



## Who Are You?

Moses said to God, "When I come to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is His name?' what shall I say to them?" And God said to Moses, "Ehyeh-Asher-Ehyeh." He continued, "Thus shall you say to the Israelites, 'Ehyeh sent me to you.' This is a conversation between God and Moses found in Exodus chapter 3 verses 13-14. The translation is the New Jewish Publication Society Translation. The society chose to use the Hebrew when God spoke God's name because the translation of it is very uncertain. In most Bibles we get "I Am Who I Am," or "I Am That I Am" and "I Am." Yet the words, Ehyeh-Asher-Ehyeh can also be translated as "I Will Be What I Will Be" and Ehyeh can be translated as I Will Be. For Moses it was important to be able to tell the people he was going to serve and lead who they were truly following, their Lord God. To know who that is, they needed to know God's name. God does not give a very definitive answer, God gives one that suggests that as we get to know God better, as our understanding of God and relationship to God grows, who God is to us now and who God will be to us then, is the same

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



God. God does not change, we do. We do through our relationship with God and our relationship with others. In relationships we discover who we are and who we can become together.

Last month I shared some of who Leo and I are as a family. Over the years we serve our Lord together we will learn more of who we are and God's plans for us. I, for one, am very excited about this journey of faith we are embarking on together.

Now the question for me to Plank Chapel is, "Who Are You?" The Parlor Talks are just one avenue of discovering who we are as a Body of Christ. These will be informal gatherings of no more than 12 participants. The questions I will ask are about faith, about hope, about vision, about worship. These questions will focus on how God engages each of us in our prayer life, in our worship life, and in our study and mission work. My intent is that the sessions go no longer than one and a half hours. That time limit is to permit us to talk in the parlor about our faith. All ages are welcome in this conversation. Mixed generations help us listen to one another.

Dates and times are: Oct 3 at 3 pm, Oct 5 at 7 pm, Oct 10 at 3 pm, Oct 19 at 7 pm, Nov 7 at 3 pm, Nov 16 at 7 pm, and Nov 28 at 3 pm. Sign ups sheets are in the vestibule at the church.

Parlor Talks are not the only way we will get to know one another. Over the next year, I plan to visit as many of you as I am able. I would love to come to your home and hear your story. Please feel free to call me and make that visit happen. Do not wait for my call or my visit if there is something on your heart you wish to share.

Listening is the practice of learning. Parlor Talks are times for me to listen, but also a time to listen to each other. We need to also listen to God. I am praying for Plank Chapel. I ask all of us to pray for Plank Chapel. There is a prayer that goes like this, "Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful, kindle in us the fire of your love. Send forth your spirit and we shall be created and you shall renew the face of the earth." It continues on, but I stopped here to ask us to pray this part of the prayer for Plank Chapel, so that we may become who God created us to be. Allow Joy, Allow Love, Allow God,

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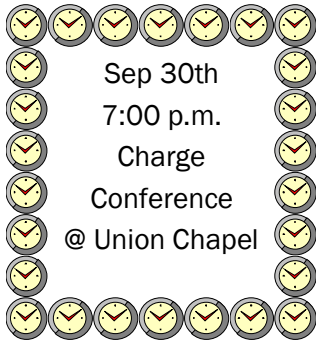
## Plank Chapel United Methodist Church

### 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
- > CHAOS—Sep 12th at noon.
- > CPR—Sep 14th at 6:00  
p.m.
- > Administrative Council—  
Sep 12th at 3:00 p.m.
- > PPRC—Sep 16th—7:00  
p.m.
- > Charge Conference  
scheduled for September  
30th at 7:00 p.m. at Union  
Chapel.

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Sep 30th  
7:00 p.m.  
Charge  
Conference  
@ Union Chapel

### The Chapel Chatter

#### United Methodist Women

The United Methodist Women return to our monthly meetings on September 19 at 3 p.m. after taking our 2 month summer vacation. We are encouraging all women of the church to join us as we share in missions both locally and worldwide. One of our local missions is Zeb Vance School. We invite you to come and share in the ongoing ministry of this wonderful organization of the United Methodist Church. The United Methodist Women have been

Sent Out...

To Carry



meeting for mission at Plank Chapel for 100 years. This longevity has been achieved through hard work and dedication. Please consider joining us in September. If your calendar is already full for that day, remember we meet the third Sunday of each month. We would love to have new members!

The United Methodist Women of Plank Chapel

#### 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—(Christ Has All Our Solutions)** will have their first meeting of the Fall on Sunday, September 12th after church. We will lunch together, play a game, maybe two, and discuss future events and projects—for example:

- Pilgrimage
- Study Options
- Meeting times/days
- Road Trips
- Mission Work
- “FUN”d raisers
- Lock-ins
- Meet Pastor Roy

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



Youth Ministry

#### Conference Youth News

**Youth to plunge into hands-on missions—** Registration is open for Co-Mission, Oct. 1-3. This is a mission engagement weekend for youth, young adults, and youth workers sponsored by St. Paul UMC, Rocky Mount, the Rocky Mount District, and the Conference Office of Outreach Ministry.

The weekend will include worship featuring the Rev. Laura Early and Dr. Marty Cauley, tool and skill training, a day of mission work with low-income homeowners sponsored by Habitat for Humanity, and lots of fun.

Registration is \$69 per per-

son for two nights lodging, all meals on Saturday, breakfast on Sunday, worship, and more. For additional information, details, or to register, visit the CO+Mission website. Register by Sept. 1 and your entire team will get free CO+Mission t-shirts! Registration is limited.



## Mission Work of the Conference—Haiti

### Concert to raise funds for construction of children’s home in Haiti

A concert to raise funds to purchase materials for constructing the next phase of the Ryan Epps Home for Children (REHC) in Michaud, Haiti will be held Friday, Sept. 17, 7 p.m. at Garner UMC, 201 Methodist Dr. The home benefits children without parents and other children signed over to REHC because of the inability of parents to provide

support.

Bishop Al Gwinn and the Conference Cabinet will travel to Haiti in November to construct the next phase at the REHC. They will use materials provided from concert funds. Each Cabinet member will be paying their own way to Haiti and 100% of the raised funds will be used in the construction. Included in the construction will be dormitories, kitchen/fellowship area and living quarters for the director

and staff.

Anyone unable to attend the concert can forward a donation directly to the North Carolina Conference, P.O. Box 60053, Charlotte, NC 28260-0053. Please make checks payable to “NC Conference/Raleigh Area” and place “Advance #S00245” on the memo line.



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

## Children and Youth Opportunity

### Youth and children component to be included at the Peace Celebration—

Youth and children are invited to become peace-makers at the 2010 Lake Junalaska Peace Celebration: Mosaic of Hope, Sept. 18-19. This unique 2-day event features leadership from children’s activist Jeni Stepanek, in addition to leadership from youth and children themselves. Most

of the workshops and art responses at the Peace Celebration will be taught by either college-age students or middle to high school-age youth. Youth and children who attend this event will learn from others their own age that have a passion for peace. Call 828-454-6656. A full schedule is available online. Lodging and meals are also available.



**Worship Opportunities**—One of the ways we serve the Lord is through serving in our worship. How can you serve? Do you like to read scripture? Do you like to portray Biblical characters? Do you like to sing? Ring Bells? Light the candles? Usher? Greet? All these are parts of our worship. Choir meets Wednesday nights at 7:00 p.m. Together we begin the process of creating worship for the gathered community.



## Trustees—Serve to hold our church in trust for our future

1. The Trustees have rekeyed the Plank Chapel locks to simplify the key plan and establish control of critical keys. The front doors to the sanctuary and education building have combination locks; all Plank Chapel members may have these combinations. All other exterior locks (including the kitchen and HVAC room) use the new Plank Chapel Exterior (PCX) key. The old education building key (PCE) still opens all interior locks as before; many members have an uncontrolled copy of this key and it will work as before (except for the outside

kitchen door). Finally, there is a new special key (PCS) for the display room, the parlor, and the youth classroom. The youth classroom and parlor are normally unlocked but the display room is normally locked. The PCS key distribution will be limited to people who need to secure materials, like the Hospitality Committee (stores committee supplies in the display room). If you have comments or questions about keys or combination locks or if you believe you need one of the controlled PCX or PCS keys, contact

Scott Ritchey at 438-6115.

2. The Trustees have developed a “lockup checklist” for securing the church after large functions. We recommend you use this checklist, particularly if you sponsor a large function with people in several areas of the church. Contact any Trustee or Pastor Carolyn for a copy of this checklist.

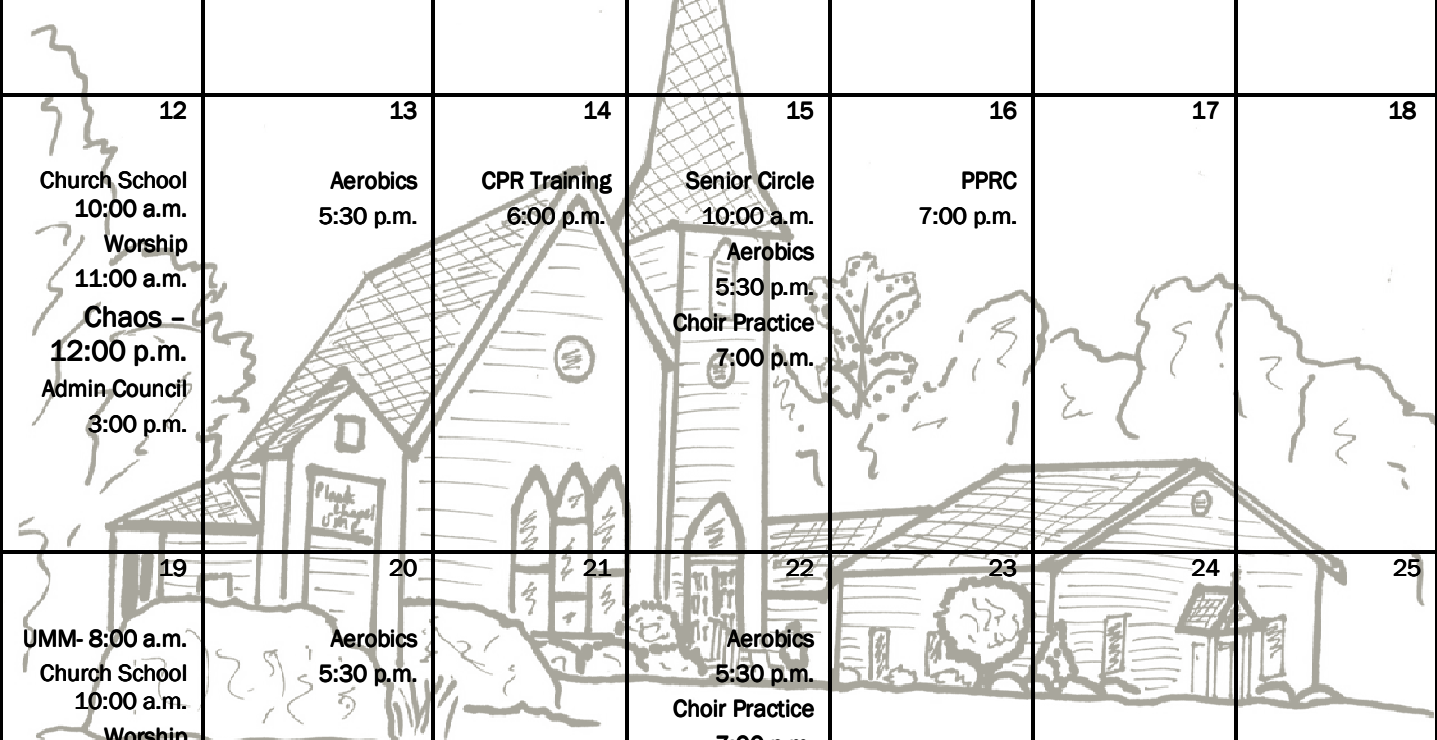
Scott Ritchey

**Senior Circle  
September 15th  
10:00 am**



# September

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Aerobics 5:30 p.m. Choir Practice 7:00 p.m.	2	3	4
5 Church School 10:00 a.m. Worship 11:00 a.m.	Labor Day 6 Aerobics 5:30 p.m.	7	8 Aerobics 5:30 p.m. Choir Practice 7:00 p.m.	9	10	11
12 Church School 10:00 a.m. Worship 11:00 a.m. Chaos - 12:00 p.m. Admin Council 3:00 p.m.	13 Aerobics 5:30 p.m.	14 CPR Training 6:00 p.m.	15 Senior Circle 10:00 a.m. Aerobics 5:30 p.m. Choir Practice 7:00 p.m.	16 PPRC 7:00 p.m.	17	18
19 UMM- 8:00 a.m. Church School 10:00 a.m. Worship 11:00 a.m. UMW -3:00 p.m.	20 Aerobics 5:30 p.m.	21	22 Aerobics 5:30 p.m. Choir Practice 7:00 p.m.	23	24	25
26 Church School 10:00 a.m. Worship 11:00 a.m.	27 Aerobics 5:30 p.m.	28	29 Aerobics 5:30 p.m. Choir Practice 7:00 p.m.	30 Charge Conference Union Chapel 7:00 p.m.		



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**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.

Open Hearts.  
Open Minds.  
Open Doors.



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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.



**Have you signed up for your Parlor Talk?**



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



**Join the United Methodist Men  
For Breakfast  
Sep 19—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:**

- Sep 5 - Susan Sears
- Sep 12 - Raymond Newman
- Sep 19 - Pat Edwards
- Sep 26 - Hilma Smith

**Lay Readers:**

- Sep 5 - Jeanette McGhee
- Sep 12 - Gwen Ritchey
- Sep 19 - Mike Ranes
- Sep 26 - Amy Smith

**Greeters:**

- Sep 5 - Charles and Kaye Thompson
- Sep 12 - Virgie Eaves and Roxie Kearney
- Sep 19 - Todd Wilson and Gerald Woodlief
- Sep 26 - Ryan and Angie Rowland

**Ushers:**

- Ben Brown, Mac Wilson, Joe Rowland, Johnny McGhee

**Altar Guild:**

- Gwen Ritchey and Scott Ritchey

**Outreach:**

- Sep 5 - John and Jeanette Rogers
- Sep 12 - Pat Edwards and Donald Rose McGhee
- Sep 19 - Judy Wilson and Faye Woodlief
- Sep 26 - Marilove Spencer and Jane Owen