

CHAPEL CHATTER



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.

Praise God from whom All Blessings Flow

In September we praised God for the blessing of our elders. What I have learned at Plank Chapel is that age has nothing to do with vitality. As I walked around the room and cleared plates, I realized how we are blessed by God through the gift of our "seniors." The younger adults and their children provided soup and sandwiches as well as some very delicious desserts. The conversations around the table were sprinkled with laughter. We are truly blessed with the wisdom, vitality, service, and leadership that come from our church elders.



That day was barely behind us when Senior Circle met and celebrated Kay House's birthday. This matriarch of our church loves the Lord with all her heart and all her strength. On the third Wednesday of the month she carries in



old suitcases filled with decorations and door prizes for the enjoyment of the group. Each month has a particular theme that is carried out in every aspect including the chips that we use to win the door prizes. The blessings of this community are generously poured out through the gift of food, the gift of time, and the gift of love. The programs range from information important to an aging population to



the celebration of grandchildren's gifts of music, or dance. We are truly blessed at Plank Chapel to have this group meet in our Fellowship Hall. The stories they have of their lives and their faith are rich and full. This ministry continues even as Kay House and others age out of their leadership roles because others are stepping up and stepping into see that those who are grateful for the gift of gathering as community have a place to gather,

food to eat, and love to share. If you haven't been to Senior Circle, you just might be missing a blessing.

As we turn to October we will be celebrating World Communion Sunday. On the first Sunday in October we gather in worship and join in the worldwide community of Christians at the Lord's Table. When I think of all the communion tables from which I have received the bread and the cup, I am grateful for the words that connect all those tables with the one at Plank Chapel, the prayer we know as the Great Thanksgiving.

The youth of our church will go from this table to another gathering that connects them to the other United Methodist youth in our area. I am reminded of the song that is sung at Senior Circle, "Will the Circle be Unbroken" as I see the circle continually growing and hands reaching out to bring others into the circle of God's love and reconciliation.

October is also the month that we consider our pledge to the Lord. I think of how faithful is our God who loves us unconditionally. Whether we pledge or give, God's blessings flow. I am asking us to prayerfully consider how we will honor that unconditional love of God through our giving. The discipline of pledging our offering keeps before us the covenant we made with God through our baptismal vows and in our confirmation. God blesses the world through God's church. Without our support through our tithes and offerings, our talents and gifts, our service and witness, the church cannot continue. What would it be like if Plank Chapel United Methodist Church closed its doors? Where would the elders who gather here go for community and companionship? What would it be like not to hear the bells ring out the hour and play our hymns? God's plans for us are always more than we can imagine. God does not desire for us to live in scarcity but abundance. So that God's abundant blessings may flow through us, consider challenging your giving this year by pledging your gifts.

Praying with you,
Pastor Carolyn



**October 25th
12:15 pm until...**

**Walking cakes, hot dogs, cider,
games, prizes, and surprises! Sign up today as we gather and
celebrate together the gift of the fall season and the fellowship of
brothers and sisters in Christ!**



BASIC UMYF

Our October schedule has us on the move with exciting opportunities for

fellowship and discipleship.

October 4 - 4:00 pm meet at **Rehoboth UMC** for BASIC - working on Pilgrimage Banner and information sharing

Address: 2975 Old Watkins Road, Henderson, NC 27537 (252) 438-6345.

From there we travel to

**Youth CONNEXION
Sunday, October 4, 5PM
VGCC Auditorium
congregations and people
connected by our common love of
Christ and commitment to the
church. This month, we will
connect as youth in the**

Henderson area for fun, food, fellowship, music, and worship

October 18 - 5:30 pm meet at **Plank Chapel UMC** to finalize Pilgrimage plans over Pizza and from there travel to a **destination unknown**....fire, hay, and marshmallows may be involved

November 1 - 4:00 pm meet at **Spring Valley UMC** for Youth Council and BASIC UMYF. Those who will be attending Pilgrimage are expected to attend this meeting as details for our trip and permissions slips will be available.

If you are planning on attending PILGRIMAGE, we need to know by October 18! Our reservations for Camp Dixie have been confirmed! This year we will have a new banner with a new design to reflect how we are truly Brothers and Sisters in Christ!

Community in Prayer

For... Karen Driver, JP and Jean Bowden, Brandi Dickerson, Alice Finch, Hilma Smith, David Driver, Faye Young, Frances Fuller, Bryson Jackson, James Rowland, Stephen Bowers, Geneva Hawley, Jane Owen, Gerald Woodlief

For...healing and reconciliation For...those facing medical procedures For...those grieving
For...those without food, jobs and shelter For...the lost and afraid For...Henderson, Vance County
For...Plank Chapel, our leaders, our teachers, our volunteers, our children, our youth, our aging
For...Our military, families, and veterans For...all in harms way For...peace in our nation
For...peace in the world

Faith and Fitness - A Place to Gain Strength

Wednesday nights the Fellowship Hall is filled with laughter and the sounds of contemporary Christian music as Leo Roy puts his students through a 12 station circuit court. He adapts each station based on the fitness of his student. Join us, laugh with us, get fit with us.



Plank Chapel United Methodist Women

meet on the 3rd Sunday of every month at 3:00 pm. They are a group of women with a heart for mission and a love for their Lord.

IN MISSION WITH

Local Mission Opportunities

Ruin Creek Animal Rescue Needs:

nonclumping cat litter, blankets, towels, puppy pads, and volunteers. The Shelter is open 8:30-4 most weekdays. Funding for veterinarian visits for abandoned animals in need of care is always needed.

Greater Ransom Way of the Cross Temple Food Pantry:

Open 1st and 3rd Saturdays from 10 am - 12 pm. Volunteers serve from 8 am - 12 pm.

ACTS: Open daily, serving mid day meal as well as a having a food pantry available

Cokesbury UMC Food Pantry:

Open 1st and 3rd Wednesday.

Community Partners of Hope:

They will soon be gearing up for the winter shelter months of November through March. They are always looking for volunteers to serve as supervisors and for volunteers to prepare meals. Last year we prepared meals once a month for all 5 months.

World Mission Opportunities:

Youth Trip to Haiti

There will be an interest meeting on Thursday, October 1st at 6:30 pm at the Bojangles in Louisburg, regarding an international mission trip tentative for the summer of 2016. Butch Huffman will be talking to us about all the specifics of having a trip. If we have enough interest, we will plan the trip but we need to know soon how many are really interested so we can work with Butch, using his expertise, to begin making plans. One thing to think about before the meeting, if you are interested in going, would you rather go to Jamaica or Haiti. Hope to see you on the 1st.



**BBQ is coming...
November 6...**

Need tickets?
See John Abbott
Baking cakes?
Sign up at church

Imagine No Malaria

We have not yet met the goal of \$1,000,000.00 for Imagine No Malaria. One net that saves one life costs \$10.00. Consider giving \$10.00 for that one life.



Change to Change the World - October's bucket money goes to Susan G. Komen® North Carolina Triangle to the Coast

The Susan G. Komen® Promise:

To save lives and end breast cancer forever by empowering people, ensuring quality care for all and energizing science to find the cures.

IN HIS SERVICE

October Ushers

John Rogers, Ryan Rowland
Bruce Newman, Ben Brown

Flowers

4 - World Communion
11 - Martha Rowland
18 - Janet Bobbitt and Frances Fuller
25 - Christine Spencer

Greeters

4 - Mac and Judy Wilson
11 - Joyce Edwards
18 - Henry Finch
25 - Ryan Rowland

Acolytes

4 - Taylor Shepardson
11 - Makayla Beckham
18 - Jasper Denton
25 - Matthew Denton

God has called you. He will not fail you.

October Altar Guild

Jeannette and Joe Weaver

Lay Readers

4 - Gwen Ritchey - *Psalm 26*
11 - Hannah Pegram - *Hebrews 4:12-16*
18 - Mike Ranes - *Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35c*
25 - Taylor Shepardson - *Psalm 34:1-8, 19-22*

Nursery Workers

4 - Kim and Laci Oettinger
11 - Lora Young and Midge Smith
18 - Judy Eaves and Joyce Edwards
25 - Roxie Kearney and Lizzie Driver

Outreach Team

4 - Mac Wilson and Richard Coghill
11 - Debra and Bruce Newman
18 - Karin Driver and Carolyn Roy
25 - Darlene Ranes and Joyce Edwards

World Communion Sunday Special Offering
One of six church wide Special Sundays with offerings of The United Methodist Church, [World Communion Sunday](#) calls the church to reach out to all people and model diversity among God's children. The special offering provides World Communion Scholarships, the Ethnic Scholarship Program and the Ethnic In-Service Training Program. When you give generously on World Communion Sunday, you equip gifted, qualified students from around the globe to become the world changers God created them to be.

Sing and make music from your hearts to the Lord. Ephesians 5:19

Choir practice is every Wednesday night at 6:30 pm.

Join in the fun as we sing to the Lord and lead the congregation in worship. New voices are always welcome.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:30 AM Early Worship 10:00 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship 3:00 PM Inward Formation Team 4:00 PM Outward Witness 7:00 PM Faith and Fitness 	28 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7:00 PM Church Council 	29	30 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5:30 PM Faith and Fitness 6:30 PM Choir Practice 	1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1:30 PM Keeping Holy Time Bible Study 	2	3
4 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:30 AM Early Worship 10:00 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship 4:00 PM Youth Council 4:30 PM BASIC YOUTH 5:00 PM Youth Connection-Subdistrict Youth Event 	5	6	7 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:00 AM 4 Seasons Cafe and Gift Shop 5:30 PM Faith and Fitness 6:30 PM Choir Practice 	8	9	10
11 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:00 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship 	12 	13	14 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5:30 PM Faith and Fitness 6:30 PM Choir Practice 	15	16	17
18 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00 AM UMM 10:00 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship 3:00 PM UMW 5:30 PM BASIC UMYF 	19	20	21 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:00 AM Senior Circle 5:30 PM Faith and Fitness 6:30 PM Choir Practice 	22 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1:30 PM Keeping Holy Time Bible Study 	23	24
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