Re-Read the Directions

How do we go about constructing a Christian worldview? The key passage is the creation account in Genesis, because that’s where we are taken back to the beginning to learn what God’s original purpose was in creating the human race. With the entrance of sin, humans went off course, lost their way, wandered off the path. But when we accept Christ’s salvation, we are put back on the right path and are restored to our original purpose. Redemption is not just about being saved from sin, it is also about being saved to something — to resume the task for which we were originally created.

And what was that task? In Genesis, God gives what we might call the first job description: “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it.” The first phrase, “be fruitful and multiply,” means to develop the social world: build families, churches, schools, cities, governments, laws. The second phrase, “subdue the earth,” means to harness the natural world: plant crops, build bridges, design computers, compose music. This passage is sometimes called the Cultural Mandate... because it tells us that our original purpose was to create cultures, build civilizations — nothing less.

“Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it.”
— Genesis 1:28

This means that our vocation or professional work is not a second-class activity, something we do just to put food on the table. It is the high calling for which we were originally created. The way we serve a Creator God is by being creative with the talents and gifts the Lord has given us. We could even say that we are called to continue God’s own creative work. Of course, we do not create from nothing... as God did; our job is to develop the powers and potentials that God originally built into the creation — using wood to build houses, cotton to make clothes, or silicon to make computer chips.

Though modern social and economic institutions are not explicitly referred to in the Garden of Eden, their biblical justification is rooted in the Cultural Mandate.

In the first six days of the Genesis narrative, God forms then fills the physical universe — the sky with the sun and moon, the sea with its swimming creatures, the earth with its land animals. Then the narrative pauses, as though to emphasize that the next step will be the culmination of all that has gone before. This is the only stage in the creative process when God announces the plan ahead of time; when the members of the Trinity consult with one another: Let Us make a creature in Our image, who will represent Us and carry on Our work on earth (see Gen. 1:26). Then God creates the first human couple, to have dominion over the earth and govern it in the name of the Lord.

It is obvious from the text that humans are not supreme rulers, autonomously free to do whatever they wish. Their dominion is a delegated authority: They are representatives of the Supreme Rule: called to reflect God’s holy and loving care for creation. They are to “cultivate” the earth — a word that has the same root as “culture.” The way we express

(Continued ... on page five)
President’s Corner

Greetings to Foundation members and friends as we start another year of progress and forge ahead with projects for the betterment of our beloved Chapel.

At the Foundation’s Annual Meeting in February, officers and board members were elected for the coming year. I am honored and excited to be the Foundation President for one more year; I look forward to the challenge and commitment to do the very best job that I can do. With a great staff like Chaplain Ken; our Administrative Assistant, Leila; and our Minister of Music, Ruth … who make our jobs so much easier as they are so efficient. When you see them, PLEASE thank them for all they do for the Foundation. The executive officers and board members are very assertive, always moving forward. I feel so honored to work with this positive group. They are listed in the right hand column of this page. Please consider stepping forward to volunteer on one or more of the many Foundation committees. It is a great way to become involved and make new friends. Plus, a team effort makes all jobs easier.

The Chapel "facelift" has been completed. The DNR did a great job. All the deep cracks are gone; there is a new coat of paint (so bright now -- you need sunglasses); and four of the beautiful new flags have been installed. The old flags are now being stored in the archives at the military museum at Camp Ripley.

The air conditioning project is once again progressing. The DNR has informed us to expect completion of this project by Memorial Day (27 May). How exciting! We expect the summer attendance to increase as it will be cool and comfortable every Sunday. (See related article on page six.)

An antique show case donated by Donn & Barbara Steffenson, Foundation members and refurbished free-of-charge by Travis Beard, Foundation member was delivered to the Chapel in late March. It has been placed below the coat rack outside of the Fellowship Hall. This display case will be used to display Foundation and Chapel artifacts. Thank you so much Donn, Barb and Travis.

There are several special events scheduled for May and June (for details read page three). We pray you will plan to participate in these events and please invite family members and friends to join us.

Chaplain Ken will distribute a beautiful commemorative piece after the worship service on both Mother’s Day (13 May) and Father’s Day (17 June). These are always beautiful keepsakes.

Memorial Day Sunday (27 May) will be a "WOW" special day at the Chapel. There will be a very special tribute to the veterans who have gone to be with their Lord. Once again we will recognize our fallen troops with crosses in the Memorial Garden; each cross will state the fallen hero’s name, home town and date of death. There will be a prayer vigil for peace from dusk to dawn (26 May) with security.

(Continued ... on page four)

Board of Directors

Executive Officers
Patricia Swanson, President
Bob Peterson, Vice President
Kay Schoen, Secretary
Jerry Kellgren, Treasurer

Members at Large
Bob Brautigam
Travis Beard
Bob Engwer
Iain Hodge
Pat Hoy
Bob Ozbolt
Barbara Sommerville
Ted Stamos

Advisory Ex-Officio Members
Don Bauman
Arden Bjornberg
Dan Johnson
Becky Van Meter

Immediate Past President
Ted Nemzek

Standing Committee Chairs:
Worship Committee: Kay Schoen
Finance Committee: Jerry Kellgren
Fellowship Committee: Travis Beard
Publicity Committee: Iain Hodge
Personnel Committee: Bob Ozbolt
Benevolence: Pat Hoy

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

Scheduled 2007 Board Meetings:
Saturdays (9:00 a.m.) ...
16 June, 15 September, 17 November ...
... at the Federal Bldg.
Sunday (1:00 p.m.) ...
16 December ... in the Chapel

If you would like a copy of the 2006 Annual Report, please call the Foundation Office at (612) 970-7866 and leave your name/mailing address that we may send you a copy of this impressive report of last year’s accomplishments.
**Special Patriotic/ Veterans Events . . .**

Sun., 27 May '07 — **Memorial Day Remembrance** — honoring the memory of those armed forces service members who gave the ultimate sacrifice.

Sun., 1 July '07 — **Independence Day** — celebrating the 231st birthday of our nation ... culminating in an ice cream social.

Sun., 16 Sept '07 — **POW/MIA Remembrance** — remembering those who are prisoners of war and those missing in action.

Sun., 11 Nov '07 — **Veterans Day Remembrance** — recognizing U.S. veterans of all branches of the armed forces.

Sun., 2 Dec '07 — **Pearl Harbor Remembrance** — recognizing survivors ... with a candle lighting tribute to those who have passed away since last year.

---

**Flag Day**

Thursday 14 June is Flag Day. Be sure to display your U.S. Flag ... and demonstrate your faithful allegiance to this "one nation under God."

---

**Seeking Wedding Bells ... Young and Old**

An Ad Hoc Anniversary Committee is at work planning celebrations for both the 40th anniversary of the Foundation and the 80th anniversary of the Chapel. A series of celebrations to mark significant milestones of the 80-year history of this beautiful chapel are in the works!

A celebration of marriage will be held on **10 June 2007 at 11:00 a.m.** The Foundation will honor the many couples who were married at the chapel over the past 80 years. It is estimated that since 1927 ... through current day ... the number of military and civilian weddings number into the thousands.

Chaplain Beale will share a special message on marriage entitled, "Is Traditional Marriage All That Important?" with the special music being the vocal duo of Lisa and Jeff Heutmaker. The fellowship hour will be highlighted with the serving of wedding cake — only thing missing will be the dance. At 1:00 p.m. there will be a brief (optional) service of marriage vows renewal ... for anyone interested in participating.

The Foundation is looking for folks (or information about couples) who were united in marriage at the Chapel to include widows, widowers and couples. Please contact the Foundation Office at (612) 970-7866 or send an email: info@fortsnellingmncf.org to notify us of your interest in participating in this celebration. Please provide your full name and phone number and the date of your wedding in your message. The names and dates of folks who plan to attend the June 10th celebration will be acknowledged in a bulletin insert on this very special Sunday. Please plan to join us in this day of celebration!

---

**7th Annual Chapel Picnic**

Following the worship service on **Sunday 15 July** all are welcome to attend our **Seventh Annual Chapel Picnic** at the Veterans Memorial Park Picnic Shelter in Richfield (one block south of the Crosstown on Portland Ave). **The dress is CASUAL.** The catered meal will be served from 1 - 2:00 p.m. Price of tickets: **$10.50** for adults, **$6.00** for children ages 8 and under. Tickets are on sale in the Fellowship Hall beginning 10 June. **Bring your lawn chair,** sit back and relax (2 - 3 p.m.) to an outdoor concert. Invite your friends!

---

**Annual Ice Cream Social**

On **Sunday 1 July**, we will have our **Independence Day Ice Cream Social.** Join us for this celebration ... following our 11:00 a.m. worship service ... in the Fellowship Hall for ice cream and strawberries and coffee, tea or punch.

Our special music for worship and the social will be provided once again by the **Reuben Ristrom Jazz Trio.**
present. The white crosses will be placed on Saturday evening and kept in the garden until Monday (28 May) noon. There are many other great plans for this Memorial Day Remembrance service; we pray each and everyone will join us at 11:00 a.m. for this most memorable service.

The Anniversary Ad Hoc Committee continues its work in planning special events to celebrate the Foundation’s 40th anniversary and the Chapel’s 80th anniversary. A couple of upcoming features include the article in this newsletter which describes the Chapel’s dedication service almost 80 years ago (10 June 1928) and a special marriage vow renewal ceremony on 10 June 2007. Efforts are being made to locate and invite folks who were wed at the Chapel in the past 80 years (see related article on page three).

Mark your calendar for the Annual Ice Cream Social following worship service on 1 July. We will have lots of ice cream, strawberries, cookies and toe-tapping music by the Reuben Ristrom Trio.

"HEAR YE - HEAR YE" once again it is time for the Annual Chapel Picnic to be held on Sunday 15 July at Veterans Park, Richfield, MN. The "Pigs Eye Jass Band" will entertain us; Betty Dilla will once again serve a great picnic lunch. Please invite your family and friends to join us for a fun afternoon.

"Echotaps Worldwide" is being held on Armed Forces Day at the Fort Snelling National Cemetery on Saturday, 19 May at 11:00 a.m. There is a great program planned, Chaplain Ken will give the invocation and the Fort Snelling Rifle Squad will post the colors and provide a rifle salute. This program is open to the public and promises to be a great experience as the "Cascade of Taps" continues until the bugler has finished playing.

In the last issue of The Snelling Spirit, I gave you some history of the Veterans Administration Hospital through 1956. Here are a few more interesting historical facts about the VA Hospital. In 1974 the VA conducted a system wide survey of hospital space and it was found that the Minneapolis VA Hospital was rated as having the most serious space deficiencies in the system. After all facts were considered, the VA administration determined it would be advantageous to build a replacement facility (Bldg. 70). On 9 April 1977 the Minneapolis VA Hospital celebrated its 50th anniversary. The name of VA Hospital was changed to VA Medical Center in 1978. Design of replacement hospital (Bldg.70) was approved in 1980 with a projected cost of $254 million; 725 bed medical center and 120 bed nursing home care unit. Groundbreaking ceremony for the replacement hospital (Bldg 70) took place in 1984. On 9 April 1987 the Minneapolis VA Hospital reached its 60th anniversary and also marked the completion of the new facility at a cost of $200 million ($54 million below projected cost). I hope you are aware that the Minneapolis VA Medical Center is known as a flagship hospital. Right now a new wing is being added to care for the severely injured troops returning from the War on Terrorism.

Your Foundation committees wish to "THANK" every one who so graciously signed up to volunteer for one of the many tasks at the Chapel. "THANK YOU - THANK YOU" to all volunteers for your dedication all year. Your volunteerism is so appreciated. If at anytime during the year that you decide you would like to volunteer on a committee, please call the chairman as more volunteers are always needed. It is the volunteers working together that make our Foundation so successful. "God Bless Each One of You."

Happiness is to know the Savior,
Living a Life within His favor,
Having a change in my behavior,
Happiness is the Lord.

Trusting and obeying the Lord brings true happiness.

— Patricia Swanson
Foundation President
(952) 885-0623
E-mail: 155swanson@msn.com
the image of God is by being creative and building cultures.

This was God’s purpose when the Lord originally created human beings, and it remains the Lord’s purpose for us today. God’s original plan was not abolished by the Fall. Sin, has corrupted every aspect of human nature, but it has not made us less than human. We are not animals. We still reflect, “through a glass, darkly” (1 Cor. 13:12), our original nature as God’s image-bearers. Even nonbelievers carry out the Cultural Mandate: They “multiply and fill the earth” — which is to say, they get married, raise families, start schools, run businesses. And they “cultivate the earth” — they fix cars, write books, study nature, invent new gadgets. The point is: Genesis is telling us our true nature, the things we can’t help doing, the way God created everyone to function. Our purpose is precisely to fulfill our God-given nature.

The Fall did not destroy our original calling, but only made it more difficult. Our work is now marked by sorrow and hard labor. In Genesis 3:16-17, the Hebrew uses the same word for the “labor” of childbirth and the “labor” of growing food. The text suggests that the two central tasks of adulthood — raising the next generation and making a living — will be fraught with the pain of living in a fallen and fractured world. All our efforts will be twisted and misdirected by sin and selfishness.

Yet when God redeems us, the Lord releases us from the guilt and power of sin and restores us to our full humanity, so that we can once again carry out the tasks for which we were created. Because of Christ’s redemption on the cross, our work takes on a new aspect as well — it becomes a means of sharing in the Lord’s redemptive purposes. In cultivating creation, we not only recover our original purpose but also bring a redemptive force to reverse the evil and corruption introduced by the Fall. We offer our gifts to the Lord to participate in making God’s Kingdom come, His will be done. With hearts and minds renewed, our work can now be inspired by love for God and delight in His service.

The lesson of the Cultural Mandate is that our sense of fulfillment depends on engaging in creative, constructive work. The ideal human existence is not eternal leisure or an endless vacation — or even a monastic retreat into prayer and meditation — but creative effort expended for the glory of God and the benefit of others. Our calling is not just to “get to heaven” but also to cultivate the earth; not just to “save souls” but also to serve God through our work. For the Lord God Himself is engaged not only in the work of salvation (special grace) but also in the work of preserving and developing His creation (common grace). When we obey the Cultural Mandate, we participate in the work of God Himself, as agents of God’s common grace.

This is the rich content that should come to mind when we hear the word Redemption. The term does not refer only to a one-time conversion event. It means entering upon a lifelong quest to devote our skills and talents to building things that are beautiful and useful, while fighting the forces of evil and sin that oppress and distort the creation. Being a Christian means embarking on a lifelong process of growth in grace, both in our personal lives (sanctification) and in our vocations (cultural renewal). The new heavens and new earth will be a continuation of the creation we know now — purified by fire, but recognizably the same, just as Jesus was recognizable in His resurrection body.

In the days of the early church, the thing that most impressed their neighbors in the Roman Empire was the community of love they witnessed among believers. “Behold how they love one another," it was said. In every age, the most persuasive evidence for the Gospel is not words or arguments but a living demonstration of God’s character through Christians’ love for one another, expressed in both their words and their actions. It is meant to be fleshed out in a congregation of men and women who believe it and live by it — who exhibit in their relationships the beauty of God’s character.

May God give us the grace to be worldview missionaries, building lives and communities that give an authentic witness of God’s existence before a watching world.

Serving God and Country,
Rev. Dr. Kenneth L. Beale, Jr., Chaplain
(612) 747-1059
E-mail: kenneth.beale@us.army.mil
Chapel Air Conditioning System

Mark your calendar today to assure yourself and your family that you will attend the 11:00 a.m. Chapel service, Memorial Day Sunday, 27 May 2007 and enjoy the comfort of fresh cool air, a quiet atmosphere and a sense of worshipful solitude.

May 27, 2007 is the target date for completion of the air conditioning project. Although completion has taken longer than initially anticipated, you will be pleased with the improvement in year round comfort.

While the emphasis has been on the air conditioning, and the welcome relief it brings during the hot, humid summer months, the system is designed to maintain a consistent year round comfort level. It will be cool when it's 95 in the shade and warm and comfortable when it is 30 below zero.

Cooperation between the Department of Natural Resources and the Fort Snelling Memorial Chapel Foundation has been admirable throughout the entire process from planning and design, to bid development, to bid award.

While the project was designed and plans drawn, the DNR invested an extraordinary amount of time and money. This was a hard cash investment that could not be recovered, had the project failed. However, the DNR had confidence in the unwavering willingness of the Foundation to stand by its financial commitment.

For the Foundation, this financial commitment has its rewards. The investment is offset by an agreement to maintain a flat rental fee over the next decade; moreover, as a supplementary benefit from this harmonic convergence; the DNR has welcomed the opportunity to become more familiar with the functions and mission of the Foundation.

In addition, it is not unusual to meet a Foundation member who was married in the Chapel and who can remember the discomfort of wearing a wedding a gown when it’s hot and humid. Future brides will no longer fear wearing warm wilted white and groomsmen can wear cool, comfortable, cummerbunds.

And finally, during Foundation Sunday services, windows will be closed, doors shut, fans off ... nearly all extraneous noises — the thunder roll of canons, auto traffic, semi trucks, Harley Hogs and B-47s will be muted. It will be far more comfortable for you to hear the sermon, concentrate on the message and take copious notes — all in the cool, unruffled comfort of your favorite pew.

— Ted Nemzek

Footnote:
The air conditioning project represents more than a year of meetings and an unwavering commitment by two Foundation members: Jim Kirihara and Ted Nemzek. They attended all of the meetings to make air conditioning a reality; please express your appreciation to them. Also share a word of thanks to a great supporter of the Foundation, Bob Piotrowski, DNR fort Snelling State Park Manager. Bob has shown an immense dedication to this project.

The Board of Directors discussed fund-raising to replenish this investment and decided to let supporters of the Foundation and the Chapel know that an air conditioning fund has been established; donations will be welcomed but no formalized fund-raising will occur beyond the insertion of the envelope in this issue of The Snelling Spirit. Anyone wishing to contribute to this fund can do so by sending their tax-deductible gift to “Fort Snelling Memorial Chapel Foundation” and designate the funds as “air conditioning” funds or by credit card online through the secured website at [www.fortsnellingmcf.org].

Thank you for your support and prayers on bringing this project to a successful conclusion.

— Board of Directors, Fort Snelling Memorial Chapel Foundation
June 10th ... Near 80 Years Ago

This 10 June 2007 is unusual ... in the fact ... that eighty years ago 10 June 1928 was also a Sunday. The uniqueness of that eighty year old date is that it was the Worship and Dedication services for the Fort Snelling Memorial Chapel and Community Center.

The first morning worship service was at 10:30 a.m. However, a Sunday school was held in the Junior Chapel (annex) at 9:30 a.m. and would qualify as the first official service held at the Chapel.

At the Dedication Worship Service the first hymn sung was "Faith of Our Fathers." The Intercessory Prayer was delivered by Chaplain (Captain) Frank C. Rideout, United States Army. The sermon was delivered by Chaplain (Colonel) Edmund P. Easterbrook, who was the Chief of Chaplains, Washington, D.C.

That afternoon at 3:00 p.m. the Dedication Service was held in the new Chapel with Rev. Phillips Endicott Osgood, D.D., Major, Chaplain Reserve, U.S. Army presiding. Music was performed by the Third U.S. Infantry Band along with the military formation of the Fort Snelling troops. The Post was the home of the Third U.S. Infantry Regiment known as "The Old Guard of the Army," as coined by General Winfield Scott of the War of 1812 and the Mexican War of 1846-48.

Mr. Walter H. Wheeler, Chairman of the Building Committee, turned over the keys to the building to Colonel William E. Welsh, the Commanding Officer of the Fort Snelling Post. Greetings were presented by Major General Harry A. Smith, 7th Corps Area Commander from Omaha, Nebraska.

Chaplain Rideout led the formal dedication and prayer. As the guiding force behind the project he felt that "Primarily the Chapel will be a house of worship ... but is will be much more – it is a unique and dis-

the moral earnestness and the convictions of the people of this state. It will be a perpetual reminder of their appreciation of those who made the supreme sacrifice in all our great wars ... it will provide a shrine where the friends of those who have died for America may come, as on a holy pilgrimage, and offer up their thanks to Almighty God for the precious gift of friends who have been so fondly loved, and are not lost awhile."

The governor of Minnesota and Honorary Chairman of the Board of Directors of the

(Continued ... on page eight)
(Continued ... from page seven)

Chapel, Theodore Christianson, was in attendance and also addressed the group. The service concluded with a concert by the Third Infantry Band under the direction of Carl Dillon, Bandmaster. Among their selections was John Phillip Sousa's, "Stars and Stripes Forever."

The Fort Snelling Chapel and Community Center was a unique undertaking since it was the first Army house of worship ever built by funds raised from all classes of citizens in the area of an Army garrison. Funds came in from various religious denominations and special memorial gifts as well. The project was a ground swell of public support from across the country. For example, nearly $300.00 was raised in the town of Brainerd, Minnesota. Since the Kimball pipe organ was just renovated ($90,000) recently, it might be noted that the original organ was purchased by the fund raising of $12,500 by the Minnesota Department Veterans of Foreign Wars and Auxiliary.

In addition, it was the first combination of the Church and Parish House idea ever devised for an Army Post.

In constructing the Chapel the architects used the idea of integrating the early pioneer history of Minnesota into the architecture of the Chapel building. The Bishop Whipple memorial window and the Chancel window dedicated to Jacob Henry Stewart, M.D., surgeon of the First Minnesota Infantry Regiment from the 1861 Civil War era, are just two examples.

The Chapel was the first non-denominational institution ever built at an Army garrison. Denominational agencies had sponsored chapels for a few other Army posts, and even that had not been done in the past fifty plus years prior to 1928. The Chapel would be a model for other posts in the Army to replicate what had been done at Fort Snelling, so that in the future the moral and religious welfare of the service personnel could be addressed with a non-denominational religious facility.

The Chapel also extended beyond military use and was made availability to the civilian community. At the time it was built it was in the geographical center of the park system of the Twin Cities. Today, the facility is owned and operated by the State of Minnesota (Fort Snelling State Park, DNR). It is leased for weekly Sunday morning non-denominational Christian worship services by the Fort Snelling Memorial Chapel Foundation; and may be rented for weddings and funeral services as well throughout the week. In addition, the State has Chapel tours on the first and third Sundays of each month from 1:30 to 3:00 p.m. for the public.

As pointed out in the dedication program of that June 10th some eighty years ago: "It is a shrine for rest, religious meditation and patriotic devotion for the people of the Twin Cities and for the many tourists from more distant parts of the country ... It is our hope that the new Chapel be put to such use, particularly on Sunday afternoons, in providing musical programs, organ recitals, and non-sectarian services as will render the largest possible good to the greatest possible number of persons. Thus will the dream back of the original Chapel idea come true."

Today the Fort Snelling Memorial Chapel stands as a testament to the efforts not only of the original builders, but to the men and women of the Fort Snelling Memorial Chapel Foundation ... who forty years ago organized to preserve the Chapel that had been abandoned after World War II. The cumulative efforts of many people over the past eighty years have kept alive the spirit of the Fort Snelling Chapel ... to the Glory of God.

— Newell L. Chester
Getting to Know You …

Howard Wilson enlisted in the Maritime Service and was sworn into the Naval Reserve to become a Merchant Marine in November 1942 and he served until 1945. Howard was 18 years old at the time. Howard received his training by the Navy at Sheepshead Bay, New York. Howard spent 5 months at Sheepshead Bay before being placed on a ship. He served on three different ships; the SS William Moultrie, the SS John A. Donald and the SS Richard Bassett.

Howard’s first cruise was on the William Moultrie, where the ship left the convoy in the Atlantic Ocean and went through the Caribbean. Howard remembers many German U-Boats in that area—through the Panama Canal on to the Pacific Ocean and around Cape Horn to South Africa. As East Africa was home to many German Military Personnel, Howard remembers the German flag flying over areas of Africa. The ship then headed back to various ports in South America. Whenever the crews crossed the equator it was tradition to shave their heads.

Howard’s second trip was on the SS John A. Donald through Torpedo Alley where the seas where constantly a threat … to Southampton, England where the ship went aground due to extremely heavy fog; then it was back to the United States for dry dock repair for a week. Howard was then back in the North Atlantic on his way to Murmansk Bay, Russia. Murmansk was a very dangerously cold and fearful time for all sea going vessels. The temperatures would hover around 60 below zero in the winter. This was an area where the enemy was a constant threat, with war planes, surface craft, floating mines, submarines and ice fields. While in Murmansk Bay the ship was bombed, and the Captain made a hasty retreat to Archangel Bay. There they had two ice breakers break open the frozen sea for them so they could continue their way to the White Sea to deliver supplies to three other ports. Howard remembers picking up three Russian flyers at one of the ports and dropping them off in England for the upcoming Normandy invasion. Then it was back to the U.S.A.

The next ship was the SS Richard Bassett which took the crew to Aran, North Africa delivering supplies. Then it was on to the Mediterranean Sea to pick up Army troops in Gibraltar for the upcoming invasion of Southern France. While getting ready to take on the troops, someone cut the rope before Howard and another Seaman had the gangway ready to be lowered, both men fell 40 feet and hit the concrete deck below. Howard was taken to Field Hospital # 69 in North Africa where he remained unconscious for 16 days. Howard was then sent back to the United States on a Red Cross Ship where he spent one year at a Marine Hospital in New York. Howard was then discharged in December 1954.

Howard returned to Minneapolis in 1946 where he married Joyce. He and Joyce have one son and one daughter, five grandsons, three great granddaughters and one great grandson. Howard worked in the construction business for 53 year and retired at the age of 73. Howard continues to live in Minneapolis and is very active with the Merchant Marines. If you wish to learn more about the Merchant Marines, Howard is a great resource … as is Cal Oss (another member of the Foundation).

THE UNKNOWN SERVICE

In 1936, Congress passed a bill to train citizens in the Maritime Service to become Merchant Marines, they would be the 4th arm of defense … in case our country went to war. The United States Merchant Marine Cadet Corps was established in 1938, to train young men for ships’ Officers. The Academy was located at Kings Point, Long Island, New York. For forty-three years the U.S. Merchant Seamen who sailed during

(Continued … on page ten)
WWII were called all kinds of names. These men died thinking the country considered them a bunch of draft dodgers … while many of these people were just not able to pass the requirements of the other branches of service, or some times the Maritime Service just worked out better. Members of the U.S. Merchant Marine serving aboard merchant ships in WWII suffered a greater percentage of war-related deaths than all U.S. armed forces combined. The vessels had very little fire power and were extremely vulnerable to the enemy; consequently they traveled in convoys … particularly through the North Atlantic where the German U-Boats were (they traveled in what were called Wolf Packs). The Battle of the Atlantic was not what one usually thinks of as a “battle” … since it did not take place in one location over a limited period. It was a “Battle for Control” over shipping in the Atlantic … and lasted from September 1939 until May 1945. The U-Boats were very successful in sinking America’s Merchant Ships. Starting in 1940, through the middle of 1942, U-Boats sank more merchant ships than were built. The USS Dorchester which was sunk in the North Atlantic with the Four Chaplains aboard was manned by Merchant Seamen. The Merchant Marines were only given veteran status in 1988 and 1998 by Congress. They continue to deliver supplies in peace and war, through Korea, Vietnam and the Gulf War … and now the newest conflict in Iraq.

— submitted by Karen Hodge

---

**Month**

2009

**MISSION CALL**

an outreach ministry of

Fort Snelling Memorial Church

1 Federal Drive, Fort Snelling, MN 55414

fssnellingmcf.org

fssnellingmcf.org

**DVDs** of the weekly sermon are available for a $5 donation. These are pre-paid and available for pick up the next week … or shipped to you for an additional $2. Place your orders in the Fellowship Hall or at our web site at www.fortsnellingmcf.org.

Also … **Audio Tapes** of the weekly services are available immediately following worship in the Fellowship Hall or on the web … for a $3 donation plus S/H.
**Benevolent Giving ...**

*Tribute to the Troops* is a 501(c)(3) organization founded in 2004 by country music star and 101st Airborne veteran, Rockie Lynne and his music promoter and avid motorcycle rider, Gregg Schmitt. Both men are from Minnesota.

Rockie wrote a song called "Home" which paid tribute to the fallen heroes of the Iraq war. As a tribute to the fallen men and women, he put their pictures on the CD. Gregg Schmitt, who never served in the military, was so moved by the song and the CD, he decided he wanted to give something back to the families of the fallen heroes from the Midwest. Rockie and Gregg started the organization *Tribute to the Troops*, comprised mostly of motorcycle riders, to raise money for the families of killed and wounded troops.

The money is raised through motorcycle ride registrations, sales of clothing on the internet and business sponsors. This organization has no paid staff, all members are volunteers.

Some of the organizations *Tribute to the Troops* has donated to are: the Wounded Warrior Fund ($7,500); Minnesota Military Family Foundation ($2,500); Blue Star Mother Chapter Three ($800); and Comfort for Courage ($800).

Lyle and Marlene Willock, members of the *Fort Snelling Memorial Chapel Foundation*, are members of the *Tribute to the Troops*. The Willocks submitted a benevolence request to the *Foundation* for the *Tribute to the Troops* organization for a benevolence gift. They invited me to a Board of Directors meeting for the *Tribute to the Troops*. I attended the meeting which was held at the VFW in Spring Lake Park, Minnesota. I was very moved by the passion of the members of this organization to ensure that our fallen heroes and their families are not forgotten. I asked Lyle and Marlene how they became involved and they stated "they were having work done on their fireplace by a friend, Kelly Sellers, who was a member of the *Tribute to the Troops* organization. Kelly invited them to a meeting and they became hooked." Lyle and Marlene do not have a motorcycle, so they drive the support vehicle which provides medical and mechanical assistance to any one along the ride route. Most rides consist of up to 65 motorcycles and other vehicles. Lyle also stated, "you do not have to have a motorcycle." All other vehicles are registered and follow the motorcycles along the ride route.

The next *Tribute to the Troops* ride will be 19 May, Armed Forces Day. The ride will start at the Park Nicollet Clinic Airport, Minneapolis at 8 a.m. and will proceed to Fort Snelling Cemetery. An invocation will be given by Chaplain (LTC) Kenneth Beale at 11:00 a.m. at the cemetery. The remainder of the ride will continue as follows: Renegades Bar and Grill in Burnsville for lunch; Narrows Saloon in Navarre; and end at Diamonds Sports Bar in Maple Grove at 5:45 p.m. The ride will be given a police escort. All motorcycles and cars will be given a "Tribute to the Troops flag" to post on their vehicle.

If you wish to find out more about this organization, you can go to their web site, [www.tributetothetroops.org](http://www.tributetothetroops.org) or call 651-257-9000. I want to thank Rockie Lynne, Gregg Schmitt and Lyle and Marlene Willock for their dedication to our injured and fallen heroes.

Sincerely,
— Pat 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 2007. Simply call the *Foundation Office* at 612/970-7866 ... and provide a name and mailing address.
Celebrating 40 Years
(1967 - 2007)

Fort Snelling Memorial Chapel Foundation

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.

For Fort Snelling Memorial Chapel Foundation information call the Foundation Office at (612) 970-7866, or write to the
Fort Snelling Memorial Chapel Foundation
1 Federal Drive
Fort Snelling, MN 55111-4027
or e-mail to info@fortsnellingmcf.org or check our web site at www.fortsnellingmcf.org

Ft. Snelling Memorial Chapel Foundation Staff
Rev. Dr. Kenneth L. Beale, Jr., Chaplain
Ruth Fardig, Minister of Music
Leila Campbell, Administrative Assistant

The Snelling Spirit Staff:
The Snelling Spirit is a bimonthly publication of the Fort Snelling Memorial Chapel Foundation. We welcome your input, your letters and your suggestions.

Publisher Emeritus: Osmund Nygaard
Feature Contributors:
Rev. Dr. Kenneth Beale, Jr.
Newell Chester
Ruth Fardig
Karen Hodge
Pat Hoy
Kay Schoen
Patricia Swanson
Photographer:
Leland Granberg
Layout/Design/Printing:
Leila Campbell
<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Date</th>
<th>Event Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
</table>
| 5th Sunday of Easter | 10:00 a.m. Bible Study  
11:00 a.m. Holy Communion  
Sermon: "Meals of Deliverance"  
Music: TBA  |
| 13th Sunday of Easter | 10:00 a.m. Bible Study  
11:00 a.m. Worship Service  
Sermon: "Blessed Are the Mothers"  
Music: Pastorino Singers  |
| 27th Sunday of Easter | 10:00 a.m. Bible Study  
11:00 a.m. Worship Service  
Sermon: "Remembering"  
Music: Dakota Brass Ensemble  
Memorial Garden  |
### Fort Snelling Memorial Chapel Foundation Staff

- **Chaplain:** Rev. Dr. Kenneth L. Beale, Jr. — Phone: 612/747-1059 — E-mail: kenneth.beale@us.army.mil
- **Minister of Music:** Ruth Fardig — Phone: 612/238-5826 — E-mail: ruthfardig@aol.com
- **Administrative Assistant:** Leila Campbell — Phone: 612/970-7866 — E-mail: info@fortsnelling.org
- **Website:** www.fortsnellingmcf.org — Fax: 612/970-7867 — Dial-a-Devotional: 612/970-7866, ext. #2

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Sun</th>
<th>Mon</th>
<th>Tue</th>
<th>Wed</th>
<th>Thu</th>
<th>Fri</th>
<th>Sat</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td><strong>3</strong></td>
<td>1st Sunday after Pentecost</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>5</td>
<td>6</td>
<td>7</td>
<td>8</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>10:00 a.m. Bible Study</td>
<td>11:00 a.m. Holy Communion</td>
<td>12</td>
<td>13</td>
<td>14</td>
<td>15</td>
<td>16</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Sermon: “Don’t Guess, Take the Test”</td>
<td>Music: Taylor Boudin, Soloist</td>
<td>11:00 a.m. host a Service of Marriage Renewal of all those married @ the Chapel</td>
<td><strong>9:00 a.m. Worship Mtg. @ Richfield Am. Leg. Post</strong></td>
<td></td>
<td><strong>9:00 a.m. Board of Directors Mtg. @ Federal Bldg.</strong></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>10</strong></td>
<td>2nd Sunday after Pentecost</td>
<td>17</td>
<td>18</td>
<td>19</td>
<td>20</td>
<td>21</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>10:00 a.m. Bible Study</td>
<td>Father's Day</td>
<td>22</td>
<td>23</td>
<td>24</td>
<td>25</td>
<td>26</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>11:00 a.m. Worship Service</td>
<td>10:00 a.m. Bible Study</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Sermon: “Is Traditional Marriage All That Important?”</td>
<td>Sermon: “My Dad Is The Greatest!”</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Music: Lisa &amp; Jeff Heutmaker, Duo</td>
<td>Music: The Larkspur Trio</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>24</strong></td>
<td>4th Sunday after Pentecost</td>
<td>27</td>
<td>28</td>
<td>29</td>
<td>30</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>10:00 a.m. Bible Study</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>11:00 a.m. Worship Service</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Sermon: “God Wants Us to Be Generous”</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Music: June Griffin, Soloist</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>