



The Chapel Chatter

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From the Pastor's Heart...

So HOW and WHEN did Thanksgiving begin? From Wikipedia: "Thanksgiving is a traditional North American holiday, which is a form of harvest festival. The date and whereabouts of the first Thanksgiving celebration is a topic of modest contention, though the earliest attested Thanksgiving celebration was on September 8, 1565 in what is now Saint Augustine, Florida. Despite scholarly research to the contrary, the traditional "first Thanksgiving" is venerated as having occurred at the site of Plymouth Plantation, in 1621."

From another source

(<http://www.101thanksgiving.com/history.html>):

"Though it was not known as Thanksgiving at the time it was celebrated, what we recognize as the first Thanksgiving feast was celebrated in 1621 by the pilgrims who sailed from Plymouth colony along with about 90 Wampanoag Indians. Earlier the Pilgrims had to bear through a devastating winter which killed almost half of their friends and family. Without the help of the Indians, all Pilgrims would have perished.

Next year, after a fruitful harvest, Governor William Bradford proclaimed a day of thanksgiving and prayer to God. The food, which was eaten outdoors, included corn, geese, turkeys, ducks, eplums, cod, bass, barley, venison and corn

bread. It is assumed that the feast took place in late autumn.

In 1623, a period of drought was answered by colonists with a proclamation of prayer and fasting. Later that year, Governor Bradford proclaimed November 29 as a time for pilgrims to gather and "listen to ye pastor and render thanksgiving to ye Almighty God for all His blessings."

Many thanksgiving proclamations and celebrations were observed through the ages. In 1789 George Washington proclaimed a National Thanksgiving Day on the last Thursday in November, in honor of the new United States Constitution. In 1863, Abraham Lincoln proclaimed Thanksgiving a national holiday.... In 1941, it was officially changed to the fourth Thursday in November."

Our forefathers and mothers celebrated and gave THANKS to GOD because they were alive, had shelter, had something to eat, and had new friends. They understood that all our "BLESSINGS" are gifts from God. May we realize how blessed we are... "Praise God from whom ALL Blessings flow!"

Blessings,
Pastor Carol

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Worship Committee

We have several special services planned soon. On November 2nd, we will observe All Saints and Stewardship Sunday. November 9th we will have Mr. Wallace Edwards from the Gideon's with us.

Christmas is coming soon and we will begin Advent with the Hanging of the Greens on Saturday, November 29th at 5:00 pm. Our first Sunday in Advent is our 5th Sunday Song Service. The choir will give the gift of a Christmas Cantata on December 14, and the evening service on that day will be the Children and Youth Christmas Programs at 6:00pm.

We will celebrate on December 24th at 8:00 pm with a Candlelight Communion Service. January 4 will be a Celebration of the Love Feast. Special services are wonderful times to share with family and friends. Invite others to join us!



The choir will meet on Wednesdays at 7:30 pm. Join the choir!



Bell practice sessions will be held as announced at 6:30 pm. Anyone interested in playing bells, feel free to come!

Donald Rose McGhee



...Now known as...**CHAOS!**

which stands for "**Christ Has All Our Solutions.**" We are having our regular meetings on Sundays after worship on these dates: November 2, 16, & 30 and December 21. On December 7, we will meet at 6:00 pm. We will work on props on the Mondays in November from 7:00 – 8:30 pm.

PILGRIMAGE is almost here! We meet on Friday, November 7th at 4:00 pm to depart. (Make sure you have your list of what to carry!) In addition, we will have a fundraiser lunch on November 2.

Youth in 6th-12th grades are invited to join. Stay tuned - Come and bring a friend! **Share some Christ-centered CHAOS!**

CHAOS FUNDRAISER

November 2 – noon

Chicken Pastry & Pot Roasts

\$6.00 adults - \$3.00 under 12



Thank You!

For all the dedication and hard work with recent events, the UM Men's BBQ, Youth Fundraiser, bereavement meals, Children's Practices and Meals, etc....

We Thank You!



Historical Trivia

No Report

Hilma Smith



Remember others in prayer...

*****Safe Sanctuaries***

SAFE SANCTUARIES – Please pick up your family copy of our Safe Sanctuaries Policy soon. We need you to sign the back copy and turn it in. Thank you!



UM Men will meet on Sunday, November 16th at 8:00 am with breakfast. All men are invited! Bar-be-que by the pound will be available November 16, IF we have enough orders by November 9th. The list of those who desire to buy BBQ by the pound (\$6.00/lb) is in the vestibule. Please note, we cannot “guarantee” the pounds, but will do our best to fill the orders by planning now. Those who sign up for the pounds are expected to buy the quantity they request. Thank you for supporting the UM Men!



Seniors' Circle

The Seniors' Circle had a wonderful time at their October meeting. The next meeting of the Seniors' Circle will be on Wednesday, on November 19th, at 10:00 am, the NC Attorney General's office will be presenting a session on Preventing Identity Theft. Invite a friend!

ACTS



ACTS continues to minister to the needs of our community. ACTS is in need of financial donations due to increased needs in our area. Please consider making a special gift to help this vital ministry. Support ACTS!



The UMW will have ongoing support for Zeb Vance Elementary for school supplies. They especially need Kleenex and paper towels. Place items in the box in the fellowship hall.

Regular meetings are 3rd Sundays at 3:00 pm. Come join in mission and ministry with sisters in Christ!



Stay tuned for upcoming news...



Kerr Lake Ministries, Inc.

Plans are being made for next year camp!



Age-Level Ministries:

We have several fun-filled Christian activities coming up. Here are a few highlights:

Children's Christmas Practice
(On 1st & 3rd Sundays – Have lunch after worship – then plan & practice until 2:00 pm.)

Christmas Program by Children & Youth
Dec. 14 – 6:00 pm

(Everyone brings finger-foods for fellowship afterwards)

We will be collecting new toys to give to needy children as part of our ministry and Christmas celebration.

Plan now and invite your friends!



After much discernment, we have arrived at a proposed Mission's Statement for our church. The Administrative Council has given approval and urges everyone to embrace it. Notice that it spells "DISCIPLES," as we are called to "make disciples of Jesus Christ" in Matthew 28:16-20.

**Discipling
In
Serving
Christ -
Inspiring
People to
Live by the
Example of the
Savior.**

Stay tuned for coming missions opportunities!

Special Services for **November**

November 2 -
Stewardship & All Saints Service

November 9
Gideon Sunday

November 29 – 5:00 pm
Hanging of the Greens


November 30
5th Sunday Song Service



November 2 -
Stewardship & All Saints Service
(Followed by the Youth Lunch Fundraiser)



November Opportunities:

- 1 – CHANGE CLOCKS!
- 2 – Sunday School & Worship
Noon – CHAOS Meet ‘n’ Eat
& Children’s Christmas Practice
Youth Lunch Fundraiser
- 3 – 6:00 pm Aerobics
7:00 pm Youth on Props
- 4 – Go VOTE!
- 5 – 7:30 pm Choir
- 6 – 6:00 pm Aerobics
7:00 pm Kerr Lake Ministries
- 7 – PILGRIMAGE!
- 8 – PILGRIMAGE!
- 9 – Sunday School & Worship
 BBQ Deadline!
PILGRIMAGE!
- 10 – 6:00 pm Aerobics
7:00 pm Youth on Props
- 11 –
- 12 – 7:30Choir
- 13 – 6:00 pm Aerobics
- 14 –
- 15 –
- 16 – 8:00am UM Men
Sunday School & Worship
Noon – CHAOS Meet ‘n’ Eat
& Children’s Christmas Practice
3:00 pm UM Women
- 17 – 6:00 pm Aerobics
7:00 pm Youth on Props
- 18 –
- 19 – 10:00 Seniors’ Circle –
Identity Theft Program
7:30Choir
- 20 – 6:00 pm Aerobics
- 21 –
- 22 –
- 23 – Sunday School & Worship
- 24 – 6:00 pm Aerobics
7:00 pm Youth on Props
- 25 –
- 26 – 7:30Choir
- 27 – 6:00 pm Aerobics
- 28 –
- 29 – 5:00 pm Hanging of the Greens
- 30 – Sunday School & Worship
5th Sunday Song Service
Noon – CHAOS Meet ‘n’ Eat
& Children’s Christmas Practice



In His Service this Month:

Flowers:

- Nov 2 – Frances Beckham
- Nov 9 – Lorraine Abbott
- Nov 16 – Frances Woodlief
- Nov 23 – Carol Dean
- Nov 30 – Christine Spencer

Acolytes:

TBA

Greeters:

- Nov 2 – Gerald Woodlief & Todd Wilson
- Nov 9 – David & Laurie Miller
- Nov 16 – Raymond Newman &
Bruce Newman
- Nov 23 – Midge & Amy Smith
- Nov 30 – Daryl & Christine Spencer

Outreach:

- Nov 2 – John & Jeanette Rogers
- Nov 9 – Pat Edwards &
Donald Rose McGhee
- Nov 16 – Judy Wilson & Faye Woodlief
- Nov 23 – Marilove Spencer & Jane Owen
- Nov 30 – Joyce Edwards & B. W. Brown

Lay Readers:

- Nov 2 – Gwen Ritchey
- Nov 9 – Mike Ranes
- Nov 16 – Amy Smith
- Nov 23 – Janet Bobbitt
- Nov 30 – Taylor Abbott

November Ushers

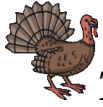
Freddie McGhee, Scott Ritchey
Ben Brown, Mike Ranes

November Altar Guild:

Gwen Ritchey, Patricia Fuller

**Have you invited
someone to know
Christ lately?**





Thanksgiving Humor...

Why did the turkey cross the road?

To get to the other side
(see chicken jokes for more info!)

Why do you eat a turkey rather than keep it as a pet?

Because otherwise it will use "fowl" language on you.

If April shower bring May flowers, what do Mayflowers bring?

Pilgrims and furniture.

Why don't you let a turkey get near corn?

Because they will
gobble, gobble, gobble it.

What do you call the age of a pilgrim?

Pilgrimage.

What kind of cars would pilgrims drive today?

Plymouth.

What kind of tan did pilgrims get at the beach?

Puritan.

In what country is Thanksgiving ironically not celebrated?

Turkey.

What do Thanksgiving and Halloween have in common?

One has gobblers, the other goblins.

If you call a large turkey a gobbler what do you call a small one?

Goblet.

What was the turkey suspected of?

Fowl play.

What is Thanksgiving for selfish people called?

Thankstaking.

Christmas is coming soon!



Poinsettia and



Luminary

***Forms are available
in the vestibule!***