

THE CHAPEL CHATTER

NEWSLETTER

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- ◆ Weekly—Choir Practice
Wednesday—7 pm—
Children and Youth—
Sunday—4 pm
- ◆ Monthly—3rd Sunday—
UMM—8 am UMW-3
pm 3rd Wed—Senior
Circle at 10:00
- ◆ Steak Dinner 12th
- ◆ Worship committee 13
—4:00pm
- ◆ PPRC 8th & 17th at
7:00pm
- ◆ Missions 20th—2:00pm
- ◆ 25th-26th Thirty
hour famine 7:00p.m.

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In the winter we do not often speak of things like vitality, we tend to move more to conversations around hibernation, especially from this cold winter. Yet, the topic of vitality is important to the life of our church. We need to be planning ways to remain a vital congregation, vital to the mission of Jesus Christ. So here is my question of the month, “How do we measure vitality as a people of God?” Currently our denomination is going through the process of gathering statistical data that will disclose numerical vitality. We often like to downplay numbers because they do not tell the whole story. Yet, when I think about numbers, my scale comes to mind and I know the number there tells me more about myself than I care to know and sometimes do not wish to face. What do the statistical numbers tell us

Pastor’s corner

about our faith community? Do we notice certain numbers going down and others going up? Are they the right numbers? If we have a zero in our small group formations does that mean we are not being spiritual formed? If we have declining numbers in our children and youth, what does that mean? If we see our average attendance increase in worship but not in church school, how do we interpret that? The numbers do tell us a story, especially when we fill the forms out correctly. This annual reporting requires we face ourselves and the truth behind the numbers. I heard just recently about vitality in churches that centered around strong lay and pastoral leadership working together, diversity in worship experiences, small group spiritual formation, and an emphasis on children and youth. This is a

paraphrase from a paraphrase from work by Lovett Weems. The question before us now is; “Are we willing to do the work of small group spiritual formation to strengthen our lay leadership?” We have an opportunity being offered next month with Beginnings: Longing to Belong. It will be offered during the Sunday school hour and provide ways to grow in our relationship with Christ and with others. As I have learned in my own situation around my scale, I cannot change alone; I need a support group to hold me accountable to changing. To grow into a vitally alive Christian, I also need small groups to which I am accountable for prayer, study, and action. The vitality of our life as this Body of Christ will be enriched by our willingness to allow time for study, by our willingness to allow joy in our lives through community, by our willingness to allow love to find a way into our hearts, and by our willingness to allow God to transform our lives, Pastor Carolyn



Trustees—Policy Updates

Breezeway Handrail:

We have installed a center handrail for the steps in the breezeway but we still need to paint it, probably when the weather is warmer. Please contact a Trustee or the Pastor if you have any recommendations for paint color.

Sanctuary Door Covering:

Your trustees still want your inputs (yea or



nay) on building a cover over the main sanctuary door. There is a sketch and a model of the proposed cover in the vestibule for you to view to help form your opinion. Please contact any Trustee or the Pastor if you have an opinion.

Building use

A policy has been established for our building use. A copy is on our website and available in print in the fellowship hall. Contact a trustee if you

WITH DEEP GRATITUDE

From David and Karin Driver,

Thank you so much for the "care package" that we received during the holidays. It was a true blessing and David is thrilled because now I can whip up my bean soup! Your prayers,

encouragement and love have really helped us through this year!

From Pastor Roy, Leo and I were overwhelmed at your generosity this Christmas. We have been blessed by all of the members of Plank Chapel who

have warmly welcomed us here. Our intent is to take the gift given to us by Santa and use it in ways that bring God glory. We thank you for all you do for us as your clergy family and pray that God will continue to bless our service

together. Carolyn and Leo Roy

From Sally & Richard Coghill,

Thank you for your many cards, calls and prayers during the loss of my mother. We are truly blessed to have you as our church family.

Christian education

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Beginnings—Longing to Belong Session

Longing to Belong?

Ten week study during Sunday School hour that explores the importance of community in the Christian

Faith, using fire as it's metaphor. The time includes a 20 minute video presentation with opportunities to discuss and share as a group.

Those wishing to attend need to sign up ahead of time for us to order books and supplies. For those attending Beginnings

Sunday School will begin at 9:30 a.m.

Vacation Bible School
Shake it Up Café!

See opportunities to serve for more information





Audio and Video Options

Worship and Sermons

Recorded
Each week Scott Ritchey records worship in MP3 format

If you would like a copy of a particular service or Sunday, just ask Scott.

A complete copy of 2010 sermons can be yours. Just ask Scott!



Special Events

DVD's are available upon request of our special Advent Season events.

Contact Pastor Carolyn and if you can supply a recordable DVD, she will be happy to make a copy for you.

C.H.A.O.S.—Plans and Changes

During the month of January, beginning on the 8th, CHAOS WILL HAVE A WEEKLY SCHEDULE. We will meet every Sunday at 4:00 p.m. until 5:30 p.m. There will only be "munchies" and not meals served.

We will study scriptures, we will play games, and we will continue our planning for the events throughout the Spring and Summer months. Much still unplanned

Beginning with February:

6th—SuperBowl Sunday

12th—Steak Dinner Fundraiser

25th –26th 30 Hour Famine

March:

Planning and preparing for our Spring Bazaar

April: 1st—3rd—Kaleidoscope—Middle School Only Event

9th—Spring Bazaar

May is the projected month for the "Stop Hunger Now" Operation Sharehouse

June: VBS, Breakaway

July: ACS for Youth

Other opportunities for

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Beginnings—Longing to Belong Session

- Longing to Belong? **Introduction**
- How Do We Find Our Place? **Baptism**
- What Are We Hungry For? **Holy Communion**
- What Happens When We Pray Together? **Prayer**
- What's the Deal With Miracles? **Signs and Wonders**
- What Do We Have in Common? **Stewardship**
- How Can We Remember Who We Are? **Worship**
- How Can We Open Our Lives to Each Other? **Hospitality**
- How Can We Get Along When We Are So Different? **Conflict Resolution**
- How Do We Share what we have discovered? **Witness**

Sign up today!

Spiritual Growth—

High School Students
Chrysalis
Appalachian Trail

Hike

Global Vision
Duke Youth

Academy

All ages—Summer Camp

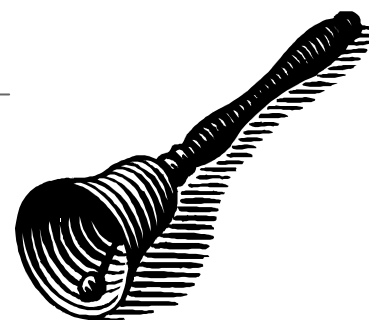




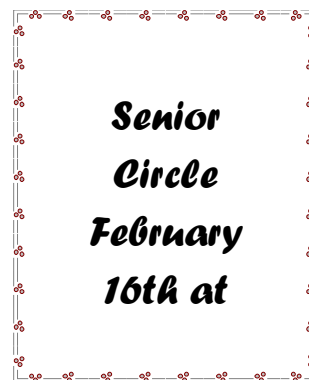
Opportunities to Serve

- A.C.T.S.
- Volunteer at the YMCA
- Rebuilding Hope
- Volunteer at a Long Term Care Facility
- Men's Homeless Shelter
- Volunteer at school
- Lifeline
- Volunteer at church
- District or Conference Ministry
- Volunteer at the Library
- Help at a pet shelter
- Habitat for Humanity
- Vacation Bible School
- Shake it Up Café!
Contact
Beverly Newman or

any member of the Education Committee
Supply Needs will be coming soon
Dates to be announced soon!



Bell Ringers Wanted To Ring Contact Donald Rose McGee



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



**Save Campbell Soup Labels
Used Postage Stamps
Plastic Bottle Tops**

**Containers in the Education Building
Thank you!**





FEBRUARY 2011

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2 Choir 7:00 p.m.	3	4	5
6 4:00 p.m. Parent meeting, children and youth	7	8 PPRC 7:00 p.m.	9 Choir 7:00 p.m.	10 Bible Study 1:30p.m.	11	12 Steak Dinner 5:00 p.m.
13 Worship Committee 3:00 p.m. Children and Youth 4:00 p.m.	14	15	16 Choir 7:00 p.m. Senior Circle 10:00 a.m.	17 Bible Study 1:30p.m. PPRC 7:00 p.m.	18	19
20 UMM 8:00 a.m. Missions 2:00 p.m. UMW 3:00 p.m. Children and Youth 4:00 p.m.	21	22	23 Choir 7:00 p.m.	24 Bible Study 1:30p.m.	25	26 30 Hour famine starts 7:00 p.m. ends 7:00 p.m. Fasting starts at noon on Friday
27 District Lay Ralley 3:00 p.m. Children and Youth 4:00 p.m.	28					

CHURCH SCHOOL
10:00 A.M.

WORSHIP
11:00 A.M.



Methodist Home for Children

MHC Sunday on February 13

Every day, Methodist Home for Children transforms the lives of children in need—moving them from darkness to light, from fear to love, from abuse to safety, from despair to hope. Through the grace of God and the unwavering generosity of churches and friends, the Home is able each year to meet the growing needs of children

in its care. A critical source of support for this work is the annual MHC Sunday offering taken in United Methodist churches on Feb. 13. If you would like to request a speaker to share with your congregation, contact Jennifer Cooper at jcooper@mhfc.org or 888-305-4321, ext., 305.



I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself to you. My name is Karin Driver and I am the new editor for the monthly newsletter. I have been married for 30 years to David, with one son and wife here and another in Florida, along with four granddaughters and a great grandchild on the way in July. We moved to NC five years ago in

September after living in Florida for 26 years. Before that, we lived in the small town of Perry, NY. Plank Chapel has become my family and God has opened doors to serve Him in a very special way. I'm looking forward to serving you through the monthly newsletter. If you have any publications to share, please submit them to me by the 20th so I have time to get everything added. You may reach me at 919-693-7674 after 2 in the afternoon or forward them to me in an email at: dubbascrub55@yahoo.com I am open to consider any ideas you may have to offer in future newsletters.

Blessings to you and yours,

Karin

Durham District Lay Rally

February 27, 2011,
3:00p.m. Aldersgate
UMC

Sponsored by the District Board of Laity

Key Note Speaker:
Bishop Gregory
Palmer

Methodist University
Choir will Perform

Bishop Gregory Vaughn Palmer was assigned as Episcopal leader of the Illinois Area of The United Methodist Church Sept. 1, 2008. His pas-

toral career includes pastorates at Granville-Vance UMC's and Durham Asbury Temple UMC in North Carolina.

In 2000, Palmer was elected to the Episcopacy by the North Central Jurisdictional Conference. He was assigned to the Iowa Area where he served until assuming responsibility in the Illinois area. Bishop Palmer served as president of the General Board of

Higher Education and Ministry from 2004-2008, and president of the Council of Bishops from April 2007 and May 2010.

The District Lay Rally is an annual event, normally held in February. At the Lay Rally, it is our tradition to recognize the outstanding lay ministry of the year and to award two scholarships to outstanding student pastors. Join us for the celebration.

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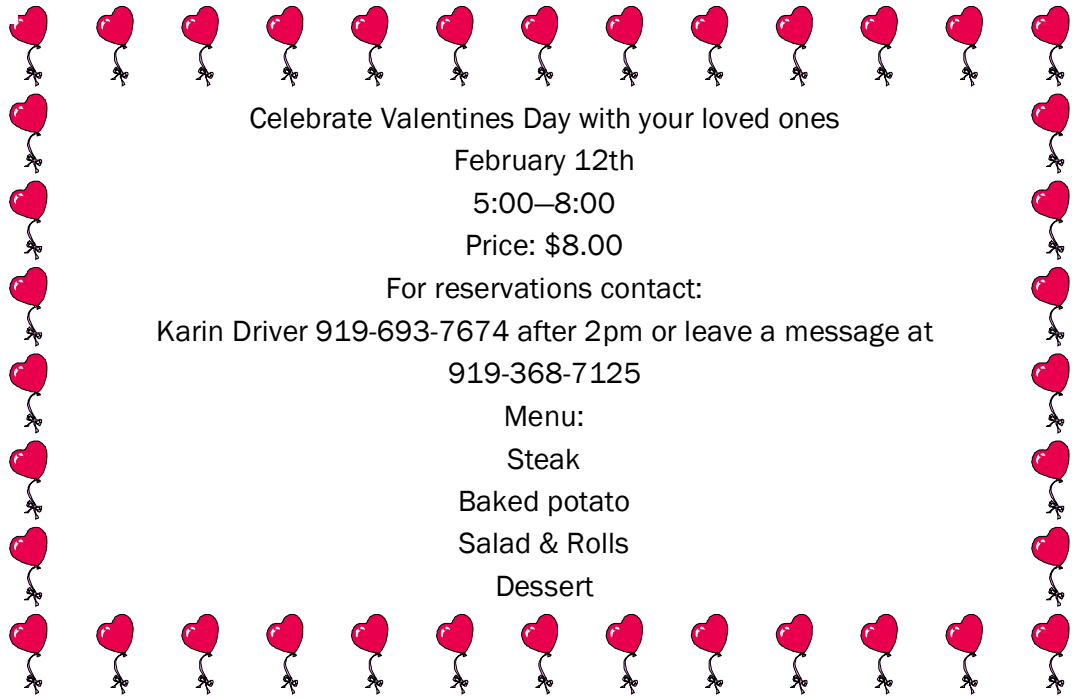
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Celebrate Valentines Day with your loved ones

February 12th

5:00—8:00

Price: \$8.00

For reservations contact:

Karin Driver 919-693-7674 after 2pm or leave a message at
919-368-7125

Menu:

Steak

Baked potato

Salad & Rolls

Dessert

In His Service this Month



Flowers:

6th—Debra Newman
13th—Jackie Brown
20th—Jeanette McGhee
27th—Kim Dettinger

Lay Readers:

6th—Pat Edwards
13th—Patricia Fuller
20th—Darlene Ranes
27th—Tim Smith

Altar Guild:

Judy Wilson
Laurie Miller

Ushers:

Bruce Newman
Freddie McGhee
Mac Wilson
Ben Brown

Greeters:

6th—Kalli & Susan Sears
13th—Freddie & Johnny
McGhee
20th—James & Kay Dean
27th—David & Laura Miller

Outreach:

6th—Joyce Edwards &
B.W. Brown
13th—Joe and Susan
Sears
20th—John and Jeanette
Rogers
27th—Pat Edwards & Don-
ald Rose McGhee

