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# The Chapel Bell

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## Fire Sprinkler Progress Report

by Ken Bohl, Facilities Director

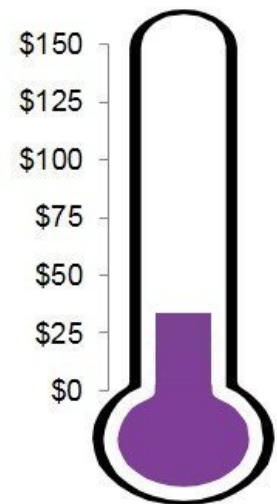
We present this progress report as our page 1 article because it is such an important effort in preserving the chapel.

Our fund-raising project is still in the early stages, but it continues to gradually make progress.

As you are aware, Preservation Society president Tom Scott will make a matching donation (up to \$75,000) for every donation we make, in honor of his beloved wife Shirley.

We have \$14,000 in donations. Doubling that in anticipation of this match, we are up to approximately 19% of our goal.

In the meantime, we are working with assistance from the Lombard Fire Prevention Bureau to identify ways to make the Chapel more fire-preventative, such as blocking air flow points between the basement, main floor, and attic.



With each Chapel Bell newsletter, we'll provide you with some interesting facts about fire sprinklers. The specific numbers presented below are based on the one proposal we have received and general averages. But the basic principles are correct.

The fire sprinkler system will be fed by water from the Village water system. In order to handle the volume of water required by multiple sprinkler heads at once, the 4" water pipe coming in will provide about 28 times the water volume as the 3/4" pipe coming into your home will carry!

The Village water pressure is about 60 pounds per square inch (PSI). Due to the height of the Chapel ceiling, there will be a booster pump in the basement to ensure that there is adequate pressure to the sprinklers in the ceiling.

Have you ever noticed the fire hose fittings on the front of an office building labeled “auto sprinkler fire dept. connection”? Before the fire department would arrive to a fire, the sprinklers would do an adequate job of controlling the fire. But then, the first thing they would do would be to connect a hose from the truck to that fitting. It feeds the sprinkler system, which would charge it with water at 150 PSI. This would not only increase the volume of water sprayed, but instead of the water coming out in little droplets, a high-pressure cloud of water vapor would attack the fire and really “give it the business”.

Every year, tragedy strikes many historic landmark buildings. The story is always the same. People are shocked at how quickly the fire got out of control and the building was completely burned. They had no idea how much it would cost to repair or rebuild, and that insurance would cover only a fraction of the cost. Even with adequate funds, a rebuilt building made of modern materials will never replace the beautiful landmark that once was.

If only they had taken action to prevent it! We still have that chance. Your tax-deductible contribution would be greatly appreciated. Donations may be made through PayPal on the web site [www.MapleStreetChapel.Org](http://www.MapleStreetChapel.Org), or by mailing a check to Maple Street Chapel, 220 S. Main St, Lombard, IL 60148.

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# Interesting Details About the Chapel: Uh, What Is It?

by Ken Bohl, Facilities Chairman

There is a gradual effort taking place to clean up the basement. This is a larger job than your or my home's basement, as the Chapel basement is 80% crawl space. There are many large objects of questionable historical value which we are loath to throw away.

Another problem is that the dirt in the crawl space is not level. It mounds up, making it difficult to use for storage. On top of that, it was used as a dumping ground for years, presumably by contractors since it is full of bricks, pipes, broken glass, boards, and so forth. Every time I come to the Chapel I bring a couple buckets with me, and haul out two bucketfuls of dirt and junk. Digging into the dirt is difficult because the junk is buried in it. It's been a slow tedious process.

A few weeks ago I struck a buried 5' piece of pipe. I noticed that there was something on one end of it, a gas jet!

Given that the jet is on the end of a 5' length of pipe, there is only one explanation that I come up with is that at one time the pipe was hung from the ceiling sending gas to fixtures providing light in the sanctuary. Most of the time something like this is contained within some kind of fixture. A piece of black pipe with a jet and with no shade is certainly unattractive, more like something you would locate in a basement.



If you know anything about the history of kerosene lamps giving way to gas lights, please e-mail [WebMaster@MapleStreetChapel.Org](mailto:WebMaster@MapleStreetChapel.Org) or call 630-627-0171, and we'll pass along your insights. Otherwise, it will just remain another unknown artifact!

# Giftng Opportunities

As we stressed in the last issue, this is *not* a fund-raising effort. Since we receive cash gifts (memorials, tax refunds, special events), this feature presents to you options for assigning a gift to a specific use you would especially be happy to know you facilitated. The fire sprinkler system is an opportunity to contribute to a major fund-raising. But if you prefer to fund a smaller project completely yourself, here are some options:

## **Furniture: Chair Restoration:**

Portable Podium: Underwritten by Betty Meyer in memory of Marlyn.

Five Bavarian chairs: Three have been underwritten by Betty Meyer, Vicki Webb and Reid & Rachel Foltyniewicz.

Four wood chairs around the table in the Reade Room still need to be underwritten for \$200 each.



5 Bavarian chairs in pretty good shape, which just need "preventative maintenance" due to the details which have come loose.



4 chairs have loose joints, and need refinishing.

## **Bell Rope Closet:**

The walls of the inside of the closet have always been unattractive. Dave & Doris Schertz underwrote installation of beautiful beaded board to the walls.



## THE DOCENT'S VOICE

Joann Richardson, Docent Chairperson

### "WELCOME TO MAPLE STREET CHAPEL"

The Chapel's Docents hosted open doors for the annual Mistletoe Mart Walk held on Saturday December 6, 2014. Several Mistletoe shoppers came into The Chapel for the first time and had an opportunity to walk through to see its beauty. Fund Raiser tables displayed Chapel Ornaments, entertainment books, the Annual Nut sale, Chapel photos and post cards, etc.

A special table displayed current fund raiser information regarding: The "FIRE SPRINKLER SYSTEM" for the Chapel. The RED FIRE HYDRANT was on the table to receive donations.

While seated behind the sales table, I viewed two young teenage girls, standing against wall of the Narthex, waiting as their mother was viewing the items for sale. Then suddenly, I saw the girls go over to Fire Hydrant and place a donation in the hydrant. In counting the money received that day, there were coins equaling almost \$2.00. I have a feeling that amount was from the two young girls, using their own money to help in our cause for the sprinkler system. It was gratifying to observe such philanthropy.

The "RED FIRE HYDRANT" (mascot) for the Sprinkler System fund raiser will be on display at all Docent open houses. Please help with your donation toward the needed \$150,000.00.

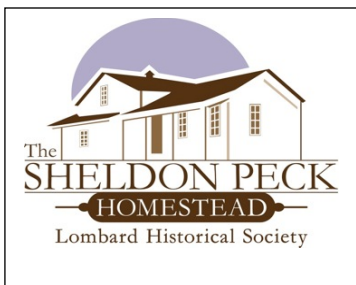
The 2015 schedule for Chapel for Docent tours begins Sunday, March 15th from 2 PM to 4 PM and the 3rd Sunday of each month ending with the October tour. The Chapel is closed for the Lilac Parade on the 3rd Sunday of May. Special tours for a large group can be scheduled by calling 630-627-0171.

Trivia question: **What year** was the Chapel recognized and placed on the National Register of Historic Places?

Would you like to be a Docent at The Chapel? Please call me at 630-495-1717. Training and information will be provided.

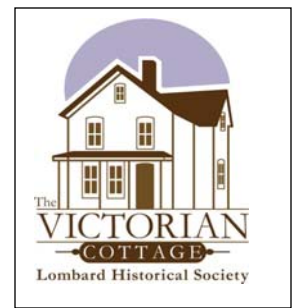
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# LHS Museum News

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## Upcoming Programs

**Oh Freedom: Music of the Civil Rights Movement.** Thursday, February 26, 7pm at the Peck Homestead. Join us as folk musician Chris Vallillo performs and discusses songs of the 1960's. This program is free but seating is limited so please RSVP to 630/629-1885.

**Timeless Tales: Children's Story Time** Tuesday, March 3, 10am, at the Carriage House  
Drop-in program will focus on classic children's literature. Open to all kids with a participating adult. Free. Co-sponsored with Helen Plum Library.

**Women Heroes of World War I.** Sunday, March 8, 2pm, at the Helen Plum Library  
Author Kathryn Attwood will talk discuss how the mobilization of women in WWI forever changed the role of women during wartime. Free. Co-sponsored with Helen Plum Library.

## Jan/Feb Hours

**Carriage House/Victorian Cottage:**  
The Carriage House & Victorian Cottage are closed during February and will reopen in March.

**Archive Hours:**  
Tuesday & Thursday, 10am-3pm by appointment only. Please call (630-629-1885).

**Sheldon Peck Homestead:**  
Tuesdays and Thursdays 1-4pm;  
Sundays 12-3pm.

*For more information, please see [www.lombardhistory.org](http://www.lombardhistory.org) or call us at 630-629-1885.*

## Facilities Efforts

In an ongoing effort to improve *all* of the chapel, some improvements have been made to the basement. These improvements won't generally yield much benefit until the waterproofing project is done. The chance of a couple inches of water being present prevents its use for storage, and dirt tends to wash in when flooding occurs.

But two major improvements have been made in the past three months:

- 1) Additional lighting has been installed.
- 2) A major cleanup has been done, eliminating a lot of unneeded stuff and moving historical-but-useless things (such as the former Reade Room light fixtures) deep into the crawl space. In the process, a few interesting relics have been found!

With these improvements, the basement will some day serve the chapel's visitors.

# Meet More Friends of the Maple Street Chapel\*

## Bell Ringer

Janet & Diane Johnson  
Charles & Jan Kreichelt  
Kevin Lattner  
Helga Wilk

## Basic Membership

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David & Gladys Cunningham  
Jaso & Andrea Cooper

## Basic Membership

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Lombard Animal Clinic,  
Dr. Ron Kipnis  
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Carole Robinson  
Betty Vance  
Al & Vicki Webb

## Memorials

### For: Helen Clark

Dan Jares  
Jeanie McCoy  
Marlene Peaslee  
Tom Scott  
Dave & Doris Schertz  
Christine Tani

### For: Marlyn Meyer

Judy Decker  
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### For: Marlyn Meyer

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- Friends of the Maple Street Chapel. Annual memberships. Money is used for ongoing Chapel expenses.
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