

CHAPEL CHATTER

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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 May'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.



General Conference 2016

The United Methodist Church's top legislative body will meet at the Oregon Convention Center May 10-20, 2016.

General Conference is the top policy-making body of The United Methodist Church which meets once every four years. Delegates from 130 annual conferences will be part of the event. It is a time of prayer and planning to guide the denomination for years to come, and a huge undertaking.

The activity of General Conference can seem far removed from our home congregations, but that could not be farther from the truth. The work, worship, celebrations, and remembrances at General Conference are the activity of all the people of The United Methodist Church. "The mission of the Church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. Local churches provide the most significant arena through which disciple-making occurs." General Conference meets every four years to facilitate this work happening in each of our churches.



Blessing of the Bikes

Bikers from American Legion Riders Posts 187 and 116 have been traveling up to Plank Chapel for an annual Blessing of the Bikes. These veterans and their family members spend many hours of the road on 2



wheels. Often their rides are part of a charity drive that the ride sponsor has promoted. These men and women donate their time and talent through such events as Rolling Thunder, The Ride Home and volunteer at the Veterans Hospitals in Durham, Fayetteville, as well as provide donations to Walter Reed Hospital and the USO.

4 Seasons Cafe and Gift Shop has provided blankets and Plank Chapel UMC has given gift cards they have distributed to veterans and families.

It is humbling to bless the riders and their machines.



The Work - General Conference is the body that determines direction and speaks officially for our denomination. 864 delegates elected by their annual conferences will consider 1044 petitions. Half the delegates are clergy and half are laity. Bishops lead the sessions, but have neither voice nor vote.

Amendments to *The Book of Discipline* that guides the work of local churches, pastors, annual conferences, general agencies, and bishops, are adopted. Delegates also vote on resolutions that give the official positions of The United Methodist Church on social issues which are published in our *Book of Resolutions*.

The General Conference covers a wide array of issues that affect all levels of our church. A small percentage of them receive a great deal of attention. Others will pass or fail without much fanfare, but will have lasting impacts in the life of our local churches.

At the 2016 General Conference legislation will be presented and debated on **human sexuality, the budget of the general church for 2017-2020, a more global church structure, the ordination process for our pastors, formation of a hymnal revision committee, and more.** Whether widely publicized or not, General Conference legislation directs our work globally, regionally, and locally in our congregations.

The Worship - When the United Methodist family gathers, we come from Africa, Asia, Europe, and North America. The worship of General Conference celebrates our unity and diversity. Eleven worship gatherings and nine opportunities to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion are offered during the 11 days. The worship reminds us that we are part of something much larger than our local congregation. We are a connectional church, united to do wonderful work across the globe.

The Celebration - On Wednesday, May 18, at 9:48 a.m. (PDT), The United Methodist Church will celebrate one of those ministries by which we have helped millions. **Imagine No Malaria** has greatly contributed to a coordinated international effort to eradicate this preventable disease. Through the efforts of this amazing ministry, more than 1 million mosquito bed nets have been distributed and more

than 250,000 people have been diagnosed and treated. That is reason to celebrate. *You can watch the Imagine No Malaria celebration, and the rest of the General Conference session live at GC2016.UMC.org.*

The 2016 gathering will also take time to celebrate important milestones that have had tremendous impact in our congregations. This General Conference marks the 60th anniversary of the ordination of female pastors. The 1956 General Conference of The Methodist Church granted full clergy rights to women.

The gathered church will also begin celebrations of the 30th anniversary of Disciple Bible Study in 2017, and the 150th anniversary of United Methodist Women in 2019. Both of these ministries have been instrumental in the spiritual growth of so many members of United Methodist congregations.

The Remembrance - General Conference is also an important time to remember our history. At General Conference 2016 United Methodists will pause to remember Francis Asbury. Asbury was the first bishop in our Methodist heritage. Born in England, he came to America to form and lead this new church. Under Asbury's leadership Methodism grew. This year is the 200th anniversary of his death on March 31, 1816.

While we celebrate Asbury, we also remember painful parts of our history, of which we are called to repent. At General Conference 2012, The United Methodist Church participated in an Act of Repentance toward Healing Relationships with Indigenous People. General Conference 2016 will receive a report of one of those specific acts known as the Sand Creek Massacre. In 1864, a regiment of the US Calvary, led by Methodist preacher Colonel John Chivington, killed nearly 200 people living in a Peace Camp at Sand Creek in the Colorado territory. Together we condemn these events, pray for forgiveness, and seek to repair relationships with the families of the victims.

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Our Delegation

Front Row: Laura Fine Ledford, Connie Stutts, Mack Parker, Emily Innes, Fred Hight, Gil Wise, LaNella Smith, Beth Hood, Lynn Shuffler, Edgardo Colon-Emeric, Ismael Ruiz-Millan.

Middle Row: Ben Williams, Branson Sheets, Trish Archer, Tim Russell, Gray Southern, Leonard Fairley, Eston Brinkley, Ellen Beasley, Claire Cox-Woodlief, Tom Walden, Phil Isaacs, Laurie Hays Coffman.

Back Row: Herbert Lowry, Christine Dodson, Powell Osteen, Gary Locklear, Kevin Baker, Tim Reaves, Sam Isley, Bob Bergland, Richard Morrison.

Not Pictured: Jacob Beasley, Jacob Blount, Lisa Yebuah, Duncan McMillan, Steve Taylor, Johanna Berg, Ann Davis, Bruce Stanley, Liz Roberts, Mary Hunt.

Community Conversation

As we move into May, we turn towards the birthing of the church at Pentecost. It is hard to imagine the excitement of the crowd or the roar of the Holy Spirit as it rushed over the people gathered as they listened to the message Peter proclaimed. The community of disciples grew by the thousands. The rapid growth created difficulties for the apostles as they began to understand the need for organization and structure. Gifts and talents needed to be identified and tasks given to those who were equipped to take them on at the time. Christians gathered in homes for fellowship and communion. They would learn of the needs of their members and meet each one with their collected resources. Over the years the church continued to grow and organize changing so that it remained faithful to the call to go and make disciples. These changes turning into various denominations and patterns of worship. We are in a time in God's history where the world looks at us and questions our values, our mission, our money, and even our God. God is not dead and neither is God's church. The church continues its mission of making disciples. We are facing the question of our future, not because of our possible death, but because growth is change. How we change depends on our allegiance. Are we aligned with the world or with our Lord?



The leadership of Plank Chapel UMC is discerning how we can grow in our discipleship and be a witness to the community. What we need is prayers for our discernment process, willingness to serve as you are able, and willingness to step out of our comfortable places and accept the challenge God places before us to work towards the welfare of the community. I am grateful and humbled to be part of this community God planted at 3047 Bobbitt Road in Kittrell, North Carolina.

Pastor Carolyn

Community in Prayer

For... Mark Litton, Hattie Ranes, 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...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

Vacation Bible School

While the Inward Formation Team has selected a week for Vacation Bible School of **August 1 - 5 taking our children on a Cave Quest!** This year we are also looking at a possible joint VBS with our sister United Methodist Churches. Look for information in our bulletins as we meet and plan our summer witness to children in the community. Please contact Karin Driver if you are available to serve in this ministry.

KLM Day Camp: Champions for Jesus

Kerr Lake Ministries 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!!!

Spring United Methodist Family Fun Days-Kings Dominion/Carowinds Theme Parks!

May 7, 14, 21, 27, 28, and 30, are designated as NC Conference United Methodist Family Fun Days at Kings Dominion; and **May 7, 8, 14 and 15** at Carowinds. Tickets are available for United Methodists at the significantly discounted cost of **\$37.00** per person ages 3 up for **those designated dates**; \$42.00 for any day. To order tickets for Kings Dominion, go to www.kingsdominion.com and enter promo code **NCMETHODIST** in the upper right-hand corner. To order Carowinds tickets, go to www.carowinds.com and enter promo code **NCMETHODIST** in the upper right-hand corner. For each ticket redeemed, a \$1 contribution is made to Youth Service Fund (YSF). For every dollar of YSF money raised, \$.30 goes to the General Church Division on Ministries with Young People where youth from across the US determine grants given to ministries helping youth across the world. The \$.70 that remains in the NC Conference is used 1/3 for Conference Youth Ministry, 1/3 for In-Conference Projects and 1/3 for Out-of-Conference Projects.

Red Bird Missionary Conference - Change Bucket Funds

The Mission Institutions of the Red Bird Missionary Conference offer a wide range of ministries. [Henderson Settlement](#) provides community care and Outreach ministries: agricultural, craft and clothing ministries, elderly and children's ministries, and workcamp and retreat ministries. [Red Bird Mission and Clinic](#) provides a medical clinic, dental clinic, laboratory and xray; elderly, family and children's ministries; housing repair, craft and clothing ministries, Red Bird School and early childhood development program.

Thank You!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Clean up day was filled with laughter and music while hands were scrubbing chairs, tables, walls, floor boards, Bibles, pews, and much more. The church was power washed! The island in the kitchen got a set of wheels! Pencils got sharpened! The kitchen got decluttered! The Trustees thank all who came out and who continually care for the church.

Mission Opportunities
Vance County Schools - Give 5 to Read 5 - seeking to put 5 books in the hands of elementary students going home for the summer
Rebuilding Hope - Needs \$28,000 by May 31 to move forward to secure the old Cocoa Cola building!
New Hats for Cancer Patients - men, women, children - knitted, crocheted, or store bought - these are free for the patients but must be new because of their compromised immune systems

BASIC UMYF

Plank Chapel youth will be meeting during the Sunday School hour on May 1 and May 15 as we design, plan, and prepare for our youth Sunday on June 5. Bring your ideas for hymns, special music, prayers, bulletin cover, and slides.

May 1 - 4:00 p.m. we will be meeting at Mount Carmel UMC - part of our meeting will be planning out our summer events and lock-ins. Our worship continues to explore the question, "Who is Jesus?"
May 15 - 4:30 p.m. we will be meeting at Spring Valley UMC

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.

Appreciation Breakfast is scheduled for June 19
Fish Fry Fundraiser is scheduled for July 30th

North Carolina Wesleyan College Youth Theology Institute - Youth will engage in a week-long summer program to deepen their faith journey and equip themselves with the tools needed to discern and answer God's call in their lives.

The Institute is open to rising tenth, eleventh, and twelfth grade high school students. Following their week-long experience, students will be placed with a mentor who will continue to help guide their discernment process throughout the rest of the year.

For the 2016 year, each student will receive a scholarship for the entire cost of the six-day residential program which includes all curriculum materials, lodging and food, recreation, transportation and night activities. If your application is accepted, you will receive an invitation at which time a non-refundable \$25 registration fee will be required.

IN HIS SERVICE

May Ushers

Freddie McGhee, Scott Ritchey,
John A. Rogers, Bryant Bobbitt

May Altar Guild

Susan Sears and Christine Spencer

May Greeter

Mac Wilson

Flowers

- 1 - Jeannette Weaver and Ann Finch
- 8 - United Methodist Men
- 15 - Communion
- 22 - Roxie Kearney
- 29 - Angie Rowland

Acolytes

- 1 - Makayla Beckham
- 8 - Taylor Shepardson
- 15 - Hannah Pegram
- 22 - Laci Oettinger
- 29 - Chase Thompson

Lay Readers

- 1 - Lorraine Abbott - *Luke 24:44-53*
- 8 - Jeanette McGhee - *John 17:20-26*
- 15 - Taylor Abbott - *John 14:8-17, 25-27*
- 22 - Peggy Hernandez - *Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31*
- 29 - Gwen Ritchey - *1 Kings 18:20-39*

Nursery Workers

- 1 - Kim and Laci Oettinger
- 8 - Lora Young and Midge Smith
- 15 - Joyce Edwards and Laci Oettinger
- 22 - Roxie Kearney and Midge Smith
- 29 - Kim and Laci Oettinger

Outreach Team

If you are interested in being part of an ongoing visitation team, contact John Rogers. He is scheduling a meeting for those who would like to reach out into the community.

As your gardens grow - remember those in need of fresh produce - share the bounty of God's good earth with your neighbor or a stranger!

ALZNC

May 21

JA Rogers Road

9:00 a.m.

5K Walk/Run

Fee: Donation

Join us as we walk or run the race to help fight the battle against dementia and Alzheimers.

Gathering at the home of John and Patricia Rogers before the race and returning there for water and a morning biscuit





Food Pantry Sundays - May 1, May 15
 Bring nonperishables - peanut butter, pasta
 sauce, canned meats, back pack buddy food

Kittrell Community Watch

May 19 - 7:00 p.m.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
1 <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 	2	3	4 <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 	5 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1:30 PM Keeping Holy Time Bible Study 	6	7	
8 Mother's Day <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:30 AM Early Worship 10:00 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship 	9	10 General Conference		11 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5:30 PM Faith and Fitness 6:30 PM Choir Practice 	12 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1:30 PM Keeping Holy Time Bible Study 6:00 PM Thursday Night Crafters 	13	14
15 General Conference		16	17	18 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:00 AM Senior Circle 5:30 PM Faith and Fitness 6:30 PM Choir Practice 	19 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1:30 PM Keeping Holy Time Bible Study 7:00 PM Kittrell Community Watch 	20	21 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00 AM May Walk for ALZNC 
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