



Chapel Chatter

4 Seasons Cafe and Gift Shop - giving to others!



In December, the residents of Coventry House Inn received gift bags from 4 Seasons Cafe and Gift shop. The joy of making and giving matched the joy of those receiving. Come out and join us on the 1st Wednesday of every month. It does not matter if you are young or old, male or female, skilled with crafts or not. It just matters that

you come. We laugh, we play Bingo and some of us work on crafts, some of us work on puzzles, but all of us care about one another.

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

A new year always feels like a new beginning, as if somehow a fresh start has been given to me to change and become the woman God created me to be. When in truth every day is a new beginning for us that comes from God. Revelation 21:5, "And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new."

God makes all things new, that includes you, me, and Plank Chapel. As we enter into this new year together, shall we pray together for the things we would like God to make new? Shall we also pray for what new things God can make through us?

We may want to also consider how to make new our relationships with one another. Some may have gotten stale and

others may need to be reconciled. God calls us to be a community of believers who love one another. In this new year how can we strengthen those bonds of love?

As we step into the possibilities and promises of God's future, my prayer is that we do so with faith. It is difficult to enter the unknown without fear, I can witness to that as I am reminded of my son, Leo Wesley Roy. This year he is stepping out in faith into his calling. He has been fearless. His mother, not so much. As he began the process of searching out seminaries, I began to worry about his financial stability and his housing and his...my list was endless.

This month he interviews for his first paying position in a

church and again I find fear gripping my heart. He is preparing for this day (the 12th of January) with great excitement and energy and joy. I worry and then I remember that God has this. God is in control. God called him and God will form him into the disciple and leader God created him to be.

Brothers and sisters in Christ, we too are called by God and are part of God's plan of salvation. We must let go of our fears and step into the unknown future with faith. God has this. When fear clouds our vision, we cannot see the future God has for us. This is a year, a day, a moment of new beginnings. Let us begin together.

Pastor Carolyn

COMMUNITY MISSION FIELD

- Community Partners of Hope
- ACTS
- Lifeline
- Vance County Schools
- Rebuilding Hope
- Visiting our shut ins
- Visiting long term care residents
- Vance County Animal Shelter
- Ruin Creek Animal Protection

- Guardian Ad Litem

Will one of your New Year's resolutions be to help others? Be the voice for a child. You, along with an attorney advocate, can help an abused or neglected child right here in our community by advocating for their best interests in court. Find out more at www.ncgal.org or call the Guardian ad Litem office at 919-497-3010.



CHANGING THE WORLD THROUGH OUR SPARE CHANGE - GARY LOCKLEAR (#982955 - LANE ONE RAINBOW COVENANT)

Gary W. Locklear, Church and Community Worker and Home Missioner with the General Board of Global Ministries of The United Methodist Church, is working with the Native American Cooperative Ministry. His focus is on leadership development within the 13 congregations of Native Americans and their communities in the North Carolina Conference. "I am doing more and more in the area of mission outreach, recruiting teams and individuals from my own Native American community to make life better for the poor. I am now also a certified Christian coach, working with laity in the conference," he explains.



NEW MEMBERS



On December 1, 2013 worship included a very special moment in the life of Plank Chapel United Methodist Church. Sarah Leighton Robbins was baptized into the

family of God and we pledged to guide and support her in her journey of faith. Mizael Gonzalez-Sanchez was baptized and confirmed as a member of the family of God. Joining him in affirming their faith were Hayden and Christopher Harris. These three young men professing their faith. William “Peanut” Hendley joins us from White Memorial UMC and Faye Abbott from North Henderson Baptist. Together these five pledged their time, talent, treasure, and witness to the making of disciples for Jesus Christ. We as the body confirmed and pledged to renew our covenant to do the same. Praise be to God!

CHURCH MEETING - JANUARY 5, 2014

On January 5, 2014 after worship the Trustees will present to the church the parking lot paving project. They will listen to your concerns and answer questions that you may have over this particular project. They will work to provide each of us with enough time to voice our concerns.

Within the hour scheduled, the Trustees hope to be able to get direction from the church body on their upcoming projects: upgrading or expanding the kitchen, and providing a handicapped accessible bathroom closer to the sanctuary.

As we consider these plans, may we be also looking at the mission and ministry God can do through us in this place.

For example - we expand the kitchen so that we can serve meals to the hungry in the Kittrell area.

For example - we upgrade our handicapped accessibility so that we can have a weekly adult day care drop in center (meeting once a week)

The mission of Plank Chapel UMC is to be making disciples for Jesus Christ and for serving the least, last, and lost in our community. The Trustees have a mission to care for the structure in which we do this ministry. We may want to consider asking ourselves what ministry is God

calling us to as we move into the future. How does our current structure provide for that ministry? What changes should the Trustees be considering so that our future ministry is not hindered by the structure itself?

This meeting in January is the first of a quarterly series of meetings for us to come together as a church body and look at our mission, ministry, and vision for the future.

As we move towards the future let us pray together for God to move within us and our direction and vision be of God.

See you on the 5th.

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

BASIC YOUTH



Acolytes

5th - CT Thompson
 12th - Austyn Abbott
 19th - Makayla Beckham
 26th - Chase Thompson

This new year will hold many opportunities to grow as disciples of Jesus Christ for

our BASIC youth. In February they plan to host the Valentine Steak Dinner along with the cake auction that provides them funds for their conference youth events. Then in March there will be a spring confirmation class with our confirmands being confirmed Easter Sunday. In April BASIC will participate in the Scriptural Way of the Cross and host a Stop Hunger Now food packaging event during their 30 Hour Famine.

This group of young people are led by dedicated parents and volunteers. These mentors are helping to form our youth into disciples for Jesus Christ unafraid to proclaim the Gospel. Thank you to each and every one of you who supports these young people with your prayers, your presences, your treasures, and your witness.

January Schedule

5th - 5:30 pm - Planning meeting with parents and volunteers at Plank Chapel UMC - Pizza included

12th - 5:30 pm - not a fan study at Plank Chapel UMC

19th - 5:30 pm - Worship at Spring Valley UMC - Pizza included

26th - 5:30 pm - not a fan study at Plank Chapel UMC

Youth serving on committees include:
 Church Council - Taylor Abbott
 Lay Leadership - Taylor Abbott

PPRC - Jasper Denton
 Worship - Arianna Fuller-Bell
 Mission and Ministry - Matthew Denton

Remember to check the calendar to see when your committee will be meeting so that your voice is heard.

Youth wishing to attend the spring confirmation classes, check your calendar - Sundays 4:00 pm from March 9 - April 13

2014 Youth Events ~ Lead Deans and Dates - see Pastor Carolyn for registration forms

- **Global Vision** ~ Tom Pritchard ~ March 11-16 – Washington/New York (10th grade and older)
- **K-Scope** ~ Jay Locklear~ March 28-30 - Don Lee Center (middle school only)
- **Summer Breakaway** ~ Ray Pearce ~ June 16-21 - Louisburg College
- **Appalachian Trail Hike** ~ Mike Ellington ~ July 7-12 – Appalachian Trail (leave from Raleigh)
- **ACS** (Annual Conference Session for Youth - Senior High only) ~Tom Pritchard ~ July 14-19 - Methodist University
- **Pilgrimage 2014** – November 7-9 – Crown Coliseum, Fayetteville



IN HIS SERVICE

January Ushers

Freddie McGhee
Ben Brown
Matthew Denton
Taylor Abbott

January Altar Guild

Darlene Ranes
Mike Ranes

Flowers

5th - Darlene Ranes
12th - Patricia Rogers
19th - Gwen Ritchey
26th - Kathy Rowland

Lay Readers

5th - Darlene Ranes
12th - Tim Smith
19th - Karin Driver
26th - Lorraine Abbott



Greeters

Ben Brown is our head greeter. If you are unable to help on your assigned day please let Hilma Smith or Ben Brown know and we will get a replacement for you.

5th - Mac and Judy Wilson
12th - Kim and Freddie Oettinger
19th - Darlene Ranes
26th - John Rogers

Nursery Workers

5th - Joyce Edwards and Laci Oettinger
12th - Beth and John Heaton
19th - Midge Smith and Lizzie Driver
26th - Roxie Kearney and Jessica Lassiter

Outreach Team

5th - Mac Wilson and Richard Coghil
12th - Debra and Bruce Newman
19th - Donald Rose McGhee and Pat Edwards
26th - Darlene Ranes and Joyce Edwards


2014 BUDGET INFORMATION

Pledged for 2014: \$ 71,200.00
Budget for 2014: \$100,102.83
 Included in Budget:
Pastoral Support: \$ 60,967.83
Local Church Ministries: \$ 25,425.00
Outreach Ministries: \$ 15,710.00
 Needed weekly to meet budget:
 \$1,925.05

Thank you for giving to the ministry of God through Plank Chapel UMC. Your faithfulness to your baptismal covenant of giving of your treasures allowed us to exceed our budget and give in mission so that we are a Rainbow Covenant Church and we could reach out into the world for Jesus Christ.

Faith and Fitness resumes on the 8th



| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 29th 8:30 am - Worship 10:00 am - Church School 11:00 am - Worship 5:30 pm - BASIC Youth at the Gillburg Parsonage | 30th BASIC Youth traveling to Lock-in at Trinity UMC Louisburg | 31st 7:00 p.m. - Watchnight Service | 1 HAPPY NEW YEAR  10:00 a.m. 4 Seasons Cafe and Gift Shop | 2 1:30 p.m. - Keeping Holy Time Bible Study | 3 | 4 |
| 5 8:30 am - Worship 10:00 am - Church School 11:00 am - Worship 12:30 pm - Church Conference 5:30 pm - BASIC Youth | 6 | 7 7:00 p.m. Missions Team Mtg | 8 5:30 p.m. - Faith and Fitness 7:00 p.m. - Choir Practice | 9 1:30 p.m. - Keeping Holy Time Bible Study 7:00 p.m. - Scriptural Way of the Cross Mtg | 10 | 11 |
| 12 8:30 am - Worship 10:00 am - Church School 11:00 am - Worship 5:30 pm - BASIC Youth | 13 | 14 | 15 10:00 a.m. - Senior Circle 5:30 p.m. - Faith and Fitness 7:00 p.m. - Choir Practice | 16 | 17 | 18 |
| 19 No early worship 8:00 am - UMM 10:00 am - Church School 11:00 am - Worship 3:00 pm - UMW 5:30 pm - BASIC Youth | 20 | 21 | 22 5:30 p.m. - Faith and Fitness 7:00 p.m. - Choir Practice | 23 1:30 p.m. - Keeping Holy Time Bible Study | 24 | 25 |
| 26 8:30 am - Worship 10:00 am - Church School 11:00 am - Worship 3:00 pm - Finance Cmte 5:30 pm - BASIC Youth | 27 | 28 | 29 5:30 p.m. - Faith and Fitness 7:00 p.m. - Choir Practice | 30 | 31 | 31 |