



# Chapel Chatter

## Summer Fun for all!

*Gathering after worship for food and a little volley ball*



Our Age Levels and Family team sponsored our July lunch and volleyball game. The weather attempted to dampen our spirits, but nothing can hinder us when we work and play together for the Lord.

The food at the table was light and healthy. Covered dish pot lucks always seem to have this abundance. The fellowship hall in

the Education Building was filled with laughter and joyous conversations.

When it came time to play our teams were multigenerational. What a beautiful day in the Lord! In September we will be having another community meal after worship. Invite your friends to come and join us as we introduce them to our host, Jesus Christ!

### 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.

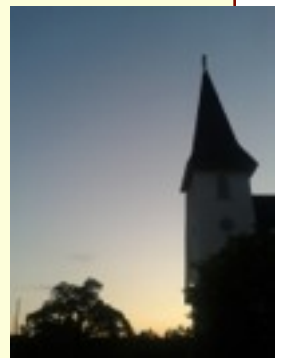
UMM - 3<sup>rd</sup>

Sunday 8:00

UMW - 3<sup>rd</sup>

Sunday 3:00

UMYF - 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday 5:30 p.m.



### GETTING IN TOUCH

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PASTOR'S REFLECTIONS

The Disciple Making way...When I got the letter inviting us to be part of this process, I wondered who would those 4 to 7 leaders be to join me and lead us into our future. I have been prayerfully discerning that question. The full invitation is in the Chapel Chatter so that you will join me in prayer.

This invitation comes to us in the middle of the sermon series on the seven churches in Revelation. I have been convicted as we have journeyed with John in this series. Christ knows our works and sees into our hearts and minds. Our task is to learn what this means for us while our lampstand stands and burns brightly.

Are we intentionally engaging in disciplines that reignite our love for the Lord? Worship is one of those disciplines. Prayer is another. Fellowship gatherings remind us of God's love. So does our time in BASIC youth, UMM, and UMM.

Are we allowing that love to overcome fear when faced with the censorship of the world for standing where Christ calls us to stand? Are we choosing to stand?

Are we intentionally engaging in disciplines that teach us about scripture and what we believe so that when we choose to follow, we are following Jesus? Those disciplines include Sunday School, small group studies, and ongoing educational opportunities such as confirmation.

Are we intentionally engaging in accountability groups so that when we find ourselves on that slippery slope of sin, our group can encourage us to make good choices and support us when we fall?

Is our leadership meeting regularly so that they can discern that what we are doing is for God's glory not our own? Are we doing busy work or are we doing the business of disciple making?

The message to the churches in Revelation is not yet complete, as we are not yet complete. Pray with me as we listen for God's calling upon our hearts. Is this invitation the one God is calling us to accept?

Praying with you,  
Pastor Carolyn

NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



**Walking Across the Road:  
Creating Community &  
Building Faith through  
Relationships**

On Saturday, September 21 from 9:30 until 3:30 pm at Nashville United Methodist Church, the North Carolina Connectional Ministries and the

Academy of Leadership Excellence will be hosting an opportunity for us to discuss and reflect on how we can build relationships with our neighbors in our own context. The day will include worship, breakout sessions, and panel discussions. There is a \$10 fee that goes towards the lunch that will be provided. Please contact Pastor Carolyn as this event is one that requires preregistration. If you wish to know more, contact Linda Harris at [Leeharris@nccumc.org](mailto:Leeharris@nccumc.org)

**Summoned Toward Wholeness: A Conference on Food, Farming, and the Life**

**of Faith, September 27 and 28 at Duke Divinity School and Anathoth Community Garden.**

Scripture portrays God as a gardener, farmer, and shepherd. It describes Jesus as "the bread of life" who invites people to the Lord's table so they can learn to feed his sheep. It is hard to read the Bible and not see that God cares deeply about food and agriculture. Join plenary speakers Ellen F. Davis, Joel Salatin, Scott Cairns, and Norman Wirzba and 12 workshop leaders, as they explore multiple connections between food, farming, and the life of faith.



CHANGING THE WORLD THROUGH OUR SPARE CHANGE

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.



**MISSION MOMENTS**

We are seeking ways we can strengthen our partnership with our area schools. Currently our United Methodist Women support the teachers with special gifts and cards and prayers. We collect supplies for Zeb Vance Elementary every year. Can we do more?

Communities in School is offering a training led by Susan Pennock (Hand to Hand Ministries) on September 23<sup>rd</sup> in Northampton County at the Conway Community Center.

Plank Chapel UMC is considering a tutoring program for our community students. This vision and mission effort is in the formation stages. As we develop a

plan and vision, your input and ideas are greatly appreciated. Email, write, call, or talk to Pastor Carolyn.

School Supplies. In August we have the tax exempt weekend. It is a good time to collect our back to school supplies. August 25<sup>th</sup> will be our blessing of the backpacks Sunday and receiving the offering of supplies for Zeb Vance school. Some items to consider: boxes of tissue, notebook paper, pencils, crayons, hand sanitizer, computer paper, rulers, erasers. Check the lists in the stores as you purchase your supplies.

Also collecting gently used books for the Give 5 Read 5.

**Community in Prayer**

For... 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...Henderson, Vance Cnty  
For...Plank Chapel

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**NEW FOCUS MISSION WORKDAYS IN ENFIELD**

The New Focus Community Mission, being led by Shawn Mitchell, recently acquired the old Inborden Elementary School in Enfield. The entire campus will one day be used as a missional community. Right now their focus is on getting the building ready for its mission.

Volunteers are needed on either Friday, August 16<sup>th</sup> or Saturday, August 17<sup>th</sup>. The projects included but are not limited to:

repairing a section of the roof, scraping and painting, pressure washing, weed-eating and other landscaping, and general cleaning and debris removal. As you can see by the list, there is plenty for everyone to do regardless of age. All the tools and material will be provided. The only request is that we provide weed-eaters and pressure washers.

Volunteers are to meet at the office of New Focus, located at 20008 Hwy 301

South in Enfield at 8:30 a.m. This gathering place and time the same for either Friday or Saturday. Lunch will be provided.

**Women of the Bible Small Group Study** On the first of the month, women gather to study the women in the scripture and share how their story intersects with our own. We laugh, we cry, we eat, we drink, and find in the midst of it all, God's presence. Look for bulletin updates as to location and scripture.



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**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.



## THE DISCIPLE MAKING WAY - AN INVITATION

Our District Superintendent has requested we be invited to The Disciple Making Way, recognizing our potential for growth through a focus on discipleship.

Participating churches will develop an intentional plan for forming disciples within the church with attention to ministries that build on relationships with God and with others, equip believers with spiritual disciplines and scriptural knowledge and engage them in ministries with the community. Growth as a disciple of Jesus Christ happens when the church provides a way that is balanced and expects fruit.

For the churches enrolled in The Disciple-Making Way, it is expected that each one will commit to the process for one year. To participate in an intensive experience and subsequent group activities aimed at development of a plan for the congregation's disciple-making ministry, we need a team of 4 to 7 to commit with me to this process.

The Conference is providing a coach to facilitate the process with each congregation's team. As The Disciple-Making Way is envisioned, the participating church teams will gather for a retreat, for spiritual formation and orientation. Following the retreat, one coach will facilitate the work of two congregations in a district, meeting with the teams several times over the following 8 months to assess the current strengths of discipling ministries and using Appreciative Inquiry as a model for change, creating a plan that is unique to the church's context and culture.

As you consider the offer that is presented to you, please attend to the following as quickly as possible:

1. Respond to this invitation, please, with an affirmative, to Linda Harris no later than August 19.
2. Reserve and protect the dates for the orientation retreat: The time that day is from 9:30 am until 4:00 pm; location: First UMC, Rocky Mount. Lunch will be provided. This retreat is a pre-requisite for all congregations participating in The Disciple-Making Way.
3. Anticipate a coach to be assigned to you and the other congregation in your district.
4. There is no fee for The Disciple-Making Way. A participating church may offer to provide lunch for the monthly sessions and several churches last year rotated that task with a fellow church from their district. Other than that, the only cost to you or your congregation is the commitment of your time, your talent, your prayers and your training for fruitful ministry.

The Disciple-Making Way promises to help congregations make disciples, not just members, and to build God's kingdom, as well as, strengthen the church through which a discipling culture is created for ongoing ministry in Jesus' name.



On September 1<sup>st</sup> our monthly BASIC gatherings will resume. Please mark your calendar as this gathering will include our planning for Pilgrimage and scheduling the rest of the year's activities.

**BASIC INFORMATION**

This month our scheduled event is to travel to Camp Kerr Lake for the Heritage District Youth Event. It combines mission, fellowship, and summer fun. We are collecting school supplies for middle and high school students for the Robeson County Community Center. Items include: Number 2 pencils, notebook paper, spiral notebooks, protractors, rulers, Texas Instruments TI84 calculator (only 1). Our district youth coordinator is Rev. Suzanne Cobb. She can be reached at [scobb@nccumc.org](mailto:scobb@nccumc.org) or 252-585-1010.

Be prepared for an unscheduled event to an undisclosed destination.

Plans to include: Mission and Service projects, fundraisers, small group study options, worship opportunities, conference events, lockins, 30 Hour Famine, and acolyting.

Over the summer many of you have worked as volunteers at various summer camps and Vacation Bible School. Well done!

Fall confirmation classes will begin on Sunday, September 1<sup>st</sup> at 4:00 p.m. Class will be held on 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays with a retreat scheduled for December. If you are ready to be confirmed, speak to Pastor Carolyn. Parents speak to your children and youth so that they are ready to take this step.

Heritage District  
Youth Event  
Camp Kerr Lake  
3111 Flemingtown Road  
Middleburg, NC  
August 24<sup>th</sup>  
10:00 a.m - 4:00 p.m.

Bring our own picnic  
Canoe Rental \$15

Collecting school  
supplies for middle and  
high school students  
for the Robeson  
County Community  
Center



UNITED METHODIST WOMEN meet the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month. They will be resuming their meetings in September. This group of women serve the community in mission through their time and talent and treasure. Each month there is a program followed by a mission meeting as they determine the best use of their gifts so that women and children are safe, healthy and know God. Their mission work was highlighted in the Christian Advocate, our conference newspaper as well as the Daily Dispatch.

# Fall Faith and Fitness

*"Don't you realize that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit, who lives in you and was given to you by God? You do not belong to yourself, for God bought you with a high price. So you must honor God with your body."* (1 Corinthians 6:19-20 NLT)

Thank you for completing the surveys for our fall fitness program. There was an overwhelming support for Wednesday night at 6:00 p.m., though time may have some tweeking for choir and bell ringers. The second night will be either Sunday or Tuesday as plans get finalized.

Weight reduction, stability, fall prevention, and basic fitness were primary interests as well. The week of September the 8<sup>th</sup> will be the kick-off week. Watch for bulletin inserts that will give the schedule and topics to be covered.

What can you do while waiting? Meet with your primary

care doctor and get permission to engage in physical activity. If there are restrictions, have your physician note those. This permission should be in writing.

If you have not been active, begin with taking a 5 minute walking break every hour.

Two web sites you may want to check out before we start. They can help you track your progress or provide you with answers to questions.

A Healthier North Carolina - <http://www.ahealthiernc.com>

Sparkpeople - <http://www.sparkpeople.com>

## Pastor's Vacation News

Pastor Carolyn will be on vacation from 12 August until 23 August. Filling the pulpit on Sunday, August 18<sup>th</sup> will be Sherry Harrell from Spring Valley. There will not be an early service on the 18<sup>th</sup> but that worship opportunity will resume on the 25<sup>th</sup>.

Pastor Calvin Dickenson of the Gillburg/Spring Valley charge will be available for pastoral support. His phone number is 252-226-0033.

### Flowers

- 4—Beth Heaton
- 11—Faye Woodlief
- 18—Beverly Newman
- 25—Karine & Katherine Driver

### Greeters

- 4—Judy and Virgie Eaves
- 11—Judy Wilson and Laurie Miller
- 18—Kim and Laci Oettinger
- 25—Roxie Kearney & Lizzie Driver

### August Ushers and Altar Guild

#### Ushers

Freddie McGhee, Ben Brown, Jamie Abbott, Jasper Denton

#### Altar Guild

Pat Edwards  
Donald Rose McGhee

### Lay Readers

- 4—Patricia Rogers
- 11—Darlene Ranes
- 18—Beth Heaton
- 25—Karin Driver

### Nursery

- 4—Judy and Virgie Eaves
- 11—Judy Wilson and Laurie Miller
- 18—Kim and Laci Oettinger
- 25—Roxie Kearney & Lizzie Driver

### Outreach

- 4—Joe Weaver
- 11—Mac Wilson and Richard Coghill
- 18—Debra and Bruce Newman
- 25—Donald Rose McGhee and Pat Edwards

# AUGUST 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4 8:30 a.m. - Worship 10:00 a.m. - Church School 11:00 a.m. - Worship	5	6	7 10:00 a.m. - Four Seasons Cafe and Gift Shop	8 1:30 p.m. - Keeping Holy Time Bible Study	9	10
11 8:30 a.m. - Worship 10:00 a.m. - Church School 11:00 a.m. - Worship  3:00 p.m. - PPRC	12	13	14	15	<b><i>New Focus Mission Work Days - Enfield</i></b>	
18 No Early Service 8:00 a.m. - UMM 10:00 a.m. - Church School 11:00 a.m. - Worship	19	20	21 10:00 a.m. - Senior Circle	22	23	24 10:00 am - Heritage District Youth Event at Camp Kerr Lake
25 <b>BACKPACK BLESSING</b> 8:30 a.m. - Worship 10:00 a.m. - Church School 11:00 a.m. - Worship	26 7:00 p.m. - Trustees	27	28 7:00 p.m. - Choir Practice	29 1:30 p.m. - Keeping Holy Time Bible Study	30	31