



The Chapel Chatter

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From the Pastor's Heart...

The New Year is upon us! New Year's Resolutions... what should we do? By definition, a resolution is a "firm decision to do something." Some people have a goal to loose weight, some to quit smoking, and many other good objectives.

How about your spiritual "resolutions?" John Wesley was known for asking "How is it with your soul?" Therefore, we should be asking ourselves and each other, "How IS it with YOUR soul?"

Think about your morning routine. Most men shower and shave, maybe have a cup of coffee and breakfast. For ladies, it is the hair and make-up, along with coffee and breakfast. Hum...we take this amount of time to get our bodies "fed" and "presentable" to greet the world.

Now think about the "time" factor for those tasks. Do we spend that amount of time each day preparing our souls and spending time with God? The "feeding" of the soul is even more important than feeding the body!

As you think ahead to the New Year, prayerfully consider what is important enough for you to "resolve" to do. May God guide you into a blessed New Year!

Happy New Year!

New Years' Blessings,
Pastor Carol & Mickey

*From the tallest to the smallest,
All gifts great and small,
You ALL mean so much to me,
God bless you one and all!*

*Words cannot express my appreciation for your love, support and financial gifts for Christmas and my Holy Land trip. Thank you!!! Also, thank you for all your cards and other tokens of love. God has really blessed us in ministry with everyone in Plank Chapel and our community. May God continue to bless you as you serve Him!
Love,
Pastor Carol & Mickey*

[For the time I will be away in the coming weeks, Rev. Sharon Sherrod will be on call for pastoral emergencies: cell - 252-908-7384]

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Worship Committee

Plan to share on January 4 a Celebration of the Love Feast. Also plan now for the United Methodist Women's service of Prayer and Self-denial on January 25 and the Men's Service on February 1st. 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. 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 January 18, February 8, and 22.

Thank you to everyone who helped with our Christmas program and toy drive. Youth in 6th-12th grades are invited to join. Stay tuned - Come and bring a friend! **Share some Christ-centered CHAOS!**



Thank You!

For all the dedication and hard work with recent events, Children's Practices, Meals, and Program, Toy Drive, "Visitors and Helpers," Dinner "Providers", our Cantata, Steak Dinner workers and entertainers, Seniors' Circle, 5th Sunday Song service, Hanging of the Greens, Tree preparations, Poinsettia preparations, Caroling, Christmas Eve and Luminaries, misc. repairs, etc.... (whew!) and MORE!!!

We Thank You!!!



A special "Thank You" to...

Matt Thompson for his work on our Memorial Garden - great job, Matt!



Altar Flowers

In lieu of flowers on Nov 23, Mickey & Carol made a donation to ACTS in honor of all the Plank Chapel families who have lost loved ones this year.



Historical Trivia

No Report

Hilma Smith



Remember others in prayer...



Kerr Lake Ministries, Inc.

Plans are being made for next year camp!



The UM Men will meet on Sunday, January 18th at 8:00 am with breakfast. The Men will have the Feb 1 Worship service. All men are invited to join them!



Seniors' Circle

The Seniors' Circle had a wonderful time at their December meeting and celebrating Christ's birthday. The next meeting of the Seniors' Circle will be on Wednesday, on January 21st , at 10:00 am. Invite a friend!



Education Committee Meeting

Stay tuned for upcoming news...

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!

*******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!



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.

Our regular meeting will be January 18 at 3:00 pm. We will have our Call to Prayer and Self-Denial Service on January 25th. The UMW gives their pledges directly to Missions and decided to ask members to contribute at least \$20.00 to support our local group needs. Come join in mission and ministry with sisters in Christ!



Age-Level Ministries:

Thank you to everyone for a wonderful TOY DRIVE!!! We collected 95 toys to share with needy children in our area. May God bless you all! We will meet soon to plan for the new year... Stay tuned!

??? Did You Know???

You can help Habitat for Humanity by saving your unused stamps. Cut or tear off regular stamps from envelopes, leaving at least 1/3 inch around it. Volunteers will later soak them off and ship them to NY to be sold for collectors. Third class or pre-sorted stamps will not work. This recycle is easy, and builds houses!!! Donald Rose McGhee will have a collection basket in the vestibule for these. Thanks!



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.

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

Stay tuned for coming missions opportunities!

*Coming January 11th ...
Durham District
Leadership Workshops
2:30-4:30 pm
Mount Sylvan UMC
5731 N. Roxboro Rd
Durham*

*(Can Choose 2)
Best Practices in Finance
Best Practices Trustees
Lay Shepherding Teams
Partners in Ministry (Lay Leaders)
It Worked for Us: Practical Ideas
Healthy Congregations: Your MAP
Better Ministry with the SPRC
Local Church and Appointive Process*



January Opportunities:

- 1 – Happy New Year!
- 2 –
- 3 –
- 4 – Sunday School & Worship
Love Feast Service
- 5 – 6:00 pm Aerobics
- 6 –
- 7 – 7:30 pm Choir
- 8 – 6:00 pm Aerobics
- 9 –
- 10 –
- 11 – Sunday School & Worship
2:30 pm Leadership Workshops
- 12 – 6:00 pm Aerobics
- 13 –
- 14 – 7:30 pm Choir
- 15 – 6:00 pm Aerobics
- 16 –
- 17 –
- 18 – 8:00 UM Men
Sunday School & Worship
noon - CHAOS - (Youth)
6:00 pm Administrative Board
3:00 pm UM Women
- 19 – 6:00 pm Aerobics
- 20 –
- 21 – 10:00 am Seniors' Circle
7:30 pm Choir
- 22 – 6:00 pm Aerobics
- 23 –
- 24 –
- 25 – Sunday School & Worship
UM Women's Call to Prayer
- 26 – 6:00 pm Aerobics
- 27 –
- 28 – 7:30 pm Choir
- 29 – 6:00 pm Aerobics
- 30 –
- 31 -
- Feb. 1 - Sunday School & Worship
Men's Sunday
Souper Bowl of Caring Sunday
- 2 - 6:00 pm Aerobics
- 3 -
- 4 - 7:30 pm Choir
- 5 - 6:00 pm Aerobics
- 6 -
- 7 -
- 8 - Sunday School & Worship
noon CHAOS (Youth)



In His Service this Month:

Flowers:

Jan 4 - Darlene Ranes
Jan 11 - Patricia Fuller
Jan 18 - Gwen Ritchey
Jan 25 - Kathy Rowland
Feb 1 - Blake Brown
Feb 8 - Jackie Brown

Acolytes:

TBA

Greeters:

Jan 4 - Mac & Judy Wilson
Jan 11 - Mike & Darlene Ranes
Jan 18 - Bill & Frances Brown
Jan 25 - Bob & Olivia Kemp
Feb 1 - Joe & Susan Sears
Feb 8 - Freddie & Kim Oettinger

Outreach:

Jan 4-Marilove Spencer & Jane Owen
Jan 11- Joyce Edwards & B. W. Brown
Jan 18- Joe & Susan Sears
Jan 25 - John & Jeanette Rogers
Feb 1 - Pat Edwards & D. R. McGhee
Feb 8 - Judy Wilson & Faye Woodlief

Lay Readers:

Jan 4 -Darlene Ranes
Jan 11 - Susan Sears
Jan 18 - Tim Smith
Jan 25 - Lorraine Abbott
Feb 1 - Hilma Smith
Feb 8 - Jeanette McGhee

January Ushers

Freddie McGhee, Joe Sears
Ben Brown, Taylor Abbott

February Ushers

Freddie McGhee, Joseph Sears,
Ben Brown, Mac Wilson

January Altar Guild:

Darlene Ranes, Kay Deans

February Altar Guild

Judy Wilson, Laurie Miller