

THE CHAPEL CHATTER



- ◆ Weekly—Choir Practice Wednesday—7 pm—Children and Youth—Sunday—12:30
- ◆ Monthly—3rd Sunday—UMM—8 am UMW-3 pm 3rd Wed—Senior Circle at 10:00

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“Morning Has Broken”

It is one of my favorite hymns. It has many memories for me. One of my favorites involves a guitar, a bearded artist, a man in dress blues, and a winter storm. It was my wedding to Leo 33 years ago and the guitarist was a young bearded sculpture who sang “Morning Has Broken” during the service. I chose the song not because Cat Stevens made it popular in the 1970’s, but because it held within its lyrics a truth about my new life as Leo’s bride, “God’s recreation of the new day.” It was a new day, the first day of a new life. My whole life was changed because I said “yes” to Leo.

Years later, the hymn took on a deeper dimension, an Easter dimension. It was during a sunrise service by the sound in Swansboro as the sun broke over the horizon and we were singing, “Morning has broken” that I realized this hymn speaks of God’s love that is poured out for us in the gift of each day. It was in the midst of community I understood the wonder of God’s creative love. That

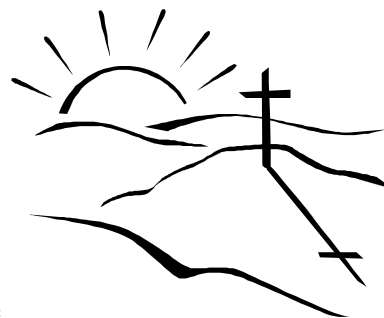
Pastor’s corner

spring as I watched the flowers emerge from their winter hibernation, I imagined God’s footsteps along the path as life sprung up behind Him. Each budding tree held the promise of God’s love and His faithfulness to all He created.

There have been many new days for us at Plank Chapel. They have been rich with the warmth of God’s love as we have celebrated together the wonder of our Lord. Some of those days have been also filled with grief as we shared together great losses. Always they have been in communion with God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. As our Lenten journey brings us closer to the darkness of that Friday, it carries us through that darkness to the dawning of Easter

journey for our sake, for the sake of the world, for all He created.

Our Lenten journey also includes moments in worship where we gather to remember the story and God’s saving grace in our lives. It is in community we share the story. Come and hear the voices of Lent. On Palm Sunday, we will remember Jesus’ triumphal entry into Jerusalem. On Holy Thursday we will gather and share that time in the upper room with Him. On Good Friday, many of us are traveling to Edenton Street in Raleigh to experience “The Requiem.” On Holy Saturday, there will be a blessing of the animals. Come to the parsonage that evening for a viewing of “The Passion of the Christ.” On Easter morning, we will gather in the cemetery for sunrise, worship, share breakfast together, and at 11:00 a.m. through scripture and song we share the story of God’s creative love that



moves throughout history. “Praise with elation, praise every morning, God’s recreation of the new day!

Alleluia, Amen.

Pastor Carolyn

morning. What wondrous love God has for us that He would take that



United Methodist Men

United Methodist Men's News – After the sunrise service, the United Methodist Men will be serving us breakfast. If you have never been to sunrise service, you miss a great treat. The breaking of the sun over the horizon offering us the promise of the new day reminds us that God's promises



are always kept and a new creation dawned on the first resurrection Sunday. Then exhilarated by the worship, to gather around steaming coffee, scrambled eggs, bacon, grits, sausage prepared by our United Methodist Men is an opportunity to live out

scriptures, as it is written in Acts 2:42 – 47 “They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. All the believers were together and had everything in common. They sold property and posses-

sions to give to anyone who had need. Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.”

MISSIONS

Butch Huffman : How to contact Butch Huffman for more information on being a Volunteer In Mission – 919-931-4304, butchuffman@bydasea.net or write to him at 226 George Wilton Dr., Clayton, NC 27520. Financial support for him can be sent through Plank Chapel with a note in the memo Butch Huffman, Advance Special S-00192.

UMCOR : United Methodist response to the earthquakes and tsunamis in Japan will be closely coordinated with churches

and church-related agencies in that country, which continues to reel as the death toll continues to rise.

Love for Liberia: The NC Conference Board of Missions has identified Liberia and the Liberia Annual Conference as a specific mission partner conference for the NC Conference.

The following are kits we can gather to assist this mission:

Secondary School YES (Youth Essential Supplies) Kit:

4 pens
1 solar calculator
1 ruler or protractor

4 notebooks (8 1.2x11
1 NIV or RSV Bible
Place all items in a 2 gallon Zip-lock bag as one kit.

New Elementary YES kit: for K-5 students)

4 pencils, 1 eraser, 1 hand held pencil sharpener, 1 box 24 crayons, 2 notebooks, 1 ruler, 1 pr blunt scissors, 12 sheets construction paper (varied colors) Religious coloring book, Good News New Testament in a 2 gallon zip lock bag.

ET (Essentials for Teachers) Kit

1 chalkboard eraser, 2 boxes white chalk, 3 notebooks (8 1/2 x11), 6 pencils, 6 pens, 4 red pens or marking pencils, 1 hand held pencil sharpener, 1 lesson plan book, 1 class record book, 4 magic markers, 1 NIC or RSV Bible
Place all items in 2 gallon zip-lock bag.

Drop off in the Parlor





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 Ad-
vent Season events. Con-
tact Pastor Carolyn and if
you can supply a record-
able DVD, she will be
happy to make a copy for

Hospitality

If you are in need of help
from the Hospitality Commit-
tee please notify Donald
Rose McGhee (438-8645),
Pat Edwards (438-3323) or
Pastor Carolyn Roy (438-
6080).

Money in the Hospitality
Fund is used to buy meats
and other foods, and sup-
plies such as plates, cups,
napkins and some serving
pieces. Thanks to those who

have so generously donated so
many of the serving pieces we
use, which saved us from hav-
ing to buy everything needed.

Anytime you have any ques-
tions, please contact the above
people and we will be glad to
answer your questions.

If you are not contacted when
we have a need and wish to
contribute and have your name
added to the list, please con-
tact Donald Rose and she will
be glad to add your name to be

called to contribute.

This is a service for the
sick and bereaved. We are
available for you in time of
need. A service I am proud
to be a part of.

Donald Rose McGhee
Hospitality Thank You for
Dub Smith and Jeanette
Rogers

Thanks to everyone who
contributed to the recep-
tions of Dub Smith and
Jeanette Rogers. We ap-
preciate your willingness
to help when called upon.
It is nice to know that we
can depend on each
other. Again THANKS.
Chairpersons; Donald
Rose McGhee, Pat Ed-
wards, and Susan Sears.

Church School News

April 2011

9:45 Beginnings—April Sessions

- 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

10:00 a.m. Adult Sunday School in Sanctuary using
the quarterly Sunday School Material

10:00am Children and Youth class in the education
building

Come on and join us and find your place!

C.H.A.O.S.—Plans and Changes

April: 1st—3rd—
Kaleidoscope—Middle
School Only Event
9th—Spring Bazaar

May is
the pro-
jected
month
for the
“Stop
Hunger
Now” Operation Share-



house

June: VBS, Breakaway

July: ACS for Youth

Other oppor-
tunities for
Spiritual
Growth—

High School
Students

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Appalachian Trail

Hike

Global Vision

Duke Youth

Academy

All ages—Summer Camp





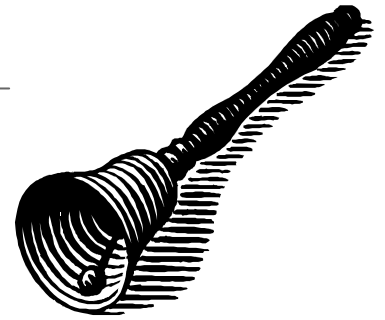
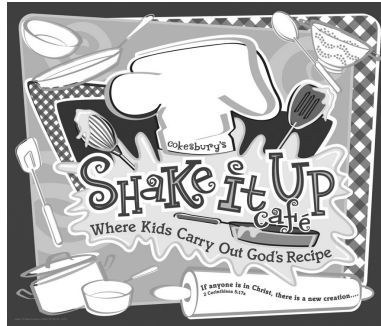
Opportunities to Serve

- 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

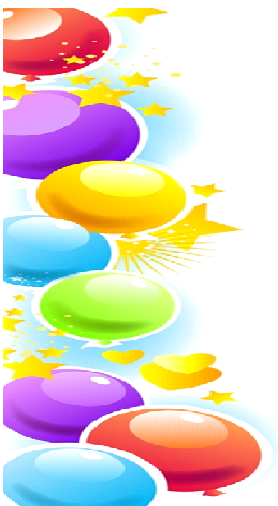


**Senior Circle
April 20,
10:00 a.m.**

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



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





APRIL 2011

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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WORSHIP 11:00 A.M.	CHURCH SCHOOL 10:00 A.M.				Youth Middle School April 1-3 Kaleidoscope	
3 Chaos 12:30 p.m.	4	5	6 Choir Practice 7	7	8	9 Yard Sale 7-noon
10 Chaos 12:30 p.m. Admin. Council 4 UMW 3	11	12	13 Choir Practice 7	14	15	16
17 Chaos 12:30 p.m. Easter Egg hunt after church with lunch	18	19	20 Senior Circle 10:00a.m. Choir Practice 7	21 Holy Thursday with Communion 7:00 p.m.	22 Edenton Street UMC—Requiem 5:00p.m.	23 Blessing of the ani- mals 11:30 a.m. Movie night at the Parsonage: Passion of Christ 7
24 Sunrise service 6:00a.m. Breakfast following provided by the UMM	25	26	27 Choir Practice 7	28	29	30



Stop Hunger Now

Stop Hunger Now is a Raleigh-based international hunger relief agency that has been fulfilling its commitment to end hunger for more than 12 years. Since 1998, the organization has coordinated the distribution of food and other life-saving aid to children and families in countries all over the world. Stop Hunger Now has provided more than \$70 million dollars worth of direct aid and 34 million meals to 72 countries worldwide.

Stop Hunger Now launched its meal packaging program in 2005. The program perfected the assembly process that combines rice, soy, dehydrated vegetables and a flavoring mix including 21 essential vitamins and minerals into small meal packets. Each meal costs only 25 cents. The food stores easily, has a shelf-life of five years and transports quickly.

Stop Hunger Now works with international partners that

ship and distribute the meals in-country. Stop Hunger Now's meals primarily support school lunch programs. Due to the ease of assembly and transport, meals can be shipped to areas in crisis. This process for distribution, through school feeding programs in hunger-stricken regions, is seen as a practical means to end hunger.

Financial News

One of the gifts of community is the sharing of our financial burdens. Each gives according to their ability. All support the ministry of the church. We work together to serve as we are called to serve in the local community and throughout the global community. Our total budget for 2011 is \$103,514.00. To meet this budget and our monthly obligations, we need to receive each month \$8,626.17. Our bulle-

tins list what we need to receive weekly, \$1,990.65. As of March 20, 2011 we are \$1,617.96 behind in our budget. Each month this deficit grows. God does not want us to enter into a spirit of scarcity. God has given us an abundance of gifts. The most abundant is this community; together we can resource the ministry of God through Plank Chapel. Thank you for all you have done and will do.

Growing Pains

As we grow together in our life in Christ each of us has particular interest, gifts, and needs. In the vestibule is a request form so that the leadership of Plank Chapel can move us as God intends. It offers places for service and witness and asks questions about study. Please fill one out and turn it in to your Pastor or put it in the collection plate. It can also be dropped off in the mail slot in the room next to the Pastor's office. We can't grow if we don't know.

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Have you ever asked yourself, "Will God bless me even if I give something small?" The answer is a definite YES! I wanted to share something that happened to me last Sunday. I was so excited. Some might say that it was just coincidence, however, I will argue this one!

I was sitting in the morning Sunday School and like a dummy, I forgot to wear a sweater or jacket. I guess I was thinking, "It's Spring! It's suppose to be warm!" I was sitting in my chair talking to Sally, and thinking to myself, "I feel chilly." Next thing I knew, Gwen Ritchey came up to me and handed me a beautiful blazer!

Gwen, you made my day! By giving me the blazer, she not only presented me with a beautiful gift, but she also was an answer to prayer. God knew exactly what I needed before I even had a chance to ask! (And it matched perfectly with what I was wearing!) Thank you for your gift, Gwen and allowing God to bless me in a very special way.

My prayer for you all is that God will bless you before you can even ask! Know that each and every little thing comes from God. A gift that is absolutely immeasurable!

Blessings to you and yours!

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Easter Egg Hunt

April 17th

12:30—?

Lunch served

In His Service this Month

Flowers:

3—Bettie Jane Jones
10—Margie Pendergrass
17—Judy Eaves & Family
24—Easter Lilies

Lay Readers:

3—Amy Smith
10—Janet Bobbitt
17— various
21—Taylor Abbott
24—various readers

Guild:

Laurie Miller
Judy Wilson

Ushers:

Todd Wilson
Thomas Beckham
Mac Wilson
Ben Brown

Greeters:

3—Mac and Judy Wilson
10—Faye Woodlief and Jane Owen
17—Haywood and Robin Bumpas
24— Ryan and Angie Rowland

Outreach:

3 —Marilove Spencer & Jane Owen
10—Joe & Susan Sears
17—Pat Edwards & Donald Rose McGhee
24—Judy Wilson & Faye Woodlief

