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*The Aspen Chapel exists to proclaim one
 God universal, to enhance the spiritual life
 of people and to promote peace and
 harmony throughout the world.*

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Dear Friends of the Aspen Chapel,

While staring at a blank page on my computer, thinking of something really creative to write to grab your attention to our annual Christmas fund raising letter, my attention turns to an evening news report on ABC entitled 20/20 with reporter John Stossel. Lo and behold, it is a story about charity in America.

Essentially, voluntarism and generosity abound in America. In fact, charitable contributions given by individuals surpasses aid given by the United States government. Most interesting, the report clarified that **charity helps the giver as much as the receiver.** John Stossel reiterated the truth that it is, indeed, **“more blessed to give than to receive.”** One person emphasized that **“Giving time and money simply makes us better people.”** Based on other testimonies, John stated that **“Philanthropy is good for your health.”** In a last segment about a church, John concluded that statistics demonstrate that **people who are spiritual or related to a church give substantially more than others.** This should not be surprising, but it is good to hear it affirmed.

You are receiving this letter because you are part of this gracious group and have already been generous to the Chapel in the past. **We are most appreciative of this and it is why the Chapel is stronger in programming, participation, effectiveness and finances.**

So now, while nurturing all our programs, we are **setting our sights on capital improvements and expansion** and seeking a financial foundation to move forward toward this goal which will only enable us to serve even more people than we are today. The spiritual needs always seem to be more than we can always fulfill, but we **keep on giving because of your giving.** Thank you for your generosity to the Chapel this season of kindness and charity.

God Bless,

Gregg Anderson
 Chaplain

PS. We welcome gifts of appreciated stock.
 Please call Jeannie for more information.

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!*



Cathy Markle & Jazz All Stars

*Model A Ford for sale, donated to the Chapel by
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The Chapel's annual Benefit Brunch was a tremendous success thanks to your generosity and participation. We would like to thank John & Patsy Shields for not only opening their home to us but also their hearts.



David Ratcliff, Harriette Thompson, Benefit Chair, Betsy Ratcliff, Jane Jenkins



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Mark Your Calendars

Youth Education
 Senior Buddy Program
 Begins in January

Wisdom School
 Seminar with Lynn Bauman
 January 12 & 15 9-12

Speaker for Tuesday School
 Julia Bolz – Christian Missionary
 working in Afganastan
 January 16

Meditations on the Tarot
 Jan 30, Jan 31 & Feb 3

The Wisdom of the Desert
 March 5-9

Music of the Mystics
 In association with the
 Wisdom School
 Sunday, March 11 at 7:30

Youth Education
 Student Recognition Day
 April 29

Holocaust
 Remembrance Day
 To be determined

Worship Schedule to be Determined
 - we will send email notification



Tom Anderson, Catherine Garland, Gregg Anderson, Carolyn Eitbridge

Weddings

Neisha Bilawsky & Erik Weiseth

Sandra Manly & John Levy

Jennifer Stout & Robert Stout

(renewal of vows)

Jean Cozart & Ken Lovelace

Jessica Clements & Jason Dewees

Karen Hoover & Geoffrey Levy

Linda Winkler & Sunil Nath

Vicki Johnson & John Hanses

Nancy Smith & Bob Still

Tanya Simpson & Kutcher Miller

Kathleen Libman & Jon Libman

(renewal of vows)

Neva Johnson & Jeffrey Hundley

Ashley Spracher & Chris Bogart

Andrea Richman & Travis Beard

Robyn Collins & Paul Berg

Ashley McQuiller & Tom Washmon

Katie Bartel & David Fitzgerald

Denise Theodos & Joshua Guzzetti

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Baptisms

Braden Joseph Scott

Henry Owen Batson

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Benjamin William Diedrich

Edwin O'Brien Ryerson

Adelaide Brown Ryerson

Malcom Tyler Ward

William Treven Ward

Memorials

Willard Charles Clapper

Cath Cummins

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Gallery News

R. Thomas Ward, Art Gallery Director

Aspen Chapel Gallery

Winter, 2007

ROARING FORK VALLEY

QUILTERS

Nov 15 – Jan 7, 2007

Curator Sandy Boyd

BRUSHMARKS V OIL, ACRYLIC & SOFT PASTELS

Jan 10 – Feb 18

Curators Jennine Hough & Jan Grenda

CONTEMPORARY ART

Feb 21 – April 1

Curator Shelley Bogaert

MIXED MEDIA

April 4 – May 13

Curator Kathy Honea

ASPEN HIGH SCHOOL

May 16 - June 3

Coordinated by AHS Art Department
instructors Barbara Smith & Marti Cyrus

PHOTOGRAPHY

June 6 – July 15

Curator Mary Sue Bonetti



J.J., Connor, Matt and Becca lend a hand in wrapping presents for the holiday gift basket program.

The Vision, Mission, Programs and People of the Aspen Chapel

Vision

Take a setting provided by nature, offering the essence of spirituality in environment. Erect here architecture to evoke the functioning of the concept of engaging religious faith in conversation with the world. To this place gather, in lively encounter, leaders of religious thought to redefine spiritual values, to question, to seek relevant answers in a troubled world. Here create a national-global ecumenical center for seminars and dialogues on theological concerns of contemporary society. It is a testament to remind peoples in Aspen that there is foremost a spiritual dimension to our existence. It is a center for retreats, for meditation, for special worship services open to all, for musical presentations, for exhibits of art and literature and any other effort to seek paths leading to brotherhood and peace. This is the Aspen Chapel. (1968)

Mission

The mission of the Aspen Chapel is to promote open and progressive theology, spiritual enrichment, and peace through interfaith engagement. (2006)

Programs

The Aspen Chapel manifests its vision and mission through a Christian worship service and congregation and a Jewish Shabbat service and congregation. The Aspen Chapel is host to an interfaith enterprise called Spiritual Paths and a school called Aspen Wisdom School.

The Aspen Chapel serves the community through the ministry of weddings, baptisms, memorials, counseling, religious education, music, art, visitation, special community use, and outreach to the Aspen area and beyond.

People

The Aspen Chapel is here to serve all people who enter our open doors. The Chapel is equally responsive to residents and visitors. There is no formal membership in the traditional manner and we are appreciative of everyone's support.

Youth News

Elaine Bonds, Youth Education Director

Tuesday School has begun! Many children have joined us this year to celebrate our theme of "Acts of Lovingkindness". Some of our students jumped right into this by joining Shereen's Judaic Studies class to make dolls for a nursery in Argentina. We all heard stories from Gregg about people who have done kind deeds, and our curriculum this year is centered around stories, activities, and people who promote acts of lovingkindness. In both Sunday School and Tuesday School, children have been coloring cards to be included in our local Holiday Gift Basket Program. Everyone also has a chance to adopt a family or bring in a gift for someone in need. We are taking our theme to heart!!

Our first Thanksgiving service with the Jewish congregation at Aspen Chapel was a huge success! Several children in both congregations worked together reading and singing which added to the magic of it. We will continue to explore other ways for the children of these congregations to come together.

The Tuesday School students are once

again busy getting ready for our Christmas Eve Children's Service that will take place at 5:30 P.M. They are practicing songs, readings, and a small pageant to present on Christmas Eve. It is a lot of fun!

Our Sunday School group is growing! We are so excited to welcome "new" and "old" friends to Sunday School. Each week involves stories, discussions, and projects based on a theme for the month. We laugh a lot, and hopefully learn a little as well!

Gregg and I continue the challenge of involving high school students in our program. We have some movies, pizza nights, and speakers planned, and we hope to include our alumni and their friends in these events. Two high school students, Nic Broeking and Leanna Bonds, are frequent teachers at Sunday School. Two other high school students, Skyler and Hana Maclean have substituted for us on various occasions. It sure is great to have them all around!

Happy holidays to all from the little and big people in the youth program!



Caught doing acts of lovingkindness! Trent, Emily, Kate and Becca helped make dolls for a nursery in Argentina, while Ryan earned his star by being a great friend in class.



Good Samaritan Fund

The Good Samaritan Fund is a designated account established to help those in need of assistance.

Thanks to your contributions to this designated fund, the Aspen Chapel was able to distribute \$15,730.00 to various recipients in the Roaring Fork Valley this past year. Your gifts are greatly appreciated!

Music News

Susan Nicholson, Music Director

The Aspen Chapel's congregation was fortunate to hear some glorious music over this past summer. We were blest to have numerous music students participate in the Sunday services. The highlights included Rev. Dr. Thomas Troeger's annual Bach Aria and Cantata services. For those of you who were unable to attend, we have cd's of these performances for sale. Another highlight was the service with Rabbi Rami Shapiro. The music by Andrew Beall, Marimba and Jenine DeBique, Soprano left people speechless. Fortunately we have recordings of this music also. It was and is truly memorable.

At present, the Chapel Choir, which numbers over 40, is gearing up for the annual Lessons and Carols service on December 17 at 9:30. The choir is performing very beautiful and unusual carols and anthems. This promises to be one of our best performances and a recording of this event will be available. Mark your calendars: Music of the Mystics in association with the Wisdom School will be performed on Sunday March 11 at 7:30 pm. The music program continues to grow and the quality is exceptional. We are very fortunate to have such great talent in our community.

Thanks to our Chapel friends for their generosity and uplifting support!
June 1, 2006 through November 30, 2006

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