



**Mariner  
Sands  
Chapel**



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## **CHAPEL HAPPENINGS**

**December 23, 2021**

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### **Christmas Eve Ecumenical Worship Service**

**5 pm at the Chapel – all welcome**

A service of readings and carols...



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**December 26<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 worship**

*Click here for the*

*[Worship Bulletin - December 26](#)*

“For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.” Luke 2:11 Merry Christmas to you all.



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**The Chapel office will be closed** for Christmas break from Monday, December 27th to Friday, December 31st

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### **A message from our Chapel President...**

Monthly Message from your President – December

**“For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them.”** Matt 18:20

My letter this month focuses on the final portion of our Chapel’s mission: **building community**. To recap, in October we discussed **welcoming everyone**. By now, if we all did one act of welcoming, we touched over 33,000 individuals. What a demonstration of God’s love. Last month was all about **servicing others**. A big “thank you” to all who participated in our White Dove program and helped brighten Christmas morning for 100 (record number) Martin County children. And a special shout out to Sandy and Michelle for their leadership in organizing another successful White Dove campaign.

Time to talk about community. Here is how Webster defines it:

1. a group of people living in the same place or having a particular characteristic in common.
2. a feeling of fellowship with others, as a result of sharing common attitudes, interests, and goals.

By definition, we all belong to many communities. We have Mariner Sands Chapel, Mariner Sands Country Club, racquet communities, golf leagues, musicians, artists, knitters, book clubs and the list of communities continues on. God loves us and knows how much we need one another. He created us to live in community, supporting each other during rough times and celebrations. Whether you are the giver or receiver, the result is a heart full of love and gratitude.

Here’s something to think about. Are the communities you belong to public (welcomes everyone) or exclusive (by invitation only)? Do you stick to the communities you know or do you venture out and expand your attitudes, interests and goals? Personally, I am so happy I ventured out and took the acrylic paint class for beginners. I had never painted (other than by number) and have now expanded my community as well as heightened my awareness and appreciation of God’s intricate universe.

Mariner Sands Chapel is a natural place to build community – a community who welcomes everyone. We plan to continue our concert and speaker series, Fun Fridays and art classes to name a few. And we believe it’s time to venture into new ways to build community both inside and outside of our gates. Try something new. The Board has a lot of ideas and we would like to hear from you. Is there a particular interest or activity we can

explore? Is there a group of individuals who would benefit from building community? Feel free to send me your ideas at [Secretsandy1@gmail.com](mailto:Secretsandy1@gmail.com) along with your plan on how to execute your idea(s). I will take them to the next Board of Trustees meeting in January to discuss next steps. "Building" in this case is a verb and a verb means action!

I understand the "busyness" that comes along with this time of year. And I also ask that during your quiet time with Jesus, just ask Him how He wants you to "build community."

My prayer is that as we come to the manager, we pause, we pray and we let our hearts fill-up with the love and peace that comes from our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Let us begin this new year with joy and gratitude as we **welcome everyone, serve others and build community.**

Merry Christmas to you!

Sandy

"On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh." Matt 2:11

**What gift will you bring?**

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## Reminders

- As we approach the New Year, a friendly reminder that there is still time to **turn in your Faith and Promise card for 2022.** We'd also like to thank the 53 individuals/families that have already made a combined commitment of \$162,250 towards the Chapel's \$350,000 budget for next year. You can print a card by clicking here:

**[Faith & Promise Pledge Card 2022.](#)**

God Bless!

- **Stan Mathews Memorial service** – January 8th, 11 am
- **Acrylic Painting Classes** – January 13th, 20th, 27th, February 3<sup>rd</sup> – 9:30 am  
To reserve a place, Contact Sandy Slowik at [Secretsandy1@gmail.com](mailto:Secretsandy1@gmail.com)
- **Annual Chapel Meeting** – January 16th, 9:30 am

To see a full listing of Chapel Events, click here [Chapel Calendar](#)

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## RESOURCES

Chapel website: [marinersandschapel.org](http://marinersandschapel.org)

Direct link to Livestream: <https://marinersandschapel.org/watch-live>

Direct link to secure online giving: [Online giving page](#)

[Contact info for Mariner Sands Chapel Board of Trustees](#)

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