



A Special Thanksgiving Offering

The cornucopia has been a symbol of abundance for thousands of years. The story goes something like this: there was this goat named Amalthea who broke off one of its horns and gave it to Zeus as a sign of reverence or the story goes differently depending on your sources. There seems to be a goat, a broken horn, Zeus, and a gift of abundance given from the god to the goat or whoever owns the horn. The horn shaped basket, a cornucopia has become a symbol of the abundant gift of life provided by God. It adorns tables during the time of Thanksgiving as a reminder of the one who gives and the one who receives such abundance.

Symbols provide strong visual illustrations of what we believe and what we hold as sacred. This year we are creating a visual gift of Thanksgiving that will turn into an actual gift to families in our community.

On November 21st, the Sunday before Thanksgiving, I am asking for the congregation to bring to the altar fresh fruit and vegetables. If you want to add home baked bread you may. We will place these carrots, pumpkins, apples, pears, cabbage, squash, celery, greens, toma-

toes, corn, beans, and more all across the altar where the collection plates are normally placed before worship begins. If you wish to bring them that Saturday, you may. They will be our food offering of Thanksgiving to God for all God has done for us. After worship, this offering will be divided and given to families in our community identified as families in need. We will have a cornucopia of food upon God's altar as a visual reminder to us of God's abundant love poured out for us. We then will pour that abundant love out into the community. Thanks be to God.

But I, with a song of thanksgiving, will sacrifice to you. What I have vowed I will make good. Salvation comes from the LORD." Jonah 2:9



November 21st is the last Sunday of the Christian calendar year. It is understood as Christ the King Sunday. Our Thanksgiving offering will be one more symbol of honoring the one who is Lord and sovereign ruler of our lives.

One final note about November 21st. It will be a day when we will add to our numbers. We will be receiving two new members to Plank Chapel. If you also feel called to make a vow to the Lord and become a member of the Body of Christ worshipping at Plank Chapel, please contact me and we can discuss how that vow can be

made good.

Our children and youth who are looking to make that vow as well will be given an opportunity to go through confirmation class. Currently, the next confirmation class is scheduled for the Fall of 2011.

The new year begins in the Christian calendar with the first Sunday in Advent, November 28th. It is our New Year's Day. We begin the season of waiting, waiting in hope and faith for the Lord of all Creation who brings salvation to the world to come to us in the form of a baby. While we remember the story of Jesus' birth, we also remember we are the new heralds to bear witness to the world that Jesus is Lord and that the Kingdom on earth will be established as it is in heaven.

In the coming year we will be exploring more ways to pour out God's love into the community, to offer the gift of salvation given in Jesus Christ, and to witness to all that God has done for us. I will be asking many to step up into roles of leadership. As we begin to live out our baptismal covenant together, let us pray to hold one another accountable to those vows that we all make good. God is faithful and makes good on all his vows. Thanks be to God.

Allow Joy, Allow Love, Allow God,
Pastor Carolyn

Plank Chapel United Methodist Church

Meeting Schedules

- > Weekly—Choir Practice
Wednesday—7 pm
- > Monthly—3rd Sunday—
UMM—8 am UMW-3 pm
3rd Wed—Senior Circle
at 10:00 am
- > CHADS—1st & 3rd Sun-
days at Noon
- > Christmas Children's
Concert practice—1st &
3rd Sundays at 2 pm
- > BBQ—Nov 5th
- > Hanging of the Greens—
Nov 27th

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The Chapel Chatter



Education Committee News

Have you heard of the **Alpha Course**—there is an opportunity to learn more. On Saturday, November 13, 2010 at Woodhaven Baptist Church in Apex from 9 am—5 pm a conference on the **Alpha Course** will be offered. Cost is \$35 for walk-ins on that Saturday, \$25 for registration that includes a full day of training, materials, and your lunch.

You will learn how **Alpha Course** works, how to lead an Alpha small group, tips on pastoral care, attracting guests, prayer, worship, and the weekend away. Website for registration is: www.alphausa.org/enc/upco

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At the November 20th Education meeting we will be planning new short and long term Bible Studies, discussing changes in Sunday School, and ways to increase time in the classroom. Let Joe Sears or others on the committee know your concern. One proposal is to move our assembly time to 9:45 or 9:50.

As we begin plans for Bible Studies it would help us to know when to scheduled these classes—night or day, weekend or weekday—let Joe know when you will attend.

Children's Christmas Program

The Children are preparing their song service of praise and worship during Advent. Their worship service will be Sunday night the 19th of December. The December Chapel Chatter will give dates and particulars.

What Kim Dettinger and Michelle Denton need is your children to come to the rehearsals. They will be meeting on the 7th at 2:00 p.m. and on the 21st at 2:00 p.m. Additional dates may be

planned.
The children are singing, playing bells, sharing stories of the carols and of their own Christmas memories. We have a combined children and youth choir.
They will also be sharing the news during our Advent season as we light the Advent Candles each Sunday. You won't want to miss a Sunday during this season. It will conclude with their participation in a Lesson in Carols that

CHAOS News

The youth of Plank Chapel are meeting 1st and 3rd Sundays right after church.

In October we began a Bible Study entitled the Kingdom Experiment. We are moving through the Be-Attitudes in this study and taking action throughout the week. We also spent time baking dog treats to

bring to the SPCA. Road trip coming to visit the shelter and offer a helping hand or two. A Spring Blessing of the Animals may even be in store.

November promises to be full of opportunities to grow in God's grace as we plan out those mission adventures and worship together. We will be

Hanging of the Greens

On Saturday
November 27th

We will gather to prepare the sanctuary and the Education Building for our worship during Advent and Christmas.

Come out—we will be cleaning, decorating, eating together and concluding with worship.

All ages are invited to this event that helps us prepare for the coming of the Lord!

will be sung by the Choir, the Congregation, and narrated by our youth. Our children will enter into worship and form a living nativity.

Contact Kim or Michelle if you can help in any way. We currently have adults teaching them bells, adults helping them sing. What joy to work together in service to Christ.

Wait until they come to your door singing carols!

working to develop a 2011 calendar of events to share with our church family.

One thing they have all offered is their time—if you have a need—raking, mowing, baby-sitting—contact Kim Dettinger and she can find a youth who is willing and able to meet that need.

Annual

Bar-B-Q

Lunch or Supper

Friday

November 5th

Eat in or Take Out

\$7.00 per plate



Youth Ministry

Conference Mission Opportunity- Work Teams for Flood Victims

Storm-related flooding and other damage occurred in several areas of the North Carolina Conference earlier in October. Although the disaster did not receive long-term press coverage, there remain hundreds of families who are unable to inhabit their severely damaged homes. They need our help!

Work Teams and funds are needed to repair the homes and restore damaged lives.

If you would be willing to lead a work team to assist our North Carolina brothers and sisters, please contact Craig Parker, Elizabeth City District, 252-473-2480, wmscraig@aol.com or Cliff Harvell, Greenville District, 252-341-7008, cliffharvell@nccumc.org.

Those wishing to provide financial support to the work teams and the flood victims can do so by making a donation to NC

Storms Emergency Response, and submit funds to Conference Advance #S00176. This is a Rainbow Covenant special offering.

Place your check in the offering plate or send it to Judy Wilson, our Financial Secretary for forwarding it to the conference.

Christ has no hands but ours, no feet but ours.




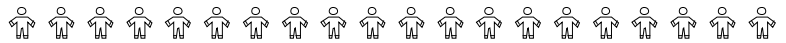
Worship is a place to feed our Holy Spirit Fire Come—Join Us!

Worship Opportunities

Be in prayer for the music ministry of Plank Chapel. We are praying for our worship to move us deeper in our relationship to God through Jesus Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit. One way that guides us is music—so this is our prayer—Musicians—Keyboard players, drummers, guitar players, brass

instrument players, bell ringers. We are praying for singers, song writers, choir director, praise band leader. The search is on for a worship drama team, artists to offer visual expression in our sanctuary.

All things begin with prayer. As we pray, God will provide. PRAY!


FUNDRAISER FOR MEN'S HOMELESS SHELTER
 On December 7th from 3:00-8:00 PM the Henderson/Vance Men's Homeless Shelter will be having a Spirit Night fundraiser at Chick-Fil-A to help the costs of providing a warm place to stay for the night for those men that are less fortunate than we are. Help make a difference in our community by participating at Chick-fil-A on December 7th, 2010.


Trustees—Energy Updates

Heating and Air Conditioning: The new heating and air conditioning systems in the education building now have programmable thermostats like in the sanctuary. These thermostats control the temperature between 55 and 80 degrees during times when the church is normally unused. If you use church facilities dur-

ing these times, you can manually adjust the temperature, if needed, using the up-down arrows on the thermostat. The thermostat will hold your manual setting for two hours and then revert back to the automatic program.

Energy Conservation: These are






tough economic times for everyone, including your church. When you use church facilities, please be sure you turn off all lights and appliances before you leave. This may seem like a small thing but a light left on could burn for days before anyone discovered it.

Scott Ritchey

**Senior Circle
November 17th
10:00 am**



November

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31 	1	2 	3 Aerobics 5:30 p.m. Choir Practice 7:00 p.m.	4	5	6
7 Church School 10:00 a.m. Worship 11:00 a.m. CHAOS-NOON Play Practice 2:00 p.m. Parlor Talks 3:00 p.m.	8 Aerobics 5:30 p.m.	9 Parlor Talks 7:00 p.m.	10 Aerobics 5:30 p.m. Choir Practice 7:00 p.m.	11  Veteran's Day	12 Pilgrimage—Fayetteville—12-14	13
14 Church School 10:00 a.m. Worship 11:00 a.m.	15 Aerobics 5:30 p.m.	16 Parlor Talks 7:00 p.m.	17 Aerobics 5:30 p.m. Choir Practice 7:00 p.m.	18	19	20 2:00 p.m. Education Cmte
21 UMM- 8:00 a.m. Church School 10:00 a.m. Worship 11:00 a.m. CHAOS-NOON Play Practice 2:00 p.m. UMW -3:00 p.m.	22 Aerobics 5:30 p.m.	23	24 Senior Circle 10:00 a.m. Aerobics 5:30 p.m. PPRC 6:00 p.m. Choir Practice 7:00 p.m.	25 	26	27 Hanging of the Greens 
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Durham District Leadership Training—November 21-3-5 pm

Hosted by Mount Sylvan UMC in Durham, NC, this year's Leadership Training focuses on the internal ministries and support structures of the church that provide governance, administration, organization, implementation, planning, and visioning along with a social justice opportunity addressing Immigration Reform. Each participant will

have the opportunity to attend two sessions.

Sessions Include:

- Church Council Leadership
- Lay Leaders
- Finance
- Trustees
- Pastor Parish Relations Committee—Sessions A& B

Long-Range Planning and Visioning
Comprehensive Immigration Reform

If you are new to a committee or want to know more about a committee see Pastor Carolyn for more information on the sessions. All who plan to attend can travel together.

Save the Environment
and
Help our Schools &
Others!!!



Save Campbell Soup
Labels
Save Used Postage
Stamps

See the containers in
the Education Building
Thank you!



Have you signed up for your
Parlor Talk?

There is still time!
November 7th—3 pm
November 16th—7 pm
November 28th—3 pm

**Volunteer
Needed—
Newsletter
Editor**

Our Chapel Chatter needs an editor to compile articles from the various committees and teams. Proof the final copy and bring it to press. Contact Pastor Carolyn if you are willing to serve in this capacity.

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**Join the United Methodist Men
For Breakfast
Nov 21st—8:00 a.m.**

Enjoy this fellowship of men who have a heart for their community and are on a mission with Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world



In His Service This Month

Flowers:

- 7—Frances Beckham
- 14—Frances Woodlief
- 21—Carolyn Roy
- 28—Christine Spencer

Lay Readers:

- 7—Pat Edwards
- 14—Patricia Fuller
- 21—Darlene Ranes
- 28—Tim Smith

Ushers:

- Ben Brown, Scott Ritchey, Freddie McGhee, Mike Ranes

Greeters:

- 7—Jamie & Lorraine Abbott
- 14—Henry & Ann Finch
- 21—David & Laurie Miller
- 28—Michelle & Matthew Denton

Altar Guild:

- Patricia Fuller
James Rowland

Outreach:

- 7—Marilove Spencer and Jane Owen
- 14—Joyce Edwards and B.W. Brown
- 21—Joe and Susan Sears
- 28—John and Jeanette Rogers

**Opportunities to Serve
The Lord!
Mark Your Calendar**

Remember
ACTS
Bring food donations for the Soup Kitchen and place them in the bucket in the Education Building
Or
Make financial donations to ACTS to help their ministry of feeding the hungry in Vance County.