



The Chapel Bell

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A Match Made in Heaven (and Married in the Chapel)

by Ken Bohl

Two lovely people, Penny & Rick Taylor, came to visit the Chapel last October.

Penny was raised in Lombard, and her family attended First Church. After high school, she went to Miami University in Oxford, Ohio, where she met Rick, a Dayton resident. After college, they moved to Lombard and lived here two years.

It was during this time, in November of 1974, that they were married in the Maple Street Chapel.

There was one glitch in the wedding planning. The organ in the Chapel had some non-working keys and was not in great condition. The church organist was not willing to play it. Fortunately, they found a substitute organist, and all went well. If there were any wrong notes played, they certainly were more aware of their wedding than the music.

Rick remembers waiting in the Reade Room chatting with Rev. James Duren. He also remembers the rice being thrown as they left the Chapel. His comment...."It hurt!"

After two years in Lombard, they spent another year at Miami University, and then settled in Dayton, OH, where they still live today. They have three children - two daughters and a son.



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Are Wedding Plans In Your Future?

By Vicki Webb

Speaking of weddings...if you're interested in getting married in the Chapel, please call Bea Castillo 630-629-2630 ext. 210 to set up an appointment to view this venue.

For almost 155 years the Maple Street Chapel has been the wedding venue of choice for countless couples. Couples of all faiths are welcome to exchange their vows in this tradition. Music can be played on the organ and/or grand piano. The newlyweds are able to announce their commitment to the world by ringing the church bell together. The Maple Street Chapel, built in the American Gothic style, has a bat-and-board design with



spectacular stained-glass "grisaille" windows. Its simple elegance and historical significance make it the perfect place for a beautiful wedding. The Chapel holds up to 130 people.

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Behind the Scenes

Meet Tiffany Warmowski, our newest member of the Maple Street Chapel Preservation Society.

I grew up in the south suburbs of Chicago Heights and Lynwood. After high school I went on to MacMurray College in Jacksonville, Illinois. My husband, Steve, is also from Chicago and we lived in Jacksonville until we moved to the Lombard/Villa Park area with our son, Nicholas, in 2023. We wanted to be closer to family. Currently, I work part time for a weekly newspaper, The Source, in Jacksonville, Illinois. And, growing Tiffany's Vintage with my sister and brother-in-law, a business assisting families in managing their or their family members' estates when family members have passed or are moving to care facilities.



My husband and I along with our 11-year-old son started attending First Church of Lombard in the summer of 2023. I was chatting with Charlie Kreichel after church one day and he asked me if I would like a tour of the Chapel. From there I learned about the committee and was hooked.

My interest in our Chapel is spurred by several things. First, MacMurray College boasted the beautiful Annie Merner Chapel. Being involved in a Christian organization in college, I spent a lot of time there. Steve and I were married at Annie Merner Chapel in 2001. We are both professional photographers, so we spent many hours there documenting the weddings of more than a dozen other couples. Although the eras of Annie Merner Chapel and The Maple Street Chapel are different, I had an instant affection for the Maple Street Chapel. Being a former wedding photographer, I am especially excited about the Chapel's legacy of hosting weddings. The experiences I can bring to the MSCPS include graphic design, publicity, press media, and marketing/promotion of Warmowski Photography.

Another one of my interests is history, archiving and museum curation. After my college closed in 2020, I was instrumental in saving the history and artifacts of the 174-year-old institution, moving them to the not-yet-opened Jacksonville Area Museum. There I joined the museum committee and worked alongside volunteers to organize, archive, preserve and curate a room full of displays of MacMurray memories for the alumni of the college as well as community members. The museum opened to the public in October 2021.

I appreciate the warm welcome of the committee members and look forward to contributing to the great work they are doing to preserve this beautiful icon for generations to come.

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In October they returned to Lombard to reminisce in observance of their 50th anniversary, and asked to visit the Chapel, to “revisit the scene of the crime”.

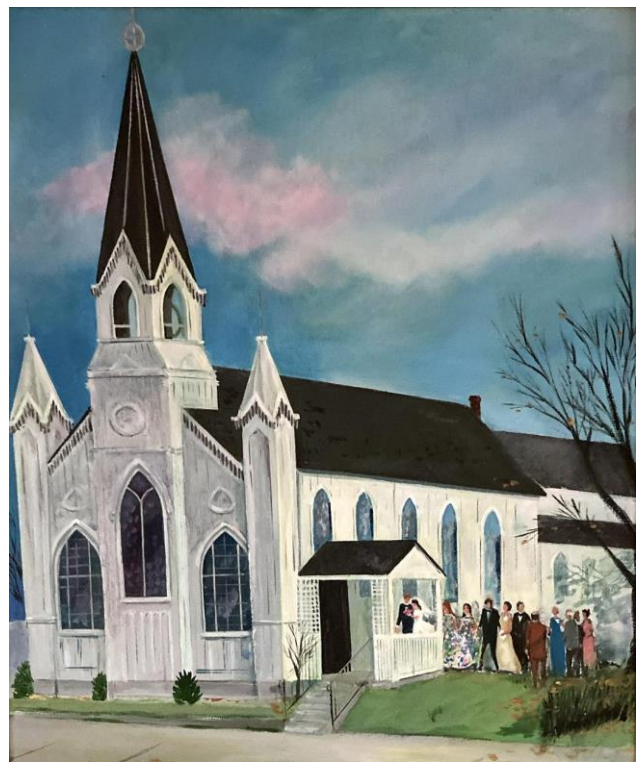
We have always thought that the custom of newlyweds ringing the bell together has been around since the beginning, but Penny & Rick did not have that experience in 1974, so they were excited to do it in celebration of their anniversary.



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Something Penny & Rick shared with us: A friend of the family was an artist. He made this painting of the wedding party entering the Chapel. They have had it displayed on their living room wall for all 50 years of their marriage.

It was such a great experience to share this day and the Chapel with such lovely people.



Maple Street Concerts Presents the Remainder of our 40th Season

Tickets at www.maplestreetconcerts.org

by Vicki Webb

Sat., Feb. 22, 7:00 pm \$20 HOUNDS OF FINN

Maple Street welcomes back the HOUNDS OF FINN, who previously graced our stage in March 2015 and 2018. This St. Paul, MN-based band creates spirited and invigorating Celtic-infused, Americana-inspired Folk Rock, delivered with unbridled passion and technical finesse. HoundsofFinn.com



Sat, March 22, 7:00 pm \$20 THE TWANGTOWN PARAMOURS with special guest NAOMI ASHLEY

THE TWANGTOWN PARAMOURS is an award-winning Americana duo from Nashville, comprised of husband, Mike T. Lewis, and wife, MaryBeth Zamer. Their latest album, "Double Down on a Bad Thing," is a full-band retro Blues and Americana project that has received rave reviews and charted on both the U.S. RMR Blues charts and on the U.K. Blues charts.

TwangtownParamours.com

Opener: Naomi Ashley with her Kahlua and cream voice, this Chicago singer-songwriter captivates audiences, breathing vibrant life into her diverse range of songs. Her latest album, "Love Bug," was released in February of 2024. NaomiAshley.com



Sat, April 26, 7:00 pm \$20 THE HIGH 48s. Since forming in northeast Minneapolis in 2006, THE HIGH 48s have been making music that combines the soulful sound of classic bluegrass with a modern attitude. thehigh48s.com

Variety Program Series for 2025

Sunday, March 2, 3:00 P.M. Paul Revere, Son of Liberty \$20

Sunday, March 23, 3:00 P.M. Village Vocal Chords \$20

Sunday, April 6, 3:00 P.M. American Heritage Concert \$25

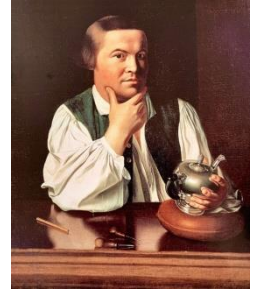
Special Discount Price for All Three Programs \$55

For the first time in 25 years, prices have been raised by \$5, due to rising costs.

Sunday, March 2, 3:00 Paul Revere, Son of Liberty

Terry Lynch of *Histories for Kids* will perform as Paul Revere, one of the founding fathers, who played a critical role in the fight for American independence. He is known for much more than his famous horse ride to Lexington. Learn how he became a Son of Liberty.

Tickets are \$20.



Sunday, March 23, 3:00 - Village Vocal Chords

Village Vocal Chords is a women's chorus, chartered with the international organization of *Harmony, Inc.* They will present a program of four-part a cappella harmony in the barbershop style. Tickets are \$20.

Sunday, April 6, 3:00 the 23rd American Heritage Concert

"Frozen, Billy Joel, and All That Jazz" will be highlighted by music from *Frozen*. The program will also showcase a Duke Ellington medley, music from *On the Town*, Morton Gould's *Pavanne*, *The Best of Billy Joel*, and *Trumpeter's Lullaby*.

Tickets are \$25.



For \$55, you can enjoy all three programs and enjoy the variety of this series!

Purchase tickets in either of these two ways:

- Visit the Chapel web site www.MapleStreetChapel.Org, go to the page for the program you want to attend, and pay through PayPal.
- Make check payable to "Maple Street Chapel" to Ken Bohl - 213 West Ash St. Lombard 60148-2505 with this form:

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