There is Room at the Chapel ... for Those Seeking Traditional Values

No one can deny that the Chapel Foundation has uniquely identified itself as a place "where the veteran is remembered." Perhaps no other congregation can compare to the attention we give on a weekly basis to our nation’s armed forces service members ... past and present. We unashamedly “Render honor to whom honor is due” (Romans 13:7).

Because of this, some non-veterans have felt that they are not welcome or don’t have a place within the Foundation. Therefore, I want to unequivocally state — This non-denominational Christian church pledges its allegiance to Christ Jesus ... first and foremost. This is a place where we boldly proclaim the absolute truth of God’s Word as contained in the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments.

Here again, we stand apart from many congregations who have drifted with the changing tides of our society because they are built on the shifting sands ... rather than firmly established on the rock of faith. (read Matthew 47:24-27)

People need to be told the truth — that there is an all-powerful God in the universe to whom we will some day give an account; that there is a standard of right and wrong; that we all have violated that standard; and that unless we repent and trust in Christ, we face the wrath of God. The Ten Commandments have been largely removed from public life and even culture and there is no longer any fear of God’s authority ... largely because it is not preached from our pulpits as the Word of God.

The Apostle Paul described those who have no fear of God: "Their feet are swift to shed blood; ruin and misery mark their ways, and the way of peace they do not know. There is no fear of God before their eyes" (Romans 3:15-18). One of America’s founders said that people will either be governed by the Bible or the bayonet.

The challenge is this: to retain high biblical standards regardless of how far the world "slouches toward Gomorrah," as Judge Robert Bork put it. The Apostle John said, “See that what you have heard from the beginning remains in you. If it does, you also will remain in the Son and in the Father. And this is what he promises us — even eternal life” (1 John 2:24-25).

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President's Corner

HAPPY NEW YEAR — "2006"
Fort Snelling Foundation
Members and Friends.

Where does time go! We had a wonderful year at the Fort Snelling Memorial Chapel Foundation.

It is time to reflect on some of the programs and projects at the Chapel which provide improvements for the good of Foundation members as well as the community-at-large. We met the challenge and raised funds to cover the expense of the organ restoration. Congratulations to everyone who contributed to the $94,000.00 needed for this project. The goal was met in August, 2005.

"Parable of the Talents" was a great performance enacted by many Foundation members. It was fun to see what talents our members have. Each performance began with seed money of two dollars ($2.00) and everyone showed a profit from their sales. Thank you to the Foundation members who participated in this project raising over $3,000.

In September, the Foundation designated one Sunday's offering ($3,672.76) to be sent to Franklin Graham's Samaritan's Purse to assist in meeting the needs of the victims of hurricane Katrina. In response, Franklin himself sent a personal letter thanking us for this generous donation.

The "Caring Hearts" mission is to give person-to-person support to our cherished "home-bound" members and let them know they are remembered. Men and women of compassion are needed to help with this ministry. If you are interested in participating in the Caring Hearts program, please call Janet Brautigam (952) 758-2364 or Mary Lou Oss (612) 926-7708.

If you have a prayer request, to activate the "prayer chain" call the coordinator, Virginia Elhard (612) 724-0919. All prayer concerns are kept confidential and shared only among the prayer chain members. We need members to be a part of the prayer chain.

Just a reminder that we have secured a new Automatic External Defibrillator (AED), in case of a cardiac emergency. Several members of the Foundation have received CPR/AED training. Also, assisted hearing devices are now available from an usher upon request.

Check out the Foundation's web site at [www.fortsnellingmcf.org]. The index is consolidated into five main selections with a number of sub-titles. Under the heading of "Happenings"

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The Board welcomes input from members. If you have an idea or suggestion, please feel welcome to contact the appropriate Board person.

Scheduled Board Meeting:
Sunday, 12 February 2006 (1:30 p.m.)
... in the Chapel
A copy of the 2005 Annual Report will be yours at the 39th Annual Meeting scheduled for Sun., 12 Feb. 2006 (1:00 p.m.) in the Chapel Fellowship Hall. If you would like a copy ... after this date ... please call the Foundation Office at (612) 970-7866 and leave your name/mailing address that we might send you a copy of this impressive report of last year's accomplishments.
Certain transcendent truths are absolute – the inspiration of Scripture, the historical creation of man, the deity of Jesus Christ, the plan of salvation, the Ten Commandments. God has given these as unchanging truths, and they should not be compromised. The church must stand firm in the faith and “preach the Word ... in season and out of season” (2 Timothy 4:2). And when we do, we will be labeled fundamental, conservative, narrow-minded ... even bigoted. But Jesus said, “Small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it” (Matthew 7:14).

Despite the real temptation to say what itching ears want to hear or to say something for which the listener is not challenged to responsive self-examination, it is imperative that the church be a place where the truth is unashamedly proclaimed. As Paul said, “If the trumpet does not sound a clear call, who will get ready for battle?” (1 Corinthians 14:8). This is clearly the call of my life and ministry. And because I have stood for truth, I have been opposed. But Jesus said, “Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you” (Matthew 5:11-12). Like Paul, I say, “I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes ...” (Romans 1:16).

God has promised that he will bless the church that proclaims his truth. The Chapel Foundation is committed to finding ways to deepen people’s understanding of God’s truth so that Christians will be equipped to face this challenging world with a solid biblical foundation that does not change – “Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of men in their deceitful scheming. Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will in all things grow up into him who is the Head, that is, Christ” (Ephesians 4:14-15).

If this is the desire of your heart, then look no further. There is room at the Chapel for you – where not only the veteran is remembered, but where traditional values are presented from the Word of God ... all in the effort to lead you to the One who “is the way, the truth and the life” (John 14:6).
you will find such items of interest as the "Video Channel 6" and "Pro Deo Et Patria." Please take a few minutes to view episodes of the Metro Cable Network Channel 6 segments that have aired over the past year on television. You can also read the most recent month of the weekly messages "Pro Deo Et Patria" as prepared by Chaplain Beale to provide inspiration and contemplation of our founding heritage. The "Fund Raising" button will take you to "Online Shopping" which allows you to select a merchant such as: Best Buy, Target, WalMart or Office Depot to order items for your household while earning a commission for the Foundation. Try this new feature — it is a simple way to shop from the comfort of your home and it is free. What a great new feature the web site is to spread the news and events of the Foundation worldwide.

The Foundation's collection for deployed troops has been a very successful undertaking. We have shipped 50 boxes that weigh 16 to 27 pounds with each box filled with the much needed items for our troops in Iraq and Afghanistan. The boxes are shipped to Chaplains who have agreed to distribute the items to the troops. Our congregation has made and shipped over 1,430 camouflaged scarves to Afghanistan. Many, many thanks go to Carol Nygaard and her dedicated volunteers who work so diligently on this ongoing project. We also undertook a new project for our Armed Force members, "Operation Christmas Stocking." Our members filled sixty-eight Christmas stockings with goodies and Christmas greetings. Stemming from our flyer describing this project, members took the information to other organizations. For example: a Boy Scout Troop shipped 85 filled stockings; the Mendota AmVets and several individual families also sent Christmas Stockings to our troops. The many wonderful letters from the troops make all of this hard work worthwhile. Thank you to each member who participated in these projects.

I am happy to report that we have had an increase in membership this past year. A warm welcome. I look forward to meeting each one of you.

There are many more events I could reflect on from the past year; but, I had better close for now. In appreciation for all that our staff does to keep our Fort Snelling Memorial Chapel a wonderful place to worship, please do not hesitate to say "thank you for all you do" to Chaplain Ken Beale; Leila Campbell, Administrative Assistant and Ruth Fardig, Minister of Music. Thank you — thank you. God Bless You.

A Prayer for the New Year

As we begin a new year in our lives, grant us, O God, wisdom and courage to meet what comes our way during the year.

Make us strong, make us gentle, make us generous, make us forgiving.

We thank Thee for helping us to find so many useful aims and purposes in life.

We seek thy guidance along the way as we work for those who so valiantly gave of themselves that we might live in a peaceful world.

May we strive to "keep our FAITH alive, our HOPE alert, and our LOVE awake as we keep working always for the highest good of our beloved country and our Ft. Snelling Memorial Chapel Foundation.

As we go about our daily tasks during the year, let us keep these thoughts in mind.

Take time to be friendly, it is the road to happiness; take time to laugh, it is the music of the soul.

We thank You, Lord, for the gift of another year.

May we use it wisely and with love and compassion. Amen.

— Patricia Swanson
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English Memorials to WWII Americans

Perhaps because I have lived in Minnesota for the past 35 years I have, on my trips back to England, been particularly moved by the many memorials to the U.S. servicemen of World War II.

The most impressive is the American Memorial Chapel in St. Paul’s Cathedral, London. Built behind the High Altar, which was an area destroyed by bombs in the Blitz, it is a tribute to the American servicemen based in Britain who lost their lives. It was paid for entirely by private donations. Behind the Altar which carries a grieving American Eagle are three stained glass windows. They depict the service, sacrifice and resurrection of the Christian soldier. The borders around the windows carry the emblems of every state in the Union.

But perhaps most moving of all is the Roll of Honour, which is a book bearing the names of the 28,000 dead, listed in alphabetical order. One of the five hundred pages is turned each day, and when I was last there, it bore the names of many Coopers. These young men, in their early twenties, made the ultimate sacrifice. (see foreground of photo). This is a very special place; the British call it “Hallowed Ground.”

So, too, is the American Military Cemetery at Madingley, near Cambridge, about 100 miles north of London. It was established on land given by the University of Cambridge. Because this land holds American dead, it is no longer British but American soil. So it is the Stars and Stripes and not the Union Jack which flies from the 72 foot high flag pole above the 3,812 graves which radiate from it. Further out, bordered by reflecting pools, is the “Wall of the Missing” which carries the names of the 5,125 men whose bodies were never recovered or identified. Here too are the four

In the Event of Inclement Weather …

If on a Sunday morning it is significantly snowing … or tremendously cold … or the winds are resulting in drifting conditions, please tune in to KTIS 98.5 fm or WCCO 830 am for radio announcements of worship cancellation. In this way we will attempt to inform you of Chapel closings.

Your Patience & Cooperation Requested

Currently, there is a significant amount of road construction taking place on the highways surrounding and accessing the Chapel. Please don’t let it keep you from attending worship!

In the event of 3” or more of snowfall on a Sunday morning, the DNR has requested that we not enter the Chapel parking lot until after 9:30 a.m. This will enable the state to clear our much needed parking spaces. Also, try to park in a manner that provides the greatest amount of space available to others. Thank you for honoring this request.

— Daryl Kreutz
Chapel DNR Superintendent

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statues of a soldier, an airman, a sailor, and a
cost guard in their typical uniforms. (See at-
tached photo). The memorial itself is partly a
museum and partly a Chapel bearing stained-
glass medallions of the seals of the War and
the navy departments and each of the Ameri-
can states. The ceiling is a mosaic, a memo-
rial to the dead of the U.S. Army Air Force
which shows golden aircraft, accompanied by
mourning angels as they make their final
flight.

Nearby is the American Air Museum at Dux-
ford, also north of London. It contains the larg-
est number of World War II American aircraft
outside of the U.S. But it is the float-glass
panels, each six feet five inches high and four
feet wide. Etched into them are the outlines of the 7,031 aircraft that were lost while based in Eng-
land. It is a thing of beauty, glowing and shining in the changing light and reflecting the sky above.

In the porch of the Cathedral of my hometown of
Chelmsford, County Essex, about 40 miles north of
London, is a memorial of three stained-glass win-
dows. The center panel shows the American em-
blem, the right one those of the Washington family,
and the left that of the American Army Air Force.
The flowers show that the windows are still tended
and cared for, but they hide the words engraved un-
derneath. They read, "From the people of Essex to
the men of the American Eighth and Ninth Army Air
Corps with gratitude and thanks."

For me, it is in the Essex villages that the memorials
are most touching. They are often quite small; always unpretentious. It is here that every year the
veterans hold an American Festival when they re-live those war years, dressed in the uniforms and
costumes of the day.

Epilogue: I put this article together in the first part of November. It is then on the Eleventh, that both the
Americans and the British honor their war dead. For the Americans it is Veteran's Day, but for the British it is
Remembrance Day. Ceremonies are held in every town and village in front of the "Local War Memorial."
Lines are read from Laurence Binyon's poem, For the Fallen:

They shall not grow old, as we that are left grow old:
Age shall not weary them, nor the years contern.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them.

The bugler sounds "The Last Post." The people stand with bowed heads, observing the "Two Minutes Si-
ence," remembering not only their dead, but the American as well.

Editors Note: Janet is the wife of member, Newell Chester. She came to the U.S. in 1973 and became an American citizen in
1990. She is a graduate of University College; University of London and attended Genoa University, Genoa, Italy.
Benevolent Giving ...

At the last Board of Directors meeting, the Veterans Adult Day Care Center (ADHC) at the Veterans Administration Hospital, was recommended and approved by the Board for a $500 gift. The application was submitted by Foundation members, Milburn and Grace Swenson, who have been volunteering over 47 years at the VA Hospital.

The ADHC is a program that meets the needs of frail and/or aging veterans. It is a therapeutic day care program that serves veterans who do not need 24 hour a day care, but who need help to live at home. The program started in 1985 and serves approximately 90 veterans.

On October 8, I went to the VA Hospital and Milburn and Grace guided me to the 4th floor to introduce me to Nancy Naslund, Nurse Manager and Lora Schwaab, Recreational Therapist. Both Naslund and Schwaab expressed their appreciation for the gift from the Foundation. Naslund stated that the program provides many therapeutic art and craft projects, but it also gives some relief to the primary care giver who is responsible for around the clock care for the veteran at home. The program also provides social services and nutrition counseling.

I was very impressed with the commitment and dedication to our aging veterans and their sponsors. If you have any interest in the program; you can call Nancy Naslund at (612) 725-2145.

Thank you to all the Foundation members who give each Sunday and to those who volunteer their time to help make a difference in other people’s lives.

God Bless You.
— Patrick Hoy
Chair Benevolence Committee

This congregation tithes (10 %) from its plate offerings. If you know of an organization/ministry ... that is in keeping with our purpose ... please feel free to secure an application to submit for financial support in 2006. Simply call the Foundation Office at 612/970-7866 ... and provide a name and mailing address.
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This is a non-denominational Christian church founded in 1967. We invite you to join us for worship each Sunday at 11:00 a.m. at this historic Chapel.

The Fort Snelling Veterans Memorial Chapel is a unique Minnesota memorial — a splendid monument to the patriotism, the moral earnestness and the convictions of the people of this state — a shrine to commemorate those who have died for their country. Weekly Sunday worship is sponsored by the Fort Snelling Memorial Chapel Foundation and is not subsidized by the state.

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