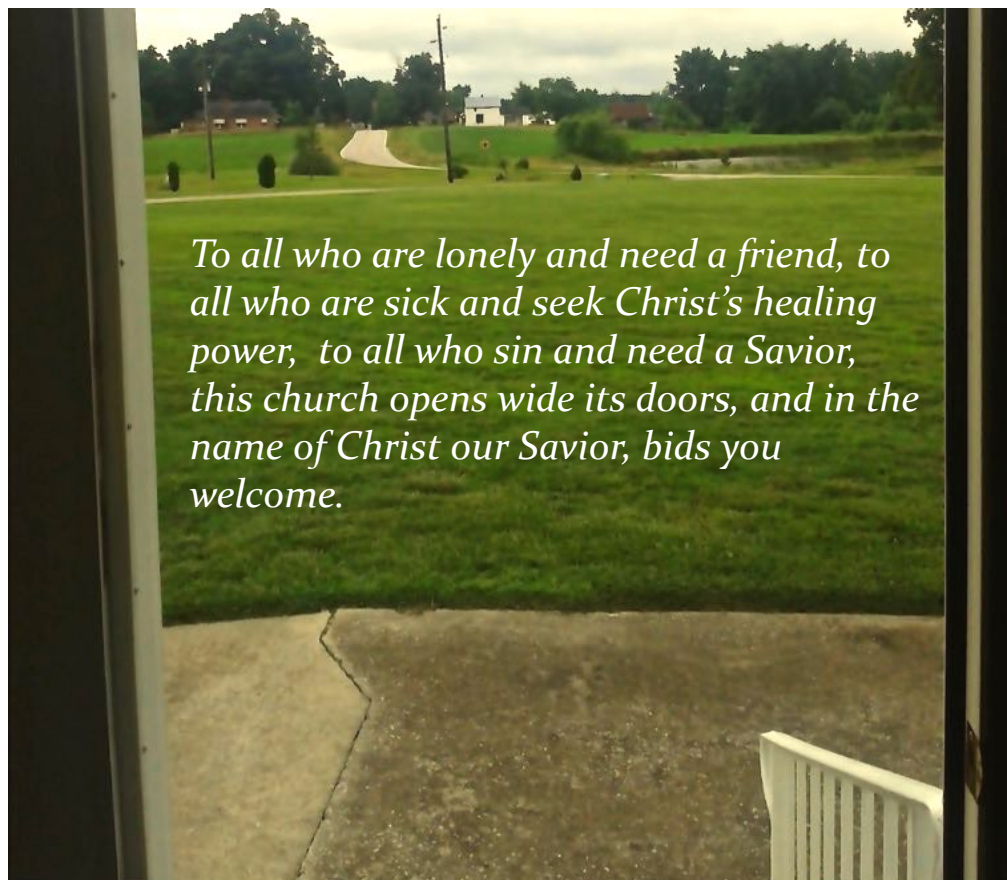

CHAPEL CHATTER

Wide open doors...wide open hearts!



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.

In 2014 the people of Plank Chapel opened their hearts wide indeed! As we enter into 2015, let us take a few moments to see where we have been about God's work in the world, God with us, in us, and through us.

We opened our hearts as we fed the hungry through Stop Hunger Now Food Packaging, supplying Food Pantry Items for both ACTS and Cokesbury UMC, and providing meals for the men at the homeless shelter in Henderson. We opened our hearts to those who suffer from brain tumors as we walked and ran for Angels Among Us. The wounded warrior veterans and their families received blessings from gifts that came from our hearts to theirs. Hands have been busy knitting scarves, hats, and prayer blankets for those in need. Throughout the year we have opened our hearts to the staff and children of Zeb Vance Elementary School with supplies for the classrooms. The United Methodist Women continue to remind the teachers that they are prayed for with special gift bags throughout the school year.

We opened our doors to children through our connectional Vacation Bible School with Spring Valley and Mount Carmel. The United Methodist Women also opened our doors to sister churches for the World Day of Prayer held last March. Our doors have been opened for the aging in our community through Senior Circle and Four Seasons Cafe and Gift Shop. We have opened them again for those seeking to increase not only their faith but their fitness by offering both a Wednesday night circuit course, and a Sunday evening yoga class.

We served the children of Vance County through Kerr Lake Ministries Day Camp with volunteers of all ages. We shared the story of the crucifixion and resurrection in the Scriptural Way of the Cross partnering with nine sister churches. In our missional giving we have supported Gary Locklear (a North Carolina Missionary), Imagine No Malaria, Red Bird Mission, Youth Service Fund, the Costa Rican Missionary Project, the ALS Ice Bucket Challenge, Community Partners of Hope (the men's shelter), the Methodist Children's Home, United Methodist Retirement Homes, as well as our apportioned missional giving and the special giving Sundays. We sent one from us, Susan Sears, to Costa Rica and then to Red Bird Missions. Two amongst us have heard a call to go further in ministry: Karin Driver as a Deaconess and Natalie Gonzalez into parish ministry.

We offered our hands and feet through the work of our United Methodist Men clearing yards, home repairs, and providing ramps. Four Seasons Cafe and Gift Shop opened their hearts to the shut-ins in our community and the residents of Coventry House Inn with Easter and Christmas gifts. They reached further out to wounded warriors and made lap blankets with a simple square knot.

“Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.”

In 2014 other acts of mercy and justice were offered that were not shared publicly. These silent angels have ministered to those unable to leave their homes, to those in financial difficulties, to those in emotional and spiritual despair. These disciples of Christ have made calls, visited, and run errands because of their love for God and their neighbor. Adults have modeled good Christian values to our children and youth, supporting their growth in Christ. This support has led to confirmations of faith and active leadership by our youth in our church.

-JESUS CHRIST My prayer for 2015 is that we continue to open our hearts and doors wide and with great joy meet the need that is before us. I cannot wait to see how God will use us in 2015! Pastor Carolyn

Remember Leo and I are opening our doors wide on January 1st from 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm



World Day of Prayer



2015

Missions

In 2015 the Missions Team will be offering monthly Change Bucket Missional Giving. In the month of January our focus will be on Ruin Creek Animal Rescue. The volunteers load up animals every Friday night. Consider bringing these volunteers some doughnuts/coffee. The Vance County Shelter and the Rescue Group can always use some nonclumping cat litter, blankets, towels, puppy pads, and volunteers. The Shelter is open 8:30-4 most weekdays.

We will be providing meals for the Men's homeless shelter on the 4th Tuesday of every month it is open. If you want to serve but 4th Tuesdays do not work for you, there are other opportunities contact Jane King, calendar coordinator (252) 432-9494 or cpofhope@gmail.com. She is always looking for volunteer supervisors. Website: www.cp-hope.org

United Methodist Women

In January, the UMW will lead in our worship our "Call to Prayer and Self Denial" as we head towards Lent. These women work within the church and outside the church for mission. Their normal meeting time is 3rd Sundays at 3:00 pm

BASIC YOUTH

Our youth meet on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of every month. We are a connectional group with youth from other UM churches in our area. Youth council meets on 1st Sunday at 4 pm and then at 4:30 the joint meeting begins. We plan fundraisers, mission opportunities, have lock-ins, and attend conference and district youth events. This powerful group of youth and volunteers continue to grow as disciples and challenge the adults to be better disciples as well. Look to see them in mission in 2015.



Heritage District Youth
February 14th
North Carolina
Wesleyan College

Fundraising Goal: \$800

United Methodist Men

These community minded men meet the 3rd Sunday of every month at 8:00 a.m. for a hearty breakfast while discussing missional opportunities. Through their annual BBQ they raise funds for local missions, scholarships for our youth for school and other functions, improvements to the church, and missions beyond our shores. They also provide hands and feet to neighbors in need of labor and repairs.

Education

In 2015 the Education Committee will be seeking small group studies for us to grow in discipleship. The Lenten study is “Renegade Gospel: The Rebel Jesus” by Mike Slaughter. Join us in March.

On the 24th of May we are planning a movie night on the lawn of Plank Chapel. We will be watching “John Wesley.” Join us on Aldersgate Night under the stars.

Also this spring the Education Committee will look at another confirmation class. We will look at teaching options that allow our youth to come to accept Christ.

VBS planning will begin soon! How will you serve?

Finance

One of our baptismal vows is our treasure. In 2014 your generosity towards mission giving and the budget allowed God’s blessings to flow through us into the community and the world. Thank you for a generous 2014! Our budget for 2015 is: \$101,088.26. Have you pledged to help meet that budget? If not, see Judy Wilson.

Imagine what God can do through us if we dare to dream and give towards that dream God has for Plank Chapel? Nothing is impossible with God!

The counting committee is grateful for your care in your giving as you fill out the envelopes and place your unfolded giving within.

Worship

Early worship is at 8:30 most Sunday mornings (3rd Sundays when UMM meet we do not have early worship). This worship is not traditional in format and meets in the Fellowship Hall of the Education Wing.

There are places we all can serve in worship: lay reader, communion server, choir, bells, greeter, usher, altar designer, special music, special art, dance, drama, or testimony. In 2015 we dare to dream that our worship will bring God glory and transform our lives.

Faith and Fitness

Come out in 2015 and care for the body God gave you! Together we can be fit for the fight for God’s reign.

Conference Youth Events Schedule for 2015

Global Vision - “Peacekeeping at Home and Abroad” March 10-15 (Grades 10-12) \$550 Deadline: February 17th

Kalediscope - “Not Ashamed” April 17-19 at Camp DonLee (Middle School Only) \$95 Deadline: April 3rd

Breakaway - “Fearlessly Faithful” June 14-20 at Louisburg College \$225

Appalachian Trail Hike - “Endurance” July 6-11 \$150 Deadline: June 22nd

ACS - “God’s Declassified Life Survival Guide” July 13-18 at Methodist University (High School) \$250 Deadline: June 29th

Pilgrimage - “Have no Fear for God is Alive: November 13-15 at Crown Coliseum in Fayetteville \$25-\$30

IN HIS SERVICE

January Ushers

Freddie McGhee, Ben Brown
Matthew Denton, Taylor Abbott

January Altar Guild

Darlene Ranes
Mike Ranes

Flowers

4th - Epiphany Sunday
11th - Patricia Rogers
18th - Gwen Ritchey
25th - Kathy Rowland



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.

4th - Mac and Judy Wilson
11th - Kim and Freddie Oettinger
18th - Darlene Ranes
25th - John Rogers

Acolytes

4th - Jasper Denton
11th - Makayla Beckham
18th - Austyn Abbott
25th - Taylor Shepardson

Lay Readers

4th - Darlene Ranes - *Isaiah 60:1-6*
11th - Tim Smith - *Mark 1:4-11*
18th - Karin Driver - *1 Cor 6:12-20*
25th - Lorraine Abbott - *1 Cor 7:29-31*

Nursery Workers

4th - Roxie Kearney and Lizzie Driver
11th - Midge Smith and Laci Oettinger
18th - Judy Wilson and Laurie Miller
25th - Judy Eaves and Arianna Fuller Bell



Outreach Team

4th - Darlene Ranes and Joyce Edwards
11th - Faye Woodlief and Judy Wilson
18th - John and Patricia Rogers
25th - Henry Finch and Joe Weaver

Community in Prayer

For...Gwen Ritchey, Rev. Bruce Cayton, Marjorie Roy, Frances Fuller, 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
For...the lost and afraid	For...Henderson, Vance County	For...those without food, jobs and shelter
For...Plank Chapel	For...Our children and youth	For...our aging and shut ins
For...our leaders, our teachers, our volunteers		For...Our military, families, and veterans
For...all in harms way	For...peace in our nation	For...peace in the world



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 08:30 Early Worship ■ 10:00 Sunday School ■ 11:00 Worship ■ 19:00 Faith and Fitness 	29	30	31 New Year's Eve ■ 19:00 Watchnight Service 	1 New Year's Day ■ 15:00 Open House 	2	3
4 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 08:30 Early Worship ■ 10:00 Sunday School ■ 11:00 Worship ■ 16:00 Youth Council ■ 16:30 BASIC YOUTH ■ 19:00 Faith and Fitness 	5	6	7 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 10:00 4 Seasons Cafe and Gift Shop ■ 17:30 Faith and Fitness ■ 18:30 Choir Practice 	8 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 13:30 Keeping Holy Time Bible Study 	9	10
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25 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 08:30 Early Worship ■ 10:00 Sunday School ■ 11:00 Worship ■ 19:00 Faith and Fitness 	26	27 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 18:00 Men's Shelter Meals 	28 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 17:30 Faith and Fitness ■ 18:30 Choir Practice 	29 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 13:30 Keeping Holy Time Bible Study 	30	31