



YOUR Spring 2022 IMPACT

The first five months of 2022 have shown steady improvements in all traditional Aspen Chapel Community programs while we explore new service possibilities. I hope that each of you senses these improvements in both our activities and how we communicate our progress to you - our most supportive community.

From a narrow, annual-budget perspective, we are solid. Our expenses are well controlled and within budget. Our ability to pay bills is currently ample, but our biggest giving events do lie ahead with clouds looming. Our economy has its impending challenges.

And, we still have bigger, longer-term, financial needs: our building; spiritual leader housing; and loans to repay.

At the same time, the needs that our vision statement identified in '69 are even bigger today. So, let's pull together to keep improving traditional activities while we create additional ways to better fulfill our vision - one hopeful step at a time.

With Gratitude,

Bruce Merrifield

Bruce Merrifield, Administrative Board Chair

From the Mountain to the Chapel: Highlights from Holy Week

This year our community gathered both on the mountain and in the Chapel for special services and events surrounding Easter. Events included "Our Cross to Bear" with Susan Nicholson on Palm Sunday, meditative work with Heather Vesey during the week, and special services on Easter.



THANK YOU, HEIDI

Thank you to Heidi Curatolo, who has shared her musical talent with the Aspen Chapel Community for the past year. We wish her well in her new life in Seattle!

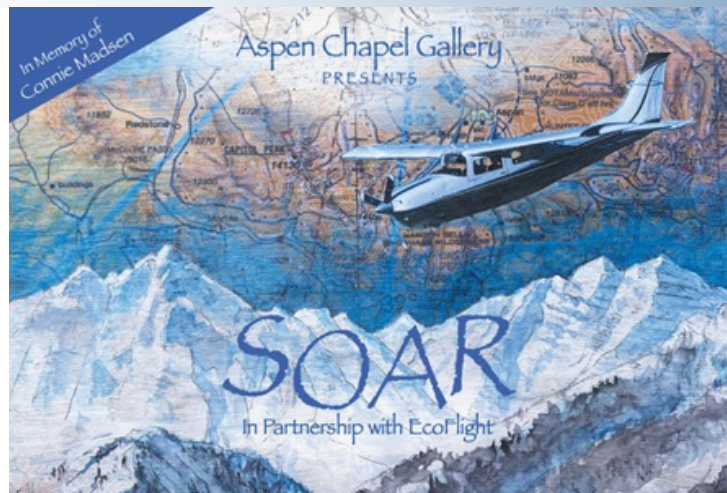


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CONNECT!

The third Connect! program focused on the theme Strengthening Attention and Self Awareness. 40 elementary school students and two middle school volunteers engaged in the weekly sessions that concluded in March. Due to interest in the program by parents, teachers, and administrators, we look forward to growing the Connect! program and reaching more children for the next sessions later this year.



Aspen Chapel Gallery Presents: SOAR

In loving memory of Connie Madsen and in partnership with EcoFlight, the Art Gallery invites you to come enjoy SOAR. Art Gallery co-director Michael Bonds shared, "Curator Amy Beidleman has assembled a unique group of artists for the show. Large photographs, watercolor paintings, and metal and clay sculptures highlight the West's landscape." Come enjoy this wonderful exhibit before July 10th.

STANDING WITH UKRAINE

Two Aspen Chapel community members have worked tirelessly for months to provide support to the people of Ukraine. Heinz Coordes and Ward Hauenstein have raised over \$600,000 directly for Ukraine. Additionally, Ward Hauenstein traveled to the Ukraine-Poland border to provide essential supplies.



Ward Hauenstein meeting the Deputy
Ukrainian Ambassador in Poland



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Upcoming Chapel Events

July 17 – 22: Deprung Loseling Monks ~ building a special mandala for conflict resolution, in the light of the current world situation

August 16 & 17: English Garden Parties

September 24: Heather Vesey & Bill Redfield Day on Contemplative Work

October 2: Pet Church ~ Blessing of the Animals

October 9: John Denver Tribute with music by Mack Bailey



Sponsor the 2022 Garden Parties

We are excited to once again host a series of Garden Parties in the Chapel Garden on August 16th & 17th. All sponsorships help cover the costs of the event to ensure that all funds raised at the event (and through additional sponsorships) will go to the Chapel's year-round programs.

Become a Garden Party Sponsor today!
Contact us at Development@aspenchapel.org



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Got Talent?

The Aspen Chapel Community has been run by volunteers who share a love for the building and the vision established when the Chapel was founded in 1968. We've been fortunate to have had experienced volunteers who stepped up their contributions in the past few years instead of fading to emeritus status. Some of our hall-of-famers would now, understandably, want to cut back. We now need new talents to help with necessary innovations for the changing world of Aspen. We have a beautiful building and location, and so much possibility for new thinking and new ideas.

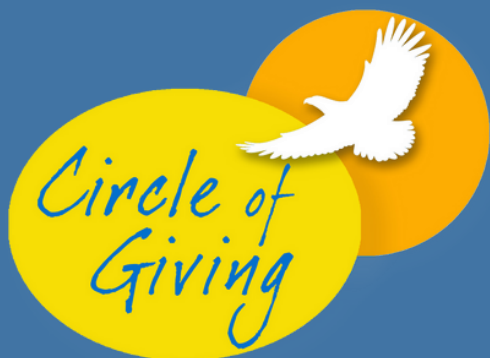
If you are interested in lending your time and talent as a volunteer, please let us know by contacting Bruce Merrifield, Administrative Board Chair at bruce@merrifield.com.



*A special thank you
to all the volunteers
who helped clean up
the Chapel Gardens!*



Join a Circle of Giving



Like "Sustaining Membership" programs at other organizations, the Chapel's Circle of Giving is a commitment to give an annual gift in any amount and is considered renewable unless you specify otherwise. Gifts can be made monthly, quarterly, or annually and can be changed or stopped at any time. The Circle of Giving provides essential, year-round support to the Annual Fund.

Thank you for your support! The Aspen Chapel continues to be a spiritual home for everyone, thanks to the generosity of our community.