

CHAPEL CHATTER

Open Hearts | Open Minds | Wide Open Doors!

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. The meetings include a program and missional planning for the months ahead. 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

Meet weekly at 4:00 p.m. and location changes each month. BASIC stands for Brothers And Sisters In Christ and youth from Rehoboth UMC and Plank Chapel UMC gather to grow in discipleship.



Chicken Soup for the Soul

This is not about a devotional book, it is about a container of chicken soup left at the door of the parsonage. It was a rainy Wednesday. The cold damp air chilled to the bone. I had been at the church coloring posters and enjoying light snacks with the women who come to the Gathering Place on first Wednesdays.

This group of women spent two hours laughing and sharing stories while playing bingo and coloring the posters that we hope to display in the Fellowship Hall. A few were missing because colds and the flu have played hard with calendars. I turned out the lights, checked that the heating was off, the door locked and headed to the parsonage wondering what I might eat for lunch.

I opened the screen door to see sitting on the stoop a container of chicken soup and 4 rolls - 2 for Leo and 2 for me. No card and no idea who I could thank. Now my investigative mind looked at the container and I thought that it was someone who has bought Brunswick Stew and saved their containers. That didn't help me as everyone has bought Brunswick Stew at some point. Then I felt a tug on my heart to stop looking and simply receive.



In the Shadow of the Cross by Peggy Hernandez

In the shadow of the cross
the thin space where
life and death meet
I suffer with your loss
but fall down to his feet
for in the shadow
of the cross
is where the
magic shall begin
the pain you feel in loss
or the pain you feel in sin
addicted to the light
but the shadow is so warm
no longer need to fight
he'll bring you
through the storm
allow the shadow to
embrace you
let go of worldly things
rest assured
and know he loves you
for this the shadow brings
thin space between
beginning and end
no fear will find your heart
in the shadow of the cross
you see
we'll never be apart
I'll feel you as you hug me
or hear your laugh
once more
in the shadow I know
you'll always be
I'm just knocking on
heaven's door.

As the soup warmed, the kitchen filled with the soothing aroma of chicken and vegetables. I took my first bite and realized I have never had one pot that tasted exactly the same as another. Some of us have noodles, others rice, some add tomatoes, others no vegetables at all just chicken, broth and noodles, and the soup I make may even have kale and quinoa, yet all of these still are called Chicken Soup. I was filled with gratitude for my lunch and the one who prepared it and delivered it to my door.

Consider with me how the gift of grace that comes from God is our chicken soup for the soul. God knows what we need, when we need it and gives without any thought of reward and often surprises us with the gift. Grace so freely given out of God's love for us. Consider also how unique each of us is and though the grace we need may be the same grace, how it comes to us is as unique as our circumstance.

The gift given that cold morning has long since been consumed but my gratitude for the giver and the gift lingers on. Lent is a set apart time for us to reflect on the gift we are given in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Consider how your life was changed by the giver and His gift. His grace so freely given has been transforming the world. This Lent may each of us take time to invite a friend or two to join us at the table of grace and let our Lord serve us a God sized portion of chicken soup for the soul.

With spoon in hand and gratitude in my heart,

Pastor Carolyn

Fellowship and Fundraising

Kerr Lake Ministries Chicken and Dumplings Fundraising

Dinner is March 2 at Plank Chapel. This ministry serves the children of Vance County with a summer day camp. Camp is free for the children. The cost of putting it on each year is covered through fundraisers and gifts from various individual supporters and churches. These volunteers work tirelessly to bring Christ's love and His story to the children. Come out and enjoy a great meal and good fellowship for camp that transforms lives, even the lives of the volunteers.



Food Pantry Sundays in March are: **March 4 and March 18**. Bring nonperishable food items for Cokesbury's food pantry. All other weeks ACTS could also use your food donations. Both ACTS and Cokesbury participate in Backpack Buddies, so consider as you shop how you might support that ministry with small easy open items for snacks.

Formational Opportunities

Church School

Sunday mornings at 10:00 a.m. classes are held in the Education wing of the Fellowship Hall. We have teachers for elementary and middle school children waiting for their classrooms to fill. Our adults have seasonal themes in their Adult Bible Studies. The winter theme is: Faith in Action. Our church school is open to all who seek to grow in faith and if a particular subject is of interest to a small group, we can create a class on that subject.



Change of Day for the Gathering Place - Tuesday March 6th

He Chose the Nails by Max Lucado will be a 5 week study on Sunday nights beginning February 19. This study will meet at 7:00 p.m. in the Youth Room. No meeting on March 4 as Pastor Carolyn will be away.

Keeping Holy Time Bible Study

On Thursdays at 10:00 a.m. we meet to explore the scriptures and share in the needs of the community. Our only text is the Bible and the world. Each week, new facets of our faith are explored. It is never too late to study the Bible and studying together, we grow! This month there are some Thursdays we will not be meeting - verify with the calendar and bulletin inserts or call Pastor Carolyn to confirm the dates. Mid March we resume and on March 22 we will be delving into Proverbs!

SHIFT Small Group Missional Study

March 11 SHIFT will meet at 5:30 p.m. Part of our conversation will be on upcoming walks/runs and the other part share what our lenten journey has been like. Become part of a group seeking ways to reach out to our neighbors and sharing God's love through our gifts that meet their needs.



The United Methodist

Women are collecting Box Tops for Zeb Vance - Collection Box in the entrance to the sanctuary
Each label is \$.10.
Ten cents adds up fast!

Change to Change the world - Missionary

CHARLES BARROW, (#S-00274) Home Missioner Eastern NC 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.

Heritage District Hurricane Matthew Recovery

The Christmas offerings from the Heritage District have come close to the resources needed to rebuild the homes of Fenton Patton and Nada Birth. The Mission Strategy team of our district will be meeting with these families this month. Teams will soon begin the work. If interested in a week day or Saturday work team let Lori Litton know. We will share updates as they are provided.

Church Safety Workshop

April 8, 2018 - 2:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

1st Wilson United Methodist Church

Church security and safety touches on and encompasses many ministry areas. Being equipped starts with information gathering and development of a team dedicated to assembling a working, usable safety plan. Four events are scheduled throughout the NCCUMC to start churches in the process. Each will follow a similar format beginning with worship, grounded in a place of hope and identifying what our beliefs are as Methodists and people of faith.

Following worship, law enforcement will present about church security and safety. Several workshop options will be presented for the remainder of the event, including getting started with a safety team, introduction to first aid/AED, Safe Sanctuaries training, and recognizing challenging or dangerous behavior and strategies for calming people in these situations. Please let Pastor Carolyn know if you are interested in attending, there is registration for these events.

First Baptist Church and the Henderson Police Department on March 19 from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. will also have a presentation on Church Safety at First Baptist Church. If you would like to attend, Pastor Carolyn needs to let First Baptist Church know how many are coming from Plank Chapel.

World Day of Prayer - March 2 - Fuller Chapel

Join with Liberty Church and Fuller Chapel for worship at 7:00 p.m.

Flowers

- 4 - Olivia Kemp
- 11 - Frances Roberts
- 18 - Ellen Allen
- 25 - Susan Sears

Altar Guild

Joyce Edwards/Kim Oettinger

Ushers & Greeters

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

Greeter: John Rogers

Acolytes

- 4 - Laci Oettinger
- 11 - Jasper Denton
- 18 - CT Thompson
- 25 - Heather Medlin

Lay Readers

- 4 - Avery Thomas
1 Corinthians 1:18-25
- 11 - Lorraine Abbott
Ephesians 2:1-10
- 18 - Mike Ranes
Jeremiah 31:31-34
- 25 - Darlene Ranes
Isaiah 50:4-9a

Nursery Workers

- 4 - Kim and Laci Oettinger
- 11 - Lora Young & Judy Eaves
- 18 - Joyce Edwards and
Roxie Kearney
- 25 - Roxie Kearney and
Heather Medlin

KLM
Chicken and Dumplings Fundraiser
March 2 - 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Plank Chapel UMC
Support the opportunity for children and youth to be formed in their faith at camp!



ALZNC
Memory Walk
April 14
Goal - \$3,000
sign up today!

Holy Week Worship Moments

March 25 - Palm Sunday - 11:00 a.m. - we process into the sanctuary waiving palms and singing hymns to God. When worship ends we gather in the Fellowship Hall as the lawns are prepared for the Easter Egg Hunt. Join in the fun and invite a friend to join you for worship and lunch!

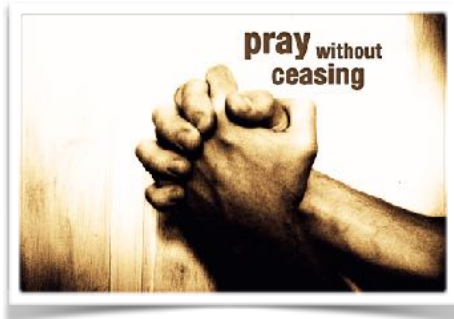
March 29 - Holy Thursday - 7:00 p.m. - Union Chapel UMC - Maundy Thursday Worship - we have been invited to worship with our sister church on this holy Thursday.

March 30 - Good Friday - 7:00 p.m. - Plank Chapel UMC - Tenebrae worship begins at the table and ends in the garden - join us as we remember Christ's sacrifice.

March 31 - Holy Saturday - 10:00 a.m. - Blessing of the Animals!!!!

EASTER - April 1 - Worship begins at Sunrise - followed by a pancake breakfast served up by our United Methodist Men! Bells will be ringing and the choir singing at 11:00 a.m. worship.

Have you ordered your Easter lilies? Forms are at church or see Judy Wilson



Community Prayers

For... Family of Frances Moseley, Rose Tart, Kim Yates, Joe Weaver, Ruth Hailey, Hattie Raney, Tilly Hughes, Dave Driver, Kay House, Skeeter Pearce, Jane Owen, Faye Young, Brandi Dickerson, 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



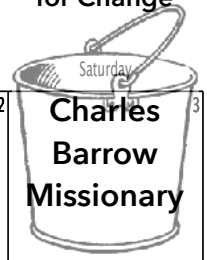
February Fotos





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Change Bucket for Change



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:30 AM Early Worship 9:45 AM Lenten Study 10:00 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship 4:00 PM BASIC Youth 7:00 PM Lenten Evening Study 	26	27 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6:00 PM CPOH Dinner 	28 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5:30 PM Faith and Fitness 	1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6:30 PM Choir Practice 	2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5:00 PM KLM Fundraising Dinner 7:00 PM - World Day of Prayer at Fuller Chapel 	3 <p>Charles Barrow Missionary</p>
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Spring Ahead Daylight Savings

Special Events

March 2 - KLM Fundraising Dinner

World Day of Prayer

March 17 - BASIC UMYF Dinner and Cake Auction

March 30 - Tenebrae Service