



February 2022

The View

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Prayer Team

The Prayer Team has restarted their ministry virtually through Zoom and meets on Tuesday mornings at 9am. If you would like to join and help pray for our congregation and world please email the office for a link to the meeting; office@chpresby.org.

"First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone..."

1 Timothy 2:1

Defined by Love

"⁸For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. ⁹And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight ¹⁰to help you to determine what is best..."
-Philippians 1:8-10

"That your love may overflow" Paul prays. Overflow; or as the Greek could be translated, that your love may abound more and more, that your love may grow and grow, that your love may be abundant. Paul's striking rhetoric of abundance is matched by his bold and explicit prayer that a congregation full of the followers of Jesus would be defined by an abundance of love.

All of the theological knowledge one can learn, one can muster and all of the ethical situations one can hypothesize and all of the discussing, discerning, figuring, all the think, think, think that defines a Presbyterian congregation, all of it is downstream from love overflowing. Paul's prayer for his fledgling congregation and for us is that we become a people identified first not by piety or right doctrine or formulaic confession or theological confidence or a self-preserving assertion of possessing the truest truth; but known and identified by our love; by love overflowing.

If we are to be people known by our love, then we should remember that we are a reflection of those with whom we associate. When you are active in worship and connected to the fellowship, and participate in the missional life of the church then you are associating not only with caring and moral people, but you are alining yourself with the Holy Spirit. You are associating with faithful people who desire to learn what the love of God means and how that love directs your actions. The love of God has a limbering effect on your disposition. You will still see the problems of the world and the beauty and difficulty of relationships, but you will view them those the lens of the love of God made known in Jesus Christ. It makes all the difference where you spend your time and with whom you associate. Chapel Hill is filled with wonderful, compassionate, funny, and loving people. So, this year start spending more of your time in worship and being connected to the fellowship and missional life of the church. The programs of the church are good, but the people of Chapel Hill are fantastic. Together let us learn, serve, and grow in love.

With grace and peace,
-Rev. Andrew



Evangelism & Membership is working on updating our current photo directory. Please let the office know if there are changes to your listing and/or if you would like to submit a new photo. Email listing changes and digital files to office@chpresby.org or get a photo print to the office to scan.

Thank you

MINUTES OF THE JANUARY SESSION MEETING

- First order of business at the January meeting: Elly Welchert was elected President of the Corporation; Gary Dickerson was elected Treasurer of Chapel Hill.
- Session will meet with Paul Moss from the Heartland Presbytery Committee on Ministry at the February Session meeting; this visit occurs every three years.
- At the December meeting, after several months of discussion and many conversations with the BSA, insurance professionals, and attorneys, the Session opted not to renew its chartering organization status with the Boy Scouts of America. The insurance provided by the BSA is inadequate to protect chartering organizations from serious liability exposure, and they are not inclined to change that circumstance. Troop 763 is planning to self-charter beginning in 2022, and Session voted to fund their 2022 membership dues to assist them in becoming self-chartered. Troop 763 has always been important to Chapel Hill, and we continue to support their efforts going forward.
- Church & Society noted that April 2, 2022, is the date CHPC will begin going out on trucks with Operation Uplift again. Cooks and volunteers are needed and appreciated.
- Worship & Music reported the Ecumenical Lenten Group is meeting to plan Lenten services.
- Christian Nurture is hoping Sunday school teachers will volunteer; they are exploring universal lesson plans for all age groups. Triennium is set for July 23, 2022, at the Indianapolis Convention Center. Also, on January 17, the youth are traveling to First Presbyterian in Lee's Summit, MO to assemble hygiene kits, then heading to Main Event for fun and games.
- Session welcomed incoming elders Traci Dryer, Kaitlyn Salamone, Elly Welchert, and Howard LaRue to Session.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol S. Coe
Clerk of Session

Happy Valentine's Day!

February Birthdays

3 rd -	Matthew F.	15 th -	Justin Beatty
4 th -	James Stone		Becky Carle
7 th -	Elly Welchert	18 th -	Linda Hostetter
9 th -	Michelle Herring	19 th -	Hudson Robinett
	Curtis Keal	23 rd -	Blake Savidge
10 th -	Laura Keal	24 th -	Mark Mehl
11 th -	Alexa D.	28 th -	Laura Griffith

February Anniversaries

12 th -	Bill & Judy Tucker
	61 years
14 th -	Karl & Natalie Morrison
	7 years
	Michael & Shelley Peterson
	10 years



**“...anyone who has 2 shirts should share with the one who has none,
and anyone who has food should do the same.” - Luke 3:10**

Operation Uplift is an all volunteer organization based in Kansas City, MO which works to bring basic needs and compassion to homeless people in the metro. Three times each week, trucks are sent out to distribute hot meals, clothing and basic hygiene supplies to the homeless community.

Chapel Hill has been contributing to this effort for many years and in many ways, including: sorting donations, serving on the trucks, donating clothing, blankets, toiletries, preparing fresh and frozen meals...to name a few!

Due to the pandemic, some of these efforts have been put on hold, but there are still ways you can contribute to this mission:

- In late spring 2022 (May or June) we will resume serving on the trucks (contact Gail Tucker)
- Volunteer to help sort donations on a Saturday morning at Uplift (contact Deb Sipes)
- Donate gently used clothing, cold weather gear, hand warmers, toiletries (place these in the narthex, in the cabinet marked “Uplift”)

Current Urgent Needs:

- **Men’s Jeans or Pants – waist sizes 30-36**
- **Women’s Jeans or Pants – sizes 0-8**
- **Tennis Shoes**
- **Underwear**
- We always cook on the same Saturday to take on the truck that day
- Donate food for fresh meals, including: Canned Black or Red Kidney Beans, Canned Tomatoes, Canned Corn, 12” Tortillas, or Salsa,
- Donate food for frozen meals, including: canned crushed tomatoes, canned tomatoes with green chilies, boxes of beef broth, packages of Ranch dressing mix, packages of chili mix, frozen hamburger (1-6 lb packages) (contact Deb Sipes)
- Volunteer to help cook fresh meals (contact Gail Tucker)
- Volunteer to help cook frozen meals (contact Deb Sipes)

VOLUNTEER/COOK Dates:

*April 2, 2022 – 4 **Truck Volunteers** 4:PM-9:30 approx, 6 **Cooking Volunteers** – 10AM CHPC kitchen*
*June 4, 2022 – 4 **Truck Volunteers** 4:PM-9:30 approx, 6 **Cooking Volunteers** – 10AM CHPC kitchen*
*September 10, 2022 - 4 **Truck Volunteers** 4:PM-9:30 approx, 6 **Cooking Volunteers** – 10AM CHPC kitchen*
*November 4, 2022 - 4 **Truck Volunteers** 4:PM-9:30 approx, 6 **Cooking Volunteers** – 10AM CHPC kitchen*
*December 3, 2022 - 4 **Truck Volunteers** 4:PM-9:30 approx, 6 **Cooking Volunteers** – 10AM CHPC kitchen*

*For any activity at Uplift or volunteering on the truck, a mask is required.

Saturday morning cooking usually lasts for an hour and we have a GREAT Time! Everyone is welcome! It’s a great way to catch up with everyone while at the same time, contributing to the UPLIFT cause!

If you have any questions, or can help with any of these efforts, please contact Gail Tucker or Deb Sipes. Peace and Health to you!

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Deb Sipes 816-812-1138 debrasuesipes@yahoo.com

Church & Society Ministry Unit Update

Hello everyone! The Church & Society Ministry Unit would like to welcome you to our meeting on February 2, at 7 PM. We plan to meet the first Tuesday of each month to keep updated on the activities of our ministry to the community. This will be a Zoom meeting until the virus tapers off some more.

It is our understanding that we will be continuing the current list of ministries and maybe add some more as people with availability come forward. The continued collection of donations in the Narthex for: Hillcrest ministries, Cherith Brook and Hope House will need to be carried to those locations. If you are available please let us know.

We will continue our association with the Uplift truck. This is a commitment to the staffing of the truck and preparation of foods for the homeless community. And the Community Services League Christmas store is always an added activity during the Christmas Holiday. Finally, our Chapel Hill Garden will bloom again. Tim has ordered seeds for planting, so when the weather allows, come join us in getting our hands dirty, in a good way.

If there are activities that I have neglected please let me know, so that we have responsibilities covered. Email me by January 28 for a text of the Zoom meeting link for our February 2 meeting - eeuwelchert@gmail.com.

ACOLYTES –

2/6: Eva I. & Finlee G.
2/13: Addie D. & Clara G.
2/20: Scarlett J. & Alexa D.
2/27: Andrew L. & AJ F.

WEE KIRK –

2/6: Natalie Morrison
2/13: Sarah Deveney
2/20: Sara Davidson
2/27: Sarah Florio

LITURGISTS –

2/6: Becky Carle
2/13: Phyllis Whitney
2/20: Curt Zollers
2/27: Elly Welchert

Stewardship Corner

Chapel Hill has been blessed in so many ways! And through the grace of God, even COVID will not deter this church from growing and moving forward through worship and mission support! Over the last 3 years, thanks to inspiring and devoted family giving, the church has been able to:

- Replace the entire roof at a cost of nearly \$159K
- Provide Extending Hope assistance of nearly \$140K to those in need
- Provide special family assistance of \$10K
- Remodel & expand restrooms on the lower level at a cost of \$69K

General Fund Summary (Excludes Prepaid Pledge and All Designated Funds)

	December 2021-Year to Date		
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Variance</u>
Jan. 1-Beginning Bal.	\$157,345	\$157,345	\$0
Income	\$326,357	\$276,900	\$49,457
Expenses	(\$289,667)	(\$298,800)	\$9,133
Dec. 31-Ending Bal.	\$194,035	\$135,445	\$58,590

Youth and Kids

Day Camp: Summer 2022

Save The Date: July 11-15



CHPC Day Camp returns this summer! We will be partnering with Heartland Center to build an exciting week of faith, friendship, and summer fun. As in the past, day camp is a full-day program and is for kids who have completed grades K-5. We will run our own half-day Pre-K program the same week for our Wee Kirk crowd. Teens in grades 6 and above would be very appreciated as counselors and junior helpers, and there are lots of volunteer roles for adults. This is in the early planning stages, but we wanted to let you know so you can save the date to attend or to volunteer!

Overnight Camp

Sign Up at heartlandcamps.org

Heartland Camp has overnight programs for kids who have completed grades 2-12. They strive to be "a place where kids find belonging, love, and how fun our God really is." Spots for overnight camps are already starting to fill up for Summer 2022, so if you have a child hoping to spend a week at Heartland, pick your week soon! Chapel Hill offers a partial scholarship to help cover the cost of a week of overnight camp. Check the youth bulletin board to talk to Erin for more details.

Youth Group Schedule Updates

Wednesday, January 5, 6:30-8pm

A full schedule for the rest of the semester is posted in the CHPC App, including all upcoming Wednesday meetings and a tentative schedule for special events. You can also grab a paper copy on the youth bulletin board (near the top of the back staircase)



Kingdom Kids

Sunday, February 27 6:30-7:30

We postponed our January meeting to make space for family time around the Chiefs game, but we're back on schedule now that the football season is over! Upper-elementary kids, join us for an evening of fun, friends, and exploring our faith.



SouperBowl Of Caring

Sunday, February 13 during worship

Lord, even as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help us be mindful of those who are without a bowl of soup to eat.

Our youth group has been learning about food insecurity in our community. Help us to tackle this problem on Super Bowl Sunday! We'll be collecting non-perishable food items and monetary donations to benefit Community Services League. You'll find our youth in the Narthex with collection pots on the Big Day!



People don't always say:

I love you.

Sometimes it sounds like:

Be safe.

Did you eat?

Call when you get home.

I made you this.

In church it sounds like:

We have missed you.

Would you like to join our committee?

Can we bring you a meal?

-Contemplative Monk

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WORSHIP WITH US ON SUNDAYS

9:30 AM Service

Contact office to be added to
virtual service list

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