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Spiritual Growth Since 1969

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*The mission of the Aspen Chapel is to promote open and progressive theology, spiritual enrichment, and peace through interfaith engagement.*

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Chapel Newsletter – Spring, 2008

### Dear Friends of the Aspen Chapel,

In 1978, when I arrived, the annual income for the Aspen Chapel was about \$9,000. Today, 2008, exactly 30 years later, our annual income and budget is a little larger - about 50 times larger. Each year we have grown slowly, but surely, in programs, people and resources. Our fiscal year begins this June and we have set our sights on continued growth. *All we need now is your continued growth in giving.*

*As a chapel, we are progressive in our theology, creative in our programming, generous in our service, and conservative in our spending.* This coming year, we need to be more aggressive in our asking. We have little dreams and big dreams. We have little capital improvements to pay for and a big capital improvement to plan. We know what we have become over the past 30 years and we know what we can become in the next 30 years.

We realize that we are all facing the pressure and fears of economic, planetary and wartime woes. We as a church and human beings have made the choice to be proactive in our efforts to help those who are impacted by these threats. During these times, the natural reaction is to retreat, but *our goal is to reach out and do more.*

*Thank you* all for your generous gifts in the past, but now I ask you to even be more generous in our next fiscal year. Additional contributions to the Chapel to achieve our goals can come in so many different ways – whether it is 30 new 365 members, 30 new 1200 members, or an additional \$30 from all 800 supporting friends of the Chapel; *we are appreciative of all gifts to the Chapel.*

God Bless,

Gregg Anderson  
Chaplain



## Book Nook

Please come by the Book Nook in the main office of the Chapel and browse our selection of books, CD's, greeting & note cards, and gift items. We are always adding new things, so come often!

## Outreach Committee

The new outreach committee at Aspen Chapel was formed to better serve those in our community who are in need of some extra assistance. Our immediate goal is to create a list of volunteers who are willing to be called upon to help others when needed. This may include making a meal, stopping by for a visit, light house cleaning, sending a card, etc. Email a committee member to sign up, or pick up a form located in the pews at Aspen Chapel. If you know anyone who could benefit from our assistance, please fill out a form also located in the pews in the Aspen Chapel.

Thank you.

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### In Kind Donations

Bob Albright	Carolyn Glah
Aspen Snow Removal	Shirley Henly
Barbara Bloemsma	Jane Jenkins
Julie Bolz	Eva Lemley
Michael Bonds	Cathy Markle
Judy Boyd	Hensley Peterson
Geri Broeking	Lexie Potamkin
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Save the Date!  
The annual Benefit Brunch tentatively is scheduled for Sunday, August 24th. More information to follow!



Administrative Board member Alice Davis with husband Glenn Horn



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## Looking to the Future!

As I reflect on three years as board chair of the Aspen Chapel, I am indebted to the staff here. Unlike any other organization I've worked in, the Aspen Chapel attracts empowered people who each bring their own unique gifts to bear on their program. Gregg has shown me how good humor and constant attention to people's needs produces powerful experiences at any gathering, from worship services to board meetings. Susan's talents as a musician are matched by her extraordinary ability to attract others to perform with her. They share their gifts for music and in the process provide an opening for spiritual enlightenment for all of us. Elaine is passionate about the potential of children to change the world for the better, and the breadth of opportunities youth have to engage in the local community reflects that passion. Tom's "eye" and talents as a lighting and stage set designer make our special worship services and our numerous gallery shows delightful to view and to experience. And then there is Jeannie, whom without the Chapel would not run! All of the operations, from phone to financials all have the benefit of Jeannie's capable hand and endless good spirits.



Retiring Administrative Board chair Virginia Newton, Youth Director Elaine Bonds and daughter Emily enjoy the festivities at the Advent Potluck dinner

Each of these staff members, in turn, attracts additional staff and volunteers, including me. It all adds up to a happy place to be for visitor or regular alike.

As I move out of the board chair role, I look forward to getting involved with the Capital Improvement Committee. We will plan improvements to the physical spaces of our 40 year old building to insure we can continue to meet the needs of our community for the next 40 years. I trust you will all lend a hand, in time or financial support, or both, as the possibilities for a renewed chapel building emerge.

## Mark Your Calendars

Worship Services  
Weekly Worship at 9:30am  
We will send email updates

Art Gallery  
FRESH PERSPECTIVES  
June 11 – July 20  
Opening: June 11, 5-7pm

THE LAST PICTURE SHOW  
July 23 – September 7  
Opening: July 23, 5-7pm

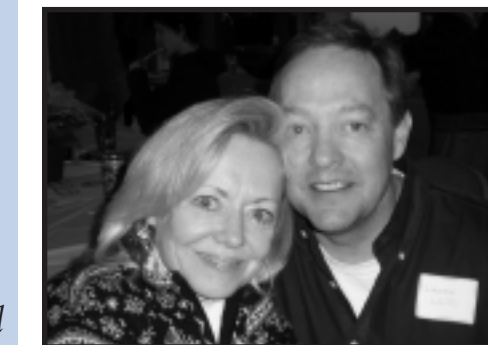
PHOTOGRAPHY  
September 10 - October 19  
Opening: September 10, 5-7pm

Benefit Brunch  
August 24

Music  
Bach Cantata  
July 27, 9:30 am

Messiaen  
Aspen Music Festival Concert  
August 2, 2:00 pm  
Performed by Susan Nicholson,  
organist

Both events will be held at the Chapel  
Free Admission



Trustee Board co-chair, Sheila Wills and husband Lawson prepare to sing Christmas carols



Three generations of the Owen family: Kevin, Carolyn, Ray, Austin, Alex and Barbara

Dec 1, 2007 through May 31, 2008

## Weddings

Judy Steele & Derek Clark  
 Elesha Relyea & David Kinn  
 Laura Quinby & Jack Moeding  
 Barbara Ann & Bruce Gray  
 Joan Teige & Jeff Vanderpol  
 Ashley Harder & Michael Connolly  
 Katherine Abbas & Patrick Moloney  
 Nicole Benz & Jed Clark (renewal of vows)  
 Pauline Moran & Dennis Kavanagh  
 Shannon Faber & Mark Betts  
 Bruce Jordan & Dianne Hippensteel

## Baptisms

Deacon James Johnson  
 Taylor Emerson Rubinstein  
 Leo Anthony Rodriguez, Jr.  
 Jackson Robert Rumbaugh  
 Payton Leigh Rubach

## Memorials

Martha Jane Suits  
 Nurishah Al-Raschid  
 Marcus Finkle  
 Debbie Greenberg  
 Anthony Mikus  
 Orazio "Roz" Goffredo  
 Philip Bradford

## Gallery News

R. Thomas Ward, Art Gallery Director

### Aspen Chapel Gallery Summer, 2008

After a great winter season, the Aspen Chapel Gallery is ready for the summer. The openings of the summer shown are from 5 – 7 pm, or stop by any day from 10 – 5.

#### FRESH PERSPECTIVES

June 11 – July 20  
 Curator Kathy Honea

The artists are Kathy Honea, Bill Gruenberg, Alicia Matesanz de las Heras, Brad Reed Nelson, Susan Olsen, Marina Romanov, Melanie Rothko, Jessica Salet, Lloyd Schermer, and Marty Schlein

#### THE LAST PICTURE SHOW

July 23 – Sept 7  
 Directed by Connie Madsen. This will be the 28th and last show by Curator Connie Madsen.

Starring artists are Eric Auer, Joan Engler, Sistic Fischer, Judy Hancock, Arvia Johnson, Linda Loesch, Anstis Lundy, Laurie McBride, Cornelia Madsen, Virginia Morrow, Ruth Stone, Sue Binkley Tatem, and Georgann Waggaman

#### PHOTOGRAPHY

September 10 – October 19  
 Open to all photographers.  
 If interested in participating, please contact MarySue Bonetti at 925-9202.

#### COMING UP!

**BIG 'N BOLD**  
 large works, Curator Jennifer Ghormley

Our annual  
**SMALL WONDERS**  
 December 3 – Jan 4  
 Curator Sandy Johnson

28 artists with works one foot or smaller and all priced under \$300

## Music News

Susan Nicholson, Music Director

The Summer is upon us and the Aspen Music Festival's students will join us each Sunday to share their talents. It is always a wonderful musical time of year. This past Winter and Spring had some truly memorable moments. Our Handel concert in April was a huge success and Easter was equally thrilling. The choir keeps getting better and better and our Sunday morning music program has also been uplifting.

This year our Bach Cantata will be on July 27 at 9:30 am. We will sorely miss our dear friend Rev. Dr. Thomas Troeger officiating for us. After 15 years of collaborating with us, and a major move to Yale, it was just too much for he and his wife to make the trip to Aspen. As sad as that is, we are not forgoing this wonderful tradition. Our esteemed conductor Steve Finch will say a few words about the Cantata and the Chapel choir and music festival orchestra will perform Cantata 192, Nun Danket Alle Gott.

The following Saturday, August 2 at 2:00 PM I will be performing a concert of the works of Olivier Messiaen as part of the Aspen Music Festivals tribute to Messiaen's 100th birthday. The selection will be the suite La Nativite, a mystical and moving work that even those afraid of modern music will enjoy! I hope to see you at all of our musical events.

**Ducky Derby  
 is coming.**

**Ducks are on Sale Now!**

Be sure and buy your lucky ducks from us which benefits the Aspen Chapel Youth Program.

If you won't be at the Aspen Chapel to purchase one, you may email Elaine at [ejb@sopris.net](mailto:ejb@sopris.net).

## Youth News

Elaine Bonds, Youth Education Director

### Happy Summer! Tuesday School & Sunday School

Our Tuesday School session concluded with five girls, all of whom have attended the program since they were small, confirmed by Gregg Anderson.

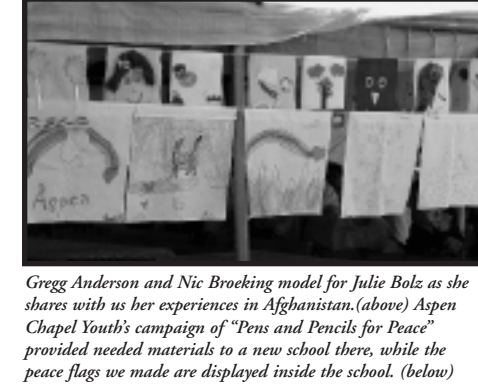


Congratulations to our senior confirmation class!

They include Annie Graber, Megan Graber, Britt Hopkins, Leighanne Jenkins, and Jacqueline Jones. Congratulation to them all! The other highlight of our Student Recognition Day was our play, "Old Turtle", directed by Sarah Stevens. It is a sweet story with a great message, and the children were wonderful actors. We will resume Tuesday School once again in the fall. Our teachers this year, Barbara Bloemsma, Karen Gerbaz, Judy Boyd, Sarah Stevens and Gregg Anderson did a fabulous job of sharing the theme of "Spirit and Nature" with all the children. Collen Burrows and Carolyn Glah assisted us by working each week with some senior citizens in the valley, and taking students up to Castle Creek Terraces each week. We were also fortunate to have two high school students teaching with us, Tess Stevens and Leanna Bonds, who were both enthusiastic and fun additions to the program. We also continue to offer Sunday School each week, with a variety of lessons for nursery and older children. Simone Franklin, Nic Broeking, Tess Stevens and Leanna Bonds are some of the high school students who help with Sunday School and add to its success.

### Shoah Service (Holocaust Remembrance)

Our fifth annual joint Shoah service with the Jewish congregation at Aspen Chapel was very special. Many children and adults from both congregations participated, and Sarah Stevens sang along with a student choir. It was a touching and meaningful service. While we memorialized the people who were killed in this tragic time, we also made a vow – "Never Again, Not On Our Watch". Rabbi Laurie Green led a campaign to raise money to purchase solar cookers to help protect woman and girls in Darfur, Sudan from violence and provide them with some income. A \$30.00 donation provides one family in a refugee camp with two solar cookers, training, and two potholders. We are now accepting donations at Aspen Chapel, and checks should be made to: Jewish World Watch.



Gregg Anderson and Nic Broeking model for Julie Bolz as she shares with us her experiences in Afghanistan. (above) Aspen Chapel Youth's campaign of "Pens and Pencils for Peace" provided needed materials to a new school there, while the peace flags we made are displayed inside the school. (below)

### Bless Me, Ultima

The Big Read, sponsored by Aspen Writers Foundation and The National Endowment for the Arts with the Institute of Museum and Library Services and in cooperation with Arts Midwest, included the novel Bless Me, Ultima by Rudolfo Anaya. Many high

school students were required to attend one presentation or discussion offered in the valley during the Big Read. Gregg Anderson offered a discussion group for high school students based on some of the religious implications of the book. We were pleasantly surprised to have around 100 students attend, and quickly moved the meeting from Greg's office into the sanctuary!



"Kids for Kids" high school members

### Kids for Kids

The high school group, "Kids for Kids", is continuing to help kids in this valley, as well as kids around the world. They recently voted to help a local child acquire a computer and lessons on how to use it, the "Kids for Kids" students are shopping for items that will be used for families in the valley who are undergoing cancer treatments, and they hope to buy some computers for a recently built girl's school in Afghanistan. Please look for their fundraisers coming up soon. They are also accepting any donations toward their fund, and feel free to contact them if you know of a child in need of assistance. Thank you.

### High School Scholarships

This year, we are excited to announce that we have given three scholarships from the Aspen Chapel to students graduating from Aspen High School. Our recipients this year include Taylor Preusch, Sam Coffey, and Cleo Abramian. Congratulations to these three incredible young people! These scholarships were made possible by the donations of many people in our community, and Aspen Chapel is always accepting donations for this program. Thank you.

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