



The Chapel Chatter

Plank Chapel United Methodist Church
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From the Pastor's Heart...

"Spring Cleaning" is always a chore, yet rewarding. When I am making headway, I enjoy pausing to marvel at the progress that has been made.

In a way, that is what Plank Chapel has recently undertaken. We have reflected back on our ministry to serve the Lord and looked to make progress in our future. Our Administrative Council and our SPRC discussed for many hours our strengths and areas for growth recently. We have a few objectives for this coming year and feel these are important for everyone in our congregation.

These our Ministry Action Plan Areas:
1-Review and/or revamp our Missions' Statement - We feel it has the right message, but many people cannot remember it - Referred to the Missions' Team.

2-Card and Phone Ministry - We need to be intentional in reaching out to those who miss a few Sundays and inactive members - Referred to the Shepherding Ministry - Patricia Fuller agreed to head this up and the entire group agreed to support and assist her.

3-Making Disciples and Outreach for the Unchurched - The group will revisit this area and we will plan an evangelism and outreach training event.

4-Small Group Bible Studies - We are planning to set up a regular group for Bible Study to meet in homes for study and reflection. We will also seek to do Bible Studies in a mini-series cluster to increase participation.

We feel that we succeeded on our goals last year. We developed a Missions' Statement, established a Benevolence fund, and had a Spiritual Gifts study. With God's help and the willingness of all His children at Plank Chapel, we will seek to learn, grow, and serve the Lord to the best of our abilities this year. May God bless you as you serve Him!

*Lenten Blessings & Prayers
Pastor Carol*

**REMEMBER IN PRAYER:
YOUR 10
MOST WANTED!**

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Worship Committee

Time is really flying. We will have a Maundy Thursday service on April 9th at 7:00 pm. Easter Sunrise will be held at 6:30 am. Special services are wonderful times to share with family and friends. Invite others to join us!



CHOIR REHEARSALS

The choir will meet on Wednesdays at 7:00 pm. Join the choir!



HAND BELLS

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

Donald Rose McGhee



UM YF . . . Now known as... **CHAOS!**

which stands for "*Christ Has All Our Solutions.*" Super Tuesdays are back for March 3, 10, 24, 31, and April 7, during Lent. We will begin with dinner at 6:00 pm and talk about Christian Ethics. We are planning Youth Sunday (Apr 26) and a Mission Project Day (May 16). Youth in 6th-12th grades are invited to join. Stay tuned - Come and bring a friend! **Share some Christ-centered CHAOS!**



Historical Trivia

No Report

Hilma Smith



Thank You!

For all the dedication and hard work with recent events, hospitality meals, kitchen door lock, repair of front door, misc. repairs, etc....and MORE!!!

We Thank You!!!



Remember others in prayer...

The Family of Blake Brown



Kerr Lake Ministries, Inc.

Plans are being made for next year camp with Super Heroes! The dates are July 13-17. Plan now to attend!



The UM Men did a wonderful service in February -

Thank you to all who participated and supported them.

They will meet on Sunday, March 15 at 8:00 am with breakfast.

All men are invited to join them!



Seniors' Circle

The Seniors' Circle enjoyed a nice February meeting about the New Year, Valentine's Day, and Bird Trivia!. The next meeting of the Seniors' Circle will be on Wednesday, on March 18th, at 10:00 am. Invite a friend!



Vacation Bible School will be June 22-25. Our theme will be Camp EDGE and looks like loads of fun! If you can help, please sign up in the vestibule, Thanks!

ACTS



The Youth received a collection of \$132.71 for ACTS in honor of "Souper Bowl Sunday." Thank you for your support! 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!

??? 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!

*****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.

We will share one of the UMW studies for 2009 on March 15th from 2:30- 5:30 pm. All are invited and asked to bring an appetizer or finger food, *AND* copies of your recipe for your dish. 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!



TRUSTEES

The Trustees are seeking input about the security of our locks at the church. If you have input or questions, please see Scott Ritchey.



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.

Plan to attend our special Missions Emphasis Service on March 29th!



March Opportunities:

- 1 - Sunday School & Worship
noon - CHAOS
- 2 -
- 3 - 6:00 pm Aerobics
6:00 pm Super Tuesday (Youth)
- 4 - 7:00 pm Choir
- 5 - 6:00 pm Aerobics
7:00 KLM at Spring Valley
- 6 -
- 7 -
- 8 - Sunday School & Worship
- 9 -
- 10 - 6:00 pm Aerobics
6:00 pm Super Tuesday (Youth)
- 11 - 7:00 pm Choir
- 12 - 6:00 pm Aerobics
- 13 -
- 14 -
- 15 - 8:00 am UM Men
Sunday School & Worship
noon - CHAOS
2:30-5:30 pm Who's at the Table
- 16 -
- 17 - 6:00 pm Aerobics (No Youth)
- 18 - 10:00 am Seniors' Circle
7:00 pm Choir
- 19 - 6:00 pm Aerobics
- 20 -
- 21 -
- 22 - Sunday School & Worship
- 23 -
- 24 - 6:00 pm Aerobics
6:00 pm Super Tuesday (Youth)
- 25 - 7:00 pm Choir - ASH Wednesday
- 26 - 6:00 pm Aerobics
- 27 -
- 28 - 10:00 am - noon Stop Hunger Now at St. Peter's UMC in Oxford
- 29 - Sunday School & Worship
Missions Emphasis Sunday
- 30 -
- 31 - 6:00 pm Super Tuesday (Youth)



**Pancake
Breakfast**
Easter

April 12 following Sunrise Service



Thursday, April 9th at 7:00 pm

† In His Service this Month:

Flowers:

Mar 1 - Lois Woodlief
Mar 8 - Kay Thompson
Mar 15 - Debra Daniel
Mar 22 - Olivia Kemp
Mar 29 - Ellen Allen

Acolytes:

TBA

Greeters:

Mar 1 - Freddie & Jeanette McGhee
Mar 8 - David & Laurie Miller
Mar 15 - James & Kay Deans
Mar 22 - Bobby & Beverly Newman
Mar 29 - Joyce Edwards & Taylor Abbott

Outreach:

Mar 1 - Joe & Susan Sears
Mar 8 - John & Jeanette Rogers
Mar 15 - Pat Edwards & D. R. McGhee
Mar 22 - Judy Wilson & Faye Woodlief
Mar 29 - Marilove Spencer & Jane Owen

Lay Readers:

Mar 1 - Amy Smith
Mar 8 - Janet Bobbitt
Mar 15 - Taylor Abbott
Mar 22 - Kay Deans
Mar 29 - Donald Rose McGhee

March Ushers

Bryant Bobbitt, Carlton Brown
Bill Brown, Bob Kemp

March Altar Guild

Frances Brown

Congratulations
on Perfect Attendance for
2009 Sunday School!!!
Raymond Newman - 1 year
Patricia Fuller - 4 years
Johnny McGhee - 45 years
Donald Rose McGhee - 57 years



Age-Level Ministries:

Spring has sprung with exciting Christian fellowship! Mark your calendars for these events:



Sunday, April 5 noon - 2:00 pm
Hot Dog Lunch, the Easter Story, The HUNT, and fun activities!!!
(CANDY needed!!!)



Seniors' Luncheon
May 3 - noon
Fine Food & Fellowship



March 22, 2009
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