

Chapel Chatter

Wide Open Hearts! Wide Open Doors!



“Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever.”

(1 Chronicles 16:34)

This past month at Senior Circle I was once again reminded of how God’s love endures forever. The stories shared with one another were the stories of love, thanksgiving, and the goodness of God that covered generations. The fair also called to my remembrance the enduring love of the community called Senior Circle. Each month in the Chapel Chatter a group or person has been highlighted who serves the Lord through Plank Chapel. This month it is Senior Circle. I am grateful for the leaders of Senior Circle who are following a legacy of love providing a place for the retired to come and reconnect and remember they are part of a greater community, the family of God. While I give thanks for Pat Fuller who works to inspire us to create programs that challenge, inform, entertain, or bring out our inner child, I also give thanks to Donald Rose McGhee who coordinates our “light lunch”, Patricia Rogers who manages our funds, as well as Faye Woodlief who leads us,. I cannot help but thank the Lord for Kay House who taught us all of us how to hold Senior Circle. She and those who joined her had a vision inspired by their love of God and took the risks to create a group that lives on forming an unbroken circle. When I consider our future, I recognize it is the matriarchs and patriarchs of our past who planted a church because of their loving relationship with their Lord and a vision for the community where God’s church was planted. This month as we give thanks for what we have, may we also pray for what God has in store for our future.

Praying with you,

Pastor Carolyn



Give thanks for the past, for those who had vision, who planted and watered so dreams could come true. Give thanks for the Now, for study, for worship, for mission that bids us turn prayer into deed.

*Give thanks for Tomorrow, full of surprises, for knowing whatever Tomorrow may bring, the Word is our promise always, forever, we rest in God's keeping and live in God's love.
(What Gift Can We Bring by Jane M. Marshall)*



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



Kitchen Conversations

The work is never complete when it comes to kitchens because the kitchen is always in use. As we move into our newly renovated space, some things the Trustees would like your assistance to help us keep it fresh and bright.

1. Stove and Oven - when not in use the gas will be turned off. If you are having a function and will be using the stove and oven, let a United Methodist Man or a Trustee know and they will turn it on the night before or the morning of your event/function.
2. Kitchen Cooler - When you do have an event, please take all the condiments home you brought with you. If your events are recurring consider taking home open containers of juice, milk, buttermilk, soda, tea and other items that may spoil from one month to the next. If you keep condiments for a monthly meeting, make sure before you go and buy more to store in the cooler that you check for what is already there and offer a few on the serving table rather than one each on the dining tables. It is a shared cooler and has enough space for all of us when we use it wisely.
3. Cabinets and Drawers - please return items to the cabinets and drawers from where they were removed. We may find that items are not where they always were and some items may have found new homes. As we use the kitchen we will uncover what items are necessary and act accordingly. Remember too, they are now white - please check after using the kitchen to see if stains are on the doors or drawers.
4. Towels and Washcloths - If you are sponsoring an event, please bring your own towels and wash cloths. There are a few in the kitchen for recurring activities, but we will not be storing a large quantity of towels or cloths for cleaning in the kitchen.



Classroom Chairs

We have some excess wooden classroom chairs that will be given to Restore/Habitat for Humanity on November 18. Until that time, if you would like to take one, two, three or more of them home, please let a Trustee know you have taken some. The chairs are in the classroom that has become our storage room for tables and chairs. These are fine wooden chairs but what we have found is that other churches are going to chairs they can fold and use in multiple settings.

Shift Small Group

Our next meeting is Sunday, November 12 @ 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?

BASIC UMYF

Meetings will be weekly at 4:00 p.m. and conclude at 5:30 p.m. 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:

During our November 19 meeting we will be preparing and serving a meal at Community Partners of Hope Temporary Men's Shelter.

Are you called to be a Lay Reader, Usher, Sound System, create worship slide projection? How about volunteering with UMM BBQ, or volunteering to cook for the shelter?

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 November we will light the night sky for All Souls Night. The first Sunday of Advent is Hanging of the Greens.

Changing the World through our Change

- ACTS - Area Christians Together in Service - provides a food pantry and meal ministry to the residents of Henderson/Vance County. Currently ACTS is raising funds for a capital campaign for their new location - renovations and upgrades to better serve the population.



Keeping Holy Time Bible Study

In November we will open Paul's letter to the Ephesians. Our first meeting in November will be November 9. Join us as we work to understand how we are the bride of Christ as His church. We are not meeting Thursday mornings at 10:00 a.m. Our study is shared and we include in our time, prayers for the community. Join us in November.



Food Pantry Sundays - October 29 and November 12

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

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. 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. The whole church is

Charge Conference

November 8

7:00 p.m.

Wake Forest UMC

gearing up and ready to chop, grind, dip and serve.

Worship News



November begins with All Saints Communion on November 5. It is a time to remember the saints we lost during the year and honor the ones that are living still. We begin this time of celebration on October 31 as we gather in the Fellowship Hall at 5:30 p.m. We will prepare our lights for the cemetery and then go out and shine lights on the graves that shine brightly in our hearts.

November also holds Thanksgiving. A time of gratitude for the family and bounty God has provided. Each Sunday prior to Thanksgiving we bring to the altar the gives of creation God



has been generous with in the year. Our altar is covered with the produce and fruit, grain from the fields, breads made from grains, and non perishables to go the the food pantries in our area. This year's altar will go to those in need

and help the youth of Plank Chapel and Rehoboth (BASIC) prepare a meal for the men's shelter in Henderson. Bring items for the altar on November 19.



Fall



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!



Festival



Plank Chapel UMC Blood Drive

Held in the Fellowship Hall
3047 Bobbitt Road
Kittrell, NC 27544

**Saturday, December 16, 2017
10:00 AM to 2:30 PM**

To schedule your life saving appointment, visit redcrossblood.org and enter sponsor code: Plank

For questions, please contact Jasper Denton at (252) 492-1919 or jasperdenton@gmail.com

For eligibility questions, call 1-866-236-3276.

Streamline your donation experience and save up to 15 minutes by visiting RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass to complete your pre-donation reading and health history questions on the day of your appointment.

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IN HIS SERVICE

November Ushers

Henry Finch, DJ Pegram
Scott Ritchey, Todd Wilson

November Altar Guild

Patricia Rogers

November Greeters

LC and Kim Medlin

Flowers

5 - All Saints Day Communion
12 - Kasey Pegram
19 - Carolyn Roy
26 - Laura Litton

Acolytes

5 - Chase Thompson
12 - Hannah Pegram
19 - Patrick Medlin
26 - CT Thompson

Lay Readers

5 - Avery Thomas - Matthew 23:1-12
12 - Donald Rose McGhee - Joshua 24:14-25
19 - Pat Edwards - 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
26 - Mike Ranes - Ephesians 1:15-23

Nursery Workers

5 - Kim and Laci Oettinger
12 - Roxie Kearney and Heather Medlin
19 - Joyce Edwards and Laci Oettinger
26 - Roxie Kearney and Karin and Lizzie Driver

**Outward Witness Cmte
CPOH Shelter Meal - November 28**



**All Souls
Night**

October 31

5:30 pm

**Bring a
candle or two**

Community in Prayer

For... Kim Yates, Angie Hayes, Joe Weaver, Janet Bobbitt, Richard Coghill, Ruth Hailey, Hattie Ranes, 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

Food Pantry Sundays
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November

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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 6:30 PM KLM Meeting	31 Halloween 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
5 Daylight Saving Time End <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	7 Election Day 6:30 PM Choir Practice	8 7:00 PM Charge Conference	10:00 AM Keeping Holy Time Bible Study	9 Veterans Day (observed) 6:00 PM Pilgrimage	11 Veterans Day Reserved ... Pilgrimage
12 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:00 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship ... Pilgrimage 5:30 PM Shift Study Group 	13	14	15 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:00 AM Senior Circle 5:30 PM Faith and Fitness 6:30 PM Choir Practice 	16 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:00 AM Keeping Holy Time Bible Study 6:00 PM Kittrell Community Watch 	17	18
19 <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 6:00 PM CPOH Dinner 	20 7:00 PM Trustees Meeting	21	22 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5:30 PM Faith and Fitness 6:30 PM Choir Practice 	23 Thanksgiving	24	25
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Special Events

November 3 - United Methodist Men's BBQ - 11:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

November 5 - All Saints Sunday (Daylight Savings Time Ends)

November 8 - Charge Conference - 7:00 p.m. - Wake Forest UMC

November 19 - Thanksgiving Altar

Plank Chapel United Methodist Church 2018 Lay Leadership Roster Church Council – 2018

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Carolyn Roy
 Lay Leader: Tim Smith (18)
 Chairperson, Church Council: Mike Ranes (20)
 Chair, Finance Committee: Patricia Rogers (19)
 Chairperson, Trustees: Norman Manning (18)
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 Chairperson, Inward Formation: Kim Oettinger (19)
 Chairperson, Outward Witness: Susan Sears (18)
 Superintendent, Sunday School: Patricia Rogers
 Lay Member Annual Conference: Peggy Hernandez
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 Recording Secretary: Lorraine Abbott
 Finance Secretary: Judy Wilson
 Membership Secretary: Darlene Ranes
 Treasurer: Scott Ritchey
 President, UMM: Thomas Beckham
 President, United Methodist Women: Darlene Ranes
 UM Youth Fellowship: Avery Thomas (20)
 Senior Circle Representative: Faye Woodlief
 Communications Coordinator: Gwen Ritchey
 Honorary Members: Faye Young, Jane Owen

COMMITTEES and WORK AREAS for 2018

Lay Leadership: Rev. Dr. Carolyn Roy, Chr., Tim Smith (LL), Kim Oettinger (18), John Rogers (18), Matthew Denton (19), Thomas Beckham (19), Mac Wilson (18), CT Thompson (20), Midge Smith (20)

Trustees: Norman Manning (Chr) (18), Kim Oettinger (18), Gwen Ritchey (18), Peggy Hernandez (19), Todd Wilson (19), John Abbott (19), Ann Finch (20), Thomas Beckham (20), LC Medlin (20), Laurie Miller (Building Fund Treasurer)

Pastor-Parish Relations: Susan Sears (Chr 20), Lorraine Abbott (18), Tim Smith (LL), Olivia Kemp (18), Patricia Rogers (18), Avery Thomas (19), Bryant Bobbitt (19), Lora Young (20), Freddie Oettinger (19), Peggy Hernandez (LM-20)

Finance: Patricia Rogers, Chr. (19), Rev. Dr. Carolyn Roy (Pastor), Tim Smith (LL, PPRC), Scott Ritchey (Treasurer), Judy Wilson (Financial Sec.), Donald Rose McGhee (Memorial Fund Treasurer), Darlene Ranes (Cemetery Fund Treasurer), Mike Ranes (Council Chair, 20), Norm Manning (Trustees, 19), Bruce Newman (18), Daryl Spencer (18), Jeannette Weaver (19), Mac Wilson, Vice Chair (18), Peggy Hernandez (LM-20)

Counting Committee: Darlene Ranes, Judy Wilson, Jeannette Weaver, Gwen Ritchey

Inward Formation Team: (3 years): Kim Oettinger (chair), Karin Driver, Bruce Newman, Matthew Denton, Sally Coghill, Sara Tipton, Joyce Edwards, Christine Spencer, Sarah Cruz, John and Faye Abbott, Kim Medlin

Outward Witness Team: (3 years): Susan Sears (chair), John Rogers, Patricia Rogers, Tim Smith, Richard Coghill, Peggy Hernandez, Roxie Kearney, Susan White, and Lori Litton

Worship Committee: (3 years): Rev. Dr. Carolyn Roy (chair), Sally Coghill, Judy Wilson, Daryl Spencer, Patricia Rogers, Donald Rose McGhee

Volunteer Positions Held

Historian (Archives and History) - Lorraine Abbott
 Asst SS Superintendent - Donald Rose McGhee
 Sunday School Secretary - Laurie Miller
 Communion Steward - Judy Wilson
 Worship Tech Support - Scott Ritchey
 Coordinator of Ushers - Bruce Newman
 Coordinator of Acolytes - Michelle Denton
 Coordinator of Greeters - Sally Coghill
 Nursery Coordinator - Roxie Kearney
 Safe Sanctuaries Coordinator - Michelle Denton
 Bereavement Hospitality - Donald Rose McGhee
 Disaster Response Coordinator - Lori Litton
 Cemetery Administrator - John Abbott
 BASIC UMYF Coordinator - Michelle Denton