



# Chapel Chatter

## School Supplies and the blessing of the backpacks

*Offering our support to our children and schools through the gifts of school supplies and backpacks.*

Long gone are those lazy crazy days of summer many of us remember. Some of our children and youth are already in school. On August 17th we will receive an offering of school supplies for Zeb Vance Elementary and bless the children and youth heading off to school and those already attending.



Items to collect:  
Pens, pencils, erasers, 12 inch rulers, scissors, notebook paper, calculators, boxes of tissue, copier paper, crayons, washable markers, and other supplies you will find listed in the stores. You may even consider some backpacks, some children's gym shoes (sneakers), and hand sanitizers.

This year as we seek to support the children and staff at Zeb Vance, consider also giving of your time with volunteering. Volunteer to tutor, read to the children, read to a child, listen to a child read, or grade papers for the teachers.

### 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 am  
UMW - 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday 3:00 pm

See BASIC Youth for youth schedule for the month



### GETTING IN TOUCH

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PASTOR'S REFLECTIONS

It has been a summer filled with life giving activities. I have even wondered on some days when I would feel the slow summer pace I knew as a young child. When I stopped wondering, I found I was at peace with the pace, because I have been keeping pace with God's purpose in my life.

As I have been praying over the God sized purpose for Plank Chapel, I have found that I am listening differently. As I listen, I let go of my own preconceived ideas of our purpose and continue to hear God through the life of our community.

Here are a few places I hear God calling us to a purpose. I

hear it in the community of elderly gathered for social activities. I hear their need to be connected and cared for by their community. I hear it in the children eager to be youth so that they too can gather. Their parents echoing the need for children to come together in Christ. I hear it in youth eager to meet and have a place where they can be connected and youtube videos become a part of their growth in Christ.

When I visit with other pastors in our community I hear the need for a critical mass to do God's work in our community. When we gathered in July, we included some lay members of our

churches and again I heard how children need to know how valuable they are to God and to us. It is my prayer that when we meet in August we can find a way to make an impact in the community.

As we prepare all the "stuff" for Charge Conference we could get distracted and forget to prepare ourselves for God's purpose in our lives. September 14th, after worship we will meet as a church and dare to dream. God does not dream small! Remember - dreams also take planning and strategies and people to bring them into reality. Continue to pray! Praying with you,  
Pastor Carolyn

CHANGING THE WORLD THROUGH OUR SPARE CHANGE - COSTA RICA MISSION PROJECTS (#S-00256 LANE FOUR RAINBOW COVENANT)

SUSAN SEARS AND THE COSTA RICA MISSION PROJECT



On 28 Jun 14 I left RDU with 12 other individuals to go to San Isidro, Costa Rica.

When we arrived at San Jose, we were met by a team from Alabama. Together we had a 4 hour ride to our destination. When we arrived a young man gave us info about where we would be staying, a cabin with 11 sets of bunk beds. The cabin had just been completed and all were very proud that we had new accommodations. I refer to this property as a compound, because a concrete wall surrounds the entire acre of land. Our team was able to almost finish this wall by setting the concrete slabs using primitive block and tackle. This property is a small corner of what was a coffee, sugar cane plantation, and is located on a "downhill" slope. While there, we were able to almost finish the 2nd cabin, which will have another 11 bunk beds. We assisted by sifting sand, with hand held sifters, 2 ft x 2 ft. This sand was used for the concrete that was poured for the floor. We shellacked boards (precut) that would be used to make the bunk beds. We painted the outside and interior walls.

Our team also assisted in starting the clearing for what will be a child care center. We learned there is an epidemic of fatherless children. Mothers are being left by the fathers to go seek jobs in the US. The fathers meet other women and then do not return to Costa Rica.

We attended Sunday worship, part of which was in English. On Wed. evening we attended another church. This song service was in Spanish, however, several of the songs were songs we have recently sung in our early worship service here at Plank Chapel which helped me in worshipping with the local community.

When we left on Sat. morning, we left two workers from the Greenville area. They had signed on for two weeks, rather than a one week trip and waited for friends to come join them for another week and continue the work left by our team. They will be working on the Kitchen/Dining Hall. This is the 3rd building already started and should be completed by the end of the summer.

The goal for the use of this property is to have housing for young girls trying to finish their education and assist them in pursuing higher education. Assisting single mothers by providing child care so they are able to find employment and later have informative/continuing education classes at this compound.

CHURCH LEADERSHIP - LAY LEADER AND LAY MEMBER

Have you ever wondered why we have a **Lay Leader** in the congregation?

An effective Lay Leader functions as the primary representative of and role model for Christian discipleship and faith lived out in the church and in daily life for the people of a congregation. The Lay Leader works with the pastor to fulfill the mission and vision of the congregation. What does the Lay Leader do?

This leader represents the lay people in the congregation and is a role model of Christian discipleship for the congregation.

This leader examines ways the congregation as a whole and as individuals can be involved in caring ministries in the community. He or she works with the pastor and other leaders to launch or strengthen ministries that build discipleship and increase God’s presence of caring, justice and love in the world.

The Lay Leader makes plans with leaders in the congregation for celebrating the ministry of laypeople throughout the year, and especially on Laity Sunday.

The Lay Leader learns about the actions taken at annual conference and by the General Conference and shares this information with members of the congregation.

The Lay Leader meets regularly with the pastor to discuss the state of the church and the opportunities for ministry.

**Lay Member of Annual Conference** represents the congregation to the annual conference and interprets the work of the annual conference and the global United Methodist Church to the congregation. This person is especially interested in connecting the church of God with people who are not yet a part of it.

The Lay member of annual conference (and alternate, if elected) shall be a professing member of the congregation for at least 2 years and an active participant for at least 4 years preceding their election. This person shall report the actions of the annual conference to the congregation

within 3 months of the close of the annual conference session.

United Methodist Book of Discipline, ¶ 251.2

Become knowledgeable about the structure and ministries of the annual conference, the United Methodist Church, and the congregation.

Attend all sessions of annual conference or arrange for an alternate to be seated. During the conference session, the lay member will participate in discussions, debates, voting, and all other activities of annual conference.

Participate fully as a member of the local church charge conference, the church leadership team, the committee on finance, and the committee on pastor-parish relations.

These two key leadership roles provide bridges between the local worshipping community and the larger church. Together with the Pastor become a critical visioning and guiding force for God’s purpose to unfold through us into the community. <http://www.gbod.org/leadership-resources/church-leaders> (source)

**FISH FRY FRIDAY**

**AUGUST 1ST**

LUNCH OR DINNER  
OR BOTH

PLATES - \$7.00 IN ADVANCE

SEE A BASIC YOUTH  
FOR YOUR TICKETS

MENU: FISH, SLAW, POTATOES,  
HUSH PUPPIES, COOKIES

# BASIC YOUTH



**Acolytes**  
 3-Maykayla Beckham  
 10-Jasper Denton  
 17-Matthew Denton  
 24-Mizael Gonzalez  
 31-Laci Oettinger

### August Calendar:

Fish Fry Friday - August 1st - those who can, be there all day...those who cannot, be there when you can.  
 17th - 5:30 pm - Summer gathering and planning  
 23rd - Heritage District Youth Gathering at Camp Kerr Lake - bring back to school supplies for Robeson County - Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, swimming, boating, and worship. Time to be announced later

### Planning ahead:

September 7th - Confirmation Sunday School class begins. Arrive promptly at 10:00 a.m. in the music room. Class will continue for 10 weeks: September 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th; October 5th, 19th, 26th, November 2nd, 16th, and 23rd. There will be no class on October 12th or November 9th. If you have not been confirmed, see Pastor Carolyn for details on this important step of faith.

November and Pilgrimage are closer than we think. The "Skit Guys" will be our primary worship leaders. It is also time to consider giving a testimony or working on a skit to be performed at Pilgrimage. The deadline is early September.

There are many opportunities to serve God...where are you being called? Have you been taking time to pray and seek God this summer? Looking forward to the stories of where you are being led?

Challenge Question: What is the purpose and mission and vision of BASIC Youth? Looking forward to your answers.



Date: August 24, 2014  
 Time: 5pm (gates open at 4pm)  
 Cost: \$10 per person

Durham Bulls Athletic Park  
 Durham Bulls vs. Gwinnett Braves



Visit the Corridor District Website to reserve your seats!  
<http://corridordistrictnc.org/>



\$10 gets you a seat and \$5 for concession!  
 Reserve your seats today!!

Questions?  
 Contact the District Office:  
 919-779-9435  
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Seeking adults to be mentors and sponsors for our confirmants. Walk beside these young people as they profess their faith! Together we can grow the body of Christ!



IN HIS SERVICE

**August Usher**

Freddie McGhee, Jamie Abbott,  
Henry Finch, Ben Brown

**August Altar Guild**

Pat Edwards  
Donald Rose McGhee

**Flowers**

3 - Lora Young  
10 - Faye Woodlief  
17 - Natalie Gonzalez  
24 - Worship Cmte  
31 - Karin & Katherine Driver

**Lay Readers**

3 - Donald Rose McGhee  
10 - Pat Edwards  
17 - Sally Coghill  
24 - Patricia Rogers  
31 - Various

**Greeters**

3 - Austyn Abbott  
10 - Chase Thompson  
17 - Darlene Ranes  
24 - Bob and Olivia Kemp  
31 - Freddie & Kim Oettinger

**Nursery Workers**

3 - Kim and Laci Oettinger  
10 - Judy and Virgie Eaves  
17 - Midge Smith and Lizzie Driver  
24 - Roxie Kearney and Jessica Lassiter  
31 - Judy Wilson and Laurie Miller

**Outreach Team**

3 - Karin Driver and Carolyn Roy  
10 - Darlene Ranes and Joyce Edwards  
17 - Faye Woodlief and Judy Wilson  
24 - John and Patricia Edwards  
31 - Joe Weaver and Henry Finch



**Trustee Building Matters:** Please remember to turn off lights, take out the trash, and lock the doors when leaving. Please include a walk through of the building just in case a room was used and missed in clean up.

During worship adults are to accompany children (which include our youth) to the Education Building.

Ladies Bathroom concern: Please be respectful of our less mobile adults. Those who are able, please use the smaller of the two stalls.

Community in Prayer

For... Bryce Newman, Frances Fuller, Molly Ann Hundley, Geneva Hawley, Stephen Bowers, Fred Beckham, Skeeter Pearce, James Rowland, Charles Parsons Smith, Gerald Woodlief, Jane Owen

For...those grieving,	For...healing and reconciliation,
For...those facing medical procedures this month,	For...the lost and afraid,
For...those without food, jobs and shelter,	For...Henderson, Vance County
For...our leaders, our teachers, our volunteers,	For...Our children and youth
For...Children and youth starting school	For...Plank Chapel

Sunday  
Worship Opportunities  
8:30 am  
11:00 am



Church  
School  
10:00 am  
Sundays

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			30 5:30 p.m. - Faith and Fitness 7:00 p.m. - Choir Practice	31 1:30 p.m. - Keeping Holy Time Bible Study	1 	2
3 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Baby Shower for the Pegram Family	4	5	6 10:00 a.m. - 4 Seasons Cafe and Gift Shop 5:30 p.m. - Faith and Fitness	7 1:30 p.m. - Keeping Holy Time Bible Study	8	9
10 3:00 p.m. - PPRC Meeting	11	12	13 5:30 p.m. - Faith and Fitness	14 1:30 p.m. - Keeping Holy Time Bible Study	15	16
17 8:00 a.m. - UMM <b>Blessing of the Backpacks</b> <b>School Supply Sunday</b> 3:00 p.m. - Nominations and Leadership Meeting 5:30 p.m. - Basic Youth	18	19	20 10:00 a.m. - Senior Circle 5:30 p.m. - Faith and Fitness	21 1:30 p.m. - Keeping Holy Time Bible Study	22	23 Heritage District Youth Event - Camp Kerr Lake
24 3:00 p.m. - Cooperative Ministry Meeting @ Cokesbury 5:00 p.m. - Heritage and Corridor Districts Durham Bulls Game	25 7:00 p.m. - Missions Team Meeting	26	27 5:30 p.m. - Faith and Fitness 7:00 p.m. - Choir Practice	28 1:30 p.m. - Keeping Holy Time Bible Study	29	30
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