

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Wednesday, March 17th—March Board Meeting @ 5:30 p.m. via Zoom
- Sunday, March 28 Palm Sunday—Outdoor service @ 11:00 a.m. on front lawn, weather permitting. Palms will be available for you to use and take home
- Holy Week— Sunday, March 28 through Saturday, April 4
- Maundy Thursday—Thursday, April 1, online service available by 8:00 a.m.

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10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
 Monday—Thursday
 Closed on Friday

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Longview Chapel Happenings

FROM PASTOR DONNA:

CHOOSE! As we continue our study in Lent how are we doing at choosing the Lord and the Lord's ways? I've enjoyed hearing from several of you about how Lent and the last year have shaped your choices. Sarah and Diego Acosta wrote these thoughts:

- Sarah: From the worldwide COVID-19 pandemic, the West Coast deadly wildfires, to the racial justice movement, 2020 was a stunner of a year; it was absolutely relentless. Retreating into inaction seemed to be a sound plan at times; a solution I came to realize was fed by fear not faith. Decisions backed by faith kept me moving forward. There were lessons learned, volunteer opportunities, stronger friendships, and emotional healing.
- Diego: Sometimes, I get mad that I can't see all of my friends during COVID. I also get a little mad that I cannot see my dad during COVID (he lives in Arizona). My faith has helped me understand that in hard times I can control my emotions. I am making good choices. For example, I figured out a way to see my dad. I see my dad on video calls. And I play safely with a couple of my friends with joy.

How we choose and what we choose is a part of our faith. How do we experience God in our choices?

In a relationship I have with a friend, things are not as I would like them to be. I found myself thinking thoughts of failure or frustration or anger or ... Perhaps you have been there too. One of my Lenten choices is to pray for that person and our relationship. Another part is to intentionally do and say things that build up and encourage that person without expectation in return. I can't tell you me choosing this will change the friendship, but me choosing that is slowly changing me and in reality I am the only person I can choose to change.

What are you choosing this Lenten season? My prayer is that all of us will choose God and God's ways so we and those we touch will experience the love and abundance God desires for us.

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MINISTRY STAFF

Pastor:

Rev. Donna Rose-Heim

Administrative Assistant:

Shelley Humphrey

Music Director:

Beth Fleer

Preschool Director:

Sara Conley

Children's Director:

Rev. Tammy Gill

Youth Director:

Shelby Seymour

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From Pastor Donna—Continued from Page 1

¹⁴ “Now therefore fear the Lord and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness. Put away the gods that your fathers served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. ¹⁵ And if it is evil in your eyes to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your fathers served in the region beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.” (ESV)

MILLER TIME

End of a Chapter—When we took our role as country directors of student ministry in January 2017, we knew it may be a possibility that we would have to move to the largest city in our country, which serves as the center of the national ministry here. However, because of the connections in our city and Curtis’ role as an elder at our church, we have been allowed to remain in our city for the past three years and serve in this role remotely. While it has gone well overall, we can feel the strain of trying to be and serve in too many places at once. Additionally, the Lord has provided others to step into leadership at the local church and others to carry on the student ministry here.

As we consider Lukas’ educational needs and desire to be closer to many of the staff and teams we serve, we have sensed the Lord bringing a close to our time here in this city and inviting us into a new season of life and ministry in a very big (and overwhelming!) city. There will be much more to share about this in months to come, but in the meantime we wanted to let you know that we will most likely be moving in May. Please pray for this transition and the many decisions and steps involved in it!

DMF Easter Offering

A special day offering of Disciples Mission Fund on March 28 and April 4, 2021.

Imagine what God can do when we share our gifts. The Easter Offering reaches deep and wide with the limitless power of the risen Christ.

- Developing Disciples
- Forming new faith communities
- Connecting with ministry partners around the world
- Serving God’s people in need

TALL OAKS CAMP DATES:

Registration starts March 15th

www.kcdisciples.org

- Day Camp: Saturday June 12th 9am-4pm Pavilion & Vespers. Lunch (limited to 25 people) \$50*
- CYF Camp: Sunday, June 20th—Friday, June 25th— \$393*
- Chi Rho Fine Art: Monday June 21st—Friday, June 25th—\$362*
- JR 1: Tuesday, June 22nd—Friday, June 25th— \$299*
- Grandparents Camp: Friday July 2nd @ 3:30 pm— Sunday, July 4th—\$215*
- Eighter’s Camp: Monday July 5th—Sunday, July 11th—\$477*
- JR 2: Tuesday, July 6th—Friday, July 9th—\$299*
- Day Camp: Saturday, July 17th—\$50*
- Chi Rho Classic: Sunday, July 25th—Thursday, July 29th—\$362*
- Primary Camp: Sunday, July 25th—Tuesday, July 27th—\$252*
- Grandparent Camp: Sunday, July 25th—Tuesday, July 27th—\$215*

* Fees listed are Early Bird fees. Add \$50 for registration after May 1st with the exception of Day Camp add \$5.00. Deadline for registration is 2 weeks prior to the start date of each camp. No registration will be taken after that date. Contact Rev. Shandra Yost-Soltani with questions or concerns at Shandra@kcdisciples.org.



Financial Report:

(2020 Financials)

Submitted by Paula Diehl

**Thank you for your ongoing gifts of tithes and offerings!
Longview Chapel Christian Church
2021 Financial Report**

	Current Month January	Year to Date
Contributions to General Fund	\$ 14,842.83	\$ 14,842.83
Pre-School Tuition	\$ 6,650.00	\$ 6,650.00
Expenses	\$ 21,868.08	\$ 21,868.08
General Fund – Surplus or (shortage)	\$ (375.25)	\$ (375.25)
Special Mission- Non Budgeted Giving		\$ 535.00
Contributions to Building Fund in January to be deposited in February		\$ 744.83
Check written in January to be withdrawn in February		\$ 1,320.00
Difference to be subtracted in February		\$ (575.17)
Funds Available for Capital Improvements (1-31-21)		\$ 44,692.52

Thank You from Dorothy Richardson

Dear Longview Friends:

The family of Don Richardson extends our sincere thanks for all the prayers, cards and calls received during his illness and final passing on January 8, 2021.

Pastor Donna, we will never forget your loving kindness and spiritual support.

God’s Blessings to All

Melissa and Dorothy Richardson

March Anniversaries & Birthdays



3/10—Jim & Helen Thomas

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| 3/1—Elizabeth Stangohr | 3/26—Mary Ann Derks |
| 3/5—Cindy Hill | 3/30—Matt Dyke |
| 3/6—Lonnie Miller | 3/31—Claudia Boosman |
| 3/12—Larry Maxey | |
| 3/14—Jo Bartel | |
| 3/20—Linda Jenkins | |



What Did Property Do in 2020?



- Replaced several outside light photo cells
- Replaced several bad batteries in Chapel exit signs
- Built several new 2ft x 4ft ceiling lamp frames with lens in basement
- Installed new plumbing and new stool in north restroom, also new wall mount baby changing station
- Installed new baseboard, replaced some white tile, textured walls and painted, repainted mirror frame
- Removed all carpet at north entry, hallway and restroom, replaced with new wood grain tile
- Installed new floor heat vents in Sanctuary, hallway and north restroom
- Installed 2 TV wall mounts, installed TV's and repainted all the walls in the Sunday School area
- Planted new White Dogwood tree at Prayer Garden
- Cleaned kitchen ice maker several times
- Installed new keyboard sliders at Shelley's desk
- Installed new white tubing in Sanctuary for cameras
- Helped clean up parking lot after lightning strike
- Helped remove broken glass & install new glazing
- Managed snow removal
- Managed lawn mowing
- Repaired both east walkway entrance columns
- Repainted and cleaned columns, replaced light sockets and bulbs
- Repaired stained glass window over Narthex
- Installed new door stops in PDO restrooms
- Installed new garbage disposal in kitchen
- Installed new thermostat in Pastor's office
- Replaced the American and Christian flags several times along with the rope
- Painted the east entry doors of Chapel
- Replaced bad lamps (lightning strike) north and south side of Chapel, and both lights on flag pole
- Made several repairs on Pastor's west door and new threshold
- Had the north building chimney completely repaired and painted
- Helped with nativity install and removal
- Trimmed old elm tree and removed 2 other trees that were bad at east entrance
- Helped getting paper supplies for the PDO
- Made numerous light bulb replacements throughout the entire church (inside/outside)
- Removed chewing gum from pews, wiped down all pews with wood cleaner and made several repairs
- Took apart North entrance sign:
 - Removed all bulbs, made new bulb holders, installed new LED bulbs, installed new door locks, repainted all inside signs, painted concrete base, installed new wiring to and from the main supply from the east column lights, with new electrical boxes both places, installed new GFI socket at north sign
- Installed two new shelves with hangers in hallway in PDO
- Rebuilt doll house PDO
- Pergola:
 - Removed rotted corner post, removed all rotted trim wood, had post routed before install, primed and painted post, primed and painted 2x10 and 2x12 side trim and installed all parts on pergola

GREAT JOB TO EVERYONE INVOLVED!

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Diego Acosta who made his confession of faith in Christ on Thursday, February 18. He will be taking the Pastor's Class in June, and will be baptized on Sunday, July 25. If any others are interested in taking the Pastor's Class, please call or email the Chapel and we will add your name. Thank you.

CHAPEL NEWS

Property:

What did Property do in 2020? See page 6

Worship:

Happy Lent! That phrase has always seemed like an oxymoron to me. Lent isn't supposed to be happy. I have learned since I was very young that Lent was about deprivation and giving things up. That's not usually something that makes me happy.

As I've grown older though, I've been through Lent many times. Sometimes I've given something up, sometimes I've added something I should be doing. That extra activity during this season turns into a reminder of what is coming. Why did I choose what I did? What significance does my choice have on the rest of the year I will have? But the biggest impact I have seen is what does my choice do to deepen my understanding of God and Easter. The darkness that can come with Lent is a precursor to the brightness dawning at Easter. So Happy Lent!

The Worship Committee is hoping that we can celebrate Palm Sunday, March 28, outdoors. We will watch the weather. If not, we will have a back up plan to wave palms and remember Jesus' triumphal entry to Jerusalem. Maundy Thursday, April 1, will be a virtual service. Easter, again, we hope can be held outside. Let's all pray for warmth. Outdoor service during Holy Week will be at 11:00 a.m. Be sure to bring a chair.

Please keep an eye on our website and your email as we head back into possible outdoor worship. As we saw a couple of weeks ago, Missouri weather can be unpredictable!

Karla Williams

Ambassador Class:

What a month we have just experienced! Not having class has really interrupted our studies but here we are, hoping for better weather! As we start a new book for a new quarter we continue as a theme of living holy lives. What does that mean to you? The first quarter of the year was about living out God's call to be holy and our first lesson comes to us from a very old, Old Testament book, Leviticus. There are instructions in that book that apply to us today. God's character and nature are revealed to us. Then we head into the New Testament to address how we can nourish our desires for a holy life. There are some lessons that are uncomfortable due to choices we make that are in conflict with God's plan and purposes for our lives. We will close out March looking at the relationship between holiness and prayer. Come on Sunday mornings to Long Hall, at church, at 9:00 a.m. to participate. We wear masks and are socially distant and are looking forward to your fellowship!

On a personal note, it has been a real privilege to call each of you every Sunday for the past year. I look forward to the day I see you come to class!

Marlene Miller

Outreach:

When I was working full time I always dreamed of the time when I would be retired and have time to volunteer. I then had to decide what I wanted to become involved in. I know there are a lot of people in our church that are doing interesting and worthwhile things, and I would like to hear from you and showcase them in future newsletters.

This month's organization is Meals On Wheels of Lee's Summit. This organization was started over 46 years ago in Lee's Summit. They started with fifteen clients but they have grown and now have served over 500,000 meals since its inception, and currently serves over 350 meals per week. The organization helps ensure their clients have access to hot, nutritious and delicious meals, which can help them maintain a healthy diet while providing a quick check-in and friendly greeting. They do charge a nominal charge for the meals, but financial assistance is available if needed. If you would like more information, their website is <https://www.mealsonwheels.org>.

Please let me know of any organizations you are involved with or if you have an interest that you would like to know more about. My email address is griffeygardner@gmail.com.

Carol Gardner

Children's Ministry



We want to welcome Rev. Tammy Gill who begins working with children and families March 1.

From Tammy:

Hello, Longview Chapel Family!

What an honor to be invited by you to this position as Children's Director! Thank you for trusting God and trusting me to this position. A few things you might want to know about me as we start this journey together: I have served in ministry before as Pastor to Children and Families at Holmeswood Baptist Church in Kansas City, MO (2007-2009) and as Senior Pastor at Missouri City Christian Church (2010-2012). I also have much experience working with families in my counseling career.

Some additional tidbits about me: I have been married to my husband Jody Gill for 12 years. We have 3 grown young adult children. We have both recently retired from previous careers and are entering "Phase 2" of life with kids out of the house and new visions developing for us both. Jody and I enjoy spending time together fixing up our house, gardening, biking and playing with our two dogs, Abby and Rusty.

I have learned from my past experiences that all ministry work is a team effort. I believe we are partners with God and one another as we explore ways to enhance and grow our ministry to children and families. This means we all need to continue praying for God to show us how to do this in practical ways. I look forward to giving the Children's Moment each worship service. One thing I plan to do soon is to add "Parenting Moments" in my weekly learning posts for children and families. I also hope to offer parenting (Grandparenting!) classes where we can learn more ways to be loving leaders and to support our young people as they grow in stature and in God.

I look forward to getting to know each of you and your gifts and abilities in working with children. I would love to hear what you have done in the past and what dreams you might be willing to dream with me moving forward. I plan to have "office hours" at the church on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons as well as by appointment. Please do not hesitate to reach out. I love to visit!



Much Love,
Tammy Gill, Children's Ministry Director

Youth Ministry

Reflecting on February:

The youth had a couple of wonderful and creative ways to worship the Lord last month! We painted beautiful mountain scenes with the help of Annie Seymour and Bob Ross! To kick off Lent we used a wonderful study called The Walk. For the week of Service we made blankets for a great charity organization called, My Very Own Blanket.

Looking forward to March

This month we will dig deeper into the meaning of Lent. Lent is the 40 days leading up to Easter and is treated as a time to reflect, repent, and prepare our hearts for the celebration of Easter and Christ's resurrection from the dead. We'll discuss the idea of fasting or giving something up for Lent, so that we have more room to pursue God in our lives. In essence, the fasting portion of Lent means removing something to make room for the one thing.

We have a couple of events planned for the month of March!

March 12th, 7pm

We will start Minecraft Fridays from 7 - 10 and use this platform as a way to reach out to the youth where they are! Our main focus for this is to provide a safe space for the kids to come together and socialize outside of our weekly Zoom meeting. Kickoff for this event is March 12th, and will continue each Friday.

March 28th - After Service

If weather permits, we will celebrate Palm Sunday and Easter with an outdoor Easter Egg Hunt, refreshments, crafts, and games. The Easter Egg Hunt that the Youth participate in will be much more difficult than the traditional Hunt!

Shelby Seymour

Youth Ministry Director



Sara Conley
Preschool Director



Our preschool has been busy this month! We have been spending a lot of time indoors, but we went outside and enjoyed a few nice days. After some snow days and very cold weather, we are very ready for spring to get here! Each of our classes celebrated Valentine's Day with special activities and a valentine exchange. Our Lions Class has been learning letters, practicing cutting skills, and making some great art projects. Our PreK Class has been conducting science experiments with ice, practicing letters, and introducing addition and subtraction concepts. Our Tigers Class has been learning about letter and numbers, in addition to activities for Valentine's Day and President's Day.

In a year that has had so many challenging moments, it brings so much joy to see our students continue to learn and grow, to thrive in the classroom. We are grateful to continue to be a warm, nurturing environment for our students and their families. A special thank you to the hard work of the Property Committee for their work to take care of the Chapel, parking lot, and sidewalks during the winter weather. They help make it safe for our students and families! Our program is so blessed by the support of the church! Thank you for the many ways you support our preschool!

Sara Conley

Greetings from the Music Director:

Beth Fler

I am filled with anticipation as I work with the soloists who are providing hymn music and specials for our recorded services. As many of us receive our Vaccine for Covid, I realize that the possibility exists that the Chancel Choir may sing once again. As I go through the choir music, I do indeed miss singing some of the most wonderful and meaningful pieces of music written for choirs. On the plus side, I see and hear our soloists develop confidence and get stronger and braver as they sing for us. The real test will be when there are members of the congregation actually sitting before them and are present in the room.

While we continue to plan for recorded services, I am trying to use all the resources available. Of course, we have our traditional Hymnbook and the gray, Praise and Worship book. It has the more contemporary pieces. I also select from the Chalice Hymnal and get information from the Methodist Hymnal, the Presbyterian Hymnal and many selections from material on-line.

The thing I have enjoyed through this Covid experience is the meeting every Tuesday night with fellow church musicians. I believe I have mentioned it before, but it has been an invaluable resource. I have met on line many of the composers, and lyricists of today's church music. On Ash Wednesday, many of you heard Claudia Boosman sing, "Is There Mercy Still". I was so excited to tell Heather Sorenson, the arranger and Nicole Else, the lyricist, that their song would be sung in our church. They were very grateful and so was I.

I hope you will be joining us through the videos to see and hear what we have in store for this Lenten season and Holy week. As we relate to the key words of the Lenten study, I hope you will also see the relationship with the music. As always, thank you choir members for continuing to bring music to Longview Chapel.

Blessings, Beth