

CHAPEL CHATTER

Open Hearts | Open Minds | Wide Open Doors

BASIC UMYF

BASIC UMYF meets the first and third Sunday of most months. Youth from four sister churches gather for fellowship, fun, food, and to grow as disciples of Jesus Christ. September meetings will be at Plank Chapel UMC.

UMM

The United Methodist Men of Plank Chapel meet on the third Sunday of each month at 8:00 a.m. After sharing a breakfast together, this group of men focus on ways they can serve the community through their time, talent, and treasure. Join in on this opportunity for fellowship and service.

UMW

The United Methodist Women of Plank Chapel meet at 3:00 pm on the third Sunday of the month. These mission minded women share a program and discuss where they are needed to serve. All women are welcome. Please join us.

Re-formed, Re-newed, Re-charged

God continues to reveal through the scriptures God's desire to make all things new. In Isaiah 43:18-19 we hear God's desire, "Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old, I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert."

October is a month when we remember how through others God continues to reform God's church. Martin Luther loved his church but saw where the church was not seeking the welfare of God's people. His desire to see reform within created a new church. Over the course of history reforms within have been challenging and new churches have been born. God's church changes from generation to generation. The church we know today will not look like the church of tomorrow just as it does not look like the church of yesterday. We can stand firm in the faith that God's church will be the instrument through which the world is transformed by love as God continually finds a way for the renewal of the world through the reforming of God's church.

October is the month when we renew our pledge of stewardship. In September as we welcomed in new members we renewed our baptismal covenant to "faithfully to participate in the ministries of the Church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service and our witness, that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ." (UMH 38) On the 25th of September pledge cards were included in our bulletins. Making a covenantal pledge is not easy, especially when we put it into writing and add financial obligations to that pledge. If we shift our focus from ourselves to God and remember God's faithful covenant to the world, pledging our tithes becomes about God not about us. The new covenant written in the blood of Jesus Christ is for the salvation

Remembering

All Saints Day and All Souls Day are not one and the same thing.

All Souls Day is an ancient church feast day celebrated on November 1. It is a day to commemorate those who have gone before us. One of the traditions of All Souls Day was to go to the cemetery and spruce up the graves of loved ones. The celebration included lighting candles throughout the cemetery and offering prayers. It is a time to remember the light each life has been in the our lives.

All Saints Day is a day when we celebrate the saints of the church, living and deceased. It was a Protestant adaptation of All Souls Day and is on the calendar for November 1st. At Plank Chapel we celebrate All Saints Day on the 1st Sunday in November with Holy Communion and light specific candles for those we lost since we last celebrated. This year we are going to have an All Souls Night Prayer Vigil on October 31. We will offer prayers of thanksgiving for the lives represented and their walk of faith with God. To do this we need candles - preferably battery operated. Join us as we remember the gift of love from God given through the lives remembered.



of the world. God's sacrificial love for us has no conditions. Our loving response is to give our lives to God. In doing so, we are continually reformed, renewed, and recharged by God through the power of the Holy Spirit.

October is the month for our annual Charge Conference. This is when we are re-charged to go where we are called to go and do what we are called to do. Charge Conferences have been reformed over the years as well. Once they were a time when the District Superintendent would come to the church. We would worship. We would put on a feast. We would tell the superintendent the story of God's work where our church was planted. It was a celebratory time. It is a celebratory time! Plank Chapel has much to celebrate as God has been working within and through us. This has been a blessed year of mission and ministry.

October is the month of my family reunion. It is still a new idea in my extended family that we come together and reconnect. Each year is a reforming of the family. Each year is a renewing of our story as we add new chapters and remember old ones. Each year we are recharged to love one another. I cannot help but think that our new way of being Charge Conference is like my family reunions. Every year reconnecting with our brothers and sisters in Christ to share our stories. It is not the same as in days gone by. It is not as intimate. Families are not the same from one reunion to the next. Reunions are not as intimate as when we all lived together under one roof. Reunions are joy filled as we remember how good it is to be together.

Charge Conference is also joy filled when we come together to share our stories of God's mighty work through each of the churches in our county. Worshipping together raising our voices to proclaim the good news of salvation and share a sacred meal of remembrance. It is a time for us to regroup and find new friends, new ideas and become renewed and recharged by the reforming of God's church. Come with me to 1st

United Methodist Church in Henderson on the 10th of October at 7:00 p.m. and see God at work in this place.

Praying with you,
Pastor Carolyn

Our Newest Members

On September 18, Laura (Lori) and Mark Litton joined Plank Chapel United Methodist Church. They moved to Rocky Ford Road from Ohio. Lori's daughter Danielle Nugent often joins them at church and with her come her children; Cameron and Brooklyn. Share with them your own story and give them a warm welcome to our family! What a glorious day in the house of the Lord!

A Crafting Outreach



In September many of our crafting groups did not meet, but that did not stop Karin Driver from sharing with others her creative gifts. Karin and a few of the 4 Seasons Cafe bunch traveled to Union Chapel for a demonstration on how to repurpose plastic grocery bags. Karin has crocheted hats, purses, mats, and all purpose bags. It was a great day of connecting communities and sharing together ways to make a difference in the world. This month the groups are reforming to begin new project. 4 Seasons Cafe and Gift Shop is the 1st Wednesday of each month. The morning's activities include crafting, bingo, laughter, cards, and snacks. We have done projects for veterans and children. No skills are required and if you wish to simply sit and chat, you are more than welcome to do so.



Thursday Night Crafters will resume meeting in October - join us on October 13 at 6:00 p.m.

Community Partners of Hope

Next month we begin providing meals for the Men's Temporary Shelter in Henderson. The Outward Witness Team has selected the 4th Tuesday of each month the shelter is open. The dates are: Nov 22, Dec 27, Jan 24, Feb 28, and March 28. If you would like to contribute to the menu, please let Susan Sears know. The shelter always needs volunteers. There are two shifts, the intake shift and the overnight shift. The shelter supervisors will be there during intake and at the transition to overnight to let volunteers know any particular instructions. The overnight shift requires two volunteers and women are not permitted to serve during that shift.

Keeping Holy Time Bible Study

As we return to our Thursday afternoon study of God's word this fall, Pastor Carolyn will offer a summary of Jeremiah and an introduction to our fall study of Matthew. This group meets weekly at 1:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall at Plank Chapel UMC. Each brings their favorite study Bible. The Gospel of Matthew will be the primary Gospel text beginning in Advent of 2016. Join in on an in-depth study of God's word.

Sunday Nights - Shifting Our World

Have you wondered what the difference is between hospitality and fellowship? Have you wondered how working in the community you can disciple those working beside you? Can you remember when you were a stranger and someone welcomed you? Naked and someone fed you? Join the small group gathering on Sunday nights at 6:00 p.m. as we challenge one another in our journey with Jesus.

BASIC UMYF

October meetings are the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month at Rehoboth UMC with the business portion of the meeting on the 1st Sunday (October 2) at 4:00 p.m. In November the 1st Sunday is a mandatory meeting for all who are going to Pilgrimage. It is closer than you think!!!! T-Shirt colors were selected - there is still a design to be created!

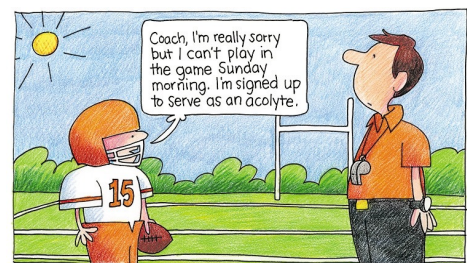
In our September meetings we established our budget for 2017, added a fundraiser, discussed how we can improve on our Fish Fry event in the summer.

We also explored what it means to have a covenant between one another and God. Some of the areas of covenant included our time (attendance at events and meetings), our talent (fully participating with the gifts that we have), our treasure (how we use the money we raise), and our witness (sharing God's love). As we meet in October we will continue the discussion around covenant and what it means to be in a covenantal relationship. Jesus calls us to love one another. Covenants are ways we are accountable for living out that love.

Still to come planning our calendar - where are we serving God in mission and where are we taking Sabbath rest as a group! Pray-Play-Purpose all a part of our life of faith!

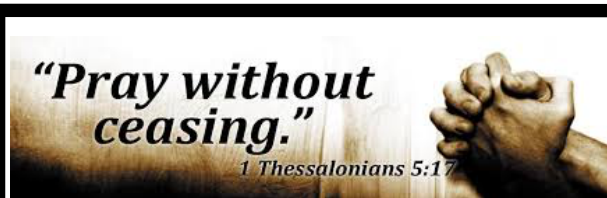
Confirmation Classes

Pastor Lee and Pastor Carolyn are discussing the possibility of a joint confirmation class. Let Pastor Carolyn know if you are interested in being confirmed. Schedule will be coming out soon!



**Proposed - To be Approved at Church Council and ratified at Charge Conference
Church Council – 2017**

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Carolyn Roy
 Lay Leaders: Tim Smith (17) and Debra Newman (19)
 Chairperson, Church Council: Mac Wilson (2017)
 Chairperson, Finance Committee: Patricia Rogers (2019)
 Chairperson, Trustees: D.J. Pegram (2017)
 Chairperson, Pastor-Parish Relations: Tim Smith (2017)
 Chairperson, Inward Formation: Kim Oettinger (2019)
 Chairperson, Outward Witness: Susan Sears (2018)
 Superintendent, Sunday School: Debra Newman
 Lay Member of Annual Conf: Patricia Rogers (2018)
 Alternate Lay Member of AC: Susan Sears (2018)
 Recording Secretary: Lorraine Abbott
 Finance Secretary: Judy Wilson
 Membership Secretary: Darlene Ranes
 Treasurer: Scott Ritchey
 President, United Methodist Men: Thomas Beckham
 President, United Methodist Women: Darlene Ranes
 UMYF: Arianna Fuller Bell (2019)
 Senior Circle Representative: Faye Woodlief
 Communications Coordinator: Gwen Ritchey
 Honorary Members: Faye Young, Jane Owen, James Young, Frances Fuller



Community in Prayer

For... Sally Coghill, Stanley Wilson, Jr.,
 Henry Finch, Skeeter Pearce, Tilly
 Hughes, Jamie Kearney, Kay House, Faye
 Young, Amy Beers, Brandi Dickerson,
 Alice Finch, David Driver, Frances Fuller,
 Jane Owen, George Heaton
 For...healing and reconciliation
 For...those facing medical procedures
 For...those grieving
 For...those without food, jobs, shelter
 For...the lost and afraid
 For...Our local cities and counties
 For...Plank Chapel
 For...Our military, families, and veterans
 For...all in harms way
 For...peace in our nation
 For...peace in the world

Committees and Work Areas Proposed for 2017

Lay Leadership: Rev. Dr. Carolyn Roy, Chr., Tim Smith (LL-17), Pat Edwards (17), Gwen Ritchey (17), Kim Oettinger (18), John Rogers (18), Debra Newman (LL-19), Jasper Denton (19), Thomas Beckham (19)

Trustees: D. J. Pegram, Chr., (17), Michelle Denton (17), Bruce Newman (17), Norman Manning (18), Kim Oettinger (18), Gwen Ritchey (18), Peggy Hernandez (19), Todd Wilson (19), John Abbott (19) Laurie Miller (Building Fund Treasurer)

Pastor-Parish Relations: Tim Smith, (Chair 17), Patricia Rogers (LM-18), Daryl Spencer (17), Ryan Rowland (17), Olivia Kemp (18), Jeanette McGhee (18), Matthew Denton (19), Bryant Bobbitt (19), Debra Newman (LL-19)

Finance: Patricia Rogers, Chr. (19, LM), Rev. Dr. Carolyn Roy (Pastor), Scott Ritchey (Treasurer), Judy Wilson (Financial Sec.), Donald Rose McGhee (Memorial Fund Treasurer), Darlene Ranes (Cemetery Fund Treasurer), Tim Smith (PPRC, 17), Debra Newman (LL, 19), Mac Wilson (Council Chr, 17), Freddie Oettinger (17), Jamie Abbott (17), D.J. Pegram (Trustees, 17), Bruce Newman (18), Daryl Spencer (18), Jeannette Weaver (19)

Counting Committee: Darlene Ranes, Judy Wilson, Jeannette Weaver, Gwen Ritchey

Inward Formation Team: (3 years)

Kim Oettinger (chair), Karin Driver, Bruce Newman, D. J. Pegram, Matthew Denton, Judy Wilson, Sally Coghill, Frances Roberts, Sara Tipton, Joyce Edwards, Christine Spencer, Sarah Cruz, John and Faye Abbott

Outward Witness Team: (3 years)

Susan Sears (chair). Kasey Pegram, Jasper Denton, John Rogers, Patricia Rogers, Mac Wilson, Tim Smith, Arianna Fuller Bell, Roxie Kearney, Daryl Spencer, Peggy Hernandez

Volunteer Positions Held

Historian (Archives and History) - Lorraine Abbott
 Asst Sunday School Superintendent - Donald Rose McGhee
 Sunday School Secretary - Laurie Miller
 Communion Steward - Judy Wilson
 Worship Tech Support - Scott Ritchey
 Coordinator of Ushers - Ben Brown
 Coordinator of Acolytes - Michelle Denton
 Coordinator of Greeters - Sally Coghill
 Nursery Coordinator - Roxie Kearney
 Safe Sanctuaries Coordinator - Debra Newman
 Bereavement Hospitality Coordinator - Donald Rose McGhee
 Disaster Response Coordinator - Scott Ritchey
 Cemetery Administrator - John Abbott
 BASIC UMYF Coordinator - Michelle Denton

IN HIS SERVICE

October Ushers

DJ Pegram, Thomas Beckham,
Mac Wilson, Todd Wilson

October Altar Guild

Jeannette and Joe Weaver

October Greeter

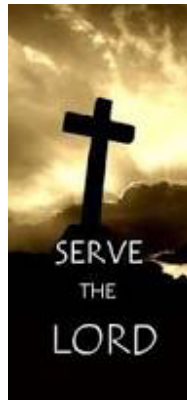
Matthew Denton

Flowers

- 2 - World Communion
- 9 - Martha Rowland
- 16 - Janet Bobbitt and Frances Fuller
- 23 - Laurie Miller
- 30 - Christine Spencer

Acolytes

- 2 - Chase Thompson
- 9 - Laci Oettinger
- 16 - Jasper Denton
- 23 - CT Thompson
- 30 - Arianna Fuller-Bell



Lay Readers

- 2 - Lorraine Abbott - 2 Timothy 1:1-14
- 9 - Patrick Medlin - Jeremiah 29:1,4-7
- 16 - Janet Bobbitt - Luke 18:1-8
- 23 - Donald Rose McGhee - Luke 18:9-14
- 30 - Pat Edwards - Luke 19:1-10

Nursery Workers

- 2 - Joyce Edwards and Laci Oettinger
- 9 - Lora Young and Midge Smith
- 16 - Kim and Laci Oettinger
- 23 - Roxie Kearney and Lizzie Driver
- 30 - Lora Young and Midge Smith



As we prepare for worship into Advent and Christmas, considering joining the choir and lift your voice in praise. We meet on Wednesday nights at 6:30 p.m. Add your voice as we sing to the Lord a new song!



Food Pantry Sundays: 2 and 16



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:30 AM Early Worship 10:00 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship 6:00 PM The Seismic Activity of God - Shifting our World 	26 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7:00 PM PPRC Meeting 	27 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7:00 PM Church Council Meeting 	28 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5:30 PM Faith and Fitness 6:30 PM Choir Practice 	29 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1:30 PM Keeping Holy Time Bible Study 	30	1
2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:30 AM Early Worship 10:00 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship 4:00 PM Youth Council 4:30 PM BASIC YOUTH 6:00 PM The Seismic Activity of God - Shifting our World 	3	4	5 <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 	6 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1:30 PM Keeping Holy Time Bible Study 	7	8
9 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:00 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship 	10 <p>ColumbusDay(regionalholiday)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7:00 PM Charge Conference 	11	12 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5:30 PM Faith and Fitness 6:30 PM Choir Practice 	13 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1:30 PM Keeping Holy Time Bible Study 6:00 PM Thursday Night Crafters 	14	15
16 <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 6:00 PM The Seismic Activity of God - Shifting our World 	17	18	19 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:00 AM Senior Circle 5:30 PM Faith and Fitness 6:30 PM Choir Practice 7:00 PM Trustees Meeting 	20 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1:30 PM Keeping Holy Time Bible Study 	21	22
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30 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:30 AM Early Worship 10:00 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship 6:00 PM The Seismic Activity of God - Shifting our World 	31 <p>Halloween</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7:00 PM All Souls Night 	1	2 <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 	3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1:30 PM Keeping Holy Time Bible Study 	4	5