



The Chimes Newsletter



November 2023

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Well finally the end is in sight. We have been plugging away through the season of Pentecost since the Feast of Pentecost, May, 28. That will have been 27 Sundays until the First Sunday of Advent, December 3. We even get to change our liturgical colors to deep blue from green. That is more than half of a calendar year, and now we will soon celebrate the Season of Advent, which of course is quickly followed by The Feast of the Incarnation, Christmas.

This is such a glorious time of the year! Nature provides us with spectacular scenes of brilliant color and of cool weather and we prepare for Thanksgiving and Christmas. It is simply beautiful. Many of us say that this is our favorite time of year.

Being a liturgical church we adhere to a liturgical calendar and that calendar begins with the season of Advent (4 Sundays before Christmas), followed by the 12 days of Christmas (Dec. 25 to Jan 6), then the season of Epiphany (Jan. 6 to Ash Wednesday), the season of Lent, (Ash Wednesday to Palm Sunday), Holy Week, the season of Easter (Easter day through Pentecost), and the season of Pentecost (from the day of Pentecost to 1 Advent.) We have been living by way of this calendar for centuries as many, many generations of our church members have marked their journey through this life by this calendar. In fact, back in the days when people used to actually write letters to each other, they would often mark the date of the letter being sent as, for example, "Tuesday, 2 Advent," or "November 1, All Saints Day." Nobody writes letters anymore, let alone mark the days of the year by our liturgical calendar. This is how lives were immersed in the church and its way of marking time. In this way life in the church was an everyday affair, not merely a Sunday morning one. People were aware of the liturgical seasons, the lives of the saints, and significant historical events in the life of the church. Some of us may still keep these honored traditions, praise God for that.

I love the church and I lament the fact that so many people have turned away from it. The questions that I ask myself are, where have they gone? Is there any input into their lives from the church? What are the underpinnings of their theological view of our common lives in our times if not the church? What else are they learning and from whom? Many times I think that people who have no experience in the church (and there are many, many of them) are like boats which are tethered to a mooring ball and the line from the ball to the boat has snapped and the boat is floating aimlessly about with no direction, no grounding in the ultimate truth and grace found in Jesus whose love for all people is to be celebrated. The mooring ball is the church and its connection to the people has been severed. Small wonder that we are in the fix that we are in in America today.

It is essential that Harriet Chapel and all other churches, especially those in our denomination, stay alive. Our church is the mooring ball that grounds us in God's grace and love. It is our responsibility to keep it going. We are the stewards of Harriet Chapel in our time, which gets me to the stewardship of Harriet Chapel.

Stewardship is the careful and intentional management of everything that God has entrusted to us – our time, talents, our resources, and the world around us. It is not merely about money. It is about tending to the needs of one another, it is about volunteering here at Harriet Chapel, it is about utilizing our God given talents to build up the church and the communities in which we live, it is about being good stewards of the creation itself. Part of this is our financial responsibility to Harriet Chapel. Consider how generous God has been to you in your life, how much life in this church means to you, and how important it is to the community to keep Harriet Chapel alive.

We are living in tough times in the church's life, so we need your help more than ever. Thank you so much for your past support and please pray for Harriet Chapel, your place in it and help as you can to insure that Harriet Chapel thrives in the year ahead.

Grace and Peace,

Fr. Doug

Current Vestry Members:

Marcia Bell, Edna and Joe Ferraro, Kathryn Hauser, Fran Hennessy, Joann Miller, Karen Patterson, Judy Sweeney Smith, Debbie Sweeney

Current Church Officers:

Senior Warden: David Sweeney

Junior Wardens: Joann Miller, David Sweeney, Edna & Joe Ferraro

Treasurer: Heather Clabaugh

Secretary: Karen Patterson

Current Clergy Serving Harriet Chapel:

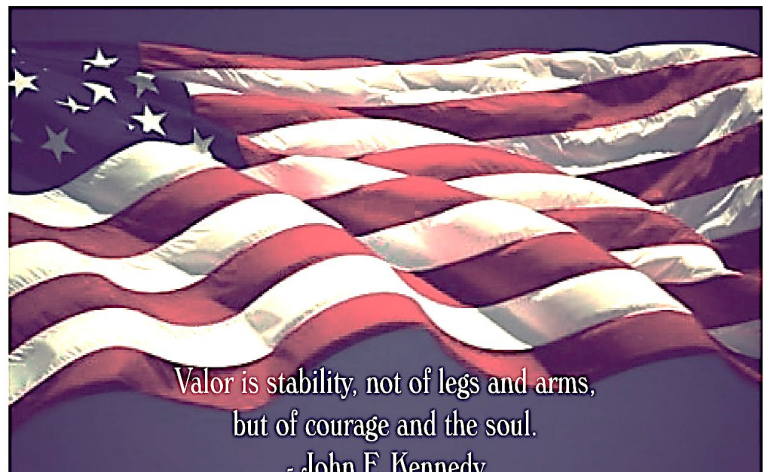
Bishop: The Rt. Rev. Eugene Taylor Sutton

Bishop Coadjutor: The Rt. Rev. Carrie Schofield-Broadbent

Priest- in -Charge: The Rev. Douglas C. Smith

Assisting Priest: The Rev. Sally Joyner Giffin

THANK YOU TO OUR VETERANS.



November

Birthdays:

3rd – Joann Miller

12th – Ella Dingzon

13th – Edna Ferraro

28th – Denny Hoffman

Anniversaries:

19th – Lorraine and Denny
Hoffman

November at a glance:

4th – end of Daylight savings time, turn clocks back 1 hour!

5th – All Saint's Day

11th – Veteran's Day

11th – 10:00 a.m. New Ministry: Cooking Class information meeting
In parish, all interested please plan to attend and/or contact Marcia Bell.

12th – Stewardship Sunday

15th – Vestry Meeting at 7:00 p.m. in parish hall

19th – Visit from our Bishop Coadjutor, The Rt. Rev. Carrie Schofield-Broadbent,
with refreshments following our worship service.

23rd - Thanksgiving Day



CATOCTIN EPISCOPAL PARISH TREASURER'S REPORT

PREPARED BY: HEATHER JO CLABAUGH
October 9, 2023

SEPTEMBER 2023

INCOME	Month	Year To Date	Year To Date Budget	Total Budget
PLEDGE	4,783.25	55,788.25	49,680.00	66,240.00
PLATE	336.00	3,084.77	2,925.00	3,900.00
EVENT REVENUE	304.00	7,108.83	15,750.00	21,000.00
WORSHIP & ALTAR	125.00	1,902.80	2,175.00	2,900.00
FELLOWSHIP	0.00	20.00	187.50	250.00
OUTREACH	0.00	253.00	150.00	200.00
SUBTOTAL	5,548.25	68,157.65	70,867.50	94,490.00
NON-BUDGET INCOME *	10,526.00	18,167.64	0.00	0.00
TOTAL INCOME	16,074.25	86,325.29	70,867.50	94,490.00

EXPENSES				
DIOCESAN PLEDGE	953.00	8,577.00	8,580.00	11,440.00
RECTOR SALARY	2,456.80	19,546.36	52,500.00	70,000.00
RECTOR BENEFITS	0.00	0.00	2,895.00	3,860.00
PAYROLL	3,377.35	13,048.12	25,383.00	33,844.00
SOCIAL SECURITY & MEDICARE	832.93	1,391.12	1,848.75	2,465.00
ADMINISTRATION	200.41	3,784.01	4,687.50	6,250.00
BUILDING REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	429.90	4,720.39	4,500.00	6,000.00
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
UTILITIES	610.10	10,237.99	9,011.25	12,015.00
INSURANCE	891.00	2,617.50	2,523.75	3,365.00
EVENT EXPENSE	210.00	745.57	2,100.00	2,800.00
FELLOWSHIP EXPENSE	0.00	234.88	187.50	250.00
WORSHIP & ALTAR	0.00	2,186.39	2,925.00	3,900.00
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION	0.00	0.00	300.00	400.00
OUTREACH	0.00	0.00	375.00	500.00
EVANGELISM	0.00	1,073.80	1,125.00	1,500.00
SUPPLY CLERGY	0.00	0.00	937.50	1,250.00
SUBTOTAL	9,961.49	68,163.13	119,879.25	159,839.00
NON-BUDGET EXPENSES	125.00	2,003.36	0.00	0.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	10,086.49	70,166.49	119,879.25	159,839.00

BALANCE	5,987.76	16,158.80	-49,011.75	-65,349.00
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CHECKING ACCT BALANCE (Woodsboro)	16,158.80
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SAVINGS ACCOUNT BALANCE	14,099.45
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STIFEL NICOLAUS STOCK ACCOUNT	458,423.39
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MONTH-TO-MONTH CHANGE	(20,715.25)
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ANNUAL CHANGE FROM 12/31/2022	(10,156.61)
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2023 WITHDRAWS	-
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AS OF 09/30/2023

Notes from the October 2023 Vestry meeting, held on Wednesday the 18th at 7:00 p.m.

- + Fr. Doug called the meeting to order.
- + Joann Miller led the devotions. She chose to read a touching story with a beautiful message attached to it.
- + Approval of the purposed meeting agenda with a few minor changes.
- + Approval of the financial reports for September.

- + Rector's Report:
 - *Pastor Sally will be clergy on duty for November.

 - *Review of Fall Fest: more help is needed; we were very short handed throughout the entire time. We might also want to consider advertising NO BOOKS and NO LARGE PIECES OF FURNITURE. We are also getting older. There are many things to consider for next year.

 - *Review of Blessing of the Animals: it was a nice service; however, it was suggested that next year we should advertise our service to for greater participation.

 - *190th Anniversary tour taking place in Frederick on Saturday the 21st. Everyone meeting in Frederick at 9:00 a.m.

 - *Spirits of the Furnace, an event planned and put in place by the Catoclin Historical Society. Takes place on Saturday, the 21st, beginning at 6:30 p.m. Event is sold out. Fr. Doug has been asked to portray Pastor Schlagle doing a funeral, complete with costume. There will be an actor portraying a pastor conducting a worship service in our sanctuary complete with candlelight and organ music.

 - *A service of praise and thanksgiving in the style of the 1830's to commemorate the 190th anniversary of the consecration as an Episcopal place of worship of Harriet Chapel will take place on Sunday, October 22nd, beginning at 9:00 a.m.

 - *Visit by the Bishop Coadjutor on Nov. 19th, Marcia Bell has confirmed that she is gathering information and will soon be asking members to help with refreshment for the Bishop's visit. Nothing fancy, finger foods are being considered.

 - *Considering the average age of our congregation, we ought to consider purchasing an AED, Automatic electronic Defibrillator. Fr. Doug and Beth have looked into the purchase and the average cost seems to run around \$2500 plus \$100 for a wall case. After some discussion, it was decided that we should look into the purchase of one. Fr. Doug has volunteered himself and Beth. Added bonus, since Beth is a doctor, she knows what to consider in the purchasing and she is also qualified to teach us how to use it. Should have more information for our next meeting.

 - * Bible Study – due to Fall Fest, Bible Study has been moved to December, the season of Advent. Fr. Doug, has decided to focus on 'The Infancy Narratives'...and Bethlehem. Classes will take place following church on: the 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th ? (with Christmas Eve on a Sunday this year, there will be 2 services, the first one at 9:00 a.m. and our Eve service at 7:00 p.m. and LWICC will have their Christmas Mass on the 24th, beginning at 1:30 p.m.)

 - *Future Clerical options within the diocese does not look promising. We may have to consider 'yoking' with an Episcopal Church from south central PA. Fr. Doug is familiar with these parishes and has supplied at these parishes. For this to happen we would need the approval of both bishops involved: Audrey Scanlon from Central PA and Carrie Schofield-Broadbent, MD.

 - *New Ministry: Marica Bell prior to COVID had already worked with Pastor Sally to implement a series of cooking classes for those parents which depend on the food bank for their food. While volunteering at the food bank, Marcia noticed that quite a few parents would not accept food

based on the fact that they were unfamiliar with how to cook/prepare it. So, Marcia thought that perhaps the parents would accept the food once they knew how to prepare it, hence the cooking classes. When COVID hit, everything was put on hold. After Marcia presented her information, the Vestry did some discussion and decided that this was a much-needed ministry for the community. Saturday, November 11th at 10:00 a.m. Marcia is asking that any and all that are interested please attend this gathering to get a more in-depth idea of what she has in mind.

- +Senior Warden's Report: should we consider a network upgrade? Why should we consider it? It seems that thick stone walls prevent the signal to travel through the buildings, that explains the lack of internet service in the parish hall and sanctuary. By upgrading our service, it be a benefit if/when the time comes that we should have to share a priest. We would be able to send and receive all church services live. Given that our chapel is an historical building, any work would have to be carefully planned out with the intention that no damage/change would occur to the building. For now, the idea to upgrade has been tabled until further notice.
- + Junior Warden's Report: due to a malfunction in one of the toilets, that was a constant flow of water into our holding tank. While we were setting up for Fall Fest the septic alarm went off, signaling that our tank was full. Rohrbaugh Septic service was called and on Saturday morning, he arrived and pumped out our tank.
- + Outreach Committee: due to the increase of families relying on the food bank, we will continue to collect any and all items donated. Marcia Bell will be making popcorn balls to hand out during Halloween at the food bank.
- +Future of the Parish: Karen Patterson will be scheduling a meeting for some time in November.
- +Finance and Fund Raising: Our treasurer was absent due to school board meeting, so we have not received a total for Fall Fest, however our overall assessment is that we did fairly well considering the bad weather.
- +Stewardship: still searching for someone to write our annual letter.
- +Christian Education: Fr. Doug is planning a Bible Study which will take place during Advent. Please see Rector's notes for more information.
- + Evangelism: Joshua is still working with Maxine and feels that she should be compensated for the time she is working/helping him. Karen Patterson will call and talk to Maxine regarding her extra work. The newsletter is still in progress, we have received good news about our October issue. Susie threw out the question for ideas for our December issue. We will continue with the Biographies with the start of a brand-new year. Marcia is continuing with the placement of ad's in the local papers.
- +Fellowship/Welcoming Committee: Our weekly fellowship/coffee hour will continue with Sunday, October 22's service. Marcia and Gary Bell have volunteered to host. Sign up sheets are available in the parish hall, please consider signing up to sponsor 1 hour. A reminder: nothing fancy is required, just something for people to break their fast, like coffee, juice, soda, donuts, pastries, etc.... No need to supply your own napkins, paper products, cups or eating utensils, the church has plenty to share.

Devotion schedule for the rest of the year: November – Karen Patterson, December – Marcia Bell.

Annual meeting to be held in January, date to be determined at next meeting. The meeting closed around 8:20 p.m. with everyone praying the Lord's Prayer.

+These are not the official minutes of the September Vestry Meeting. I was invited to attend since the meeting was too close to the newsletter due date. So, please if you have any concerns or questions see me, Susie. Thank you.

Lay Schedule for the remainder of 2023

DATE	GREETERS	LAY READERS	ALTAR SERVERS	ALTAR GUILD
Nov. 5th	Fran Hennessy Pat Plum	Fran Hennessy Pat Plum	David Sweeney Donna Clabaugh	David Sweeney Susan Rauth
Nov. 12th	Debbie Sweeney Mary Allison	Stephen Hess Judie Sweeney Smith	David Sweeney Gary Bell	David Sweeney Danny Harman
Nov. 19th	Danny Harman Susie Robinson	Donna Clabaugh Karen Patterson	David Sweeney Susie Robinson	David Sweeney Joann Miller
Nov. 26th	Susan and Jim Rauth	Beth Smith Mimi McReal	David Sweeney Denny Hoffman	David Sweeney Mary Allison
Dec. 3rd	Lorraine and Denny Hoffman	Susan Rauth Kathryn Hauser	David Sweeney Donna Clabaugh	David Sweeney Susan Rauth
Dec. 10th	Fran Hennessy Pat Plum	Fran Hennessy Pat Plum	David Sweeney Gary Bell	David Sweeney Danny Harman
Dec. 17th	Debbie Sweeney Mary Allison	Stephen Hess Susie Robinson	David Sweeney Susie Robinson	David Sweeney Joann Miller
Dec. 24th	Danny Harman Susie Robinson	Judy Sweeney Smith Donna Clabaugh	David Sweeney Denny Hoffman	David Sweeney Mary Allison
Dec. 31st	Susan and Jim Rauth	Karen Patterson Beth Smith	David Sweeney Donna Clabaugh	David Sweeney Susan Rauth

When completing your pledge form for 2024, you have the option of sharing your talents, ie: lay reader, Altar server, greeter, Sunday School (when the time comes and we have kids!)...

You will have the opportunity to sign-up for any of our ministry committees. Remember, you give where you can, sometimes we don't have the financial resources to share, but we may have some extra time to give to the church or a talent we can share like singing, computer experience, and so on.

The church needs all its members to contribute something to its life, so we can have something to pass on to the next generation.



November is known as 'Stewardship Month'. That's when our treasurer, Heather Clabaugh will mail out the annual Stewardship Letter and the latest Pledge Form. Please prayerfully consider giving where you can, to support your church and God's work.

The Future of the Parish committee have been working on revising our different Ministry/Committees descriptions. It is our hope to have this out to every member prior to the end of November. When you receive your copy, please take the time to read through it, you may find a ministry that suits you.

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Romans 12:4-8

We have many parts in the one body, and all these parts have different functions. In the same way, though we are many, we are one body in union with Christ, and we are all joined to each other as different parts of one body. So we are to use our different gifts in accordance with the grace that God has given us. If our gift is to speak God's message, we should do it according to the faith that we have; if it is to serve, we should serve; if it is to teach, we should teach; if it is to encourage others, we should do so. Whoever shares with others should do it generously; whoever has authority should work hard; whoever shows kindness to others should do it cheerfully.

For the Bishop's luncheon on November 19th, we need donations of a variety of desserts as well as cash to go toward the purchase of groceries for the meal. Please put cash donations in the offering plate with a note, 'FOR BISHOP'S LUNCHEON', or see Marcia, phone: 240-285-4236, if you would like to contribute a dessert. Thank you.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18TH at 4 p.m. there will be a "Prepare to Prepare" gathering with readings and activities to transition into Advent. Pastor Sally has purchased booklets for everyone who will attend. They are called 'Living the Way of Love' by Mary Bea Sullivan. It is based on the presiding bishops' steps for deeper spiritual practices. Dinner will be provided. Please contact the office if you are interested in attending. Thank you.



Pray with us to the Lord and as our prayers, like incense rise before him, he will hear us and answer us, according to his promise.

+St. Francis of Assisi

Those in need of prayers this week are: **Vanessa Pryor, Kim Grimm, Carl Keeney, Rob and Becky Hankey,** Susan and Jim Rauth, Tracey Stottlemeyer, Margaret Cool, Betsy Schoonover, Paul Doyle, John Guillory, Shirley Long, Ann Hess, Richard Massey, Ursula Cole, Hawa Freeman, Ed Zinn, Kathryn Rentzell, Cheyanne Sanger, Joe Loetell, Casey Gray, April Knott, Matthew Chakola; Cindy, John, Peggy Champion and family; Nancy and Jerry Anderson, Aaron Teitel, Nana T, Ben Ayres, Jo Mason, Susan Akins, Bessie A., Pastor Kathy Feil, People of Ukraine, Caroline Tate, Enid Shannon, Joan L., Deborah Boisvert, a church member in need of major repairs to their home asking for prayers for help and financial assistance.

We also offer prayers for those with long-term needs: Mitchell Scott, Daryl and Susie Trout, Joan, Jimmy and Ira James Burrier, Nathaniel Rentzell, Virginia Rauth, Wilton III, Joan Portner, Vanessa Pryor, Sue Shatto, Michael Curry, Janet Nave, Ed Joyner, Tara and Brenna Miller, Marcia Bell, Ruth McAfee, Bobby Toms, Susan Hess, Daniel Hess, Stephen Hess, Don Clabaugh, Danny Harman, Carla Beck, Adunni Dennis, Karen Hess, Robert L. Gray Jr., Mae Bolin, John Kent, Bonnie Miller, Cotton Harrison, Erin Cleary, Betty and Bob Gray, Judy Sweeney Smith, the Nichols family, Robert Ricketts, Mildred Coshon, Claire Scott,



ATTENTION ALL COOKS/BAKERS GATHER ROUND! Joann came up with an awesome idea for December and the following editions of the Chimes newsletter. Most families have a recipe or two which they always make over the holidays, a holiday baking tradition. For instance, for my family, I always make raisin filled cookies in memory of my father's mother. While making them I can also smell her cookies baking and I can picture her standing at the old, well used farm table rolling out the dough. For December's issue, we are asking you to submit a recipe or more so you can share your memories with everyone. Depending on the amount of success, we will periodically ask for more favorite recipes throughout the year. In the meantime, I will save and categorize all recipes received and perhaps we can put together another Harriet Chapel Family Recipe Book in the future!



Veterans Day, originally known as Armistice Day, is a federal holiday in the U.S. observed annually on November 11th, for honoring military veterans of the United States Armed forces (who were discharged under conditions other than dishonorable). It coincides with other holidays including Armistice Day and Remembrance day which are commemorated in other countries that mark the anniversary of the end of World War 1. Major hostilities of World War I were formally ended at the 11th hour of the 11th day on the 11th month of 1918 when the Armistice with Germany went into effect. At the urging of major U.S. veteran organizations, Armistice Day was renamed Veterans Day in 1954. From then on, November 11 became a day to honor American veterans of all wars.

On November 11, 1919, President Woodrow Wilson issued a message to his countrymen on the first Armistice Day, in which he expressed what he felt the day meant to Americans:

"A year ago, today our enemies laid down their arms in accordance with an armistice which rendered them impotent to renew hostilities and gave to the world an assured opportunity to reconstruct its shattered order and to work out in peace a new and more just set of international relations. The soldiers and people of the European Allies had fought and endured for more than four years to uphold the barrier of civilization against the aggressions of armed force. We ourselves had been in the conflict something more than a year and a half.

With splendid forgetfulness of mere personal concerns, we remodeled our industries, concentrated our financial resources, increased our agricultural output, and assembled a great army, so that at the last our power was a decisive factor in the victory. We were able to bring the vast resources, material and moral, of a great and free people to the assistance of our associates in Europe who had suffered and sacrificed without limit in the cause for which we fought.

Out of this victory there arose new possibilities of political freedom and economic concert. The war showed us the strength of great nations acting together for high purposes, and the victory of arms foretells the enduring conquests which can be made in peace when nations act justly and in furtherance of the common interests of men.

To us in America the reflections of Armistice Day will be filled with solemn pride in the heroism of those who died in the country's service, and with gratitude for the victory, both because of the thing from which it has freed us and because of the opportunity it has given America to show her sympathy with peace and justice in the councils of nations."

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Did you know:

*Red poppies, a symbol of World War I from their appearance in the beloved poem 'In Flanders Fields' by John McCrae, are sold in Canada and the United Kingdom on Remembrance Day to raise money for veterans or worn in the lapel as a tribute.

*An American medical officer, Stanhope Bayne-Jones, suddenly could hear water dripping off a bush next to him. "It seemed mysterious, queer, unbelievable," he later recalled, according to an account on the U.S. National Library of Medicine website. "All of the men knew what the silence meant, but nobody shouted or threw his hat in the air." It took hours for reality to sink in. World War I – the bloodiest conflict so far in human history, with more than 8.5 million military casualties – had finally ended.

The war was ended, but not with a surrender, but with an armistice, an agreement in which both sides agreed to stop fighting, rather than a surrender. For both sides, an armistice was the fastest way to end the war's misery and carnage.

*The United States has been involved in 12 major wars since its birth. However, between wars, conflicts and rebellions, the U.S. has had a military presence in 107 wars worldwide, 4 of which are ongoing.

The term "veteran" means a person who served in the active military, naval, or air service, and who was discharged or released therefrom under conditions other than dishonorable.

This month; this Veterans Day, Harriet Chapel is honoring its veterans. They are:



Pastor Sally with her father, Edward G. Joyner, a WWII Air Force Veteran.



Mary Allison with her daughter-in-law and son, who is serving in the Army.



Brandon and his wife Stacey Clabaugh, who is currently serving in the Army.



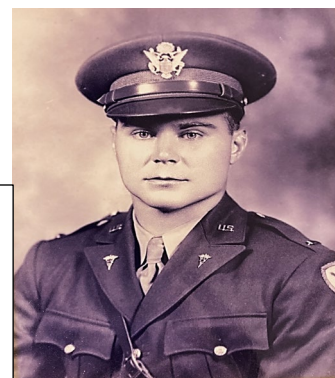
I dug this picture up of me in front of the scenic Baghdad airport terminal in 2004. I served on active duty in the Air Force as a Public Health Officer from 1998 to 2009. I achieved the rank of Major and served in bases in Texas, Germany, Hawaii, and South Korea, as well as a deployment to Iraq.

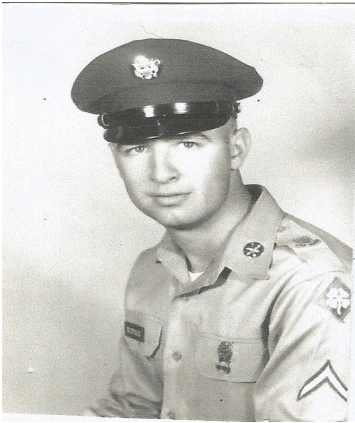
Deborah Carr



Joe Ferraro, served in the Marines during Vietnam. Joe says he was a 'grunt' which means he was always one the first in and the last out.

Capt. Kenneth S. Hess, served in the Army in North Africa during WWII. Stephen's father.





← Dennis Hoffman entered the U.S. Army on July 24, 1962, after graduation from high school. MY first day was confusion. I reported to the Army Recruiter in Frederick, placed on a bus with the other area recruits and sent to fort Holabird in Baltimore. Once there, we were placed on a train for Fort Jackson S.C. It was an overnight train ride. Once at Ft. Jackson we were fed, loaded onto another bus leaving for Ft. Gordon Ga. There I received basic Training. Once basic training was over, I remained there for telephone linemen school. That training consisted of climbing poles with spikes strapped onto our boot and hanging 40 feet in the air by a leather belt. I graduated lineman school and was transferred to Ft. Sill OK., assigned to the Third Howitzer Battalion, 30 Artillery Service Battery. This was the first support for the 82nd Airborne. Once there I asked the 1st Sgt., what was I doing

in an artillery outfit? I was advised I was the new communication man. I knew nothing about VH radios or field telephones, but I was the only comm man in the unit. I was also the 1st Sgt's driver. All I had to do when we went into the field for training was to hand out the radios, outpost phones, and a reel of phone wire, hook them into switchboard, I was done. About the third month I was there, being a strike unit, we were alerted and loaded all our equipment onto railroad cars headed for Florida and the Cuban Missal Crises. Three days later we were told to stand down.

I was promoted to Spc. 4 and remained a one-man commo section. When shorthanded I would be sent out with the ammo crew to load shells for the guns on the firing range. Later I received the rank of Sergeant and sent to Ft. Chaffie AR to open up the closed post and receive supplies for the Reserviced coming in for summer training.

On July 25, 1965, I was discharged. That was the last date for discharges, all others after that were held for the Vietnam War.

Sgt. Moser, now known as Susie Robinson. I enlisted in the Army in November 1975. I wanted to get away from home! Well, I got my wish after Ft. Jackson SC and Ft. Gordon GA, I flew to Frankfurt Germany. My first tour of duty was with the 123rd Signal Battalion with the 3rd Infantry Division. I was trained in communications, both radio and computers; and spent most of my first year as the Operations Clerk for the battalion. When the operation center captain received a transfer to the Division Signal Office, he took me with him. I spent the next 2 or more years as the Radio Frequency Clerk for the division. Since we were a tactical unit, whenever someone was in the field, I could be found at headquarters, ready to destroy and reissue frequencies and codes as needed.



→ After re-enlisting, I was assigned to 7th Signal Command, stationed at Ft. Ritchie MD, and I worked at Site R in telecommunications. We handled mag tape, paper tape and punched cards, this was years before there were computer terminals with keyboards! I worked with some of the Army's first computer systems, you know the ones that encompassed an entire room or floor. Anyway, the highlight of my Army career while at Ft. Ritchie was when I was one of three selected from Site R to represent Army Communications at the XIII Olympic Winter Games in Lake Placid NY. And, yes, I did get to see the 'Miracle on Ice', US Ice Hockey Team beat the Russians. We also had a surprise visit from MASH actor Jamie Farr, who joined us prior to the opening ceremony at the Ski Jump Station on top of Whiteface Mountain. I elected to leave military duty after 6 years, and I must admit that that is one decision I wish I could take back. I enjoyed serving, I enjoyed both my overseas tour as well as my stateside tour.



← Jim Rauth

After graduation from high school, I enlisted in the U.S. Navy for a three-year enlistment. At the two-year mark I was able to obtain an appointment to the U.S. Naval Academy and received a commission into the U.S. Navy. The first assignment was to the USS THE SULLIVANS destroyer which was named in honor of the five Sullivan brothers from Iowa who died at the sinking of the USS JUNEAU in the battle of Guadalcanal. I then attended the Naval Post Graduate School in Monterey, California and obtained a master's degree in Electronics engineering and a U.S. Patent for my thesis work. Then I spent three years aboard the guided missile ship, USS JOHN PAUL JONES. And then I attended the Naval War College. Shore duty in Washington D.C. as well as a two-year tour at the Naval Academy where I taught physics and electronics. I retired from the Naval Service having served 24 years. While on my two tours aboard the destroyers, we participated in the Cuban Crisis as well as Vietnam.



← Donald L. Clabaugh, MSG, USA

Served from July 1957 to September 1982.

MOS: 05K, Teletype Intercept

98Z, Signals Intelligence, Senior Operations NCO

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Two Rock Ranch, Petaluma CA

Vint Hill Farms, Warrenton VA

Ft. Meade, MD

Overseas Assignments:

SINOP Turkey

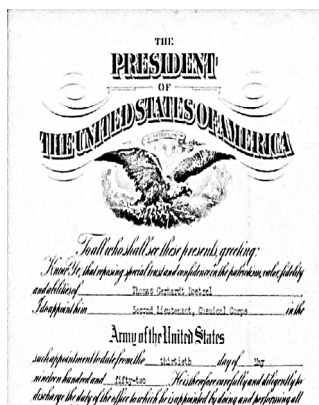
Nurnberg, Germany

Augsburg, Germany

Sobe Okinawa, Japan

Peshawar, Pakistan

Joe Loetell, whom you may recognize, sits in the back of the church. Joe retired as a 'full bird' Colonel in the Army. →



← Meet Anne Hess's father.

2nd Lt. Thomas G. Roetzel.

Served in the Army in the Chemical Corps.

“Four Seasons of a Tree”

(Author Unknown)

There was a man who had four sons. He wanted his sons to learn not to judge things too quickly. So, he sent them each on a quest, in turn, to go and look at a pear tree that was a great distance away. The first son went in the winter, the second in the spring, the third in the summer, and the youngest son in the fall.

When they had all gone and came back, he called them together to describe what they had seen. The first son, that went in the winter, said the tree was ugly, bent, and twisted. The second son, that had gone in the spring, quickly said no - it was covered with green buds and full of promise. The third son, who had gone in the summer, totally disagreed: he said it was laden with blossoms and that it smelled so sweet and looked so beautiful, it was the most graceful thing that he had ever seen. The last son and the youngest son, who went in the fall, disagreed with all of his brothers - he said the tree was ripe and drooping with fruit, full of life and fulfillment.

The man then explained to his sons that they were all right, because they had each seen but only one season in the tree's life. He told them that you cannot judge a tree, or a person by only one season, and that the essence of who they are - and the pleasure, joy, and love that comes from that life – can only be measured at the end, when all the seasons are complete.

If you give up when it's winter. You will miss the promise of your spring, the beauty of your summer, fulfillment of your fall. Don't let the pain of one season destroy the joy of all the rest. Don't judge life by one difficult season. Persevere throughout the difficult patches and better times are sure to come some time or later.

The moral of this little story is:

There are all kinds of seasons in life and some are easier than others.

Do not judge a tree or a person by only one season.

We are all in one season or another and

We are each precious in the eyes of our Creator!!!

*This was the devotion that Joann Miller read at October's Vestry meeting.
Thank you so much for sharing.*

The First Thanksgiving

On the fourth Thursday of November, people in the United States celebrate Thanksgiving, a national holiday honoring the early settlers and Native Americans who came together to have a historic harvest feast.

This is the story of the first Thanksgiving according to National Geographic for Kids

Long before settlers came to the East Coast of the United States, the area was inhabited by many Native American tribes. The area surrounding the site of the first Thanksgiving, now known as southeastern Massachusetts and eastern Rhode Island, had been the home of the Wampanoag people for over 12,000 years, and had been visited by other European settlers before the arrival of the *Mayflower* in 1620. The native people knew the land well and had fished, hunted, and harvested for thousands of generations.

The people who comprised the Plymouth Colony were a group of English Protestants called Puritans who wanted to break away from the Church of England. These "separatists" initially moved to Holland. But after 12 years of financial problems, they received funding from English merchants to sail across the Atlantic Ocean in 1620 to settle in a "New World." Carrying 101 men, women, and children, the *Mayflower* traveled the ocean for 66 days and was supposed to land where New York City is now located. But windy conditions forced the group to cut their trip short and settle at what is now Cape Cod, Massachusetts.

As the Puritans prepared for winter, they gathered anything they could find, including Wampanoag supplies.

One day, Samoset, a leader of the Abenaki people, and Tisquantum (better known as Squanto) visited the settlers. Squanto was a Wampanoag who had experience with other settlers and knew English. Squanto helped the settlers grow corn and use fish to fertilize their fields. After several meetings, a formal agreement was made between the settlers and the native people, and in March 1621, they joined together to protect each other from other tribes.

One day that fall, four settlers were sent to hunt for food for a harvest celebration. The Wampanoag heard gunshots and alerted their leader, Massasoit, who thought the English might be preparing for war. Massasoit visited the English settlement with 90 of his men to see if the war rumor was true.

Soon after their visit, the Native Americans realized that the English were only hunting for the harvest celebration. Massasoit sent some of his own men to hunt deer for the feast and for three days, the English and native men, women, and children ate together. The meal consisted of deer, corn, shellfish, and roasted meat, different from today's traditional Thanksgiving feast. They played ball games, sang, and danced.

Although prayers and thanks were probably offered at the 1621 harvest gathering, the first recorded religious Thanksgiving Day in Plymouth happened two years later in 1623. On this occasion, the colonists gave thanks to God for rain after a two-month drought.

THE MYTHS: Puritans are often thought of having silver buckles on their shoes and wearing somber, black clothing. Their attire was actually bright and cheerful (with no shoe buckles!). The Native Americans actually didn't wear woven blankets on their shoulders and large, feathered headdresses, even though some artworks portray this. And though today we might refer to the Puritans as "Pilgrims," the Englishmen didn't call themselves that.

NATIVE AMERICANS AND THANKSGIVING: The peace between the Native Americans and settlers lasted for only a generation. The Wampanoag people do not share in the popular reverence for the traditional New England Thanksgiving. For them, the holiday is a reminder of betrayal and bloodshed. Since 1970, many native people have gathered at the statue of Massasoit in Plymouth, Massachusetts, each Thanksgiving Day to remember their ancestors and the strength of the Wampanoag.

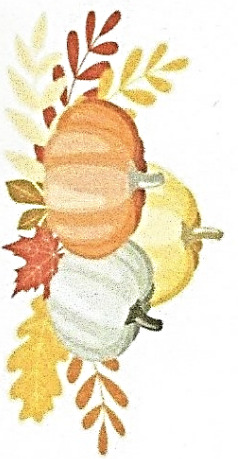
MODERN THANKSGIVING: In the 19th century, the modern Thanksgiving holiday started to take shape. In 1846, Sarah Josepha Hale, editor of a magazine called *Godey's Lady's Book*, campaigned for an annual national thanksgiving holiday. But it wasn't until 1863, when President Abraham Lincoln declared two national Thanksgivings; one in August to commemorate the Battle of Gettysburg during the Civil War, and the other in November to give thanks for "general blessings." It's the second one that we celebrate today.



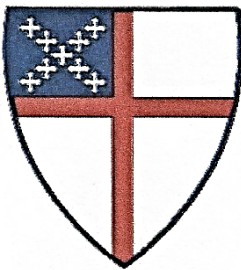
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