



ANNUAL REPORT 2022/2023

## President's Report 2022/23

### The Year of Ian

Our historic Chapel, parsonage and office/garage survived the wrath of Ian with amazingly little damage. The grounds and cemetery did have extensive destruction with downed trees and lost vegetation. Special thanks to Bob Johnson and his crew for leading Ian's restoration and repair efforts.

Pastor Larry recorded early season services from his home church in Ohio which were viewed on the chapel website/YouTube. Thanks to the Communications Committee headed by Chip Roach for leading this well attended effort, which comforted many in a time of need.

Larry and Rosie Marshall returned to Captiva to begin in person, outside services on January 29<sup>th</sup>, which were also broadcast live. We returned inside the renovated chapel on Palm Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, which also included a special re-dedication of the chapel building.

Marilyn Lewis, Karen Cox, and Nathalie Pyle were elected to the Board as the terms of Chip Roach, Ed Stringer, and Doreen Bolhuis have expired. We thank Chip, Ed and Doreen for their valuable service to the Chapel.

Nathalie Pyle has been elected as VP replacing Chip Roach. Melissa Calkin, Valerie Tutor, Mike Bennett, and I will continue respectively as Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, and President.

This season marks the end of Larry and Rosie Marshall's historic 4 years of pastoral leadership for the Chapel, marked by the challenges associated with Covid and Ian. We could not have been more blessed to have them during this time, wish them the very best, and will be forever grateful for their service.

Finally, a special thanks to all who contributed to our hurricane rebuild fund. The generosity of our congregation provided the resources to fund repairs, while simultaneously increasing our support for missions. The board is truly appreciative of all who volunteer and support the Captiva Chapel By the Sea.

## End of Year Pastor Report

April 2023

I think it appropriate to begin with a word of thanks. We certainly give thanks to everyone who had a hand in the restoration of Chapel by the Sea. After hurricane Ian passed directly overhead, we marveled that the church and parsonage were still standing. Then after a few weeks passed we realized that the floor of the sanctuary was damaged by sand & water and would need to be replaced. Now after three months the construction is near completion. This would not have been possible without the generous giving of both time and financial resources.

From our opening worship service on November 13, 2022 until Sunday January 22, 2023, an average of 100 persons/families worshiped virtually. Lynne Dugan, Chris Bright, Matt Tomek, and I worked together to make sure we were connected while being apart. We also continued the traditional Advent study and in December held a "Chapel Chat," via Zoom, which provided an avenue to share how we were managing through the storm. What a blessing it was to be joined by Dorothea Guenther who at 1 am in Germany joined in our dialogue.

In January it was decided that despite the ongoing restoration of homes, businesses, and churches, we would begin to worship live on Sunday January 29, 2023. There have been challenges, including red tide, wind, and above normal temperatures. Yet again people who love God and the Chapel responded. A large tent was purchased, which brought shade to approximately 100 worshippers. Bob Johnson even found a tent for the pastor.

Now we are looking forward to opening the doors of the Chapel again. That is important because the open door is really what describes who the Chapel is. We open the door of our hearts to all who may come our way. Certainly, God has blessed us even in the midst of all the messes of life. May we continue to keep opening our doors by sharing the love of Jesus to all. I think I can speak for Rosemary and myself when I say what a blessing it has been to serve everyone associated with Chapel by the Sea. We have tried to serve you well, especially during uncertain times. May God bless and keep you, may His face shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn His face toward you and give you peace. (Numbers 6: 24-26).

Rev Larry

# Captiva Chapel by the Sea

Finance Report 4/02/23

As of March 20, 2023, the Chapel has a strong financial position:

Our Investment account balances of nearly \$1.4 million and the bank balance of \$125,000 combine to give us roughly \$1.5 million in liquid assets.

Of this balance, we have ample cash available to pay future hurricane repairs and planned missions grants of about \$150,000.

Thus far in the fiscal year (since Ian) we have distributed \$75,000 to missions and roughly \$120,000 in hurricane repairs. We have received nearly \$200,000 in donations earmarked for recovery.

Between Hurricane relief and weekly plate donations, the Chapel Community has shown extraordinary generosity.

We project that cash on hand will be more than adequate to complete repairs, meet regular expenses, and provide additional grants for Missions.

## **Buildings and Grounds Projects – Annual Report for 2022-23**

### **Committee Members:**

Jake Miller, George Campean, Bob Johnson

The chapel, parsonage and garage/office buildings largely survived Ian intact. There was no evidence of storm surge into any building, except a small amount of water which came up through the floor of the chapel. A small area of soffit and siding was damaged on the south side of the parsonage. Bob Johnson and his team have opened the buildings to breathe and spent a couple days clearing downed trees and brush.

There was significant sand washed into the church grounds, and deep channels cut into our driveway. These ridges exposed buried pipes and conduit which was filled and leveled. Sand washed in and packed the floor trusses which required removal and replacement of the flooring, a 3-month project completed in March.

The exterior of all 3 buildings were pressure washed and re-painted the week of 1/16/23. The cemetery lost numerous trees and over a foot of sand covered many of the gravel site markers. Both the cemetery fence and the fence between the outside seating area and the Gulf of Mexico, were damaged and replaced. Many of the trees used to hang Christmas lights lost were lost in the storm. These will have to be replaced with 6 x 6-inch posts over the summer.

Horizon inspection services took air samples of all 3 buildings in early January. Air quality of all 3 buildings was found to contain significantly lower mold spore count than the outside air. The Chapel attic area and all the rafters and ground area were sprayed prior to installation of the plywood. Also, PVC pipes were laid under the flooring joists in strategic locations for easy installation of gas and power lines in the future.

In preparation for the first outside service, Bob Johnson and his crew cleared the remaining downed trees, removed all the sand from the yard and spread shells. They pressure washed the deck, cleaned the garage, and installed new cabinets and countertops for the first hospitality. A new refrigerator was purchased for the garage as well.

Thanks to Mike Boris for finding a great used canopy tent which worked perfect not only sun protection, but also seems to have great acoustics for singing

Chapel plywood flooring and alter floor structure were installed, followed by painting of the entire chapel interior. New flooring was then installed, and the pews were refurbished and re-painted before being put back into the chapel.

Special thanks for the wonderful assistance of Bob Dugan (Sound Guy!) working through the numerous sound and speaker challenges confronted during the reconstruction process.

Respectfully submitted,

Jake Miller

## Captiva Chapel by the Sea

### Missions and Outreach Committee 2023 Annual Meeting Report

Submitted by Kathy Knoblauch, Committee Chair

Committee Members: Susen Berg, Pat Boris, Larry Marshall, Nathalie Pyle, Nancy Roach, Lynne Campean, Kathy Knoblauch, Margie Bennett, Kris Ryckman, Ellen Sloan, and Marilyn Lewis

In November, 2022 the Chapel Board allocated \$50,000.00 to be used for Hurricane Ian relief. Checks were distributed to the following current agencies in December, 2022:

#### Hurricane Relief:

FISH of SanCap	\$10,000.00
Community Housing and Resources	\$10,000.00
Heights Center	\$6,000.00
Community Cooperative	\$6,000.00
South Fort Myers Food Pantry	\$6,000.00
Quality Life Center.	\$6,000.00
Dubin Center	\$6,000.00

The Board allocated \$50,000.00 for current agencies that the Chapel supports. Questionnaires were completed and in person visits were made. The distribution was divided into two parts: \$39,000.00 for the ten current agencies and \$11,000.00 for Scholarships

#### Current Agencies:

ECHO	\$3,500.00
Community Housing and Resources	\$2,400.00
The Heights Center	\$6,000.00
The Dubin Center	\$3,000.00
FISH of SanCap	\$6,600.00
South Fort Myers Food Pantry	\$3,500.00
The Quality Life Center	\$7,500.00
Community Cooperative	\$3,500.00
El Hogar	\$800.00
Trailways	\$1,000.00

#### Scholarships:

Florida Gulf Coast University (FGCU)	\$2,000.00
The Quality Life Center	\$3,000.00
The Heights Center	\$3,000.00
FISH of SanCap	\$3,000.00

The FGCU donation is used for tuition for two students (\$1,000.00 each.) Quality Life Center, The Heights Center and FISH of SanCap use this donation for financial assistance for their summer school programs.

Collections from two Food Pantry Sundays resulted in donations made to FISH of SanCap and South Food Myers Food Pantry in the amount of \$2,466 and 15 bags of non-perishable food. Thank you to attendees to the Sunday services on March 19 and 26, 2023.

A check for \$1,585.68 from the Missions contingency fund was donated to the Pine Manor Improvement Association to repair the irrigation system for their Community Garden that had been damaged from Hurricane Ian.

Missions

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In February, 2023 the Chapel Board chose to distribute an additional \$50,000.00 to support non-profit agencies in the local area. A list of possible agencies is being compiled by the Missions Committee and the Chapel Board. The agencies and donation amounts will be determined with checks being mailed upon completion of this work.

The Hurricane Ian relief, current agency donations, and scholarships were distributed with the purpose of serving the needs of people near and far with an emphasis on children, families, and seniors. I wish to acknowledge the Committee Members for their commitment, diligence, and sincere caring that they demonstrated in order to complete this important work.



## Captiva Chapel by the Sea A Place where God Lives

### Communications Committee annual report – Chair Chip Roach

Post hurricane activities on Sanibel & Captiva were halted. (**Ian 9/28/22**)

Larry's "home church" in Ohio was kind enough to allow him to preach and use their video services (and musician) for our "suspended" in-person time.

The Sundays from the start of our Chapel "season" in November until the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in January were "video-only". Several times, Larry and Rosie arranged the broadcasts live from their own home. Bless them, their church and all of our Chapel family for worship during that time.

Then as the recovery here was advancing and our ability to do "outside services" is legendary – the Marshalls suggested that they return to Captiva.

**First in-person** services were held January 29, 2022. Thanks to Larry and to Chris Bright of Bright Ideas Media who livestreamed the event from the Chapel Office.

**Attendance** has been around 100/week on line and 100/week in-person. Actual counts are in-person 874 and on line 2027.

We will end this season with over 2,500 online and maybe close to 2,000 in-person.

Let's celebrate that our Chapel worshippers can share in our services this way and have joined us this way, since that **Sunday in March 2020**, when Rosemary held up her iPhone, placed Pastor Larry at the palm trees and filmed his service and sermon that day.

**Our email outreach** is a remarkable 70% opening rate to our Friendly Faces email list...normal rates are in the teens. We would like to add you to that list, if you are so-inclined.

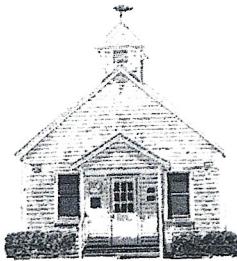
**Our web site** ([www.captivachapel.com](http://www.captivachapel.com)) is full of photos and narratives of each Sunday...

*more like a comic book than a novel is the design criteria.*

Click on the tab on the Home Page called FOR YOU, go to PHOTO ALBUMS and choose this year to get an in depth look at Sunday services.

Try a click on the choice for RECONSTRUCTION PROGRESS to see how the 120-year-old building has been repaired since the storm damaged our Chapel.

Bless all who joined us this year.



Captiva Chapel by the Sea

## **Captiva Chapel Annual Report April 2023**

### **Nominating Committee Report**

Committee members: Jake Miller, chair; Mike Bennett; Chip Roach; Ellen Sloan

### **2023-2024 Executive Committee**

President - Jake Miller

Vice President – Nathalie Pyle

Treasurer - Mike Bennett

Secretary- Melissa Calkin

Recording Secretary - Valerie Tutor

### **New Directors:**

Karen Cox, Marilyn Lewis, Nathalie Pyle

### **Class of 2023 - 24**

6<sup>th</sup> Mike Bennett

6<sup>th</sup> Jake Miller

2<sup>nd</sup> Doug Ryckman (filling 2 years of vacated term)

3<sup>rd</sup> Ellen Sloan

3<sup>rd</sup> Suseen Berg

### **Class of 2024 - 25**

5<sup>th</sup> Valerie Tutor

5<sup>th</sup> Stephanie Bissett

2<sup>nd</sup> Dennis Berry

2<sup>nd</sup> Kathy Knoblauch

### **Class of 2025-26**

1<sup>st</sup> Marilyn Lewis

1<sup>st</sup> Karen Cox

1<sup>st</sup> Nathalie Pyle

4<sup>th</sup> Missy Calkin

4<sup>th</sup> George Campean

4<sup>th</sup> Ken Jacobs