

# THE CHAPEL CHATTER

## Pastor's Corner



Senior Circle has been an outreach ministry of Plank Chapel for many years. Friends and neighbors from our church and others gather every third Wednesday of the month for a program and a "light lunch."

What a gift this time together truly is for each of us. We gather, we catch up, we pray, and then we either hear about critical topics that are specific to our age group or we are blessed with the gift of

music from our local musicians.

Now I do not know if you can see him, but the Gospel Aires has a harmonica player. If you look at the photo on the bot-

tom of the page, the last guitar player to your right appears to have two heads. The white haired head is the harp player. He has recently joined the group. Imagine being 85 and joining a band.

What I have learned over the past three years with this group is they have a passion for connections and a desire to still live meaningful lives. They remind me of the ACTS 2 community that gathered together and worshipped and feasted and made sure each was cared for according to their needs. God added to their numbers daily.

In John 13:35 Jesus tells his disciples, "By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

Every third Wednesday I witness that love these disciples have for one another. It is not a once a month love. I hear how they have cared for

one another throughout the month, the year, actually over many years. They are a true witness of Christian discipleship.

Our gray haired seniors have so much to offer us who are beginning to gray as well as those who are just beginning to grow hair. All they ask is that we see them for who they are, vital and amazing brothers and sisters in Christ. Together we make up the family of God. Together we can love one another and the world will be changed.

On Pentecost Sunday, the rising generations will be leading worship and the time that is normally allowed for the sermon will be a time of witness and testimony to God's work in our individual lives and the life of Plank Chapel. I have seen the spirit moving in this place. I have seen lives transformed.

Can I get a witness? Or two?

Pastor Carolyn



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## ACTS

### From Linda Weaver, Board Chairperson of ACTS

—Thank you so much for the donations you made to our food pantry. People like you make it possible for us to help those in need. God bless you.

**Back Pack Buddies** - Potatoes, meat, packs of popcorn, fruit cups, snack bags of pretzels, trail mix, Little Debbie oatmeal cookies, apple sauce cups, cans of spaghetti

**Hearts Haven (Shelter for Domestic Violence Victims)** - Basic toiletries,

crayons, construction paper, stickers, blank awards certificates. Hearts Haven now has a Children's Coordinator to assist the children in learning new social skills

### **Pantry continual needs—**

Canned vegetables (NOT Green Beans) including Pork & Beans, Pinto, etc., Canned fruit, Canned spaghetti, Oatmeal of Noodles, etc. Soups (NO broth), **Canned meats**, Non Perishables of Peanut Butter, Crackers, Healthy Cereals, pasta, boxes/bags of Noodles, Rice, Mac & Cheese, Canned or Powdered Milk.

## Strength for Service

More than one million copies of *Strength for Service to God and Country* were distributed during World War II and the Korean Conflict before it went out of print. Fifty years later, Evan Hunsberger, a 13 year old Boy Scout, was inspired by his grandfather's worn copy and republished the book as an Eagle Scout project. While many WWII veterans reported how the original book carried them through difficult days and years following the war, it was underestimated how much the pocket-sized books would be appreciated today. Since the book's re-release in 2002, more than 460,000 books have been distributed. For more information or to make a donation, visit [www.StrengthforService.org](http://www.StrengthforService.org)

## United Methodist Women

Our local chapter of UMW will be putting together the birthing kits in their May meeting. UMW has long stood for causes that impact women and children in the world. Births in underdeveloped countries are dangerous and often lead to the death of either the infant or the mother and sometimes both. These kits provide the basics for as clean and safe a delivery as possible. Please bring your change. On Mother's Day, the last day of this fundraising drive, the change buckets will be circulated during worship. Help us help mothers and infants around the world!



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

May 5<sup>th</sup> - UMYF - Youth will gather and celebrate Cinco De Mayo with our food and fellowship a little Latin in flavor

May 18<sup>th</sup> the Youth will be sponsoring their annual Yard sale. Make sure you save all your treasures to make this fund raiser another great hit! Contact Mi-

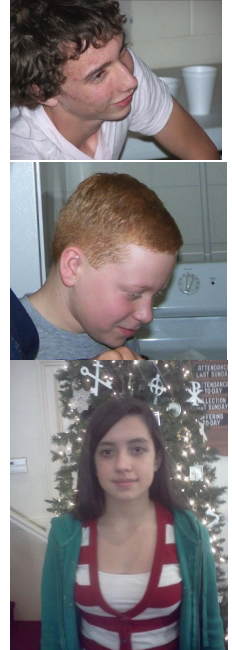
chelle Denton at 252-430-4243 to reserve your table. Also the youth will have a food court that day, if you would like to donate food for their cause, let Michelle know that as well.

Look for the signup sheets for tables or lawn space in the narthex.

Youth will need to be at the church Friday night after 7 pm to make final arrangements of the tables and prepare the grounds. Who knows...this may take all night...

Youth Sunday will be May 19<sup>th</sup>—Pentecost

What a powerful weekend of service!!!





**Lay Leadership**

Lay Leadership Team will be meeting on May 6th at 7:00 p.m. to begin the process of nominating for key leadership positions. Should you be willing to serve in a leadership role please let Pastor Carolyn know.

Lay Leadership Team includes: Kay Deans, Bruce Newman, Gwen Ritchey, Michelle Denton, David Heaton, Mac Wilson, and Kim Oettinger

**Church Committee Chairpersons**

Trustees - Daryl Spencer  
 Worship - Susan Sears  
 Education - Frances Roberts  
 Mission - Leo Roy  
 Age Levels and Family - Beth Heaton  
 Lay Leadership and Nominations - Carolyn Roy  
 Outreach - John Rogers  
 Hospitality - Donald Rose  
 McGhee  
 PPRC - Scott Ritchey  
 Finance - Mac Wilson

Check out the leadership rosters in the narthex to see where you are serving

**Summertime Worship Service Opportunity**

Beginning June 16th - Father's Day  
 Early Service 8:30 a.m.  
 Attire: casual  
 All ages welcome  
 Message will be similar to the 11:00 a.m. service  
 Seeking those who would like to serve on the worship team for this new service  
 It will run through the summer and come fall - we will decide whether to continue or not

**Church Cleanup Day  
 May 11th**

**Outside**—Playground equipment needs cleaning and possible repair  
 Sidewalks power-washed  
 Windows washed  
 Gutters cleaned  
 Debris removed  
 Garbage picked up  
 Drive and parking may need gravel and leveling  
 Storage Shed straightened out

**Inside**—Pews need a wash down and polish  
 Pencils in pew holders sharpened or replaced  
 Windows washed  
 Walls washed down  
 Library books dusted  
 Dusting all around  
 Furniture polished  
 Refrigerators cleaned  
 Stove and ovens cleaned  
 Cupboards washed down

**Spring cleaning - there is something everyone can do!**



**4 Seasons Café and Gift Shop**

**Open 1st Wednesday of every month 10 am—12 pm**

**BIRTHDAYS**

- 8—Frances Woodlief, Jeanette McGhee
- 11—Joe Weaver
- 14—Hilma Smith, Morgan Oettinger, Haywood Bumpass
- 15—Henry Finch, Scott Ritchey, Bobby Newman
- 16—Matthew Denton
- 19—Karin Driver
- 22—Wayne Young
- 25—Arianna Fuller Bell
- 29—Tim Edwards, Midge Smith

**ANNIVERSARIES**

- 13—Bobby and Beverly Newman
- 21—Jay and Pat Fuller

**Thank You**

*Dear Plank Chapel Family,*

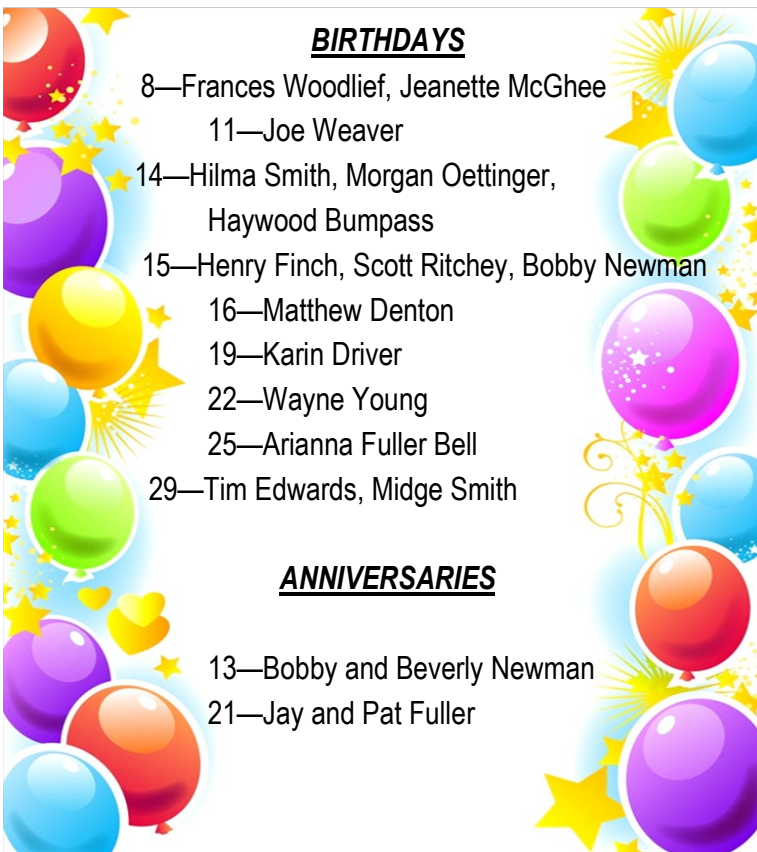
*Thank you for your prayers, cards, telephone calls, and visits during the past several weeks.*

*Words cannot express how much all of this has meant to us.*

*It is with heart felt gratitude that we thank you.*

*Brothers and Sisters in Christ,*

*Susan, Martha, and Joseph Sears*





## Project Agape

In this week's [Connections address](#), Bishop Hope invited your church to be directly involved in Project AGAPE, the unique mission of North Carolina United Methodists with Christians in Armenia. One of the ways we are partnering with our Armenian Sisters and Brothers is in our AGAPE Christmas Box Ministry. For many children in refugee communities located in the Kashatagh District, this is the only Christmas gift they will receive. For some of them, this will be the first toy they have ever received.

Though these boxes may seem like a small gift, they will carry the priceless love of Christ. Children who receive these boxes will know that they have been remembered and loved. We hope that you might join us in this beautiful action that proclaims Jesus's AGAPE.



To find box contents and packing instructions, please see [AGAPE Christmas Box Ministry](#). On the NCCUMC website.

### Community In Prayer

**For...** Wayne Rowland, Henry Brown, James Deans, Kay Deans, Faye Young, Sumner Smith, Charles Parsons Smith, Gerald Woodlief, Bo Fitts, Jane Owen, Marilove Spencer

**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...** Plank Chapel

### National Day of Prayer

*"In His Name the nations will put their hope..."* Matthew 12:21

**8 am**—Mayor's Prayer Breakfast at Shiloh Baptist Church

**12-12:30 pm**—Prayer at

- Maria Parham Medical Center Flagpole
- City Hall Council Chambers
- ACTS
- County Courthouse Courtyard

**11:30—1 pm**—Prayer at Kittrell Job Corp Flag Pole

**7—8 pm**—Southern Vance Stadium Prayer Rally—prayer for our community, state, and country

"poor... poor.. me... I'm sick.... I'm broke.. I'm hurting... Whoa is me... There isn't anything good happening in my life.. What is to come of this mess of a life? Why am I going through all this stuff?" Hmm there is that still small voice coming through, "Did you think your life was going to be a yellow brick road of easy living?" Was Christ's life easy? Was he free from all ridicule, accusations, beatings? We just went through learning about Christ's last 24 hours of life during Lent. If we truly are committed to Christ, do we think our lives will be better? Personally? MOST DEFINITELY!" But that doesn't mean we won't have bad things happen to us. After all, our decisions on how we do things are not always the best. Jesus has just promised to be by our side. If we don't have a trial to go through, be it big or small, how can we show the love of Jesus to others? How does He provide? How has it changed your walk as a Christian?

















Looking back on my life, I've made some stupid decisions on handling situations. Who hasn't? On the other hand, God carried me

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through and has allowed me the opportunity to use them to share with those who may not have had that opportunity. I was recently sharing with someone an experience that I was going through. After I was done talking, she looked at me with a bright smile and said, "Wow! I'm so glad you told me about that! I think I just got an answer to something I'm going through!" She was so excited. Who would have known? I had no idea at the time that this situation would help her with her situation. For whatever reason, God allowed me the freedom to talk to her about it... and she saw God's light in her own situation. How awesome! What have you gone through that you would like to share with someone? God has been ready to use you in a way you may never anticipate. Share away, my friends! I'm looking forward to hearing what God has done for you!

# MAY 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed 	Thu	Fri	Sat
              <p> <b>Women of the Bible—Mary and Martha</b>  <b>Led by Rachel Knapp—Hosted by Beth Heaton</b>  <b>Join Us—2:30 pm May 5th</b> </p>			1  10 am—Four Seasons Café & Gift Shop 7 pm—Choir	2 <b>National Day of Prayer</b> 1:30 pm—Keeping Holy Time Bible Study	3	4
5 2:30 pm—Woman's Bible Study at Beth Heaton's 5:30 pm—UMYF - Cinco De Mayo	6 7 pm—Lay Leadership and Nominations	7	8 B—Frances Woodlief and Jeanette McGhee 10 am—Senior Road Trip 7 pm—Choir	9 1:30 pm—Keeping Holy Time Bible Study	10	11 B—Joe Weaver  CLEAN UP DAY BEGINS AT 8AM
12 <b>Mother's Day</b> 3 pm—PPRC	13 A—Bobby and Beverly Newman	14 B—Hilma Smith, Morgan Oettinger, Haywood Bumpass	15 B—Henry Finch, Scott Ritchey, Bobby Newman  7 pm—Choir	16 B—Matthew Denton  1:30 pm—Keeping Holy Time Bible Study	17	18  Annual Youth Yard Sale 7-1
19 B—Karin Driver  8 am—UMM 3 pm—UMW	20	21 A—Jay and Pat Fuller	22 B—Wayne Young  7 pm—Choir	23 1:30 pm—Keeping Holy Time Bible Study	24	25 B—Arianna Fuller Bell
26	27 <b>Memorial Day</b>	28	29 B—Midge Smith, Tim Edwards  7 pm—Choir	30 1:30 pm—Keeping Holy Time Bible Study	31	

**WORSHIP—11:00 A.M.**

**CHURCH SCHOOL—10:00 A.M.**

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OPEN HEARTS.  
OPEN MINDS.  
OPEN DOORS.

**YOUTH ANNUAL YARD SALE**

**MAY 18 7AM TO 1PM**

**TABLES \$10 EACH**

**BRING ALL YOUR GOODIES AND SHARE  
YOUR TREASURES.**

**FOOD WILL BE SERVED**

**CONTACT MICHELLE DENTON  
FOR YOUR RESERVATION OR DONATIONS**

*In His Service this Month*



Vacation Bible School  
Everywhere Fun Fair—Where  
God's World Comes Together  
Coming to Plank Chapel in  
June



**Flowers:**

- 5—Jeannette Weaver and Ann Finch
- 12—United Methodist Men
- 19—Kay Deans
- 26—Angie Rowland

**Greeters:**

- 5—Michelle and Matthew Denton
- 12—Judy Eaves and Gwen Ritchey
- 19—Thomas, Makayla, and Scott Beckham
- 26—Frances Roberts and Marilove Spencer

**Altar Guild:**

- Susan Sears and Christine Spencer

**Ushers:**

- Ben Brown
- Matthew Denton
- Ryan Rowland
- Mike Ranes

**Nursery:**

- 5—Kim and Laci Oettinger
- 12—Midge Smith and Arianna Fuller Bell
- 19—Frances Roberts and Joyce Edwards
- 26—Roxie Kearney and Lizzie Driver

**Outreach:**

- 5— Mac Wilson & Richard Coghill
- 12— Debra & Bruce Newman
- 19— Donald Rose McGhee & Pat Edwards
- 26— Darlene Ranes & Joyce Edwards

**Lay Readers**

- 5—Lorraine Abbott
- 12—Jeanette McGhee
- 19—Gwen Ritchey
- 26—Taylor Abbott

