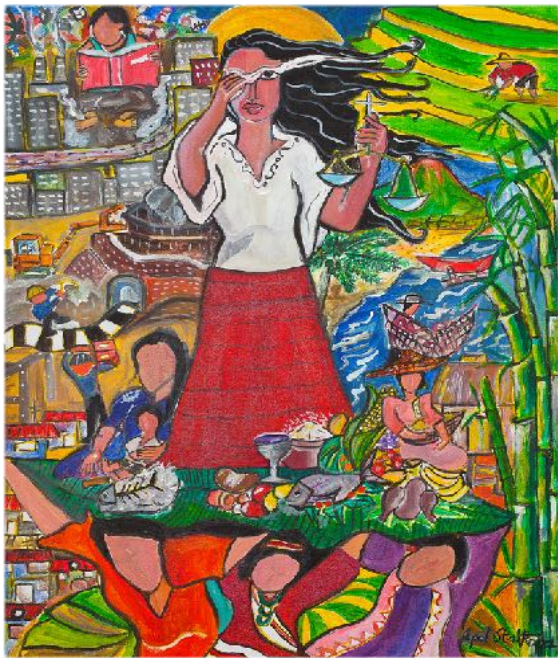


# Chapel Chatter

Wide Open Hearts! Wide Open Doors



## World Day of Prayer

“So the last will be first, and the first will be last.” Matthew 20:16 (NRSV)

This year’s theme is “Am I being unfair to you?” The country we encounter in our worship is the Philippines. The passage in Matthew is about the landowner and his offer to workers in the field. He continually seeks new workers over the course of a day. At the end of the day, all receive the same wage. Jesus speaks to us about grace and that this gift of salvation is the same for each who is willing to receive.

World Day of Prayer Worship is on **Friday, March 3 at 7:00 p.m.** All are welcome to join. It is an ecumenical service with community churches joining us. We take up an offering so that World Day of Prayer can continue year to year. We can love our neighbors and our enemies better when we come to know them and hear their stories. Join us to hear the stories of the women of the Philippines.

Pastor Carolyn



### 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.

## Sacred Rhythms: Spiritual Practices that Nourish Your Soul and Transform Your Life

On the 1st Sunday of Lent, March 5 at 7:00 p.m. we will begin a 6 week study on spiritual practices to deepen our relationship with God and with others. Lent is a perfect time to renew practices we have left behind or gotten to busy to engage. It is also a good time to learn new practices. These 40 days of Lent choose to give your time to study and join us in the Fellowship Hall. There is a participants guide that will benefit you if you join the study. Contact Pastor Carolyn or purchase through your favorite resource. The author of our study is Ruth Haley Barton. May we enter this lenten season with our hearts open to God's instruction.

### 19 things you might consider giving up this Lent and beyond:

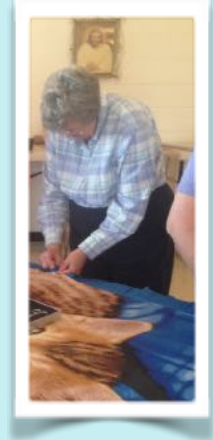
- 1 **Fear:** God is on my side. In Him I am more than a conqueror. (See Romans 98)
- 2 **The need to please everyone:** I can't please everyone anyway. There is only one I need to strive to please.
- 3 **Envy:** I am blessed. My value is not found in my possessions, but in my relationship with my Heavenly Father.
- 4 **Impatience:** God's timing is the perfect timing.
- 5 **Sense of entitlement:** The world does not owe me anything. God does not owe me anything. I live in humility and grace.
- 6 **Bitterness and Resentment:** The only person I am hurting by holding onto these is myself.
- 7 **Blame:** I am not going to pass the buck. I will take responsibility for my actions.
- 8 **Gossip and Negativity:** I will put the best construction on everything when it comes to other people. I will also minimize my contact with people who are negative and toxic and bring other people down.
- 9 **Comparison:** I have my own unique contribution to make and there is no one else like me.
- 10 **Fear of failure:** You don't succeed without experiencing failure. Just make sure you fall forward.
- 11 **A spirit of poverty:** Believe with God that there is always more than enough and never a lack.
- 12 **Feelings of unworthiness:** You are fearfully and wonderfully made by your creator. (see Psalm 139)
- 13 **Doubt:** Believe God has a plan for you that is beyond anything you could imagine. The future is brighter than you could ever realize.
- 14 **Self-pity:** God comforts us in our sorrow so that we can comfort others with the comfort we ourselves have received from God.
- 15 **Retirement:** As long as you are still breathing, you are here for a reason. You have a purpose to influence others for Christ. That does not come to an end until the day we die.
- 16 **Excuses:** A wise man once said, if you need an excuse, any excuse will do.
- 17 **Lack of counsel:** Wise decisions are rarely made in a vacuum.
- 18 **Pride:** Blessed are the humble.
- 19 **Worry:** God is in control and worrying will not help.

*"40 Things to Give up for Lent: The List" by Rev. Phil Ressler at [www.greaterthings.today](http://www.greaterthings.today).*

## CARD MINISTRY SERVANT - FAYE WOODLIEF

Galatians 5:13 (CEB) "You were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only don't let this freedom be an opportunity to indulge your selfish impulses, but serve each other through love."

Many of us have received cards from Plank Chapel very faithfully as our names have been lifted in prayer. Faye Woodlief is the servant who makes sure those cards go out. She also is the woman who calls you to ask you to pray or give you critical updates on worship and weather. I can tell you my heart smiles when I open my mail box and see an envelope with Faye's writing on the front. You may even find her car in the driveways of members as she stops to check in and visit. Thank you for your service Faye!



## 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 March 12 at 4:30 p.m. All are welcome to join us. We will be sharing what we learned at the Community Engagement: Practical Skills for Deepening Your Outreach and Partnerships workshop. Peggy Hernandez and Pastor Carolyn will share what they learned at ENVISION. Racial Taboo: A Documentary is being viewed on March 7 at Englewood UMC. Some of us will travel and participate. All events and discussions are open, come join the conversation - looking for what creates unity and what creates division and then the tough question, "How do we know which we are doing?"

## Real Discipleship On line Survey our District is Heritage

This system, designed by Dr. Phil Maynard, offers a way for churches to assess their maturity on six dimensions of the discipleship journey. This service is offered to all NCCUMC churches free of charge 2017.

The survey measures: a life of worship, a life of hospitality, a life open to Jesus, a life of obeying Jesus, a life of service, and a life of generosity. Upon taking the survey, participants discover if their journey is in the exploring, beginning, growing, or maturing phase in each of those six categories. The following link will guide you: <https://nccumc.org/connectionalministries/files/Instruction-sheet-for-church-participants.pdf>

## Mission Opportunities

Food Pantry Sundays are: **March 12, and April 2.** The nonperishable food we bring goes to Cokesbury UMC for their Food Pantry.

Shelter Meal: March 21. Contact Susan Sears if you would like to help provide dinner for the men at the temporary homeless shelter.

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



**Change Bucket for March - Community Partners of Hope**



## Blessing of the Bikes - March 18

Just before 11:00 a.m. the roar from the engines will be heard as the motorcycles round the curve and come to the parking lot. The riders and bikes are blessed for the coming year's riding season. The American Legion Riders come to Plank Chapel UMC annually for this blessing. All motorcycles and riders are welcome.

## BASIC UMYF

Our March meetings are at Plank Chapel UMC. On the 5th we meet at 4:00 p.m. with worship beginning at 4:30 p.m. Cokbury UMC youth will be joining in the worship. We will worship and play together and discover what it means to be connected through our savior Jesus Christ. On **March 12 at 4:00 p.m.** BASIC will meet to finalize plans for our St. Patrick's Day Steak Dinner. March 19 we will meet at 4:30 p.m. at Plank Chapel seeking to know our neighbors.

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 through YSF funds and BASIC UMYF participation.

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.

Confirmation  
Weekend Retreats  
Retreat 1 - Know Your Story  
March 24-25  
Retreat 2 - Confirm Your Faith  
April 21-22  
Retreat 3 - Live Your Commitment  
May 12-13

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

# IN HIS SERVICE

## **March Ushers**

Ryan Rowland, Jamie Abbott,  
LC Medlin, Jasper Denton

## **March Altar Guild**

Joyce Edwards and Kim Oettinger

## **March Greeter**

John Rogers

## **Flowers**

- 5 - Oliva Kemp
- 12 - Communion
- 19 - Ellen Allen
- 26 - Frances Roberts



## **Acolytes**

- 5 - Austyn Abbott
- 12 - Arianna Fuller Bell
- 19 - Makayla Beckham
- 26 - Avery Thomas

## **Lay Readers**

- 5 - Sally Coghill, *Romans 5:12-19*
- 12 - Peggy Hernandez, *Romans 4:1-5, 13-17*
- 19 - Karin Driver, *Romans 5:1-11*
- 26 - Tim Smith, *Ephesians 5:8-14*

## **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



**BASIC**  
**Steak Dinner**  
**and**  
**Cake Auction**  
**March 18**  
**5 pm - 7 pm**  
**\$10.00 per plate**  
**Sign Up Today**  
**Great Food**  
**Fantastic Cakes**

## *Community in Prayer*

For... Dave Driver, Jay Fuller, Joyce Edwards, Amelia Rogers Sholar, 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



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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Coming in April  
 Walk to Support Families suffering with  
 Alzheimer's or Dementia  
 April 8 - 9 a.m.  
 JA Rogers Road  
 Donations will go to ALZNC