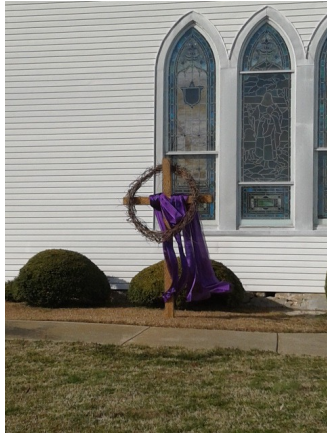


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## Lenten Journey as a Vision Quest – A different approach to these 40 days of Lent.

Our Administrative Council Chair has asked us not to be afraid to envision a future of hope and abundance at Plank Chapel. I believe this time of Lent is a perfect time to go on a vision quest.

God's vision for the world is offered in Revelation 21 with the new heaven and the new earth. He has attempted to share his vision with us throughout human history through his prophets, yet we did not listen.

Eugene Peterson reminds us in the Message, Proverbs 29:18 "If people can't see what God is doing, they stumble all over themselves; But when they attend to what he reveals, they are most blessed. "

Because we kept stumbling all over ourselves, God sent His Son. He chose to be flesh among us. In that time and place people witnessed healings and restora-

tions and changed lives and community relationships restored.

This did not set well with some who witnessed it in the flesh, so they crucified the vision. The ones who nailed Jesus to the cross did not realize they had fulfilled God's plan and purpose.

During the season of Lent we tell the story of the journey to the cross. We hear again how the cross of Christ stands within salvation history as more than a symbol of God's love but tangible evidence to the reality of God's Kingdom on earth as it is in heaven. I have no doubt that in God's perfect plan and timing the world will be recreated.

How patient God is with us who flounder with our own plans for our lives or for the church we have been given to serve. He waits for

us to realize it is not our will that needs to be done, but God's will be done.

In these 40 days let us attend to what God is revealing. Take every opportunity that you can to spend time in prayer. Allow God to move through your fears and grant you courage to vision and plan and prepare God's house for the least, the lost, the last who are among us, some even sitting in the pew next to you.

Do not be afraid! We hear that again and again as God places unusual tasks before God's people. Do not be afraid to enter into a prayer life calling God to give us vision. God will equip us with all we need if we attend to what God reveals.

Allow joy, allow love, allow God,  
Pastor Carolyn

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## ReFresh

Come and be refreshed with us at our evening worship service. Beginning at 5:30pm Sunday evenings, we engage in a time of praise and prayer as well as break into age

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

**Lent** is a time of stripping down to essentials, as each Christian focuses on his or her individual relationship with God. It is a time when Christians remember our baptisms, when Jesus washed away our sins, giving us newness of life to celebrate in the triumph of Palm Sunday and the glory of Easter. Many early Christians were baptized on Easter Sunday, so Lent became a special time of study and prayer in preparation for their baptisms. Later the entire congregation joined in the study and prayer as they looked forward to the anniversary of their baptisms on Easter.



### Safe Sanctuary Training

Saturday March 24th at 1:30 P.M. in the Education building.

If you wish to check out more details about Safe Sanctuary Training, you may read the actual policy on the Plank Chapel Website. .

Senior Circle March 21st  
10:00 AM

### Youth Corner

March 4 the UMYF will meet at 12:30.

1<sup>st</sup> Event is Kaleidoscope – April 13<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> – Pastor Carolyn will be staffing this event at Camp Don Lee. Registration Forms need to be mailed in as soon as possible! If you haven't done it yet, bring it with you to 30 Hour Famine. (Middle School Only) This is a wonderful time of renewal of Confirmation and if your youth hasn't been confirmed, a beginning of the discussion.

2<sup>nd</sup> Event is Breakaway – June 18<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> – Pastor Carolyn will be staffing this event at Louisburg College.

Registration Forms MAILED ASAP!!!!!! This event is for both Middle School and High School – worship and growth groups meet separately. This is a great connectional event for our youth. I would like to encourage our youth to participate at Breakaway. It does conflict with our VBS at Plank Chapel. It is difficult to make decisions about events that focus our hearts



## THANK YOU

Thank you so very much for all of those who donated items, time and energy and hard work for the Valentine Feast. It was greatly appreciated. Without your efforts, it would not have been a great success! Thank you from the bottom of our hearts! Your youth at Plank Chap



A very special thank you from Fran Leake for your many cards, calls and prayers .

Thank you so very much for your many cards, calls, visits and words of encouragement. Your love has carried us through this time of great loss.

James and Kay Deans

### Change for Mission

Buckets are in the back of the sanctuary.

Change for the month of March will be for Food Bank of Central and Eastern North Carolina

Thank you for your generosity.

on God when they happen at the same time. My prayer is that this week at VBS and Breakaway is transformative for all who attend.

3<sup>rd</sup> Event is ACS – July 16<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> – Pastor Carolyn may be staffing this event at Methodist University (I am staffing the UMW School of Mission that takes place that same week and same location – attempting to see if I can be at two places at one time). This is Senior High Only. I love this event. It is when our Senior High Youth grow in their rela-

tionship with God and in their understanding of membership in the United Methodist Church.

4<sup>th</sup> Event is PILGRIMAGE – Nov 9<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> – We will again go and again camp! Fundraisers coming to help with the cost.

We raise funds so that all our youth can attend these conference youth events. Please do not let the cost of the event deter you from going or registering your youth. Contact Pastor Carolyn if you need to know more.



*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

*Community In Prayer*

**For...** Ben Brown, David Driver, James Deans, Jeanette McGhee, Teresa Hock, Faye Young, Sumner Smith, Charles Parsons Smith, Freddie McGhee, Kay House, Gerald Woodlief, Bo Fitts, Sally Coghill, Jane Owens, Leslie Stone, Bessie Newman, Rita Sprouse, Fran Leake, Henry Brown



**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

*April Events Highlights*

April 1st: Easter Egg Hunt and Luncheon after church service  
 April 21st: Spring Youth Fund raiser: Craft Fair/Yard sale: Rent a table to two for \$10 each and bring in your crafts, veggies/fruits, and anything else you may want to sell. See Karin Driver for table information.

**One Great Hour Offering:**

If you have ever wondered how this offering us used, this may help:

**Keep the Lights On**

Most gifts coming to UMCOR have been designated for specific programs-and those programs receive 100 percent of those gifts. So part of the One Great Hour of Sharing offering plus a small percentage of other general donations support UMCOR's cost of doing business.

**Fill-in Fundraising**

Donations to the One Great Hour of Sharing offering also assist UMCOR programs that have not been fully funded through designated Advance gifts.

**Answering Jesus' Call**

United Methodists' donations often become the springboard for additional funding.

The compassion of Jesus makes all things new. As Christians we're called to do the same: to offer the hands, the heart and the hope of the church wherever people are suffering. Your gifts to the One Great Hour of Sharing, channeled through UMCOR, enable the church to answer that call.

**Stop Hunger Now**

Start saving your quarters! It only takes 1 quarter to make a meal to feed the hungry. We will be collecting quarters until our event on May 19th.

**REDISTRICTING EVENT -**

Thursday, March 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at Aldersgate in Durham. Bishop Al Gwinn will help lead the discussion around the changing districts. We will be part of the Heritage District after June.

**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**

- 1—Rick Edwards
- 5—Casey Rowland Mazingo
- 9—Frances Roberts
- 13—Richard Coghill
- 20—Tracy Eatmon
- 22—Patricia Fuller
- 24—Maurice Hock
- 26—Pat Fuller, Ricky Lloyd
- 27—Jane Owen
- 29—C.T. Thompson

**Anniversaries:**

- 1—James and Kary Deans
- 4—Leo and Carolyn Roy
- 7— David and Karin Driver
- 16—Gerald & Lois Woodlief





# AMY



A poem on my reflections of Lent:

“Remember,” You said.  
 We remember, Lord.  
 Oh Beloved Son of God, Son of Man  
 We remember the angels’ chorus-shouts of “Glory”  
 As they sang over Your entrance into our world  
 We remember Your Father’s delight in You  
 As You came up, dripping baptismal waters  
 We remember wilderness of devil’s tough temptations  
 How You relied on Your Father’s strength  
 We remember Your power-words, healing-touch  
 As You embodied Kingdom of God here among us  
 Oh Beloved Son of God, Son of Man  
 We remember Supper: broken bread, poured-out wine

As You proclaimed in spoken word, “This is my body; this is my blood.”  
 “Remember,” You said.  
 We remember, Lord.  
 Oh Beloved Son of God, Son of Man  
 We remember the Garden, Your lonely agony there  
 As You surrendered to Father’s will, then were betrayed by Your own  
 We remember the trial-arguments of Romans and Jews  
 As You stood silent, knowing what You had to do  
 We remember the flogging, stripping, stringing  
 You high  
 As Your own fled far; You were alone.  
 We remember how You hung on rough beams, asking forgiveness for all  
 As Your life-blood ran out  
 Oh Beloved Son of God, Son of Man  
 We remember Your journey, Your sacrifice  
 As we journey, we sacrifice through these days of Lent  
 We remember Your life, Your love so extravagant  
 As we empty ourselves to be filled by You  
 “Remember,” You said.  
 We remember, Lord...

# K A R I N S



With Spring fast approaching us, I’ve been thinking about putting in another garden this year. Sitting here wondering what kind of “adventure” that will be. Last year I had a snake jump out of the ground at me and scared me to death. I’ll take a field mouse in my kitchen any day over a snake! When we lived in NY I had a beautiful veggie garden...hmmm, perhaps being over the septic tank had something to do with it, I don’t know but here, I’ve been struggling with it. Any suggestions? As I read this morning in Genesis 1:11 *Then God said, “Let the earth sprout vegetation, plants yielding, seed, and fruit trees bearing fruit after their kind, with seed in them, on the earth, and it was so.”*, I had to chuckle to myself, remembering how my Beef steak tomato plants came out like cherry tomatoes, my garlic was the size of an eggie marble and every-

thing else just kind of withered and died. Time to re-think what I need to do. The soil here is much different than what I’m use to and will have to re-think how and what I plant this year. What are the growing seasons down here? Obviously the 100 plus temps are detrimental for anything to live down here... now to mention trying to work the garden! My heart goes out to those dedicated farmers who toil the soils in all kinds of weather.  
*Ok. Lord, guide me as I start another adventure and may your loving nudge guide me as to how I am suppose to handle this. Amen.*

May your Spring bring bright flowers, healthy vegetation and miracles every day!





In Christ’s Everlasting Love,

Karin

Feel free to email me at [dubbasclub55@yahoo.com](mailto:dubbasclub55@yahoo.com) with any articles you may want to add to the monthly newsletters.



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 World Day of Prayer	3
4 Confirmation class 10 A.M. Refresh practice 4:15 Refresh 5:30 Youth Cookie Sale UMY 12:30 Age Levels 12:30	5	6 7:00 pm Prayer Group	7 Bell Choir 6:30 7:00 pm choir	8 Holy time Bible Study 1:30pm	9	10
11 Refresh practice 4:15 Refresh 5:30 PPRC 3:00	12	13	14 6:30 Bell Choir 7:00 pm choir	15 Holy time Bible Study 1:30pm  Redistricting Event 7 PM	16	17 
18 Confirmation Class 10 A.M. Refresh Practice 4:15 Refresh 5:30 UMW3PM UMM 8AM	19	20	21 Senior Circle 10 6:30 Bell choir 7:00 pm Choir	22 Holy time Bible Study 1:30pm	23	24 Safe Sanctuary Training 1:30 p.m.
25 Refresh Practice 4:15 Refresh 5:30	26	27	28 6:30 Bell choir 7:00 Choir	29	30	31  

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OPEN MINDS.  
OPEN DOORS.

*March 24th, 1:30 P.M.*

# Safe Sanctuary Training

*We will be gathering in the  
Education Building  
This is for all who are in ministry with children  
and youth.*

*In His Service this Month*



**Flowers:**

4—Kay Thompson  
11—Lois Woodlief  
18—Olivia Kemp  
25—Ellen Allen

**Ushers:**

Bryant Bobbitt  
Bobby Newman  
Carlton Brown  
Bob Kemp

**Nursery :**

4—Frances Roberts &  
Amy Smith  
11—Rachel & Olivia Wil-  
liams  
18—Judy Wilson & Lau-  
rie Miller  
25— Roxie Kearney &  
Jessica Lassiter

**Lay Readers:**

4— Donald Rose  
McGhee  
11—Pat Edwards  
18—Patricia Fuller  
25—Darlene Ranes

**Greeters:**

4—Bobby & Bruce New-  
man  
11—Joyce Edwards &  
John Heaton  
18—Midge and Amy  
Smith  
25—Henry and Ann Finch

**Altar Guild:**

Joyce Edwards  
Kim Oettinger

