

# 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. 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.

## Milestones and Markers

Our lives contain many milestones and markers. This year my birthday is a milestone marker that has caused me to pause and reflect on my life. I have been in deep discernment of the years I have lived and the days ahead.

I find myself in moments of examen. It is a spiritual prayer practice. When we engage in examen, we ask God to walk through our day and show us where we were reflections of Christ or reflections of the world. In this journey through time, we ask for forgiveness for what we failed to do and what we did that may have caused harm. Because it is this milestone year I find that I carry this examen deeper and further. I ask God to show me how I can better reflect Him in my future days and ask for God's forgiveness in those places where my reflection and work was more of the world. My prayer is that my future be one that shows people that the God I serve is unconditional love evidence by my witness in the world.

When I think about milestones and markers I cannot help but return to scripture. In Joshua chapter 4, God asks Joshua to pick up twelve stones from the Jordan and place them as a marker to commemorate a milestone in the journey of the people of Israel from captivity to the promised land. When pressed about this, Joshua offered these words,

**20** "When your children ask their parents in time to come, 'What do these stones mean?' **22** then you shall let your children know, 'Israel crossed over the Jordan here on dry ground.' **23** For the Lord your God dried up the waters of the Jordan for you until you crossed over, as the Lord your God did to the Red Sea, which he dried up for us until we crossed over, **24** so that all the

# The Seismic Activity of God

Last month Steve Taylor brought to our congregation a coaching opportunity - SHIFT. Five copies of the book by Phil Maynard have been purchased and are available to be read and shared.

If you are interested in participating in the seismic activity of God at 3047 Bobbitt Road in Kittrell, North Carolina, join Pastor Carolyn on Sunday, September 18 at 7:00 p.m. She will be using Phil Maynard's book as our platform for study.

In his introduction, Phil Maynard writes, "...I believe that every church has the potential to be vital and fruitful...Not every church will live into this potential...but if the church has the will to move into a more vital ministry, this material is full of great ideas to help you do that. It is not easy. This shift will require much of you." (pgs 11, 12)

Christ gave His all that we might be saved. His resurrection was a seismic shift in the story of salvation. Shall we learn together how we can shift into ministry in our community? Sunday - September 18 - 7:00 p.m.!!!!!!

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peoples of the earth may know that the hand of the Lord is mighty, and so that you may fear the Lord your God forever.”

In years past in Bobbitt, stone was placed upon stone to create the foundation for Plank Chapel UMC. These stones, planks, and glass mortared and nailed together are a marker in our community. As cars come over the rise and eyes look up to see the cross of Christ high on the steeple they know the hand of the Lord has claimed this place.

It is our task when asked by children or by visitors or by strangers, “What do these stones mean?” to share with them the story of Jesus and how His life changed our lives and the lives of those who placed stone upon stone. As we share the story, we invite them into a relationship with the one who can transform their life as well. The twelve stones in Gilgal remain a part of God's story that continues to be shared today. I still remember the chaplain at Camp Foster in Okinawa sharing that story with the graduating seniors from Kubasaki High School. Her voice booming as she asked again and again, “What do these twelve stones mean?”

What will those stones mean in the future? What will our stones mean in the future? What story will they tell of us? The story of our redemption and God's eternal unconditional love for the world? It is a story worth telling and may our lives be markers showing the community a mighty Lord whose love is a transforming force that will change the course of history. As we look to our future, may we remember God is a mighty God powerful and faithful so that we do not shrink from the future into which God is calling us.

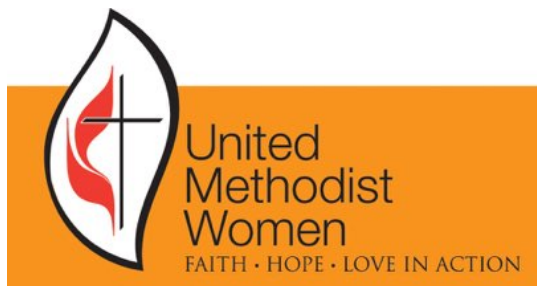
Praying with you,  
Pastor Carolyn

## With Deepest Gratitude

The Bereavement/Hospitality Committee would like to thank all who brought food and beverage for the reception at Mrs. Hilma Smith's funeral. Your generosity is a witness of love straight from the heart of God. Hilma's family could receive their guests knowing that they were supported, strengthened, and comforted by their Plank Chapel family.

## Extravagant Generosity

On August 14, the supplies came in and filled the altar. On August 19 they went to school. On August 21 the principal of Zeb Vance School worshipped with us and as he left, Mr. Kristian Herring spoke of the love he experienced from the worshipping body at Plank Chapel UMC. Thank you for loving God's children and providing them with resources for the coming school year.



## Women of faith in action

The United Methodist Women of Plank Chapel United Methodist Church will return from their summer break and meet on Sunday, September 18 at 3:00 p.m. Meetings are held in the Heritage Room. Every meeting has a program prepared by one of the members. Over the course of the year, these mission minded women provide treat bags for the teachers at Zeb Vance Elementary School, prepare a meal for the Men's Shelter, support the efforts of the United Methodist Men and their BBQ, provide the sanctuary with Poinsettias and Easter Lilies. In January they lead us in a worship service centered on prayer and self-denial. In March they join with area churches for World Day of Prayer. The women work to support the mission of the church and the United Methodist Women's mission to care for women and children. In their May meeting they voted to welcome the teachers back to Zeb Vance with a luncheon. A representative body of women prepared and served the staff of Zeb Vance on September 19. Over the years they have provided support to members in need through generous gifts. When these women know of a need, they reach deep and stretch out far to be the hands and feet of Christ in the midst of the crisis or the ongoing issue. If you want to join this group of women - come on September 18 at 3:00 p.m. and see what the United Methodist Women are all about. You will find women who love God and love their neighbor.



## UNITED METHODIST MEN

The annual BBQ date has been set - November 4. The price of a plate of the best BBQ in Eastern North Carolina, let's be honest, in the world is \$8.00. This year the UMM are donating \$2,000 of their ticket sales to Rebuilding Hope (approximately a dollar a ticket). As we draw closer to the date, we will be asked to participate in this exciting event through many avenues. We can bake cakes, provide tea and cold drinks for eat in customers, sell tickets, volunteer hours in service chopping pork, grinding slaw, boiling potatoes, serving guests, and best of all purchase a plate or two to enjoy! If you would like to be a member of the United Methodist Men - join them on Sunday, September 18 at 8:00 a.m.

### 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.

### Charge Conference - October 10 at 7:00 p.m. - 1st UMC Henderson, NC

In the month of September we will be meeting and preparing for Charge Conference. Trustees, Finance, PPRC, Nominations, and Church Council will work to set our course for 2017 and beyond. Be in prayer for the leadership as we work to do God's will in the ministry of Plank Chapel. Check the inserts in bulletins and watch for emails for meeting announcements.

### Community in Prayer

For... Sally Coghill, Stanley Wilson, Jr.,  
 Frances Roberts, family of Hilma Smith,  
 Henry Finch, Skeeter Pearce, Tilly Hughes,  
 Jamie Kearney, Kay House, Faye Young,  
 Amy Beers, Brandi Dickerson, Alice Finch,  
 David Driver, Frances Fuller, Jane Owen,  
 Gerald Woodlief, 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



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

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!



# BASIC UMYF

September 11 - BASIC UMYF will meet at Plank Chapel at 4:30 p.m.

September 18 - Business meeting - 4:00 p.m. at Plank Chapel, 4:30 p.m. Meeting opens with devotion

This year's rotating schedule will be one month at Plank Chapel and the next month at Rehoboth.

In October we return to the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month and we will meet at Rehoboth UMC with the business portion of the meeting on the 1st Sunday 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!!!!

Plank Chapel youth - Mrs. Donald Rose McGhee will be meeting with us on Sunday, September 11 at 4:00 p.m. This meeting is to plan for our Christmas program. She is looking forward to working with the youth once again. Join her in the sanctuary at 4:00 p.m. and hear her exciting plans.



## Heritage District Youth Event

Camp Kerr Lake  
3111 Flemington Road  
Middleburg, NC 27556  
September 10<sup>th</sup> 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
Hamburgers, chips and drinks will be provided for lunch

We will be collecting school supplies for middle and high school students for the Robeson County Community Center. The items we will be collecting are:

- Number 2 pencils
- Notebook paper
- Spiral notebooks
- Protractors
- Rulers
- Texas Instruments TI84 Calculator (One per church if possible- they cost a little over \$100)

## 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!

## New Members

September 18 is a full day at Plank Chapel UMC. We will be receiving into new membership Mark and Laurie Litton. If you have been considering that same step, contact Pastor Carolyn.

## Sunday School

We have classes for all ages. A new young adult class has begun. It meets in the Heritage Room. They are beginning at the beginning - Genesis!

# IN HIS SERVICE

## **September Ushers**

Matthew Denton, Scott Ritchey  
Mac Wilson, Todd Wilson

## **September Altar Guild**

Jackie and Ben Brown

## **September Greeter**

Richard Coghill

## **Flowers**

4 - Susan Sears  
11 - Communion  
18 - Beverly Thompson  
25 - Lorraine Abbott

## **Acolytes**

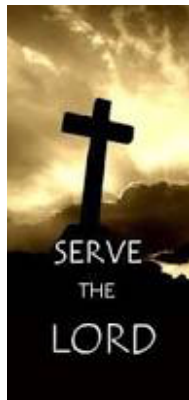
4 - Matthew Denton  
11 - Makayla Beckham  
18 - Taylor Shepardson  
25 - Hannah Pegram

## **Lay Readers**

4 - Jeanette McGhee - Jeremiah 18:1-11  
11 - Taylor Abbott - 1 Timothy 1:12-17  
18 - Gwen Ritchey - Jeremiah 8:18-9:1  
25 - Mike Ranes - Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15

## **Nursery Workers**

4 - Joyce Edwards and Laci Oettinger  
11 - Lora Young and Midge Smith  
18 - Kim and Laci Oettinger  
25 - Roxie Kearney and Lizzie Driver




## Fall Festival September 24

11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Cake Walk  
Donut Eating Contest  
Bobbing for Apples  
Corn Hole Toss  
Horse Shoes  
Hot Dogs  
Drinks  
Chips

Homemade Ice Cream

Invite a neighbor  
Invite a friend  
Come and play



Collecting  
flameless candles  
for a special worship  
on October 31

**Food Pantry Sunday - September 18**

Sunday		Thursday		Friday		Saturday	
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