

Welcome back to worshipping in the Chapel!

CHAPEL HAPPENINGS – September 30, 2020

Sunday worship – 9:30 am



A message from our Chapel President

Fall greetings from the Chapel Board to everyone.....and a hearty welcome back to snowbirds and travelers returning for the season! As this strangely difficult year continues, we pray that everyone will travel safely and stay healthy and rejoice in the prospect of the community being together once more.

During the summer we have worked to plan an active 2020-2021 season, despite the current restrictions placed on us by the pandemic. Some of the initial Chapel sponsored activities have been well received by the Exec Committee of the Mariner Sands BOG and include;

- *Oct. 6 Scavenger Hunt at 3:45 pm, followed by a Social Hour. Email Lisa Goodmaster at LisaGoodmaster@gmail.com to register your team.*
- *Oct. 22 Lubben Bros Blue Grass concert on the Event Lawn of the Sand Bar*
- *Nov. 17 talk given by our own Dr. Paul Iannini on Covid 19...thoughts about the future. This will be the first of a group of talks on varied subjects sponsored by the Chapel called the "Speakers Series".*

Publicity for these events has been seen in Chapel Eblasts and will be seen on Highlights and Happenings. More info on Dr. Iannini's talk will be forthcoming shortly.

The Chapel continues to transform its activities both to accommodate pandemic restrictions and plan for sustained future growth. Some of the innovations include;

- *The recent purchase of equipment which will allow us to live stream worship services (and other Chapel or community events) beginning later in the fall. Soon you will be able to worship alongside the congregation in the chapel wherever you are located at 9:30 on a Sunday morning!*

- *The new website which will be operational October 5. Additional features for education and communication will be added later, and result from our new relationship with “Faithlife.”*
 - *The website will contain useful information to keep you informed and up to date with our many Chapel happenings, including a new Events Calendar*
 - *Use the same link you have used previously – WWW.MARINERSANDSCHAPEL.ORG.*
 - *The video recordings of our Sunday services will be available and listed under RESOURCES and then WORSHIP VIDEOS*
 - *Ken Slowik will be offering training on how to use the new website via ZOOM meetings on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 7 pm. Please call or email the Chapel for a ZOOM training session and we will send you a Zoom meeting invitation..... or, if you prefer in person training, please call the Chapel to arrange an appointment.*
 - *Our current website may be unavailable for a few days this week during the website transition.....we would love your feedback and suggestions!*
- *The continuance of “Bless Express” weekly beginning Oct 14, from 10-11 am. This is Dr. Carr’s unique way of inviting the entire community to one on one discussion/prayer by simply driving up in the Chapel driveway.*
- *The Chapel Board has approved the limited re-opening of the sanctuary for worship services beginning October 4. The protocol for doing so has been carefully constructed to consider the health and well-being of our congregation and employees, and is designed to support indoor, outdoor and virtual worship options. Some of the parameters of the plan include: social distancing of 6 feet or more; the requirement of face masks at all times in the Chapel and for those outside the Chapel when leaving their golf carts; the use of hand sanitizer wipes upon entry and exit; Passing the Peace “no touch” style and no offering plates being passed; Communion beginning November 1 in “no touch” fashion (TBA); and the limiting of indoor attendees to Mariner Sands residents only. Ushers will be there at all times to assist and answer questions.*
A complete listing of the parameters of the sanctuary re-opening is available on our website (go to Chapel News) and in paper form from the office lobby. Please review them, and if you have a compromised immune system or at risk in any way or not feeling well.....please join our worship service from the safety of your golf cart or virtually through our live streaming or recorded services.

Other news:

We are pleased to welcome Bob Myers to the Board as he assumes the responsibilities of our Buildings and Grounds facilities. Bob is experienced in this area, has taken on the job with aggressiveness and will be confirmed by the congregation in our annual meeting in January. We wish Skip Hildebrand all success with his responsibilities in the club house project!

We are honored to have Dr. Roger Verse return to the Chapel and officiate at the worship service on October 11. Dr. and Mrs. Carr will be in Colorado attending the wedding of their daughter and will be in our prayers all weekend.

As you can see, despite the difficulties imposed on our lives by the pandemic, we in the Chapel community feel blessed with our new Minister, a growth oriented future and a world of opportunity to further mature together in faith. Let us in this new season commit ourselves again to Welcome Everyone, Serve Others and Build Community!

*See you in Chapel....
D'Arcy*

Invite a friend to join you for all of our worship and social events. If you know of someone who is not computer-friendly and cannot receive emails, please let us know by calling Jan Dorsey at 732-996-6661, or emailing JaniceDorsey55@gmail.com. They will be contacted personally.

Copies of the recent Chapel happenings newsletter can be picked up in a box hung near the library door.

Have a Blessed Week

