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Dear Friends and Neighbors,

With the season of celebration here I would like to thank the many volunteers who have given us the remarkable place that the Frank H. Kenan Chapel provides to Landfall and the greater Wilmington. Now entering our third decade of service to the community, the Chapel and our programs have certainly grown. All accomplished by dedicated volunteers, too many to name, but to offer that “not enough can be said about the collective power of good.”

The Chapel continues to be a very busy place. We owe thanks and appreciation to our volunteer Board for their countless hours of work and stewardship. Two in particular, Anne Leister and Katherine Sartarelli who led our Concert Program for a number of years are no longer serving with us. Anne passed away at the end of October and Kathy is retiring from the Board at the end of this year. Their tireless efforts brought world class emerging artists to the Chapel each year-round. We have also added, in collaboration with the Vivance International Music Festival, a Summer Concert with The Music Festival’s aspiring young musicians.

Our Gardens Committee has also begun a planned rejuvenation of the grounds and Gardens. A new Sculpture in memory of Judy Wesoloski now graces the southeast corner of the Memorial Gardens. A multi-year tree and shrub maintenance plan is in process to maintain the memorial plantings. The Committee faces a busy winter as the 2023 Azalea Festival will showcase the Chapel on this year’s Garden Tour. This is a great honor and major undertaking for our volunteers. We would welcome volunteers to help with our preparations for the Gardent Tour.

This past winter we opened a new section of Chapel Woods, as many of us are choosing to continue in this

beautiful place forever. We still have a number of spaces in The Original Garden and in Chapel Woods for perpetual care. If you are considering arrangements, we will be available to answer any questions you may have.

A special note of thanks goes out to our Arrangements Committee who’s quiet dedication sees every family through those highly personal and emotional events with grace. From Weddings to Baptisms and Memorial Services, they handle each with love and individual attention.

The Board, The Council of Associations, and the Landfall Great Oaks Club continued the tradition of bringing Landfall another exceptional Fall Festival with expanded children’s entertainment, great food offerings, and more games than one can count. Many thanks to the eighty plus volunteers who make it possible.

Under the leadership of Dennis Danelowski, our Treasurer Marie Gillis, and our Financial Advisory Committee the Kenan Chapel Endowment remains strong and solid. We owe them our admiration and thanks for weathering the ups and downs of investing over the past year. Please consider a donation to the Endowment. It is a legacy for our future.

Finally, the entire Board thanks all of you who have so generously donated with your time and money to ensure the operation of the Chapel and our Music Programs. With your vision and continuing support the Chapel remains a shining example of Landfall Living at its best.

The Board of Directors wishes each and everyone of you a very happy holiday season. We look forward to seeing you at the Chapel in the coming months.

Michael Kane

ARRANGEMENTS



**Morgan Fleming and
Jonathan Peters Wedding
September 4, 2021**

*Photo by: Chris Lang
Photography*

**Elena Garcia and
Giovanni Kieninger Wedding
October 22, 2022**
Photo by: Michael and Deanna Sing



By Trish Boyd

It has been an amazing year for weddings and other events at Kenan Chapel at Landfall – the publicity arranged by the energetic efforts of Jessica Spencer is paying off in filling the Chapel with wonderful families sharing time together to celebrate marriages, baptisms, and other special events throughout the year.

Twenty Twenty-Two found the Chapel hosting ten weddings, as well as ten memorial services, a lovely organ recital by the talented Nancy Novelty, retired after 41 active years as Director of Music for various churches in Connecticut, Florida, Maryland, and Virginia. Nancy now resides in Southport and enjoys spending time with her specialty and first love, early Baroque keyboard music. And a beautiful ceremony dedicating the bluebird sculpture in the memorial garden, sculpted by talented Landfall resident Ed Hearn and

gift by George Wesoloski in memory of his wife Judy Wesoloski. Please take time for a walk in the gardens to admire that and the many other sculptures found there.

Many thanks to the Arrangements Committee members who work so tirelessly to assist with these many events - Catherine Bonnette, Carol Earey, RoseMary Russo, Les Sloan, Toni Soule, Sue Thompson, and Ginny Tyndall.

Mike Williams at the COA is tireless in his efforts to connect us to anyone looking to plan an event at the Chapel; thanks also to John Littlejohn for his willingness to set up/take down extra chairs as needed for these events, as well as scribe Leslie Silloway, who beautifully records all events in our permanent record book.

Please consider volunteering for any of these opportunities at Kenan Chapel – we are always looking for new volunteers! Please contact Trish Boyd at 484-951-3680 or info@kenanchapel.com if you would like more information about any of these volunteer opportunities.

FROM THE MUSIC COMMITTEE

The Chapel Music Committee, at its core, continues to be dedicated to showcasing emerging talent from across the state and the country. In keeping with the Kenan family's leadership and with aid of other generous benefactors, including the Landfall Foundation and many Landfall residents, the concerts remain free to the citizens of Wilmington.



We began this concert year with a piano concert by Wilmington's own Elizabeth Lopartis followed by the Carolina Classical Ensemble and an All-Bach Mother Daughter Concert. This year we will host two holiday concerts, our popular Traditional Holiday Caroling, under the direction of Santa himself

and the Salvation Army Brass. We will follow in mid-December with a Holiday Chorale of Sacred and Secular Music.

In the New Year we will welcome the North Carolina School of the Arts for two concerts. The Coastal Strings will return and we will host the Wilmington Symphony Orchestra Concerto Competition Winners. As summer

approaches we will again enjoy concerts by the Tallis Chamber Orchestra and the Port City Music Festival. This will be the thirteenth year the Port City Music Festival has begun its Concert Series at the Chapel!

During the late summer we will again partner with the Vivance International Music Festival to host a concert during the Festival.

Our driving mission is to continue the proud tradition of offering the very best concert experiences to both our world class performers and to all concertgoers.

Please see our schedule at: KenanChapel.com for dates and ticket availability. Like and follow us on Facebook and Instagram for up-to-the-minute programming.

THANK YOU!

The Kenan Chapel appreciates the generous grant of \$6500 from the Landfall Foundation to help us continue our concerts showcasing new and emerging artists and students. We are honored to receive this investment in our programming.



UNCW Opera Students led by Nancy King

KENAN CHAPEL ANNUAL *Christmas Carol Sing*

- Sunday, December 11th at 5 pm
- Salvation Army Brass Band will play traditional Christmas carols (Song sheets will be provided)
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- www.kenanchapel.com



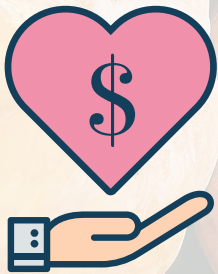


FALL FESTIVAL



The 20th Annual Landfall Fall Festival was a fun-filled day hosted by the Kenan Chapel in conjunction with the Great Oaks Club and the Landfall COA. Hundreds of volunteers transformed the Landfall Recreation Site into an fun festival featuring pumpkin painting, balloon art, children's games, magic shows, pony rides, haunted hayrides, a food court, a bake sale, a silent auction, a car exhibition and information booths for local community groups. Local law enforcement officers offered safety tips and a reptile rescue group thrilled event-goers with all the creepy crawlies. Flower bouquets, mums, painted pumpkins and root beer floats were top sellers! The annual 50/50 raffle winner won over \$2300! With over 2000 attendees this year's festival saw record attendance,

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As the Frank H. Kenan Chapel enters the it's 21st year of service to our community, it is important for us to recognize the leadership of our predecessors who had the foresight to assure that the Chapel remains a lasting legacy for all of us living in this wonderful neighborhood. The establishment of the Endowment fund helps ensure the future security of the Chapel.

Now is the time for those of us currently enjoying the Chapel and our many programs to join in advancing the Endowment for the

years to come. Simply put, the Endowment is the future of the Chapel!

Why not help make certain that the Chapel will always continue to be a memorable place and a positive benefit for Landfall and greater Wilmington in the future? Become part of this legacy and have your name or that of a beloved family member or friend engraved in a brick marker on the Chapel grounds.

With a donation of \$1000 or more to the Kenan Chapel Endowment, a brick marker will

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Your support and contributions are needed to ensure the future of the Kenan Chapel. Please use the contribution form included with this newsletter to join us in securing our future. If you wish to discuss a gift of stock or a IRA contribution, please contact Dennis Danelowski at 910-256-6692 or email dennis2031@att.net. The Chapel is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization.

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BLUEBIRDS

In memory of Judy Wesoloski, the Memorial Garden's newest sculpture by Ed Hearn is a replica of a life-size, nesting bluebird box mounted on a post with three birds—all in bronze. It was commissioned by Judy's husband, George. In addition to the main piece, you will find other bronze birds placed nearby on existing boulders. Our gardens are open daily for visitors.



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