Thank you for your support of the Aspen Chapel. In trying times, your loyal support has carried us through so we may continue to do what matters most - serve the community. We hope this highlight of recent activities helps you understand just how much impact you have made on our community.

Impact Spotlight - Partnership with Aspen Family Connections

We were privileged to be able to offer our space to Aspen Family Connections through November, December, and January so that they could offer food to those who were in need.

About 200 people came through every week and it was amazing to see the volunteers (some from the Chapel) helping. Catherine Anne Provine was a volunteer and popped in to see us.

At right: community members picking up food last fall. At right below is a letter that Katherine Sand graciously wrote and appeared in both the Aspen Times and The Aspen Daily News.

A message from the Administrative Board

Like everyone else, the Chapel is struggling with the pandemic’s persistent effects. The Admin Board has worked hard since last summer to reduce expenses and provide a new way forward for the Chapel. Our service to the community continues to be at the core of our work, which you – as a dear friend and generous donor – make possible.

With eyes toward financial stability and heavy hearts, we were compelled to reduce our – music, education, outreach, managing director – positions. These were held respectively by - Susan Nicholson, Michelle Skagan, Elaine Bonds, and Heather Macdonald – all talented, long-serving employees. And, we continue to work on improving our governance, operational focus, and virtual content opportunities.

Looking to the future, since November 1st: our new, operational model is within a conservatively forecasted budget. Our new community-service initiatives have been well received. We continue to engage hundreds of community members through our virtual, online programs. People like you have stepped up with increased support to fill gaps from lost program and event income.

And, core volunteers have also increased their – time, talent and treasure – to help our cause and to resume our path towards our noble, ambitious mission statement. Thanks to all for your support. Green shoots of hope abound!

Gratitude from Aspen Family Connections

Editor:

I would like to express heartfelt gratitude to Rev. Nicholas Vesey and the Board of Trustees of the Aspen Chapel for providing a home for The Aspen Family Connections/Food Bank weekly mobile food distribution between November and January. They are wonderful friends to our community.

We were in a bind, needing a new distribution site, and the chapel wholeheartedly welcomed us. It was a great pleasure to meet a number of the Aspen Chapel’s congregation who came along as volunteers and brought food donations. The Aspen Jewish Congregation has provided funding, and we are also grateful to the Meadowood HOA, whose residents were very understanding. Our community continues to sustain and inspire our efforts to support locals experiencing hardship during the pandemic.

The Aspen weekly mobile food distribution is now on a larger site (easier for our truck!) at the Aspen Golf Course, every Wednesday from noon to 2 p.m., and our new hosts are the city of Aspen and the Ute Mountain’s Cross County Center, which have been extremely helpful.

Any member of the public is welcome to come along, and thanks to the Food Bank of the Rockies and other partners, we have plenty of food to distribute. Thank you friends!

Katherine Sand
Aspen Family Connections

With gratitude,

Bruce Merrifield
Administrative Board Chair

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Christmas - A Time to Come Together (Virtually) Near and Far

Although it was very disappointing that we were not able to host either our Lessons and Carols or our Christmas Eve Services in person, we certainly got our message out with live streaming (we managed to attract 502 views on our website and Facebook page for Lessons and Carols, and 532 views for our Christmas Eve service.)

The Chapel's Christmas services were pre-recorded and featured carols and readings and were available online and through streaming services. With headlining the front page of the Aspen Times on Christmas Day, as well as receiving extensive coverage in both the Times and the Daily News inside pages, we were able to reach the broader community and welcomed visitors and locals to join for our online programs.

Financial/Program Update

Thank you for your generous donations. We take financial responsibility very seriously while ensuring service to our community and honoring our donors. We hope the charts below provide you with a sense of the Chapel's income and the ways in which your donations are used.

![2020 Income Chart](chart1)

2020 INCOME

- Program Income 19%
- Individual and Foundation Giving 81%

![2020 Expenses Chart](chart2)

2020 EXPENSES

- Development and Marketing 15%
- Programs and Events 8%
- Facility and Operations* 77%

An increase in general operations donations support in 2020 allowed the Chapel to continue amidst a decrease in events and programmatic income.

*This does not include a one time expense to repair the Aspen Chapel's roof.
Impact Spotlight - Cooking up a Storm

As we could not host our traditional meal in the Chapel for people without homes on Martin Luther King Day, we asked people to cook up a storm instead.

35 people offered to cook a meal for 8 which works out to 280 meals promised. The greater community supported our efforts and many people have offered to cook meals throughout the year.

Cooking up a Storm was also covered by a series of interviews on NPR

Your gift to the Chapel reaches far beyond its physical walls.
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Gay Ski Week

For the first time ever we actively supported Gay Ski Week as a part of our inclusivity efforts. We placed a huge banner on the steeple which attracted the attention of the Aspen Times.

Jonathon Stalls, who identifies as LGBTQIA+, joined virtually as guest speaker for Gay Ski Week.

The Aspen Chapel Art Gallery

In spite of the virus, the Gallery managed to successfully hold its Small Wonders Show.

26 artists sold 221 pieces raising $3,600 for Holiday Baskets. 250 - 300 people visited the gallery which was made Covid Safe with ‘viewing Squares.’ (see picture!)

The Small Wonders show was sponsored by Big Wrap, Hensley and James Peterson, Aspen Snowmass Sotheby’s International Realty, and an Anonymous Donor.

The next show ‘Happy Trails’ in partnership with Roaring Fork Outdoor Volunteers is open as of February 17th.

We are grateful to Larry and Susan Marx as Season Sponsors.

"The Aspen Chapel Gallery is free to the public and gives our local artists a wonderful opportunity to show their works. This ‘secret’ has been active for more than 30 years in the lower level of the Aspen Chapel. It’s a gem in Aspen’s cultural crown. “
—Susan Marx, Art Patron
Community Update

We want to express our gratitude to those employees who were laid off during the reorganization. Susan Nicholson is a talented musician who served the Chapel for over 35 years and inspired a sumptuous music program that was renown throughout the Valley. We hope that Susan will continue to serve the Aspen community with her amazing talents. Elaine Bonds worked tirelessly for the families and children of the Roaring Fork Valley through her many outreach activities that included Tuesday Connect!, Holiday Baskets, meals supporting the Day Shelter population, and representing the Chapel on the Pitkin County's housing stability coalition. Michelle Skagan was our newest addition who inspired us with her uplifting youth program including a trip with high school students to the US/Mexican border. Heather Macdonald worked as our Managing Director and kept us on track and inspired many events.

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The Iconic Aspen Chapel Building

The Aspen Chapel is a unique building that welcomes all into the town of Aspen. In the midst of all the difficulties of the pandemic, we had a wonderful opportunity (loan from SBA) to replace a much-needed roof and, in the process, fix serious structural issues that could have resulted in a catastrophe. We now can weather the storms and snows that Aspen has to offer and are safe from fire (and up to code!).

At right, Kevin and Beth Sandell selected the Aspen Chapel as the location of their intimate wedding last summer.

As we continue to weather the pandemic, we welcome you to visit the Chapel grounds to enjoy the architecture of the Chapel and the amazing views from the Chapel balconies.

A personal tour can be arranged by contacting Peggy Burke at peggy@aspenchapel.org.

"The most memorable day of 2020 was my nephew's wedding (above) in the Chapel garden in July. Despite the pandemic, we enjoyed a beautiful, very small family wedding in the most beautiful surroundings of the Aspen Chapel. I am enjoying zoom yoga and meditation and I can't wait until we can be together again inside the Chapel, in the garden and at the Art Gallery." - Linda Sandell
For our community's safety, our programs will continue to be offered remotely. We look forward to welcoming you all back to the Chapel in person when it is healthy and safe to do so. Further details may be found at www.AspenChapel.org.

We hope you join us for our regular weekly programs!

Sunday Morning Service
Nicholas and Heather Vesey
9:30am online

Heather Vesey's Morning Meditation
Monday - Thursday 9:00am via Zoom

Buddhist (Vipassana) Meditation
with Lisa Goddard
Wednesday
8:00-9:30am via Zoom

INSIGHTS with Barbara Bloemsma
Wednesday
6:00-7:00pm via Zoom

Yoga with Mimi Hauenstein
Tuesday
5:30-7:00pm via Zoom

Aspen Noise! with Barbara Bloemsma
Wednesday
5:30-6:30pm via Zoom

All of this is possible due to your support. Thank you!
The Aspen Chapel is a spiritual home for everyone. We are not affiliated with any religious organization and are thus supported entirely by our community.