



The Chapel Chatter

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From the Pastor's Heart...

The children (and a couple of adults) have almost survived their "Lenten Temptation" with their M&M's! Lent is quickly moving toward Palm Sunday and Holy Week. The joy we are experiencing with flowers blooming and tree sprouting is just a sample of God's love for us. We are "making ready" for Easter. We love to sing our "Alleluias" and adorn the cross with live flowers. We love to don our colorful spring clothes and tuck away our heavy winter clothes.

But not so quickly...we cannot "fast forward" through Lent and "jump" to Easter. There is the betrayal after the Last Supper. There is the Garden of Gethsemane. There are the denials and beatings. Then there is the Cross...the suffering...the blood. There is the cold, dark tomb.

THEN on the third day there is the empty tomb. THEN and only then, can we celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. It is because of his great love for us and his sacrifice that he willingly gave himself for our sake to redeem us.

It is much more comfortable for us to share the story of the Baby in the manger. We can easily convey that Jesus performed miracles and taught in parables in the Scriptures. Yet somehow all that suffering and blood are not easy to discuss.

But that is the part that paid the price for our salvation. The Resurrection of Jesus gives us our hope of eternal life. He arose! As we have learned since a child, "For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in Him, should not perish, but have everlasting life." (John 3:16).

We serve a Risen Lord! Share the Good News with the world that other may know him!

Easter 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!



The choir will meet on Wednesdays at 7:00 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.*” The Youth will assist with hiding Easter Eggs and then practice. 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, youth meals, driveway repair, front door lock, misc. repairs, etc....and MORE!!!

We Thank You!!!



*Remember others in prayer...
The Family of William Leake*



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! Remember our PANCAKE Fundraiser on April 16th from 5:00 - 7:00 pm at either Plank Chapel UMC or Spring Valley UMC - \$5.00 per person!



UMMen will sponsor the our Easter Pancake Breakfast following the Sunrise service at 6:30 am. Everyone is invited! All men are invited to join their regular meetings!



Seniors' Circle

The Seniors' Circle enjoyed a nice March meeting about St. Patrick. The next meeting of the Seniors' Circle will be on Wednesday, on April 15th, 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!

*******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!



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.

The next regular meeting will be April 19th at 3:00 pm. 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!

??? Did You Know???

You can help Habitat for Humanity by saving your used 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!



TRUSTEES

See Scott Ritchey for instructions on the new lock.



Thursday, April 9th at 7:00 pm



Pancake Breakfast *Easter*

April 12 following Sunrise Service



The Administrative Council has given approval and urges everyone to embrace our Missions Statement. 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.

The Missions Team will be reviewing our missions statement - Stay tuned for coming info....



prayer

...For Our Shut-ins:

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April Opportunities:

- 1 - 7:00 pm Choir
- 2 - 5:30 pm Aerobics
- 3 -
- 4 -
- 5 - Sunday School & Worship
noon Easter Egg Hunt & lunch
CHAOS meet, eat, & practice
- 6 -
- 7 - 5:30 pm Aerobics
- 8 - 7:00 pm Choir
- 9 - 5:30 pm Aerobics
7:00 pm Maundy Thursday Service
- 10 -
- 11 -
- 12 - 6:30 am Sunrise Service & Breakfast
Sunday School & Worship
- 13 -
- 14 - 5:30 pm Aerobics
- 15 - 10:00 am Seniors' Circle
7:00 pm Choir
- 16 - 5:30 pm Aerobics
5:00 - 7:00 pm KLM Pancake Supper
- 17 -
- 18 -
- 19 - 8:00 am UM Men
Sunday School & Worship
noon - CHAOS lunch & practice
3:00 pm UM Women
- 20 -
- 21 - 5:30 pm Aerobics
- 22 - 7:00 pm Choir
- 23 - 5:30 pm Aerobics
- 24 -
- 25 -
- 26 - Sunday School & Worship
YOUTH SUNDAY
pm - Youth Rally Day at Rocky Mt.
- 27 -
- 28 - 5:30 pm Aerobics
- 29 - 7:00 pm Choir
- 30 - 5:30 pm Aerobics

May 3 - Sunday School & Worship
noon - Seniors' Honorary Luncheon

† **In His Service this Month:**

Flowers:

April 5 - Bettie Jane Jones
April 12 - Easter Lilies
April 19 - Margie Pendergrass
April 26 - Jeanette McGhee

Acolytes:

TBA

Greeters:

April 5 - Mac & Judy Wilson
April 12 - Haywood & Robin Bumpass
April 19 - Charles & Kay Thompson
April 26 - Sherry & Jessica Lloyd

Outreach:

April 5- Joyce Edwards & B. W. Brown
April 12 - Joe & Susan Sears
April 19 - John & Jeanette Rogers
April 26 - Pat Edwards
& Donald Rose McGhee

Lay Readers:

April 5 - Pat Edwards
April 12 - Patricia Fuller
April 19 - Darlene Ranes
April 26 - Tim Smith

April Ushers

Todd Wilson, Thomas Beckham
Ben Brown, Mac Wilson

April Altar Guild

Annie Laura Hock, Judy Wilson



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!!!)*



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*Seniors' Luncheon
May 3 - noon
Fine Food & Fellowship*