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Pastor's Corner

Autumn: A Season of the Spirit

I have noticed that in the autumn season there are smells and tastes very unique to this time of year. Apple Cider, Pumpkin Spiced Lattes, cinnamon, nutmeg, and allspice. These added to piles of leaves begging for a leaping child to scatter, and bonfires of the fallen yard debris. Sounds play a part in this season as well. Gunshots will soon be reminding me it is deer season. In this autumn season, there are very distinct sounds, smells, and tastes that are part of our spiritual rhythms at Plank Chapel. One comes to mind rather quickly, that of our annual BBQ. Pigs cooking, pork chopping, cakes baking, cabbage grinding, potatoes boiling, and laughter bubbling over as the conversations flow. It is a time in our life together that all hands join as one to create a meal fit for the King of Kings and we share it throughout the community. Not only do we offer people the best BBQ in Vance County, we offer them a taste of community and fellowship as only Plank Chapel can. Of late, the term most often applied to this community of Christians, is family. The Plank Chapel UMC

Family gives people a foretaste of the heavenly banquet as we gather and serve together.

Another taste we share in every autumn is the taste of bread and juice as we gather round the communion table for World Communion Sunday. Our bread has a distinct taste as servant hands make it each time from a recipe passed from mother to daughter. Bread that becomes the Body of Christ for us so much a part of our Body as Plank Chapel UMC.

The Fall Festival is filled with sounds of children's joy as they play games, engage in contests, and try to outrun their parents or grandparents. Again we gather as family and share in traditions under the cross that reaches towards the sky from the top of our steeple.

All of these moments of smells, sounds, and tastes remind me that the autumn of our spiritual lives is also a time of remembrance and sharing. We have collected so many memories and moments of God's grace in our lives and in the world that we are filled with stories to share. It is the time that we gather round tables and offer our guests these stories and pray for the Holy Spirit to use that story to transform the lives of the people with whom we share God's love.

Spiritual autumn's are not age specific. Spiritual autumns are also those times of transition from summer's work of growing and working in the world to share the story of God's good grace and love to the busyness of harvest, bringing in the least, the last, the lost looking for a home.

There are other times that the harvest is a more personal one. It is when we have been growing in our discipleship

and our gifts and graces have been developed and tested in such a way that we can now claim what we have been called to do in the name of Jesus Christ. God harvests our gifts and sends us out into the world as fruit for others to be nourished. Matthew 9:36-38 ³⁶When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. ³⁷Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; ³⁸therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."

It is my prayer that in this spiritual autumn at Plank Chapel we will harvest our gifts and talents and treasures and with the wisdom of our collective family and through the guidance of the Holy Spirit discern how these gifts, talents, and treasures can be used for making disciples and transforming the world.

When it is time for you to pledge your treasure, pledge also your time, your talent, and your witness. It is harvest time and the Lord is seeking laborers for His harvest.

Pastor Carolyn

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United Methodist Women

The annual meeting of the North Carolina Conference United Methodist Women is scheduled for Saturday, October 6th at Methodist University in Fayetteville, North Carolina. Here the women celebrate their work in mission and ministry as well as install their new officers for 2013. It is a true testimony to the missionary spirit of the women in our midst! Come experience how God is transforming lives through the willingness of these servants.

Around the Community

REVIVAL SEASON - Both Flat Rock UMC and Gillburg UMC are having revivals in October - same week - October 15-17. Gillburg is featuring Sherry Harrell on Monday night, I will be preaching Tuesday night, and Rev Kathy Hoyle of Flat Rock UMC will be preaching Wednesday night.

Gillburg UMC Wednesday night community dinners

Union Chapel's Trips for October include: A Mystery Trip on October 4th (which may already be filled) and on October 20th - Tim Hawkins (clean comedy) in Greensboro NC. Fee is \$45. and they will be stopping for dinner. leaving Union Chapel at 3:00 p.m. and returning home approximately at 11:00 p.m.

APPORTIONMENTS

As the United Methodist Church we are one large church with outposts all over the world. We send missionaries and work teams locally and globally to be disciple making and about the work of changing the world. Sometimes it is difficult to see how lives are changed or where the funds we send go. Apportionment funds are used for events in the Conference. The IGNITE weekend the youth have just completed is partially funded through apportionments. Other youth events; Kaleidoscope, Breakaway, ACS, and Pilgrimage all are budgeted through our conference that receives its funding from our apportionments.



B. A. S. I. C. Information.....

**October 7th—
BASIC Youth Meeting—Time
Change—4:00 p.m.**

During this meeting we will finalize our plans for our October 13th Fundraising dinner. We will confirm our pilgrimage plans and we will share with those who could not go what we learned about at IGNITE!

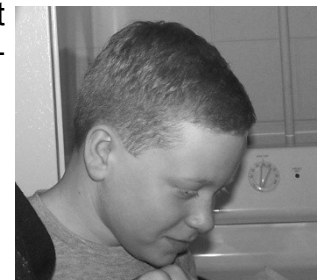
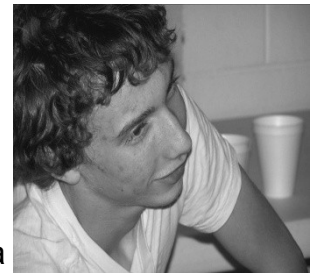
Pilgrimage is coming..... Yay.....

Lots to plan for! Cabins/Lodges have been reserved...Fundraiser planned...Now to recruit those wonderful adult volunteers!

Spaghetti Dinner information - Youth to arrive at 4 pm in their prep clothes but to bring a black and white combination of shirts and

pants or skirts for the evening. Dinner will be served throughout the evening

In October, the connection of United Methodist Churches will be having a youth event at Gillburg. It will be a Friday night football event...details coming at our October meeting.





Community In Prayer

For... Sally Coghill, David Driver, James Deans,, Kay Deans, Teresa Hock, Faye Young, Sumner Smith, Charles Parsons Smith, Gerald Woodlief, Bo Fitts, Jane Owen, Henry Brown

For...those facing medical procedures this month,

For...those leaving home for college

For...the lost and afraid,

For...those without food, jobs and shelter,

For...healing and reconciliation.

For...our leaders, our teachers, our volunteers



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
- Lifeline

Missions Moment

ACTS of Henderson and Heart's Haven are two local mission opportunities for us to serve through gifts or through time. ACTS recently had a Daily Dispatch article asking for the following food donations: Canned foods (vegetables, soups (no broth), spaghetti sauce, etc.), non perishable foods (peanut butter, healthy cereals, pasta, rice, Mac & Cheese, macaroni, canned or powdered milk), canned meats, laundry detergent, bleach, toilet tissue, and trash bags. Bring these items to ACTS, 305 Chestnut Street, Henderson, 27526

Hearts Haven is always in need of linens (sheets, towels, wash cloths, etc). Monetary donations can be mailed or delivered to the Chestnut Street location.

Call—252-492-8231 or email Twanna Jones at tjones@actsofhenderson.org

Charge Conference

October 7th we meet with a cluster of other outposts of our church in our new Heritage District at the chapel at Louisburg College. At 7:00 p.m. we gather and worship together and then one by one our new District Superintendent will ask us to stand and ask if we approve the reports he has been given. It may be quite different from what we recall a Charge Conference to be. We may wonder if it is worth our time. My answer is a resounding "YES!" As members of Plank Chapel United Methodist Church, this is when you say "yes" to the work of your Lay Leadership and Nominations Committee. It is that "yes" that puts into place the leadership to guide our path for making disciples in the Bobbitt area. It is that "yes" that affirms the pastoral salary. As we are entering into a general election year, we are hearing about the value of our vote. One voice, one vote. Charge Conference is that time when you cast your vote and affirm the choice of leaders to direct us. Come out and be part of this tradition of our heritage as United Methodists. Come out and make connections with our new district brothers and sisters in Christ.

Birthdays:

- 3—Bethany Driver
- 6—Gerald Woodlief, Jennifer Finch
- 7—Brooke Eatmon
- 8—Ryan Rowland
- 10—James Young, Mike Fuller
- 11—Johnny Abbott
- 12—Scott Finch
- 14— Taylor Shepardson
- 29—Todd Wilson
- 30—Juanita Harris

Anniversaries:

- 11—Joe & Susan Sears
- 12—David & Laurie Miller
- 16—Tommy & Lisa Cottrell

Change fund



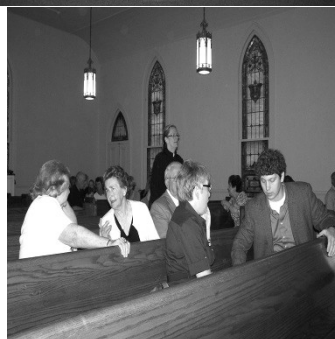
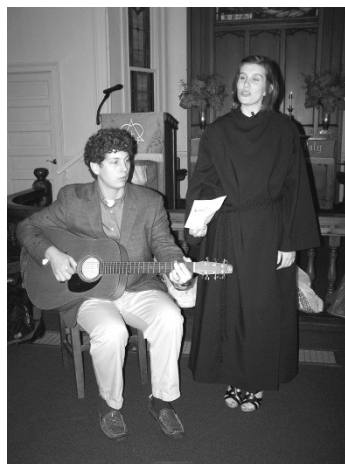
Senior Circle
October 3 & 17
10:00 a.m.



Best Wishes, Sarah Jo!



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Make a joyful noise! Sing like nobody is listening! Recently I went to the eye doctor to get my eyes examined. An elderly lady meandered in holding the arm of her Aid. I couldn't help but watch her when she walked in. There was something different about her. She sat down in the chair next to me and said hello. As I sat there reading, this beautiful voice touched my ears... as well as my heart. I found myself humming along with her and then realized what was happening. It doesn't matter what age you are. God can use you when you least expect it. Her melodious voice spoke to me in a very special way. I needed to hear her message, as innocent as it was and she probably didn't even realize it. Will you let your voice speak to someone today?

Cakes for the Bar B Que

The annual Bar B Que will be on Friday, November 2nd. We will again be in need of cakes. In the weeks to come there will be a cake sign-up sheet in the vestibule. Please sign up early so we will have some idea of the number of cakes we will have coming in. Home-baked or store bought Bundt/pound cakes will be needed as usual. Please, no iced cakes as these are difficult to bag or wrap. As before the cakes need to be sliced and bagged. Pies will be accepted and do not need to be sliced. Please

put your name on the containers that the cake slices are brought in, as well as the pies. This will help the committee check names off the cake list. Also we request that nonreturnable boxes or bags be used to bring in the cake slices and/or pies. This is a great help to the committee. When slicing the cakes, a regular cake mix Bundt cake will get 16 nice size slices. The Food Lion Bundt cakes are not as large as they used to be, so you will get only 12 slices from these. The

Sam's Club Bundt cakes are still large and will give 16 slices. Wal-Mart also carries the larger Bundt cakes.

The cake committee will be in the education building on Thursday, Nov. 1st to take in the cake slices and pies. The time will be 4:00-7:00pm.

Everyone is always so supportive and we thank you so much for all of your help.

The Cake Committee,
Pat Edwards, Frances
Fuller, Jeanette McGhee





OCTOBER 2012

WORSHIP—11:00 A.M.

CHURCH SCHOOL—10:00 A.M.

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|---|-----|------------------------|--|--|-----|--|
| 30 | 1 | 2 7 pm Prayer Group | 3 10 am—Senior Circle 6:15 pm Bell Choir 7 pm Choir Practice | 4 Keeping Holy time Bible Study 1:30 pm | 5 | 6 9 am—UMW Annual Meeting Methodist University—Fayetteville |
| 7 After Church—Age Levels and Family 4 pm BASIC UMYF 7 pm—Charge Conference—Louisburg College | 8 | 9 | 10 6:15 pm Bell Choir 7 pm Choir Practice | 11 Keeping Holy time Bible Study 1:30pm | 12 | 13 Noon—Blessing of the Bikes 5:30 pm—Youth Fundraising Spaghetti Dinner |
| 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 10 am Senior Circle 6:15 pm Bell Choir 7 pm Choir Practice | 18 Keeping Holy time Bible Study 1:30pm | 19 | 20 |
| 21 8:00 am—UMM 3:00 pm—UMW | 22 | 23 | 24 6:15 pm Bell Choir 7 pm Choir Practice | 25 Keeping Holy time Bible Study 1:30pm | 26 | 27 |
| 28 12:30 pm Fall Festival | 29 | 30 | 31 6:15 pm Bell Choir 7 pm Choir Practice | | | |





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OPEN HEARTS.
OPEN MINDS.
OPEN DOORS.

October 13th 5:30 pm

Spaghetti dinner

Salad, Spaghetti, meat sauce/meatless sauce,
garlic bread or buttered bread, tea, coffee,
water, and dessert

Sponsored by the Youth

\$8 per person
\$15 per couple



In His Service this Month



Flowers:

7—Rose Tart
14—Martha Rowland
21—Janet Bobbitt & Frances Fuller
28—Marilove Spencer & Christine
Spencer

Ushers:

John A. Rogers
Bobby Newman
Ben Brown
Bruce Newman

Nursery:

7— Beth and John Heaton
14—Frances Roberts and Kallie Jo
21—Midge Smith, Arianna Fuller-
Bell
28— Roxy Kearny & Jessica
Lassiter

Lay Readers:

7 - Darlene Ranes
14 - Tim Smith
21 - Lorraine Abbott
28 - Jeanette McGhee

Altar Guild:

Jeanette Weaver
Joe Weaver

Outreach:

7— John Rogers, Patricia Fuller
14—Joe Weaver, Joe Sears
21—Mac Wilson, Richard Coghill
28—Debra & Bruce Newman

Greeters:

7 Mac & Judy Wilson
14 Bobby Newman
21 Joyce Edwards & Karin Driver
28 Henry & Ann Finch



Fall Festival

October 28th—12:30 p.m.

Games, Contests, Crafts, Cider,
S'Mores, Heifer Barnyard,
Hot Dog Luncheon