



UNIVERSITY OF EVANSVILLE Neu Chapel Society

NEWSLETTER

March 2016



SPRING SEMESTER 2016 in Neu Chapel

Sunday, March 6, and Sunday, March 13
Spring Break, No Worship

Sunday, March 20 ■ 11:00 a.m.
Palm Sunday, University Worship

Thursday, March 24 ■ 12:15 p.m.
Holy Thursday Communion Service

Sunday, March 27
Easter Break, No Worship

From the University Chaplain



As you plan for spring activities, don't forget to make reservations for the reunion weekend at Neu Chapel, April 2 - 3, 2016. It will be an honor to host several exciting events including a Purple Aces campus tour; a panel discussion entitled, "Ministry in the 21st Century," with several UE religion/pre-theology/clergy alumni serving as panelists; the renewal of marriage vows service, **Love at UE** (all alumni are invited); the 50th anniversary of the dedication of Neu Chapel and its rededication, and the inaugural R. Wayne Perkins Religion Scholar Lecture on Sunday morning.

Many of you probably know that Neu Chapel was completed in December 1965, the inaugural service was held on January 6, 1966, but it wasn't until later that spring, March 15, 1966, when United Methodist Indiana Area bishop, Richard C. Raines, officially dedicated Neu Chapel. We're celebrating 50 years since the dedication and would love for you to participate in this ceremony with other UE alumni!

We've heard from many of you and are excited that you are planning to attend! If you haven't made a reservation yet, there's still time!

Full details and registration information can be found at:
www.evansville.edu/alumni/reunionWeekendsNeuChapel50.cfm

Saturday and Sunday, April 2 and 3

UE Pre-Theology Religion Majors and Clergy Reunion Weekend

Saturday

10:00 a.m. **Presentation and Campus Tour**

Noon **Luncheon**

2:00 p.m. **Panel Discussion, "Ministry in the 21st Century"**

4:00 p.m. **Marriage Vows Renewal Ceremony and Celebration**

Sunday

11:00 a.m. **University Worship**

**Inaugural R. Wayne Perkins Religion Scholar
Lecture Series**

Rededication of Neu Chapel

Saturday, April 30, and Sunday, May 1, 2016

Festival of Faiths!

An interfaith festival with food, demonstrations, worship, music, dialogue, and more! (More information forthcoming)

Eykamp Hall, Ridgway University Center

Peace,

Tammy



Laying Cornerstone, 1965



Spotlight on Neu Chapel Worship Team

Neu Chapel Society Member Goes Above and Beyond

Laurel Vaughn, *Chair, Neu Chapel Society Board*



UE chemistry professor Bryan Lynch came to the rescue when we needed a new storage solution for the banners and gonfalons that hang in Neu Chapel on various occasions. Bryan is a longtime friend of the chapel, a member of the Neu Chapel Society, and an accomplished woodworker. He willingly surveyed the situation and created a new rack on which to hang these valuable additions to worship and special ceremonies. Bryan has a love for Neu Chapel, and you can sometimes find him practicing his piano in the sanctuary. We are all grateful for his efforts and his support!



Alexandra Billhartz

Alexandra is from New Baden, Illinois, and will graduate from UE this year with a major in vocal performance and a minor in math. She has been a faithful and integral member of the Neu Chapel worship team throughout her four years at UE, and has been the primary cantor since her sophomore year. Alexandra has also served as a student representative on the Neu Chapel Society Board. In the summer of 2015, the Neu Chapel Society sponsored Alexandra's participation in Songfest, a Los Angeles-based summer opera at the Colburn School. Alexandra plans to continue her studies in vocal performance and hopes to perform professionally. Alexandra's senior recital is at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 19 in Wheeler Concert Hall. Everyone is welcome to attend!

Meet Our Board Members

Steve '86 and Kathie Bugg

I admit that when I was a student at the University of Evansville, I did not actively attend worship at Neu Chapel. However, once Kathie and I moved back to Evansville and reconnected with UE, we looked for opportunities to give back to the University. Fortunately for us, a student that I was friends with while I attended UE was now employed in alumni relations and welcomed Kathie and me back with the kind of hospitality we all know UE is known for. At the same time we were looking for a church home and visited beautiful Neu Chapel and met Tammy along with others that attended Neu Chapel on a regular basis. We instantly felt at home, as others did, and have enjoyed coming to Neu Chapel for many years. Kathie and I, along with others, were part of the first members of the Neu Chapel Society and truly believe in the mission of the Neu Chapel Society in supporting Religious Life at UE, consistent with the University's commitment to inclusiveness and a longstanding relationship with The United Methodist Church.



The society will deliver resources to strengthen the program's efforts to provide opportunities for spiritual exploration, moral growth, pre-ministerial preparation, and the expression of religious commitment through worship, service, study, and fellowship. It's with great joy that we get to watch the students mature spiritually by attending Neu Chapel where the service is led by other students. We are blessed to have wonderful student interns that can aid in worship as well as students that desire to participate on their own in the service as they follow their spiritual path. Our music is simply amazing, the teaching message is always so thought provoking, and the friendships that are made certainly can withstand the test of time.

Kathie and I also had our vows renewed at Neu Chapel, which meant the world to us when we celebrated our 25th wedding anniversary. We are active in supporting Neu Chapel with other society members (and we all know Kathie enjoys coordinating the meals for everyone after Sunday worship) and in making Neu Chapel even stronger than it has ever been. Our UE support crosses over into many other areas. Outside of UE we are both active in the community and continue to serve on many boards. Our message is simple, if we really understood what Neu Chapel could have provided to us earlier, we would have been engaged sooner. Our challenge is for each of us – students, faculty, administrators, friends, and community supporters – to visit Neu Chapel, bring a friend to experience the power of Neu Chapel, and to support the students that really do amazing work in the name of Christ. Although UE afforded us many great opportunities, I ask myself now, if I had attended Neu Chapel as a student what else would I have been able to accomplish in my life?

Come join us one Sunday, and I promise you that the experience will be very uplifting. Also, if any student ever wants a home cooked meal, please don't be shy – just reach out to Kathie!

Steve '86 and Kathie Bugg



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University Worship Semester Schedule Spring 2016

| Date | Event | Time |
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| Sunday, March 6 | Spring Break | No Worship |
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| Sunday, April 3 | R. Wayne Perkins Religion Scholar Lecture Rededication of Neu Chapel | 11:00 a.m. |
| Sunday, April 10 | University Worship | 11:00 a.m. |
| Sunday, April 17 | University Worship | 11:00 a.m. |
| Sunday, April 24 | End of Semester Worship Senior Speeches | 11:00 a.m. |
| Sunday, May 1 | Community Interfaith Worship | 11:00 a.m. |

**Note special time*