

# 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.*

## Rebuild, Restore, Renew

In Isaiah 61 the prophet speaks of rebuilding, restoring, and renewing. As I reflect on the words of Isaiah, it is as if he were here now in this time asking us to rebuild, restore, and renew the community in which we live and serve. Mike Slaughter, in our Lenten study, Renegade Gospel, suggests that God did his best work in a cemetery, the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Vance County is not a cemetery but it is in need of restoration, of renewal, of rebuilding. I have been meeting with a group of United Methodist Pastors in Vance County and the Holy Spirit continues to move in this group as

we ask how can we participate in God's rebuilding, restoring, and renewing of this place. We lamented that the best and the brightest seek their way elsewhere because they see this place, Vance County as a cemetery. It is to places such as this that Jesus went, that the disciples went, that Paul went, that John Wesley went, and that we are called to go, or stay and serve. There is much to rebuild in our communities. Homes are vacant and deteriorating if not looted for whatever valuables thieves can scavenge. There is much to restore in our communities. The opportunities for meaningful work continue to go elsewhere and businesses close and downtown Henderson has more boarded up storefronts than active stores. We need a spiritual renewal in our community. Hearts are troubled by the crime rates, the teen pregnancy rate, the public school report card, and the homelessness of men, women, and children. We wonder if God has forgotten this place. The answer is no He has not. The more appropriate question would be, "Have we forgotten our baptismal vows?"



*They will rebuild the ancient ruins; they will restore formerly deserted places; they will renew ruined cities, places deserted in generations past. (Isaiah 61:4 CEB)*



Lenten snow

Lent is a time for us to reflect on our lives of faith. Do we live for Jesus? Are we comfortable in our faith or challenged by the Gospel? Do we consider how God is calling us into His work in the world here in this place? How can we be His construction workers in His rebuilding project? How can we be His artist restoring His masterpiece? How can we be renewal agents? Are we being renewed?

I have given more questions than answers. Yet as I write this March message to you I am thinking about Duck UMC. They opened their doors to the broken. In this midst of that ministry violence happened and a person died. Some might conclude this is why we do not open our doors to the broken. Others might conclude this is the very reason we need to open our doors. The broken are all around us, in our pews, in our streets, even in our homes. If we do not bring the world the message of salvation, the world will bring to us the message of death. Jesus Christ died so that death's sting would no longer inflict pain on God's children. We have a Gospel message of hope and love to share with the world, with this community. In our collective worshipping bodies around this county we have the gifts, the talents, the skills, the expertise, the financial power to bring about a renewal. We can rebuild. We can restore. All of us have a part to play.

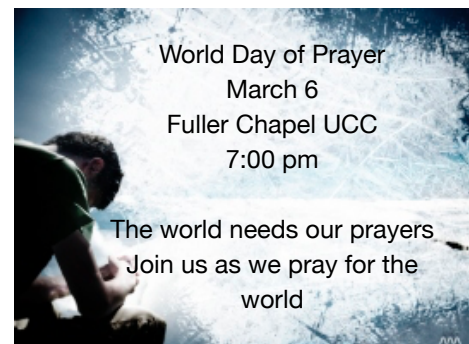
Revival is coming. The movement of God's Holy Spirit will not be stopped. I have felt it in meetings with pastors. I have felt it in the midst of worship on Sunday mornings. I have experienced the warmth of the spirit in our Wednesday morning gatherings. I have been overwhelmed by the power of the Lord in our missional giving. Do not fear, God is with us. We will not do this alone. As I stood in another pulpit and preached God's word, I was uplifted by the knowledge that across our county in various pulpits the same word was being preached. We are part of the Methodist movement and it is moving into Vance County.

On Sunday, March 15, Bishop Hope Morgan Ward will bring God's word to us in worship. It is my prayer that as we worship together the bonds of our connection to one another and to God will grow stronger and move us into a Kingdom future.

Jesus spoke in the synagogue these words (Luke 4:18-19), "The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is on me, because the Lord has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners." He was quoting Isaiah (61:1). He is sending us as well. We will not go alone, Christ will be with us! We will see him in our brothers and sisters in Christ working beside us in this ministry. We will see Him in the captives, the brokenhearted, the poor.

Shall we all be a little rebellious?

Pastor Carolyn





**Bill's Rainbow Warriors** will once again be walking or running the Angels Among Us 5K on April 25th in Durham. This event is a fundraiser for brain tumor research. Registration is \$30 (\$15 is for the race and \$15 goes towards research.) Sign up today - Angels Among Us "Bill's Rainbow Warriors."

Local Walk/Run still to be scheduled and where we want to send the funds - options  
 Hospitality Committee  
 Zeb Vance Elementary School  
 Playground Fund  
 Another Cancer fund  
 If you have an idea - come to the church council meeting  
 Monday, March 2nd at 7:00 pm

Faith and Fitness is fun!  
 Wednesdays 5:30 pm  
 and Sundays 7:00 pm  
 (Yoga)



I cannot believe I gave him the camera

teaches better than he takes pictures

# IN MISSION

## Local Mission Opportunities

### City Road UMC - Tutoring Program "Learning Together - Aprendiendo Juntos"

February - May:

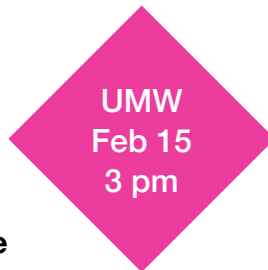
Reading and Math tutors needed!!!!

Hours - 9-12 on Saturdays

Breakfast served

Lunch served

Financial or food  
donations welcome



### 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.

**Community Partners of Hope:** On Tuesday March 24 we will be providing the meal for 12. The menu for March is:

Meatloaf

Creamed Potatoes

Green Beans

Rolls/Bread

Dessert

1 gallon of milk

1 gallon of tea.



**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.

**Cokesbury UMC Food Pantry:** Open 1st and 3rd Wednesday.

We collect food for both these food pantries on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month. Please check your labels before donating food for their expiration date. We will not be taking expired food.

**ACTS:** Food Pantry and Soup Kitchen has suffered water damage from pipes and is in great need. Your donations will be a welcome relief

## Missions beyond the local community

Pastor Carolyn has applications for those who would like to go on mission trips. Rev. Dalma Cribb is the mission coordinator. The first trip is to Beverly, Kentucky in the Red Bird Conference. This trip will be September 20-26, 2015. The cost is \$400.

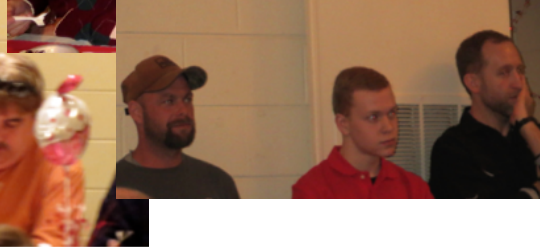
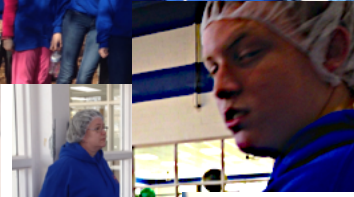
The second trip is for Leon, Nicaragua February 13-20, 2016. The cost is \$1600. If interested contact Pastor Carolyn.

March is Colon Cancer Awareness Month - our change bucket money starting March 8th will go to the Colon Cancer Alliance. The Colon Cancer Alliance's mission is to knock colon cancer out of the top three cancer killers. We are doing this by championing prevention, funding cutting-edge research and providing the highest quality patient support services. - See more at: <http://www.ccalliance.org>  
March 6th is "Dress in blue day"

# BASIC UMYF

BASIC Youth serving those who support them and those who are in need. Without the support of our churches we could not be in mission in the world. Thank you Spring Valley. Thank you Rehoboth. Thank you Plank Chapel. Thank you Mount Carmel. The adults who work beside us are our mentors, our families, our pastors, and our role models. We are learning how to follow Christ because you walk beside us. Thank you for loving us,

BASIC UMYF



# IN HIS SERVICE

### **March Ushers**

Jasper Denton, Ben Brown,  
Matthew Denton, Taylor Abbott

### **March Altar Guild**

Joyce Edwards and Kim Oettinger

### **Flowers**

1st - Kay Thompson  
8th - Jackie Brown  
15th - Lois Woodlief  
22nd - Ellen Allen  
29th - Communion

### **Greeters**

1st - Bruce Newman  
8th - Karin Driver  
15th - Joyce Edwards  
22nd - Midge Smith  
29th - Henry Finch

### **Acolytes**

1st - Chase Thompson  
8th - Makayla Beckham  
15th - Jasper Denton  
22nd - Taylor Shepardson  
29th - Austyn Abbott

### **Lay Readers**

1st - Taylor Shepardson, *Romans 4:13-25*  
8th - Janet Bobbitt, *1 Corinthians 1:18-25*  
15th - Chase Thompson, *Ephesians 2:1-10*  
22nd - Peggy Hernandez, *Jeremiah 31:31-34*  
29th - Various Readers

### **Nursery Workers**

1st - Judy Eaves and Arianna Fuller-Bell  
8th - Judy Wilson and Laurie Miller  
15th - Kim and Laci Oettinger  
22nd - Midge Smith and Lora Young  
29th - Lizzie Driver and Roxie Kearney

### **Outreach Team**

1st - Faye Woodlief and Judy Wilson  
8th - John and Patricia Rogers  
15th - Joe Weaver and Henry Finch  
22nd - Mac Wilson and Richard Coghill  
29th - Debra and Bruce Newman

Senior Circle  
Wednesday  
Mar 18  
10 am

4 Seasons Cafe  
and Gift Shop  
Wednesday  
Mar 4  
10 am

The church cell phone: 252-430-4333 has been cancelled. You can reach the pastor at 252-438-6080.

#### Community in Prayer

For...Marjorie Roy, Richard Coghill, Bryson Jackson, Kay Dean, Frances Fuller, Geneva Hawley, Rev. Bruce Cayton, Faye Young, Frances Roberts, Stephen Bowers, Fred Beckham, Skeeter Pearce, James Rowland, 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
<p>1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8:30 AM Early Worship</li> <li>10:00 AM Sunday School</li> <li>11:00 AM Worship</li> <li>4:00 PM Youth Council</li> <li>4:30 PM BASIC YOUTH</li> <li>7:00 PM Faith and Fitness</li> </ul>	<p>2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7:00 PM Church council</li> </ul>	<p>3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7:00 PM Education Committee</li> </ul>	<p>4</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10:00 AM 4 Seasons Cafe and Gift Shop</li> <li>5:30 PM Faith and Fitness</li> <li>6:30 PM Choir Practice</li> </ul>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p> <p>7:00 pm World Day of Prayer at Fuller Chapel UCC</p>	<p>7</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2:00 PM Coghill</li> <li>4:00 PM Rebel Jesus</li> </ul> <p>4:00 pm Rebel Jesus</p>
<p>8</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8:30 AM Early Worship</li> <li>10:00 AM Sunday School</li> <li>11:00 AM Worship</li> </ul> <p>Daylight Savings Time</p> <p>3:00 pm - Autism Awareness Day Planning</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6:30 PM Choir Practice</li> </ul>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4:00 PM Rebel Jesus</li> </ul>
<p>15</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8:00 AM UMM</li> <li>10:00 AM Sunday School</li> <li>11:00 AM Worship</li> <li>3:00 PM UMW</li> <li>4:30 PM BASIC UMYF</li> <li>7:00 PM Faith and Fitness</li> </ul>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10:00 AM Senior Circle</li> <li>5:30 PM Faith and Fitness</li> <li>6:30 PM Choir Practice</li> </ul>	<p>19</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1:30 PM Keeping Holy Time Bible Study</li> <li>7:00 PM Kittrell Community Watch</li> </ul>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4:00 PM Rebel Jesus</li> <li>9:00 am Stations of the Cross</li> </ul>
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**Committees meeting in March: Church Council, Education**  
**check the website calendar for up-to-date schedule (including cancellations)**