

# 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.



## Walking Together

How do we know we are not alone in the struggle? We know because others show up to support us. This will be the 4th Annual Memory Walk to support families who are in the midst of this disease. Each year our numbers grow a little, the funds we raise for ALZNC grow a little, but the love that is shared with each step taken grows exponentially. This year the United Methodist Men are serving up the biscuits and providing us with the T-shirts. All that is needed is your presence and support. Sponsor a walker or two and see how God at work!

What I have learned about walking together is that these times we come together to make a difference for others strengthens our bonds with the Lord, with each other, and gives encouragement for those living with dementia or Alzheimer's. For those who cannot walk or run the 3 plus miles, consider coming and sharing in the stories that morning at the home of John and Patricia Rogers. Cheer on the walkers/runners as they cross the finish line or serve them a biscuit and some water. Join the fun that makes this day one you cannot wait for in 2019.



## March Pictures



### *Walking together with Christ*

Our faith journey is not meant to be a solitary event even though each one has a unique path and story, we are still called to walk together. This time between Easter and Pentecost I am inviting you to join me in a different walk. Plank Chapel has a rich history of family and friends who can tell amazing stories of their life of faith and service for the Lord. We are at a crossroads between that past and our future. We see the empty pews. We hear fewer voices of children and youth disturbing worship and long for more. Classrooms that once were occupied by all ages learning about Jesus and discipleship stand empty with teachers faithfully waiting for students to arrive. Volunteers are aging and stamina for those long day events like Vacation Bible School or UMM BBQ or Youth Lock-Ins is waning. This is not the end of God's story for Plank Chapel. It could be if we give up hope, if we choose to see obstacles as insurmountable.

Today is Easter. Today is also April Fool's Day and it was death that was the fool. We are people of the resurrection! Satan was proved to be a liar! God won the day! Love won the day! God will win the day! Love will win the day! Do I know how God will do this, no. I simply have faith that He will. I know I am called to love and serve the world God created. Each of us who accepts Christ as our Savior is called to do the same. How you are called to do that won't look like how I am called to do that because we are all different. Right now the world needs us. Our community needs us to live out our gospel calling. What that is to look like, I do not know. It is why I am calling us into a time of discernment and prayer. Pentecost is May 20, 2018. From now - Easter, April 1 through Pentecost, May 20 pray with me so that we can step into God's future for us! It may not look like the church of our history and that is okay if the church of the future is God's! What God has laid on my heart is that people need a safe place, a sanctuary where they can go and be part of a loving community. People need open doors and open hearts that welcome them in and show them that they are fearfully and wonderfully made while calling them to live into their gifts and graces. Plank Chapel, are we that place?

Praying with you,

Pastor Carolyn

## Missional Opportunities

**Food Pantry Sundays** in April are: **April 1 and April 15**. Bring nonperishable food items for Cokesbury's food pantry. Cokesbury serves 80 to 100 families through their food pantry. Some are elderly and some are young. Some have greater needs than others. The Food Bank of Central and Eastern North Carolina's Durham location is where Cokesbury receives most of their perishable goods. Of late, the Food Bank has been rather empty and the need remains. Please consider picking up some peanut butter, pasta, pasta sauce, Mac and Cheese, canned vegetables or meats for the pantry at Cokesbury. 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.



### **Community Partners of Hope - 220 Seafood Restaurant Fish Fry - April 23** **\$7.00 per plate - Tickets available**

Each \$7.00 plate sold provides \$2.00 for Community Partners of Hope. This ministry offers shelter to Homeless Men during the winter months and a transitional home as men move from upward into their own home. Currently Hope House has five men in residence. We have transitioned 5 men this current year into their own residence. The goal of Community Partners of Hope is to purchase property so that a year round shelter is available and more men can move up out of their place of homelessness. It cannot be done without community sponsors and support. Thank you for how you have stepped into supporting this ministry. **A Dash of Hope**, our fundraiser for Community Partners of Hope is on **October 20th**. Sign-up on line at **runnc.com** or through a mail-in sign up, forms are available on line or can be picked up at the church. There are early bird registration discounts.



## Work Teams for Heritage District Hurricane Matthew Recovery

Teams can now be scheduled to begin work on the home of Fenton Patton. If interested in a week day or Saturday work team let Lori Litton know. We still have funds to raise before we can begin work on Nadine Birth's home. Nadine is a health care worker without the resources to make the repairs on her home on her own. There is work for everyone - no matter what your skill base is, so reach out to Lori and we will send a team, maybe two.

**Fenton Patton** is residing in Tarboro NC, 27886. Fenton's house was damaged by Hurricane Matthew. He lost everything. He is a proud father of two, both currently in the Air Force.

Fenton had neither flood insurance nor the finances for rebuild. Currently being out of work and living from Hotel to hotel made it harder to pull together and look for assistance and having to still pay bills at the flooded address if he wanted to keep his place. Having hope that one day he will get back into where his family call home made him not give up.

Fenton applied for assistance in Tarboro at the NCCUMDR Center asking for help. After all the paper work Construction Manager view the damages and estimated a total amount of \$14,500 for rebuild. *As of March, \$6,550 for newly installed HVAC system was added to the total cost now at \$21,570.*

## 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.

### Volunteer Opportunities

**At Plank Chapel** - Nursery workers, lay readers, choir, bell choir, acolytes, ushers, Sunday School teachers, community visitors, prayer warriors, card writers, newsletter editor, operating sound system (with training), bulletin stuffer, kitchen manager, Vacation Bible School organizer, small group study leader, fellowship organizer, young adult leader (young adults are 18-25), work team leader, fundraiser... where God is leading you to serve in new ways that Pastor Carolyn cannot imagine.

**Zeb Vance Elementary School** - check with the staff and see where you can make a difference in the life of our students

**ACTS - Lifeline - Boys and Girls Clubs - Gang Free, Inc - Henderson Public Library - Rebuilding Hope**

Each of these ministries or organizations are doing the best they can with the resources they have for supporting those in need and changing lives. They need our help. All organizations can use funding, but what they need most are volunteers. Consider how you could be the hands or feet of Christ in our community.

### Field Education Placement Announced!

Janice Hodges will be returning to us this summer as our intern. Looking forward to having another summer of learning and challenges together! Janice's goal is to grow as a pastor in charge. Tom is excited to be returning to us as well.



## Native American Special Offering Sunday

April 15 - Supporting the Ministry of Christ Among Native People

Through Native American Ministries Sunday, we're able to equip and empower Native American pastors, congregations and seminary students to do what only they can do: authentically worship and serve Jesus. As a member of The United Methodist Church, your gift, on this day, equips Native congregations—like New York's Onondaga Nation UMC and Nebraska's Native American Sacred Winds congregation—to worship and serve as only they can. This work, and hundreds of other ministries, are possible because you give.

# 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 spring theme is:



*Acknowledging God.* 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.

## 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.

## SHIFT Small Group Missional Study

April SHIFT will meet at 6:30 p.m. Part of our conversation will be on upcoming walks/runs and the other part share how we might serve on a work team this spring. 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.

# BASIC UMYF

April meetings are at Plank Chapel UMC - 4:00 p.m.

The meeting on April 22 is an evening event. We are hosting Sunshine Drama Ministries! This group is led by Janice Hodges, our summer intern of last year. She will be bringing 15 to 20 young people to sing, dance, and dramatically proclaim the Gospel.

**2017-2018 Conference Youth Events - most reservation deadlines are April 15 (or until full)**

**Appalachian Trail Hike:** June 18-24, 2018 Cost \$200

**Breakaway:** June 25-30, 2018 Cost \$255, NC Wesleyan College, Rocky Mount

**ACS:** July 23-28, 2018 Cost \$255, Methodist University, Fayetteville - High School only

**Pilgrimage:** November 9-11, 2018, Crown Coliseum, Fayetteville



## Flowers

- 1 - Bettie Jane Jones, Easter Lilies, Communion
- 8 - Pat Edwards
- 15 - Roxie Kearney
- 22 - Judy Eaves & Family
- 29 - Midge Smith

## Altar Guild

Laurie Miller/Judy Wilson

## Ushers & Greeters

**Ushers:** Patrick Medlin, Daryl Spencer, John Rogers, Thomas Beckham

**Greeter:** Jamie Abbott

## Acolytes

- 1 - Chase Thompson
- 8 - Matthew Denton
- 15 - Austyn Abbott
- 22 - Patrick Medlin
- 29 - Hannah Pegram

## Lay Readers

- 1 - Gwen Ritchey - 1 Cor 15:1-11
- 8 - Avery Thomas - Acts 4:32-35
- 15 - Donald Rose McGhee  
Acts 3:12-19
- 22 - Pat Edwards - Acts 4:5-12
- 29 - Tim Smith - Acts 8:26-40

## Nursery Workers

- 1 - Danielle Nugent & Roxie Kearney
- 8 - Joyce Edwards and Laci Ottinger
- 15 - Midge Smith & Roxie Kearney
- 22 - Lora Young & Judy Eaves
- 29 - Roxie Kearney & Heather Medlin

**The conference has added a mission event scheduled for July 8-13, 2018 Cost \$200, Hinton Rural Life Center, Hayesville, NC - this event will only have 40 youth in attendance - consider being one of them!**

If interested in any of these events - ask Pastor Carolyn or go to <https://nccumc.org/youth/> to find out more information. Please keep in mind that there is YSF (Youth Service Fund) scholarship money available: [2018 Funding Assistance](#)

### Other Opportunities for Youth Involvement

[Duke Youth Academy](#) provides opportunity for a class through worship, study, play, and service with Duke Divinity School faculty.

[Leader-in-Training](#) at Camp Don Lee offers a four-week intensive leadership development program for older youth.

[NC Wesleyan College Youth Theological Institute](#) is a transformational experience that provides time, place and tools to discern God's calling on your life.

[Pfeiffer Youth Theological Institute a/k/a YeTI](#) is a two week summer experience for rising high school sophomores, juniors and seniors who want to lead, who want to serve, who want to learn more about God's call on their lives.

### Blessing of the Bikes - April 21st - 11:00 a.m.

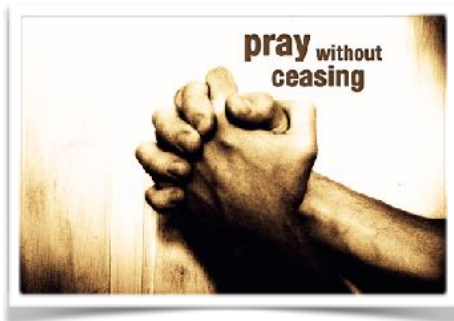
The roar of the engines sound as the bikes round the corner and come onto the property for the annual blessing of the bikes. Most of the riders are Veterans from various riders groups and the rides they take support veteran causes and often deal with issues around PTSD and their care for one another. Any who ride can join in this time of worship and blessing.



**ALZNC  
Memory Walk  
April 14**

**Goal - \$3,000**

**sign up today!**



## Community Prayers

For... Mike Hicks, Janet Bobbitt, Theresa Hock, Rose Tart, Kim Yates, Joe Weaver, Ruth Hailey, Hattie Raney, Tilly Hughes, Dave Driver, Kay House, 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



Praising God Together, as ONE,  
unified in the Body of Christ!

**Vision:** The Great Commission through artistic expression

**Mission:** Making the word come alive, operating within our spiritual gifts, through word, song, dance, prayer and praise!

**"Keeping the WORD Real and Relevant!"**

Join Us! April 22nd

7:00 p.m.

Refreshments served after

Come and bring a friend

all ages welcome!

## 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. Beginning with worship, grounded in a place of hope and identifying what our beliefs are as Methodists and people of faith and then 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.



Change Bucket for Change



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 Easter April Fools' Day 6:45 AM Easter Sunrise Worship 7:30 AM Easter Breakfast 10:00 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship	2	3 10:00 AM The Gathering Place	4 5:30 PM Faith and Fitness	5 10:00 AM Keeping Holy Time Bible Study	6
8 Orthodox Easter 8:30 AM Early Worship 10:00 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship 2:30 PM Safety 4:00 PM BASIC Youth 6:30 PM Shift Study Group	9	10	11 5:30 PM Faith and Fitness 6:30 PM Choir Practice	12	13 9:00 AM ALZ Walk 
15 8:00 AM UMM 8:30 AM Early Worship 10:00 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship 3:00 PM UMW 4:00 PM BASIC Youth	16 7:00 PM Trustees Meeting	17 Tax Day	18 10:00 AM Senior Circle 5:30 PM Faith and Fitness 6:30 PM Choir Practice	19 10:00 AM Keeping Holy Time Bible Study 6:00 PM Kittrell Community Watch	20 11:00 AM Blessing of the bikes 
22 Earth Day 8:30 AM Early Worship 10:00 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship 7:00 PM Sunshine Drama Ministries	23 6:30 PM KLM Meeting	24 6:30 PM Shelter Meal	25 5:30 PM Faith and Fitness 6:30 PM Choir Practice	26 10:00 AM Keeping Holy Time Bible Study	27 28 Amy Smith's Wedding
29 8:30 AM Early Worship 10:00 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship 4:00 PM BASIC Youth	30	1	2 10:00 AM The Gathering Place 5:30 PM Faith and Fitness 6:30 PM Choir Practice	3 10:00 AM Keeping Holy Time Bible Study	4 5 Morgan Oettinger Wedding Cinco de Mayo

**Special Events**

**April 14 - ALZNC - Memory Walk - Running too - 9:00 a.m.**

**April 19 - Kittrell Community Watch - 6:00 p.m. - Union Chapel UMC**

**April 21 - Blessing of the Bikes - 11:00 a.m.**

**April 22 - Sunshine Drama Ministries - 7:00 p.m.**