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CHAPEL BY THE SEA FEBRUARY 2021 NEWSLETTER

Greetings from Chapel by the Sea, Pacific Beach/Moclips WA

Worship continues online via Zoom Sundays at 10:30 am

Email pastor@chapelbytheseawa.org for the Zoom link

O Lord of every path and passageway,
Door and Key and Bridge across the abyss,
Flashlight in the darkness, blackout's Candle,
steady us on our way with your bright wisdom.
Make us quick and nimble with our love
on the Jesus-path of kindness--no detours!
Resurrection Lord, light our way home.

from One Winter by Diane Tucker

February 7, 2021

Communion Sunday and Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

Prepare your elements ahead of time. We will partake together via Zoom in the safety of our homes.

February 14 - Mark 9:2-9 - VCI Celebration

February 21 - Mark 1:9-15 First Sunday in Lent

February 28 - Mark 8:31-38

VITAL CONGREGATIONS SURVEY RESULTS ARE HERE!

Thank you to those who participated in the online survey last year. On February 14 - we will celebrate God's love!

During worship we'll present our marks of vitality which the survey made clear.



Mark your calendar for next Sunday 10:30 am to learn more with our special guest, The Rev. Dr. David Kegley, our VCI facilitator.

Celtic Christian Spirituality Continues during Lent

Thursdays via Zoom from 4 - 5 pm led by Pastor Linda
The book study is Philip Newell's *Listening for the Heartbeat of God*



LENT ONLINE - if you are looking for a devotional guide for Lent go to

http://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/today/Lent2021 Lenten Journey to Peace and Wholeness - The Way to Shalom.

Session Highlights (January 24, 2021 via Zoom)

o Ruling Elder Dianne Burton was voted in as Clerk of Session.



That's Dianne smiling behind the blue mask with 60 years of chapel records.

Treasurer Ed Tegenfeldt continues and will also keep the books from a distance (while socially distanced) in Lacey. We continue to work towards a new digital system.

- o Hunger Action Team (HAT) convened their first team meeting in January. Delivery of Covid Safety Kits/Masks and Thank-FULL meals continue. The meals are made possible with a Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) grant from Grays Harbor County received in December.
- o A congregational meeting January 17, 2021 after worship via Zoom approved the pastor's new terms of call and the budget was received.
- o A stewardship letter and annual report from session will be mailed to every member and friend of the chapel along with a giving statement for your tax purposes.

Community Outreach

Hunger Action Team (HAT) is a ministry of Chapel by the Sea (PCUSA) In January Thank-FULL meals reached 60+ people each Tuesday in our local area. A hot meal from local restaurants was delivered to those who had signed up and/or paid. Our amazing volunteer drivers braved rain and snow to make the fast deliveries. A vote of thanks to Cindy

Stearns for coordinating this effort and community partner Clint Davis from Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) who coordinates volunteer drivers. The program continues in February as we use up the CARES grant fund to feed the hungry and those in need of this service.



Cindy and Clint at Koko's



HAT Team members - who are they? Free HAT mask if you guess correctly! We are a **Matthew 25** church and blessed to meet needs in this way during a pandemic.

I was hungry... Matthew 25:35-36

For more information on our Hunger Action Team, (HAT) a ministry of Chapel by the Sea, contact Cindy Stearns at the Chapel or contact us on FB/HAT/Chapel by the Sea page and find us on Instagram.

Spiritual guidance available by appointment: 360.276.8143

Benevolence Fund for those in emergency need

Pray always - let us know how we may pray for you or join me for midday prayer in the Chapel on Fridays (mask required) noon-12:30 pm

Stewardship - Thank you to those who have responded to our stewardship letter! The letter and pledge form are attached to this newsletter. Many of you have increased your pledge and gone the extra mile. And new tithes from Oregon and Ocean Shores thanks to Zoom connections! Many members have sent in their per capita assessments (\$41.50) per member which eases the burden on the church budget when we pay this assessment on your behalf. Know that you are a blessing and encouragement to Chapel by the Sea in Christ's ministry and witness. You are the church. God bless to you the gift of your treasure.

For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. Luke 12:34

Online giving is an option by going to our website_ www.chapelbytheseawa.org and click the GIVING button. There is still time to make a tax-deductible gift if you are fortunate to have IRA withdrawals that you must take and decide to donate.

A Monthly Calendar of chapel activities is attached for your reference:

thanks to Joann Lacy and Connie Jones for coordinating.

Chapel by the Sea Prayer List

... pray without ceasing... 1 Thess. 5:17

THE COVID CRISIS: deliverance from this time of Covid-19 - vaccines are rolling out.

Healing for those infected, protection for their families, those who care for them, our front line workers and chaplains. Comfort for those who have suffered loss and those grieving: 5,000 deaths in one day in the US this week.

THE CAPITOL CRISIS - as we recover and heal and reconcile differences from the insurrection of January 6, 2021 which resulted in deaths. The nation is traumatized as we pray for our leaders.

THE ECONOMIC CRISIS - we are thankful for promised stimulus checks to those who so badly need financial help.

Dianne Burton's family: Cousin's son-in-law, Jerry Rodriguez, passed away Oct. 21 Prayers requested for his wife Yvette and their children. Family of Staysha Lea (aunt's extended family) missing since 8.11. Remains found. POI in custody, other on the run.

- * Victoria Cook health concerns
- * Bobbi Ray diagnosed with MS
- * Lee Marriott health concerns
- * Adkins, Jim and Penny (new chemo for Jim)
- * Jeff, son-in-law of Phyllis Shaughnessy
- * Suzanne discerning future treatment options
- * Suzanne's grandson Seth (Marine)
- * Ron, Doug & Betty, Tara, Angelina,

John Franks, Joseph Millard & Family, Sid Curtright,

Recovering from Surgery: Tashia Mitchell, Stephanie Allestad.

Deaths: Kristy Preheim, peacefully on January 24, 2021. A longtime friend of the chapel.

Our prayers are with Jeff and daughter Ella.

https://edwardsmemorial.com/

Mission Partners: Hagar's Church in the Washington Correctional Center for Women.

Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) with the Chapel's Hunger Action Team (HAT)

Ministers of the Chapel: All of you!

In Christ's Ministry

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