

Chapel Chatter

Wide Open Hearts! Wide Open Doors



Light on the Hilltop - Shining out Love

“You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid.”
Matthew 5:14 (NRSV)

February is filled with images of love. The world shifts from Christmas to New Year’s to Valentine’s Day. Already the stores are filled with red hearts and candy temptations. The Christian calendar has us in the season of Epiphany moving us towards the Transfiguration. The star of the Epiphany and the transfigured Christ



UMM

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



UMW

Meet on the third 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

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4 SEASONS CAFE

Meeting at 10:00 a.m. for food, fun, and fellowship - all ages

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THURSDAY NIGHT CRAFTERS

6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Bring your craft ideas

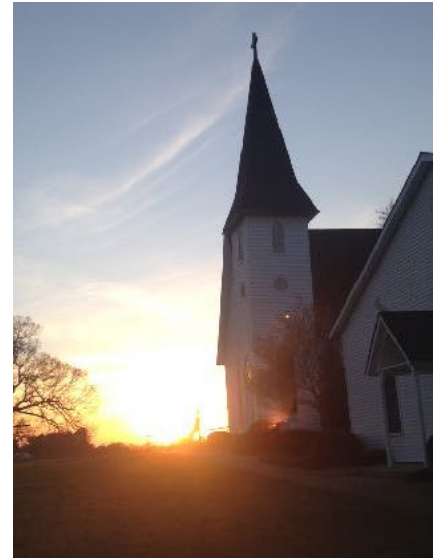
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SENIOR CIRCLE

Join us at 10:00 a.m. for a light lunch and an informative program.

are filled with light. Both Epiphany and the Transfiguration shine out for us to see God's great love for all creation, a love that took Him from His heavenly throne into a manger stall, a love that journeyed through the world to a hilltop where He was transformed before His disciples, a love that took Him back down that mountain to hilltop known as Golgatha where He was crucified. Today we are people of the resurrection because that love defeated death.

In His sermon on the mount, He spoke to us about being light, being salt, being visible so that the world could see God's love through us. As I prepare this article for our Chapel Chatter, I am witnessing the struggle in the world as light and dark battle across various forms of media and in various places of power. What we don't see are those places of powerlessness where light is shining into the darkness of fear, hopelessness, anger, and hate. I have witnessed it in Greenville, North Carolina in ways that caught my heart to see and believe in a transformed community here in Kittrell. I have witnessed it in Henderson as leaders of faith traditions struggle to provide answers to a community in need. I have witnessed it at Plank Chapel as brothers and sisters share from limited resources to resource mission and ministry in our local community and around the world.



Hilltop moments are hard to leave because we know what waits in the valley. The challenge of the valley is where I hear God clearly calling us to shine. As we search the Gospel, Jesus speaks to us of love. He asks us to love God, our neighbor, ourselves, our enemies, and in the Gospel of John, He asks us to love one another, our brothers and sisters in Christ. Love and light are powerful gifts we are given by God. My prayer is that the light that shines from the hilltop at 3047 Bobbitt Road will bring hope to places of despair, comfort to places of grief, love to those who believe they are unloveable, reconciliation to places of conflict, and our community will know Christ's peace.

You, brothers and sisters in Christ, are the light that shines from 3047 Bobbitt Road and I praise God for each of you.

Pastor Carolyn

PLANK CHAPEL'S CHOIR

Psalm 96:1 "Sing to the Lord a new song! Sing to the Lord, all the earth!"

Each week our worship is enhanced by the gift of our volunteer choir. This group of faithful servants give time to practice and prepare for worship each week on Wednesday evenings. Our pianist and our organist are also volunteers. Some have been volunteering for well over fifty years. Others have just begun in the past seven years. Each one has a love for Christ, love for music, and a love of their community with whom they worship. What a gift of service these men and women give to us. Thank you for serving! Thank you for your faithfulness!



Shift Small Group

As this group meets we talk about the ways we can help focus the light that shines out of our community into the places of the most need. Our next meeting is February 12 at 4:30 p.m. All are welcome to join us. The NCCUMC Conference is offering a training: Community Engagement: Practical Skills for Deepening Your Outreach and Partnerships. This training is on February 23 from 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 pm. We are planning a road trip and any who would like to join us for this resourcing and training are welcome to travel with us.

Outward Witness

Update on Rebuilding Hope: Randolph Wilson continues to improve from his heart attack. The staff is moving into the office spaces at their new building. They are preparing the warehouses to receive the goods from their old site. Volunteers are always welcome to come and assist in the move. This past year they built many handicapped ramps and look forward to the same this coming year. One of the success stories they have shared was over the gift of a single wide mobile home that they refurbished and placed on a Warrenton family's property so that they had a safe and warm place to live. If you know of single or double wides that are vacant and in good shape and could be refurbished and become homes again, please contact Rebuilding Hope.

Update on ACTS: ACTS continues to work towards their new building as well. They provide hot lunches 5 days a week, emergency food boxes for families in need (one every 3 months permitted), meals on wheels, and backpack buddies.

Update on Hurricane Matthew Storm Damage: Teams are still needed to work on homes damaged by Hurricane Matthew. Contact Disaster Response at: disasterresponse@nccumc.org. Mrs. Ann



Huffman and her team can get you connected to a work team. If you wish to be trained in Early Response, she can help guide you in that as well.

Interested in stepping out into the community join us on February 6 at 7:00 p.m. as we make plans for community oriented events and outreach.

Inward Formation

On February 6 at 7:00 p.m. the Inward Formation Team will meet to plan opportunities for us to grow as disciples. Some events looming on the calendar include: Fat Tuesday Pancake Dinner, Ash Wednesday Worship, Tenebrae Service on Good Friday, confirmation opportunity, Vacation Bible School, Easter Worship, Easter Egg Hunt, Bible studies and small group studies. We will look at fellowship meals for after worship and our Wednesday activities. If you have a passion for teaching, for worship, for children, for sharing join us in our conversation on February 6.

Mission Opportunities

Food Pantry Sundays are: **January 29, February 12, and 26**. The nonperishable food we bring goes to Cokesbury UMC for their Food Pantry.

Shelter Meal: February 28. Contact Susan Sears if you would like to help provide dinner for the men at the temporary homeless shelter. We provide a meal on the 4th Tuesday through March.

Shelter Supervision: In February and March there are ample opportunities to be a volunteer supervisor at the Men's shelter.

ENVISION: Inspiring, informing and inviting people to Envision Multicultural Hispanic-Latino Ministries. Saturday, February 25 - 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. at Apex United Methodist Church in Apex. \$15.00 registration on line, \$25.00 at the door.

BASIC UMYF

Sunday February 5 - Soup-er Bowl Sunday fundraiser for Stop Hunger Now, Heritage District Stop Hunger Now Fundraising Event at NC Wesleyan



Our February meetings are at Rehoboth UMC. On the 5th we meet at 4:00 p.m. with worship beginning at 4:30 p.m. We have our trip to Rocky Mount to plan, our St. Patrick's Day Steak Dinner to organize, and our schedule for the spring. We might even have some Super Bowl treats!

What will the mission focus of BASIC be for 2017?

Conference Events: Global Vision - March 7-12, Kaleidoscope - March 31-April 2, Breakaway - June 26-July 1, Trail Hike - July 10-16, ACS - July 24-29

Scholarships are available for all conference youth events!

Question of the month: How am I serving God in my daily life? What are my spiritual practices? What would Jesus say if He were to see my social media posts?

<http://devozine.upperroom.org> is a devotional for teens and by teens.

Places to Serve

We are always looking for other places to serve and people to serve beside us.

How can you serve? We are looking for lay readers, choir members, musicians, Sunday School teachers, children's ministry coordinators, tutors, cooks, nursery workers, greeters, and ushers.

Zeb Vance Elementary School could use proctors for testing. Serve our children by volunteering at Zeb Vance this spring, testing dates are May 30 and June 1. There will be training the week before. Ask Debra Newman for more information.

Faith and Fitness

Our bodies are the clay vessels in which the spirit of the Lord resides. Faith and Fitness helps us

maintain a healthy body so that we are not stumbling in the dark but walking in the light of the Lord with confident steps!



Confirmation
Weekend Retreats
Retreat 1 - Know Your Story
March 24-25
Retreat 2 - Confirm Your Faith
April 28-29
Retreat 3 - Live Your Commitment
May 12-13

Interested in being confirmed?
Interested in being a mentor?
Contact Pastor Carolyn

IN HIS SERVICE

February Usbers

Henry Finch, Jasper Denton
Scott Ritchey, Mac Wilson

February Altar Guild

Judy Wilson and Laurie Miller

February Greeters

Henry and Ann Finch

Flowers

5 - Debra Newman
12 - Jackie Brown
19 - Jeanette McGhee
26 - Communion

Acolytes

5 - Matthew Denton
12 - Hannah Pegram
19 - CT Thompson
26 - Laci Oettinger

Lay Readers

5 - Avery Thomas, *1 Corinthians 2:1-16*
12 - Janet Bobbitt, *1 Corinthians 3:1-9*
19 - Donald Rose McGhee, *1 Cor 3:10-11, 16-23*
26 - Pat Edwards, *2 Peter 1:16-21*

Nursery Workers

5 - Kim and Laci Oettinger
12 - Lora Young and Midge Smith
19 - Joyce Edwards and Laci Oettinger
26 -Roxie Kearney and Lizzie Driver



Future Trustee

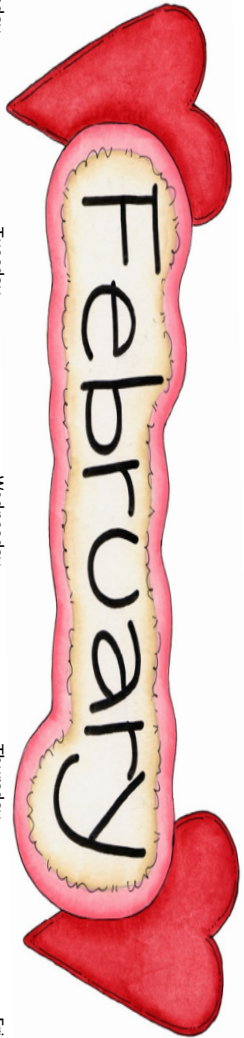


Change Bucket
for February -
Community
Partners of Hope

Community in Prayer

For... Jonathan Dickerson, Stanley Wilson, Jr., Skeeter Pearce, Tilly Hughes, Jamie Kearney, Kay House, Faye Young, Brandi Dickerson, Alice Finch, David Driver, Frances Fuller, 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

Real Discipleship On line Survey our
District is Heritage



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>29</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:30 AM Early Worship 10:00 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship 3:00 PM Finance Cmte 	<p>30</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7:00 PM PPRC 	<p>31</p> <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 	<p>1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1:30 PM Keeping Holy Time Bible Study 	<p>2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1:30 PM Keeping Holy Time Bible Study 	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 11:00 AM District youth event
<p>5</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:30 AM Early Worship 10:00 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship 12:15 PM Souper Bowl Sunday 1:30 PM UMW 4:00 PM Youth Council 4:30 PM BASIC YOUTH 	<p>6</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7:00 PM Inward Formation Team 7:00 PM Outward Witness 	<p>7</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5:30 PM Faith and Fitness 6:30 PM Choir Practice 	<p>8</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1:30 PM Keeping Holy Time Bible Study 6:00 PM Thursday Night Crafters 	<p>9</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1:30 PM Keeping Holy Time Bible Study 	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p>
<p>12</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:30 AM Early Worship 10:00 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship 3:00 PM Lay leadership 4:30 PM Shift Study Group 	<p>13</p> <p>Valentine's Day</p>	<p>14</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:00 AM Senior Circle 5:30 PM Faith and Fitness 6:30 PM Choir Practice 7:00 PM Trustees Meeting 	<p>15</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1:30 PM Keeping Holy Time Bible Study 	<p>16</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1:30 PM Keeping Holy Time Bible Study 	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p>
<p>19</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00 AM UMM 10:00 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship 4:30 PM BASIC UMYF 	<p>20</p> <p>Presidents' Day</p>	<p>21</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5:30 PM Faith and Fitness 6:30 PM Choir Practice 	<p>22</p> <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 7:30 PM Ash Wednesday Service 	<p>23</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1:30 PM Keeping Holy Time Bible Study 	<p>24</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7:00 PM World Day of Prayer 	<p>25</p>
<p>26</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:30 AM Early Worship 10:00 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship 	<p>27</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6:00 PM Men's Shelter Meals 	<p>28</p>	<p>1</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p>