
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.

Come Home

"Oh, come, come, come, come, come to the church in the wildwood..."

Ten years have passed since we gathered and celebrated 225 years as a worshipping community. On July 19, at 11:00 a.m., we will celebrate in music and witness to the things God has done in and through us with Homecoming.

In 235 years much has changed in the world. Travel has gone from horse and carriage to train, automobile, plane, and rocket ships. A letter once took weeks to arrive and today we have instant messaging. Telephones began with switchboards, as humans at the controls connected the calls. Today cellular phones are replacing landlines in many homes. Change is happening faster and faster, so much so we cannot get the present into clear focus before the future is upon us. Plank Chapel United Methodist Church has stood through all these changes, its steeple a lodestar for those seeking sanctuary.

As we turn towards the future, we realize the foundation stones of Plank Chapel are the saints both living and dead who have shaped our understanding of community and discipleship. These pioneers knew the importance of training up disciples to go out into the world to witness to the life saving, life giving love of Jesus. The landscape of our community has changed since they began planking the timber for this worship place. Jeremiah reminds us to "Seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the Lord on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare." (Jer 29:7 NRSV)

Homecoming Sunday, July 19 will start with our United Methodist Men serving breakfast at 8:00 am, Church School at 10:00 am, Worship at 11:00 am and a covered dish luncheon to follow. Join in on one or all of the worship events of the day and invite family and friends to join to come too.

In Ecclesiastes we are reminded there are times and seasons for everything under heaven. July 19 is a time to celebrate!

Pastor Carolyn



A Time to Pray

As June came to end, we witnessed the killings of 9 African American brothers and sisters in Christ in the basement of Emanuel AME Church in Charleston. As the death toll rises so do our fears, may our prayers rise, rise to the heavens that the Lord rain down His reconciling love and grace into a world of hate. We ask the Holy Spirit to change the hearts and minds of those who are held in captivity by fear, anger, and hate.

When we do not know what to pray, we can turn to the prayer Jesus taught His disciples:



We can also pray the prayer of St. Francis:

Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace.
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
Where there is injury, pardon;
Where there is doubt, faith;
Where there is despair, hope;
Where there is darkness, light;
Where there is sadness, joy.

O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek
To be consoled as to console,
To be understood as to understand,
To be loved as to love;
For it is in giving that we receive;
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
It is in dying to self that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

One additional offering is a prayer of confession, often called the breath prayer. As you breathe in pray: "Lord Jesus, Son of God" then breathe out praying: "Have mercy on me a sinner."

Praying with you for our world, our nation, God's church, and for Plank Chapel United Methodist Church,

Pastor Carolyn

Community in Prayer

For... Alice Finch, Bryan Wilson, Hilma Smith, David Driver, Fred Beckham, Faye Young, Frances Fuller, Bryson Jackson, James Rowland, 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
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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.

Community Partners of Hope Update

We are about to enter our 4th month of operations at Hope House and things are going well. Two

Blessing of the Bikes

On July 11 at 11:00 am we will hold a Blessing of the Bikes worship service. This worship is a time of outreach to those who travel on our roads on two wheels, covering their travels in prayer.

men are living there now and pursuing their plans to return to "self sufficiency" - none of us is ever truly self-sufficient and we must depend on others for many of our needs, but these two are no longer homeless and will soon be living much more independently.

NEEDED: Internet access -- even the base package from TWC will run a little over \$20/month with taxes and we are hoping that some church or civic organization will consider picking this up. NOTE: The fee is higher if it is not in an individual name, so that could be your gift as well.

Operations volunteers - check on supplies, note needed repairs (and either fix or notify me), be aware of housekeeping issues and sign in logs.

BEFORE WE KNOW IT, IT WILL BE TIME TO OPEN THE SHELTER AGAIN. Each church has different capabilities, but we really need a few more to step up for regular supervision.

Bless you all for all that you do for Community Partners of Hope and for the community at large.
Jane King, volunteer coordinator
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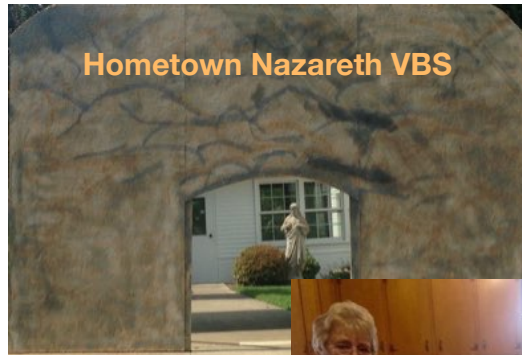
Change to Change the World - July's bucket money goes to Community Partners of Hope
Community Partners of Hope serve the homeless men of Henderson and Vance County with a winter shelter and Hope House, a transitional home for men moving towards healing and self sufficiency

JUNE IN REVIEW

Annual Conference, Breakaway, Vacation Bible School saw the people of Plank Chapel in Wilmington, Louisburg, and Kittrell. We worshipped together with adults, youth, and children from all over the North Carolina Conference! Thank you to all who participated!



Annual Conference - Wilmington



Hometown Nazareth VBS



Breakaway



BASIC UMYF

We have our Fish Fry Friday on July 31st. The success of the Fish Fry comes from all of us working together to sell, to promote, to cook, to serve, and to clean up. Fundraising is actually rather fun when raising it with youth!

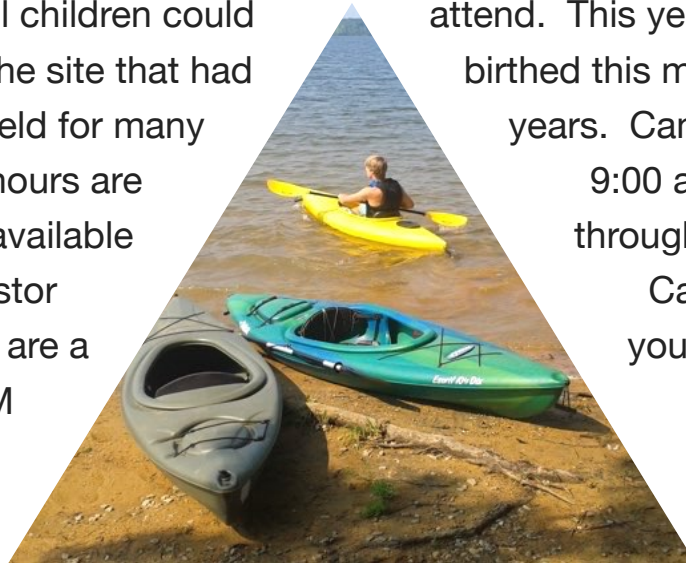


Thank you to each of you who were able to assist at Vacation Bible School. Your presence made a difference in the children's experience of "camp."



Day Camp July 20-24 - Celebrate Jesus!

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, adult, or older youth, KLM could use you. Come volunteer.



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<http://www.kerrlakeministries.org>

IN HIS SERVICE

July Ushers

Bryant Bobbitt, Jasper Denton
DJ Pegram, Ben Brown

July Altar Guild

Patricia and John Rogers

Flowers

5 - Communion
12 - Donald Rose McGhee
19 - Faye Abbott
26 - Laurie Miller

Greeters

5 - Mac and Judy Wilson
12 - Faye Abbott
19 - Patricia Rogers
26 - Michelle Denton

Acolytes

5 - Chase Thompson
12 - Austyn Abbott
19 - Arianna Fuller-Bell
26 - Taylor Shepardson



Lay Readers

5 - Janet Bobbitt, *Psalm 48*
12 - Chase Thompson, *Psalm 24*
19 - Peggy Hernandez, *2 Samuel 7:1-14a*
26 - Taylor Shepardson, *Ephesians 3:14-21*

Nursery Workers

5 - Lora Young and Midge Smith
12 - Judy Eaves and Arianna Fuller-Bell
19 - Judy Wilson and Laurie Miller
26 - Roxie Kearney and Lizzie Driver

Outreach Team

5 - Debra and Bruce Newman
12 - Carolyn Roy and Karin Driver
19 - Darlene Ranes and Joyce Edwards
26 - Faye Woodlief and Judy Wilson



Veterans supporting our troops

The Lodge at Wake Forest (a retirement home for veterans) is putting together care packages. Collection runs until July 10th. The drop off site is: 1151 South Main Street in Wake Forest. Leo will bring what we collect.

Items requested: soft toilet paper and deodorant, shampoo and body wash, oatmeal cream pies, Slim Jims, gatorade and protein bars, playing cards, dried fruit snacks, hard candy, beef jerky, football, bouncy balls, batteries (AA, AAA), sunflower seeds, baby wipes and Q-tips, toothpaste and toothbrush, magazines (travel, sports, hunting) and remember to remove mailing labels.

United Methodist Women

On June 21, the United Methodist Women (UMW) of Plank Chapel held their final meeting of 2015 before embarking on a two-month summer hiatus. Regular meetings, usually held on the third Sunday afternoon of each month, will resume in September. Members are: President Darlene Ranes, Pastor Dr. Carolyn Roy, Secretary Pat Edwards, Treasurer Judy Wilson, Patricia Rogers, Roxie Kearney, Donald Rose McGhee, Susan Sears, Gwen Ritchey, Karin Driver, and Jane Owen. This group, although small in number, have a Purpose which is read aloud by all at every meeting, and this Purpose focuses on four goals that relate to the mission initiatives and priorities of United Methodist Women:

- To be a community of women
- To know God
- To develop a creative and supportive fellowship
- To expand concepts of mission

Over the years, Plank Chapel's UMW have hosted World Day of Prayer, participated in World Day of Prayer programs at other churches, and have given financial aid, food, and clothing to needy families. In addition, the UMW have managed an ongoing program of support for Zeb Vance Elementary School to include books, clothing, shoes, art supplies, copy paper, tissues, or any expressed need. Commemorative "Goodie Bags" are presented to over 80 teachers at each significant occasion of the year, such as holidays and the beginning and close of each school term.

The United Methodist Women also help to develop a creative and supportive fellowship by conducting a yearly commemorative service for deceased members, a welcoming service for new babies, and by presenting a recognition award to members who have demonstrated outstanding service to Plank Chapel.



Senior Circle
Wednesday
July 15
10 am



4 Seasons Cafe and Gift Shop
Wednesday
July 1
10 am

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 <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 	29 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7:00 PM Nominations and Leadership 	30	1 <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 	2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1:30 PM Keeping Holy Time Bible Study 	3	4
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19 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00 AM UMM 10:00 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship Homecoming 7:00 PM Faith and Fitness 	20 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00 AM KLM Day Camp 	21 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00 AM KLM Day Camp 	22 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00 AM KLM Day Camp 5:30 PM Faith and Fitness 	23 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00 AM KLM Day Camp 	24 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00 AM KLM Day Camp 	25
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