

CHAPEL HAPPENINGS – October 9, 2020

Worship, Sunday October 11th – 9:30 am



We are pleased to have Dr. Roger Verse officiating at our service this Sunday. Indoor worship will continue for the foreseeable future, following the Covid-19 protocols – masks required, seating is spaced and clearly designated, hand sanitizers available. Please follow the ushers' directions.

Letter from Rev. Carr

So, this morning while writing on my laptop computer, I found the document I was working on was displayed in “compatibility” mode. “What was that?” I wondered. Was something wrong with the document I wrote? Was it infected by a virus? Should I start over in a whole new document? I remember some time ago when working on my computer, a file would not open unless I opened it in “Safe mode.” Now I am even more confused. Is compatibility mode less safe than safe mode? Whatever happened to normal mode? I am thinking about breaking out the emergency Smith Corona typewriter.

And that is emblematic of our times isn't it? So many things have changed all around us; changed too quickly. Not only in our community, but in our families, and our own households. Last March, the chapel went into “safe mode,” recording all our services on YouTube and migrating our small groups to ZOOM meetings. I can say that for the most part, people have enjoyed the videos and the online small groups, as it becomes an opportunity to stay in touch wherever they are traveling. On the other hand, we have lost a few connections with those who no longer use computers. So, we're staying in touch with them by phone.

As we begin the new season, we're moving gradually from Safe Mode to 'Compatibility Mode' at the chapel. Our worship services are modified to both indoor and outdoor attendance. We added outdoor sound and made Holy Communion compatible again. We have increased our online capacity, using a broadcasting medium known as, 'live streaming.' Thanks, in large part to the work of Mr. Ken Slowik and our Parish Coordinator Nora Agatstein, we have a new chapel website that is both attractive and dynamic. It gives us a capability to connect with more people and tell the bigger story about how great this place is. The Chapel Board of Trustees provided excellent leadership and wisdom through this entire process. They kept us safe. They made a huge difference in keeping the outreach flourishing here.

None of us knows when “Normal” will be back again. Yet, until then, we will strive to deliver meaningful and uplifting spiritual support, pastoral care, fellowship, and community fun. On Oct 29th I have a new member class scheduled for new folks, and those who would like to use their gifts in our ever-expanding ministry at Mariner Sands. Please join us. We can talk about what is on your mind and imagine together. The Apostle Paul emphasized how much we are one body in Jesus. He wrote, *“But God has put this body together, giving greater honor to the parts that lacked it, so that there should be no division in the body, but that its parts should have equal concern for each other. If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it.”* (1 Cor 12:24-26 NIV) And so dear friends, we are the body of Christ here. We are members with one another. And we will keep you safe until we someday get back to normal.

“BLESS EXPRESS” RETURNS October 14th, 10-11 am



Come to the Chapel in your golf cart or car to meet with Gary for a minute of prayer.

LUBBEN BROTHERS CONCERT

Folk/bluegrass type music



October 22nd, 5:30-7 pm

(Rain date 10/29)

Sand Bar Café Event Lawn

This is a **free concert for the whole community** sponsored by the Chapel.

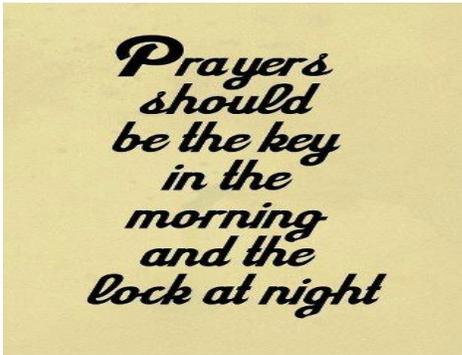
- Masks are required and social distancing followed.
 - Reserve through Mariner Sands Club dining – 772-283-0202. Tables of 4-6 please.
 - Bar service is available during concert.
 - Sand Bar Café diners will also be able to enjoy the concert from their tables.
 - Band merchandise will be on sale – cash only.
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Looking ahead!



Halloween Golf Cart and Dog Parade – Saturday, October 31st!
Details to follow in future Chapel Happenings and Highlights and Happenings.

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 to take home with you.



*Prayers
should
be the key
in the
morning
and the
lock at night*
