

CHAPEL BY THE SEA APRIL 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

And the Glory
The silence breaks into morning.
The one star lights the world.
The lily springs to life and
 Not even Solomon...
Let it begin with singing
 And never end!
Oh, angels, quit your lamenting!
Oh, pilgrims,
 Upon your knees in tearful prayer,
 Rise up
 And take your hearts
 And run!
We who were no people
 Are named anew
 God's people,
For He who was no more
Is forevermore.

by Ann Weems

April 4, 2021 - EASTER Communion Sunday

Prepare your elements ahead of time. We will partake together **via Zoom**.

April 11 - John 20:19-31

April 18 - Luke 24:36b-48

April 25 - John 10:11-18



Our Peace Tree (top of last year's Christmas tree) from our Lenten practice following *The Way of Shalom* as we continue to look to the cross of Christ.

Celtic Christian Spirituality - New Book Study Begins Thursdays via Zoom from 4-5 pm led by Pastor Linda **The book study is Philip Newell's *Christ of the Celts*** **(Email pastor for the Thursday Zoom link)**

Presbyterians Today March/April issue features Chapel by the Sea on page 7. Pastor Linda was interviewed by the editor regarding the Chapel's mission as a Matthew 25 church. "Rather than jumping into "doing" the congregation spent time "being" submerged in the Matthew text thus providing a stronger foundation for the church to build its dual mission of revitalization and feeding the hungry".

Lessons Learned

- Take time to pray on the Matthew 25 focus your church has committed to address.
- Before plunging into "doing" study the Matthew 25 scripture.
- Don't let the lack of people deter your congregation from reaching out to the community. Pray, study, discern and then do.

After the article appeared online and in the magazine a special donation

from Missoula arrived to help with our ministry and new attendees from Arizona have joined the Thursday Zoom class.

Session Highlights (From session's meeting on March 28)

- In person worship will resume on **Sunday, MAY 9, 2021**
Based on the current rate of vaccinations and mitigation plans we are cautiously optimistic we can safely gather.
- A survey will be conducted of our regular attendees regarding a change in the worship time.
- Vital Congregations Initiative Year Two continues with prayer and planning. The VCI Bible study will commence once we re-open so that all have the opportunity to participate in person. For now session will focus on our middling marks: *outward incarnational focus, and empowering servant leadership*
- Hunger Action Team (HAT) will meet on April 11 at 3 pm in the chapel.
- Painting of the kitchen cabinets has begun with a volunteer team



Chapel Kitchen Painting Project - stop by and pick up a paint brush!

Wednesday April 7 from 10 am - 12 noon

Saturday April 10 from 10 am - 12 noon



60th Anniversary funds are being put to good use to refurbish the kitchen, and install a wi-fi extender in the chapel so that when we return to in person worship on May 9 our attendees on Zoom can continue to join us.

Community Outreach



Hunger Action Team (HAT) a ministry of Chapel by the Sea. **Drive through food bank at Chapel by the Sea...**during Holy Week the chapel was contacted by the North Beach Senior Center in Ocean Shores. We were invited to be a satellite distribution site giving out free food boxes. Session approved and organized a team of volunteers for April 1 from **2:30-5 pm**. For our first ever drive-thru food bank at the chapel we distributed 103 boxes of food! Additional dates for food box give-aways are **April 15 and April 29**.

Spiritual guidance available by appointment: 360.276.8143

Benevolence Fund is available for those in emergency need. Call the pastor or chairperson Lee Marriott.

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

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 have planned IRA withdrawals you must take.

Stewardship - surprise gifts are always a blessing and such an encouragement. Thank you for your sustaining support during the pandemic: utilities, insurance, missions, and the pastor continue to be paid - Praise God! We'll see you soon!

First quarter operating budget shows a deficit.

(Passing the plate on Sundays when we're open in person will hopefully make up the shortfall or we'll send the plate around a second time:)

Special Offerings - One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) is one of our four special offerings each year. It's our largest PCUSA offering which helps disaster assistance, hunger programs, and self-development of people on a national and global scale. *"If we all do a little, it adds up to a lot!"* Give through the chapel or go to www.pcusa.org/oghs

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

Chapel by the Sea Prayer List

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

THE COVID CRISIS: Cases have increased 20% in the last 2 weeks!!

Vaccines are working and so is mask wearing.

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: over half a million people have died in the U.S.

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.

- * Patti Courtright - healing and pain relief from herniated disc.
- * Gabriel Taylor - healing as the stitches dissolve
- * Victoria Cook - health concerns
- * Bobbi Ray diagnosed with MS
- * Lee Marriott - upcoming cardiologist appointment
- * Adkins, Jim and Penny (Jim's gene-targeted therapy is working)
- * 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, John Broten

Recovering from Surgery: Stephanie Allestad.

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

Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) and North Beach Senior Center Food Bank in Ocean Shores with the Chapel's Hunger Action Team (HAT)

Ministers of the Chapel: **All of you!**

In Christ's Ministry

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