

# 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.*



*And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching. (Hebrews 10:24-25 NRSV)*

throughout the week but it is very noticeable on Wednesdays when various groups gather in our Fellowship Hall. Each one very different from the other, but what remains constant is the love and support that is shared among those who attend. I discovered in these Wednesday gatherings how important it is not to coming together whether for a program and a light lunch or for creating craft items to share with those in need. Those who plan and prepare for these events do so with love and compassion. The men and women pray with one another and for one another. The joy of the Lord is heard in their laughter as they share stories and remember their younger days.

## Spiritual Gifts

Recently at a United Methodist Women's gathering, we took a test to determine what our spiritual gifts might be. In this exercise, there was a great deal of laughter and I imagine a bit of surprise.

As I began to put together the Chapel Chatter for May, I recognized a few of our gifts as the body of Christ. The gift of encouraging one another as described in Hebrews came to my mind. This happens

neglect





There is another Wednesday group that supports and encourages one another. This group’s focus is physical health and well being. As the music plays in the background, they hear Leo’s voice, “30 second high step!” They drop their exercise equipment and step lively to the next station not missing a beat in their conversation with one another.

Wednesday’s activities end with the choir encouraging one another as they rehearse for coming worship.

Encouraging one another is not our only spiritual gift. Another I witnessed this past month was the spiritual gift of



stewardship. On cleanup day the men, women, and youth came out to care for the house in which we meet to worship and encourage. I saw the loving care they gave to the building whether they were cleaning pews, washing siding, or planning lighting in the Heritage Room, their concern was



for being good stewards of this place where we worship.

This winter I witnessed yet another of our spiritual gifts that we express in multiple ways. This gift comes from our kitchens. We fed the homeless men in a shelter and we fed one another. The youth’s steak dinner brought out our best bakers as they raised funds for their activities. Just last month as we gathered at the breakfast table after Easter sunrise worship, I experienced God’s grace and love through blackberry pancakes. The abundance of food reminding me that God’s desire is a communal life overflowing with joy, and that is what the men in our church family served and that joy was contagious.

We have many more spiritual gifts as a community but there is not enough space to share them all. What gifts come to your heart when you think of Plank Chapel? How can we use them for the Kingdom of God?

Pastor Carolyn

Welcome New Members  
Johnathan Jones  
Norman Manning and Sara Tipton

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

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### 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 via Alzheimer's North Carolina, Inc.. At least **175,000** of Americans diagnosed with Alzheimer's or dementia live in North Carolina. Over **70%** of these North Carolinians are cared for by family or friends at home. (NC Division of Aging and Adult Services ) An estimated **5.4 million** Americans are living with Alzheimer's disease or related dementia. Alzheimer's disease is the **3rd leading cause of death** in the United States. (Centers for Disease Control)

For over 34 years, Alzheimers North Carolina (AlzNC) has been dedicated to providing education, support and services to individuals with dementia, their families, health care professionals, and the general public while raising awareness and funding for research of a cause, treatment, prevention, and cure for Alzheimer's disease and related dementias. For more information on AlzNC, you can consult their website: <http://www.alznc.org>

Color for the day is PURPLE!!!! This is a 5K walk/run and your registration fee is a donation. You can bring cash or write a check to Plank Chapel UMC and we will send those funds to AlzNC.



### Summer Intern

Our Field Education Student for 10 weeks this summer is Imogen Rhodenhiser. She will be joining us on May 31st. Imogen is finishing her second year at Duke. She comes from Monroe, Connecticut. She is married and will be commuting to Plank Chapel from Durham. Pray with me for our summer together in ministry.

# IN MISSION

## 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

**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.

## Blessing of the Animals



## A Day Apart for Families Living with Autism - worship



UMM  
May 17  
8 am

UMW  
May 17  
3 pm

Change to Change the World - May's change helps the Youth Service Fund provide grants to youth groups serving in mission for others.

# BASIC UMYF

BASIC UMYF will begin May with a lockin. We will gather at 7:00 Friday night, movie on the lawn, snacks, midnight bowling and worship. Early Saturday morning we will rise and head to JA Rogers Road for the Memory Walk. Return to the church, clean up and head home!



May also includes a movie night at the Drive in on May 16th!

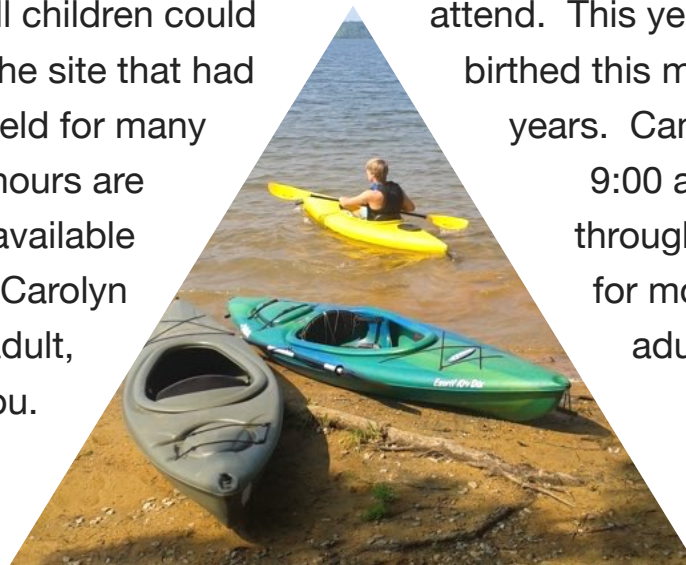
Regular meetings include: May 3rd  
4:00 pm - Youth Council  
4:30 pm BASIC UMYF

May 17 - 4:30 pm  
BASIC UMYF at Spring Valley

Have you signed up for Conference Youth Events?

# KLM Day Camp July 20-24

This year Kerr Lake Ministries is offering Day Camp for FREE!!! It has been 10 years since Kerr Lake Ministries was formed out of a need in our area for a day camp that all children could attend. This year KLM returns to Camp Kerr Lake, the site that had birthed this ministry and where camp had been held for many years. Camp is for children age 5-12. The hours are 9:00 am - 3:00 p.m. Applications are available through KLM's website. Check with Pastor Carolyn for more information. If you are a young adult, KLM could use you. Come volunteer. KLM website is:



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# IN HIS SERVICE

### **May Ushers**

Matthew Denton, Ryan Rowland,  
Mike Raney, Ben Brown

### **May Altar Guild**

Susan Sears and Christine Spencer

### **Flowers**

3 - Jeannette Weaver and Ann Finch  
10 - United Methodist Men  
17 - Kay Deans  
24 - Angie Rowland  
31 - Roxie Kearney

### **Greeters**

3 - Daryl Spencer  
10 - Michelle Denton  
17 - Judy Eaves  
24 - Johnny McGhee  
31 - Karin Driver

### **Acolytes**

3 - Matthew Denton  
10 - Chase Thompson  
17 - Laci Oettinger  
24 - Jasper Denton  
31 - Austyn Abbott

### **Lay Readers**

3 - Tim Smith, *1 John 4:7-21*  
10 - Lorraine Abbott, *1 John 5:1-6*  
17 - Karin Driver, *Ephesians 1:15-23*  
24 - Jeanette McGhee, *Romans 8:22-27*  
31 - Various

### **Nursery Workers**

3 - Lora Young and Midge Smith  
10 - Judy Eaves and Arianna Fuller-Bell  
17 - Judy Wilson and Laurie Miller  
24 - Kim and Laci Oettinger  
31 - Lizzie Driver and Roxie Kearney

### **Outreach Team**

3 - Joe Weaver and Henry Finch  
10 - Mac Wilson and Richard Coghill  
17 - Debra and Bruce Newman  
24 - Karin Driver and Carolyn Roy  
31 - Darlene Raney and Joyce Edwards

4 Seasons Cafe  
and Gift Shop  
Wednesday  
May 6  
10 am



Senior Circle  
Wednesday  
May 20  
10 am

#### Community in Prayer

For... Tracy Eatmon, Bonnie Palmer, Thurston Dickerson, Faye Young, Frances Fuller, Bryson Jackson, James Rowland, 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



# MAY



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 <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>3:00 PM VBS Team Meeting</li> <li>7:00 PM Faith and Fitness</li> </ul>	27	28	29 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5:30 PM Faith and Fitness</li> <li>6:30 PM Choir Practice</li> </ul>	30 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1:30 PM Keeping Holy Time Bible Study</li> </ul>	1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7:00 PM Lock-In</li> </ul>	2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9:00 AM Memory Walk</li> <li>... Lock-In</li> </ul>
3 <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>	4 Field Education Orientation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7:00 PM Worship Committee</li> </ul>	5	6 <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>	7	8	9
10 Mothers' Day <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>7:00 PM Faith and Fitness</li> </ul>	11	12	13 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5:30 PM Faith and Fitness</li> <li>6:30 PM Choir Practice</li> </ul>	14 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1:30 PM Keeping Holy Time Bible Study</li> </ul>	15 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8:00 PM Movie Night</li> </ul>	16
17 <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>	18 7:00 pm Nominations	19	20 <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>	21 <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>	22	23
24 <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>7:00 PM Faith and Fitness</li> </ul>	25 Memorial Day	26	27 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5:30 PM Faith and Fitness</li> <li>6:30 PM Choir Practice</li> </ul>	28	29	30
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