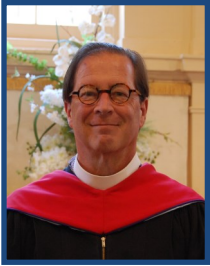


The Chapel Herald

Overlooking Advent



The season of Advent is a time for penitential prayer, quiet reflection, and fervent anticipation for the coming of the Christ child. Unlike Christmas (which has 12 days), Advent is a 22-day season; just enough time to tune out the commotion of commercialism that descends on us earlier and earlier

each year, while attuning our senses to the singular contemplation of EMMANUEL – *God with us!*

Now, some might respond that the hustle and bustle of shopping, parties, and decking the halls (and everything else) helps us get into the “Christmas spirit” – and besides, it’s fun! Only a gloomy, old Scrooge would suggest otherwise. What kind of humbug would want to rain on our Christmas parades? Well, we all have our own ideas about “fun.” I would gently suggest that much of what passes for “Christmas cheer” is basically stuff we do all year long, or at least on other holidays. My hope is that Christians will see the time between December 2 and Christmas Eve as a quest that only comes once each year.

Our mission during Advent is to seek the meaning of the Incarnation (God becoming one of us) in our lives in this next year. For many of us, preoccupied with the daily fare of domestic and foreign crises, the challenge will be to recover our trust in the faithfulness of God to provide for our needs, with the restoration of the joy that God has come to us, to abide with us.

Could it be that Advent, more than any other season, is a time for us to be brave? Courageous, not in our own prowess, but in the divine, leonine valor that Almighty God is faithful to instill in our hearts, that casts out fear and stands fast defiantly against a world bankrupt in faith and morals. Our Advent quest is to join with John the Baptist as voices crying out in a Wilderness thirsty

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Col. (Ret) Campbell "Cam" Cantelou Receives Patriotic Award



On Monday, November 12, during a Veterans' Day Service at Pinehurst's Village Hall, Col. (Ret) Campbell Cantelou received an award during an event sponsored by Sandhills MOAA.

The award was a beautiful, hand-crafted quilt commemorating Cam's service with the U.S. Army, and more specifically with the 75th Ranger Regiment. "Quilts for Patriots" is the local organization that honors our nation's veterans. Along with Cam, there were seven other recipients of quilts-- all uniquely, hand-made, with each specific veteran in mind.

In attendance was Cam's wife Janice; both Cam and Janice are active in the 9:30 Family Service and 11 o'clock Traditional Service at the Village Chapel. Also in attendance, along with a significant number of Village Chapel members, was Pastor Ashley who gave the invocation and benediction.



for Living Water, starving for the Bread of Heaven, and in need of a Savior to be born once again in our hearts.

If you're still looking for the "Christmas spirit," pray for the courage to celebrate Advent, and Christ will take care of Christmas. He always has.

"Fear not: For behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto us is born this day in the city of David a savior, which is Christ the Lord." (Luke 2: 10-11).

Advent and Christmas blessings to all!

Pastor John



During the Thanksgiving Eve service, a total of 55 bags of food were collected and donated to the Coalition Food Pantry. There will be some incredibly thankful people this holiday season because of your efforts.

Collection bins are always located in the Atrium as well as in side the main entry way of the Chapel.

Thank you Village Chapel family for spreading love throughout our community.

On December 1, we would like to wish a very Happy 100th Birthday to Mrs. Dot Evans. A sweet soul who has graced us with her devotion to The Village Chapel for the past 35 years.

Sunday School Teacher Appreciation Dinner

The Village Chapel has many gifted men and women who serve our children, youth and adults as Sunday School teachers-- this includes our Nursery volunteers. On Wednesday, December 12, at 5:45pm we will be expressing appreciation for our Chapel's Sunday School teachers with a catered meal in their honor. If you or your student attends Sunday School, and especially if you are a Sunday School teacher or Nursery volunteer, then please come and join us for an evening of excellent food, Christian fellowship, and well-deserved thanksgivings. Please make your reservation through the office to guarantee your seat.

Women's Discussion Group

The Women's Discussion Group will meet in the Choir Room at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, December 13, 2018. We will be discussing the Christmas poems of Christina Rossetti, Robert Louis Stevenson, Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, G. K. Chesterton and other poets. After our discussion, we will enjoy our traditional Christmas finger food pot luck lunch. We encourage all ladies of the Chapel to join our friendly group for this interesting discussion and the luncheon afterward. Questions? Call Nelda Cockman at 673-2342.

Wanted: Buyers and Bakers

Women of the Chapel Christmas Bake Sale

Show us your baking skills or leave the holiday baking to us!



Sunday, December 16
Between Services
Chapel Hall Atrium



Goodies can be dropped off in Chapel Hall on Saturday, December 15 from 10:00am - 2:00pm or on the day of the sale.

Remember pretty sells! Decorate your packages.

I, _____, will contribute to the sale...

___ Money

___ Cookies

___ Brownies

___ Quick Bread

___ Candy

___ Pies

My special treat _____

(Please return to the Chapel office)

The Lashmits' Decision-Making Centers on Their Christian Faith



Imagine getting to know someone by corresponding with that person in Afghanistan, especially when you had never met each other. Long-distance correspondence is how Lindsey and Jeremy Lashmit met. Jeremy's cousin introduced him to Lindsey over the Inter-

net, and for six months Jeremy and Lindsey corresponded through the Internet and Skype.

After his tour in Afghanistan, Jeremy came home for thirty days of leave. During his leave he met Lindsey in person, and they dated. Lindsey laughed and shook her head when Jeremy shared: "I knew she was the one when I saw her for the first time in a church parking lot in Lillington."

After his leave, Jeremy was stationed in Germany for a year. As a Christmas present, Lindsey's parents gave her a ticket to Germany to visit Jeremy. She and Jeremy were able to continue to get to know each other as they explored Germany and Austria.

When Jeremy came home from Germany he proposed to Lindsey at the same church parking lot where he met her. They have been married for five years and have three children: Emma, four; Noah, two; and Amelia, one. Joey, a Yorkie Poo, is also a member of the family.

Lindsey grew up in Tolland, Connecticut, but moved to Southern Pines in 1999 when she was 13, because her father took a job as a civilian contractor at Fort Bragg. Jeremy grew up in Lillington, NC.

Majoring in interior design, Lindsey graduated from Appalachian State University. She did lighting design for Premier Lighting in Pinehurst for five years. She also worked five years for a general contractor at Ft. Bragg as a senior project manager. Currently, Lindsey does freelance planning design for a local builder.

Jeremy joined the military because he wanted to serve his country and for the opportunities offered. He has been in the military for 11 years and received his healthcare degree through the Army. With this degree he served as a medic but is now working in civil affairs as a liaison between the military and the civilian population. Jeremy is currently independently working on a business degree.

When they are not taking care of their children, Lindsey and Jeremy are working at sideline businesses. They have a wedding rental business which came about when both of

them together built thirty pews for their wedding, which was held outside. Lindsey explained: "What do you do with 30 pews?"

Jeremy and Lindsey's father also have a pepper business. They grow peppers, dry them and crush them and make spices. They sell the spices at local festivals such as the Holly Fair. The profits from this business are earmarked for college funds for the three children. Lindsey is also a consultant for Scentsy, a home fragrance business.

For relaxation the family likes to go camping at Badin Lake, NC. Jeremy likes gardening, and Lindsey likes canning and baking.

Lindsey serves as the leader of HOPE, one of the Home School Programs in Moore County. These children are meeting once a week at the Village Chapel for social interaction. Jeremy and Lindsey believe that it is part of their Christian mission to homeschool their children. At Christmas, Jeremy and Lindsey run the Operation Be a Buddy drive for Friend to Friend, a domestic violence shelter. This Operation is organized through Scentsy to buy toys for children at the shelter.

According to Lindsey and Jeremy, Emma is the reason why they started attending the Chapel. Coming from different religious backgrounds – Baptist and Catholic – they wanted Emma to be baptized in a welcoming spiritual environment. Since the Chapel is interdenominational, they found the church very accepting.

Lindsey finds the people at the Chapel very friendly. She went on to stress, "We love the pastors and their families." Also, since they have three small children, Lindsey says that she appreciates that the church members are warm and embracing to all of the children of the Chapel.

Lindsey and Jeremy work in the nursery and also teach Sunday School once a month to the preschoolers. They helped with the Fall Festival in October and will work on the Christmas Pageant. Lindsey is assisting with making the costumes. For a second year, Lindsey and Jeremy will play the roles of Mary and Joseph. Amelia will have the starring role again as Baby Jesus.

According to Lindsey and Jeremy their Christian faith guides them in all of their decision-making. They say that they pray about "pretty much everything."

They are grateful to the Chapel because there are so many role models who have Christ as the center of their lives, and Jeremy adds that the Church helps them build a stronger and closer relationship with God. He hopes that his children will become Christian role models for the world.

Outreach Missions of TVC Meals on Wheels



The mission of Meals on Wheels of the Sandhills, Inc. is provide a hot, nutritious, diet-specific mid-day meal, Monday through Friday (including all weekday holidays) to homebound individuals who are unable to prepare a meal or do not have someone to prepare a meal for them and whom reside in the towns of Aberdeen, Pinebluff, Pinehurst and Southern Pines. This service has been provided since 1974.

In terms of needs, they are always in need for volunteers to deliver the weekday, noon meals, but also contributions. The cost to feed one person per month is \$65. They receive no government support and rely on individuals, organizations, churches, foundations, and United Way to help maintain their operation. Only about 40% of those served are able to pay for their meals. Currently, 95-100 meals are prepared by Penick Village and delivered by volunteers every Monday through Friday. It only takes about 45 minutes to an hour to make the meal deliveries.

Anyone interested in joining one of the teams in supporting their mission can contact Rebecca Listrom (the Executive Director and ONLY paid part-time employee) at [910-691-1517](tel:910-691-1517) or email: rklistrom@yahoo.com.

They are so grateful to The Village Chapel for their long-standing commitment and dedication of their mission. Hunger is a terrible epidemic. Together we strive to alleviate this situation one meal at a time while providing a friendly face and greeting to those who often have no other human contact.

Esther Acker

December Birthdays

- | | |
|------------------------|---------------------|
| 1 Dot Evans | 18 Caroline Barrett |
| 2 Buff Dawson | 20 Richard Kruse |
| Cynthia Eckard-Matthes | Fran Raynor |
| Holly Davis | Peter Gross |
| Kent Wilhelm | 22 Woody Davis |
| 4 Cecilia Zingleman | 23 Molly Thomas |
| 5 Sara Green | 24 JoAnn Duncan |
| 6 Jane Lewis | Silvia Bisbe |
| 7 Richard Schoen | 25 Nancy Bull |
| Hailey Robinson | Don Hamilton |
| 9 Lynette Crosby | 26 Bob Workman |
| 10 Gary Doern | 27 Ann-Boyd Newman |
| 11 Robert Hawks | Rich Wingfield |
| Margaret Kinker | Lynne Heilman |
| Yvonne Gale | 29 Bob Knapp |
| 12 Ron Davis | 30 Russell French |
| 13 Ray Bottoms | 31 Gerry Prange |
| 14 John Hawthorne | Gene Bonacci |
| 15 Dick Bisbe | Tom Campbell |
| 16 Sean Finkbeiner | |

Happy Anniversary

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|----------------------------|
| 1 Walter and Ann Blackwell |
| 8 Bob and Cecilia Harding |
| 9 Doug and Nancy Smith |
| 10 Dick and Silvia Bisbe |
| 11 Jeff and Ruth Holm |
| 19 John and Kathy Spangler |
| 22 Edward and Karen Emnett |
| 23 Bill and Pat Tomasetti |
| 28 R.Q. and Sharyn Simmons |
| Kelly and Beverly Walsh |
| 31 Jim and Char Rohr |



Community Dementia Workshop

**Tuesday,
December 11, 2018
10 am - 12 pm**

**Our Savior Lutheran Church
**1517 Luther Way
Southern Pines, NC 28352**

This event is free and registration is requested.

To register & for more information please contact

**Lisa Levine,
(919) 832 - 3732 or
llevine@DementiaNC.org**

What Happens Next?

Understanding the progression of dementia can help us learn what to expect and how to better interact with those we care about. Follow the story of one family as they move through the stages of dementia. Learn along with them what works, what doesn't work and how to keep the peace along the way.

Featuring:

**Melanie Bunn, RN, MS, GNP
Dementia Training Specialist,
Dementia Alliance of North Carolina**



- formerly Alzheimer's North Carolina -

**** Please note: Roads have changed. Neither Google Maps nor Map Quest reflect changes.**

Church fronts west side of Hwy 1 in Southern Pines

- **From north; Hwy 1 south. First exit on right (not marked), past Morganton in Southern Pines. Take exit, turn left on Luther Way. Church is on the right.**
- **From south: Hwy 1 North exit Morganton. Turn left, go over Hwy 1 and re-enter Hwy 1 south. First exit on right (not marked), past Morganton in Southern Pines. Take exit, turn left on Luther Way. Church is on the right.**

Hangíng of the Greens



...from the Director of Music

What a beautiful Hanging of the Greens service we held this past Wednesday evening! It is always a joy to offer beautiful music in conjunction with the formal decorating of The Chapel to prepare for the seasons of Advent and Christmas.

We are excited to share a variety of music during the Advent season with a number of talented musicians. This Sunday, December 2nd, the choir will sing an arrangement of the spiritual Keep Your Lamps, accompanied by percussionist Tim Haley. Our Handchime choir will also offer a special Advent offering at the 9:30 service.

On December 9, the Chapel and Children's choirs will join together to sing Carolyn Jennings' gorgeous anthem, Climb to the Top of the Highest Mountain. On December 16, we are pleased to welcome back flutist Michelle Oldham to our worship service. Michelle graduated from Union Pines High School this past spring and has begun undergraduate studies at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. Michelle will also be with us at our 9:00 pm on Christmas Eve.

December 23rd will certainly be a highlight - we will be joined as always by the Carolina Brass in a service at 10:30am, who will join with our choir to lead us in festive hymns and anthems as we roll into Christmas Eve the following evening.

Then we look forward to our Christmas Eve services at 5:00 and 9:00pm. Our Family service will be at 5:00pm and will feature our children's pageant. All children and youth are invited to participate. There will be a rehearsal on Friday, December 21 at 3pm in the sanctuary.

Our 9:00pm is a service of Holy Communion, led by our Chapel Choir. This is one of the most beautiful services we hold all year and always look forward to sharing this time together. A prelude of festive organ music precedes each Christmas Eve Service.

Stephen

MISSION STATEMENT OF THE VILLAGE CHAPEL: “As an interdenominational Christian community, we worship God in spirit and truth; teach and encourage the Christian faith; support the spiritual needs of our congregation, and reach out to others with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.”

MISSION STATEMENT OF YOUR OUTREACH COMMITTEE: “Prayerfully and earnestly distribute budgeted funds of the Village Chapel to vetted entities through rational giving, while encouraging congregational participation with organizations we support.”

Our Outreach/Mission grants supported these efforts in 2018.

RECIPIENTS WE CONTINUE TO SUPPORT

Grant recipients

HURRICANE RELIEF
 FOOD ITEMS FOR HOMELESS STUDENTS
 EFFORT TO FIGHT HUMAN TRAFFICKING
 KAIROS PRISON MINISTRY Reaching inside the walls.
 HABITAT FOR HUMANITY Hand up, not hand out.
 THE COALITION Short term help with long term goals.
 MEALS ON WHEELS Food to those in need at home.
 FAMILY PROMISE Supporting family integrity.
 MOORE FREE AND CHARITABLE CLINIC Basic needs.
 BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB We all need to belong somewhere.
 BOYS AND GIRLS HOME We all need a home.
 ADULT AND TEEN CHALLENGE Struggling to recover.
 YOUNG LIFE OF THE SANDHILLS Going to where they are.
 SANDHILLS CHILDREN’S CENTER All kids are precious.
 TRANSWORLD RADIO (TWR) Broadcasting the Word.
 SATELLITE MINISTRY (SAT-7) Bringing the Word to all.
 WYCLIFFE BIBLE TRANSLATORS The Word in all languages.
 CHRISTIAN AID MISSION Daring to go anywhere.

Liaisons What do we do? Ask us.

The Outreach Committee
 Jimmy Schneider
 Men’s Ministry of the Village Chapel
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NEW RECIPIENTS FOR 2018

KARIMU Bringing light to remote areas of Tanzania.
 FRIEND TO FRIEND Rescue shelter for abused women.
 LIFE CARE PREGNANCY CENTER Sustaining the unborn.
 THE ARC OF MOORE COUNTY All God’s people are special.
 CHANGING DESTINIES Fighting human trafficking.
 USO Providing a welcome to our troops.
 TEAM RUBICON Veterans disaster emergency response.
 COMMUNITY DINNER “Feeding the five thousand.”

Jim and Bose’ Obi and Dan Joslin
 Esther Acker and Ann Whitley
 Susan Joslin
 Ellen Woodard and Dan Joslin
 Ann Torok and Esther Acker
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 Dan Joslin
 Pastors John and Ashley;
 Vickie and the Chapel youth

The Outreach Committee thanks our congregation for the support of these worthwhile organizations. Pastor John, Pastor Ashley, Jim and Bose’ Obi, Doug and Amita Sherwood, Esther Acker, Ann Torok, Ann Whitley, Bob Esselman, Ellen Woodard, Guy Veni, Sharon Trail, Susan Joslin and Dan Joslin (Chair).

Farewell



Sadly, the Village Chapel has lost another of our long time, beloved members. Bob DeSandy, who went to live with the Lord on October 27, had been a member of the Village Chapel for thirty years. Bob, who always had a ready smile and friendly greeting, led a long, interesting and productive life that was always church and family centered.

Bob was born in Detroit, Michigan on August 2, 1925 to an Italian mother and French father. The DeSandy household apparently was alive with warmth and good humor, which may account for Bob's positive outlook and zest for life.

And he was a true patriot, one of the greatest generation. In 1943, at the age of 18, he enlisted in the army and was sent to England as the US Army prepared to invade Europe. After the invasion at Normandy, Bob was sent to serve as medic as the US forces began their march toward Berlin. As part of the 9th Infantry Division, 47th Regiment, he was involved in the Battle of the Bulge, earned a Purple Heart (which he felt he didn't deserve), and saw the horrors of the Holocaust when he participated in the liberation of Dachau. After his discharge from the army, Bob retained his interest in the 9th Division and served as National President of the 9th Division National Association.

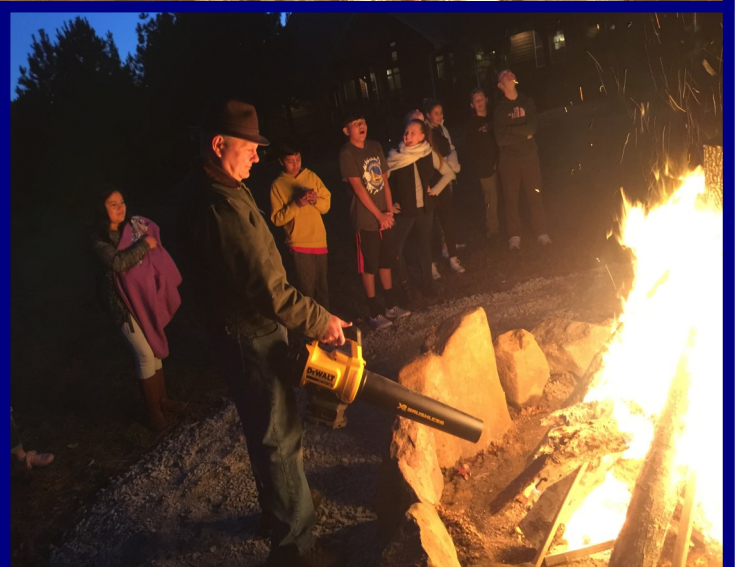
After his military service, Bob went to work for the Mutual of Detroit Insurance Company. On July 2, 1949, Bob and Florence were married and earlier this year celebrated their 69th wedding anniversary. After 40 years service with Mutual of Detroit, he retired as Vice President of the company.

Bob's was a life of service. He was a member of the Elks Lodge and Golf Club, the Kiwanis Club of the Pines, the Sandhills Garden Society and the American Legion. A keen golfer, he not only played but volunteered to work at golf tournaments.

Perhaps most important, Bob was a faithful Christian. He was always active in the church and his faith was strong. We feel privileged that he and Florence chose to spend their retirement years associated with the Village Chapel. We will miss him but we take solace in the fact that he was a wonderful man who led a wonderful life and is safely in God's loving hands.



Youth Bonfire





Baptism of Ayden Richardson



Youth Service 2018



Young Life Banquet



Fun Day at Gross Farms



Youth Night Out



Worship Service with Carolina Brass

December 23 10:30 am

Christmas Eve Family Service

December 24 5:00 pm

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

December 24 9:00 pm

Christmas Day Service

December 25 10:00 am

THIS A PLACE FOR YOU Christmas!



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