

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.



Look Up and Live

Bishop Hope challenged us to look up and live. As she shared her message of hope, she mentioned her journey to our church, turning the corner and seeing the steeple of Plank Chapel United Methodist Church pointing up to the heavens. She reminded us of how the windows and the structure of our sanctuary directs our vision upward.

I was given a gift of these photos of the inside of our steeple. We look up and see this cross in the blue skies of North Carolina, yet without these supporting

beams, the cross would fall. As I look at this web of wood, I cannot help but think of the hands that wielded the hammers and held the nails to build this steeple. A community came together out of their love for Jesus Christ and selected this knoll upon which to build Christ's church. Each beam, each nail, each decision directing future generations to look upward towards the cross of Christ and live. They believed that this beacon of a cross would draw others to Christ and they passed the mantle of discipleship to future generations to continue to be the church in this place. Their vision and mission now ours to build upon so that others may look up and live.



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)



Easter Morning

Easter is just days away. We are ending the lenten disciples of looking inward and shifting our gaze upward toward the cross. The week will be filled with opportunities to steep ourselves into the story of God's love for us that led him to the cross. It begins this Sunday, Palm Sunday, as we parade into worship waving palms and shouting "Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord." We end the morning in community sharing first at the Lord's table and then at our luncheon tables. The children's excitement over the possibility of an abundance of Easter candy and eggs infecting us all with joy.

On Thursday we gather in the sanctuary for Holy Thursday worship remembering Jesus and His disciples who were gathering one last night together before his death. Worship will end as we walk the cross over to the graveyard in silence. Then Friday, at Crossroads Christian School the story unfolds through a community effort of sister churches of various denominations.

Saturday begins what is called the Easter Vigil. We have a different tradition, we remember all God's creatures with a blessing of the animals. As the day winds down we prepare for Easter Sunday. It begins at Sunrise. Gathering in the cemetery we remember the tomb is empty. We bring with us our flowers to adorn the cross in front of the church. The purple cloth replaced by the beauty of spring from our own gardens and yards. Bring your flowers and share the imperfect beauty of creation. As the bells ring out, "Christ the Lord is Risen Today" we move from the cemetery to the Fellowship Hall. The men will have been cooking pancakes for our delight. The conversation at the tables will be about hope, and light, and love because "HE LIVES!" At our 11:00 worship we not only celebrate the risen Christ, we will follow an ancient tradition of receiving into our body new members. These members are reaffirming their faith, evidence that God is still using His disciples here to bring others to Him.



Look up and live! Words to live by! Christ is Risen and we are His people, people of the resurrection!

Pastor Carolyn

Putting our feet on the path, walking for a cause!



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.) You can also donate if you do not wish to walk or run. Donations can be offered on the web site for Angels Among Us or

through Plank Chapel. Sign up today - Angels Among Us "Bill's Rainbow Warriors." at their website: http://dccc.convio.net/site/TR/Angels/AngelsAmongUs?fr_id=1300&pg=entry



Memory Walk - May 2nd 9:00 am - 10:00 am

On May 2nd on JA Rogers Road, we will be walking/running for those in our community and church family who have been affected by dementia, alzheimer's disease or other memory related illnesses.

This year we are accepting

donations for those who wish to walk or run in honor or in memory of those they love and hold dear. All donations will go to the Alzheimer's Association. Color for the day is PURPLE!!!! For more information about ALZ, their website is: <http://www.alz.org> Formed in 1980, the Alzheimer's Association advances research to end Alzheimer's and dementia while enhancing care for those living with the disease. Shall we put our feet to the pavement and join the fight? #ENDALZ

COMING IN MAY - Zeb Vance Elementary

Walking for the children - Fundraiser Walk for the Playground at Zeb Vance Elementary - see Debra Newman for details

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.

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

Cokesbury UMC Food Pantry:

Open 1st and 3rd Wednesday.



We collect food for these food pantries on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month.

A Day Apart for Families Living with Autism

On April 18 at Cokesbury UMC we are joining together with our sister UMC's to provide a day apart. This day will begin at 10:00 am with a time of greeting and then the caregivers will be offered opportunities to talk to support group coordinators and others in the field of caring for autism. Their children will be cared for by trained volunteers. We will lunch together and end in worship. The day ending at 2:00 pm. Come volunteer!

Thank You

Your generosity to ACTS is changing lives. Your generous support of the meals we served at the Homeless Shelter not only changed their lives, but changed ours.

Thank you for your time, energy, and food. We could not have made those meals without you, Missions Team



April is the Native American Special Offering Month - our change bucket money starting April 5 will go to a conference missionary and Native American: Gary Locklear. Gary Locklear is also our NCC Lay Leader. He serves in Cumberland County engaging us in mission work. Your change can change the world!

BASIC UMYF

BASIC UMYF will be meeting at Spring Valley UMC on Sunday, April 19. The Youth Council will convene at 4:00 pm and BASIC starts at 4:30 pm.

Also on Monday, March 30th - those who are acting in the Scriptural Way of the Cross will be gathering to worship at Fuller Chapel at 7:00 pm.

Scriptural Way of the Cross is April 3rd. Those participating please come as close to 4:00 pm as you are able. Costumes will be at Crossroads Christian School and tents available for changing. Thank you for being a witness for Christ in the community.

Be preparing for our 30 Hour Famine Lockin on May1-2. Remember the fast begins after lunch and ends Saturday afternoon at Holy Communion. This year we will be studying the issues of hunger and poverty through some interactive games...are you ready?

Scriptural Way of the Cross

On Friday, April 3rd from 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm the story unfolds of Jesus' journey from the garden to the tomb. This year you can drive through or walk. Come and experience this living portrayal of our story of salvation.



IN HIS SERVICE

April Ushers

Todd Wilson, Thomas Beckham,
Mac Wilson, Ben Brown

April Altar Guild

Laurie Miller and Judy Wilson

Flowers

5 - Bettie Jane Jones &
Easter Lilies
12 - Judy Eaves & Family
19 - Communion
26 - Midge Smith

Senior
Circle
Wednesday
April 15
10 am

Greeters

5 - Mac and Judy Wilson
12 - Faye Woodlief
19 - Ryan Rowland
26 - Jamie Abbott

Acolytes

5 - Chase Thompson
12 - Laci Oettinger
19 - Matthew Denton
26 - Jasper Denton

4 Seasons Cafe
and Gift Shop
Wednesday
April 1
10 am

Lay Readers

5 - Donald Rose McGhee: *Acts 10:34-43*
12 - Pat Edwards: *Acts 4:32-35*
19 - Sally Coghill: *1 John 3:1-7*
26 - Darlene Ranes: *1 John 3:16-24*

Nursery Workers

5 - Judy Eaves and Arianna Fuller-Bell
12 - Judy Wilson and Laurie Miller
19 - Kim and Laci Oettinger
26 - Lizzie Driver and Roxie Kearney

Outreach Team

5 - Karin Driver and Carolyn Roy
12 - Darlene Ranes and Joyce Edeards
19 - Faye Woodlief and Judy Wilson
26 - John and Patricia Rogers

Spring Cleaning
April 11
9 am
Bring your favorite cleaning
supplies

Community in Prayer

For... Tracy Eatmon, Bonnie Palmer, Thurston Dickerson, Faye Young, Frances Fuller, Richard Coghill, Marjorie Roy, Bryson Jackson, Kay Dean, James Rowland, Hilma Smith, Frances Roberts, Rev. Bruce Cayton, Faye Young, Savannah Finch, Stephen Bowers, Geneva Hawley, Jane Owen, Gerald Woodlief

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

APRIL

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>29</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:00 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship 12:30 PM Easter Egg Hunt and Luncheon 7:00 PM Faith and Fitness 	<p>30</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7:00 PM Stations Corporate Worship 	<p>31</p>	<p>1</p> <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 	<p>2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1:30 PM Keeping Holy Time Bible Study 7:00 PM Holy Thursday Worship 	<p>3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4:00 PM Scriptural way of the cross 	<p>4</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 11:00 AM Blessing of the Animals 
<p>5</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6:15 AM Easter Sunrise Worship 7:00 AM Pancake Breakfast 10:00 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship 4:00 PM Youth Council 4:30 PM BASIC YOUTH 7:00 PM Faith and Fitness 	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5:30 PM Faith and Fitness 6:30 PM Choir Practice 	<p>9</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1:30 PM Keeping Holy Time Bible Study 	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00 AM Spring Cleaning 
<p>12</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:30 AM Early Worship 10:00 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship 7:00 PM Faith and Fitness 	<p>13</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7:00 PM Finance Committee 	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:00 AM Senior Circle 5:30 PM Faith and Fitness 6:30 PM Choir Practice 	<p>16</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1:30 PM Keeping Holy Time Bible Study 	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:00 AM Autism Awareness 
<p>19</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00 AM UMM 10:00 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship 3:00 PM UMW 4:30 PM BASIC UMYF 7:00 PM Faith and Fitness 	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5:30 PM Faith and Fitness 6:30 PM Choir Practice 	<p>23</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1:30 PM Keeping Holy Time Bible Study 	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7:00 AM Angels among us
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