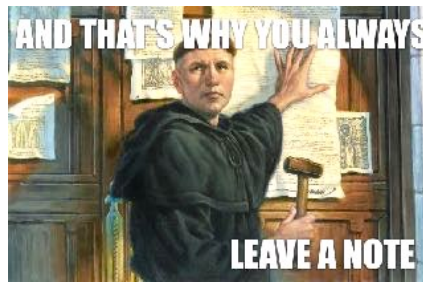


Chapel Chatter

Wide Open Hearts! Wide Open Doors!

Reformation

It has been 500 years since Martin Luther tacked his “95 Theses” on the door of the Wittenburg Castle Church. The popular legend has it that on October 31, 1517 Luther nailed the document in defiance of the church. His motive for posting the document on the door may have been to announce the content of an academic conference he was organizing. Consider the movement of God in the midst of God’s church. Martin Luther sought only to bring a dialog to the in the church. He was tradition, not scripture power. He loved God’s that church faithful to way of life. The its many expressions around this time in various locations in Europe. The intertwining of the church with the state began to unravel and God worked to regain control of His church.



issues of authority concerned that was the source of church and wanted Jesus’ teachings and Protestant church in began to sprout

God has always been at work within His church reshaping and reforming what has been stretched and deformed by the humans who are the church. Reformation is the lifelong faith journey of the church. There are historical markers where we can see significant shifts. The Methodist movement was another shift. Elaine A. Heath in [God Unbound: Wisdom from Galatians for the Anxious Church](#) reminds us, “*John Wesley, the founder of Methodism, pioneered a new path because of divine direction that came through a mystical experience—his ‘heart was strangely warmed’ when he received assurance from God that he really was a child of God. This turning point launched his astonishing ministry that, in time, became the Methodist Church.*” (pg 37)

The month of October, our focus will be on reformation and what it means to us today. Are we ready to be reformed? Do we believe we need to be reformed? Are we in the midst of a reformation now? The Holy Spirit is at work in our midst. There is evidence in the lively discussions, the growing ministries and outreach, and in the hearts of the faithful. As the month



UMM

Meet on third Sunday of the month at 8:00 a.m. for breakfast.



UMW

Meetings are held on the 3rd Sunday of the month at 3:00 p.m.



BASIC UMYF

Our youth have a flexible schedule - check the news section for this month’s activities

unfolds spend time praying over the ministry of Plank Chapel United Methodist Church. Spend time being still before God so that God’s voice may be heard. Movements of God include powerful moments when the Holy Spirit breaks into our lives and we cannot help but go where we are being sent. On October 29 we will have an opportunity to sit together, share a meal, and have a conversation at our tables of the visions and dreams we have for God’s church as well as the challenges those dreams and visions create within our body. Put it on your calendar. Dinner will be prepared in our kitchen for you! We will look at our own lists of hopes, dreams, and challenges for our future. My prayer is our number won’t rise to 95!

Praying with you,

Pastor Carolyn



Shift Small Group

Our next meeting is Sunday, October 1 @ 5:30 p.m. All are welcome to join us. This fall’s book study is by Elaine A. Heath, God Unbound, Wisdom from Galatians for the Anxious Church. In her preface, she states *“Indeed, the gospel-shaped church is the only kind that will birth Jesus-followers in the years ahead.”* (pg 10) What does a gospel shaped church look like?



Our outreach project is a **5K Walk/Run for Community Partners of Hope!**

Plans are for October 14, location is Satterwhite Point, Kerr Lake State Park. Our goal is 250 runners. Our fund raising goal is \$5,000.00. We are seeking corporate sponsors and private donations. If you are interested in joining the planning team, contact Lori Litton! Get your walking shoes on! On line registration is now available at: <https://app.racereach.com/event/a-dash-of-hope-5k-run-walk/register>. We are also seeking volunteers for the day of the race! With your support we can reach \$5,000!

CHURCH COUNCIL - TUESDAY - OCTOBER 10 - 7:00 P.M.

Nominations and Lay Leadership met in August to place into nomination 2018’s leadership. Finance Committee met in September to create our 2018 budget. The Church Council will meet and approve the work of the committees. This is an open meeting for all members to attend and add voice to the discussion. Those who can vote are the elected members of the Church Council.

The work of the church is then brought to the Charge Conference where we will affirm our votes with the District Superintendent. This annual meeting is a gathering of churches from parts of our district. We learn how together we are part of God’s work transforming the world. It will be held on Wednesday, November 8 at 7:00 p.m. at Wake Forest UMC. We hear the creative ways God is reaching into the world changing lives including our own.

BASIC UMYF

Meetings will be weekly at 4:00 p.m. and conclude at 5:30 p.m. October the meetings will be led by Pastor Lee from Rehoboth. In November and December we will meet at Plank Chapel UMC. The fall season will end on December 10. Two major fall events include Pilgrimage from November 10-12 and a 30 Hour Famine Lock-in December 1-2. If you are looking for places to serve consider: Lay Reader, Usher, Sound System, slide projection, volunteering with A Dash of Hope 5K Run/Walk, volunteering with UMM BBQ, volunteering to cook for the shelter.

October holds many missional places to serve. The Yam Jam is happening in Louisburg the weekend of October 6. A Dash of Hope is scheduled for October 14. If you would like to participate or volunteer, talk to PC. October 21 a road trip to the MERCI center is scheduled to carry cleaning bucket items collected and to help sort and restock other buckets.

The meeting scheduled for October 22nd may be relocated due to the Fall Festival at Plank Chapel and



This winter as we look to special Plank Chapel times of worship consider how you can add to the time of worship with your gifts. In October there is World Communion Sunday. In November we will light the night sky for All Souls Night. The first Sunday of Advent is Hanging of the Greens.



Robeson County Church and Community Center, (#791742)

Community in Prayer

For... Family of Alvin Kearney, Frances Fuller, Charles Thompson, Sr., Kim Yates, Angie Hayes, Joe Weaver, Ann Finch, Janet Bobbitt, Richard Coghill, Ruth Hailey, Hattie Raney, Dave Driver, Skeeter Pearce, Tilly Hughes, Jamie Kearney, Kay House, Faye Young, Brandi Dickerson, Alice Finch, David Driver, 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

Giving Thanks for the ministry of Acolytes - our children and youth and some of our very young at heart older adults open and close worship as they carry the light of Christ. Worship begins as the light enters from the world and ends as we take the light out into the world. These bearers of the light are supported by Michelle Denton who schedules and trains them and our torch keeper, Johnny McGhee. He has cared for the "candle lighting stick" when it was wax - cleaning and preparing it for worship after continual use. He now maintains watch over the "oil in our lamps" that they may keep burning. Let the acolytes and their keeper know how grateful you are for their service.

Keeping Holy Time Bible Study

God's timing creates moments when we just cannot help but shout, "Hallelujah! Paul's letters to the Corinthians concluded on the last Thursday morning in September. We turned the page to the next letter, Galatians, Paul's letter that is the jumping off point of Dr. Heath's book being studied by the SHIFT Small Group. Join us on October 12 at 10:00 a.m. as we dig deep into Paul's letter. It may be that there will be a time for Dr. Heath's work in God Unbound to add another voice in our lively discussions. We will only meet once in October. In November we will open Paul's letter to the Ephesians.

Food Pantry Sundays - October 1 and 15



Bring peanut butter, soups, pasta and pasta sauce, canned meats, and other nonperishable items

Choir

Music is a vital aspect of worship. The choir will be preparing for the Advent Season and Christmas programs. Join us on Wednesday evenings as we prepare to lead worship in music. We will present our cantata on December 17 during worship. We will be celebrating a "Great Day!"

United Methodist Men

You may think this group only eats breakfast and cooks BBQ. This group of disciples uses their resources to help the ministries of Plank Chapel. They are there for the youth at the Fish

Fry. They can be counted on to help those in need with handicap ramps, plumping problems, grass that needs mowing, or vehicles in need of repair. This year their plan is



to be a resource for A Dash of Hope 5K and the annual ALZNC Walk/Run at JA Rogers Road. Join them on the 3rd Sunday in October and learn how you can serve. The BBQ has been scheduled for November 3rd. Plates are \$8.00. Time to sign up for cups of BBQ. If you are willing to sell tickets let a UMM know and they will get you tickets. There is a cake sign up as well! The whole church gears up and the community is blessed.

United Methodist Women

Meeting on the 3rd Sunday of each month, the United Methodist Women spend time growing together as disciples. Each meeting includes a program to encourage our awareness of the missions we may serve.

Join in with these mission minded women. Their connection to Zeb Vance continues to grow!



The United Methodist Women are collecting Box Tops for Zeb Vance - look for the Box Top label on products and cut off the label and bring it to the church. Each label is \$.10.

Ten cents adds up fast!



Senior Circle 10 a.m. 3rd Wednesday

On September 20, Conrad Hock's group came together to share with us their love of God and music. The group's testimonies and songs touched each of us. We cannot wait to have them back again. Each month the program at Senior Circle is unique and inspiring.

In October we will be having our first Fall Fair. There will be tables set up to remind us of the booths set up at fairs. The program will be sharing our stories at the tables. Every fair has food and Senior Circle will be no exception. The morning will conclude with a hearty lunch. If you have never been to Senior Circle, this may be the day for you to join us.

Senior Circle Fall Fair 2017

Crafts: Sewing, knitting, crocheting, quilting, tating, felting, cross stitch etc.

Art: Painting, woodworking, metalworking, pottery, jewelry etc.

Kitchen crafts: Baked goods, pickles, relish and home grown produce

Flowers: Plants etc. Wreathes, floral decorations

Basketweaving: Share the baskets you have woven or those woven for you

Livestock: Have tables with stuffed or wooden or ceramic images of livestock. Photos of 4H animals or pets or livestock they raised.

Village of Yesteryear: Old interesting stuff

Games: Corn hole, ring around the bottle, etc. Prizes will be stuffed animals to be donated to Christmas toy raiser.

Admission to fair: Canned goods to be donated to ACTS

The Gathering Place

On the first Wednesday, this group gathers and shares and plans. One of the results of our gathering, sharing, and planning is visiting. Last month we visited Kay House on her 91st birthday. She was all decked out in her 90th birthday shirt.



October 22

2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Games

Hot Dogs

Cake Walk

Something to do about Pumpkins

Fun and Fellowship

All Ages Welcome!

No one is too young

or too old!

Some events may surprise you-you don't want to miss out!



Join us and bring a friend or two!

All Souls Night

On October 31 we will be honoring the saints who have gone before us with a time of prayer. The light they were to the world has not been extinguished as it shines in everyone they touched and the memories we share. On this night we will remember that light with candle light. We are reclaiming and reforming a tradition. Halloween comes from a celebration called All Hallows Eve. Hallows in gaelic translates to Saints. The night before All Saints Day, people gathered in the cemeteries bringing candles to honor their departed loved ones. We will gather at 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall and distribute our candles. Together we will cross to the graveyard and begin blanketing the cemetery with light. When all are lit we will join together and lift up the names of the departed, pray, and conclude with a hymn. Join us - bring candles - we have about 120 now - we need 400.



Sign Up for the race

It will be here sooner

than you think!

IN HIS SERVICE

October Ushers

Freddie McGhee, Bruce Newman
Matthew Denton, Mac Wilson

October Altar Guild

Donald Rose McGhee

October Greeters

Richard Coghill

Flowers

1 - World Communion
8 - Martha Rowland
15 - Janet Bobbitt and France Fuller
22 - Laurie Miller
29 - Christine Spencer

Acolytes

1 - Matthew Denton
8 - Laci Oettinger
15 - Jasper Denton
22 - Avery Thomas
29 - Austyn Abbott

Lay Readers

1 - Darlene Ranes - Phil 2:1-13
8 - Gwen Ritchey - Phil 3:4b-14
15 - Mike Ranes - Phil 4:1-9
22 - Lorraine Abbott - Exodus 33:12-23
29 - Sally Coghill - Deut 34:1-12

Nursery Workers

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



Mission Work - what gifts can we bring that will help the community and the world

Natural Disasters - ways to participate and donate:

United States Disaster Response Advance #901670
International Disaster Response Advance #982450

NCC Advance Numbers

S00176 – NC Storm Emergency Response,
S00276 – Humanitarian & Health Outreach
Shipping
S00213 – MERCI Cleaning Buckets

A team will be going to MERCI Oct 21 - join in!

Cleaning Bucket - Value: \$65.00
remove most items from store packaging

1.. 5-gallon bucket with resealable lid
Liquid laundry detergent - two 25-oz. or one 50-oz. bottle(s) only
Liquid household cleaner - 12-16 oz. liquid cleaner that can be mixed with water no spray cleaners
Dish soap - 16-28 oz. bottle, any brand
1 can air freshener - aerosol or pump
1 insect-repellent spray - 6-14 oz. aerosol or spray pump with protective cover
1 scrub brush - plastic or wooden handle
18 cleaning wipes - handi-wipes or reusable wipes no terry cleaning towels
7 sponges - no cellulose sponges (mold issues)
5 scouring pads - no stainless steel, Brillo pads or SOS pads (nothing with soap built in)
50 clothespins
Clothesline - two 50-ft. or one 100-ft. cotton or plastic
24-roll heavy-duty 33-45 gallon sizes
5 dust masks
2 pairs kitchen dishwashing gloves
should be durable enough for multiple uses
1 pair work gloves - cotton with leather palm or all leather

Food Pantry Sundays
October 1 & 14



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 BASIC Youth 5:30 PM Shift Study Group 	2	3	4 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:00 AM The Gathering Place 5:30 PM Faith and Fitness 6:30 PM Choir Practice 	5	6	7
8 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:00 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship 4:00 PM BASIC Youth 	9 Columbus Day (regional holiday)	10 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7:00 PM Church Council 	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"> 10:00 AM Keeping Holy Time Bible Study 	13	14 Reserved <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00 AM CPOH - Run/Walk
15 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00 AM UMM 10:00 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship 3:00 PM UMW 4:00 PM BASIC Youth 	16 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7:00 PM Trustees Meeting 	17 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6:30 PM Choir Practice 	18 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:00 AM Senior Circle 5:30 PM Faith and Fitness 	19	20	21 Reserved
22 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:30 AM Early Worship 10:00 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship 2:00 PM Fall Festival 4:00 PM BASIC Youth 	23 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6:30 PM KLM Meeting 	24	25 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5:30 PM Faith and Fitness 6:30 PM Choir Practice 	26	27	28 Reserved
29 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:30 AM Early Worship 10:00 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship 4:00 PM BASIC Youth 6:00 PM Dinner and Dialog 	30	31 Halloween <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5:30 PM All Souls Night 	1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:00 AM The Gathering Place 5:30 PM Faith and Fitness 6:30 PM Choir Practice 	2	3 UMM BBQ	4

Events for October

6-7 - Yam Jam in Louisburg through Society of St. Andrews

14 - A Dash of Hope - 9:00 a.m. (8:00 a.m. registration) - Satterwhite Point

22 - 2:00 p.m. - Fall Festival - Plank Chapel

29 - 6:00 p.m. - Dinner and Dialog

31 - 5:30 p.m. - All Souls Night Worship