

THE Chapel Bell

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Dear Friends:

I am looking forward to my first day with you on September 1st . It is a joy and a privilege for me to serve as your Interim Pastor during this transitional time in the life of your congregation. As a member of Giddings-Lovejoy Presbytery for four years, I have admired your ministry and your mission from afar. After 50 years on the east coast, my husband and I moved to St. Louis in 2015, to be near our daughter and her family. I have enjoyed serving as the Interim Pastor at Second Presbyterian Church in the Central West End, and more recently as a part-time Parish Associate at Webster Groves Presbyterian Church.



The whole idea of an Interim Pastor can seem confusing and time-consuming to some, especially when you are gifted with two wonderful Associate Pastors and a large program and support staff. And yet, my experience in 45 years of pastoral ministry (including as General Presbyter overseeing 91 congregations in the Hudson Valley) has shown me that a focused and participatory conversation within the congregation can help paint a fresh and contemporary picture of the church's identity and mission – and then, with the guidance of the Holy Spirit, lead to the right pastor to serve that vision.

I have already begun participating with your Pastor Nominating Committee as they process the Holy Cow Questionnaire that you were invited to fill out this past month. A questionnaire is part of the Mission Study process, which the presbytery requires before a PNC can begin a nationwide search for a pastor. On September 7th, the PNC, the Session, and the Senior Staff will meet with a Holy Cow consultant to receive the summary of the questionnaire results. We hope then to schedule a series of Small Listening Groups – to share the results with as many of you as wish to participate. At the same time, the PNC will be interviewing county and local civic leaders to gain a sense of how Ladue can best serve the wider community.

An interim period between two pastors offers a rich opportunity for a congregation to ask two questions: 1) When we look in the mirror, what do we see as a current and accurate portrait of Ladue Chapel? And 2) when we look out the window, what is breaking God's heart - who is God asking us to serve as we move forward?

For the next 12 to 18 months, I look forward to engaging with many of you, and learning about the strengths and possibilities within this community of faith. Please introduce yourselves to me – and share with me your hopes and dreams for Ladue Chapel!

Blessings – Susan Andrews (and please call me Susan)

Pastoral Nominating Committee Church Survey

The PNC Survey is out and we want to hear from you! On August 1st you should have received an email with a link to the survey (be sure to check your Junk Mail if it is not in your Inbox). If you do not have email, you can complete the survey on paper after any of the August Sunday Services (in the Leutwiler and Gulick Rooms). The deadline to complete the survey is **August 31st**.

PNC Survey FAQ's

These questions are asked most often of the members of the PNC

1. "Can I change my answers?" YES! At the bottom of your computer screen are two rectangles: <-Previous Next-> When you click on <-Previous it will take you to prior pages. At the top of your screen is a BACK button, which takes you out of the survey and to another web page, which causes you to lose all your answers.
2. Why is Mark Thomas mentioned in the survey? Our search is for Pastor, Head of Staff, so we are asking reflective questions about the duties of that position, so we must specify Mark. It is by no means a scorecard. Many who have completed the survey observed this
3. Can we use our email for more than one response from our household? YES! The results go directly to Holy Cow! The PNC will not know who responded. YOUR ANSWERS ARE CONFIDENTIAL.
4. May I take a printed copy home to answer? All copies stay at the church in confidential envelopes with PNC Members only. You may complete it at the church on any Sunday in August in the Gulick Room or Leutwiler Room. You place yours in a white, unmarked envelope and seal it yourself to turn it in so it is completely confidential.
5. I have more questions. Call any member of the PNC. Our phone numbers are on the website or a staff member will give them to you. Staff members are not informed about the background and details of the survey.

PNC Members: Ralph Thaman, PNC Chair; Linda Bryant; Mary Carr; Laila Crabtree; Lisa Etwiler; Rick Oleshak, Stephen Peacock; John Spencer; Carol Wellman; Rick Wilhelm; Sarah Yancey

NEEDED: The Children's Committee needs Sunday School and Good Sheppard volunteers. The curriculum is provided and there are several different time slots and classes available. Please contact Courtney Chandler (cchandler@laduechapel.org) for more information.

Cares & Concerns

Recently Hospitalized or Recovering at Home: Otto "Bunny" Broeder

We offer our Christian love and sympathy to friends and family of Martha Sweeney, who entered the Church Triumphant on August 14. A Memorial Service is scheduled for Thursday, August 22, at 11:00 a.m., in the Sanctuary with a reception to follow. We have established a memorial in Martha's name. Gifts may be made to the *Ladue Chapel Martha Sweeney Memorial*.

We offer our Christian love and sympathy to Judy Habighorst on the death of Judy's husband, James Henry Habighorst, who died on August 12. Services were private.

Joys & Celebrations

Congratulations to Hank and Gini Schreimann on celebrating their 72nd wedding anniversary on August 16.

CALENDAR

An extended calendar is available at www.laduechapel.org

Thursday, August 22

11:00 am Sweeny Memorial Sanct.

Friday, August 23

No Church Events Scheduled

Saturday, August 24

9:00 am Men's Grilling Fireside Patio

Sunday, August 25

9:45 am Infant Care Nursery

10:00 am Worship Sanctuary

11:00 am Acolyte Training Sanctuary

11:00 am C&YSS Open House GP

Monday, August 26

7:00 pm Worship & Music Com. Leut

Tuesday, August 27

8:30 am LANS Staff Mtg. Bickel

9:30 am Program Staff Mtg Staff CR

10:00 am WA Bandages FHN

12:00 pm WA Brown Bag Lunch FH-C

1:00 pm Women's Study Grp Library

Wednesday, August 28

8:15 am Men's Bible Study Leutwiler

7:00 pm Stewardship Com. Leutwiler

Thursday, August 29

No Church Events Scheduled

Friday, August 30

No Church Events Scheduled

Saturday, August 31

No Church Events Scheduled

Sunday, September 1

9:45 am Infant Care Nursery

10:00 am Worship Sanctuary

Monday, September 2

Church Closed—Labor Day Holiday

Tuesday, September 3

9:30 am Mailing Angels Gulick

9:30 am Program Staff Mtg Staff CR

10:00 am WA Bandages FHN

12:00 pm WA Brown Bag Lunch FHC

1:00 pm Women's Study Grp Library

7:00 pm Christian Ed. Com. Library

7:00 pm Staff Resources Bickel

Wednesday, September 4

8:15 am Men's Bible Study Leutwiler

5:30 pm WOW Dinner FHS

6:15 pm Healing & Wholeness Woods

7:00 pm Board of Deacons Leutwiler

Thursday, September 5

6:00 pm Chapel Ringers Fireside

7:30 pm Chancel Choir Choir Room



When you see a post from Ladue Chapel on Facebook and Instagram, remember, To "Like" is human, but to "Share" is divine!

Join a Bread Breakers Group

“Bread Breakers” is fellowship ministry among adult members and friends of Ladue Chapel, through monthly or quarterly small group gatherings. Groups form around an interest, perhaps as a dinner group, book club, or wine and cheese gathering. The men’s grilling group continues to flourish, and Steve Peacock welcomes your participation: steviep65@icloud.com. New Bread Breakers groups for 2019-2020 are listed below. More information can be found on our website www.laduechapel.org or you may contact the group leaders.

- **Sunday Brunch at Ladue Chapel** (second Sundays beginning October 13) Leaders: Connie Lippert (conlip@sbcglobal.net); Carol Carlson (carol@carlsonstl.net)
- **Explore Vegan St. Louis** (meeting times vary) Leader: Bree Muehlbauer Bree.mlbr@gmail.com
- **Ladue Chapel Happy Hikers** (first Saturday mornings beginning October 5) Leader: Greta Talen: greta.talen@att.net

If you are interested in joining an existing Bread Breakers group, starting a new group, or have questions, please contact Anne Peacock: 314-993-4771 ext. 3122 or apeacock@laduechapel.org.



Becoming Disciples through Bible Study

(Disciple I), 34-week study will be offered on Mondays 12:30-2:30 p.m., beginning September 16. The class will be led by Linda Lewis. For those who have completed Disciple I, we are offering Christian Believer: Knowing God with Heart and Mind on Mondays from 9:30-11:30 a.m., beginning September 9. This 30-week course is a great help in understanding the major doctrines of our faith. The class will be co-lead by Debbie Barnes, Eleanor Shaheen and Tammy Walsh. TO REGISTER for either class, contact Emily Holman (eholman@laduechapel.org or 314-993-4771 ext. 3109) Study Manuals will be available to purchase in the Church Office.



Women’s Book Club

The Ladue Chapel Women’s Book Club meets at 1:00 p.m. on the second Monday of the month in the Mellow Library. If you are a woman interested in reading and discussing the book selections, please join us! Check out the selection for September, *Where the Crawdad’s Sing*, by Delia Owens.

Worship Schedule

The Regular Worship Schedule begins on **September 8**, with worship services at 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. Education classes for all will be offered at 9:45-10:40 a.m.



SAVE THE DATES!

Rally Day: Sunday, September 8
Habitat for Humanity: September 7 & October 12.
CROP Walk & Concert: Sunday, October 6



The Chapel Bell

In order to be better stewards of our finances and the environment, we are excited to announce that The Chapel Bell is going electronic. Starting on **October 1**, we will begin distributing our weekly newsletter via email. We are aware many of you currently receive The Chapel Bell electronically, however, we are still missing many members preferred email addresses. Please contact Harper Phillips (hphillips@laduechapel.org, 314-993-4771 ext 3102) with the best email address to reach you. Accommodations will be made for those who cannot access email.



Monday Madness begins on September 9!

Monday Madness is our after-school program for students in kindergarten through grade 5. We meet for snack, recreation, fellowship, service projects and music. Here is the schedule:

- 4:00-4:15 p.m. Everyone meets for snack and recreation.
- 4:15-5:00 p.m. Kindergarten through Second Graders have Chorister Choir with Mr. David and Miss Gretchen. Rt 345 meets with Miss Courtney and other adult leaders.
- 5:00-5:45 p.m. Third through Fifth Graders have Carol Choir with Mr. David and Miss Gretchen. (Sixth graders are welcome to come to choir, too!)
- 5:45-6:15 p.m. Beginning/intermediate handbells meet with Miss Anne and Mr. David. This is for anyone third grade and above: children, youth and adults!

Children & Youth Open House: Our program year is getting ready to start! If your son or daughter is moving up to a new classroom or maybe they'll be coming to Good Shepherd or Youth Group for the first time, we hope you will join us next Sunday, **August 25, 11:00-11:45 a.m.**, for our Children & Youth Group Open House. Teachers, Good Shepherd leaders, music leaders and Youth Group adult advisors will be in the Gathering Place and in classrooms to meet you and help answer questions. So, come and hear about everything that will be offered as we get ready to kick off the program year! Acolyte training will take place in the sanctuary at the same time.

Acolyte Training – August 25, Acolytes are youth fourth grade or older who assist in worship approximately once per month. We are always looking for new acolytes, and we are having a training for new and experienced acolytes after worship on Sunday, August 25 at 11:15 a.m. If you have any questions, contact Amy Dunaway at amydunaway74@gmail.com



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Sunday, August 25 & September 1 Worship Services at 10:00 a.m.

Scriptures

August 25: Jer. 1:4-10; Ps. 71:1-6; Heb. 12:18-29; Luke 13:10-17
September 1: Jer. 2:4-13; Ps. 81:1, 10-16; Heb. 13:1-8, 15-16; Luke 14:1, 7-14

Music Ministry

August 25: Margaret Milligan Kerr will sing "Hear My Prayer" by Felix Mendelssohn
September 1: Sunday is our annual hymn sing; this year's theme is "God Is," with readings and hymns exploring how God is praised in creation, God is praised in justice, God is praised in hope, and God is praised in joy. Soloist Nikki Weiss will sing "The Earth is the Lord's" by Don McAfee

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RALLY DAY IS SEPTEMBER 8!

Choirs Begin Soon!

Come see us at the music table at the Sunday School Open House on August 25 following worship!

Name of Choir	Ages	Rehearsal Time	First Rehearsal
Kindermusik*	Preschool	Mondays 1:30-2:45 p.m.	September 16
Chorister	Kindergarten, Gr 1 & 2	Mondays 4:00-5:00 p.m.	September 9
Carol	Grades 3 through 6	Mondays 5:00-5:45 p.m.	September 9
GenRev Ringers	Grade 3 through adults	Mondays 5:45-6:15 p.m.	September 9
Youth Choir	Grade 6 through 12	Sundays 12:15-12:45 p.m.	TBA
Chancel Choir	Adult	Thursdays 7:30-9:15 p.m.	September 5
Chapel Ringers	Adults	Thursdays 6:30-7:15 p.m.	September 5

*Kindermusik requires pre-registration, but space is currently available. Contact Anne Peacock (314-993-4771 ext 3122) for more information.

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