



Chapel Chatter

United Methodist Women

6000 + Birthing Kits were donated to UMCOR at Annual Conference



Plank Chapel's UMW along with the help of the UMM, and the support of the congregation through change bucket giving contributed to that number.

Our local chapter of United Methodist Women work hard to continue in mission in the community and around the world.

Over the summer they take a short siesta before kicking back into gear in the fall with their prayer and gift ministry to the teachers of Zeb Vance school. This group of servants invites the women of Plank Chapel to join them on the 3rd Sunday of every month beginning in September.

Plank Chapel United Methodist Church

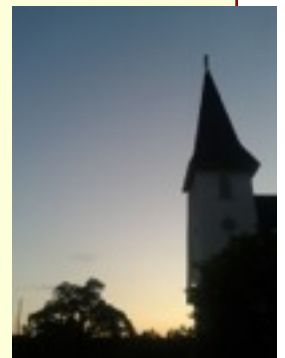
To all who are lonely and need a friend, to all who are sick and seek Christ's healing power, to all who sin and need a Savior, this church opens wide its doors, and in the name of Christ our Savior, bids you welcome.

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 - 1st Sunday 5:30 p.m.



GETTING IN TOUCH

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PASTOR'S REFLECTIONS

So that...two simple words that can help us focus on why we do what we do for the cause of Christ at Plank Chapel. As we meet and plan for the year ahead, I will be asking that question of myself and encourage all of us to do the same.

- We have Sunday School so that...
- We worship so that...
- We have small group studies so that...
- United Methodist Men meet so that...
- United Methodist Women meet so that...
- BASIC UMYF meets so that...
- We have a missions team so that...
- Outreach visits so that...
- We tithe so that...

You may be saying at this point, "I get it, please stop." I have been seeking the vision that God has for Plank Chapel as we move into the future to which He has called us. I believe it is one of hope and promise and transformation.

I also believe as we consider the "so that..." we will get clear on that vision. Here is how I see it helping us. At our last church council meeting three new action items were proposed.

1. A summer concert on the lawn. Why? So that we can make community connections and share the Gospel message with our neighbors so that the Bobbitt/Kittrell community may be changed.
2. A community lunch after worship Why? So that our neighbors can come and see how God is working through us. Inviting the community to worship and a meal so that we can share the Gospel message with our neighbors that they might become followers of Jesus.
3. A fall fitness program. Why? So that we can strengthen our bodies for the work of discipleship, or so that we can be good stewards of the body God gave us.

Join me in prayerfully considering the following, Plank Chapel was founded so that...

Pastor Carolyn

NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



Churches encouraged to make room for God-sized visions to energize and transform

At Annual Conference Tom Berlin proposed that congregations ask their pastors about their calling and the fruit God has called them to produce. Berlin

also encouraged pastors to learn the histories of their congregation, because the seeds of the future are sown in the past. The creation story of the church should be told often, he said, and it has to be true, should honor the past, envision the future, embody the congregation's core values, and bring hope.

Berlin said a high level of commitment is at the center of a church living out God's vision. He told those gathered not to quit or apologize for calling others to commit to that vision. "You have no idea how important your church is...there are people depending on

you to bless them. Claim your birthright as children of God."

Berlin noted that discipleship is the best starting place for a church struggling to discern its vision. He said that God-sized visions will transform and captivate a church and community and bring a joy that energizes the church. Lovett Weems urged the conference to reclaim a biblical notion of faithfulness as active, a state of doing and not just being. He said one type of seed may be planted, but God may bring up something else. In the Bible, faithfulness is always directional and going toward the reign of God.

FINAL CALL FOR TUCKER FAMILY ITEMS



If you have collected household items for the Tucker family, please bring them to the church or contact Donald Rose McGhee. The family has a long term temporary housing arrangement and Donald Rose will bring what we have collected to them. Thank you for being Christ's hands and supporting a family in need.



MISSION MOMENTS

Plank Chapel UMC has been busy in the mission field. Birthing Kits through UMW and now over \$500 raised for Project Agape Christmas boxes. We are serving and giving so that others may know God's love.

Areas locally where we can serve: **ACTS** - did you know that at ACTS this summer they are serving both breakfast and lunch because of the generous gift of volunteers from the communities who have benefitted from their back pack program

Back Pack Buddies - Pot- ted meat, packs of pop- corn, fruit cups, snack bags of pretzels, trail mix, Little Debbie oatmeal cookies, apple sauce cups, cans of

spaghetti, they will take any nonperishables

Pantry continual needs— Canned vegetables (NOT Green Beans) including Pork & Beans, Pinto, etc., Canned fruit, Canned spaghetti, Oodles 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.

Sad news - Hearts Haven, the domestic violence shelter will be closing as the funding is not available to continue this vital ministry in our area.

Community in Prayer
For... John Kemp, James Rowland, James Dean, Wayne Rowland, Henry Brown, Sumner Smith, Charles Parsons Smith, Gerald Woodlief, 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

MISSIONS CHANGE BUCKET FOCUS FOR JUNE-JULY-AUGUST



All God's Children reciting their creed after singing to us during annual conference. *"We come in many shapes and sizes and different colors, too. Our languages are many, our cultures quite a few. But for all the variations, there's one thing we all share: we're molded in His image and protected in His care. A Father to all*

children, His arms are open wide to welcome every one of us, He is always by our side. And when our troubles daunt us, on His loving grace we call. For whatever color, race, or creed, our Lord God loves us all."

All God's Children is our change bucket mission effort this quarter. This ministry is in Aulander, Bertie County North Carolina. This ministry is impacting the poor in this county and providing opportunities for them to lift themselves out of

poverty while becoming disciples of Jesus Christ.

This ministry develops programs to meet the needs of impoverished children and youth in rural Bertie, Hertford and Northampton counties.

Contact — Web: www.allgodschildrenumc.org

Phone: 252-345-1077



KARIN'S KORNER

Between computers, family, work, Karin has been challenged. She is in need of our prayers as she listens to God's call. Look for her to fill her corner next month, God is up to something big.

EVERYWHERE FUN FAIR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



Bible school this year was a lot of fun! We learned how to be neighbors to everyone in the world. We visited Japan, United Kingdom, Australia, and Mexico. We studied about Abraham and Sarah, the Good Samaritan, Zacchaeus, and being a good neighbor. The

songs we learned were about our Bible stories.

Our mission money this year went to Project Agape to buy Christmas shoe boxes with items for children who would not otherwise receive a Christmas gift. During Bible school the children raised \$321.40. They enjoyed the competition to see which group would bring in the most each night.

Ms. Debra, our director, and Godwin Merifeather always had our opening and closing each night. The

kitchen staff provided supper items we might find in the country we were studying each night. The food was delicious!



Thanks to everyone who helped in any way to help make this year's Bible school such a success. We had a total of 19 students.



BASIC INFORMATION



This summer Sunday School has options for our youth. Every Sunday in the youth room after opening assembly, Lorraine and Jamie Abbott meet with our middle school youth so that the growing young people can learn about Jesus and be formed in their faith.

Across the hall, our young adult class that includes our high school youth will be studying the book of Daniel so that they can come to understand how God uses visions to tell us about how we are to live our lives in Christ.

In the Choir Room beginning July 7th will be a confirmation class so that young adults seeking to become followers of Jesus can make that commitment fully understanding what their ‘yes’ means.

July is also the month of Kerr Lake Ministries Day Camp. It is an opportunity for our youth 13 and older to serve as Youth Helpers. Our middle schoolers not yet 13 can attend. Youth helpers receive training and staff is planning an end of camp surprise.

High School youth can still apply to ACS at Methodist University. It is scheduled for July 15-20. See Pastor Carolyn

Why go to ACS or Breakaway or Pilgrimage? Listen to what the youth who attend have to say:

From Taylor Shepherdson, “At first I thought Breakaway would be boring and I wouldn’t be able to wait until I got home. But on the last day I wished I could stay longer!! I met a lot of new people and learned a LOT while I was there. It was a great experience.”

From Makayla Beckham, “Breakaway was amazing. I made lots of friends. I hope to see them all soon. I was so happy when Scott told me he was having fun. It was awesome and I can’t wait to go again.”

And Arianna Fuller-Bell says, “I had a great time at Breakaway! I met new friends! It is really fun and I encourage everyone to go!!”

When we travel to Pilgrimage this fall, these young people will reconnect with their Breakaway friends and suddenly the coliseum is not filled with 6000 strangers but 6000 Brothers and Sisters in Christ!

Expect the unexpected this July and allow God to surprise you. Take risks for the sake of the Gospel! Thank you BASIC youth for your service in worship, at VBS, and at Kerr Lake Ministries!

Family fun after worship...July 14

Come worship the Lord and fellowship together over the table and in the yard as we laugh and play.

Could be a volleyball rematch is in the plans...

Listen for the exciting announcements on food, family, and fun...invite friends to join us

Register now for Mission U

July 18-20, Methodist University, Fayetteville, NC Formerly known as the School of Christian Mission, Mission U promises to be an exciting event with opportunities for learning, fellowship, and community building. Though the name has changed, the format and purpose are unchanged. Methodist u remains dedicated to providing opportunities for persons to grow in understanding of the mission of the church in the current world context. Full-time attendees will have the opportunity to attend two of the three mission studies offered: Living Sacramentally and Walking Justly; The Roma of Europe; and Poverty. Leaders this year will include Steve Taylor, Laura Early, and Christine Harman.



Summer Reading List

Lovett H. Weems, Jr. And Tom Berlin led the teaching moments this year at Annual Conference. Their book, *Bearing Fruit, Ministry with Real Results* captures what they shared and more. Bishop Ward writes, "Churches are created to be fruitful. The faith, knowledge, and actions of Christian leaders can be shaped toward fruitfulness. As guides of our spirits and mentors of our practice, Berlin and Weems lead us beyond frenzy, lethargy, excuses, and denial. Our work matters, and we dare not engage it without an eye to the quantifiable contribution that we make." Read it with Pastor Carolyn this summer.

If you are not already doing this, begin a family devotional practice this summer. Find the time best for your family and together read the Bible, offer prayers, and if you have a devotional guide such as The Upper Room or Daily bread add that as well.

Jesus Calling is a very good personal devotional book to be used year after year. Sarah Young has also created editions for kids as well.

Study God's word so that God can speak into your life and you and those around you will be changed by His love.

Kerr Lake Ministries Day Camp July 15-19

It will be a Gospel Train Celebration this year up at Satterwhite Point as Kerr Lake Camp volunteers work to share the Gospel message to children and youth. See Debra Newman or Susan Sears to register your children today. Scholarships are limited. Transportation is available!

Mission emphasis ACTS Backpack ministry for the children of Vance County

Flowers

- 7—Roxie
- 14—Donald Rose McGhee
- 21—Judy Wilson
- 28—Laurie Miller

Greeters

- 7—Mac and Judy Wilson
- 14—Kay and Charles Thompson
- 21—Richard and Sally Coghill
- 28—Hilma Smith and Austyn Abbott

June Ushers and Altar Guild

Ushers

Bryant Bobbitt, Ben Brown, Henry Finch, DJ Pegram

Altar Guild

Patricia Rogers
Debra Newman

Lay Readers

- 7 - Taylor Shepherdson
- 14 - Donald Rose McGhee
- 21 - Pat Edwards
- 28 - Sally Coghill

Nursery

- 7—Midge Smith and Joyce Edwards
- 14—Frances Roberts and Arianna Fuller-Bell
- 21 Beth Heaton and John Heaton
- 28—Roxie Kearney & Lizzie Driver

Outreach

- 7—Donald Rose McGhee and Pat Edwards
- 14—Darlene Ranes and Joyce Edwards
- 21—Faye Woodlief and Judy Wilson
- 28—John and Patricia Rogers

JULY 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
<p>Confirmation classes are on July 7th and 21st. They begin promptly at 10:00 a.m.. In the Choir Room (former parlor behind restrooms) - seeking mentors for 4 confirmands</p>	<p>1</p> <p>A - Ryan and Angie Rowland</p>	<p>2</p> <p>6:00 p.m. - Kerr Lake Ministries Meeting</p>	<p>3</p> <p>10:00 a.m. - Four Seasons Cafe and Gift Shop</p> <p>7:00 p.m. - Choir Practice</p>	 <p>4th of JULY</p> <p>1:30 p.m. - Keeping Holy Time Bible Study</p> <p>A - Scott and Gwen Ritchey</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p> <p>B - Thomas Beckham</p>	
<p>7</p> <p>8:30 a.m. - Worship</p> <p>10:00 a.m. - Church School</p> <p>11:00 a.m. - Worship</p> <p>B - Judy Wilson</p>	<p>8</p> <p>7:00 p.m. - Trustees</p> <p>B - Cameron Eatmon, Beth Heaton</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p> <p>1:30 p.m. - Keeping Holy Time Bible Study</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>	
<p>14</p> <p>8:30 a.m. - Worship</p> <p>10:00 a.m. - Church School</p> <p>11:00 a.m. - Worship</p> <p>12:30 p.m. - Fellowship Luncheon</p>	<p>15</p> <p>B - Francis Fuller</p>	<p>Kerr Lake Ministries Day Camp</p>			<p>18</p> <p>1:30 p.m. - Keeping Holy Time Bible Study</p> <p>7:00 p.m. - Community Watch</p> <p>B - Roxie Kearney</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p>
<p>21 8:00 a.m. - UMM</p> <p>8:30 a.m. - Worship</p> <p>10:00 a.m. - Church School</p> <p>11:00 a.m. - Worship</p> <p>B - Joyce Young, Margie Pendergrass</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p> <p>B - David Miller</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p> <p>1:30 p.m. - Keeping Holy Time Bible Study</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p> <p>B - Kathy Rowland</p>	
<p>28</p> <p>8:30 a.m. - Worship</p> <p>10:00 a.m. - Church School</p> <p>11:00 a.m. - Worship</p> <p>3:00 p.m. - Nominations and Lay Leadership Development</p> <p>B - Jay Fuller</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p> <p>B - Rudy Rowland</p>	<p>31</p>				