

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.



New Beginnings

April is upon us and our hearts are beating with joy as the spring flowers bloom and the weather is perfect for days on the lake or in the garden. Spring is a time of new beginnings. April we will begin a new worship series. Two primary text will guide our worship, one Old Testament, scripture and one New Testament scripture.

Jeremiah 29:5-7: ⁵ Build houses and settle down; cultivate gardens and eat what they produce. ⁶ Get married and have children; then help your sons find wives and your daughters find husbands in order that they too may have children. Increase in number there so that you don't dwindle away. ⁷ Promote the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile. Pray to the Lord for it, because your future depends on its welfare." (CEB) This text will launch us from gardening towards community as we ask specific questions about what it means to be connected to a particular place.

Acts 2:42-47: ⁴² The believers devoted





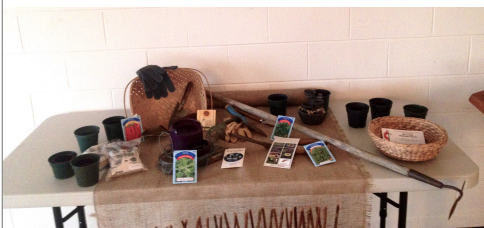
God's Garden

We moved from Ash Wednesday through Easter looking into our lives in God's Garden. Children planted seeds and watched them grow over the six weeks of worship. It was a time to consider our place and part in the garden.



As we turn towards a new focus in the spring, one final reflection on God's garden. Gardening is an act of faith. We do not know what crops we will yield or what forces will impact the crops we plant, yet we plant anyway. We have hope in the harvest. Even after a year of poor harvest, the farmer begins again in the spring.

As an Easter people we are a people of hope and faith, may we continue to work for God's kingdom in the midst of the chaos of the world. God needs faithful gardeners.



themselves to the apostles' teaching, to the community, to their shared meals, and to their prayers. ⁴³ A sense of awe came over everyone. God performed many wonders and signs through the apostles. ⁴⁴ All the believers were united and shared everything. ⁴⁵ They would sell pieces of property and possessions and distribute the proceeds to everyone who needed them. ⁴⁶ Every day, they met together in the temple and ate in their homes. They shared food with gladness and simplicity. ⁴⁷ They praised God and demonstrated God's goodness to everyone. The Lord added daily to the community those who were being saved." (CEB)

As we delve deeper into this text from Acts we will look how the community of faith can be transforming for the particular place in which God planted it.

This worship series will begin on April 10. Moving towards that day, consider the following questions and email, text, or call with your thoughts.

1. What makes a community?
2. Why is community important?
3. How would people know you belong to a particular community?
4. What is expected of members in a community?
5. What do members expect of a community?
6. What will our community look like in 5 years?

Consider these same questions but add "faith" before community.

This series will take us forward to Pentecost when the Holy Spirit came upon Jesus' disciples and the movement began to catch fire. We will celebrate Pentecost at Plank Chapel with a renewed sense of God's call upon our lives and a deepening of our understanding of what that means for us as brothers and sisters in Christ.

That is my prayer for us this spring,

Pastor Carolyn



The Sanctuary Doors

When exiting the sanctuary, please make sure the door is firmly closed. The seals on the bottom of our doors have been repaired so that we will not have water leaking through during rainstorms. So double check when you exit. Thank you!

BASIC UMYF

April 3 we meet at Plank Chapel at 4:00 p.m. and finalize our spring and summer calendars. Remember to bring to this meeting your summer plans for mission or conference events so that we can budget them. KLM Day Camp is accepting youth volunteers - join the team!

April 17 - 4:30 p.m. we will be meeting at Mount Carmel

Conference Youth Events - have you signed up yet?

Breakaway - June 20-25 - Both Middle School and High School at NC Wesleyan - Theme comes out of the Chronicles of Narnia. Deadline June 6 (or until full)

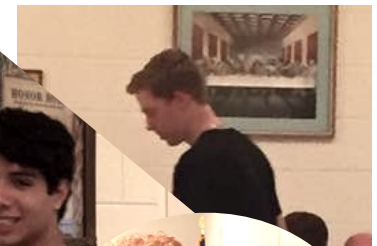
Trail Hike - July 11-16 - Senior High only on the Appalachian Trail. Deadline June 27

ACS - July 18-23 - Senior High only at Methodist University. The Galactic Senate (legislative affairs) will convene and light sabres (pens) will be used to transform the world.

Deadline July 4

Scholarships are available for these events and mission trips.

STEAK DINNER



Vacation Bible School

The Inward Formation Team has selected a week for Vacation Bible School. It will be from **August 1 - 5**. This is a change from our normal June timeframe. If you would like to be a volunteer for VBS contact Karin Driver. It is not too soon to form our VBS team. We will team up again with Spring Valley and Mount Carmel to serve the children of our community. VBS is an outreach to share with children the love of Jesus.

Kerr Lake Ministries Day Camp

Once again KLM is offering day camp to children for free. It will be at Camp Kerr Lake July 25 - 29. Youth Volunteers need to apply now as positions may not be available. Contact Susan Sears for more information. Applications coming soon!!!

Three Sheeps 2 The Wind

is coming to Thursday Night Crafters on April 28 at 6:00 p.m. Glenda Moore will be bringing her spinning wheel, wool, yarns, and more. She will demonstrate how she turns wool into knitting yarn. She will also have yarn for sale. All ages are welcome to come. Enjoy a night of fellowship and experience the craft of spinning. Thursday Night Crafters meet from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. which means if you are not in the area at 6:00 p.m. you still have time to come!

Senior Circle

Come out on the 3rd Wednesday of the month for fellowship, a light lunch, and an informative program. 10:00 a.m. we begin with a devotion and prayer. If you are over 50, you can join Senior Circle!



Faith and Fitness
Wednesdays
5:30 P.M.
Join us
Swimsuit Season
is coming

4 Seasons Cafe and Gift Shop

On the 1st Wednesday of every month we gather for fellowship and a lot of fun! Join us! The fun begins at 10:00 a.m. with a game of Bingo and then we break into various projects or puzzles or games! Bring your favorite snack. All ages are welcome on 1st Wednesdays.



Spring Cleaning
April 16
9:00 a.m. ...
The Trustees are asking all of us to come out!
We will clean inside and out!
The plan is to declutter, deep clean, rearrange
classrooms, make a storage room.



Angels Among
Us
5K
April 23
Team: Living Life with
the 3 F's

IN HIS SERVICE



Keeping Holy Time Bible Study
Returns April 7
1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
The Prophet
Jeremiah

April Ushers

Todd Wilson, Matthew Denton
Mac Wilson, Bruce Newman

April Altar Guild

Laurie Miller and Judy Wilson

April Greeter

Bruce Newman

Flowers

- 3 - Bettie Jane Jones
- 10 - Midge Smith
- 17 - Judy Eaves and Family
- 24 - Communion

Acolytes

- 3 - CT Thompson
- 10 - Arianna Fuller-Bell
- 17 - Austyn Abbott
- 24 - Matthew Denton

Lay Readers

- 3 - Sally Coghill - *Acts 5:27-32*
- 10 - Darlene Ranes - *Acts 9:1-20*
- 17 - Tim Smith - *Acts 9:36-43*
- 24 - Karin Driver - *Acts 11:1-18*

Nursery Workers

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

Outreach Team

- 3 - John and Patricia Rogers
- 10 - Joe Weaver and Henry Finch
- 17 - Mac Wilson and Richard Coghill
- 24 - Debra and Bruce Newman



Community in Prayer

For... Freddie McGhee, Tilly Hughes, Amy Beers, Brandi Dickerson, Alice Finch, George Heaton, 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, shelter

For...the lost and afraid

For...Henderson, Vance County

For...Plank Chapel


For...Our military, families, and veterans

For...all in harms way

For...peace in our nation

For...peace in the world



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6:45 AM Sunrise Worship 7:30 AM Pancake Breakfast 10:00 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship 	28 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7:00 PM Outward Witness 	29 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7:00 PM PPRC Meeting 	30 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5:30 PM Faith and Fitness 6:30 PM Choir Practice 	31	1	2
Food Items for the Food Pantry: Soups, Pasta Sauce, Peanut Butter, and canned meats						
3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:00 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship 4:00 PM Youth Council 4:30 PM BASIC YOUTH <p style="text-align: center;">Food Pantry Sunday</p>	4	5	6 <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 	7 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1:30 PM Keeping Holy Time Bible Study 	8	9 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:00 AM Blessing of the bikes
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