

# Chapel Chatter

Wide Open Hearts! Wide Open Doors!

## Wonder

*"God of wonder beyond our majesty, you are holy! The universe declares your majesty, you are holy! Lord of heaven and earth!"*



The end of July has found me traveling from camp to camp to camp. I have been experiencing the wonder of God in the midst of oppressive summer heat and in the frigid cold of Huff auditorium as youth wrestled with important issues in resolutions. On July 30th I leave for the Enfield

Service Project with two of our youth who will be working on repairs in homes. Three very different camps, yet in their differences God's majesty and wonder shines out.

One of those places I see God's wonder is with the volunteers who step out of their own schedules to spend a week sharing God's love through their time and their talents with children and youth. At Kerr Lake Ministries Day Camp these volunteers spent months preparing for this one week. They met and discussed and planned. They called upon others to help in the preparations. Some volunteers provided the materials for crafts, some guided the children as they made the crafts. Each morning volunteers shared stories of Jesus. One volunteer, Gracie is in her 80's and she stood in the heat preparing the lunches and snacks each day. Our youth counselors led small groups, taught children to sing, and guided them in canoes. I was awed by their commitment to serve and love.



### UMM

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



### UMW

Meetings resume in September - 3rd Sunday at 3:00 p.m.



### BASIC UMYF

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

In the week of Annual Conference Center for youth (ACS) we have adult staff (young and old), and youth officers and staff. Days are long from opening worship to evening vespers. Returning to the dorms leaders hold dorm groups and regroup their material for the next



day's growth group or interest group or other special event that they are leading. I stand in wonder at the years each has returned to staff and how many of them use valuable vacation days from work to be there. The witness of the youth during prayers of the impact conference youth events have had on their lives reminds me that God declares His

majesty through the relationships that form us as followers of Jesus.

Enfield Service Project is a week of service for a community devastated by poverty. Two of our middle school youth are stepping out of their comfort and into a mission field to serve. Our nights will be at the Franklin Center at Bricks. This is a new camp experience for me as well as for our youth. We will be the hands and feet of Christ.

As my body begins to feel the weight of these weeks, my heart is filled with awe and wonder not only on the young and old at camp but at the part you play in this movement of God. You display His majesty through your support and prayers. Your willingness to supply materials, time, and your treasures help make camps happen. You have an extended connection to Kerr Lake Ministries and this year over 60 children grew in their faith and confidence through that connection. Your support of our youth fundraisers help our students attend camps like ACS and Enfield Service Project where they grow deeper in their relationship with Jesus and learn confidence in their abilities to lead. We launch these youth into the world and their time in camp helps them go strong knowing they are never alone on their journey.

The wonder of summer camp happens because we are removed from all that is familiar and brought into a community that is enveloped by the Holy Spirit. In this cloistered time with God through God's community we learn of God's wonder and majesty. We find out that God's Kingdom is made up of human beings just like us, imperfect yet perfectly loved. Lives are changed. It is the task of the body of Christ, when campers return, to support each camper as they continue to grow in their discipleship. The work is started at camp and continues when we return. I invite you to join in the work of the transformation of the world by mentoring these campers as well as to continue to support the camps and the funds needed to support them.

Your gracious patience when I give my time to these ministries allows me to be fully present with the children and youth I am serving and extends your mission arm into all areas of our conference and for that you have my deepest gratitude.

Stepping into wonder with you,  
Pastor Carolyn

## A Love Letter from our Summer Intern

Plank Chapel family,

I greet you in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ, who is our savior! This is the day the Lord has made! We will rejoice and be glad in it! What beautiful memories we've created during my time in Kittrell. I am treasuring every moment as my time at Plank Chapel is winding down to an untimely end! The time is passing much too fast. But, that's what happens when you are engaged, learning, praising, worshipping, enjoying fellowship, and giggling in the choir!



What a wonderful time I've had worshipping with the Plank Chapel family! Pastor Carolyn is an amazing mentor, supervisor and leader. From the moment we met, I knew it was God! It was as if I had known her all my life. Thank you for our sister-girl-pastor prayers, allowing me to share experiences, visiting the sick and shut in, supporting the Cokesbury food program, aligning prayers and program covers with responsive readings, and eating ice cream cones on long hot summer road trips. I know we will always be friends and will stay in touch!

It will be hard to say good bye to Thursday Bible Study's side bar discussions and our animated readings of 1 Corinthians, homemade desserts from scratch and fresh vegetables from backyard gardens in the Gatherings, smells of sausage and bacon and hot brewing coffee in early morning worship, my "lucky" prize winning streak in Senior Circle, authentic greetings of "Happy Sunday" in Bible study, and relaxed, intimate, unpretentious relationships sustained in rural simplicity and honesty. This is community.

Even the scorching days at Kerr Lake Ministries' camp and straining for those high notes in choir practice have a special place in my heart. The most special memory of all is praising and sharing God with you. Thank you for opening your doors and not making me (or Tom) feel like a stranger, but a member of the Plank Chapel family. We are united through Christ, knowing that the Lord is God, and we are his people. There is comfort in knowing our paths crossed for a reason and many memories and unexpected connections surfaced reminding me of home. For that, I am truly blessed and thankful. Continue to pray for me, as I will for you, that God's will be done and God's Word be magnified so that God is glorified. I pray that the spirit of the Living God continue to fall fresh upon you and the breath of the Almighty God continue to give you life! In Jesus' name, I pray!

Much peace and love,  
Janice

**Aug  
16**

### SENIOR CIRCLE

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

## CHARGE CONFERENCE - WEDNESDAY - NOVEMBER 8 - 7:00 P.M.

As we prepare for this meeting various committees and teams will be convene to align budget and mission. Nominations and Lay Leadership will be meeting in August. Finance Committee will be meeting in September to set budget for 2018, if your committee or team has budgetary needs or requests, please let Scott Ritchey know what your are requesting for that line item.

This annual meeting is a gathering of churches in our district. We learn how together we are part of God's work transforming the world. We hear the creative ways God is reaching into the world changing lives including our own.

## 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 Sunday, August 13 @ 5:30 p.m. All are welcome to join us.

Our outreach project is a 5K Walk/Run for Community Partners of Hope! Plans are for October 14, location anticipated is Satterwhite Point, Kerr Lake State Park. Our goal is 250 runners. 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!

## BASIC UMYF



### BASIC Annual Fish Fry Fundraiser

August 5

4:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Eat In or Take Out

\$7.00 per plate

Meal includes:

fish, slaw, potatoes, hushpuppies,  
dessert

Eat-in: Tea, Lemonade, Water,  
Coffee

This summer youth participated in ACS and this week two are traveling to Enfield for a service project. The ability for them to attend camps to grow as disciples and to work and serve for the glory of Christ comes from the funds you raise and the generosity of those who support your events.

**FISH FRY - August 5** - we need volunteers to cook, to serve, to clean up. We also need guests. This is your fundraiser for your projects - looking forward to seeing you there!



## School Supply Sunday - August 20



Our annual drive to support Zeb Vance with a school supply drive begins this month. We will bring them to the altar on August 20. As you consider supplies remember teachers need copy paper, tissue boxes, Clorox wipes, hand sanitizers as well as the supplies for students: crayons, pens, pencils, erasers, tape, glue, scissors (remember safety), notebook paper, spiral bound notebooks, water based markers, highlighters, and rulers

### Vacation Bible School

August 12

9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Ages 3 - Grade 4



Sharing with the children the Kingdom Parables so that they learn that the Kingdom of God is like... a lost pearl, a mustard seed, yeast, lost coins  
Reminding them that they are heirs to this Kingdom  
princes and princesses in God's Kingdom

Lunch will be included - invite a child, invite a neighbor  
Join us for a Saturday of blessings in the Kingdom of God

## CHARLES BARROW, (#S-00274)

### Home Missioner Eastern NC



Missionary  
Charles Barrows  
Change Bucket  
for July

Charles' ministry is with "Food For Hungry Neighbors" which supplies surplus fresh produce to the local church food pantries, soup kitchens, and the food bank of eastern North Carolina. Some of the food is gleaned by different church groups. This ministry also addresses the importance of eating fresh vegetables for a healthy diet. Charles plans to visit us late summer and early fall to share his story.

# IN HIS SERVICE

## ***August Ushers***

Jasper Denton, Ryan Rowland,  
Patrick Medlin, Thomas Beckham

## ***August Altar Guild***

Pat Edwards  
Donald Rose McGhee

## ***August Greeters***

Sarah Cruz

## ***Flowers***

6 - Communion  
13 - Faye Woodlief  
20 - Lora Young  
27 - Donald Rose McGhee

## ***Acolytes***

6 - Laci Oettinger  
13 - Jasper Denton  
20 - Avery Thomas  
27 - Austyn Abbott

## ***Lay Readers***

6 - Avery Thomas  
13 - Darlene Ranes - *Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28*  
20 - Tim Smith - *Matthew 15:10-28*  
27 - Lorraine Abbott - *Romans 12:1-8*

## ***Nursery Workers***

6 - Kim and Laci Oettinger  
13 - Lora Young and Midge Smith  
20 - Joyce Edwards and Laci Oettinger  
27 - Roxie Kearney and Karin & Lizzie Driver

**It was a road trip for the  
"Gathering Place" crew!  
Join us on 1st Wednesday  
and see what we are up to!  
This month we are traveling  
to Susan Babicz home!**

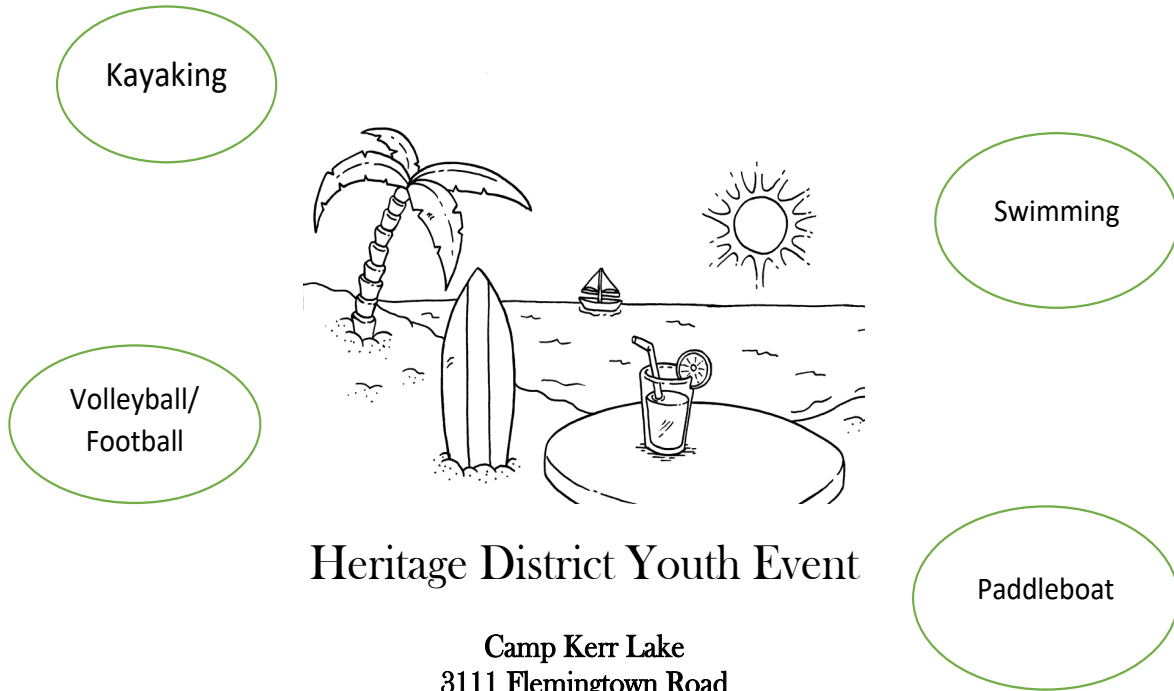
## **The Work of the Trustees Kitchen Renovations**

The Trustees have been prayerfully working on a plan for the renovation of the kitchen. They took the needs of each group that uses the kitchen regularly into serious consideration. The design created meets these needs to the best that our space allows.

The work will begin on or about August 7 and should be completed in about 4 weeks. There will be refrigeration and preparation space available for use in the Fellowship Hall during these renovations. We can still gather and fellowship during this time without the use of our kitchen. Be creative in your planning and fun can still happen!

### ***Community in Prayer***

For... Mary Lynn, Peggy Hernandez, Kim Yates, Ruth Hailey, Hattie Ranes, Charles Thompson, Sr., Dave Driver, 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



## Heritage District Youth Event

**Camp Kerr Lake**  
3111 Flemingtown Road  
Middleburg, NC 27556  
August 26<sup>th</sup> 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.  
Hamburgers, chips and drinks will be provided for lunch  
RSVP by August 20 to [vickijo3@gmail.com](mailto:vickijo3@gmail.com)

We will be collecting school supplies for middle and high school students for the Robeson County Community Center. The items we will be collecting are:  
Number 2 pencils  
Notebook paper  
Spiral notebooks  
Protractors  
Rulers  
Texas Instruments TI84 Calculator (One per church if possible- they cost a little over \$100)

If you are on Social Media,  
Please "like" our Heritage District UMC Youth Facebook page  
Or  
Follow our Twitter feed @ncheritageyouth!!  
Please contact Vicki Lawrence, Heritage District Youth Coordinator at  
[vickijo3@gmail.com](mailto:vickijo3@gmail.com) or 919-210-8072 for questions.

**Food Pantry Sundays**  
August 13



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8:30 AM Early Worship</li> <li>10:00 AM Sunday School</li> <li>11:00 AM Worship</li> <li>6:00 PM ESP - mission camp</li> </ul>	31 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>... ESP - mission camp</li> </ul>	1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>... ESP - mission camp</li> </ul>	2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10:00 AM The Gathering Place</li> <li>... ESP - mission camp</li> <li>5:30 PM Faith and Fitness</li> </ul>	3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>... ESP - mission camp</li> <li>1:30 PM Keeping Holy Time Bible Study</li> </ul>	4 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>... ESP - mission camp</li> </ul>	5 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4:00 PM Fish Fry</li> </ul>
6 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8:30 AM Early Worship</li> <li>10:00 AM Sunday School</li> <li>11:00 AM Worship</li> <li>3:00 PM Lay leadership</li> <li>4:00 PM VBS meeting</li> </ul>	7	8	9 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5:30 PM Faith and Fitness</li> </ul>	10 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1:30 PM Keeping Holy Time Bible Study</li> </ul>	11	12 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9:00 AM VBS</li> </ul>
13 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8:30 AM Early Worship</li> <li>10:00 AM Sunday School</li> <li>11:00 AM Worship</li> <li>4:30 PM Shift Study Group</li> </ul>	14	15	16 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10:00 AM Senior Circle</li> <li>5:30 PM Faith and Fitness</li> </ul>	17 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1:30 PM Keeping Holy Time Bible Study</li> </ul>	18	19
20 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8:00 AM UMM</li> <li>10:00 AM Sunday School</li> <li>11:00 AM Worship</li> <li>6:00 PM Leadership Dinner</li> </ul>	21	22	23 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5:30 PM Faith and Fitness</li> </ul>	24 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1:30 PM Keeping Holy Time Bible Study</li> </ul>	25	26 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8:00 AM Heritage District Youth Event</li> </ul>
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Coming September 10  
The Master's Men  
7:00 p.m.  
A Worship Concert