



## 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. Summer schedule includes a lock-in and a trip to the Mudcats!

## Facing our Future

Jeremiah 29:11 says: **“For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. (Jer 29:11 NRSV)**

June starts off with Youth Sunday. We will be led in worship by the youth of our church, three of whom will go off to college in the late summer. We have watched them grow and wondered and worried about their futures. We have lamented when they are absent in worship and rejoiced with them over their accomplishments. My prayer for each of them is that they live lives according to the Gospel and grow in their faith so that the world will be transformed as our hope lives within them. My prayer for our church is that we continue to witness God’s unconditional love for them as we guide and teach them about Christ and God’s love. May they face their futures with hope, not fear knowing that behind them is a great cloud of witnesses praying for them.

June is also the month of Annual Conference. This annual event gathers all the churches of the North Carolina Conference to set our course for the coming year. It will be a condensed schedule packed with information and formation. It is a time to remember we are part of a larger body of Christ and that this great cloud of witnesses prays for us. As a denomination we are facing a future that may look very different after General Conference 2019, but what I believe is this, God is in control of God’s church and God is about the work of our transformation and growth. We do not need to fear the future we face.

At Annual Conference I will be appointed to Plank Chapel for year nine. As I consider our future together and turn to face it, I have great hope. Here is why. We have spent the past eight years growing together. In this time we have baptized, confirmed, married, and buried the faithful. We have continued to expand our love for our neighbors as we have grown in our love for God. We have stepped into the community by taking steps for Alzheimer's and Dementia. Our walk/run for Community Partners of Hope brought bounty to an organization that works to bring men out of homelessness into restored lives. It is the restored lives that give me great hope. As I stand in the pulpit and see the faces of those who have walked some dark paths and come out into the light, I know God's hand is upon us.

What will our future look like? It will be one that shines. I have this hope that our outpost of God becomes for the Bobbitt/Kittrell community a sanctuary. A worshipful life that creates a safe space for children to grow, youth to spread their wings, young adults to find a purpose, and older adults to share their wisdom. We know so well how to come together and plan and prepare meals. Our UMM BBQ, our youth's fish fry or steak dinner draw in the community. I want to share with you what John Frazier said at our international community dinner. As he was leaving with his wife, Betty, he turned to me and said, "I love these events as I get to see my neighbors." He was grateful for the opportunity to sit with his neighbors and visit. I cannot help but think about the evening that Unashamed came to worship with us and the gathering afterwards. One table stayed until close to 9:00 p.m. It was a table of an older family and my spirit felt their need to be in community and that we made space for that to happen. In April when Janice brought us the Sunshine Drama Ministries, again people stayed and enjoyed fellowship together.

People are seeking places where they can gather and know they are part of something much greater than themselves. People are seeking a message of hope, of love, of acceptance. People are seeking a purpose in their lives. God has planted a church on 3047 Bobbitt Road to be that place. It is why I am facing our future with hope.

Praying with you,  
Pastor Carolyn

## Lay Leadership Opportunities

The Lay Leadership and Nominations Committee met on May 20 to look at the upcoming vacancies and potential opportunities for leadership. We are seeking Trustees, members of Pastor-Parish Relations Committee, Finance Committee, and new members to Lay Leadership and Nominations. The next few months, various groups will be highlighted so that when you are asked to serve, you will know what that group does.



Church Council  
June 4  
7:00 p.m.

This month is the Church Council. The Church Council is made up of the chairpersons of the various committees as well as members of United Methodist Men, United Methodist Women, Older Adult Ministries, and a Youth representative. Church Council meetings are not closed meetings. All can attend but only the elected members to the Church Council have a vote.

In the Book of Discipline the Church Council is described this way: “¶ 252.1. *Purpose* - The **church council** shall provide for planning and implementing a program of nurture, outreach, witness, and resources in the local church. It shall also provide for the administration of its organization and temporal life. It shall envision, plan, implement, and annually evaluate the mission and ministry of the church. The church council shall be amenable to and function as the administrative agency of the charge conference (¶ 244).”

The functions of nurture, outreach, witness, and resources are carried out through committees and teams. Under the function of nurture we have the UMM, UMW, Inward Formation Team, Sunday School, Worship Committee, UMYF, and Hospitality Committee. Outreach is accomplished through the Outward Witness Team, UMM, UMW, UMYF, and SHIFT Small Group. Witness is the task of all the body of Christ. Trustees and Finance watch over the resources of the church. Pastor Parish Relations and Lay Leadership and Nominations work to provide for the administration of the organization as well as provide for its temporal life.

The body of Christ is a living breathing body that grows and changes. The committees or teams may also grow and change as the spirit of the Lord leads. If you see a place or know of a need that God has placed on your heart to fill, let Pastor Carolyn know. We will find a way.

## Work Team for Heritage District Hurricane Matthew Recovery

Work team to go to Rocky Mount and 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. Lori Litton is looking for team members - **tentatively scheduling for July 6 and 7.**

## Change to Change the world - Kerr Lake Ministries

Plank Chapel has been participating in Kerr Lake Ministries Day Camp since it became a reality from the vision of volunteers with love for children. This year

camp will be a little different without Bobby Williams. We are

always looking for volunteers to help teach the children about

Jesus.

Camp is free for all children Kindergarten through Sixth Grade. Older youth can


apply for leadership positions and be trained before camp starts. Camp has

settled into a permanent location at Camp Kerr Lake. If you know of

children who would love to go to camp or youth who would love to lead,

contact Susan Sears. Our change buckets will be collecting your change for Kerr

Lake Ministries during the months of May and June.



Senior  
Circle  
June 20  
10 am



The Gathering  
Place - Tuesday  
June 5 - 10 am

## 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 - Community Partners of Hope - Hospice Volunteer - KLM**

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.

## 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 summer theme is: *Justice in the New Testament*. Matthew | Luke | 2 Corinthians | Colossians. This summer, our lessons focus on justice as presented in the New Testament. Justice is portrayed as a primary characteristic of God's nature. Human beings are called to emulate God's justice toward one another. This study is broken down into three parts: God Is Just and Merciful, Jesus Calls for Justice and Mercy, Paul Teaches About New Life in Christ.

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. The Gospel of Luke is our focus beginning in June.

### *SHIFT Small Group Missional Study*

May SHIFT will meet on June 10 at 5:30 p.m. Part of our conversation will be on CPOH walk/run, work team for June or July, and preparing curriculum for Eating Together Faithfully. Become part of a group seeking ways to reach out to our neighbors and sharing God's love.

## BASIC UMYF - ACS Mission Project

Heather Medlin will be our ACS representative this summer. On Monday night they will be engaged in a mission project - Hygiene Kits for the MERCI Center. Hygiene Kit Materials (collecting all June):

- **1 hand towel**
  - 15 x 25 inches to 17 x 27 inches
  - Kitchen, cleaning, and microfiber towels not acceptable
- **1 washcloth**
- **1 comb**
  - Comb needs to be sturdy and longer than 6 inches long
  - No pocket combs or picks please
  - Rattail combs and combs without handles are acceptable with a minimum of 6 inches of teeth
- **1 metal nail file or nail clippers**
  - No emery boards, please
- **1 bath-size soap**
  - 3 oz. and larger sizes only
  - No Ivory or Jergens soap due to moisture content
  - Do not remove from original packaging
- **1 toothbrush**
  - Adult size only
  - Do not remove from original packaging
- **6 adhesive bandages**
  - ¾ inch to 1 inch-size
  - Common household Band-Aids

Youth Sunday is June 3. This year we have three graduating and heading off to college. On that Sunday, we will celebrate after worship with a meal and homemade ice cream.

June 2 - Community Work Day -Watkins Community - 10:00 a.m.

June 29 at 7:00 p.m. - Lock-In at Plank Chapel (beginning with Pool Night at the Mannings)

July 6 - 7:00 p.m. - Carolina Mudcats at 5 County Stadium - Each person pays - \$11.00 due June 3

**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



### Community Prayers

For... Rose Tart, Kim Yates, Leo Roy, Elizabeth Moss Wilson, Brandi Dickerson, Jane Owen, Mike Hicks, 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



**North Carolina Annual Conference - June 14-16**

Our Lay Member to Annual Conference is Peggy Hernandez. Cristina Hernandez is coming as a youth delegate from the district. Peggy and I will be Tellers for the Heritage District. Thursday night's worship will include a Pilgrimage banner processional. Speakers include our Bishop Hope Morgan Ward, Bishop Jonathan Holston of the South Carolina Conference, and Rev. Pat Watkins, a retired clergy who served on the General Board of Global Ministries as a "Missionary for Care of God's Creation." We will retire clergy, celebrate the lives of clergy and their spouses who died in the past year, vote on resolutions, budget, and one amendment to the constitution. A change to the UMC Constitution requires a 2/3 ratification of all the annual conferences. Results will be sometime in 2019. There will be a time of briefing on the 2019 General Conference and A Way Forward. The two highlights are the Laity Celebration and Ordination with the fixing of appointments for 2019. Pray for Annual Conference.



Sharing around the table food from around the world

**Generosity in All Creation - Annual Conference Special Offerings**

God is able to make grace abound so that you, having sufficiency in all things, may be generous in every good work.

As we gather for Annual Conference very soon, we will embody this teaching as we offer our resources toward Christ's mission in the world. We will receive three Annual Conference offerings. Please think and pray about your response, interpret these offerings in your local church and come with generosity for these three times of sharing.

The first offering will be for the Mission Endowment Fund of our Annual Conference. The Mission Endowment Fund now in place has made it possible for us to invest mission funds into hurricane recovery. Families are blessed as their homes are restored.

The second offering will be for laity ministries in the Annual Conference. We give thanks for the ministry of laity and for the way in which this offering offers support and training as laity are equipped for their work as they follow Christ faithfully.

The third offering will be received at the Ordering of Ministry Service at the conclusion of the Annual Conference and this offering will be for the Endowment Fund for Theological Education in the Central Conferences. Here in the North Carolina Annual Conference we are greatly advantaged with the presence of Duke Divinity School. We are advantaged also by the wonderful array of opportunities we have to be trained for our work as Christian disciples. The Endowment Fund for Theological Education will make possible these sorts of opportunities around the world, in Africa, Europe, Russia, the Philippines.

Thank you for your generosity as we gather for Annual Conference very soon. Bishop Hope Morgan Ward



### Flowers

- 3 - Communion
- 10 - Michelle Denton
- 17 - UMW
- 24 - Sally Coghill

### Altar Guild

Pat Edwards

### Ushers & Greeters

**Ushers:** Matthew Denton, Mac Wilson, Todd Wilson, Henry Finch

**Greeter:** Todd Wilson

### Acolytes

- 3 - Laci Oettinger
- 10 - Matthew Denton
- 17 - Austyn Abbott
- 24 - Patrick Medlin

### Lay Readers

- 3 - Youth - 1 Samuel 3:1-21
- 10 - Avery Thomas  
1 Corinthians 4:13-5:1
- 17 - Donald Rose McGhee  
2 Corinthians 5:6-17
- 24 - Pat Edwards  
2 Corinthians 6:1-13

### Nursery Workers

- 3 - Danielle Nugent and Roxie Kearney
- 10 - Joyce Edwards and Laci Ottinger
- 17 - Lora Young and Judy Eaves
- 24 - Midge Smith and Roxie Kearney

## Unashamed

was in the house!



Registration Open now!

## A DASH OF HOPE



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

***We believe homelessness can be overcome!***

*For information on Community Partners of Hope visit: [www.cp-hope.org](http://www.cp-hope.org)  
**Early Bird! \$25.00** until May 31*

**June 1, 2018  
Race time: 9:00 a.m.**

**Summer: \$30.00**  
June 1 - August 31

**Kerr Lake State Park  
Satterwhite Point  
[www.runnc.com](http://www.runnc.com)**

**Registration \$35.00** from September 1 - October 20

*Organized by Plank Chapel United Methodist Church to benefit Community Partners of Hope. For further information email [plankchapelumc@gmail.com](mailto:plankchapelumc@gmail.com).*

To receive a T-shirt, register by September 29. Online registration can be found on [www.runnc.com](http://www.runnc.com) Mail in registration available. Can be found on [www.runnc.com](http://www.runnc.com)



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 Field Education Begins 8:30 AM Early Worship 10:00 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship	28 Memorial Day	29	30 5:30 PM Faith and Fitness 6:30 PM Choir Practice	31	1	2
3 8:30 AM Early Worship 10:00 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship 12:30 PM Summer Fun	4 7:00 PM Church Council Meeting	5 10:00 AM The Gathering Place	6 5:30 PM Faith and Fitness 6:30 PM Choir Practice	7 10:00 AM Keeping Holy Time Bible Study	8	9
10 8:30 AM Early Worship 10:00 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship 5:30 PM Shift Study Group	11	12 9:00 AM Guardian Ad Litem Training	13 5:30 PM Faith and Fitness 6:30 PM Choir Practice	14-16 Annual conference Flag Day Eid al-Fitr		
17 Father's Day 8:00 AM UMM 10:00 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship	18 7:00 PM Trustees Meeting	19 Juneteenth	20 10:00 AM Senior Circle 5:30 PM Faith and Fitness 6:30 PM Choir Practice	21 10:00 AM Keeping Holy Time Bible Study 6:00 PM Kittrell Community Watch	22	23
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**Special Events**

**June 3 - After worship - Summer Fun and Fellowship**

**June 4 - 7:00 p.m. - Church Council**

**June 18 - 7:00 p.m. - Trustees**

**June 21 - 6:00 p.m. - Kittrell Community Watch**

**June 29-30 - BASIC UMYF Lock-in**