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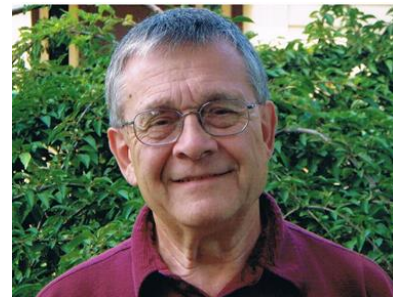
## NEWLY ELECTED OFFICERS OF THE MAPLE STREET CHapel PRESERVATION SOCIETY

President – Ken Bohl has now been elected to fill this position. This follows the retirement from the position of President by Dr. Tom Scott, who held the position from the Societies first day. Ken has also been on the Societies board since the beginning, serving as 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President and Facilities Manager. As President, he will preside over all meetings, appoint committee chairs, see that all documents are properly kept and represent the Society to the community.



Second Vice President – Reid Foltyniewicz has now assumed this position. He has served as Secretary for the past five years. His new responsibilities will include chairing the Membership Committee, increasing membership growth, and maintaining the current membership list.

Secretary (Interim) – Charles Kreichelt has now assumed this position after serving as Treasurer for eight years and has been on the Society Board for twelve years. His responsibilities will include keeping the minutes of all meetings, and will be the custodian of the Societies records. He also holds the position of Financial Manager, and Copy Editor of the Chapel Bell.



**First Vice President – This position is currently open.** It was previously held by Ken Bohl, our new President. We invite you to volunteer with us in maintaining and preserving the Maple Street Chapel. If you are interested please contact us at 630-627-0171, or email us at [webmaster@maplestreetchapel.org](mailto:webmaster@maplestreetchapel.org).

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## NOTICE! NOTICE! NOTICE

In each spring issue of the Chapel Bell, we have traditionally printed a picture of the new Court of Lilac Princesses, as they have been introduced in a ceremony held in The Maple Street Chapel, along with a short bio of each young lady. Due to the “Stay-at-Home” and “Social Distancing” order, the Lombard Lilac Days events have been postponed until September. We will follow the schedule as it is finalized, and suggest you refer to The Lombardian, who will print all of the information about the rescheduled events in Lombard.

## OPEN HOUSES IN MAPLE STREET CHAPEL FOR 2020 and into 2021

Because of the success and popularity of the Open House Events at the Maple Street Chapel over the past several years, it has been decided to have Open House Events every month of the year. Here is the tentative schedule for the rest of 2020, and on into 2021. Mark your calendars for dates you are available to visit The Historic Maple Street Chapel. Qualified docents will be available to provide you with a tour and will answer all of your questions.

**2020:** May 31, June 28, July 26, August 21, September 27, October 25, November 22, December 21

**2021:** January 24, February 21, March 21, April 25

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# BEHIND THE SCENES

Hi! I am Vicki Webb, concert ticket taker and chief baker for our Maple Street Concert series. I have also been a substitute secretary for the Chapel meetings, and have been a member of the Maple Street Chapel Preservation Society, Inc. for more years than I can even remember.

I came to First Church as an infant, as my mother, Jane Stiemann, was a member of the choir for over 50+ years. Our high school youth group would have Sunday services in the Chapel and this is when I became infatuated with its beauty and history. In fact, I have several personal connections to the Chapel. My parents, my husband and I, and recently our daughter and son-in-law were all married in the Chapel. The picture on this page was taken of the three generations of women at our daughter's wedding on 12-31-19. There is a Tiffany style lamp in the Reade Room that my uncle donated to the Chapel. I am not sure of the history of this lamp, but it is a beautiful piece to look at! Also, when my father, Ted Stiemann, passed away we had donations made in his honor that were used for the sound system and a new desk in the Reade Room.

I first became involved with the Chapel's preservation society when Tom Scott asked several of us "younger people" to join the committee. Through this committee I came to know and befriend George Brown. At the time, George had taken over as concert producer when Bryan Dagenhart decided to "pass the baton," (Bryan and I had worked in the same school district). Christine Kuhn replaced George as producer, followed by Paul Zimmerman, then Melissa Dagenhart (the late Bryan's wife). Currently, Karen Jensen Smeets is our producer. My work for the concerts was primarily to take ticket money and to sell merchandise for the performers. The profits we make after paying the performers helps with the upkeep of the Chapel. Once I retired from teaching, I decided to bake treats for the concerts to help raise even more money for its preservation. Donations collected for goodies, after expenses, go directly to the Chapel.

Beside taking ticket sales and baking, I have been learning the "technological" side of running the concert series. This past year I monitored the website, handled online ticket sales, and fielded requests from performers. I would like to take this time to personally thank Charlie Peterson for his awesome design of the concert brochures these last two years, and to Melissa Dagenhart for her help with getting this technology up and running. We have a small number of volunteers and are always looking for new and talented people to join our staff.

My family consists of my husband, Al, our daughter Kyla and son-in-law, Justin, our son, Ryan, our TN rescue dog Delanie, and our 15 ½ year old cat, Graycie Lou! I was born in Lombard and have lived here almost my entire life. When I see the steeple of the Chapel I feel proud knowing that I am doing something to help preserve it for future generations. Check out our concert page at [www.maplestreetconcerts.org](http://www.maplestreetconcerts.org) for upcoming events.



# MAPLE STREET CONCERTS 2020 AND INTO 2021

## Rupert Wates

Saturday, October 24, 2020 7:30 pm

Tickets \$18



To buy Rupert Wates tickets online go to <https://bpt.me/4546225>

## Special Consensus

Sunday, January 3, 2021 3 pm

Tickets \$20



To buy Special Consensus tickets online go to <https://bpt.me/4546245>

## Anne Hills

Saturday, February 20, 2021 7:30 pm

Tickets \$20



To buy Anne Hills tickets online go to <https://bpt.me/4546248>

## Joel Mabus

Saturday, November 21, 2020 7:30 pm

Tickets \$18



To buy Joel Mabus tickets online go to <https://bpt.me/4546239>

## Jingle Bell Jubilee Sing-along

Saturday, December 5, 2020 6:30-8 pm

Free Will Donation



Doors open 30 minutes before showtime.

Tickets can be purchased at [www.maplestreetconcerts.org](http://www.maplestreetconcerts.org) or at the door, pending availability (cash/check only).

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## Deidre McCalla

Saturday, March 20, 2021 7:30 pm

Tickets \$18



To buy Deidre McCalla tickets online go to <https://bpt.me/4546256>

## Dennis Warner

Saturday, April 17, 2021 7:30 pm

Tickets \$20



To buy Dennis Warner tickets online go to <https://bpt.me/4546261>

## First Church Administrative Secretary, And a Big Fan of the Chapel!

by Ken Bohl

Bea Castillo became Administrative Secretary for First Church in August of 2017. Few people are aware of all that she has done to help us with managing the Maple Street Chapel.

Bea maintains the Chapel's schedule for weddings, concerts, and open houses. She serves as the coordinator of weddings, making contractual agreements and ensuring the Chapel is in top condition both before and after a wedding. She is also on hand to run over as needed when an alarm goes off, or when an inspector or worker needs access.

We owe everything to Bea for her help with an incident that occurred in May of 2018. She went to the Chapel for a routine task and called to report that she had smelled gas and could even hear the hissing of a leak. There was no explanation for why this happened, as the pipe had not shown any sign of age. But the leak was bad enough that we could have completely lost the Chapel if it wasn't for her call.

We benefit every day from the work Bea does for us.



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## The Chapel's Television Debut!

by Ken Bohl

One of the features of the WGN-TV news broadcast is called "Around Town", focusing on various people, places, and things of interest around the Chicago area. Hosted by Ana Belaval, it is broadcast live on weekday mornings.

The Lombard Historical Society created an exhibit about the women's suffrage movement. The 19<sup>th</sup> amendment to the Constitution, granting women the right to vote was ratified in 1920, but the Lombard charter written in 1869 stated, "All *citizens* over the age of 21 (could vote)". In 1891, Attorney Ellen Martin walked into her local polling place, demanded her right to vote, and then led 14 other women to do the same.

Members of the Historical Society dramatized this event by a procession in costume from the cottage on Maple Street to the Chapel, whose Reade Room was set up as the polling place.

Ana Belaval presented this on March 9<sup>th</sup> as her *Around Town* feature, and highlighted the beauty of the Chapel.

We have placed this video on [MapleStreetChapel.Org](http://MapleStreetChapel.Org) under, "About Us" / "Chapel on WGN".



Museum director Sarah Richarddt being interviewed by WGN personality Ana Belaval

# Whew! That was a close one!

by Ken Bohl

We began an evaluation of the foundation last summer, not knowing how it would turn out. The first warning came when we installed the fire sprinkler system. We needed to run a pipe from First Church to the Chapel to supply water to the sprinkler. It needed to be 5' underground in order to avoid freezing. We hired a concrete-coring company to make the hole in the Hatfield Hall foundation. When the trench was dug it was discovered that the Chapel's foundation appeared to be only 1 - 1 ½ ' deep. Today's minimum requirement is that a foundation has to be least 3' deep, but 3½' is better.

The second warning came as we were considering whether to excavate under the Chapel in order to have a 3,000 square foot basement that would provide bathroom, kitchen and meeting room facilities. We looked into it, but thought it probably would not be cost-justified. After receiving the opinions of several experts, the concern was the stability of the Chapel's foundation. Now, the big question came up, was the foundation strong enough to hold the building for another 150 years?

The methodical approach was to get an engineering study. This was a slow process that took a year, and it cost a lot of money, but it was super-important.

Had the outcome been that we needed to underpin the foundation it could have cost hundreds of thousands of dollars. But in the end the news was great!

- 1) The foundation is 3' deep, not 1'. Apparently the construction of Hatfield Hall and the lowering of the drainage area made it look like the Chapel foundation was so shallow.
- 2) A number of measurements were made of the foundation and the ground around it, and an estimate was made that it can bear 2,500 lbs. per square foot. The building was measured and estimated to exert 2,000 lbs. per square foot. So the foundation is quite capable of supporting the building for many years to come.

There was a problem identified which we will address, and a recommendation:

- 1) The field stone foundation walls should be re-tuckpointed.
- 2) The footing of the foundation appears to be stones that were poured into a trench. This is fine as long as it is not disturbed. If we ever wanted to do something that would alter the foundation (We don't), we'd have to be extremely careful to protect the foundation.

This was an expensive project, but like life insurance, sometimes you have to spend money to insure against a catastrophe.

# Meet More Friends of the Maple Street Chapel

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