

Week of April 16, 2023



From Woody: . . . As we try to absorb the latest mass shootings in our country, our church family member Don Chapman, will be heading to New York City to speak at his brother Paul's funeral service. With Don's permission i just want to share a picture of his brother, a great activist for peace and justice.

Paul Chapman was a peace activist all of his life, including forging relationships with Martin Luther King and Cardinal Cushing. He and some of his fellow clergy in Boston came together to help in the civil rights movement and Dr. King told Paul to take his band of Boston clergy to a town in North Carolina, Williamston, where a group of young people had been holding a protest march for 80 straight days during which they were harassed and often beaten. In a very dangerous situation, the northern ministers and priests went to that small town to bring larger media attention to the civil rights effort there.. They endured hatred there. Paul Chapman was beaten up outside the Episcopal Church on Easter Sunday morning in 1964 while waiting for friends to come out after the service. Here are his words about working with Dr. King in the cause of peace and justice:

King was an inspiring leader-a follower of Gandhi and deeply committed to non-violence as a way of defusing society's violence with satyagraha (truth force). It is impossible to understand King and the civil rights movement without knowing about the role of the church in the movement. Invariably, civil rights demonstrations launched with a service of worship in a black church-preaching, singing and prayers that the hearts of men and women might be filled with love. Did our work in Williamston and in other cities throughout the South make a difference? Twenty years after Williamston, I was approached by a middle-aged black attorney one day in New York. He gave me his card with all his professional qualifications on it. I recognized Jimmy Small at once, one of the youngsters who I had marched with, and gone to jail with us all those years before. He had been destined to work in the cotton fields, but had been inspired to try for a better life, having gained confidence from the civil rights movement. I was humbled by that.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Don as he eulogizes his brother. This summary is but a small sample of the vision and courage of Paul Chapman's life, which was all about serving God by taking action to love others, especially the poor and oppressed. I know I am blessed to know Don and humbled by the life of his brother Paul.

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. **Thanks** to Lynda French, the Trustees and all those who help with the church grounds cleanup last Saturday. It looks wonderful.



Organ Concert: All are invited to a free organ concert on Saturday, May 6 at 3 pm. This is in celebration of 100 years of music from our organ. The organ was purchased and installed in our church in 1923. The concert will be given by David and Permelia Sears. The Sears specialize in playing historic 19th century tracker organs.

Family Sunday

Sunday, May 21
10:00 am



You and your family are invited to join us for a **'playful'** Sunday worship service to celebrate the end of the Covenant Kingdom school year.

Bring a picnic lunch, blanket, and chairs because after service we will have a **picnic lunch** on the lawn outside of church!

Drinks and dessert will be provided.



Peace Quote: . Father forgive them for they know not what they do.....*Jesus of Nazareth*

New Boston Boy Scout Troop 123 Fundraiser



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- Scarves
- Belts
- Sneakers
- Sandals
- Dress Shoes
- Boots
- Towels

PLEASE BAG SHOES AND CLOTHING
SEPARATELY

WHEN

April 22nd and 23rd

WHERE

New Boston Town Hall
7 Meetinghouse Hill Road

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