



Chapel Chatter



On Veteran's Day weekend our youth traveled to Fayetteville and gather with youth and leaders from around the North Carolina Annual Conference to grow in their faith and share what God is doing in and through them. This year 13 youth went with 7 adults (the 7th taking the picture). They packaged food

with Stop Hunger Now, played a rousing game of football, ate very well, and worshipped together.

A big thank you to the leaders for loving and serving our youth and showing them Christ. Another to the Plank Chapel family for your love and support.

Plank Chapel United Methodist Church

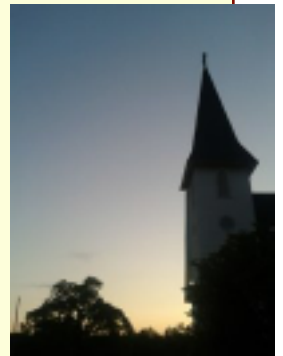
To all who are lonely and need a friend, to all who are sick and seek Christ's healing power, to all who sin and need a Savior, this church opens wide its doors, and in the name of Christ our Savior, bids you welcome.

Join us for worship, at 8:30 am or 11:00 am, church school at 10:00 am.

UMM - 3rd Sunday 8:00

UMW - 3rd Sunday 3:00

UMYF - every Sunday 5:30



GETTING IN TOUCH

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PASTOR'S REFLECTIONS

Advent is upon us. We begin anew the journey to the cradle knowing it takes us to the cross, then through the cross to a resurrected glory. It is a time of anticipation and expectation.

In the advent hymn, "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel," we hear expectations from the past that are real in our present lives. We hear the cry of Israel to be ransomed from captivity. Sin holds us captive and the Baby of Bethlehem paid our ransom on the cross. There is no sin greater than God's love. Ask for forgiveness and you will be redeemed.

We also hear the cry for wisdom and knowledge so that we can order our path within God's will. Surrender your will to God's and God will direct your steps.

There are a few verses we often do not sing. Yet, the cry continues as the people cry out for God's justice, a justice that ends our fear of death. Then in verse seven, "O come, Desire of nations bind all peoples in one heart and mind." It is an ancient cry for unity of heart and mind with all people. It is a cry for peace echoing into our present age anticipating with faithful certainty that God will bring that peace.

As we journey together through advent, my prayer is that God's grace moves within us so that we experience anew our salvation from sin through Jesus Christ, so that we are open to God's calling upon our lives to move into the path God has for us, so that we understand the depth of God's justice, and so that

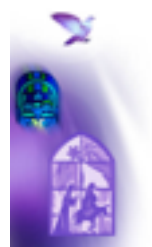
our hearts and minds are bound together in peace, reconciled to one another; **so that** together we can go out into this community and share the love of God through our transformed lives.

What is it that you are anticipating you will encounter at the cradle? What are your expectations of the Baby in Bethlehem? Reflect on these two questions over the four weeks of advent.

Remember God is faithful and "Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee..."

Praying for your encounter with Jesus this advent season,

Pastor Carolyn



COMMUNITY PARTNERS OF HOPE

[HTTP://CP-HOPE.ORG](http://CP-HOPE.ORG)

Community Partners of Hope helps homeless men with their immediate need for food, a warm safe place to sleep, and access to shower and toilet facilities for the night. At this time we run a temporary emergency shelter only but expect to expand our services as we grow. (As such they can always use toiletry items and paper products.)

We also try to help men in need to find help to change their circumstances by referrals to the

right training, rehabilitation, and support organizations.

With the recent acquisition of a two story house at the corner of Chestnut and Horner Streets, we are beginning to make plans for the next phase of services which will probably include short term transitional housing and some individual guidance and connection to available services to help the men become independent again.

CHANGING THE WORLD THROUGH OUR SPARE CHANGE

Our December spare change will be going to UMCOR Disaster Response. UMCOR responds to natural or civil disasters of such magnitude that they overwhelm a community's ability to recover on its own. Through UMCOR, United Methodists extend loving care to people within the United States, as well as internationally. These beneficiaries are seen as partners, and UMCOR works to empower them. Wherever possible, UMCOR cooperates with other aid organizations to extend its reach.



PLANK CHAPEL'S UNITED METHODIST MEN



On December 22, 2013 the United Methodist Men are cooking again. They will be preparing a pancake breakfast for us all. Come out at 8:45 am and enjoy

the fellowship around the breakfast table. There are plain, blueberry, pecan, and chocolate chip pancakes. Stay for Sunday School and then 11:00 am worship with special music on the 4th Sunday of Advent.

The United Methodist Men continue to offer thanksgiving for all the hands, feet,

and hours that made the 2013 BBQ a success. Thank you again for your support.



Advent and Christmas

Dec 1 - 11:00 am - Hanging of the Greens

1st Sunday of Advent

Baptism, new members and confirmands

Dec 15 - 11:00 am - Candles and Carols - The Message in Music

3rd Sunday of Advent

Children's Choir - Youth Bells - Adult Choir

Dec 15 - 5:00 - 5:50 pm - KLM Fundraising Hot Dog Dinner

\$4.00 - 2 hot dogs, chips, drink

\$1.50 - per dog

\$1.00 - chips

Dec 15 - 6:00 pm - Combined Church Carol Sing

Gillburg UMC, Spring Valley UMC

Gathering to sing our favorite carols and share in fellowship afterwards with finger foods and Christmas favorites

Dec 17 - 7:00 pm - Blue Christmas - Flat Rock UMC

This is a combined UMC worship with a focus on the grief some experience over the holiday season. Special music from Tabernacle UMC

Dec 22 - 8:45 am - UMM Pancake Breakfast

Dec 24 - 8:00 pm - Christmas Eve Candlelight

Communion Service

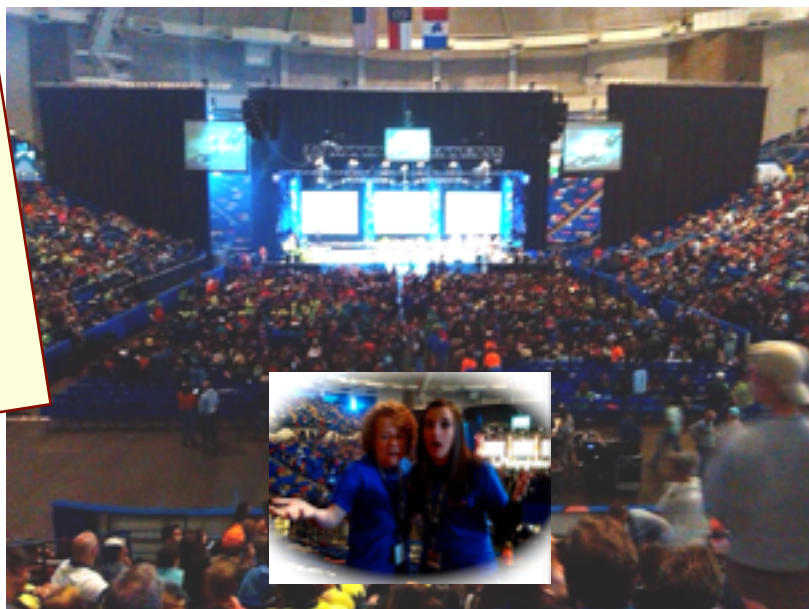
Dec 31 - 7:00 pm - Watch Night New Year's Eve Service

Community in Prayer

For... Peggy Hernandez,
 Geneva Hawley, James Rowland, James Dean, Henry Brown, Sumner Smith, Charles Parsons Smith, Gerald Woodlief, Jane Owen, Marilove Spencer, Faye Young, Lenora Hendley
 For...those facing medical procedures this month,
 For...the lost and afraid,
 For...those without food, jobs and shelter,
 For...healing and reconciliation,
 For...our leaders, our teachers, our volunteers,
 For...those grieving,
 For...Henderson, Vance Cnty
 For...Plank Chapel



Acolytes
 1st - Mizael Gonzalez-Sanchez
 8th - Laci Oettinger
 15th - Taylor Shepardson
 22nd - Matthew Denton
 29th - Jasper Denton



BASIC INFORMATION

December Schedule

12/1: 5:30pm at Plank Chapel, Worship and Planning with adults

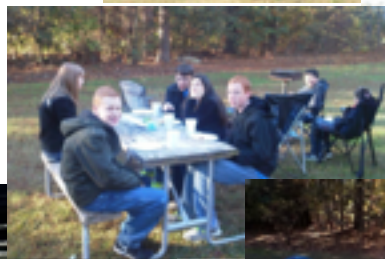
12/8: 5:30pm at Plank Chapel, study time

12/15: 5pm at Plank Chapel, Carol Sing and KLM Hot Dog Supper. Several area choirs are coming to Plank Chapel to sing, this will be our youth group worship time for the week. Prior to the singing Kerr Lake Ministries is hosting a Hot Dog Supper, so we even have that covered!

12/22: 5:30pm at Plank Chapel, study time (this one might be questionable, please let us know if you are planning to attend)

12/29: 5th Sunday FUN - PC1 & PC2 surprise outing (we will keep parents in the loop as we plan this)

Mon 12/30: New Year's Eve-Eve Lock-In at Trinity UMC (Louisburg, close to where highways 401 and 39 come together). More details to come soon.



Plank Chapel Tech Talk:

Hearing Impaired: The PA system includes small radios to help people hear the church service. If interested, see the PA operator at the back of the sanctuary.

PlankChapel.org: If you surf the web, check out the church web site. There is a link to an online **Calendar**, which Pastor Carolyn keeps updated. The **Audio Archives** link will let you play or download almost any recent sermon or church service. The **Monthly News** link will open the latest Chapel Chatter so you can read or print it. For privacy reasons, the website does not show birthdays or anniversaries.

PA Trainees: We are looking for a couple more operators for the PA system. If interested, contact Scott Ritchey.

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Seasons Cafe and Gift Shop
December 4
 10 am - noon
 Games, crafts, fellowship and food

Outreach to our Spanish Speaking Neighbors
 Thursdays at 6:00 p.m. Hispanic Bible study will be offered to our neighbors as an outreach for making disciples of Jesus Christ.
 If you would like to be part of this ministry, please contact Pastor Carolyn for specific details.

Senior Circle
December 18
10 am - noon
Program and a light lunch - join us

IN HIS SERVICE

Lay Readers
 1 - Patricia Rogers
 8 - Tim Smith
 15 - Youth
 22 - Lorraine Abbott
 24 - Beth Heaton
 29 - Various

Greeters
 1 - Todd Wilson
 8 - David & Laurie Wilson
 15 - David & Beth Heaton
 23 - DJ & Jasper Pegram
 29 - Ben & Jackie Brown

Ushers and Altar Guild
Ushers
 Thomas Beckham, Mac Wilson, Todd Wilson, Ben Brown
Altar Guild
 Faye Woodlief and Beverly Newman

Outreach
 1 - Donald Rose McGhee and Pat Edwards
 8 - Darlene Ranes and Joyce Edwards
 15 - Faye Woodlief and Judy Wilson
 22 - John and Patricia Rogers
 29 - Joe Weaver and Henry Finch

Flowers
 1 - Angel
 8 - Frances Roberts and Poinsettias
 15 - Poinsettias
 22 - Poinsettias
 29 - Jacque Jones

Nursery
 1 - Judy and Virgie Eaves
 8 - Judy Wilson and Laurie Miller
 15 - Kim and Laci Oettinger
 22 - Roxie Kearney and Lizzie Driver
 29 - Frances Roberts and Arianna Fuller Bell



DECEMBER 2013

CHRISTMAS IS THE CELEBRATION OF THE BIRTH OF JESUS, THE SAVIOUR OF MANKIND

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 1st Sunday in Advent 8:30 am - Worship 10:00 am - Church School 11:00 am - Worship 4:00 pm - Bells 5:30 pm - BASIC Youth	2	3	4 10:00 a.m. - 4 Seasons Cafe and Gift Shop 5:30 p.m. - Faith and Fitness 7:00 p.m. - Choir Practice	5 1:30 p.m. - Keeping Holy Time Bible Study 6:00 p.m. - Hispanic Bible Study	6	7
8 2nd Sunday in Advent 8:30 am - Worship 10:00 am - Church School 11:00 am - Worship 3:00 pm - UMW 4:00 pm - Bells 5:30 pm - BASIC Youth	9	10	11 5:30 p.m. - Faith and Fitness 7:00 p.m. - Choir Practice	12 1:30 p.m. - Keeping Holy Time Bible Study 6:00 p.m. - Hispanic Bible Study	13	14
15 3rd Sunday in Advent 8:30 am - Worship 10:00 am - Church School 11:00 am - Worship 4:00 pm - Bells 5:00 pm - KLM Fundraiser 6:00 pm - Carol Sing	16	17 7:00 pm Blue Christmas at Flat Rock UMC	18 10:00 a.m. - Senior Circle 5:30 p.m. - Faith and Fitness 7:00 p.m. - Choir Practice	19 1:30 p.m. - Keeping Holy Time Bible Study 6:00 p.m. - Hispanic Bible Study	20	21
22 4th Sunday in Advent 8:00 am - Worship 8:45 am - UMM Pancake Breakfast 10:00 am - Church School 11:00 am - Worship 5:30 pm - BASIC Youth	23	24 8:00 pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service	25 	26 1:30 p.m. - Keeping Holy Time Bible Study 6:00 p.m. - Hispanic Bible Study	27	28
29 8:30 am - Worship 10:00 am - Church School 11:00 am - Worship 4:00 pm - Bells 5:30 pm - BASIC Youth	30 BASIC Youth Lock-in at Trinity Louisburg	31  7:00 pm				