



Methodist Men

Meet on the third Sunday of the month at 8:00 a.m. for fellowship, breakfast, and seek opportunities for mission work in the community.

Methodist Women

Meet on the third Sunday of the month at 3:00 p.m from September thru June. The meetings include a program and missional planning. Zeb Vance Elementary School is one of their mission fields.

Senior Circle

Meets on the third Wednesday of the month. The meetings include a program and a light lunch. Any community member over 50 years of age is welcome at Senior Circle.

BASIC UMYF

BASIC stands for Brothers And Sisters In Christ and youth from Rehoboth UMC and Plank Chapel UMC gather to grow in

What makes a meal an event?

Over the past eight weeks a small group has been discussing what it means to eat together faithfully. Our conversations have ranged from local sourcing of our food to favorite meals served. The table has been spread with amazing creations. We even went vegetarian. Eventually our conversation would circle back to why gathering at a table was eventful in our lives. Sharing memories of our favorite meals growing up was often about particular events that made that meal memorable.

Jesus had event filled meals. He fed the crowd with just 2 fish and 5 loaves. He broke bread with tax collectors and pharisees. He was challenged by a woman while eating at a table. The tables he sat at, the meals he served have become part of our own faith story.

One particular table is central to our faith. It was the night before he was arrested when he entered a room where the passover feast was prepared as he had directed. Gathered at that table were his disciples. On his left sat Judas Iscariot. The feast began as it normally would. The story of their journey from slavery to freedom told through the items on the table. One item was the matzah, unleavened bread, symbolizing the rapid flight from Egypt when they were to prepare their meal in haste. As Jesus took the bread, he spoke to his disciples, forever changing how they and how we understand that bread as he said, "this is my body, given for you." I am certain the conversation became animated as they tried to understand what he meant by that. When Jesus got to the third cup of wine, the cup of redemption, his words were not what they expected as he said, "this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins, do this as often as you drink it in remembrance of me." Those words transforming not only that cup but every cup over which we speak those words.

In our sessions of Eating Together Faithfully, we have considered how the communion table transforms every table where we find ourselves sharing a meal. Consider with me what happens to our other meals because of Christ's invitation to feast with him. We were asked to eat the bread, drink the cup in remembrance of Him. He said, as often as you drink this, in remembrance of me. What is it we remember when we offer our thanksgiving for the meal we are receiving? Does our grace include gratitude for Christ's sacrificial gift of love for us? When we approach each meal with gratitude for all God has given us, that meal becomes part of the feast. The goodness of God's grace flows from the communion table to our daily tables. How does that change how we approach our burger and fries or our BBQ and Slaw?

In October we prepare for an event that is a day long meal. It is the United Methodist Men's BBQ. This event in the life of our church engages the whole church. Tickets are sold by all, teams of men and women work on various aspects of the meal and on that first Friday in November it begins with a blessing and we serve until closing time in the dark of the night. This meal is prepared with great care. The recipes for the BBQ sauce, coleslaw, potato salad are precious and hold within them memories of years past and the times that maybe things were not quite right. This year as we prepare, my prayer is that we envision the ones who will be enjoying this meal and consider how we are extending the invitation to the Lord's table to them through the food they receive. As we chop and grind and boil and bake may we pray a blessing upon those who will be our guests. It is not about ticket sales or BBQ or cakes, it is about extending the table of grace out into our community.

May this meal that has become our event be an open invitation to the outsider who needs to come in. Outsiders will come to events, when they enter may they hear from us, "this church opens wide its doors, and in the name of Christ our Savior, bids you welcome."

Praying with you,
Pastor Carolyn



Charge Conference
October 28
3:00 p.m.
Zebulon UMC

Children's Church



This is your opportunity to make a difference in the life of a child. On October 9 at 7:00 p.m. we are gathering to plan the launch of Children's Church - curriculum has been ordered and we will review and choose which one we will use. Our goal is to have 4 teams, each to lead church for a quarter: October - December, January - March, April - June, and July - September. Eligible children are those who are 3 years old - 1st grade. Our nursery will continue for our infants to toddler. We continue to need volunteers in the nursery as well. Both groups, those for nursery and those for Children's Church will be dismissed after the children's moment in worship. For more information, contact Pastor Carolyn.

BASIC UMYF

B.A.S.I.C. UMYF gathers on October 7 at 4:00 p.m. at Rehoboth UMC. This year's events will include Pilgrimage, Rise Against Hunger, Lock-ins, Vacation Bible School planning, games, study, prayer, worship, meals for the homeless shelter, and maybe a movie night or two. It is up to you what we do - some mission work is available through the Heritage District Hurricane Matthew Recovery. How will we be the church of today? No one is too young to serve the Lord.

Hayride information will be shared at the first meeting in October!

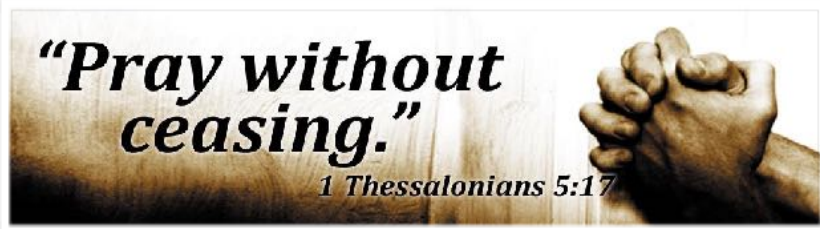
In September BASIC cleaned buckets and collected supplies for cleaning kits. In October we will be preparing for Pilgrimage in November. Also in October is the 5K for Community Partners of Hope - sign up on line or mail in an application. runnc.com is the website for forms and information.

Pilgrimage is just around the corner. Registration fee is \$35.00. Set your calendar for November 9-11. October meetings will provide important information and updates on this event.



Change to Change the world - Costa Rica Mission Projects -
#S-00256





For... Susan Babicz, Peggy Hernandez, Rose Tart, Elizabeth Moss Wilson, Brandi Dickerson, Jane Owen, Ruth Hailey, Tilly Hughes, Dave Driver, Kay House, Faye Young, Alice Finch, David Driver

- For...healing and reconciliation
- For...those facing medical procedures
- For...those grieving
- For...those without food, jobs, shelter
- For...the lost and afraid
- For...Plank Chapel
- For ...God's church
- For...Our local cities and counties
- For...Our military, families, and veterans
- For...all in harms way
- For...peace in our schools
- For...peace in our nation
- For...peace in the world

A DASH OF HOPE

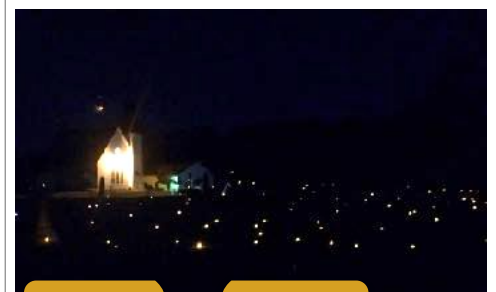


October 20, 2018
Race time: 9:00 a.m.
Kerr Lake State Park
Satterwhite Point
www.runnc.com

<https://runnc.com/event/a-dash-of-hope/>



We need tea lights for the celebration as we light up the skies over the Plank Chapel Cemetery. This is our third year of honoring those who have gone before us and have shown Christ's light to the world. We will begin at 5:30 p.m. spreading tea lights throughout the cemetery. Sunset is scheduled for 6:15 p.m. The night concludes with prayer as we leave the cemetery lit until All Saints Day, November 1. Join us on the 31st. We will be collecting tea lights throughout the month of October.



The
 Gathering Place
 Wednesday
 October 3
 10 am

From our District Superintendent, Randy Innes - Hurricane Florence Updates

Bishop Hope and the Cabinet have partnered Districts least affected Florence with Districts most impacted. The Heritage District is partnered with the Beacon District. When the Cabinet met this week, Gil Wise informed me that the areas most in need of assistance are Belhaven, Scranton, and Swan Quarter. We can connect you directly to the BEACON Disaster Response Coordinators--Ed Rutenkroger (who also serves as Conference Response Team Coordinator), 252-799-7499, <erutendroger@nccumc.org> or Joan Fischer (Windsor UMC), 252-531-0113, <jfischer@nccumc.org>

Friends, our partnership with BEACON is meant as an area of focus to our efforts. However, if you have already partnered with a church or community in another district... have no fear... GO FOR IT. We understand clergy and church members have previous churches served and family members in other parts of the Conference. Simply said -- Do all the good you can in all the places you can for as many as you possibly can! May your efforts be blessed!!!

OTHER WAYS TO RESPOND

(Found at top of the page of the website of the NC Conference nccumc.org):

- 1. Prayers**--The Conference website contains a link at the top of the page where prayer requests may be submitted.
- 2. Give**--The Conference website contains a link at the top of the page with instructions on how to give online, or sending a check to the conference, or through your local church. Instructions are clearly given for each type of giving.
- 3. Volunteer**--Several ways to volunteer in disaster relief are also listed at the top of the Conference website page. These include: a) Volunteering at the Disaster Response Call Center in Garner; b) UMCOR Kits including flood buckets, hygiene kits, and school kits, all of which are desperately needed; c) the MERCI Warehouse in Goldsboro; d) other Distribution Centers around the Conference where items may be taken and which need volunteer assistance to operate effectively; and e) Early Response Training and a link by which you can register for training.

We also continue to receive an outpouring of support across the UM connection--the Louisiana Conference has contributed \$25,000 toward our efforts, the Texas Annual has contributed \$50,000, Memorial Drive UMC in Houston has contributed \$20,000 saying they are paying forward Hurricane Harvey in 2017, in which the homes 443 families in the church were flooded.

We celebrate the UM connection of which we have all benefited through the years and decades! This is a strength of our denomination for which we are grateful.

Grace and peace,
Randy

Plank Chapel United Methodist Church 2019 Lay Leadership Roster to be approved at Charge Conference

Church Council – 2019

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Carolyn Roy
 Lay Leaders: Tim Smith (19), Mike Ranes (21)
 Chairperson, Church Council: Mike Ranes (20)
 Chairperson, Finance Committee: Patricia Rogers (19)
 Chairperson, Trustees: Todd Wilson (19)
 Chairperson, Pastor-Parish Relations: Susan Sears (20)
 Chairperson, Inward Formation: Sally Coghill (20)
 Chairperson, Outward Witness: Lori Litton (21)
 Superintendent, Sunday School: Donald Rose McGhee
 Lay Member of Annual Conference: Peggy Hernandez (20)
 Alt Lay Member of Annual Conference: Susan Sears (21)
 Recording Secretary: Lorraine Abbott
 Finance Secretary: Judy Wilson
 Membership Secretary: Darlene Ranes
 Treasurer: Scott Ritchey
 President, United Methodist Men: Thomas Beckham
 President, United Methodist Women: Darlene Ranes
 United Methodist Youth Fellowship: Avery Thomas (21)
 Senior Circle Representative: Faye Woodlief
 Communications Coordinators:
 Gwen Ritchey, Darlene Ranes
 Honorary Members: Faye Young, Jane Owen

COMMITTEES and WORK AREAS for 2018

Lay Leadership (5-9): Rev. Dr. Carolyn Roy, Chr., Tim Smith/Mike Ranes (LL)
 2019: Matthew Denton, Thomas Beckham, Tim Smith (LL)
 2020: CT Thompson, Midge Smith
 2021: Sally Coghill, Pat Edwards, Mike Ranes (LL)

Trustees (9): Todd Wilson (Chair), Laurie Miller (Building Fund Treasurer)
 2019: Kim Oettinger, John Abbott, Todd Wilson (Chair)
 2020: Ann Finch, Thomas Beckham, LC Medlin
 2021: John Rogers, JJ Jones, Lorraine Abbott

Pastor-Parish Relations (5-9): Susan Sears (Chr), Tim Smith/Mike Ranes (LL), Peggy Hernandez (LM)
 2019: Tim Smith, Bryant Bobbitt, Freddie Oettinger
 2020: Peggy Hernandez (LM), Lora Young, Susan Sears (Chr)
 2021: William (Peanut) Hendley, Daryl Spencer, Avery Thomas

Finance: Patricia Rogers, Chr, Rev. Dr. Carolyn Roy (Pastor), Tim Smith (LL), Scott Ritchey (Treasurer), Judy Wilson (Financial Sec.), Donald Rose McGhee (Memorial Fund Treasurer), Darlene Ranes (Cemetery Fund Treasurer), Mike Ranes (Council Chair/LL), Todd Wilson (Trustees), Susan Sears (PPRC, ALM)
 2019: Tim Smith (LL), Patricia Rogers (Chr), Todd Wilson (Trustees)
 2020: Susan Sears (PPRC, ALM), Mike Ranes (CCC)
 2021: Karin Driver, Mike Hicks, Jamie Abbott
Counting Committee: Darlene Ranes, Judy Wilson, Gwen Ritchey, Midge Smith

Inward Formation Team: (3 years)
 Kim Oettinger, Karin Driver, Bruce Newman, Matthew Denton, Sally Coghill (Chair), Sara Tipton, Joyce Edwards, Kim Medlin, Danielle Nugent

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

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

Volunteer Positions Held

Historian (Archives and History) - Lorraine Abbott
 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 -
 Safe Sanctuaries Coordinator - Michelle Denton
 Bereavement Hospitality Coordinator
 Donald Rose McGhee
 Disaster Response Coordinator - Lori Litton
 Cemetery Administrator - John Abbott
 Cemetery Committee: John and Patricia Rogers, Lorraine Abbott, Judy Wilson
 BASIC UMYF Coordinator - Michelle Denton

In His Service

Flowers

- 7 - Communion
- 14 - Sara Tipton
- 21 - Beverly Thompson
- 28 - Christine Spencer

Altar Guild

Donald Rose McGhee

Ushers & Greeters

Ushers: Bruce Newman, Matthew Denton,
Mac Wilson, JJ Jones

Greeter: Mike Raney

Acolytes

- 7 - Patrick Medlin
- 14 - Hannah Pegram
- 21 - Laci Oettinger
- 28 - CT Thompson

Lay Readers

- 7 - Sally Coghill - Psalm 8
- 14 - Avery Thomas - Hebrews 4:12-16
- 21 - Donald Rose McGhee- Hebrews 5:1-10
- 28 - Pat Edwards - Mark 10:46-52

Nursery Workers

- 7 - Midge Smith & Roxie Kearney
- 14 - Danielle Nugent & Roxie Kearney
- 21 - Lora Young & Judy Eaves
- 28 - Danielle Nugent & Joyce Edwards



In September your generosity to ACTS and Hurricane Florence relief has been a blessing to those in need. In both instances the need remains great. Give as you can and where you can. Your willingness to do what needs to be done, go where you need to go, and serve who you need to serve is a witness of God's love for the world. Thank you.

Senior Circle
October 17
10 am

Trustee Meeting
Monday - October 15
7:00 p.m.

Finalizing plans for landscaping the pavilion
Update on HVAC and other parsonage issues
Review of Charge Conference Report for Trustees
Kitchen Shower Registry Update
Fire Inspection Report
Cemetery Committee Report



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 ■ 8:30 AM Early Worship ■ 10:00 AM Sunday School ■ 11:00 AM Worship <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> Food Pantry Sundays September 30 and October 14 </div>	1	2 ■ 6:30 PM Eating Together	3 ■ 10:00 AM The Gathering Place ■ 5:30 PM Faith and Fitness ■ 6:30 PM Choir Practice	4 ■ 10:00 AM Keeping Holy Time Bible Study	5	6
7 ■ 10:00 AM Sunday School ■ 11:00 AM Worship ■ 4:00 PM BASIC Youth mtg	8 Columbus Day Indigenous Peoples' Day	9 ■ 7:00 PM Children's Church Planning	10 ■ 5:30 PM Faith and Fitness ■ 6:30 PM Choir Practice	11 ■ 10:00 AM Keeping Holy Time Bible Study	12	13
14 ■ 8:30 AM Awakenings ■ 10:00 AM Sunday School ■ 11:00 AM Worship ■ 5:30 PM Shift Study Group 	15 ■ 7:00 PM Trustees Meeting	16	17 ■ 10:00 AM Senior Circle ■ 5:30 PM Faith and Fitness ■ 6:30 PM Choir Practice	18 ■ 10:00 AM Keeping Holy Time Bible Study ■ 6:00 PM Kittrell Community Watch	19	20 ■ 9:00 AM A Dash of Hope 
21 ■ 8:00 AM UMM ■ 10:00 AM Sunday School ■ 11:00 AM Worship ■ 3:00 PM UMW ■ 4:00 PM BASIC Youth mtg	22	23	24 ■ 5:30 PM Faith and Fitness ■ 6:30 PM Choir Practice	25 ■ 10:00 AM Keeping Holy Time Bible Study	26	27 Family event
28 ■ 8:30 AM Early Worship ■ 10:00 AM Sunday School ■ 11:00 AM Worship ■ 3:00 PM Charge Conference	29	30	31 Halloween ■ 5:30 PM All Souls Night ■ 6:30 PM Choir Practice	1 ■ 10:00 AM Keeping Holy Time Bible Study	2 UMM BBQ	3