



The Chapel Chatter

Stewardship—Time, Talent, Treasure, Witness

This month is stewardship month. On the 10th and 17th of October you will be receiving your pledge cards. Sunday the 24th of October is Pledge Sunday. I have a challenge to place before the Plank Chapel Family. Our budget has been the focal point of our pledge campaign. This year, I suggest we take a wider view of what we are pledging to God. In our baptismal vows we pledged to uphold the church of Jesus Christ through the United Methodist Church with our prayers, our presence, our gifts, and our service. We do this in many ways as a church family. This year let us be more intentional about our pledging. You will get the financial pledge cards, but on those two Sundays (10th, 17th) you will also receive a personal covenant sheet. This will be your pledge of time, prayer, service, and talents. This covenant sheet will go into a sealed box at the altar. No one will see what is inside. The covenant you make will be between you and God.

We have talked about what is missing and what is present in our church family. Now we are being asked to step up and offer to God what we are able to give to bring about a revival

within our midst.

This month and next month we will be engaged in a series of Parlor Talks. This hour together will be a time to explore our hopes, our disappointments, our visions of the future for our church. They are not times of planning, that will come later. These talks are for us to begin to dream, to vision again.

One Faith, One Hope, One Baptism One God and Father of All



When the Holy Spirit came upon Peter in Acts 2:17-21 he speaks the words of the prophet Joel: "In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and you old men shall dream dreams." These words were words of the last days and that the only hope is salvation in the Lord. Peter goes on to speak of the blood, the fire, the darkness of the world in those days. To many in our community and in the world, those last days are upon them. We, as God's children, as disciples of Christ are gifted in many ways to offer hope to those who know only despair.

My prayer is that in this pledge campaign we dig deep into our spiritual treasure chest and make a commitment to bring about a

revival of the spirit at Plank Chapel. It will mean sacrifice for us. We need to sacrifice who we are for whom God is calling us to become. It will hurt. Some days we may wonder if it is worth it. On those days, look to the cross and remember the sacrifice of Jesus for you and for me. As we covenant together to pray for this revival of the spirit, let our prayers include the prayer of John Wesley, "I am no longer my own, but thine. Put me to what thou wilt, rank me with whom thou wilt. Put me to doing, put me to suffering. Let me be employed by thee or laid aside for thee, exalted for thee or brought low by thee. Let me be full, let me be empty. Let me have all things, let me have nothing. I freely and heartily yield all things to thy pleasure and disposal. An now, O glorious and blessed God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, thou art mine, and I am thine. So be it. And the covenant which I have made on earth, let it be ratified in heaven. Amen.

This prayer is also in our hymnal-607, may it be prayed throughout this stewardship month that as we pledge, we offer to God all God asks of us.

Allow Joy, Allow Love, Allow God,
Pastor Carolyn

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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
- > Steak Dinner—Oct 9th 6
pm
- > Fall Festival—Oct 23rd—5
pm
- > Trustees—Oct 24th—3
pm

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Words of Thanksgiving

Donald Rose McGhee, Chairperson, Pat Edwards, Co-chair Hospitality Committee—A special thank you to everyone who furnished food for the family of Bobby Roberts. It is so good to see our church come together in support of each other. This is the purpose of the Hospitality Committee, to support each other in time of need. We proved that with God's help we are able to depend on each other. Again thanks for your support.

Francis Roberts and Family—would like to thank you for the cards, phone calls, visits, and food. Your thoughts and prayers are greatly appreciated

and will always be remembered.

Derek and Loretta Woodlief—There are no words that can express our gratitude for your thoughts, prayers, and love.

Union Chapel—offers their thanksgiving for our willingness to sell, to cook, to serve, to carry in the fundraising efforts for Derek Woodlief.

UMCOR—Nothing But Nets—thanks us for our gift this will be used to save lives by preventing malaria through the use of treated bed nets.

United Methodist Men—The Cake Committee

The annual Bar B Que will be on Friday, November 5th. We will again be in need of cakes. In the weeks to come there will be a cake sign-up sheet in the vestibule. Home-baked or store bought Bundt/pound cakes will be needed as usual. Please, no iced cakes as these are difficult to bag or wrap. As before the cakes need to be sliced and bagged. Pies do not need to be sliced. Please put your name on the containers that the cake

slices are brought in, as well as the pies. This will help the committee check names off the cake list. Also, we request that non-returnable boxes and bags be used to bring the cake slices and/or pies. This is a great help to the committee. When slicing the cakes, a regular cake mix Bundt cake will get 16 nice size slices. The Food Lion Bundt cakes are not as large as they used to be, so you will get only 12 slices from these. The Sam's Club

Bundt cakes are still large and will give 16 slices.

The cake committee will be in the education building on Thursday, Nov 4th to take in the cake slices and pies. The time will be 4:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m.

Everyone is always so supportive and we thank you so much for all of your help. The Cake Committee

Pat Edwards, Frances Fuller, Jeanette McGhee

CHAOS News

The youth of Plank Chapel are meeting the 1st and 3rd Sunday of every month at noon until 1:30. We are just beginning to know one another. Our plans are to have a meeting that includes fellowship over food, planning events, a Bible Study, and some fun. Our current plans are to go to

Pilgrimage this fall. We will be staying at a KOA just outside of Fayetteville. S'mores over the campfire after praising Jesus. Sounds like paradise to me. The theme for Pilgrimage this year is "With One Voice." God's voice, when he spoke made order out of chaos. God created the world

by speaking it into existence. This year as we meet, we will be discovering our voices—voices that can speak about Christ in our lives as young people. We will learn through the various methods of prayer, study, action, and play. Come be a part of the CHAOS.

Annual
Bar-B-Q
Lunch or Supper
Friday
November 5th
Eat in or Take Out
\$7.00 per plate



Youth Ministry

Theater Theology
Or better known as
Movie Night –Oct
31st at the Parson-
age—What will we
be watching?
“Sleepy Hollow”
Why? Because it is
Halloween and
there are places in
the story we can
stop and talk about
superstitions, evil,
perceptions of
church. Oh, there
will be snacks and
drinks for our dis-
ussion breaks.
Movie starts at
7:00 p.m.—No tick-
ets are necessary

Conference-District Opportunities

Discipleship Workshop—Deepening Your Effectiveness in Discipleship—October 29th and 30th—presented by Dan Glover and Claudia Lavy, coauthors of the book, Deepening Your Effectiveness: Restructuring the Local Church for Life Transformation. Cost is \$10.00 for lunch. It will be held at the Methodist Building in Garner. Contact Rev. Roy if you would like to attend.

Caregiving Ministry with Older Adults Grant Application—The UM Committee on Older Adult Ministries will be providing grants related to older adult ministry in the area of

Caregiving Ministry in 2011. The grants, part of the Comprehensive Plan for Older Adult Ministries, will be available to local United Methodist congregations, districts, annual conferences, central conferences, and United Methodist-related institutions.

Rural Church Transformation to be topic of day-long discussion The Academy for Leadership Excellence is partnering with Duke Thriving Rural Communities and the Fayetteville and Rockingham Districts in sponsoring a continuing education event, "The Rural Church

as a Catalyst for Community Transformation," on Tuesday, Oct. 5 at Solid Rock UMC in the Fayetteville District

Methodist University Choir Program offers performances. Speak to a member of the Worship Committee if you would like to have one scheduled for Plank Chapel

Women of the Bible Speak—a day long retreat program offered. For details—www.biblewomen.com Contact Rev. Roy if this opportunity is something you would like to have scheduled for Plank Chapel!




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


Fall Festival—October 23-5-7 p.m.


Age Level and Family Ministries is asking for your help to put together the Fall Festival this year. Our goal is to have a multi-generational event that provides an opportunity for fellowship and fun. The activities will include a cake walk (we will need cakes of all shapes and sizes), horse shoes, relay races, donut eating contest, you





might even see bingo or a limbo pole. We will feast on hot dogs, chips, as well as have some hot mulled cider. The hay ride is still being negotiated. Costumes are optional. Come out, bring your children, bring your grandparents...the three legged race wouldn't be the same without them. Bring your sense of humor as we play together. Want to help Kim Oettinger or Michelle Denton for details.





 **Worship Opportunities—Advent Candle Lighters**


 **Worship is in need of some characters for the Advent Candle lighting this year.**


 **Week 1—We will be visited by one of the Wisemen.**

 **Week 2—One of the Shepherds.**

 **Week 3—One of the animals.**

 **Week 4—we will be visited by Mary.**

 **If you are willing to read, wear a costume, and participate. This year as we light the candles, the story will unfold in new ways...Come join us**



Trustees—Proposals for Church Facility

The Trustees are considering two proposals to improve our church facility and we want your input.

First—a handrail for in the center of the steps from the breezeway to the sanctuary; this would be a very basic pipe railing similar to the railing outside the kitchen door. Some people feel this center railing would be an unnecessary obstruction while others believe it would really

benefit some of our people going up and down the steps. What do you think?

Second—a cover over the sanctuary main entrance, similar to the cover over the education building front door and the ramp entrance to the sanctuary. We will post a sketch at the back of the sanctuary to give a better idea how this would look. Some people feel this is unnecessary or would detract

from the appearance of the church while others feel it would be very helpful, especially in inclement weather. What do you think?




Please contact Pastor Carolyn, Scott Ritchey, or any Trustee if you have opinions or recommendations on either of these projects.

Scott Ritchey

**Senior Circle
October 20th
10:00 am**



October

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26 	27	28	29 Aerobics 5:30 p.m. Choir Practice 7:00 p.m.	30 Charge Conference Union Chapel 7:00 p.m.	1	2
3 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.	4 Aerobics 5:30 p.m.	5 Parlor Talks 7:00 p.m.	6 Aerobics 5:30 p.m. Choir Practice 7:00 p.m. B-Jennifer Finch Gerald Woodlief	7 B-Brooke Eatmon	8 B-Ryan Rowland	9 Steak Dinner 6:00 p.m.
10 Church School 10:00 a.m. Worship 11:00 a.m. Parlor Talks 3:00 p.m. B- James Young Mike Fuller	11 Aerobics 5:30 p.m. B-Johnny Abbott A-Joe & Susan Sears	12 B-Scott Finch A-David & Laurie Miller	13 Aerobics 5:30 p.m. Choir Practice 7:00 p.m.	14 B-Taylor Shepardson	15	16 A-Tommy & Lisa Cottrell
17 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.	18 Aerobics 5:30 p.m.	19 Parlor Talks 7:00 p.m.	20 Senior Circle 10:00 a.m. Aerobics 5:30 p.m. PPRC 6:00 p.m. Choir Practice 7:00 p.m.	21	22	23 FALL FESTIVAL  5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.
24 Church School 10:00 a.m. Worship 11:00 a.m. Trustees 3:00 p.m.	25 Aerobics 5:30 p.m.	26	27 Aerobics 5:30 p.m. Choir Practice 7:00 p.m.	28	29 B-Todd Wilson	30 B-Juanita Harris
REFORMATION  31 Church School 10:00 a.m. Worship 11:00 a.m. Hymn Sunday						

Pray without Ceasing



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



Save Campbell Soup
Labels
Save Used Postage
Stamps

See the containers in
the vestibule
Thank you!



Travel to the Holy
Land
With the Bishop

Travel with Bishop Gwinn on a 10-day pilgrimage to the Holy Land in January, 2011. Depart on Jan. 24 and visit all the holy sites, worship together, experience the teachings of Bishop Gwinn, and walk where Jesus walked. Contact Harold Salmon, Conference Director of Tour Ministries at 919-377-2950.

In His Service This Month

Flowers:

- Oct 3—Rose Tart
- Oct 10—Martha Rowland
- Oct 24—Lorraine Abbott
- Oct 31—Marilove Spencer & Christine

Lay Readers:

- Oct 3—Janet Bobbitt
- Oct 10—Taylor Abbott
- Oct 17—Kay Deans
- Oct 24—D.R. McGhee
- Oct 31—Pat Edwards

Greeters:

- Oct 3—Mac & Judy Wilson
- Oct 10—Pat Edwards & Judy Eaves
- Oct 17—Faye Woodlief & Jane Owen
- Oct 24—Daryl & Christine Spencer
- Oct 31—Joyce Edwards & Taylor Abbott

Ushers:

- John A. Rogers, Bobby Newman, Ben Brown, Bruce Newman

Altar Guild:

- Jeanette Weaver & Joe Weaver

Outreach:

- Oct 3—Joyce Edwards & B.W. Brown
- Oct 10—Joe & Susan Sears
- Oct 17—John & Jeanette Rogers
- Oct 24—Pat Edwards & D.R. McGhee
- Oct 31—Judy Wilson & Faye Woodlief



Have you signed up for your
Parlor Talk?

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Christ –
Inspiring
People to
Live by the
Example of the
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Open Doors.



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**Join the United Methodist Men
For Breakfast
Oct 17–8:00 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

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.



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