

# Reflections

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## FROM THE PRESIDENT

Happy Holidays to all! Here at the Chapel, we are closing another busy and eventful year. The Board has already begun its planning for 2024, which ushers in new goals and projects as we approach our 25th year. We are working to establish a capital improvement budget and undertake a Capital Campaign to meet the needs of the Chapel and its grounds for the coming years. The first step has been taken with a major donation from the estate of Betty Price Kenan.

Currently, we are completing our rejuvenation of the plantings for both the Gardens and Chapel proper. Only a few replacements remain to be planted. Over the winter, expansion of memorial sites along the northeast walkway in Chapel Woods will be completed. Sites will be available for reservation in early spring, and a wait list is already in hand. We will also finalize upgrades to lighting

and furnishings in the Chapel and undertake maintenance on the Rose Window.

All this, as well as our Concert Series, The Azalea Festival Garden Tour, our famed Fall Festival, and the many Special Services and events held at the Chapel are the result of countless volunteer hours, and of course, the financial generosity of each of you.

Your contributions are critical to our continued success in meeting the high expectations set for the Chapel and, in fact, by each of you. We all are indebted for your continuing support. On behalf of the Board of Directors, Thank You!

If I can be of assistance to you any way, please do not hesitate to contact me through the Chapel line or directly on 910-515-0512.

Michael C. Kane, *President*



# ARRANGEMENTS

*By Trish Boyd*

What an exciting year 2023 proved to be! Kenan Chapel scheduled fifteen weddings, as well as five memorial services, and the ultimate honor for any local memorial garden – an invitation to join the Garden Tour for the North Carolina Azalea Festival April 14-16, 2023. More about that in this newsletter.

Many thanks to the Arrangements Committee members who helped make everything happen like clockwork - Catherine Bonnette, Carol Earey, Barb Nevin, RoseMary Russo, Les Sloan, Toni Soulé, Sue Thompson, and Ginny Tyndall. And, we appreciated our newest addition to the committee, Jeanette Szvec. Thanks to you all for giving your time for events at the Chapel.

Mike Williams at the LCOA continued to support the Chapel in so many ways. Thanks also to Mike Kane, John Littlejohn, and Ron Leuchs for making themselves available to set up/take down extra chairs as needed for these events. We were grateful for Leslie Silloway, our scribe, for sharing her beautiful penmanship to record 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 910-383-1522 or [info@kenanchapel.com](mailto:info@kenanchapel.com) if you would like more information about any of these volunteer opportunities.



*Logan Bath & Annalise Dimatteo  
June 3, 2023  
Stephanie Axtell Wedding Photography*



*Isabel Hansen & Cody Neder  
April 22, 2023  
KMI Photography*



# THANK YOU!

The Kenan Chapel is able to offer its exceptional series of free concerts because of a generous grant from the Landfall Foundation in support of the arts, our dedicated volunteers, and community supporters.

We gratefully acknowledge the Landfall Foundation for their continued support of the music program, which was an important part of the vision of Frank H. Kenan and his family had when they donated money for the Kenan Chapel.

The sold-out concerts are usually followed by a meet-the-artists reception at the Country Club of Landfall. Through the generosity of our donors, the Kenan Chapel can offer outstanding performances by talented, emerging NC artists.



## *Notes from the* **MUSIC COMMITTEE**

This year's Chapel Concert Series grew from our customary 10 to 14 concerts. New collaborations featured the Wilmington Symphony and the Vivace Music Festival.

The upcoming concerts and designated receptions remain free of charge to the community. Tickets will be available at the Northeast Library, generally a week before the Concert.



## KENAN CHAPEL ANNUAL *Christmas Carol Sing*

Make plans to join your neighbors and friends for the annual Christmas Carol Sing, which will be held inside the beautiful Kenan Chapel this year!

Salvation Army brass band will play traditional Christmas carols! Song sheets will be provided.

Adults, children, and grandchildren are encouraged to participate.

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10 | 5PM**

Santa will arrive at 4:45 pm and will join us for the reception in the ballroom at the Country Club of Landfall following the half hour of caroling.

Open to all Landfall Residents and their accompanied guests.

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# FALL FESTIVAL OCTOBER 2023

The Fall Festival weathered a rain-showered morning into a real success. It's been growing bigger every year! Our perennial Sponsors and Silent Auction Donors made it a truly larger-than-life event. Please support them whenever you can!

While there is not enough space to name every volunteer, you should know that over 120 people worked for months to put on the Festival. Each of them was rewarded only with the smiles they saw on the field that day. We as a community, thank you, the volunteers, for all that work and joy you brought us!







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*In Memory of*  
**WILLIAM J. SCHILD**

The Chapel community mourns the passing of William J. Schild, who served as a member of our Board for close to 9 years. Bill was just as comfortable in the Board Room as he was rolling up his sleeves and "getting things done" around the Chapel.

Many remember him at the Fall Festival scooping ice cream or chairing the annual 4th of July Celebrations here in Landfall. The Board knows him best for his quiet leadership and steadfast commitment to the Chapel.

He was one of those people we all wish we could emulate.





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# FUELING OUR MISSION

## *transformative gifts*



This year, the Chapel was fortunate to receive a major gift from the estate of Elizabeth Price Kenan.

Designated for the operation and improvement of the Chapel and its grounds and dedicated to the Chapel's Capital Budget Plan, the gift will help support and service the Chapel for years to come.

The Kenan Chapel also received a generous

donation from the Kane family to support our growing concert program. This gift, in addition to a grant from the Landfall Foundation and grants from the Kenan Family, provided a full schedule of fourteen concerts this season. These donations directly enabled our commitment to bring North Carolina's most talented emerging artists to Wilmington and provide receptions free-of-charge to all members of the community.

## *The Endowment Fund*

Nestled within the picturesque community of Landfall, the Frank H. Kenan Chapel serves as a beacon of hope, a gathering place for families, and a testament to the enduring spirit of our community. Join us in safeguarding our heritage and supporting the place that has touched the hearts of so many.

What makes our Chapel remarkable is the role played by The Endowment Fund, which plays a crucial part in maintaining and enhancing

the building and the memorial gardens. By contributing to the endowment fund, you play a vital role insuring the chapel can continue to host concerts, weddings, baptisms, and memorial services.

To ensure that the Kenan Chapel continues to stand tall for generations to come, we need your support. Join us in contributing to the Endowment Fund and become part of its rich legacy. With a donation of \$1000 or more, a

brick marker will be placed in the recognition plaza under our beautiful stained glass window. If you pledge \$1000 or more over a four year period, a marker will be installed upon completion of the pledge.

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 an IRA contribution, please contact Dennis Danelowski at 203-510-8716 or email [dennis2031@att.ent](mailto:dennis2031@att.ent). The Chapel is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization.

We greatly appreciate your support.

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## AZALEA FESTIVAL GARDEN TOUR

The Frank H. Kenan Chapel and its serene Memorial Gardens were greatly honored to be selected as a participant in the 2023 Cape Fear Garden Club's historic 70th Anniversary Azalea Garden Tour. The goal of the Garden Club was to showcase the most beautiful gardens in the Wilmington area. With a deep sense of stewardship, a team of chapel volunteers were on site and available to answer questions about the Gardens and Chapel during the three-day event. Allowing guests access to the Chapel as well as the gardens offered participants a blend of beauty as well as history.

Dedicated in 2001 and now entering its 3rd decade, the lovely interfaith Chapel is open every day for reflection, and is a favorite venue for weddings as well as memorial services for all denominations.



## *Reflections*

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