

# THE CHAPEL CHATTER



◆ Weekly

◆ Choir Practice—  
Wednesday—7 pm

◆ Bible Study—  
Thursday—1:30 pm

◆ Monthly

◆ 3rd Sunday—  
UMM—8:00 am

◆ 3rd Wed—Senior  
Circle at 10:00 am

◆ UMW—June 5th  
3:00 p.m.

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I love to travel. Most of the time when I travel, I am the navigator while Leo drives. When I became a pastor in rural churches, I found myself driving and often alone. When driving on new roads that are unfamiliar to me, I approach corners slowly and enter into turns with care. Then when I am midway through the turn I begin to accelerate building momentum to carry me through and head out onto the road that holds new horizons and vistas for me to discover.

We are entering the seasonal corner turning towards summer. Our first year in ministry together is drawing to a close. What a joy it has been working with you to share the Gospel message of salvation.

This first year has been a time of getting to know one another and learning the road God has called us to travel. We are entering into a turn in our road, turning towards the vision of being a community church that is like the lighthouse on the cliff offering the ships the message of hope in the midst of the storm.

So how do we get there? We need leaders willing to step into their gifts. We need guides to show us the needs of the community. We need servants willing to work to clear the path. Are you one of those leaders? Is God calling you to step forward and offer your gifts and talents to the furthering of His Kingdom? Are you one of the willing servants?

Plank Chapel is filled with servants and leaders, each with your own light to shine. I have learned many things this year with you. I have learned that the people of

## *Pastor's corner*

Plank Chapel can cook. I have learned the people of Plank Chapel are generous. I have learned that the people of Plank Chapel are talented. I have learned that the people of Plank Chapel have great faith.

I have also learned that the people of Vance County are in need. There is a sense of hopelessness as the crime level rises and gangs begin to claim the county.

Pentecost is almost upon us. When Peter spoke to the crowds, a gang had control of Jerusalem. When he told the story of salvation, he risked his life. Thousands were added to our numbers that day. The gang that ruled Jerusalem destroyed the temple, yet years later the leader of that gang converted to Christianity and the church was established as a place of power in Rome.

We can be faithful as Peter was faithful. We can be willing as Peter was willing. Through our faithful witness we show others the way to find salvation. Through our willingness to serve we offer others opportunities to know our Savior.

This summer the Lay Leadership Committee will be meeting to reorganize our leadership structure and offer opportunities for service that will help us DRIVE into our future.

Think about your sweet spot, that spot which calls forth excitement and energy as you engage in that activity. Could that sweet spot be a ministry?

Do not be afraid to dream or to have vision. On that day of Pentecost, Peter spoke the words of the prophet, Joel, "and in the last days it shall

be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh, and your sons and daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams."

On Youth Sunday, we heard a daughter share a vision of faith, we saw our young men and women leading us in worship. Their love for the Lord and their faith community gives us hope to move forward. We cannot let them down. If we choose not to step into the leadership role God has placed before us, we fail our youth and our children. We fail God.

The summer months are a time for us to ready our spirit and ready our lives for the journey before us. Summer is the time to be still before God that we might be ready to accelerate into the turn we will be taking this fall.

Allow the Holy Spirit fire to warm you like the summer sun. Spend some time with our children and youth at Vacation Bible School or Kerr Lake Ministries. Take a lazy afternoon and visit our shut-ins, bringing them a cool lemonade.

This June, one leg of my journey ends with my ordination as an Elder in Full Connection. As a new road opens for us, I must prepare that I can lead. Learning never stops. I look forward to traveling with you. We cannot go wrong with God in control of our destination.

Allow joy, allow love, allow God,

Pastor Carolyn



### Introducing...

Greetings, church family! My name is Amy Aycock and I am going to be interning at Plank Chapel for 10 weeks this summer as a part of my Masters of Divinity through Duke Divinity School. I was born and raised in Kingsport, TN. My father, John, is a chemical engineer, and my mother, Gay, is an instrumental music director at our church. My brother, Daniel, is a rising junior at the University of Tennessee. I was baptized, confirmed, and hold my membership at First Broad Street United Methodist Church in Kingsport. I graduated from Carson-Newman College, located in Jefferson City, TN, with a Bachelor of Arts in Biblical Studies, and minors in Greek and Music. I have just finished my first year of the



three-year Masters of Divinity degree through Duke, and am pursuing ordination as an elder in the United Methodist Church. I first felt God's call on my life to ministry when I was twelve years old. Since that day, my walk with God has deepened, causing me to understand God's calling to be a life-long commitment to journey with Him, not simply a vocation. I am very much looking forward to our time this summer in ministry together! I have found that there is no greater joy in life than to serve our Lord and Savior by showing and sharing His love, and I am eager to join in that tradition which I know abounds at Plank Chapel.

To God be the glory!  
-Amy Aycock

### MUSIC MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY AT ANNUAL CONFERENCE!

#### DURHAM DISTRICT CHOIR

As the Host District for the 2011 Annual Conference, Durham District has been invited to provide a District Choir, comprised of singers from all over our District, for the Ordination and Commissioning Service at Annual Conference this year!

**WHO:** Anyone interested in singing with the Choir is welcome to participate.

**WHAT:** We will be singing "A Servant in Your Heavenly House" by Pepper Choplin (SATB, Lorenz Music) It is a beautiful and blessedly easy-to-learn anthem. Music will be provided at the rehearsal; directors may receive a copy early by emailing [nan@aldersgate.org](mailto:nan@aldersgate.org)

#### REHEARSAL

June 12 at 5:00 pm  
Mt. Sylvan UMC, 5731 N. Roxboro Rd.,  
Durham 27712

**The Ordination and Commissioning Service: Saturday, June 18-** singers will need to gather at 8:30 am to review; the Service begins at 9:30 am.

Raleigh Convention Center

**R.S.V.P.:** Rev. Nan de Andrade (Member of the Annual Conference Worship Committee),  
at Aldersgate UMC, (919)477-0509 / [nan@aldersgate.org](mailto:nan@aldersgate.org)  
or Co-coordinator, Rev. Kathie Wilkinson, at Mt. Sylvan UMC, (919) 471-0032 / [elshabach@aol.com](mailto:elshabach@aol.com)



### Grand Opening of the Shake it UP Café

June 27th!!!!

Where Kids carry out God's Recipe

Limited Engagement

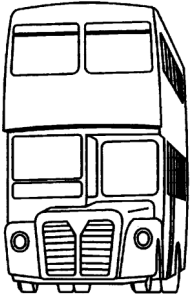
June 27th—July 1st

5:30 p.m.—8:30 p.m.

All Ages are welcome at the café!

Bring a friend





*Lay Leadership—Searching for Servants*

Building momentum requires effort. Have you ever pushed a car or bus that is out of gas? It becomes easier with the more hands, legs,

and backs volunteering to help. The church is like a Glory Bound Bus. It too needs the hands, legs, backs, brains, gifts, and graces of those on board to help it move

forward into the vision for its future. Are you ready to stop sitting and waiting for the bus to move? Ready to be a spoke in the wheels that go round and round so that the

bus can move? If so, take one of those commitment forms and fill it out. Christ is counting on you!

**Every hand, every heart is needed!**

**Mission Moment—All God's Children United Methodist Church**

Aulander, North Carolina  
Membership: 80-100;  
half African American and half  
Caucasian  
Pastor: The Rev. Dr. Laura  
Early

All God's Children United Methodist Church began as a proposal to Bishop C.P. Minnick, challenging the North Carolina Conference to get serious about the Bishops' Initiative on Children and Poverty. "If the Council of Bishops is serious, I know of a place to be in ministry with children and the impoverished," wrote Dr. Early in her proposal.

It was a risky venture, since Dr. Early couldn't see any way that the ministry would be self-sustaining. And yet, 11 years later, All God's Children UMC has a staff of seven, all of whom are out in the surrounding community every day. "We make it our responsibility and our privilege to be on the street," said Dr. Early in an

interview. According to Dr. Early, the crime rate in Aulander is about 155% higher than the national average. Sixty percent of the children in this rural town are being raised by grandparents. The population of the town is just under 900, but All God's Children outreach ministries serve about 1200 people every month.

A hallmark of the church's mission outreach is a sports ministry for children and



**Change for Children**  
Buckets are in the back of the sanctuary.  
Change bucket for the month of May will be for All God's Children

youth for eight weeks each summer. It is free of charge to participants and provides a safe and supervised place for kids.

The program centers around four "D's"—discipline, dedication, discipleship, and devotions. It partners with the Fellowship of Christian Athletes to bring professional athletes to work with the children. "Our philosophy is," said Dr. Early, "don't look for what is wrong and try to fix it. Look for what is right and try to

encourage it."

Another mission event that happens six times a year is the Master's Table, an experience of fine dining for invited guests. The sanctuary is decked out as a fancy restaurant and a full-course elegant meal is served. Inspired by Scripture, church members go out into the highways and byways to invite "addicts, prostitutes, the broken, the lost, and the shattered," according to Dr. Early. It takes about 45 people to set up one of these events for 10 guests. "The only religious thing we do is ask each one if we can pray for him or her individually. In eight years, not one has said no, and a dozen or so have joined the church."

Dr. Early says fundraising for the church's mission program is a "24/7" effort. The church receives funding from the Duke Endow-

ment and Advance project funds. Ground has been broken for a new facility that will operate from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m., seven days a week. Called "The Place of Possibilities," it will allow All God's Children UMC to expand its ministry and services.

Other Mission Activities  
A Horse Ministry - providing children with a chance to ride and care for the animals.  
A preschool program.  
An after-school program.  
Elder care.  
A boutique for clothing distribution.  
Food distribution.  
A community choir

The Rev. Dr. Laura Early will be coming to share her ministry story with us on June 26th. Join us for a covered dish fellowship as we hear how God is working in the lives of children.



*C.H.A.O.S. Summer Plans*

For youth – Conference Events

Kerr Lake Ministries Day Camp—July 18-23

Breakaway – June 20th – 25th – Registration is now closed

Vacation Bible School Youth Lock-in on Friday night after closing celebration

Annual Conference Session for youth happens in July 18-23, Senior High only, you can still apply

Look for a July day of Fellowship. Food, and Fun

Applications are available in the Youth room on the desks.

August will have a back to school blast!



**Crayon recycling Program—send old crayons to the following address for recycling.**  
14180 SW 30th St RD  
Ocala, FL 34481

**Good used crayons can be recycled in our bucket for Sunday Morning Children’s Worship bulletins**

**A PLANK CHAPEL WELCOME  
JUNE FAMILIES JOINING OUR CHURCH!  
JUNE 12TH**

George and Beth Heaton and their sons David and John. The Heaton’s live on Black Horse Run in Kittrell.

Rachel Williams and her daughter Olivia who currently reside on Black Horse Run in Kittrell.

What a blessing for our church family!

**Pentecost Sunday**

June 12<sup>th</sup> is Pentecost Sunday...A Great Day to add to our numbers

If you feel the Holy Spirit calling you to join Plank Chapel United Methodist Church, contact Pastor Carolyn and let her know your intentions. During the Hymn of Commitment you can always come forward and ask to join. From there, depending on the situation, letters of transfer may need to be written, a meeting to share information of the way United Methodists are organized, and for some we may talk about a first time commitment to Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. Praise the Lord!

**Clean-up Day**

Clean-up Day is Coming – June 4th

We are setting aside a Saturday to Spring Clean the Church and Education Building. The Trustees will assign us tasks and sections. Wear your cleaning clothes; bring your cleaning tools, and servant spirit.

**Thank You**

Thank you for all the calls, prayers and visits during Lizzie’s stay in the hospital. She is doing much better.

Love, Karin & Lizzie Driver

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The past three years have been adventurous. Some things I wouldn’t change for all the tea in China...yet others, I never want to repeat. My education is a true blessing and I can see where God has carried me through many things. I don’t recommend, however, waiting until you are in your fifties to go back to school! Learning creates a few more challenges than when I was back in High School.

To all who are graduating this year, my congratulations goes out to you. My prayer is that God will guide and direct your paths in the days ahead as you prepare for your next adventure.

A big thank you to those of you who supported me through this adventure in life. Please continue to pray for all of us as God opens and closes doors in the months ahead.

Blessings to you and yours!

Karin



## 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

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### Collecting for Kits

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- We are still collecting items for Flood Buckets, Health Kits, Layette Kits
- If you want to donate: Wash cloths



- Hand Towels
- Diapers (cloth or disposable)
- Bar Soap
- Dish Soap
- Combs
- Toothbrushes
- Rubber Gloves
- Tarps
- Sponges
- Masks

Or any of the items listed in the information flyers in the narthex.

We will be collecting through July 1st. Currently we are storing the items in the Parlor until we transport them to the MERCI Center in July

Donations are also accepted. Make checks out to Plank Chapel and put in the memo: NC Storm Relief

Thank you for Serving the Lord with your hands, your hearts, your time, and your treasures.

## Celebrations

### Birthdays

- 1—Rebecca Jones  
Carlton Brown
- 3—Pat Edwards
- 9—Johnny McGhee
- 12—Katherine Kemp  
Kim Oettinger  
Bailey Hughes
- 14—Christine Spencer
- 15—Frances Leake
- 16—Bruce Newman
- 30—Mac Wilson

### Anniversaries

- 9—Johnny and Donald Rose McGhee
- 13—Ben and Jackie Brown
- 17—Freddie and Kim Oettinger
- 18—Bryant and Janet Bobbitt
- 27—Joe and Jeanette Weaver

### Graduates

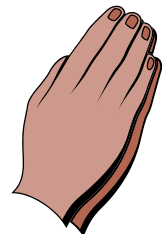
- Kim Oettinger
- Karin Driver
- Angie Rowland

## Community In Prayer

**For...** Ben Brown, Raymond Newman, David Driver, Martha Rowland, James Deans, Patsy Gardner, Alice Fergensen

**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





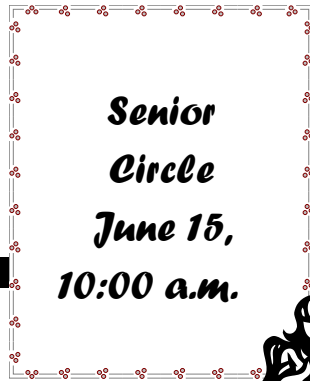
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OPEN HEARTS.  
OPEN MINDS.  
OPEN DOORS.



**Senior  
Circle  
June 15,  
10:00 a.m.**



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★  
★ You are invited to be witnesses  
★ at the Service of Ordination  
★ Raleigh Convention Center  
★ June 18, 2011  
★ 9:30 a.m.  
★ You are also invited to celebration  
★ Rev. Dr. Carolyn Roy's ordination  
★ At Umstead State Park  
★ June 18, 2011  
★ 1:00 p.m.  
★ Crabtree Creek Entrance—Shelter One  
★ There will be food and family and fellowship  
★ This celebration honors you with whom I serve!  
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**CHECK US OUT  
ON THE WEB:  
[www.plankchapel.org](http://www.plankchapel.org)**

### *In His Service this Month*

United Methodist  
Women  
June 5th  
3:00 p.m.

Preparing the  
end of year gifts for  
Zeb Vance Teachers

Program:  
Bring something you  
treasure and share the  
story.

#### Flowers:

- 5—Jane Owen
- 12—Roxie Kearney
- 19—UMW
- 26—Michelle Denton

#### Lay Readers:

- 5—Patricia Fuller
- 12—Darlene Ranes
- 19—Tim Smith
- 26—Lorraine Abbott

#### Guild:

- Pat Edwards
- Jeanette McGhee

#### Ushers:

- Ben Brown
- Johnny McGhee
- Bobby Newman
- John Abbott

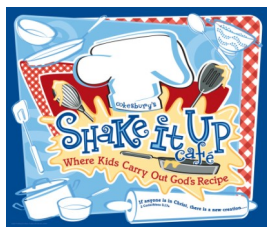
#### Greeters:

- 5—Marilove Spencer and  
Frances Roberts
- 12—Roxie Kearney and  
Virgie Eaves
- 19—Joe and Jeanette  
Weaver
- 26—Carlton Brown and  
Todd Wilson



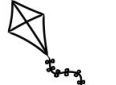
#### Outreach:

- 5 - Jane Owen and  
Marilove Spencer
- 12—Joe and  
Susan Sears
- 19—Pat Edwards and  
DR McGhee
- 26—Judy Wilson and  
Faye Woodlief





# JUNE 2011

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<div style="border: 2px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content;"> <b>WORSHIP</b>  <b>11:00 A.M.</b> </div>	<div style="border: 2px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content;"> <b>CHURCH SCHOOL</b>  <b>10:00 A.M.</b> </div>		1	2	3	4
			7:00 pm—Choir Practice	1:30 pm—Bible Study		Clean Up Day 8 am—???
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
2:00 pm—Missions Cmte	7:00 pm—ABIDE—Rougemont UMC		7:00 pm—Choir Practice	1:30 pm—Bible Study		7:00 pm—Movie Night at the Parsonage—"The Power of One"
3:00 pm—UMW			7:00 pm—Choir Practice			
7:00 pm—DS mtg - Mt Sylvan			15 Senior Circle 10:00 am	16	17	18
<b>12 PENTECOST</b>	13	14 FLAG DAY	7:00 pm—Choir Practice	1:30 pm—Bible Study		9:30—Ordination Service
New Members						1pm—Umstead Park—Celebration
3:00 pm—PPRC			NCCUMC Annual Conference Church—Raleigh Convention Center			
						
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
8:00 am—UMM			Summer Breakaway at Louisburg for UM Youth—20—23			
			7:00 pm—Choir Practice	1:30 pm—Bible Study		
Happy Father's Day						
26	27	28	29	30		
6:00 p.m. Missions Dinner with Rev. Dr. Laura Early			Shake It Up—Vacation Bible School 5:30—8:30 p.m.			
	