

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. Our location changes so check this issue for January's schedule.

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. On special holidays they remember the teachers of Zeb Vance. All women are welcome. Please join us.



Epiphany of the Heart

On Sunday, December 20, I stepped out the door of the sanctuary to head home. The sun had for a moment come out from behind the clouds. There was a light breeze that caught at my hair and I experienced God's presence in the peace of the moment. I knew with a certainty that God had planted His church at 3047 Bobbitt Road and God's plan was continuing to unfold. Our task as His church is to be open to the ways God will use us. That particular morning we had remembered the promises of God through our Lesson and Carols. We had sung about God's willingness to step out of heaven and come to earth to a poor family and be born in a manger within an unsafe world.





Four Seasons Cafe and Gift Shop

On the first Wednesday of the month Four Seasons Cafe and gift shop opens for business. We:

- Play Bingo
- Bring our craft projects
- Share snacks
- Work on projects
- Just visit with one another

The relaxed atmosphere in the Fellowship Hall offers everyone space to come and do or not do what is going on at the tables. Our primary goal is to provide a place for the community to gather and support one another. Out of that support has grown the mission to support others in the larger community.

This past year Four Seasons Cafe and Gift Shop has made blankets for veterans, created busy bags for children at Maria Parham while trying to uncover why Sarah Cruz always wins first at Bingo.

Our doors are open for people of all ages within the community seeking a place to come and know they are loved and welcome.

We heard of Mary who was willing to be God's disciple and bear His son. We heard of Elizabeth, the mother of John the Baptist. On Epiphany Sunday we will sing of the Wise Men and learn how the world conspired against a baby.

Walking to my car I realized how important we are to God. We touch more lives than we see through our financial giving. We provide a welcoming space for our senior citizens in the area. We offer our youth fellowship that connects them to others in the community. I had an epiphany of the heart as I stopped in front of our Fellowship Hall. God's work is not done here. We are uniquely designed to bring about a transformation in this community.

Consider with me the cooks we have, the master gardeners, the land to garden and harvest and begin to see how that can be used by God to meet food insecurity needs. We often look at the impact that has on the health and well being of our children as they grow, consider also how it impacts the health of those who are aging and homebound. Our minds and spirits are compromised when our bodies are not receiving the nutrients they need.

I know we have challenges before us as we begin to shape this ministry. Challenges can be overcome if we listen to the Holy



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The meeting on January 10 will be at Rehoboth UMC. The financial and business aspects (Stop Hunger Now event, Ski Trip, Fundraising Steak Dinner) begin at 4:00 pm. Worship, devotion, games, and fellowship begin at 4:30 pm.

Our January schedule includes a lock-in and Youth Connexion! Both are exciting times of worship.

The Lock-in begins at 7:30 pm at Plank Chapel on Friday, January 15. I understand there may be some attempts at tarp surfing, if a tarp or two are secured for the event!. Snowball fight on the front lawn (we don't necessarily need snow). Who knows, maybe even a game of Sardines. Midnight communion will be candlelight in the sanctuary. Sky lanterns may make an appearance as well! Fellowship Hall needs to be cleaned and ready for Sunday by 9:00 am on Saturday morning! We can do this!

YOUTH Connexion is January 24 at 5:00 pm at Vance Granville Community College. We will be at the college at 4:45 pm.

BASIC and Community Partners of Hope! Our dinner night is January 29. We will plan how we will prepare and deliver that meal on January 10.

Remember to check the BASIC group on Facebook for updates including the full text of this Thank You letter from Community Partners of Hope, part of which reads: "Thank you for sharing the Christmas spirit of giving to those that may not have anyone or resources to enjoy the colors and lights of this beautiful time of year...We appreciate your continued commitment to the less fortunate in our community. Your participation with us is a clear indication of the heart of love our heavenly Father displays to us continually. Thank you for being the embodiment of this love as you care for those who need to know that someone loves them."

See you on the 10th!!!

Spirit and work with one another. God is calling us to step out into ministry with our community to feed the hungry. Pray on how you can be a part.

A new door opening

On January 14 at 6:00 pm, the doors of the Fellowship Hall will be opened for crafters. If you are one of those crafters seeking a place to meet and share ideas and create items as gifts or to sell, this place may be right for you.

January Workshops

On January 31 the Heritage District will be holding January Workshops. There will be seminars for the various committees of the church as well as some elective workshops on specialized ministries and at least one on how to bring the church into the future God intends for it. If you are on a committee or wondered about a committee and how it works, these workshops may be for you. If you want to grow as a leader, these workshops may be for you. More details to come as the District releases the schedule and location.

Gratitude for Generosity

Leo and I are so grateful for your generosity. Your gift this holiday season will go far in our ability to give to others. You continue to give to us in so many ways. You support the ministry we do together. The parsonage is a gift of warmth and comfort. Come by and check out the new railings. Your generous support and encouragement allow us to be effective in ministry. Thank you!

Pastor Carolyn



Inward Formation Team

The FIRST meeting of the Inward Formation Team is on January 18 at 7:00 pm. The work of this meeting is to look at 2016 and calendar the events that help form us as disciples of Jesus Christ and will offer opportunities for fellowship that nurtures our bodies, minds, and spirits. Our work spans from worship altars to special worship services, from Sunday school to small group studies and from fellowship meals to summer fun. **All who are interested in this work are welcome at this meeting** and those who were nominated to be part of this team are: Karin Driver (chair), Kim Oettinger, Bruce Newman, D. J. Pegram, Matthew Denton, Faye Abbott, John Abbott, Judy Wilson, Sally Coghill, Frances Roberts, Sara Tipton.



Outward Witness Team

The FIRST meeting of the Outward Witness Team is on January 11 at 7:00 pm. The work this group is undertaking in 2016 will be focused on how we can impact food insecurity. We currently provide nonperishables to two food banks, financial support to a third, and meals to the men's homeless shelter. This past summer began a garden project support that we will be working on expanding. Along with food insecurity we will focus on being more effective in serving our isolated neighbors who are homebound or restricted in their movements. The group will move outward to our connection with the Global church through the Rainbow Covenant giving. Members of this team include: Susan Sears (chair). Kasey Pegram, Jasper Denton, John Rogers, Patricia Rogers, Mac Wilson, Richard Coghill, Joe Weaver, Henry Finch, Tim Smith, Arianna Fuller Bell, Roxie Kearney, Daryl Spencer, Peggy Hernandez

Community in Prayer

For... Amy Beers, Brandi Dickerson, Alice Finch, Hilma Smith, David Driver, Faye Young, Frances Fuller, Bryson Jackson, Geneva Hawley, Jane Owen, Gerald Woodlief

For...healing and reconciliation

For...those facing medical procedures

For...those grieving

For...those without food, jobs and shelter

For...the lost and afraid

For...Henderson, Vance County

For...Plank Chapel, our leaders, our teachers, our volunteers, our children, our youth, our aging

For...Our military, families, and veterans

For...all in harms way

For...peace in our nation

For...peace in the world



Change to Change the World - January's bucket money goes to
 Missionary Gary Locklear - Rainbow Covenant Lane 1
 #982955

IN HIS SERVICE

January Ushers

Freddie McGhee, Matthew Denton
Taylor Abbott, Ben Brown

January Altar Guild

Darlene and Mike Raney

January Greeters

Joe and Jeannette Weaver

Flowers

3 - Epiphany - Communion
10 - Patricia Rogers
17 - Gwen Ritchey
24 - Kim Oettinger
31 - Darlene Raney

Acolytes

3 - Chase Thompson
10 - Laci Oettinger
17 - Jasper Denton
24 - CT Thompson
31 - Arianna Fuller-Bell

Lay Readers

3 - Karin Driver - *Isaiah 60:1-6*
10 - Tim Smith - *Acts 8:14-17*
17 - Darlene Raney - *John 2:1-11*
24 - Taylor Abbott - *1 Corinthians 12:12-31a*
31 - Gwen Ritchey - *1 Corinthians 13:1-13*

Nursery Workers

3 - Kim and Laci Oettinger
10 - Lora Young and Roxie Kearney
17 - Joyce Edwards and Laci Oettinger
24 - Midge Smith and Arianna Fuller-Bell
31 - Roxie Kearney and Lizzie Driver

Outreach Team

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

Local Mission Opportunities

Food Pantries

ACTS - Daily

Cokesbury UMC

1st & 3rd Wednesdays

Greater Ransom Way

1st and 3rd Saturdays -
volunteers come at 8:00 am

10:00 am - 12 am

Nonperishable Food Sundays:

January 3 & 17

CPOH Homeless Shelter

Meals: Tuesday Jan 26

BASIC UMYF - Friday Jan 29

Ruin Creek Animal Rescue

Needs: Cold weather is coming and the animals in the shelters will be cold and hungry. Consider donating nonclumping cat litter, blankets, towels, puppy pads. The shelter is always in need of volunteers. The Shelter is open 8:30-4 most weekdays. Funding for veterinarian visits for abandoned animals in need of care is always needed.

Zeb Vance Elementary is always looking for volunteers - aid teachers, mentor students, lunch buddies



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:30 AM Early Worship 10:00 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship 3:00 PM Open house @ parsonage 	28	29	30 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5:30 PM Faith and Fitness 	31 New Year's Eve <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7:00 PM Watch Night Service 	1 New Year's Day 	2
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24 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:30 AM Early Worship 10:00 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship 5:00 PM Youth Connection-Subdistrict Youth Event 	25	26 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6:00 PM Community Partners of Hope Dinner 	27 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5:30 PM Faith and Fitness 6:30 PM Choir Practice 	28 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1:30 PM Keeping Holy Time Bible Study 	29 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5:00 PM BASIC Dinner at Shelter 	30
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