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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

March 9:00 a.m. & 11 a.m.
Easter Sunday 7:30 a.m. & 10 a.m.
April—September 10 a.m.

(1st Sunday Communion)

The Prayer Chapel opposite the Sanctuary is always available for private prayer, meditation, and communion with consecrated wafers. During the week, please enter through the Chapel Office.

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- Support the Longboat Island Chapel via the "donate" button on our homepage at www.longboatislandchapel.org. This may be a one-time, or ongoing contribution, whichever you prefer!

These needed funds will be used for the Chapel's ongoing operating expenses. Thank you for your consideration!

Longboat Island Chapel

Chapeletter

March—May
Spring 2021



Getting to Know You

In the classic Rodgers and Hammerstein stage and film musical, *The King and I*, starring Deborah Kerr and Yul Brynner, Deborah (portraying Anna Leonkows, a British widow who came to Siam to teach English to the children of King Mongkat) sings the beautiful song "Getting to Know You" to the children. She tells them, "Haven't you noticed, suddenly I'm bright and breezy, because of all the beautiful and new, things I'm learning about you, day by day." Akin to that song, we at the Chapel are getting to know our new Pastor Brock. In that capacity, he agreed to share some interesting, introspective and fun personal information about himself in this interview.



Rev. Brock Patterson

As a child, what did you want to be when you "grew up?"

As a boy, I thought I wanted to be in the armed services, probably the Air Force. I have a great respect and admiration for our military and, especially, The Greatest Generation.

What are some of the fondest memories from your childhood?

My fondest memories include hunting trips with my father and brothers. My dad was my best friend and remains the biggest influence in my life.

When did you first think about going into the ministry and how did you finally come to make that decision? Was it hard to change paths?

As a teenager, I sensed God's leading, though I didn't fully understand it. God used many people and situations to speak to me. Over time, I couldn't ignore that the thoughts and circumstances were clearly pointing me to a life of service and ministry to The LORD. In some regards, changing paths is "hard" because it is "different." However, taken in a lens of obedience and peace, following God's call is the easiest thing one can do.

Your fig preserves are delicious. What other things do you enjoy cooking?

I do enjoy cooking and I'm pretty capable around the kitchen. My favorites, though, include homemade salsa, homemade pizza (including homemade dough), and any smoked meats. Thanksgiving Dinner — with all the sides — is one of my specialties. Red Beans and Rice, Chicken and Dumplings, and my Pot Roast are also hard to beat!

What part of ministry do you most enjoy?

I most enjoy teaching and preaching God's Word. I feel most fulfilled when I know I have been obedient to God and when I can help people develop a closer relationship with the Lord.

What makes you laugh?

"Brock, I know you are busy, but..."

What are the challenges of taking time off and what do you enjoy doing?

Being "on call" 24/7, it is critical that all pastors protect their mind, body, and spirit. This is an unusual place for those in ministry. Sunday "Sabbath" is a day of total emotional, mental, and spiritual dedication. As a result, Sabbath opportunities can be difficult to locate because weekdays are often so busy. Saturdays are usually unavailable as Sabbath because of the need for worship preparation, and other special services that might be scheduled. When possible, for relaxation, I enjoy fishing and hunting and being outside somewhere. Longboat Island provides me with ample opportunities to move, stretch, and enjoy God's greatest work! Yes, when Sabbath is possible, there's no better place to be!

What are your hopes for this new calling at Longboat Island Chapel?

I hope to serve The Lord faithfully and obediently by remaining true to God's leading, commands, and teachings. If I am able to guide Longboat in obedience to the LORD, I know that God will bless our ministry and the communities we serve.

What do you wish for yourself and others through the Lenten and Easter Season?

I'm praying that this Season brings a fresh, new experience of God's love and grace. Through the Church, God has provided us with an opportunity to give back in ways that we haven't until now. As we complete Lent and move through the Easter Season, I pray that the Chapel people will be drawn unto the LORD and discover new ways to serve God and others. Through the Holy Spirit, we can become the best we can be, all for God's glory!

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**Mark Your Calendars
ONGOING PROGRAMS**

WEEKLY FOR FALL

Mondays

9 a.m. - 1 p.m. The Lord's Warehouse Thrift Shop

Wednesdays

9 a.m. - 1 p.m. The Lord's Warehouse Thrift Shop

Thursdays

10 - 11:30 a.m. Shifting Sands Support Group
in the Vince Carroll Room

Saturdays

9 a.m. - 1 p.m. The Lord's Warehouse Thrift Shop

MONTHLY

Second Monday

12:00 p.m. Chapel Book Club at the Lazy Lobster

Third Thursday

10 a.m. Board of Trustees Meeting

First Saturday November through May

9:30 - 11:30 a.m. Grounds Grooming Group meets
at front entrance, with Going Dutch Lunch afterwards

Birthdays this March:

- 1 Gordon Lyons
- 3 Marv Herpel
- 4 Tom Reese
- 12 John Chalmers
Michael Russell
- 14 Ruth Bridgewater
- 15 Cindy Kuehnel
- 18 Martha Miller
- 19 Laurie Shuttleworth
- 20 Hemma Fraser

Birthdays this April:

- 3 Liz Yerkes
- 5 Linda Dias
- 6 Marlies Black
- 7 Valarie Evanko
- 9 Lavern Mikesell
- 13 Alan Ackerman
- 15 Larry Steagall
- 17 Jim Whitman
- 19 William Riggert
- 22 Barbara Gusie
- 25 Cynthia Barnette
- 26 Betty Rieger
- 27 Sue Allen
Claire Skerrett
- 29 Bruce Schaefer

Birthdays this May:

- 1 Greg Fiore
- 7 Michelle Giannico
- 8 Pat Lancaster
- 11 Terri Noyes
- 14 Bill Evanko
- 15 Judy Achre
- 16 Charles Shook
- 20 Janet Jason
- 22 Janice Stone
- 25 Donna Brown
- 27 Vicki Lyons
- 28 Christine Kennedy
- 31 June Hessel

Anniversaries this March:

- 7 Bill and Valarie Evanko
- 9 Vincent and Marlene Carroll
- 15 Dale and Diane Andrews
- 26 Tom and Sue Reese

Anniversaries this April:

- 7 Tom and Michelle Giannico

Anniversaries this May:

- 11 John and Deborah Chalmers
- 21 Dick and Mardene Eichhorn
Herman and Carol Kruegle

Anniversaries this March:

- 23 Bill and Bah Friederich
- 28 David and Cynthia Barnette
- 31 Bob and Joyce Mazurek

Rest in Peace:

- 9/30/20 Carol Murphy
- 1/8/21 Jerome Bruce Kelley
- 1/28/21 Alma Cockerham
- 2/2021 Suzette Keenan
- 2/21/21 Dr. Stephen Schroeder
- 3/3/21 Lynda Brill

Chapel Membership



Carol Peschel
Membership Chair

Just as our beautiful Friendship Garden is coming into bloom as Spring approaches, likewise, inside the Chapel, our congregation has begun to "blossom". Now that we are offering two services every Sunday it seems that not only more and more of our regulars are feeling comfortable coming inside to smile and wink behind our masks at old friends, but there appears to be new faces almost every week to greet. Many have expressed interest in becoming part of our Chapel family!

For the first time since February of 2020 we have added two new members with more to come. We are also hosting new "Discovery" classes. A warm welcome goes out to Pat Lancaster who joined on Valentine's Sunday and also to Renee Lynch who became a member February 28th. Welcome to our Chapel family! I hope to have many more names to add to our growing membership list in the next issues of the Chapeline and Chapeletter!

NATURE TALKS AND WALKS FOR EARTH DAY
THURSDAY, APRIL 22, 11 A.M. - 4 P.M.
AT LONGBOAT ISLAND CHAPEL
6200 GULF OF MEXICO DR., LONGBOAT KEY

MASKS REQUIRED

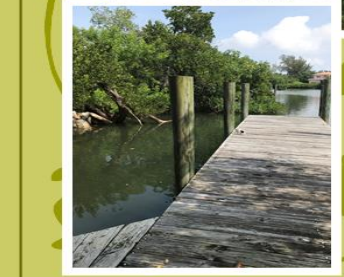
SELF-WALKS THRU FRIENDSHIP GARDEN
PLANT MARKERS FROM
MANATEE RIVER GARDEN CLUB

GUIDED BAY WALKS
WITH MOTE EVERY HOUR
MEET AT THEIR EXHIBIT

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS INSIDE BUILDING
MARIE SELBY
BOTANICAL GARDENS
1:00-1:45 P.M.

CONSERVATION FDN. OF THE GULF COAST
2:00-2:45 P.M.

TALKS AT THE GARDEN'S GAZEBO
EVERY HALF-HOUR
11 A.M.-1 P.M., 3-4 P.M.



LONGBOAT ISLAND CHAPEL CAMPUS HAS
5.5 ACRES OF ATTRACTIVE LANDSCAPING
MORE THAN 100 PARKING SPACES
BEAUTIFUL FRIENDSHIP GARDEN
BOAT DOCK ON SARASOTA BAY

EXHIBITORS IN GARDEN

- ♦ Clearwater Marine Aquarium
- ♦ Conservation Fdn. of the Gulf Coast
- ♦ Florida Forest Service
- ♦ Florida Fish & Wildlife Comm.
- ♦ Keep Manatee Beautiful
- ♦ Longboat Key Garden Club
- ♦ Longboat Key Turtle Watch
- ♦ Mote Marine Laboratory
- ♦ Sarasota Bay Estuary Program
- ♦ Save Our Seabirds

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MARCH 24th

A "St. Johns Rivership Luncheon Cruise" in Sanford is on Tuesday, March 24th. Motor coach transportation provided from Longboat Island Chapel. Narrated cruise, chef prepared entrée and live entertainment. Cost is \$129 per person with check or money order made payable to Tours4you. Please contact Valarie Evanko at (330) 806-2351 or (330) 975-4498.



APRIL 9th & 10th

The Revival Project Committee is hosting a "Blood and Food Drive" on Friday, April 9th from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Saturday, April 10th from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Please bring nonperishable food items. SunCoast Blood Bank will be present both days, if you would like to be a donor.

APRIL 12th

The next meeting of the Chapel Book Club will be on Monday, April 12th in the gazebo of the Chapel's Friendship Garden at noon. A catered lunch will be provided including brie and fruit plate, tossed salad, Texas toast, chicken fettuccine, lemon squares and ice tea. Cost is \$12. White wine is extra. The book we will be discussing is *Perfect Match* by Jodi Picoult. Please sign up in Shook Fellowship Hall or email Judy Achre at paulandjudy@gmail.com.



APRIL 14th

The next "Lunch in the Garden" is at noon on Wednesday, April 14th. Please join us for a three-course Italian lunch in the Friendship Garden's gazebo. Good food and fellowship with a maximum of 12 people. Bring a friend! The signup sheet will be in the Shook Fellowship Hall. If you have questions, please call Valarie Evanko 330-806-2351. Donations are appreciated.



Refine and Revive, our Lenten theme at the Chapel for 2021, will continue until Easter. The journey includes daily devotions, special sermon themes, daily and weekly challenges, and special worship additions that can engage everyone, both in-person and online.

Are you connecting with us? Follow us on Facebook, or, if you prefer, receive the devotions and challenges by email. Also, don't forget about our Sunday Challenge of bringing \$1 to worship every Sunday. It's never too late to begin! These Lenten challenges can make a difference, no matter when you choose to start!



A new study will begin in May, but this study will also include an exclusive online version for our online viewers and snowbirds. By making the class available just for you, it will allow Rev. Brock the opportunity to better interact

with our online participants. If you are a snowbird and you are flying back north next month, you can stay connected to the Chapel. Online studies and worship are the perfect way to make it happen through the sermon until you return in the Fall!

Blessings to Gordon Govalet and Judith Garland who wed on November 21, 2020 at the Chapel. Photographs are courtesy of Michele Sutherland.



Join us for Holy Week Services



Palm Sunday Service

March 28th, 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Good Friday Service

April 2nd, 5:30 p.m.

Easter Sunrise Service in the Garden

April 4th, 7:30 a.m.

Easter Service in the Sanctuary

April 4th, 10:00 a.m.

Reach Out and Touch Someone



Lesley Rife

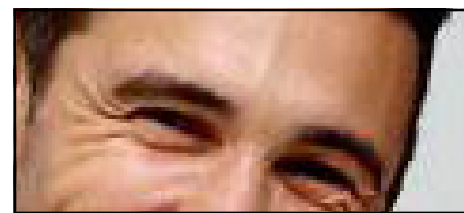
Do you remember the 70's hit song by Dianna Ross, "Reach Out and Touch Somebody's Hand"? That was 50 years ago. Our lives in 2021 do not even closely resemble that song. But the second line of the song says "Make the world a better place if you can." Now that's something we CAN do. And we can start right here at home, at the Chapel.

Each week we have visitors come as our guests to worship, to see warm eyes above our masks and to hear a friendly, welcoming voice. Of course, we can't touch somebody's hand but our voice, our eyes and our body language will send a powerful message. Many may come to worship and leave but, for others, this is their only safe outing all week. And they are missing being with others; they are lonely. Others may be looking for a new church home or returning to church for the first time in a very long time. Some are feeling God's nudging, His voice for the first time in their lives. For short term visitors to the island they, like the others, want to worship and hear Pastor Brock's message. They also have a desire to feel God's presence through this beautiful island and our people.

Did you know that we are in the midst of planning a gathering for people interested in being part of the Chapel? We have almost 12 people who have visited the Chapel repeatedly and are eager to know more about us. We have done an excellent job in making these people feel welcome, and we have to keep up the friendliness and welcoming words. We have new guests each week.



These visitors are our guests in the Lord's house. We want them to truly feel the first line of our statement of faith, "Love is the doctrine of this church." Pastor Brock and all the ushers and greeters are doing all they can to welcome unfamiliar faces (not an easy task from behind a mask). Now it's our turn to take up this mantle. Each of us needs to be a greeter before and after the services. If you see unfamiliar eyes, step up to the person(s) and ask if they are visiting. You have permission to use any excuse for not knowing who they are. How about "I don't think we've met and these darn masks don't make it any easier." Or, "We have people in and out so much with COVID, but I'm thinking I haven't met you before." I often use the words, "I'm kind of new here, so I don't think we've met." A good follow-up is "Is this your first visit?" If they happen to be someone who has been here a few times, ask them if they would like Carol Peschel (our membership guru at the Welcome Center) to make them a name badge. If it is after service, gently urge them to let you walk outside with them to meet Pastor Brock. And, always tell them how happy we are that they came and to please come back!



It only takes a minute. Don't be afraid just because everyone is wearing a mask. We are all experiencing the same feelings.

In God's house we all are greeters. Join the team. We need each person to "reach out and touch someone" with a smile and welcoming words. Don't let COVID stop us from doing the work God has set us to do. YOU are exactly why we are known as "The Friendliest Church on the Island".



If you are an Amazon shopper, please pay attention! Amazon will donate a percentage of each qualifying purchase to an organization of your choice. Longboat Island Chapel is now registered with Amazon, and if you will select the Chapel as your preferred organization, Amazon will donate a percentage to the Chapel. This is free money for the Chapel, so

please, register today! We have already received our first donation! Although small, we hope it will grow as more members register their purchases.

Instructions for Amazon Smile: Log into your Amazon account as normal. In the Amazon search bar, search for Amazon Smile. When you are asked to select a charitable organization, search for "Longboat Island Chapel". Select the Chapel from the list and you are finished. Then, each time you shop on Amazon, always begin by searching for "Amazon Smile" in the search bar. When you do this, it automatically triggers your donation to the Chapel. Then, shop as normal! Please help the Chapel by registering for Amazon Smile!



Reverend Brock
Senior Minister

Traffic Tantrums? Hardly!

Upon my arrival on Longboat Key in November of last year, I was repeatedly warned that the traffic “during the Season” on the island was really bad. Not having personally experienced it, I just let the information slide. That is, until recently. Apparently, the pandemic is not frightening anyone away from the beaches in 2021!

Recently, I drove to pick up a pizza that normally takes me about thirty minutes, round trip. However, this was about to be my first taste of “in-season” traffic. Instead of the trip taking just thirty minutes, it took me a full hour and a half to arrive back home! While driving (or, I should say, while sitting in traffic), I considered calling the pizza place, paying for the pizza, and then just telling them to donate the pizza to someone in need. I didn’t want to wait in the traffic. However, because I had been warned many times, I decided to stick it out, just so that I could say I did it.

On the Sunday that followed, several Chapel folks commented that it took them an hour and a half to get to the Chapel from Bradenton on Sunday morning. I’ve also heard some of them comment that they were going to start attending the early service to reduce traffic time. That’s a smart compromise: The traffic is nuts! However, it’s not all bad. The traffic is an indication that

people are beginning to feel better and more secure about their favorite spots. Believe it or not, increased traffic is one of the first signs of an improved retail economy. Even though we still have a long way to go, the traffic means that jobs, household income, and retail sales are improving. This also means that church attendance could also potentially increase!

This is our opportunity to share God’s blessings with other people! Let’s be aware of folks that are new and let’s make an effort to get to know them. If people are looking for a place to worship, make friends, and feel secure, we can provide curbside delivery! Let’s go, Chapel!



MiMi Horwitz
Pastoral Care Assistant

Getting Unstuck

I don’t know about you, but for the past year or so, I’ve been feeling progressively STUCK in my condo; staying away from neighbors and friends; missing out on the fun and laughs we’ve shared for so many years...in order not to get COVID from or give it to anyone; waiting impatiently for the call to get vaccinated, etc.

What’s happened to our beloved “United” States? Why the civil unrest, the anger, divisiveness, and declining unity? What happened to “E Pluribus Unum”= Out of Many One? So, here I am, praying for our nation to heal as we face extreme, unbelievable challenges. I’m pondering what I/you/we can do to return to unity and trust? It’s not fun being stuck!

I’ve been advised to give up watching and listening to any and all news; to pray and meditate; to read only fun, happy stuff, et.al. I have to admit that watching “Hallmark movies and mysteries”, “Everyone Loves Raymond” and “Keeping Up Appearances” has helped. But, never did I ever think that I would become a real couch potato! Oh, to be able to make pastoral visits once again!

Finally, I got a revelation. Get up and move to my bookcase and look for spiritual/religious literature on the basic tenets of theologians, prophets and religions. Do the same thing on Google. What a treat to be doing something worthwhile! One reference (author not found) wrote: “ The basic ethical practices of Judaism adhere to being just, speaking the truth, promoting peace, treating others with kindness and respect, being humble, refraining from negative speech and being charitable. Rabbi Marc Kline, Monmouth Reform Temple, wrote: “The prophet teaches ‘Not by force, nor by power, but only by a shared Spirit will we live in peace’.” The above quoted teachings sound synonymous to the teachings of Jesus, don’t they? It seems to me that the Affirmation we recite together every Sunday, summarizes what we are meant to be.

I confess that by focusing on the sermons we have heard, and the information gleaned from reading, are getting me “unstuck”. I’ve learned loads of life lessons this past year. I pray that our universe will mean what it says, One Song/Verse. Let’s sing together with One Voice. A Chapel member shared very timely words of wisdom with me: “Stay positive. Test negative.”

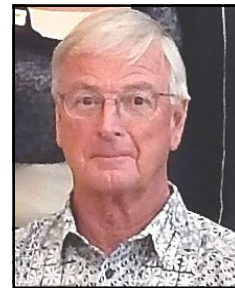
Meet Our New Music Director

Hello, Chapel family! What an incredible difference a month in God's hands can make! I had never heard of Longboat Island Chapel prior to Rev. Brock calling me a little over a month ago. Now I am thrilled to be worshipping with you! Thank you for the warm and kind reception you have given me and my family. You are practicing the love you profess and I feel right at home. I look forward to seeing God working in me and us!



Maurice Overholt
Music Director

To share a little about me, I must tell you that I often get the question, "What kind of music do you enjoy?" Also, "Do you have a favorite song or piece?" We can learn a lot about someone from their music preferences. If you were to ask me what kind of music I enjoy, I would probably say, "Most kinds of music." My tastes change often and emulate my mood at the time. One day I will be thoughtful and contemplative while listening to classical music, and the next I will be celebrating and charging into the next adventure as I turn up the bass for some dance music. What about you? What kind of music do you enjoy, and what do your preferences say about you?



Richard Engel
Board President

Annual Meeting Follow-up

Fellow Members, I am writing this following the Annual Meeting to ensure no unanticipated events have caused me to be erroneous in my reporting or thoughts. The 2021 Budget was approved with the knowledge that we continue to be challenged on the revenue side of the ledger. The three Board of Trustee positions that were open were retained by the Board members currently in place, Tom Giannico, Peggy Lammers and

Kate Nothacker. I personally thank them for their continued dedication to the Chapel. The meeting was held on February 28th between services and did not affect the start time of the second service. Thank you to all who attended and helped make efficient use of the time allotted to this important meeting.

Maurice Overholt, our new Music Director, provided great music at his first service today. He deservedly received a warm welcome from the congregation, and we look forward to his future contributions to our services.

The project to improve the acoustics in Shook Fellowship Hall was approved by the Board in February. Greg Fiore did a great job presenting his findings and recommendations to us. He will now work with the Interior Decorating Committee to select acoustic panel design, color and placement in order to have a pleasant looking and functional installation. With the increased use of this area during COVID times, this will be a most welcome improvement.

I am encouraged by the increasing interest of new potential members for our Chapel. You all deserve much of the credit by introducing them to the Chapel, making them feel welcome and staying in touch so they do not feel abandoned. Great work! There is an exciting new energy at the Chapel that will ensure that it continues to thrive and grow. Keep it up.

May God continue to bless Longboat Island Chapel.

Little Repairs Everywhere

Not unlike the best-selling book, *Little Fires Everywhere* by Celeste Ng and more recently a popular television miniseries, the Chapel could be characterized as “Little Repairs Everywhere”!

These repairs have kept both Jerry and me busy replacing all 23 walkway lightbulbs and the front door handles at The Lord’s Warehouse. We also attacked and resolved plumbing issues in two of the Chapel bathrooms. Next on the Spring waiting list is the completion of the Chapel pressure cleaning so we can start the season with a fresh new look and, finally, repairing the leak in the Shook Hall windows.



Richard “Sparky”
Pashkow Sr.
Buildings Chair

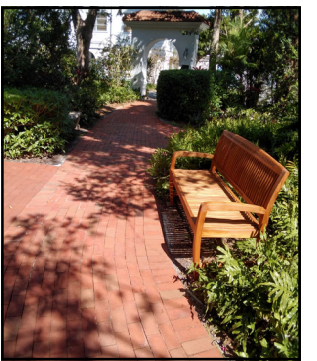
Good Stewards of Our Campus

Ingrid McClellan and Joan Partridge invite you to attend “Nature Talks and Walks for Earth Day” on Thursday, April 22nd. Details are on page 7. The first Earth Day was on April 22, 1970. It mobilized 20 million Americans requesting for increased environmental protection. In 2010, the Earth Day Network launched A Billion Acts of Green®, the Canopy Project, and engaged 75,000 global partners in 192 countries.

Locally, the Longboat Island Chapel is doing its part to be good stewards of our campus. This year started with a bang for the Grounds Committee!



In February, Seven Stars Clean & Seal Brick Pavers, LLC did brick paver repairs and maintenance for all of the front entrance and Friendship Garden. This paver work was paid with funds from purchases of Memorial Stones and Benches, and a donation from the Arnold Simonsen Family Charitable Fdn. Thank you David and Cari Aslan for your purchase of the new teak bench located near the garden’s archway.



Also in February, the Grounds Grooming Group enhanced the granite pathways by the boat docks. In March, they began spreading 20 tons of mulch! If you would like to join the Group, please contact Ingrid in the Chapel Office.



New grass was installed at the garden’s gazebo. In April, the tree canopy above the gazebo will be slightly pruned to let more sunlight in for the grass.