13 Linda & John McCullough
Oct 20 Gina & Ed Bengier
Oct 21 Karen & David Taylor
Oct 24 Carol & David Evans
Oct 25 Grace & Orion Bengier
Nov 6 Suzanne & David Hope
Nov 20 Linda & Barry Starr
Nov 20 Kim & Mike Wadas
Nov 22 Lara & Ryan Finney
Dec 11 Suzanne & David Rothacker
Dec 31 Darlene & Scott Pasco

Bell Chapel Women's Fellowship

The women have been busy since our last update. We are still 14 members strong, but ALWAYS welcoming new faces. In June, we had the strawberry festival where we served up a variety of goodies made from the delicious strawberries. July brought on the infamous shelter house sale. We had a blast preparing and working together to get the items ready. I'm sure a few treasures went home with each of us, in addition to some fun memories. In August we teamed up with the men to host a car and craft show. I think everyone enjoyed taking their chances at winning the many raffle baskets. October brought the Fall festival community day, where we served our homemade apple butter as well as homemade soups and baked goods with a fall theme. In October, we did some informative displays on Cancer awareness. A few possible things we are contemplating for upcoming events are a women's retreat weekend and a picnic basket lunch auction. So that's a little update about us. We'd like to learn more about you all, so please consider joining us. We meet each month, the first Thursday at 6pm at the church. All are welcome. Have a WONDERFUL Fall and God bless.

ADVENT SERMON SERIES

Our sermon series for Advent will be based on a book by Adam Hamilton titled, "Not a Silent Night.“ We will look at the birth and life of Jesus through the eyes of his mother, Mary.

Christmas Poinsettias

To add to the beauty of our Christmas Worship, we are offering our congregation the opportunity to purchase a plant in memory of someone, in honor of someone, or as an expression of love.

Poinsettias are available in red, white, pink, and marble.

The plants will be $12.00 each for a 6 1/2", 1 stem plant.

The last day to order is November 29.

Plants may be taken home after worship on Christmas Eve.

RED, WHITE, PINK or MARBLE (please circle the color(s) you want)

In Honor of _____

In Memory of _____

____ As an Expression of Love

Total number of flowers ordered _____

Amount Enclosed: Check___ Cash ___ Total _____

Please make checks payable to Bell Chapel UMC and place the order and money in the offering plate or mail to the church office.

Name of giver: _____