



## 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 discipleship.

## Advent Reflections

It always seems like we are waiting for something, or someone, or tomorrow or Christmas, or Easter, or our next birthday, or a cure, or a pay check, or a plane. It is never ending. We wait in line at Starbucks. We wait in line on Black Friday. We wait for the mail. We wait in traffic. We wait for our children to get older. We wait for retirement. Sometimes we wait with patience and at other times waiting is the hardest thing we do while we wait for the baby to be born.

I can remember as a child waiting for Christmas to come was so hard. When the tree went up and the stockings were hung, I wanted Santa to come and my presents under the tree right then and there. As I got older Christmas began to mean more than just presents under a tree or in my stocking. Christmas became the story of the porcelain figures in my mother's nativity set, especially of the baby Jesus.

When the Babe of Bethlehem became my Lord and Savior, Christmas changed for me. So did waiting. Advent became this sacred time when the words hope, peace, joy and love wrapped around a candelabra and my heart. I claimed the promise of peace. My hope was restored. Joy flowed through me and love empowered all my words and actions. Yet still I was waiting, waiting for the fulfillment of the promise, wanting with all my heart and mind and will for God's kingdom to come and peace to reign in all creation.

We are in that place of already and not yet. Advent reminds us of the paradox of God's Kingdom promise. If we are in too big of a hurry to get to Christ's birth we will miss the lessons to be learned in our waiting.

In week one of Advent we hear the ancient promise of God to bring about His kingdom through the voices of the prophets of the

Old Testament. In weeks two and three John the Baptist's words and actions help us to understand that the promise will be fulfilled. In week four it is Mary's story and God with us. Christmas Eve the scripture we open is Luke chapter 2 and tell again the story of Jesus' birth.

All the waiting will be over ... or will it? The Christ child will have arrived but His kingdom is still emerging. Let us not be idle in our waiting. There is much work to be done as we prepare for His second coming. Join me in prayer this Advent season that we will spend our time, talent, and treasures in such a way that we are a witness that God is with us. O Come, O Come Immanuel!

Pastor Carolyn

## ADVENT READING LIST

- Day 1 - John 1:1-5
- Day 2 - Jeremiah 33:14-16
- Day 3 - Luke 1:5-10
- Day 4 - Luke 1:11-17
- Day 5 - Luke 1:18-25
- Day 6 - Luke 1:26-38
- Day 7 - Matthew 1:18-21
- Day 8 - Matthew 1:22-25
- Day 9 - Isaiah 7:14
- Day 10 - Luke 1:39-45
- Day 11 - Luke 1:46-56
- Day 12 - Luke 1:68-79
- Day 13 - Luke 2:1-5
- Day 14 - Luke 2:6-7
- Day 15 - Luke 2:8-12
- Day 16 - Luke 2:13-14
- Day 17 - Luke 2:15-18
- Day 18 - Luke 2:19-20
- Day 19 - Matthew 2:1-2
- Day 20 - Matthew 2:3-6
- Day 21 - Matthew 2:7-8
- Day 22 - Matthew 2:9-12
- Day 23 - Galatians 4:4-7
- Day 24 - Isaiah 9:6-7
- Day 25 - John 1:14



**4 weeks - one study**

**Are you ready to be challenged?**

**Sunday nights 7:00 p.m.**

**Begins December 2**

**#GivingTuesday - November 27**

**Shelter Meal - December 25**



## BASIC UMYF - Lock-in

B.A.S.I.C. UMYF gathers on November 30 at 7:30 p.m. at Plank Chapel UMC for our Christmas Party Lock-in. Food, fun, and worship. All on a Friday night. There are tentative plans for a road trip to the Walk Thru Bethlehem. Look for text messages from Michelle Denton to confirm.

Our December 16 meeting will be at Rehoboth UMC from 4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. We will also be preparing a meal for the Men's Homeless Shelter that night. Those who are able can help transport the meal at 6:45 p.m.

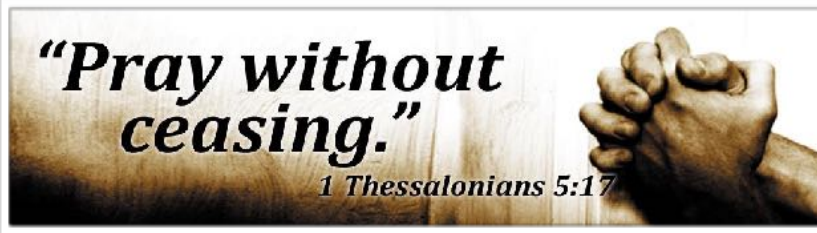
At Plank Chapel there are opportunities to serve: Acolyte, Choir, Usher, Lay Reader, Nursery, or with Children's Church (High School only)

### Conference Youth Events

**2019 Youth Event Dates** – For more information on each event, click on the links

- **ACS** – July 22-27, 2019; <https://nccumc.org/youth/events/acs/>
- **Breakaway** – June 24-29, 2019; <https://nccumc.org/youth/events/breakaway/>
- **CYC Retreat** – August 9-11, 2019; <https://nccumc.org/youth/events/cyc-retreat/>
- **Global Vision** – March 5-10, 2019; <https://nccumc.org/youth/events/global-vision/>
- **Kaleidoscope** – April 5-7, 2019; <https://nccumc.org/youth/events/kaleidoscope/>
- **Pilgrimage** – November 8-10, 2019; <https://nccumc.org/youth/events/pilgrimage/>
- **T.O. Takeover** – January 11-13, 2019; <https://nccumc.org/youth/events/t-o-takeover/>
- **Trail Hike** – July 14-20, 2019; <https://nccumc.org/youth/events/appalachian-trail-hike/>

There is a six week Sunday School Study open to youth, young adults, and even older adults: "The Struggle is Real."



For...Patrick Medlin, Thomas Fowler, Marjorie Roy, Martha Rowland, Susan Babicz, 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



### **Christmas Card Tradition**

**Each year the mailbox is placed in the back of the church so members can send and receive Christmas Cards from one another. There will be membership lists available by the mailbox.**

### **Community Partners of Hope**

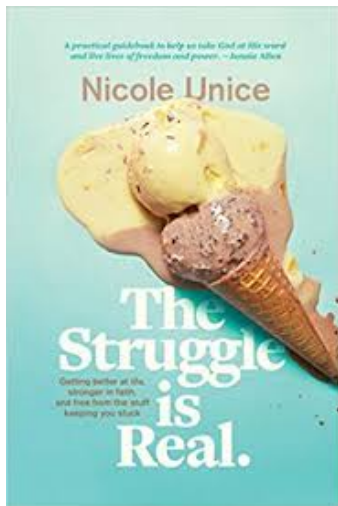
Thank you for all you did to help us raise over \$3,000.00 to this ministry that offers hope and help for homeless men in our community.

### **Men's Shelter Meal**

**December 25**

**Making their Christmas merry and bright!**





## Six Week Study for the Sunday School Hour

Held in the BASIC Youth Room - Books \$9.00 each

Session 1: The Struggle is Real...and Good

Session 2: Your Struggle Matters

Session 3: Freedom in the Struggle

Session 4: Foundations

Session 5: The Rewrite

Session 6: Transitions



## Children's Church

December 2 after the Children's Moment, the children will be dismissed for Children's Church. Their time will include lessons, singing, crafting, praying, and an offering. They will be learning about Jesus and developing worshipful habits. Danielle Nugent, Lori Litton, and Karin Driver are leading the worship. Volunteers are always welcome. Senior High youth and older can serve beside them.



**Change to  
Change the  
world -  
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US DISASTER  
RESPONSE  
#901670**



**Maria Parham**  
**Christmas Carol Sing**  
**December 8**  
**2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.**



## December 1

5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Saturday Night we gather to finish hanging the greens - learning about Chrismons - sharing a meal and seeking a way to reach out to the world through Heifer Project

# ADVENT

HOPE, PEACE, JOY, LOVE

*The new year begins with Advent*

*as we count down the days to the birth of the King*

**1st Week - Hope - as we light the advent candle of Hope - what are your hopes?**

**2nd Week - Peace - as we light the advent candle of Peace - what does Peace look like?**

**3rd Week - Joy - as we light the advent candle of Joy - what is the source of your joy?**

*11:00 a.m. Worship will include the Choir's Christmas Cantata*

*December 21 - 7:00 p.m. - The Longest Night - a time of worship on the longest night of the year for those who find holidays long and hard because of pain and loss*

**4th Week - Love - as we light the advent candle of Love -**

**what does it mean to love one another?**

***Christmas Eve - December 24***

***8:00 p.m. - Candlelight Communion***

***The Story of God's love for us - God with us***

***New Year' Eve - December 31***

***7:00 p.m. - Watchnight Worship***

***Welcoming in the New Year with the Lord***



## In His Service

### Flowers

- 2 - Advent Arrangement
- 9 - Poinsettias & Judy Wilson
- 16 - Poinsettia
- 23 & 30 - Poinsettias (remaining)
- 25 - Communion

### Altar Guild

Judy Wilson

### Ushers & Greeters

**Ushers:** Jamie Abbott, LC Medlin,  
Jasper Denton, Ryan Rowland

**Greeter:** L.C. Medlin

### Acolytes

- 2 - Hannah Pegram
- 9 - Laci Oettinger
- 16 - CT Thompson
- 23 - Chase Thompson
- 30 - Austyn Abbott

### Lay Readers

- 2- Lorraine Abbott - Jeremiah 33:14-16
- 9 - Sally Coghill - Malachi 3:1-4
- 16 - Mike and Darlene Ranes
- 23 - Avery Thomas - Luke 1:39-45
- 30 - Carol Sing

### Nursery and Children's Church

Coordinators  
Roxie Kearney and Danielle Nugent



The United Methodist Men would like to thank each of you for your help in making the annual BBQ a success. Your work from selling tickets, cooking and chopping pork, cooking potatoes and cakes, making slaw, making potato salad, slicing cakes, delivering plates, and standing the line to package meals was a blessing to us and to those who received the best BBQ in Vance County.

Our annual Christmas Pancake Breakfast is one of the ways we say thank you. Join us at 8:30 a.m. on December 16 for pancakes, sausage, coffee and juice. Come in PJ's or dressed for church. There will be time to get ready for Sunday School.

Again, the UMM thank you for your continued support of this annual fundraiser! There are still cups available to give as Christmas Gifts!!!



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25 ■ 8:30 AM Early Worship ■ 10:00 AM Sunday School ■ 11:00 AM Worship <div style="border: 2px solid green; padding: 5px; text-align: center; margin-top: 10px;">                         Food Pantry Sundays                          December 2 and 16                     </div>	26 ■ 6:20 PM Shelter Meal	27 ■ 5:30 PM Faith and Fitness ■ 6:30 PM Choir Practice	28 ■ 10:00 AM Keeping Holy Time Bible Study	29 ■ 7:30 PM BASIC UMYF Lockin 	30 ■ ... BASIC UMYF Lockin ■ 5:00 PM Hanging of the Greens 	
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9 ■ 8:30 AM Early Worship ■ 10:00 AM Sunday School ■ 11:00 AM Worship 7:00 p.m. - Advent Study	10 	11 ■ 6:30 PM Choir Practice	12 	13 	14 	15 
16 ■ 8:30 AM UMM - Pancake Breakfast ■ 10:00 AM Sunday School ■ 11:00 AM Worship ■ 3:00 PM UMM ■ 4:00 PM BASIC Youth mtg ■ 5:30 PM Basic UMYF Shelter meal 7:00 p.m. - Advent Study 	17 	18 	19 ■ 10:00 AM Senior Circle ■ 5:30 PM Faith and Fitness ■ 6:30 PM Choir Practice	20 ■ 10:00 AM Keeping Holy Time Bible Study ■ 6:00 PM Kittrell Community Watch	21 ■ 7:00 PM The Longest Night	22 
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### Coming Events

December 1 - 5:00 p.m. - Christmas Party and Hanging of the Greens

Advent Study - December 2-23 - 7:00 p.m. Sunday Evenings

December 16 - 8:30 a.m. - Pancake Breakfast  
 11:00 a.m. - Christmas Cantata

December 21 - 7:00 p.m. - The Longest Night

December 24 - 8:00 p.m. - Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion

December 31 - 7:00 p.m. - Watch Night Worship