

Chapel Chatter

Easter is Coming!

Age levels invites you to a celebration lunch and egg hunt!

On Palm Sunday our children will enter worship waving palms reminding us of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem long ago. The triumphant entry and parade end without a coronation of a crown of thorns.

As we gather and remember that entry so long ago, we will also be preparing to join together in a Sunday dinner. Lunch in the Fellowship Hall will be a covered dish dinner. Age Levels and Family Committee will be buying the "stuffing" for the eggs. All we need to bring are our favorite Easter foods. The sign up sheet that will be in the entryway will give you ideas and help all of us decide what to cook and bring.

The youth of Plank Chapel will assist Age Levels in hiding the eggs so that the children can go

out and find these treats. We will have baskets and bags for children who do not bring their own.

Another Easter tradition that is part of our worship life is to take the cross from a place of death to one of new life and resurrection. We do this symbolically with the flowers we bring and cover the cross Easter morning. We can bring them with us for sunrise, eat our pancakes prepared by the UMM and then together adorn the cross, remembering it is upon one of these that Jesus died for us. If you miss sunrise, there will still be room for your flowers! To God be the glory! He is risen! He is risen indeed!



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

See BASIC Youth for youth schedule for the month



GETTING IN TOUCH

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PASTOR'S REFLECTIONS

In the month of March, I was humbled by the honor of accompanying the youth of our conference to Global Vision. We traveled to Washington DC where their seminar began on the topic of global poverty and sustainability.

I marveled at the questions these young people asked and their passion to make a difference in the world in the name of Jesus Christ.

Then on to New York City where in the midst of rushing to catch subways and finding our way in the wind and rain, we learned more of what it means to be poor and how the balance continues to shift so that the bulk of wealth is shared by



1% of the world and the numbers in poverty continue to rise.

The youth continued to seek answers and ways they can make a difference now. They learned

about a food pantry that works to maintain the humanity of those who come for food. They learned about ways to lobby and advocate for those without a voice. They continued well into the night in their survival group meetings to seek how they can be the hands and feet of Christ in the world.

On our last night together I asked my survival group to share what stood out the most for each

of them. One young woman said how she was excited about coming to New York City to shop and see a play and eat a Bubba Gumps, but what she did not expect was to find the seminars as thought provoking and meaningful as they became for her. Her take back was that she needed to be active in her community for change.

What I took away from my trip was two fold. I was renewed in spirit for God's Kingdom on earth because of the passion of these young people. Then what rose up within me upon my return was gratitude for God's church here in Bobbitt that continues to seek ways to nurture the children and youth of our community. Thank you Plank Chapel for loving God's children.

Pastor Carolyn

SUNDAY SCHOOL OPPORTUNITY - DARE TO DREAM

What is God's dream for you? Mike Slaughter's Dare to Dream: Creating a God-sized Mission Statement for Your Life will be offered during the Church School hour beginning on April 27th. This six-week study uses a multi-media approach as we discern together how to live out God's dream for our lives. This class is a combined youth and adult study. The class will meet at 10:00 am in the Music Room/Library. Pastor Carolyn will guide us through this study as we listen to Mike Slaughter as he draws on scripture to cultivate God's dream within us.

- Week One: Dreaming the Dream
- Week Two: Discovering Your Birthright
- Week Three: Your Burning Bush
- Week Four: Lose Your Big Buts
- Week Five: What is in Your Hand?
- Week Six: Perservance

While you dare to dream, your children can also be part of our church school we have classes for all ages. Willing Workers and Allen Bible will continue to meet during this time.



CHANGING THE WORLD THROUGH OUR SPARE CHANGE - YOUTH SERVICE FUND (#S-00082 LANE TWO RAINBOW COVENANT)

Youth Service Fund is a fund raised and used by the youth of the North Carolina Conference for service and mission for making disciples of Jesus Christ.

KEEPING BUSY WITH GOD

This June I will have been attending Plank Chapel for a year, and I never knew God had so many plans for me. Since I decided to reaffirm my faith with my Lord and Savior, He has been keeping me very busy. Glory to God.

God had placed on my heart to work with the Hispanic community and He has opened many doors and opportunities for me to be able to reach out to those families. I have been attending and helping with a Bible study in Spanish, which seems to be doing very well and helping many people. The main reason for me to wanting to help with this ministry was for my husband. He like many Latinos need that help in understanding God's word and what purpose God has in their lives, and I have seen a big change in him and how he is beginning to blossom and open to receive what God is trying to do in his life. It is so glorious to see God transform people's lives.

Also, on March 15, 2014, I began my Lay Missioner Training Called Discipulos Haciendo Discipulos or "Disciples Making Disciples" where we are learning how to better understand the Word of God and how to better reach out to the hispanic community. It is a very in depth study but it is also very

enjoyable and is already teaching me new things I didn't know before. I feel extremely grateful for the opportunity and experience.

I feel that all of us as Christians are meant to be called into some kind of ministry, to reach to our fellow brothers and sisters to spread the Good News of our Heavenly Father, that is what our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ desires us to do. But to find out just what "kind" of ministry God is leading us to we have to be willing to strengthen our relationship with God and to quiet ourselves to be able to listen to what He has to say.

Being able to serve my Heavenly Father and to serve others has been such a pleasurable experience for me and I never thought I would have found myself in such a wonderful position. I have been able to see and witness God's glory over and over again, what a blessing. So, my advice to you if you feel that urge, that pull from God to serve Him, don't be afraid of what to do next. Just quiet yourself in the Lord and ask Him to teach you, guide you and to open doors for you, because he will, I speak from experience. May God bless each and everyone of you.

Your Sister in Christ,
Natalie Gonzalez

Community in Prayer

For... Henry Brown, William Hendley, Molly Ann Hundley, Geneva Hawley, Ben Brown, Tilley Hughes, Fred Beckham, Skeeter Pearce, John Parks, Jackie Brown, James Rowland, James Dean, Charles Parsons Smith, Gerald Woodlief, Jane Owen, Faye Young

For...those facing medical procedures this month,
For...the lost and afraid,
For...our leaders, our teachers, our volunteers,
For...Plank Chapel

For...those grieving,
For...healing and reconciliation,
For...those without food, jobs and shelter,
For...Henderson, Vance County



BASIC YOUTH

Acolytes

- April 6 - Laci Oettinger
- April 13 - Makayla Beckham
- April 20 - Mizael Gonzalez
- April 27 - Taylor Shepardson

Youth

servicing 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 United Methodist Family Fun Days at Kings Dominion and Carowinds - \$31.99!!

April 12-20, April 26, May 3, 10, 17, 24, 25, 26, and 31 are designated as NC Conference United Methodist Family Fun Days at Kings Dominion and Carowinds theme parks. Tickets are available for United Methodists at the significantly discounted cost of ~~\$31.99~~ per person ages 3 and up for those dates. To order tickets for Kings Dominion, go to www.kingsdominion.com and enter promo code **NCMETHODIST** in the upper right-hand corner. To order Carowinds tickets, go to www.carowinds.com and enter promo code **NCMETHODIST** in the upper right-hand corner. For each ticket redeemed, a \$1 contribution is made to Youth Service Fund (YSF).

April Schedule

4-5th - 30 Hour Famine. Eat your lunch on Friday and then begin your fast. Arrive at Plank Chapel at 7:00 pm with sleeping gear and blankets. On Saturday at 10:00 am we pack meals for SHN! We end with communion and dinner at the Pegrams!

13th - Egg Hunt - come to worship and help hide the eggs

13th - BASIC Youth at Plank Chapel as we work on our Stations for Scriptural Way of the Cross - meeting time 4:00 pm

18th - 4:00 pm - meet at Crossroads Christian School as we set up for Stations of the Cross - event begins at 6:00 pm and runs through 8:00 pm

26th - running/walking in Angels Among Us

EASTER OPPORTUNITIES

April 13th - Palm Sunday Egg Hunt and Covered Dish Luncheon after worship

April 17th - 6:00 pm Holy Thursday Dinner and Communion. ***This is your invitation! Come! Jesus is the host!*** You are the invited guests to this Holy meal as we share a meal together and remember the last meal Jesus had with his beloved disciples. Bring nothing but your willingness to be His disciple. A meal will be served and we will end our meal at the Lord's table!

April 18th - 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm - Scriptural Way of the Cross. A living tableau of the journey of Jesus from the garden to the grave and beyond. Come to Crossroad Christian School and take the time to drive through the story. Move at your pace and let the story unfold.

April 19th - 11:00 am - Blessing of the Animals. God created all things great and small. We celebrate the gift of grace animals are in our lives.

April 20th - 6:15 am - Easter Sunrise Service in the Cemetery followed by pancake breakfast prepared by the United Methodist Men 11:00 am - Easter Service will include special choir music.

Remember to order your Easter Lilies by April 13th! He is risen! He is risen, indeed!

IN HIS SERVICE

April Ushers

Todd Wilson, Mac Wilson,
Thomas Beckham, Ben Brown

April Altar Guild

Laurie Miller and Judy Wilson

Flowers

6th - Bettie Jane Jones
13th - Judy Eaves and Family
20th - Easter Lilies
27th - Midge Smith

Lay Readers

6th - Donald Rose McGhee
13th - Pat Edwards
20th - Sally Coghill
27th - Peggy Hernandez

Greeters

6th - Mac and Judy Wilson
13th - Faye Woodlief
20th - Ryan Rowland
27th - Jamie Abbott

Nursery Workers

6th - Frances Roberts and Arianna Fuller-Bell
13th - Kim and Laci Oettinger
20th - Judy and Virgie Eaves
27th - Roxie Kearney and Lizzie Driver

Outreach Team

6th - Joe Weaver and Henry Finch
13th - Mac Wilson and Richard Coghill
20th - Debra and Bruce Newman
27th - Karin Driver and Carolyn Roy



MISSIONS OPPORTUNITY - ANGELS AMONG US

April is filled with mission opportunities, from packaging food for Stop Hunger Now to Walking for Brain Tumor Research. It is amazing how God is working through us changing our world.

Angels Among Us is a 5K Walk/Run we are participating in in memory of Bill Brown. Come out on the 12th at 9 am on John Rogers

Road and join our team. \$25.00 to register and it all goes to brain cancer research.

Funds raised through Angels Among Us are quickly delivered where they are needed most in the fight against brain cancer. Since 1994, \$14 million has been donated to The Preston Robert Tisch Brain Tumor Center at Duke from Angels Among Us.



Our United Methodist Women hosted the World Day

of Prayer in March. This gathering of men and women from sister churches to pray for the world has continued for decades. As we worshipped together we prayed for peace. This unit of UMW works to bring about change within the community, join them!



Streams in the Desert



APRIL



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 10:00 am - Church School 11:00 am - Worship 12:30 pm - Mission Meal 3:30 pm - BASIC Movie Matinee	31 7:00 pm - Lenten Study Psalmist Cry	1	2 10:00 am - 4 Seasons Cafe and Gift Shop 5:30 pm - Faith and Fitness 7:00 pm - Choir Practice	3 1:30 pm - Keeping Holy Time Bible Study	4 7:00 pm - 30 Hour Famine Lock-In	5 10:00 am - Stop Hunger Now Food Packaging
6 8:30 am - Early Worship 10:00 am - Church School 11:00 am - Worship	7 7:00 pm - Lenten Study Psalmist Cry	8	9 5:30 pm - Faith and Fitness 7:00 pm - Choir Practice	10 1:30 pm - Keeping Holy Time Bible Study	11 10:00 am - Blessing of the Bikes	12 9:00 am - Angels Among Us Walk - Bill's Rainbow Warriors
13 PALM SUNDAY 8:30 am - Early Worship 10:00 am - Church School 11:00 am - Worship 12:30 pm - Easter Egg Hunt and Luncheon 4:00 pm - BASIC UMYF	14	15	16 10:00 am - Senior Circle 5:30 pm - Faith and Fitness 7:00 pm - Choir Practice	17 1:30 pm - Keeping Holy Time Bible Study 6:30 pm - Holy Thursday Dinner and Worship	18 6:00 pm Scriptural Way of the Cross	19 11:00 am - Blessing of the Animals
EASTER 6:15 am - Sunrise Service 7:00 am - UMM Pancake Breakfast 10:00 am - Church School 11:00 am - Worship	21	22	23 5:30 pm - Faith and Fitness 7:00 pm - Choir Practice	24 1:30 pm - Keeping Holy Time Bible Study	25	26 8:00 am - Angels Among Us - Durham - 5K Walk/Run
27 8:30 am - Early Worship 10:00 am - Church School 11:00 am - Worship	28	29	30 5:30 pm - Faith and Fitness 7:00 pm - Choir Practice			