

Chapel Chatter

Wide Open Hearts! Wide Open Doors



Walk to Remember - ALZNC

“Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.” 1 Corinthians 13:7

Love endures all things. The greatest gift we receive when we accept God’s love for us is the gift of presence. God is with us through every moment of our lives. God’s love supports us when we are weak and celebrates with us when we overcome difficult times. Within the beautiful gift of love is the gift of community that shares God’s love with us. The community that surrounds us when we need that hedge of protection, that supports us when we fall, and that walks beside us during dark times. For families impacted by dementia and Alzheimer’s, there are days of darkness and moments of light. I am grateful for the community of Plank Chapel



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

Apr 5

4 SEASONS CAFE

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

Apr 13

THURSDAY NIGHT CRAFTERS

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

Apr 19

SENIOR CIRCLE

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

that walks beside their families and friends who face this disease daily. Many in our community continue to walk this path with love ones.

In April we are walking to remember, remember that God's love continues to surround the ones we care for and that God sees them as fearfully and wonderfully made in each transition of the disease. We walk so that those who are caregivers will know that they are not alone, that we will walk the journey with them. We walk for those grieving their loss. We also walk to support the efforts of those who study this disease and seek to find a cure as well as better plans of treatment. Walk with us, spread the news, raise funds for ALZNC. This year's goal is \$2,000. Why walk? Because we are taking active steps for a cure!

One of my favorite things (I know I have many) about Jesus is that he is all about healing. Healing happens in many ways, sometimes it is a cure, sometimes it is family reconciling, and sometimes it is the complete healing that happens when we die. My prayer is that the healing hand of Jesus will guide and direct our steps and the steps of those seeking the cure.

Walk with me and more importantly pray with me,
Pastor Carolyn

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

On the 1st Sunday of Lent, we began 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 too busy to engage. It is also a good time to learn new practices. Since each week is a different spiritual discipline, you can join in without feeling like you have missed the beginning. It is never too late to begin something new.

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 April 9 at 4:30 p.m. All are welcome to join us.

Mission Opportunities

Food Pantry Sundays are: **April 2 and April 16.**
The nonperishable food we bring goes to Cokesbury UMC for their Food Pantry.



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

Want to work on a disaster recovery team? Speak with Lori Litton. We are working on a possible date in May.

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.

COUNTING COMMITTEE

1 "Be careful not to practice your righteousness in front of others to be seen by them. If you do, you will have no reward from your Father in heaven. 2 "So when you give to the needy, do not announce it with trumpets, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and on the streets, to be honored by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full. 3 But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, 4 so that your giving may be in secret. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you. (Matthew 6:1-4)

Our volunteers who serve on the counting committee take care not only to ensure accuracy in their accounting but they honor each of us with their dedication each Sunday staying after worship to count the funds. They are servants who handle not just our funds but our personal information. What we give to the glory of God is not for public knowledge and these faith servants safeguard that information and do not share what they know. When you consider the responsibility this ministry of accounting carries, please offer prayers of gratitude for the ones who count and the one who oversees the counters. The Financial Secretary of Plank Chapel has served for countless years and does so out of love for God and God's church. The faithfulness of our financial stewards is a gift to us from God.

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.



BASIC UMYF

Our April meetings are at Rehoboth UMC. On the 2nd we meet at 4:00 p.m. with worship beginning at 4:30 p.m. Cokesbury UMC youth continues to join in our fellowship. We will worship and play together and discover what it means to be connected through our savior Jesus Christ. April 16

we will meet at 4:30 p.m. at Rehoboth as we continue to grow in fellowship.

Youth Sunday is June 4. If you are graduating this year, please let PC know. There will be a planning session for our worship coming in May.

What will the mission focus of BASIC be for 2017? Are we ready to serve in mission? Consider the walks and runs that are available. ALZNC Memory walk is April 8 - make a run for it and raise funds for the cause.

Conference Events: 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. If you are planning to attend the website for registration is: <https://nccumc.org/youth/events/register/>

Question of the month: What would Jesus say if He were to see my social media posts, tweets, or snap chats?

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

The Gathering Place

On Wednesday's Plank Chapel's fellowship hall has become a gathering place. Senior Circle meets there on 3rd Wednesday's for a program and a light meal. On the first Wednesday a group meets to talk, play, create gifts for shut-ins and blankets for veterans. This group was named "Four Seasons Cafe and Gift Shop." The consensus of the group was to name it for what it has become, a gathering place for people of all ages to share ideas, stories, laughter, tears, and sometimes we do projects. Join us on Wednesdays. The first Wednesday is unstructured and the third Wednesday is Senior Circle. Bring friends or come alone, but come. We even take road trips now and then.



Trustees

Our Trustees have been shoring up walls, upgrading lights and electrical systems. We have a newly landscaped garden and many other improvements. The structure we worship in is in continual need of our care. Come out and join us on April 22nd as we have a day of cleaning the church. You do not have to be a Trustee to join us. We will begin cleaning at 9:00 a.m. and hopefully finish by noon. Bring your favorite cleaning supplies, gloves, and a willing spirit!



Blessing of The Animals

April 15 -10:00 a.m.

Every Holy Saturday we gather our four legged friends for blessings. The gift of joy and unconditional love we receive from the animals and birds and fish that are in our lives cannot be measured. This year there may even be chickens blessed. I have heard stories of miracles around this time of worship. Join us!



Easter Cross

Easter morning our cross is transformed with flowers. You can be part of this - bring cuttings from your gardens and fill out the cross with color!

Confirmation
Weekend Retreats

Retreat 2
Confirm Your Faith
April 21-22

Retreat 3
Live Your Commitment
May 12-13

Pray for our confirmands

IN HIS SERVICE

April Ushers

Patrick Medlin, Daryl Spencer
John Rogers, Thomas Beckham

April Altar Guild

Laurie Miller & Judy Wilson

April Greeters

Judy and Mac Wilson

Flowers

- 2 - Bettie Jane Jones
- 9 - Midge Smith
- 16 - Easter Lilies & Communion
- 23 - Judy Eaves & Family
- 30 - Roxie Kearney



Acolytes

- 2 - Patrick Medlin
- 9 - Chase Thompson
- 16 - Matthew Denton
- 23 - CT Thompson
- 30 - Hannah Pegram

Lay Readers

- 2 - Avery Thomas - *Romans 8:6-11*
- 9 - Various
- 16 - Mike and Darlene Raney
- 23 - Jeanette McGhee - *1 Peter 1:3-9*
- 30 - Gwen Ritchey - *Acts 2:14a, 36-41*

Nursery Workers

- 2 - Kim and Laci Oettinger
- 9 - Lora Young and Midge Smith
- 16 - Roxie Kearney and Karin & Lizzie Driver
- 23 - Joyce Edwards and Laci Oettinger
- 30 - Roxie Kearney and Lizzie Driver



Easter Lilies - \$11.00
last day to order is
April 2 - order forms
are in the entry way

Holy Week Events

April 9 - Palm Sunday - Luncheon & Egg Hunt

April 14 - Tenebrae - 7:00 p.m.

April 15 - Blessing of the Animals - 10:00 a.m.

April 16 - Easter Sunrise - 6:30 a.m.

Pancake Breakfast - 7:00 a.m.

Easter Cantata - 11:00 a.m.



Community in Prayer

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

Food Pantry Sundays
April 2 and 16



| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 26 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:30 AM Early Worship 10:00 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship 7:00 PM Lenten Study | 27 | 28 | 29 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5:30 PM Faith and Fitness 6:30 PM Choir Practice | 30 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1:30 PM Keeping Holy Time Bible Study | 31 | 1 |
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| 9 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:30 AM Early Worship 10:00 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship 12:15 PM Hot Dog Luncheon/Egg Hunt after we eat 4:30 PM Shift Study Group 7:00 PM Lenten Study | 10 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6:30 PM Cantata Practice | 11 | 12 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5:30 PM Faith and Fitness 6:30 PM Choir Practice 7:00 PM Trustees | 13 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thomas Jefferson's Birthday 1:30 PM Keeping Holy Time Bible Study | 14 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7:00 PM Tenebrae Service | 15 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:00 AM Blessing of the Animals |
| 16 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Easter Sunday 6:30 AM Sunrise Worship 7:00 AM UMM - Pancakes 10:00 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship | 17 | 18 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:00 AM Senior Circle 5:30 PM Faith and Fitness 6:30 PM Choir Practice | 19 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:00 AM Senior Circle 5:30 PM Faith and Fitness 6:30 PM Choir Practice | 20 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1:30 PM Keeping Holy Time Bible Study | 21 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7:00 PM Confirmation Retreat | 22 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00 AM Spring Cleaning ... Confirmation Retreat |
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