

Chapel Chatter

Compassionate Caregiving Seminar

90% of Americans will be a caregiver in their lifetime.

On Saturday, March 15, at 2:00 pm at Flat Rock United Methodist Church, 3280 Satterwhite Point Road, Judy Shotts will share how to care for loved ones with dementia, disability, illness, and end of life choices.

Judy Shotts is the past director of the Ruth Sheets (Adult) Day Care Center at Edenton Street United Methodist Church in Raleigh.



Welcome our new member, Margaret (Peggy) Hernandez. Peggy joined as a reaffirmation of faith.

Peggy and her family are part of our growing church family. Let us continue to open our doors wide and welcome in our neighbors.



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



GETTING IN TOUCH

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PASTOR'S REFLECTIONS

What are you giving in to for Lent? This is not the question you expected, but consider with me that very question.

Have you ever been asked are you ready to give in? Have you ever been in an argument and the only way out is to give in? Have you ever said, 'I finally gave in and ...'

Every day we give in to something, some pressure, some temptation, or some discipline. Think of all the things that we resist until we give in. It feels like we have waived the white flag and giving in becomes surrender. At the end of that surrender we feel defeated.

But is that true for every instance when we have finally given in? Sometimes what we resist is the very thing that will free us. God's will for our lives is

one of those instances. When we give in to the will of God and stop resisting we are free.

During these 40 days of Lent, I am asking you to try something new. Instead of fasting, let us reflect together on what it is we are *giving in to* that binds us and controls us rather than frees us.

We will engage in the spiritual discipline of Examen. It is taking time each day to examine the events and conversations of the day. It is an evening practice, before bed. It takes about 30 minutes. As you examine your day, look to what you *gave in to* that day and ask God to forgive you for giving in and to empower you to resist those pressures or temptations tomorrow. It is okay to ask the same forgiveness every day. Some of those pressures and

temptations are persistent. God is faithful and freedom will come, in God's time. Notice also when you gave in to God's will and offer your thanksgiving to God for those moments.

On each Sunday of Lent, change that practice to one of being still before God. Listen to what God is calling you to *give in to*, and allow the Holy Spirit to move in you. Give in to God on the Lord's Day.

As we gather of Easter Sunday to celebrate His resurrection, my prayer is that that celebration will be enlivened by the freedom we have received through His grace and our surrender.

Giving in to the practice of examen,

Pastor Carolyn

WITH DEEPEST GRATITUDE

The Hospitality Committee of Plank Chapel works hard to provide for the family members who have lost a loved one. We may sometimes forget they too are grieving that loss and serving out of love for the Lord and love for their friends. To each of you who serve **THANK YOU** for all you do to bring comfort and support.

Thank you for the shoes! Thanks to those who brought shoes for Zeb Vance School. Pat Edwards and Donald Rose McGhee delivered about 20 pair of tennis shoes to the PE teacher who was very thankful for the donation. Now some students can participate in PE that before could not because of lack of proper shoes. Also delivered the Valentine Treats for the teachers from the UMW.



Christ is counting on us to be the change!

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



The Holy Season of Lent begins on March 5th. We mark that beginning with a worship service where we remember that from dust we were formed and to dust we

will return. The sign of the cross is placed on our hand or our forehead from the ashes of the Palms we waved during Palm Sunday last year. Worship will begin at 7:00 pm Wednesday night, March 5th.

During Lent there will be a 5 week study on the Psalms. "In *Psalmist's Cry*, Walter Brueggemann explores the Psalms as scripts for lament. In this 5-week study, discover the fullness of God when we allow our lives to become about him healing us and not about us controlling or managing our way through life." This study will meet on Monday nights at 7:00 pm in the choir room. We begin with denial, then move to status quo, the third week is about breaking the silence, week four

leading into lament and week five "The Juice of Emancipation."

Also offered this Holy Lent will be three unique opportunities; World Day of Prayer Service on Friday, March 7th at 7:00 pm, Service of Prayer and Self Denial on March 30th, and the Stop Hunger Now Food packaging on April 5th.

Lent is a time when we fast or "give up" something. We are providing some lenten bags for an Easter offering that comes from your sacrifice over Lent. The Lenten offering will go to Community Partners of Hope.

Holy Week will begin with palms waving and a fellowship lunch with children searching for eggs. On Holy Thursday a meal and worship reminding us of Jesus and his disciples in the upper room, on Good Friday a Scriptural Way of the Cross worship experience, Saturday a blessing of the animals, and then come Easter morning we will be in worship as the sun rises. Join us for this holy time of preparation we call Lent.

MISSION NEWS

During the reporting for Rainbow Covenant a receipt for a December donation to the Robeson County Church and Community Center was located which turned Plank Chapel into a Rainbow Covenant Church, one of the top 5 Rainbow Covenant Churches in the Heritage District!

Thank you for being the hands and feet of Christ and empowering others with your offerings.

5th Sunday Mission Meals

March 30th - Stop Hunger Now Luncheon - This will be a covered dish luncheon on the Sunday we receive the donations for the Stop Hunger Now Food Packaging Event

**Special Offering
Sunday is March 30th.
UMCOR's One Great Hour of
Sharing.**

**April 26th - Angels Among
Us - 5 K walk/run supporting
Brain Tumor Research.**

We are forming a team in memory of Bill Brown. Registration for this is event is \$25. Please consider walking/running or joining us on the day yet to be determined as we walk/run in Bobbitt. Look for the sign up sheet in April.

The team of runners/walkers heading to Durham is seeking a team name to honor Bill, currently being consider is: "Bill's Rainbow Warriors."

Community in Prayer

For... Family of Marilove Spencer, Fred Beckham, Skeeter Pearce, Molly Ann Hundley, John Parks, Jackie Brown, Geneva Hawley, James Rowland, James Dean, Henry Brown, Charles Parsons Smith, Gerald Woodlief, Jane Owen, 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 - Matthew Denton
- 9th - Jasper Denton
- 16th - Chase Thompson
- 23rd - Austyn Abbott
- 30th - CT Thompson

March Schedule

- 2nd - 5:00 pm - Leaving Plank Chapel to go to the Heaven's Gate, Hell's Fire presentation
- 16th - 4:00 pm - meeting at Spring Valley UMC including planning out lock-in and SHN Food packaging
- 30th - Movie Night - attending God's Not Dead - location and time tbd

Youth serving on committees include:

- Church Council - Taylor Abbott
- Lay Leadership - Taylor Abbott
- PPRC - Jasper Denton
- Education - Taylor Shepardson/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.

Spring confirmation classes, will be offered on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of every month for 10 classes for youth wishing to attend. Class will go from 4:00 pm until 5:00 pm. The next opportunity will be this fall. Parents and youth be in prayer that the time is right to be confirmed. This is the time when your young person makes the choice to say yes to Jesus. Classes cover creeds, beliefs, an understanding of God, Father, Son, Holy Spirit, faith, and witness as well as United Methodist Church history, polity, and doctrine.

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



**Saturday
April 5
10:00 am
Goal
10,000 meals**

**Fundraising Goal
\$2,500
Currently Raised
\$1,005**

IN HIS SERVICE

March Ushers

Jasper Denton, Bobby Newman,
DJ Pegram, Ben Brown

March Altar Guild

Joyce Edwards, Kim Oettinger

Flowers

2nd - Kay Thompson
9th - Olivia Kemp
16th - Lois Woodlief
23rd - Ellen Allen
30th - Judy Wilson

Lay Readers

2nd - Taylor Shepardson
9th - Janet Bobbitt
16th - Chase Thompson
23rd - Beth Heaton
30th - United Methodist Women

Greeters

2nd - Bruce Newman
9th - Bobby Newman
16th - Joyce Edwards
23rd - Midge Smith
30th - Henry Finch

Nursery Workers

2nd - Judy Wilson and Laurie Miller
9th - Midge Smith and Lizzie Driver
16th - Joyce Edwards and Laci Oettinger
23rd - Judy Eaves and Arianna Fuller-Bell
30th - Roxie Kearney and Jessica Lassiter

Outreach Team

2nd - Debra and Bruce Newman
9th - Donald Rose McGhee and Pat Edwards
16th - Darlene Raney and Joyce Edwards
23rd - Faye Woodlief and Judy Wilson
30th - John and Patricia Rogers




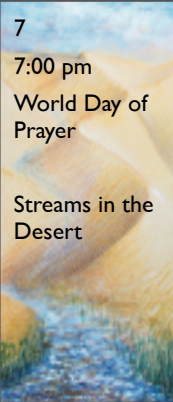
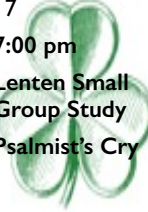
UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

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 and 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.

Call for Prayer and Self-Denial Service of our UMW will be on March 30th as the focus of our Song Service during the season of Lent.

Plank Chapel UMW meets on the 3rd Sunday of every month at 3:00 pm. Come and join these mission minded women and grow in your discipleship.

March

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
23 8:30 am - Worship 10:00 am - Church School 11:00 am - Worship 3:00 pm - Church Council	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	1
2 8:30 am - Worship 10:00 am - Church School 11:00 am - Worship 4:00 pm - VBS Education 5:00 pm - BASIC Youth Field Trip	3 	4	5 ASH WEDNESDAY 10:00 a.m. - Four Seasons Cafe and Gift Shop 5:30 p.m. - Faith and Fitness 7:00 p.m. - Ash Wednesday Service 7:30 pm Choir Practice B - Casey Rowland Mozingo	6 1:30 p.m. - Keeping Holy Time Bible Study	7 7:00 pm World Day of Prayer Streams in the Desert 	8
9 LENT BEGINS 8:30 am - Worship 10:00 am - Church School 11:00 am - Worship 4:00 pm - Confirmation	10 7:00 pm Lenten Small Group Study Psalmist's Cry	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	15 Compassionate Caregiving Seminar 2:00 pm Flat Rock UMC
16 No early worship 8:00 am - UMM 10:00 am - Church School 11:00 am - Worship 3:00 pm - UMW 4:00 pm - BASIC Youth	17 7:00 pm Lenten Small Group Study Psalmist's Cry 	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 7:00 pm - Kittrell Community Watch Community Bldg	21	22 10:00 a.m. - Scriptural Way of the Cross Mtg — Fuller's Chapel
23 8:30 am - Worship 10:00 am - Church School 11:00 am - Worship 2:00 pm - Outreach Cmte 4:00 pm - Confirmation	24 7:00 pm Lenten Small Group Study Psalmist's Cry	25 7:00 pm Missions Team Meeting	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	29
30 Covered Dish Mission Meal BASIC Youth to the Movies	31 7:00 pm Lenten Small Group Study Psalmist's Cry	1	2	3	4 BASIC Lock-in	5 