

# THE CHAPEL CHATTER



A Call to Love – A Charge to Keep

Charge Conference is scheduled this year for September

- ◆ Weekly—Choir Practice Wednesday—7 pm—
- ◆ Monthly—3rd Sunday—UMM—8 am  
UMW-3 pm  
3rd Wed—Senior Circle at 10:00 a.m.

18th. We will be hosting Union Chapel. Their meeting with the District Superintendent begins at 7:00 p.m. We arrive at 7:45 p.m. for joint worship and then after worship our Charge Conference begins.

This is our annual meeting to vote on our leadership, our pastoral salary, and affirm the story of how we are responding to God's call to love. For the next three weeks, think on these 3 questions. 1. How are we loving God? 2. How are we loving one another? 3. How are we loving our community? During Charge Conference the answers to these questions are part of the story we tell. Be ready to share your answers. If you have a witness of how Plank Chapel United Methodist Church has deepened your faith this past year, Charge Conference is one

## Pastor's corner

place to share that story.

The story of God's love shared with the community through Plank Chapel is told each time you offer yourselves through visits, phone calls, and cards to those in the community who cannot come to worship. You share the story of love when you open your hearts and purses to ministries such as "All God's Children," or "Methodist Home for Children." You bring bread for the hungry who are fed through ACTS and share the love of Christ through your giving. You bring towels and wash clothes and cleaning supplies for those affected by tornadoes and hurricanes so that families experience God's love through your generosity. You share love through the Love for Liberia campaign with notebooks, pencils, and other school supplies. You share God's love with our schools in Vance County through your volunteer time and gifts of supplies. The teachers get special attention at Zeb Vance through our United Methodist Women, small gifts of grace throughout the year.

Then the story of God's transformational love is witnessed as you provide funding for children and youth to attend events where they can learn about Jesus Christ and his saving grace. Through your support of Lay Speakers and Student Interns you are providing a space for God's love and grace to form others who are experiencing a call to love in their lives.

The scripture for our Charge Conference this year is the great commission given by Jesus found in Matthew 28:18-20 (NIV) 18 Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19 Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Christ is counting on us.

Pastor Carolyn

### INSIDE THIS ISSUE:

Confirmation	2
Refresh	2
Financial News	2
Birthdays & Anniversaries	3
UMW: Mother's & Children's Retreat	3
Karin's Korner.	4
VBS	5
Calendar	5
In His Service	6



A few weeks ago, I had a decision to make. So I prayed and journaled and got advice from some friends.

But I still couldn't make my decision. Then one day, as I was leaving the fellowship hall, I saw a magazine from the NC Annual Conference. The front cover said in large print, "A Time For Faith." Instantly, it felt as though those words were

magnified from the page and imprinted in my mind and heart. It seemed as though God was saying to me, "This is a time for you to have faith in me. Have faith that I will provide everything you need." As we begin the Sunday evening worship experience, "Refresh," I hope that you will make plans, not only to join in this worship experience, but to invite family, friends, neighbors, and strangers to come as well. This is going to be a different

kind of worship than Plank Chapel has ever done, but perhaps God is saying to Plank Chapel, "This is a time for faith." I invite you to come and worship the living God, and be refreshed, mind, body, and soul as Plank Chapel begins a new chapter of faith in our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

In Christ,  
Amy

### **Creating a Church Home**

Creating a Church Home is a curriculum that looks first at what we believe, theology, and then turns to how the United Methodist Church lives out what we believe through our history and polity. It concludes with each student looking at a spiritual gift inventory and responding to the question, "How will you live out what you believe."

### **Financial News – Budgets, visions, commitments – "Your Kingdom come."**

John s. Mogabgab writes in his book A Spirituality of Fundraising, "Fundraising is a very rich and beautiful activity. It is a confident, joyful, and hope-filled expression of ministry. In ministering to each other, each from the riches that he or she possesses, we work together for the full coming of God's Kingdom." (page 60)

We are at the time of year when we begin to plan our next year's budget and ask for pledges towards meeting that budget. At the same time, we are hearing how we are not meeting the budget of our current year. Your Finance Committee works hard to create a budget that helps us live out the

commandment to love one another and share the witness of the Gospel. We pray over this budget. We work to make sure it is not frivolous or wasteful, but filled with the funds necessary to carry out our mission and ministry as a United Methodist Church. We know that the current financial times of our culture have created situations that are difficult for all of us, so when we ask you to give more, we ask with humble gratitude for all you give. Thank you for your faithfulness to your commitment to meet the budget.

### **Thank you!**

Thank you so much for the outpour of support in all our mission projects. You have gone above and beyond the call of duty! Many lives have been touched through your giving.

The family of Raymond Newman would like to thank everyone for their outpouring of love, cards, visits and food during their time of need.

### **Extravagant Generosity: The Heart of Giving**

Pastors, church financial leaders, and stewardship leaders are encouraged to participate in one of the two stewardship workshops to be held in September. Leaders will include persons from the General Board of Discipleship and will feature the new funding program, "Extravagant Generosity: The Heart of Giving" by Michael Reeves, Jennifer Tyler, and Bishop Robert Schnase. Pick the time and place that is most convenient:

### **Confirmation**

Confirmation Retreat :September 23rd – 25th is the weekend when our youth begin an intentional journey of discernment on their faith walk. We will gather at 6:00 p.m. and share a meal together before beginning the work of the weekend. The theme for the first retreat is "Know Your Story." There will be six sessions; creation, sin, redemption, Holy Spirit, church, new creation. This is

an exciting time for our youth who choose to embark on this journey. They need mentors and prayer support. If you wish to mentor a youth through this process, please let Pastor Carolyn know and she will partner you with a youth once the youth commit to this journey. Pastor Carolyn needs to know who is attending by September 18th. Registration list is in the Education Building, sign

us today. Church, pray for our confirmands.

November is Pilgrimage – November 11-13. Time to commit to this event, plan our housing, plan our T-shirt, raise funds for attending! Check out the website [www.nccpilgrimage.org](http://www.nccpilgrimage.org)

### **Grief Group**

That If you are grieving a loss and looking for a place to share, to be encourage, to get support, to tell your story. Come out to Plank Chapel on Thursdays at 3:30 p.m. for Healing Waters Grief Group. Group will provide some information on the process of grief as well as explore ways to move through grief that are healthy. Current group will end on the 8th of September and will restart on the 22nd.



## Lay Speaking Ministry

Do you feel called to share God's word through the proclamation of that word? There will be a Lay Speaker Training this October 15th at Long Memorial in Roxboro, North Carolina. Here you will be offered some teachings on how to prepare and give sermons, as well as the history and polity of the United Methodist Church. Charge Con-

ference is the time when we lift up those who are called to this ministry and celebrate their gifts. Please let Kay Deans or Pastor Carolyn know if you would like to explore this ministry. There is also a projected class for youth who feel called into Lay Speaking. Do not let your age deter you from answering God's call.

Make Checks payable to Durham District UMC (registration fee is \$25.00), Note on check AND envelope for Lay Speaker Training and mail to

The Durham District Office  
The United Methodist Church  
522 South Duke Street  
Durham, NC, 27701

In order to have time for our host to prepare,

ALL REGISTRATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED, AT THE DISTRICT OFFICE, NO

LATER THAN MONDAY SEPTEMBER 19TH

You will find the registration forms in the Education Building.

### Opportunities to Serve

- A.C.T.S.
- Volunteer at the YMCA
- Rebuilding Hope
- Volunteer at a Long Term Care Facility
- Volunteer at school
- Lifeline
- Volunteer at church
- District or Conference Ministry
- Volunteer at the Library
- Help at a pet shelter
- Habitat for Humanity

## UMW: Mother's and Children's retreat

Camp Don Lee - Sept. 16 -18 Space is still available - registration deadline is Aug. 25 Plan to come to Camp Don Lee for a great, fun-time weekend and a wonderful opportunity to bond and spend quality time with your child (children), grandchild (grandchildren), etc. See Pas-

tor Carolyn for the registration form for further details. Registration Forms received after Aug. 25 will be honored only if space is available. Please make your check payable to NC Conference UMW and send registration form to LaNella Smith, 1215 Shady Lane, Durham, NC, 27712.

## Community In Prayer

**For...** Ben Brown, Raymond Newman, David Driver, Martha Rowland, James Deans, Joe Sears, Jeanette McGhee, Jackie Brown, Teresa Hock, Pete Crowder, Jimmy Hedgepeth, James and Martha Rowland, Patricia Fuller, Foy Parker, Kay Robertson,

Sally and Richard Coghill, Christopher & Lizzie Driver & the twins

**For...** Those facing medical procedures this month, lost and afraid, without food and shelter, healing and reconciliation.

**For...** our shut-ins  
Henry Brown, Bo Fitts,  
Charles Parsons Smith,  
Sumner Smith, Mildred Smith, Rev.  
Jimmy Williams, Faye Young

## Leadership

Mark your calendars for the Durham District Leadership Training event on "Enhancing Nurture and Outreach Ministries of the Church." Hosted by Mount Sylvan UMC in Durham on Sunday, November 13, this event features facilitators from The Academy for Leadership Excellence, the NCCUMC Connectional Ministries and Church Revitalization, and our own District Superintendent, Rev. Dr. Gray Southern. Stay tuned for more information!

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

**Save  
Soda can tabs**

**Crayons  
Containers in the Education  
Building**



Thank you!



*Not Farewell but see you in the Fall! We will miss you in the meantime, Amy!*

K  
O  
R  
N  
E  
R



Ahhhh.... Can you feel the crispness in the air? With the new season upon us, there are many changes coming up. New beginnings mean brighter futures and even greater blessings!

Our newsletter is growing by leaps and bounds and I need your assistance with something.

Please turn in any news, thank you's , announcements, pictures or anything you would like to see in our monthly newsletter. I really need them by the 15th to assure they will be placed. You can send them directly to me at my home email address:

dubbascrub55@yahoo.com

I look forward to continuing this service for you and look forward to creating an even more exciting Newsletter that you look forward to reading each month!


God bless you all!

Karin





# SEPTEMBER 2011

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1 Bible Study 1:30 Healing Waters Grief Group 3:30	2	3
4 Promotion Sunday for Sunday School	5	6	7 7:00 pm choir 	8 Bible Study 1:30 Healing Waters Grief Group 3:30	9	10
11	12	13	14 Choir 7:00 pm	15	16	17
18 Charge Confer- ence :7:45pm  UMM 8am UMW 3	19	20	21 Seniors Circle 10:00am 7:00 pm choir	22 Bible Study 1:30 Healing Waters Grief Group 3:30	23 Confirmation retreat though 25th.	24 Confirmation retreat
25 Confirmation retreat	26	27	28 7:00 pm choir Worship commit- tee at 6:00	29 Bible Study 1:30 Healing Waters Grief Group 3:30	30	

**WORSHIP  
11:00 A.M.**

**CHURCH  
SCHOOL  
10:00 A.M.**

**Plank Chapel United Methodist Church**

P.O. Box 507  
3047 Bobbitt Road  
Kittrell, NC 27544

Phone: 252-492-1919

E-mail:  
plankchapelumc@gmail.com

**CHECK US OUT  
ON THE WEB:  
www.plankcha  
pel.org**

OPEN HEARTS.  
OPEN MINDS.  
OPEN DOORS.



*Come and join us for Refresh,  
a worship experience with  
Contemporary music, prayer,  
Adult, Youth, and Children Bi-  
ble studies, and fellowship  
time. Sunday evenings,  
beginning September 25,  
from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m.*

*In His Service this Month*

*Please bring crayons to  
the fellow-  
ship hall or  
mail Directly.*



Senior  
Circle  
September  
21st,  
10:00 a.m.



**Flowers:**

- 4—Beverly Newman
- 11—Raymond Newman
- 18—Fran Leake
- 25— Pat Edwards

**Lay Readers:**

- 4—Jeanette McGhee
- 11—Gwen Ritchey
- 18—Mike Ranes
- 25—Amy Smith

**Ushers:**

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

**Greeters:**

- 4—Kallie & Susan Sears
- 11—Bobby & Bruce Newman
- 18—Freddie McGhee &  
Johnny McGhee
- 25—Henry & Ann Finch

**Nursery**

- 4—Rachel & Olivia Williams
- 11— Nancy & Kallie Jo Sears
- 18—Judy Eaves & Roxie  
Kearny
- 25— Beth & John Heaton

**Alter Guild:**

- Gwen Ritchey
- Scott Ritchey

**Outreach:**

- 4—Joe & Susan Sears
- 11—Pat Edwards & Donald  
Rose McGhee
- 18—Judy Wilson & Faye  
Woodlief
- 25—Marilove Spencer &  
Jane Owen

**Change for Chil-  
dren**

Buckets are In the back  
of the sanctuary.  
Change bucket for the  
month of August will be  
for All God's Children

Thank you for your  
generosity.