

THE CHAPEL CHATTER

Pastor's corner



Plank Chapel Family, this month I greet you with a grateful heart. I am so thankful for your servant hands and willing spirits. This year I have seen your generosity in sharing the Gospel message of hope with others through your giving of your time, talent, treasure, and witness.

On the website of the General Board of Discipleship on Stewardship there is this definition of generosity.

"Generosity is a matter of action, intentions and heart. One way to describe it is the grateful outpouring of gifts to others, out of our love for

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God. Outpouring is a terrific description, since the priceless treasure of the gospel (and all the gifts of covenant, relationship, and life that go with it) comes from God and is meant to be poured out, through our living, upon others. Paul states this directly in 2 Corinthians 4:5-7, when he says, 'We have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us.' God can use our uniqueness, even our limitations, weaknesses and eccentricities, to communicate God's powerful presence and love."

God has used us this year in Bobbitt, in Vance County, in North Carolina, throughout the nation and around the world through the outpouring of our gifts. We are coming to the close of this year and preparing for next year with great joy, anticipating what God will do through us. We dreamed the dreams of God's work through us. We saw the visions of Plank Chapel, Bobbitt, and Vance County transformed by God's outpouring of love through

us. To live into these visions and dreams together we must pool our resources and through our generous giving allow God to turn our gifts of time, talent and treasure into an extravagant witness of God's presence amongst us.

Each year we set aside a Sunday for pledging our financial offering. Each year these cards are placed in the offering plate and set upon God's altar. Each year we covenant to pay what we pledge. God does not ask for the leftovers of our lives, God asks for our whole life and as a sign of that covenant we give first to God. If Jesus were to come to your house for dinner, would you serve him leftovers or would you prepare a feast fit for the King of Kings and see that he is served first? As you consider your pledge offering this year, have faith that what you offer God will transform your life as well as the lives your offering touches.

The Finance Committee worked hard to keep the budget within our financial

capacity to meet that budget based on the pattern of giving throughout the year. We have set the budget at \$105,456.00. It is my prayer that our pledges will transform our budget matching God's vision for our future.

Last year we also showered the community with an outpouring of food through our Thanksgiving offering that touched local families. On Sunday, November 20th, we will again bring fresh fruits, vegetables, and grains to place on the altar as a sacrifice of praise. If you wish to bring them on Saturday, November 19th, simply place them in the narthex. These fruits, vegetables, and grains will go out into the community as gifts of gratitude and love. Last year our altar overflowed, may we be an abundant blessing again this year. In my heart I hear the refrain, "Praise God from whom all blessings flow."

Allow joy, allow love, allow God,

Pastor Carolyn





Refresh

Come and be refreshed with us at our evening worship service. Beginning at 5:30pm Sunday evenings, we engage in a time of praise and prayer as well as break into age level groups for a time of study; and return as a group for praise and closing prayer.

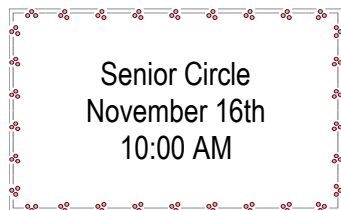
Website News

Now available a link to audio files of sermons

We will be posting pictures of church events—please let us know if you would prefer not to have your picture on the site



We will be refreshed by the Lord as we experience him in this time of worship.



Hangings of the Greens

It is that time of year again. November 26th at 5:30 we will have a soup and sandwich social; after we will be joining in the sanctuary for the hanging of the greens. The children will join Pastor Carolyn in the Fellowship Hall to decorate the Christmas tree and have a story. Upon finishing we will all meet in the Sanctuary for a short time of worship.

Change for Children

Buckets are In the back of the sanctuary. Change bucket for the month of November will be for **Zoe Orphan Ministry** Thank you for your generosity.

CHAOS Corner

1st Sunday of every month – UMYF Meetings – 12:30 pm

Food, Fellowship, Fun, and opportunities for outreach

1st Sunday is also Cookies and More Cookies – we bring in serving size wrapped cookies for our UMYF Fund-raiser. All donations will be used towards Youth mission trips.

Pilgrimage—Follow the Way, Speak the Truth, Live the Life

Pilgrimage Plans – leaving 4:00 p.m. Friday, November 11th from Plank Chapel Returning around 2:30 p.m. Sunday, November 13th. Youth are to commit by the UMYF meeting on November 6th.

Check out the website www.nccpilgrimage.org

THANK YOU

Dearest Plank Chapel family, Thank you so much for the many kindnesses shown to our families in the past few months, but especially the outpouring of love during the births of the twins. October 3rd was a bitter-sweet day for us and you have all been a tremendous encouragement and comfort to all of us.

The Driver's , David, Karin, Christopher, Lizzie and Bethany

To our "silent servant" : A big thank you for all your hard work on the church drive-way! Your hard work is greatly appreciated!

Healing Waters : Grief Group

"Healing Waters Grief Group will resume after the holidays on Thursday, January 5th at 3:30 p.m. Holidays can become emotional obstacle courses for those who have experienced a loss. If you find you are in need of a safe place to talk about your sorrows, Healing Waters Grief Group is one of those safe places. Contact Pastor Carolyn for information about the group or for a time to share your story."



Christmas Outreach Program

As the holidays approach Vance County Department of Social Services will be collecting Toys, clothing, non-perishable food, household items, toiletries, or monetary donations for local children, disabled persons and the elderly.

If you are able and willing to give joy to children, the elderly and families in our community this year, please contact The Department of Social Services located at 350 Ruin Creek Road in Henderson or contact Tiffany Gray at 252-492-5001 ext. 267





Opportunities to Serve

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

Community In Prayer

For... Ben Brown, Raymond Newman, David Driver, Sarah & Ty, Martha Rowland, James Deans, Jeanette McGhee, Teresa Hock, Pete Crowder, Jimmy Hedgepeth, James and Martha Rowland, Foy Parker, Faye Young, Rev. Jimmy Williams, Sumner Smith, Mildred Smith, Charles Parsons Smith, Morgan Johnson, Meredith Harris

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

Prayer Group

Plank Chapel prayer group meets the first Tuesday to pray for the Church, Its members, the community and everyone who is in need.. The focus and method used by the group is adjusted as necessitated by the requests and movement of the Holy Spirit. Please join us in this very basic way of serving Jesus Christ. Kay Deans



United Methodist Women

UMW – Reading List – Covers all areas of Christian Formation

Education for Mission – Forgotten Girls: Stories of Hope and Courage, Authors: Kay Marshall Strom and Michele Rickett

Leadership Development – Women Lead the Way, Author Linda Tarr-Whelan

Nurturing for Community – Breathe, Author Nicole Braddock Bromley

Social Action – Moral Ground: Ethical Action for a Planet in Peril, editors; Kathleen Dean Moore and Michael P. Nelson

Spiritual Growth – Wasabi Gospel: The Startline Message of Jesus, author Shawn Wood

At our meeting this month we will be putting together gift packages for Zeb Vance Teachers.

Operation Warmth

“Operation Warmth” blankets and coats drive is starting. Dave Lloyd of St Paul UMC will be collecting all and any winter items that is either new or slightly used in hopes to make this the 10th successful year for Durham’s Operation Warmth! Operation Warmth is operated by New Beginnings Outreach, whom St Paul has supported in various ways for the past 4 years. All donations monetary, winter items, garments, and/or appliances will be distributed November 19th, the Saturday before Thanksgiving Day, between 9 AM and 2 PM at a neighboring location to 206 Hood Street, downtown Durham. Come see the people we are helping in this cause. By doing so, you will be telling yourself we need to do even more! You may call Dave or drop off the items at 206 Hood Street during regular business hours. (Little white office building in fenced in lot attached to the old Carpenter’s Chevy building.) You may contact Dave Lloyd at a4pawed-pal@yahoo.com or by cell # 919-937-3073

Stewardship Moment: November 6th Pledge cards will be handed out to renew our Giving to God’s Kingdom.



Poinsettia
Forms will be coming out in November



AMY



One Thousand Gifts. In this book, Ann finds herself challenged by the verse from Luke 22:19, where Jesus gives thanks before breaking the bread at the Last Supper with His disciples. The word for “give thanks” in the original language of this verse is eucharisteo. That word contains within it the words “charis,” meaning grace, and “chara,” meaning joy. Ann’s book explores the idea of living in eucharisteo, in a lifestyle of thanksgiving, grace, and joy in Christ. As Thanksgiving approaches, and we remember to pause and give thanks for family, friends, and food, maybe we should also consider extending this eucharisteo spirit into our daily lives even be-

yond Thanksgiving. For every day of living with God gives us a thousand things to be thankful for. And in giving thanks to God, our perspective turns towards God’s goodness, enabling us to soak in His grace, and respond to His extravagant love with great joy. “Thanks makes now a sanctuary,” says Ann. “Make every moment a cathedral giving glory” to God. So whether it’s hearing the sound of crunching leaves beneath your feet, or smelling that pumpkin pie steaming with freshness from the oven, or getting to spend time in family fellowship, or experiencing the comfort of God’s presence through an illness, a loss, or just a bad day, give thanks to God for the present moment. Live the eucharisteo life. And allow yourself to be open daily to discovering the wonder of living with God.



Durham District Leadership Training:

Enhancing Nurture and Outreach Ministries of the Church is Sunday, Nov. 13, 2011 * time: 2:30 to 5:00 PM. Hosted by Mount Sylvan UMC, Durham, NC.

Training involved:

Empowering Missional Disciples: Designed for Clergy and the Lay Leadership Ministry Team

Pastor Parish Relations Committee: Come find out how to make your committee function at a deeper level to build up the church and further God’s ministry. Learn about the Appointment Process in the Methodist tradition of matching the needs and life cycle of the church and its community context with the gifts and graces of those called to serve the church in pastoral leadership. A great class for new committee members.

Embracing Change for the Sake of the Gospel: Welcoming change, identifying barriers to change, leaning into your church’s strengths, clarifying the mission and vision of your church—this should appeal to all! Come share in healthy dialogue designed to help your church plan for a thriving future!

Coaching: for individuals as well as congregations.

Social, Huh? Learn more about how to reach out to others in new ways.

Strengthen your technology presence!

K O R N E R A R I N S








As we prepare to go to Pilgrimage with the Youth of our church, I am filled with excitement and anticipation for all of us involved. This will be a first for me. I love to camp and am excited to share this opportunity with “our kids.” I am truly blessed to have gotten to know each one of them. Praying for them is a joy, along with watching them grow strong in our Lord Jesus Christ. To the parents, I would like to say thank you for sharing them with us and allowing us to be a part of their lives. With the events of this month, our family has gone through a roller coaster ride. When the Youth presented us with the meal they brought was a blessing more than any of you will ever know. Sometimes we don’t know when the next meal will come and to have the Youth do this was truly humbling! Thank you, from the bottom of our hearts for loving us! The new adventures are going to begin soon.... Seeking a job.... Please pray for me as the days pass that the Lord will put me exactly where He wants me to be and that I will be able to recognize that!

Blessings to you all!

Karin

Phil. 4:19

NOVEMBER 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Prayer Group 7:00pm	2 7:00pm choir 	3	4	5
6 Stewardship Sunday UMYF 12:30pm Praise Team 3:00 Christmas Play Practice 4:00 Refresh 5:00	7	8	9 7:00 pm choir	10	11 Pilgrimage	12 Pilgrimage
13 Praise Team 3:00 Christmas Play Practice 4:00 Refresh 5:00 pm Leadership Training	14	15	16 Senior Circle 10:00am 7:00 pm choir	17	18	19
20 8:00 UMM 3:00 UMW Praise Team 3:00 Christmas Play practice 4:00 Refresh 5:00 Thanksgiving offering	21	22	23 7:00 pm choir	24 HAPPY THANKSGIVING! 	25	26 Hanging of the Greens 5:30pm
27 Praise Team 3:00 Christmas play practice 4:00 Refresh 5:00 pm	28	29	30 7:00 pm choir	  		

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 * FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2011 *
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 * PLANK CHAPEL UNITED METHODIST MEN *
 * EAT IN OR TAKE OUT *
 * \$7.00 DONATION *
 * PROCEEDS TO METHODIST MEN PROJECTS *

In His Service this Month



Flowers:

- 6—Frances Beckham
- 13—Frances Woodlief
- 20—Carolyn Roy
- 27—Christine Spencer

Lay Readers:

- 6—Amy Smith
- 13—Janet Bobbitt
- 20—Taylor Abbott
- 27—Kay Deans

Alter Guild:

- Patricia Fuller
- James Rowland

Ushers:

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

Greeters:

- 6—Daryl & Christine Spencer
- 13—Michelle & Matthew Denton
- 20—Judy Eves & Gwen Ritchey
- 27—Thomas & Jody Beckham

Outreach:

- 6—Judy Wilson & Donald Rose McGee
- 13—Marilove Spencer & Jane Owens
- 20—Joyce Edwards & John Rogers
- 27—Joe and Susan Sears

Nursery :

- 6—Judy Eaves & Arianna Fuller-Bell
- 13—Midge and Amy Smith
- 20—Nancy Sears & Kallie Jo
- 27—Judy Wilson & Laurie Miller

