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Discipleship, Community, Church

Matthew 16:15-18

¹⁵He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' ¹⁶Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.' ¹⁷And Jesus answered him, 'Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. ¹⁸And I

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tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it."

We have been working together to discern God's call on Plank Chapel United Methodist Church. Many images and words helping us formulate our vision and mission have been shared. This summer and fall, I spoke of gaining momentum and borrowed from Mike Slaughter's work to formulate our understanding of leadership with the word DRIVE. Remember DRIVE? Devotion to God, Readiness for life-long learning, Investing in Key relationships, Visioning for our future, and Eating and exercise for physical health. Look within the Chapel Chatter

Pastor's Corner

and see how momentum is building in our midst.

Last month's article reflected on a new resource by Craig Nesson, *Shalom Church*, with the Body of Christ as the unifying image. His text helping me to understand how we are to live out the image of a ministering body to the community.

Then in January I went to a workshop, "Discipleship is Not a Program." The emphasis here was on making disciples, not creating events and programs for building the church. As we read above, in Matthew, Jesus tells Peter that He, Jesus, will build the church. In the great commission Jesus sends them out into the world to make disciples. (Matt 28:16-20) Peter's task is disciple making. Our task is disciple making. You will see in the coming year the

focus of our worship, our Sunday School, our fellowship, and our mission work will be on how we are making disciples.

The Jerusalem Cross shows us justice, compassion, worship, and devotion as the four avenues through which we are formed as disciples. We are asked to show compassion, act justly and to walk humbly with our God (worship and devotion) in Micah 6:8.

I am filled with joy as I watch the momentum build through our Body that is growing in grace and unity that we might be tools with which Christ can build his church in Bobbitt. I thank God for each of you and for the gift of ministry with you.

Pastor Carolyn



Refresh

Can't get enough of worshipping God? Come and join us at 5:30 Sunday Evenings in the fellowship hall as we engage in a time of praise music and prayer as well as break into age level groups for a time of

study; and return as a group for more praise music and a closing prayer time. We will be refreshed by the Lord as we experience him in this time of worship.

Trustees

Met in January and discussed the use of the building, repairs that are needed, and safety concerns for the nursery and the pastor's study behind the sanctuary. If you have concerns around the grounds or the building, bring those to a Trustee so that those concerns may be addressed

Age Levels and Family Team

Met in January and scheduled the following events:

April 1st Luncheon and Easter Egg Hunt following the Worship Service

June 3rd Luncheon and Family Fun after Youth Sunday Service

September 9th - Senior Luncheon after church to honor those who have raised us, loved us, and mentored us in our faith

October 28th - Fall Festival - with the revealing of the Missions Team's results on their Animal Fair

December 16th - Christmas Program and Fellowship

December 22nd - Caroling, caroling, caroling

UMW

The United Methodist Women will be meeting on the 12th this month so they can work on their Valentine Gifts for the teachers at Zeb Vance.

Redistricting

On March 15th there will be a redistricting event at 7:00 pm at Aldersgate UMC in Durham. The Bishop will be there to help us understand the redistricting. Leaders of the church are invited to join in on this event.

PPRC

PPRC have scheduled their meetings for this year - March 11th, June 10th, September 9th, and November 11th. Meetings will be at 3 pm on Sunday afternoons.

CHAOS Corner



Senior Circle February 15th
10:00 AM

February 5th, the UMYF will meet after church. In this 12:30 meeting we will be discussing details on the Valentine's dinner. We will also be discussing our mission project for the **30 Hour Famine**. Join us, parents and youth, and any who would like to be leaders of youth. If you cannot make this meeting, UMYF meets the 1st Sunday of each month at 12:30 p.m. Ask Pastor Carolyn for a copy of the Conference Brochure with application. 30 hour famine is February 24-25 in the Fellowship hall. In this adventure the

youth will learn about hunger first hand by going without food for 30 hours. They will learn the truth about hunger, poverty, and injustice. Each Youth will set individual goals to raise money for World Vision.

UMYF has an exciting year planned. Here are a couple things we hope you will mark your calendars for:

April 21: Fundraising event: Craft Fair and Yard Sale—Tables will be rented for \$10 per table. Refreshments will be available at this event as well.

May adventure - 4th - 5th - details still unfolding whether we will be sleeping on the floor at the church or sleeping in tents at Kerr Lake

Youth Sunday—June 3rd where we honor our Seniors and lead worship.

**Change for
Changing the World**

Buckets are In the back of the sanctuary.
Change for the month of February will be for
**Missionary
Rosanna Panizo**
Thank you for your generosity.



Missions Committee

Change Buckets for the Year will be given to the following Missions Efforts in our Conference:

January and February - Missionary Rosanna Panizo serving in the Durham District

March and April - Food Bank of Central and Eastern North Carolina

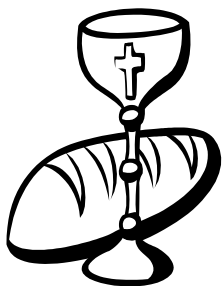
May - Stop Hunger Now - with our May 19th Food Packaging Event - fund-raising goal - \$2500

June and July - Red Bird Missionary Conference

August, September, and October - Heifer International with an Animal Fair coming in October

November and December - UMCOR Disaster Response

During worship on various Sundays we will have missions moments shared by members of the committee on our special offerings and events.



Worship Committee

February 19th: Transfiguration Sunday—Worship will include a Love Feast

Ash Wednesday to Easter Events

February 22nd: Ash Wednesday Service - 7:00 p.m.

6 Sundays in Lent to have our Lenten Candle Meditations

Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday—Choir to offer special presentations

Thursday, April 5th - 6 pm - Covered Dish Dinner on Holy Thursday to conclude with communion at the Table

Friday, April 6th - 7 pm - Tenebrae Service

Saturday, April 7th - 10 am - Blessing of the Animals

Sunday April 8th - Sunrise Service at 6:30 a.m. to be followed by Pancake Breakfast served by the United Methodist Men

Question to consider - if an 8:30 a.m. service was offered in the summer, would you attend? Share your answers with Worship Committee chair Susan Sears or Pastor Carolyn.

Lay Leader Committee

Lay Leadership Committee will be meeting on Sunday, February 5th at 3:00 p.m. This meeting will include a plan for the coming year for offering training opportunities to our new leaders and to encourage those who have been leading and are seeking fresh approaches to making disciples. Members are: Kay Deans, Janet Bobbitt, Joe Sears, Bruce Newman, Gwen Ritchey, Michelle Denton, and David Heaton.

The Lay Leadership Training scheduled on February 19th at 9:00 a.m. will open with prayer and provide opportunity to ask questions and discuss how our various teams and committees can work together so that we do not simply create events and programs. We work with our Lord and Savior in making disciples, Jesus said he will make the church. The meeting will conclude at noon with prayer followed by soup and sandwiches.



Frances Roberts is calling the Education Committee together on February 19th at 3:00 p.m. On the agenda will be Vacation Bible School, "Beginnings" Sunday School experience for the coming year, Sunday School literature and teacher needs. Members include: Joe Sears, Midge Smith, Frances Fuller, Angie Rowland, Lorraine Abbott, Judy Eaves, Beverly Newman, and Debra Newman (working group in this committee who may also attend include Donald Rose McGhee and Laurie Miller)

Confirmation Class

Confirmation Classes will begin on March 4th in the Parlor at Plank Chapel during the Sunday School Hour. This class will be held on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month. Students will meet throughout March, April, and May with those who make the choice to be confirmed to be celebrated on Pentecost Sunday. If you would like to be a mentor or have a young person who may be ready to take confirmation classes, contact Pastor Carolyn



Opportunities to Serve

- Volunteer at 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, Ben and Ellen Allen, David Driver, James Deans, Jeanette McGhee, Teresa Hock, Faye Young, Sumner Smith, Charles Parsons Smith, Freddie McGhee, Kay House, Gerald Woodlief, Bo Fitts, Henry Brown, Sally Coghill, Jane Owens, Leslie Stone, Bessie Newman

For... Those facing medical procedures this month, lost and afraid, without food, jobs 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

Durham District Lay Rally

Durham District Lay Rally, February 27, 2011, 3:00 pm Aldersgate UMC

Sponsored by the District Board of Laity
 Key Note Speaker: Bishop Gregory Palmer. Bishop Gregory Vaughn Palmer was assigned as Episcopal leader of the Illinois Area of The United Methodist Church Sept. 1, 2008. His pastoral 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 responsibilities in the Illinois Area. Bishop Palmer served as president of the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry from 2004 to 2008, and president of the Council of Bishops from April 2008 to 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! Methodist University Choir will perform.

Techie Talk

- Audio files of worship now on our web page—check out and hear what you missed! ☺
- 👍 Like our Facebook Page

RX Outreach

Franklin County Volunteers in Medicine Clinic is offering RX assistance to those in need of help. Please contact::

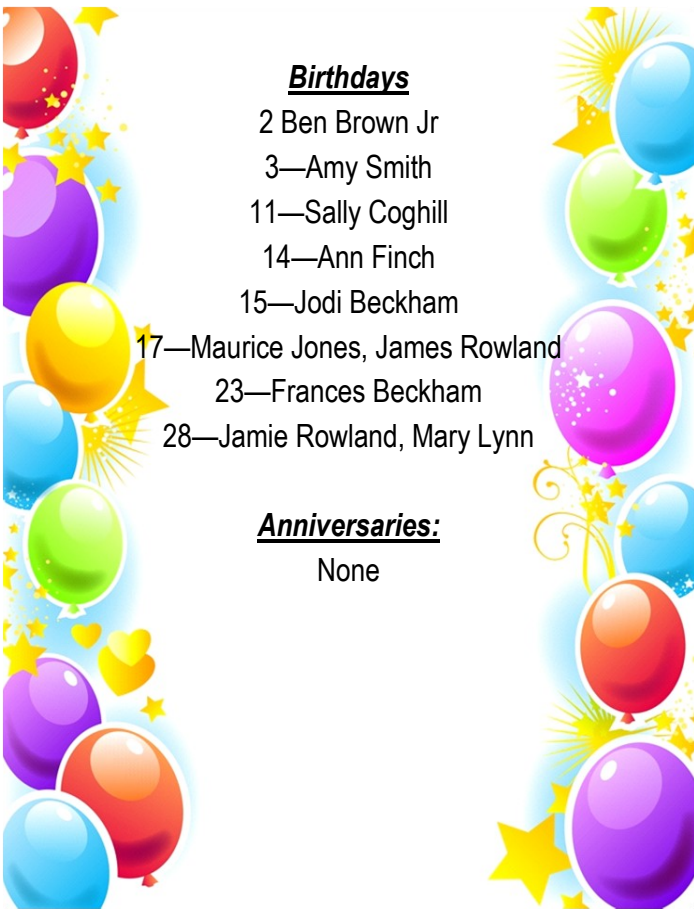
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Birthdays

- 2 Ben Brown Jr
- 3—Amy Smith
- 11—Sally Coghill
- 14—Ann Finch
- 15—Jodi Beckham
- 17—Maurice Jones, James Rowland
- 23—Frances Beckham
- 28—Jamie Rowland, Mary Lynn

Anniversaries:

None





AMY



The day after Christmas, the stores were already rolling out their red, pink, and white decorations, lining the shelves with candy and floral arrangements in preparation for Valentine's Day. Regardless of whether celebrating Valentine's Day is something we do or not, I wonder if we could consider using this Valentine's Day to reflect on what it means to live a life of love. After all, as Christians, that is the way that God calls us to live. 1 John 3:9-11 puts it this way: "God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through Him. In this is love; not that we loved God but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another." God's love has

been revealed to us through Jesus Christ. He is our example of what it means to live a life of love. And so, if we call ourselves Christians, we are saying we follow Christ. And following Christ means living for God by loving one another. It's hard work that requires daily emptying ourselves of our selfishness, our hate, our pride, and allowing God's grace to fill us up so that we can love one another the way God wants us to. This Valentine's Day, let's encourage each other to get serious about following Christ by choosing to live a life of love.

Love in Christ,
Amy

Note from your editor:

Exciting things are happening at Plank Chapel. If you would like something added to the newsletter please send me an email by the 20th of the month. You may send them to:

dubbascrub55@yahoo.com

And we will make sure they get in the next newsletter. We want to share your news and updates with everyone! I look forward to your emails!

Thank you. Karin

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K O R N E R

A R I N ' S

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When I was a little girl, I remember my grandmother presenting me with a necklace that contained a mustard seed. My grandmother was a very special lady. She was always there for me and we were very close. I wish I still had that necklace, not just because it was from her, but because it was a continual reminder of God's promise to us and just how strong and powerful faith is.

Luke 17:6 states the Lord said, "If you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Pull yourself up by the roots, and plant yourself in the sea!' and it would obey you." Faith is a wondrous thing and if we use it to its full potential mountains can move! When I ran across this verse when I was reading the other day it brought back so many memories, but it also reminded me of a faithful God who watches over me and has everything under control. Sometimes I falter and lose ground and then the Holy Spirit brings me verses like this and I have this little nudge reminding me of a God who loves me and cares for me no matter what. He wants me to do well and succeed.... My mountain may not be a mulberry tree, but I know that with even just a little faith, the mountain will fall into the waters!

May His Peace be yours,
Karin

Methodist Home for Children

A neglected 3-year-old is learning for the first time to speak, play and potty train now that he's in the care of Methodist Home for Children. This boy's life has changed in real and measurable ways thanks to the grace of God and the generosity of Methodist churches in the North Carolina Conference. MHC Sunday is Feb. 19 this year, and is an opportunity for church leaders to lift up Methodist Home for Children and its ministry to vulnerable children and families.



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OPEN HEARTS.
OPEN MINDS.
OPEN DOORS.

Valentine Steak dinner

February 11th, 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.
Sponsored by the Youth
*Bring your favorite gal or guy for an evening of
great food, fun and fellowship!*

In His Service this Month

Flowers:

5— Debra Newman
12—Jackie Brown
19—Jeanette McGhee
26—Kim Dettinger

Ushers:

Bruce Newman
Freddie McGhee
Mac Wilson
Ben Brown

Nursery :

5—Midge & Amy Smith
12—Nancy & Kallie Jo Sears
19—Roxie Kearney & Jessica
Lassiter
26—Beth & John Heaton

Lay Readers:

5—Amy Smith
12—Janet Bobbit
19—Taylor Abbott
26—Kay Deans

Greeters:

5—Carlton Brown
& Jeannette
Weaver
12—Kallie & Susan
Sears
19—Freddie
McGhee & Johnny
McGhee
26—James & Kaye
Deans


Altar Guild:

Judy Wilson
Laurie Miller





FEBRUARY 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 Holy time Bible Study 1:30pm	3	4
5 10 Sunday School 11 Worship UMYF 12:30pm 3p Lay leadership Youth Cookie Sale Refresh practice 4 Refresh 5:30	6	7	8 7:00 pm choir 	9 Holy time Bible Study 1:30pm	10	11 Valentine's Steak dinner sponsored by the Youth 5:30–8:30pm
12 10 Sunday School 11 Worship 3p UMV 4p Refresh practice 5:30 p Refresh	13	14	15 Senior Circle 10:00am 7:00 pm choir	16 Holy time Bible Study 1:30pm	17	18
19 8a UMM 10 Sunday School 11 Worship 3p Education Committee 4p Refresh Practice 5:30p Refresh	20	21	22 Choir 7:00 pm	23 Holy time Bible Study 1:30pm	24	25
26 10 Sunday School 11 Worship 3 District's Lay Rally at Mt Sylan 4p Refresh Practice 5:30p Refresh	27	28				30 Hour Famine Youth Mission Project 7:00 p.m. Fri–7:00 p.m. Sat

WORSHIP
11:00 A.M.

CHURCH SCHOOL
10:00 A.M.