

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. 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!

Centering our Future

One of my delights at Annual Conference was Bishop Holston of the South Carolina Annual Conference. I was lifted by his words and grateful that he is my son's first Bishop under appointment. Each day my spirit was refreshed and emboldened by his words. It began Thursday night when he spoke about the future of the United Methodist Church. He said, "The Church is not a fragile piece of crystal. It stands on a firm foundation. The Church has withstood whatever has been thrown at it." He continued to share his optimism as he declared that Jesus will still draw people even in these turbulent times, despite the world's eagerness to write the United Methodist Church's obituary. "There will not be a United Methodist Church if Jesus is not the center of our joy."

Joy has always been a big word for me. I had never thought about the center of my joy. It was an epiphany. Since Jesus became the center of my life, He became the center of my joy. I had not even considered joy as a corporate emotion. Yet the church is a living breathing body and therefore can feel as well as think and do. The heartbeat of the church, the blood in our veins is Christ. Our joy in Christ should be the center of the life of our church. The words to "Old Church Choir" echo in my heart, "There ain't nothing gonna steal my joy."

I am reminded that when people visit us, they speak not of a friendly church but of a happy church. I believe they are trying to put into words the joy they experience in our worship life. It is my prayer that our joy will spill out over into the community where Christ at our center directs us.

Bishop Holston spoke at a breakout session about the complex nature of the church and how revival can only happen when we open our doors, our hearts and our minds to all people, no matter their race, culture, language, national origin, or human sexuality.

The strength of the church lies in our ability to love one another. I was reminded the words of Paul in Galatians 3:28 and 29: *“There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham’s offspring, heirs according to the promise.”* We are not defined by our earthly creation but by our spiritual creation. We become brothers and sisters in Christ and part of the family of God. The family is one body with many different parts offering the world the joy of the Lord through the gifts and graces that are expressed by our unique abilities. In his closing time of teaching on Saturday, Bishop Holston reminded us: “As we journey together, we can be better people when we are interacting with each other and not fighting with each other.” Imagine what a unified body of Christ can do in the world! Unity is not uniformity. It is a diverse body unified through the blood of Christ to love the world into the Kingdom of God.



Senior Circle
July 18
10 am

His Saturday message came out of the call of Isaiah in chapter 6. He reminded us that leadership is a decision we make. When we are asked by God, “Whom shall I send?” He challenged our “Here I am, send me?” with this question, “Will we be a generous witness for God?”

I have witnessed the generosity of Plank Chapel UMC and my heart is filled with gratitude for your gifts, your faithfulness, your witness, and your missional spirit.

As we center our future on Jesus and move forward into, may we move with a spirit of joy to do the work God has before us. I have included a report from Annual Conference about 8 of the lay ministries that were celebrated. In each one, I heard part of our story. We too have fed food insecure families, have held community meals and events to reach the unchurched, provided food for food pantries, and created events for the community to respond to the needs of the homeless as well as bring awareness to Dementia and Alzheimers. We have a thriving outreach to the elderly in our community.



Our BASIC UMYF is one that illustrates what it means to be a connectional church. As you look at the diversity of the missional work of these churches, remember we are 800 churches strong, so this is a glimpse into what God is doing in North Carolina. We are only limited by our imagination when we consider how we can share Christ’s love in our communities.

In August we will begin a study, “Eating Together Faithfully.” It is centered around the table of grace, Holy Communion. We will be looking at healthy lifestyles, but the primary focus on this table talk is building community. Our guests will be from around the community, some farmers, some educators, some entrepreneurs, and most of us will be followers of Jesus Christ. While we talk about



The Gathering Place - Tuesday
July 3 - 10 am

the food

we grow we will be growing relationships and allowing God to transform the group into another part of the body of Christ.

My challenge to us as church and to each of us as individuals this summer is to explore the question: "What or who is the center of my joy?" Our future as Plank Chapel United Methodist Church depends on the answer to that question.

Praying with you,

Pastor Carolyn



Change to Change the world - Robinson County Church and Community Center - #791742

An ecumenical ministry in a multicultural community which is designed to help local churches meet emergency needs, literacy tutoring for children and adults, home repairs and building new homes, a home store, food pantry, and a thrift store. RCCCC is God's people at work together, reaching out in love to meet our neighbors' needs in the name of Christ. RCCCC seeks to involve people across cultural, racial, class, and denominational barriers in partnership with each other.

Celebration of Laity Ministries at Annual Conference

The celebration of Laity Ministries honored eight innovative and inspiring programs active in the conference focused on building relationships, addressing the physical and mental and spiritual needs of communities across North Carolina, and sharing God's power to transform.

—Adopt-a-Dorm of St. Andrews UMC in Fayetteville shares a comforting meal to Methodist University dorm residents once a month in order to create a nurturing environment for students.

—Vanceboro UMC's ministry, Taking it to the Streets, seeks to intentionally meet unchurched members of the local community to share the love of Christ with them through food, conversation, and friendship.

—Warren Plains/Jerusalem UMCs provide healthy, filling meals for food-insecure families in their communities. Their mission is to build new, surprising friendships across socio-economic boundaries.

—Asbury UMC feeds at-risk children who normally rely on free school lunches. Volunteers spend time building trust and sharing the love of Christ with the children who attend.

—Concord UMC's Yahweh Yoga offers free Christian yoga classes to give attendees an opportunity to be still and know God while also caring for their bodies.

—St. Mark UMC's Spiritual Awakenings supports people recovering from addiction by attending 12-step meetings.

—Jonesboro UMC's El Refugio provides a variety of programs to address social, educational and physical needs of local Spanish-speaking families while building cross-cultural friendships.

—The Hope Center is a day-shelter run by the laity of The Anchor that provides a safe space of

encouragement and love for Wilmington’s homeless community.

Vacation Bible School - Fruit of the Spirit - Galatians 5:22-23



Join the team of volunteers for a day with children as we explore the fruit of the Spirit. VBS is scheduled for August 18 from 9 am - 3 pm. We will once again partner with Rehoboth UMC and volunteers from the community of faith in Vance County. Praying you will be one of the them. The day will include scripture stories, snacks, lunch, music, games, crafts, and more. Planning meetings will be Thursday evenings, July 12 and 19 at 7:00 p.m. VBS is an opportunity to teach and share about God’s love and how it grows within us to produce fruit. Classes for 3 year olds to 12 year olds. Youth and young adults are invited to come and join in the fun to help lead and be role models for

our children. The day will be a blessing to all as all of us will be learning from one another, young and old! What fruit of the spirit challenges you?

Volunteer Opportunities

Zeb Vance Elementary School - Fuller Chapel has been volunteering in the reading program. Pastor Tammy says They could use more readers and listeners for their reading program. It won’t be long before the school supply list comes out. In August we will be collecting for the coming year.

ACTS - Lifeline - Boys and Girls Clubs - Gang Free, Inc - Henderson Public Library - Rebuilding Hope - Community Partners of Hope - Hospice Volunteer - 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.

KLM Day Camp will be in full swing this month. The volunteer base continues to be a challenge. Join us this summer! Youth Counselors are trained over the weekend before camp. Volunteer applications are available at <http://www.kerrlakeministries.org>. We enroll students from Kindergarten through Sixth Grade. When determining what grade to sign your child up for, it is determined by the grade they will be in as of August 2018. Enrollment forms are available at <http://www.kerrlakeministries.org>





A few weeks ago I went to Annual Conference in Greenville, NC. The building was bigger than I had imagined.

When I entered through the doorway I could see a lot of people waiting in line to get their name tags. When we finally got ours Pastor Carolyn took my mother and I to look at these displays. The displays were interesting and educational. Most were about raising awareness about what's happening in the world around us and some were about colleges and camps. My mother took me to go see the Cokesbury bookstore where they had different types of materials for sale and she bought me a bag. We went back to the auditorium to listen to the people who came from different churches. My two favorite parts of annual conference were Bishop Jonathan Holston with his uplifting and encouraging speech as well as the communications department when they delivered a "Fresh Prince Of Bell Air" themed video. I found annual conference to be an exciting adventure and I took away inspiration and knowledge.

I'd like to thank Plank Chapel for allowing me to attend Annual Conference this year.

Love Cristina Hernandez



Community Prayers

For... Family of Kim Yates, 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

Lay Member's Report of Annual Conference

This year my family and I had the opportunity to attend annual conference for The United Methodist Church in Greenville N.C. This year we celebrate fifty years of being The United Methodist Church! I was very excited to share this experience with Cristina and Isabella. Together we would listen about exciting things to come and where we needed. During our trip I learned that Methodists be considered boring or stuffy people. I saw first Methodists can and do dance and clap their can sing too! I especially liked it when we came together to sing "This little light of mine" since it was a faster paced song people were clapping their hands and dancing to the beat. Aside from all the great songs we sang there was an important message being shared. Bishop Jonathan Holston from the South Carolina conference gave a powerful speech that included scripture from Isaiah 6 vs 8 "Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I. Send me!"



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The agenda called for us to attend break out sessions and Cristina and I attended "Generosity for our Immigrant Neighbors". The session was important in that the people that attended had the opportunity to hear about Alerta Migratoria which is a non-profit organization that has a community hotline, led by immigrant women, that facilitates and promotes the self-determination of undocumented immigrants and refugees. They stop deportations by engaging directly affected communities and conscientious allies. Through this process, they promote the human right to migrate. Also during our break out session we learned about JFON (Justice for our immigrant neighbor). JFON supports a hospitality ministry that welcomes immigrants by providing free or low-cost, expert immigration legal services to low-income immigrants, refugees and asylum seekers. They also engage in advocacy for immigrant justice, and offer education to communities of faith and to the public. We listened to a lady from City Well church in Durham that houses an undocumented immigrant named Samuel. Samuel was stopped for a simple traffic violation and ICE began proceedings for deportation. City well is supporting Sam and his family including his wife that is very sick with an aggressive form of MS. Without City Well church Samuel will be deported and his family will suffer greatly. I heard a lot about our immigrant community and as I'm sure you know it hit very close to home for me. Tomas is an immigrant and if we really want to get down to the nitty gritty of things, well then we're all immigrants. Jesus was an immigrant too!

For me personally attending the break out session was the highlight of the conference. I am an advocate for justice. I am passionate about immigration issues especially the children of the undocumented. I could hear God speak to me during the session and I heard him ask me who he should send? My prayer is that God knows he can send me and also that he can send you. During the three days of annual conference I took a minute to look around at the 1200 people that attended and while I saw many smiling white faces I could not help but notice my daughter next to me with her beautiful tan skin. I pray for the people of The United Methodist Church that we are able to see that diversity is wonderful. I pray that God sends a shift through our entire denomination for the better. Cristina and I met some very nice people that left us feeling hopeful. I would like to thank the leaders of our church for allowing my family this magnificent opportunity and please know how incredibly grateful we are to be part of your family.

- Peggy Hernandez

BASIC UMYF - ACS Mission Project

Heather Medlin will be our Annual Conference Session for Youth (ACS) representative this summer. She will leave for ACS on Monday, July 23, until then she can still collect items for the hygiene kits.

At ACS they have a mission event Monday night. This year's Mission Monday the youth will be assembling the hygiene kits for the MERCI Center. What Heather is asked to bring are the items for kits. Heather does not have to bring completed kits, simply collect items from this list for assembling.

Hygiene Kit Materials:

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

$\frac{3}{4}$ inch to 1 inch-size
Common household Band-Aids



Greetings Plank Chapel UMC,

What a wonderful opportunity to share how it feels to be back with my Plank Chapel family! Relationships take time to nurture and grow, so I am happy to say that last summer was an opportunity to see new faces, meet new people, gain new friends, and worship wholeheartedly through

song, study and conversation. The Bible tells us that we are brothers and sisters in Christ, and to let brotherly love continue (Hebrews 13: 1). I truly believe it, because I am living this scripture. How beautiful it is to read, study and uplift the word of God with my brothers and sisters, but it is totally mind-blowing to LIVE the word of God. Hallelujah! I am blessed.

When we focus on the love of Jesus and why he went to the cross, it reminds us that HE DIED for us ALL. As imperfect as we are and as petty as we can be, Jesus loves us! And, that alone is enough to praise our God. I am elated to be back to finish some things, continue some things and begin new things, through our Lord, Jesus the Christ, who is our savior. It's all about love, and as we walk as children of the most-high God, we must remember, we are unified by his blood. We may be different in many ways, but there is ONE way we are the same. It is the only way that matters: We are united by the blood of Jesus (Ephesians 2:3)! Hallelujah! Therefore, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loves is born of God and knows God (1 John 4:7).

I am thankful for Pastor Carolyn and her mentoring leadership, the officers of this fine church, and members of Plank for the opportunity to be a part of the Plank Chapel family. I thank our God, Almighty for the calling on my life, and pray that the words of my mouth and the meditations of my heart are acceptable in God's sight, my Strength and my Redeemer (Psalm 19:14). It is great to be back to fulfill my calling in Christ!

I love you much,

Janice

Flowers

- 1 - Communion
- 8 - Peggy Hernandez
- 15 - Janet Bobbitt
- 22 - Faye Abbott
- 29 - Jan Hicks

Altar Guild

Patricia Rogers

Ushers & Greeters

Ushers: DJ Pegram, Scott Ritchey, Jamie Abbott, LC Medlin

Greeter: Lori Litton

Acolytes

- 1 - Hannah Pegram
- 8 - Jasper Denton
- 15 - CT Thompson
- 22 - Laci Oettinger
- 29 - Heather Medlin

Lay Readers

- 1 - Tim Smith, Psalm 130
- 8 - Lorraine Abbott, 2 Cor 12:2-10
- 15 - Sally Coghill, Eph 1:3-14
- 22 - Mike Raney, Psalm 89:20-37
- 29 - Darlene Raney, Eph 3:14-21

Nursery Workers

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



SUMMER DAY CAMP

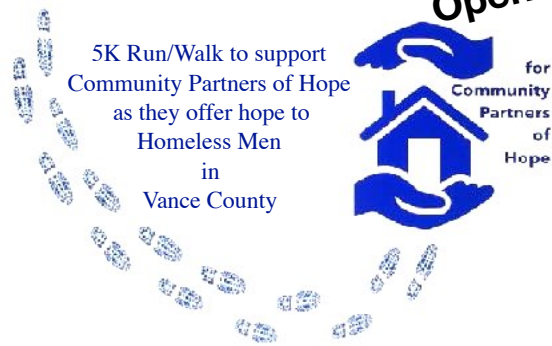
**WALKING WITH JESUS
JULY 16TH - 20ST at
Camp Kerr Lake**

**Daily Bible Classes
Swimming/Canoeing
Music/Art/PE
Paint Ball (3rd grade up)
Scripture Trail**

**Space is limited
so fill out an
application NOW!**

**For more information
contact Martha Sears via
email**

A DASH OF HOPE **Registration
Open now!**



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

**We believe homelessness
can be overcome!**

**October 20, 2018
Race time: 9:00 a.m.**

**Kerr Lake State Park
Satterwhite Point
www.runnc.com**

*Organized by Plank Chapel
United Methodist Church to
benefit Community Partners
of Hope. For further
information email
plankchapelumc@gmail.com.*

*For information on
Community Partners of Hope
visit: www.cp-hope.org*

**Early Bird! \$25.00
until May 31**


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

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

*To receive a T-shirt,
register by September 29.*

*Online registration can be
found on www.runnc.com
Mail in registration available.
Can be found on
www.runnc.com*



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1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:30 AM Early Worship 10:00 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship 	2	3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:00 AM The Gathering Place 	4 Independence Day 	5	6 Work Team <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7:00 PM Ticket: Five County Stadium - Carolina Mudcats 	7
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Reminders

**Keeping Holy Time is taking a Sabbath
for July and August**

Choir Practice meets only July 11 and 18

**Kerr Lake Ministries Day Camp
July 16-20**

Food Pantry Sundays - July 1 and 15