

# Chapel Chatter

## Super Bowl Sunday

*Changing Lives to Change the World*



On February 2nd, many of us will gather to share a distinctive American tradition, watching a football game while we impatiently wait for the next commercial. On Super Bowl Sunday, we are receiving a special offering.

The first one is for athletic shoes for children in upper elementary classes. These may be gently used or new. The children cannot participate in Physical Education without the appropriate footwear. These shoes will stay at Zeb Vance and be disinfected between uses.



**FEED THE HUNGRY**

The second offering is for ACTS. Page 2 lists the items being requested for the Food Pantry, Soup Kitchen, and Meals on Wheels.

Bring your donations on February 2nd and we will line the altar rail with our Super Bowl offering.

### 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 - every Sunday 5:30



#### GETTING IN TOUCH

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PASTOR'S REFLECTIONS

January always seems to be the month of numbers. Numbers do not tell the whole story, but they give us a different perspective on our life as disciples of Jesus Christ. This year as I gathered the numbers, I thought how God has used us at Plank Chapel. As I did, my thoughts turned to chapter 2 in the book of Acts.

*“They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their*

*number those who were being saved.” (Acts 2:42-47)*

Last year the Lord did add to our numbers and continues to add to them as we are faithful in serving. Last year we had one confirmation class, this year we are scheduling two confirmation classes. This past year we had two baptisms, three affirmations of faith, one restored faith, and brought into membership two from other United Methodist Churches and two from other denominations.

Our missional numbers include 131 Birthing Kits that went overseas, school supplies to Zeb Vance, fresh food and produce to local community members and food banks, nonperishables food items, and financial donations over \$1,000 to ACTS, twelve youth and adults spending a Saturday

cleaning out a basement of an ill neighbor, Stop Hunger Now meals packaged at Pilgrimage, funds raised for AGAPE Christmas boxes to Armenia, and these just are a few of the places our witness went out into the community. Thank you notes come in regularly from ACTS, Zeb Vance, and others who receive your gifts of love.

Your personal attention to the care of our fellowship cannot be measured by numbers, but your cards, visits, phone calls, gifts of food are reflections of the ACTS 2 community. I know because I have been a recipient of your generous love. Thank you brothers and sisters in Christ for your witness of your love of Jesus Christ through your love to me and my family,

Pastor Carolyn

COMMUNITY MISSION FIELD - ACTS - SERVING THE COMMUNITY IN NEED

- Community Partners of Hope
- 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
- ACTS - in need of treat meat, Vienna Sausage, snack crackers, ramen noodles, Spaghettios, beanie and weenies, Ravioli, Fruit/Jell-o/ Pudding cups, raisins, chicken/ham/

- tuna salad kits, oatmeal, granola bars. All donated items should be in individual serving sizes or pop top containers. We are also in need winter coats, gloves, hats, socks, footies with grip soles, brushes, combs, Kleenex, men’s handkerchiefs, soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, razors, shaving cream, shampoo, or other personal necessitates. **(Receiving donations between 8:00 am - 2:00 pm Monday - Friday)**
- ACTS - Volunteer - Kitchen support during lunch **(serving between 11:0 am - 1:00 pm)**
  - ACTS - Volunteer - Help putting together emergency food packages
  - ACTS - Volunteer - office help answering phones and greeting **(Office is open Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.)** 305 S. Chestnut Street, Henderson , NC 27536



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

TRUSTEE NEWS



For over two hundred years the space where we worship God and grow in our formation as disciples of Jesus Christ has undergone changes to meet the needs of the

membership. On January 5th at the Church Conference, the Trustees shared the plans for the driveway paving project and parking area. This plan includes 6 handicapped spaces, one of which will be designated as a drop off space, as recommended during the conference. The total paved spaces will be 58, with the pavement ending prior to the septic system. When the project date is set for paving, the estimated time to completion is 3 days. The Trustees will work to ensure this causes the least interruption of the work of Plank Chapel.

They also informed us that through donations and contributions, this project is well funded and

will not impact the Building Fund budget significantly. No funds will be used from our general budget.

Concern was raised over how this project will impact our grounds. An engineer will be on site to deal with drainage and grading. Another concern raised was how this will change the visual impact as people approach the church. Recommendations for future landscaping were offered to soften the impact of the blacktop.

Other projects the Trustees are working on for our growth in ministry and hospitality are: a kitchen expansion and upgrade and providing a handicapped accessible bathroom in the sanctuary building. These projects will require much prayer and consideration as we look towards accessibility and functionality and worshipful space. With your input into these projects, the Trustees will be able to make informed plans and recommendations for these upgrades. As these plans unfold and develop, the church leadership will develop a funding plan to cover the expenses.

MISSION NEWS

Plank Chapel gave over \$3,000 in local missions this year and raised through our buckets \$900 of that money. Our Conference apportioned Missional Giving included: \$14,652 to World Service and Connectional Ministries as well as \$2,027 to Church and Conference Special Offerings. Though not a rainbow covenant church as we missed one lane in our giving, we are reaching out both locally and globally for the transformation of the world. Thank you for your generous support!

The Quarter Change buckets for 2014 go to  
 1st - Gary Locklear, Missionary  
 2nd - Youth Service Fund  
 3rd - Costa Rica Mission Project  
 4th - Native Comprehensive Plan  
 Christmas Eve to UMCOR Disaster

**Local Mission Opportunity - 2 meals to the Men's Shelter**  
 Feb 10th — youth assisting serve  
 Feb 14th - UMM supporting

**5th Sunday Mission Meals**  
 March 30th - Stop Hunger Now Luncheon

June 29th - Covered Dish Guest Missionary

August 31st - Ruin Creek Rescue

November 30th - Open for options

We are the hands and feet of Christ in the world!

Community in Prayer

For... John Parks, Jackie Brown, Sally Coghill, Bill Brown, Geneva Hawley, James Rowland, James Dean, Henry Brown, Sumner Smith, Charles Parsons Smith, Gerald Woodlief, Jane Owen, Marilove Spencer, Faye Young  
 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

- 2nd - Makayla Beckham
- 9th - C.T. Thompson
- 16th - Mizaal Gonzalez
- 23rd - Laci Oettinger

### February Schedule

2nd - 5:30 pm - Planning meeting with parents and volunteers at Plank Chapel UMC - meal included

8th - 10:00 am - 2:00 pm - 30 Hour Famine District Youth Event at Louisburg College

8th - 4:00 pm - Valentine Fundraising Dinner

10th - 6:30 pm - Serving dinner at the Men's Shelter at 1st Presbyterian

16th - 5:30 pm - Worship at Spring Valley UMC - meal included Spiritual Disciplines - Did you know that discipleship can be fun - come find out how

23rd - 5:30 pm - Plank Chapel UMC - searching for spiritual disciplines - a scavenger hunt

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

YOU ARE INVITED

**VALENTINE STEAK DINNER**  
**FEBRUARY 8**  
**5:30 - 7:00 PM**  
**\$10.00 PER PLATE**

<b>STEAK</b>		<b>POTATO</b>
<b>SALAD</b>		<b>ROLL</b>
<b>DESSERT</b>		
<b>TEA, LEMONADE, WATER, COFFEE</b>		
<b>CAKE AUCTION TO FOLLOW FOR STOP HUNGER NOW</b>		

## IN HIS SERVICE

***February Ushers***

Freddie McGhee  
Ben Brown  
Bruce Newman  
Mac Wilson

***February Altar Guild***

Judy Wilson  
Laurie Miller

***Flowers***

2nd - Debra Newman  
9th - Jackie Brown  
16th - Jeanette McGhee  
23d - Kim Oettinger

***Lay Readers***

2nd - Jeanette McGhee  
9th - Taylor Abbott  
16th - Gwen Ritchey  
23rd - Mike Ranes

***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.

2nd - Bryant Bobbitt  
9th - Virgie Eaves  
16th - Susan Sears  
23rd - Freddie McGhee

***Nursery Workers***

2nd - Judy and Virgie Eaves  
9th - Judy Wilson and Laurie Miller  
16th - Kim and Laci Oettinger  
23rd - Roxie Kearney and Jessica Lassiter

***Outreach Team***

2nd - Faye Woodlief and Judy Wilson  
9th - John and Patricia Rogers  
16th - Joe Weaver and Henry Finch  
23rd - Mac Wilson and Richard Coghill




## UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

World Day of Prayer is on Friday, March 7th. The UMW will be hosting a worship event at 7:00 pm. Each year we gather with area churches to pray for the world. Each year a country is highlighted as our prayer focus. This year, the country is Egypt. Join us, pray with us, and enjoy the community fellowship as we discover what streams flow through the desert in Egypt.

At Annual Conference this year the UMW and others will be bringing School Kits. These kits will be serve the needs of children globally and locally as the shipments will be split between North Carolina and the world.

Directions for the School Kits will be in the back of the church by the sound system, or can be found on line at <http://new.gbgm-umc.org/umcor/getconnected/supplies/school-kit/>



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday		Saturday
26 8:30 am - Worship 10:00 am - Church School 11:00 am - Worship 5:30 pm - BASIC Youth	27 7:00 pm - Finance Cmte	28	29 5:30 p.m. - Faith and Fitness 7:00 p.m. - Choir Practice	30 1:30 p.m. - Keeping Holy Time Bible Study	31	1
2 8:30 am - Worship 10:00 am - Church School 11:00 am - Worship 3:00 pm - Education Cmte 5:30 pm - BASIC Youth	3 7:00 pm - Worship Cmte	4 7:00 p.m. Missions Team Mtg	5 10:00 a.m. - Four Seasons Cafe and Gift Shop 5:30 p.m. - Faith and Fitness 7:00 p.m. - Choir Practice	6 1:30 p.m. - Keeping Holy Time Bible Study	7	8  <b>Valentine Dinner Fundraiser</b>
9 8:30 am - Worship 10:00 am - Church School 11:00 am - Worship 3:00 pm - PPRC	10 7:00 p.m. - Men's Shelter Meal	11 5:30 pm - KLM Meeting Gillburg	12 5:30 p.m. - Faith and Fitness 7:00 p.m. - Choir Practice	13 1:30 p.m. - Keeping Holy Time Bible Study	14 7:00 pm - Men's Shelter Meal 	15
16 <i>Special Offering - Methodist Home for Children</i> 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	17 7:00 p.m. Nominations 	18	19 10:00 a.m. - Senior Circle 5:30 p.m. - Faith and Fitness 7:00 p.m. - Choir Practice	20 1:30 p.m. - Keeping Holy Time Bible Study	21	22 10:00 a.m. - Scriptural Way of the Cross Mtg - St Andrews
23 8:30 am - Worship 10:00 am - Church School 11:00 am - Worship 3:00 pm - Church Council 5:30 pm - BASIC Youth	24	25	26 5:30 p.m. - Faith and Fitness 7:00 p.m. - Choir Practice	27 1:30 p.m. - Keeping Holy Time Bible Study	28	