

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. Community Partners of Hope is one of their mission fields.

Methodist Women

Meetings are on the 3rd Sunday of each month at 3:00 p.m. 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. This fall the group will begin a missional focus throughout the local area and beyond.

The Way of Jesus

The cross reminds us of the sacrificial love of Jesus. He told his disciples to take up their cross and follow him, that call is also ours. Often we focus on the cross as the way of Jesus. We find ourselves searching for what Mike Slaughter calls our “big hairy audacious God-purpose.” The cross also shows us the way to love. Its vertical board points us to love of God. The horizontal board directs us to love one another. These two dimensions of love are essential for us as followers of Jesus. They guide our way but do not show us the way.

The way of Jesus is found in the Gospel stories of his life. What did Jesus do? What was the first thought that came to you as you read that question?

My first thoughts went to his life of prayer. Jesus took time away from his work to spend time with His Father in prayer. Setting aside time to pray is what keeps us on the vertical line of the cross. I have been learning contemplative prayer. It is 20 minutes of silence before the Lord. It is a challenge that I continue to work through. Prayer does not have to be 20 minutes of silence. It can be spoken or read from a favorite devotional. The best practice is to make this prayer time a routine. Some people add journaling to that practice, writing down their thoughts and prayer requests. When they return later find how those prayers were answered.

My second response to the question, “What did Jesus do,” was he healed, Peter’s mother-in-law, the bent over woman, the lepers, the blind, the lame at the well, the man lowered down from the roof, and the demon possessed. There were many stories of healing. How then can we heal others? Our presence can bring comfort. Our listening ears can be part of that healing process. Some healing is not physical but spiritual and emotional. When

the one in need knows they are heard, that they matter, they can find their way to the resources they need. You may be able to direct them to the right resource. Jesus always was present to the need before him. Our presence can bring healing even without saying a word.

Jesus taught. Teaching isn't always in the Sunday School classroom or the small group study. Sometimes teaching is while you are cooking or coloring or playing or working. Teaching is sharing Jesus' story and your story so that the one who is hearing can meet Jesus and learn what it means to be saved. We are all teachers and learners. I continue love of God and often through of the Saints that went before us.

What stands out most for me is in the gospel of John when Jesus of his guests. He called them to love of Jesus takes on many green shirts and go out in disaster send birthday, anniversary, or get



to raise funds so that others can serve. Some travel to be the hands and feet of Christ in the mountains of Kentucky or the villages in Africa or the mission school in Costa Rica.

The Way of Jesus is one that leads us down roads we know and some roads that are quite unexpected. The GPS that guides us is the holy spirit. Our true north is the unconditional love of God and the grace of Jesus Christ. Our faith carries us through the dark parts along the way because we know God is faithful to His promise that the world will be saved.

Grateful for all of you who are journeying with me and for our saints who showed us the path. Join us on October 31st as we remember their life through a light upon their grave.

Praying with you,

Pastor Carolyn



Formational Opportunities

BASIC UMYF

October 4-5 - LOCK-IN - join us at 7:30 p.m. at Plank Chapel on Friday night. We rise bright and early Saturday morning to go out and harvest at First Fruit Farms. In November we have two opportunities to serve. November 1st we can assist in serving at the UMM BBQ at Plank Chapel and on

November 17 we will meet to prepare dinner for the men at Community Partners of Hope Homeless Shelter.

Church School

Sunday mornings at 10:00 a.m. classes are held in the Education wing of the Fellowship Hall. Our adults have seasonal themes in their Adult Bible Studies.

The autumn theme is: God. There is a new format in the curriculum beginning this fall: Genesis | Exodus | Proverbs | Hebrews | Joshua | Psalms | John Romans | Deuteronomy | Habakkuk | Acts (Scripture to be studied this fall)

In God's Image: This unit focuses on the human condition. Lesson 6 recalls the story of the sin of Achan, reminding us of the chasm sin imposes between ourselves and our Creator. Lesson 7 takes us to Psalm 51, which is a prayer that models the nature of penitence that asks God to bridge the breach caused by sin. Lesson 8 lets us hear Jesus talking about being born anew and how that provides entry into the kingdom of God. Lesson 9 takes us to a text in Romans, which enables us to consider what the redeemed life looks like. These lessons help us focus on the spiritual practice of confession.



Worship: This unit unites around the theme "objects of worship," with "objects" meaning not worship aids, such as candles and paraments, but those things we place ahead of God. In Lesson 10, we look at the first two of the Ten Commandments. Lesson 11 takes us to the story of the gold calf and gives us a chance to think about why we may deliberately choose to worship that which is not God. Lesson 12 reminds us that nothing we worship other than God can impart life. And Lesson 13 invites us to understand that the worship impulse is only satisfied when it is directed toward God. These lessons lead us deeper into the spiritual practice of worship.

Small Group Study: 9:45 a.m.

Class is held in the BASIC Youth room



Revolutionary Kingdom *What exactly is a disciple, and how will we know if we have made one? There are three core values that a disciple embodies: undiluted devotion to the Lordship of Jesus Christ, a Kingdom of God worldview, and a missional lifestyle. When God's people get serious about this call, it's revolutionary. Jesus himself was the most radical revolutionary who ever lived and provided us a vision of a kingdom worth dying for. Welcome to the revolution!*



Field Education Student for Academic Year

My name is Morgan Welch! I am 23 years old and I am a Second Year student at Duke Divinity School. I graduated from Winthrop University in December of 2017 with a degree in Philosophy and Religion. I was born and raised in Murrells Inlet, South Carolina and lived with my mom, dad, younger

brother Madison, our two dogs, and about a half dozen chickens! I grew up going to Belin Memorial UMC. Physically I am quite small, a staggering 4 ft 10 ½ inches to be exact, but I am bursting with energy and joy thanks to the Lord who fills me daily with the abundance of life that comes from the Holy Spirit!

In my free time I enjoy traveling, going to concerts, writing, gardening, cooking/baking, playing the piano, and singing. Having lived near the ocean most of my life, I love all things associated with the water. I love all things outdoors, especially gardening in the summer.

I am so grateful for the past year I have spent at Duke Divinity and I cannot believe how much this year has shaped me in growing deeper into the calling God has placed over my life. After school, I feel that I have been called to serve as an elder in the United Methodist Church. I love how the Lord is working through the local church and thankful for the ways it has shaped my calling to ministry.

What brings me great joy is getting to know people and their life stories over a meal or cup of coffee. I am so excited to meet you all in the months to come and I cannot wait to see what the Lord has in store for our time serving and worshipping together at Plank Chapel UMC.

Peace and blessings,
Morgan

Charge Conference 2019

The date is set for **October 29 at 7:00 p.m.** at Wake Forest United Methodist Church. As we prepare for this meeting that sets our budget, pastoral salary, lay leadership for 2020 pray for those who are stepping into new roles and those who are rotating off of positions.

The gathering at Wake Forest UMC will include other United Methodist Churches, some familiar to us and others we are meeting for the first time. During worship each church is asked to share one of their missions or ministry that highlights God work through them.

Who can go? All members. Who can vote at Charge Conference? Our elected Church Council members (Tim Smith, Mike and Darlene Ranes, Gwen and Scott Ritchey, Patricia Rogers, Lori Litton, Sally Coghill, Todd Wilson, Susan Sears, Donald Rose McGhee, Peggy Hernandez, Lorraine Abbott, Judy Wilson, Thomas Beckham, Avery Thomas, and Faye Woodlief). Come and hear how God is moving and transforming our world through Jesus' disciples.

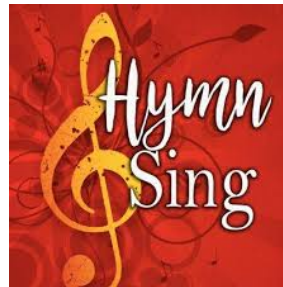
United Methodist Men and BBQ

Plank Chapel's United Methodist Men meet on the 3rd Sunday of every month for breakfast at 8:00 a.m. All men are welcome at this gathering, young men and not so young. Fellowship starts much earlier than 8:00 a.m. as they prepare breakfast and continues around the table after grace. The meetings begin with a devotion and then the opportunities to be in ministry and mission are shared. They look for the places where there is need in our church family and beyond our doors. The paper products we use for fellowship

and gatherings that reach into Chapel Chatter and bulletins copier, ink, and paper. They youth. Each month they offer profit offering homeless men If there is a community need annual UMM BBQ. This year it us as we sell tickets, package meals, offer hospitality to our guests. We chop, we grind slaw, we create potato salad, we bake cakes. I have experienced how this event draws people to our doors and the Holy Spirit pours out blessings. Join us this November - there is a place for you to serve!

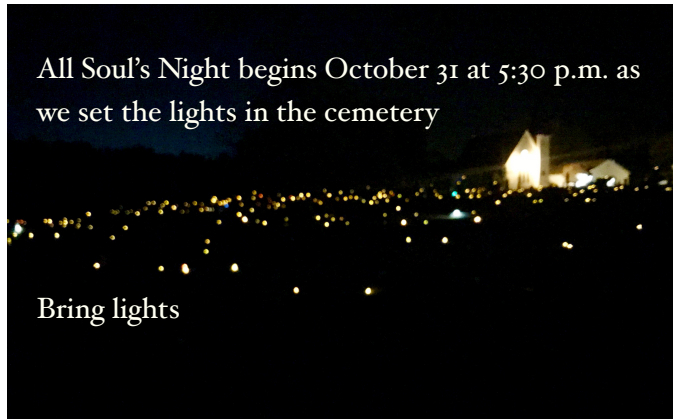


the community are provided by the men. Our wouldn't be possible without their contribution of serve as ushers. They provide scholarships to our support to Community Partners of Hope, a non-shelter and assistance to move out of homelessness. they respond. Much of this happens because of the is set for November 1st. This event involves all of



Like to sing? Love those old hymns and new ones? Come join us at Gillburg UMC! October 20th, at 4 p.m., our doors will open for an

amazing evening of music and song --- fellowship and worship. All are invited to join us! This is a community hymn sing and we will be joined by Middleburg UMC, Trinity UMC and White Memorial! The evening will be one you won't soon forget.



All Soul's Night begins October 31 at 5:30 p.m. as we set the lights in the cemetery

Bring lights

Outward Witness Opportunity

Dear Friends,

First United Methodist Church would like to pull together a team of churches, civic clubs and individuals who want to impact hunger in the world. Rise Against Hunger does meal packing events all over the county (and even the world) and we will be having them come to Vance County on MLK Day 2020 (January 20, 2020) for a day of service event.

The Vance County Farm Bureau has graciously offered to host this event at the Farmer's Market and has committed to \$500 for meals. **On Tuesday, October 1 at 7 p.m.** a Rise Against Hunger Community planning meeting for the January 2020 meal packing event will be held in the FUMC fellowship hall. Invite a representative from your church, civic club, garden club, school, business, etc. to attend.

In Christ,
Bobby
Pastor Bobby Fletcher

Plank Chapel United Methodist Church 2020 Lay Leadership Roster To be voted at Charge Conference

Church Council – 2020

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Carolyn Roy
 Lay Leaders: Tim Smith (22), Mike Ranes (21)
 Chairperson, Church Council: Mike Ranes (20)
 Chairperson, Finance Committee: Mac Wilson (20)
 Chairperson, Trustees: Todd Wilson (20)
 Chairperson, Pastor-Parish Relations: Susan Sears (20)
 Chairperson, Inward Formation: Sally Coghill (20)
 Chairperson, Outward Witness: Lori Litton (21)
 Lay Member of Annual Conference: Lori Litton
 Alt Lay Member of Annual Conference: Peggy Hernandez
 Recording Secretary: Lorraine Abbott
 Finance Secretary: Judy Wilson
 Membership Secretary: Darlene Ranes
 Treasurer: Scott Ritchey
 President, United Methodist Men: Thomas Beckham
 President, United Methodist Women: Darlene Ranes
 United Methodist Youth Fellowship: Avery Thomas (21)
 Communications Coordinators:
 Gwen Ritchey, Darlene Ranes
 Honorary Members: Faye Young, Jane Owen

COMMITTEES and WORK AREAS for 2020

Lay Leadership (5-9): Rev. Dr. Carolyn Roy, Chr.,
 Mike Ranes/Tim Smith (LL)
 2020: Midge Smith
 2021: Sally Coghill, Pat Edwards, Mike Ranes (LL)
 2022: Tim Smith (LL), Austyn Abbott, Mac Wilson

Trustees (9): Todd Wilson (Chair), Laurie Miller
 (Building Fund Treasurer)
 2020: Ann Finch, Todd Wilson, LC Medlin
 2021: John Rogers, JJ Jones, Lorraine Abbott
 2022: Donald Rose McGhee, Bob Kemp, Thomas
 Beckham

Pastor-Parish Relations (5-9): Susan Sears (Chr), Tim
 Smith/Mike Ranes (LL), Lori Litton (LM)
 2020: Lora Young, Susan Sears (Chr), Tim Smith
 2021: William Hendley, Daryl Spencer, Avery Thomas
 2022: Lori Litton, Mike Ranes, Michelle Denton

Finance: Mac Wilson (Chr), Darlene Ranes (Cemetery
 Fund Treasurer), Rev. Dr. Carolyn Roy (Pastor), Tim
 Smith (LL), Scott Ritchey (Treasurer), Judy Wilson
 (Financial Sec.), Donald Rose McGhee (Memorial Fund
 Treasurer), Mike Ranes (Council Chair), Todd Wilson
 (Trustees), Susan Sears (PPRC)
 2020: Mac Wilson (Chr), Thomas Beckham, Sally
 Coghill
 2021: Karin Driver, Mike Hicks, Jamie Abbott
 2022: Lori Litton, Olivia Kemp, Daryl Spencer

Counting Committee: Darlene Ranes, Judy
 Wilson, Gwen Ritchey, Midge Smith

Inward Formation Team: (3 years)
 Kim Oettinger, Karin Driver, Bruce Newman, Sally
 Coghill (Chair), Joyce Edwards, Danielle Nugent

Outward Witness Team: (3 years)
 Susan Sears, John Rogers, Patricia Rogers, Tim Smith,
 Peggy Hernandez, Susan White, Lori Litton (chair)

Worship Committee: (3 years)
 Rev. Dr. Carolyn Roy (chair), Sally Coghill, Judy Wilson,
 Patricia Rogers, Donald Rose McGhee, Susan White,
 Bruce Newman, Karin Driver

Volunteer Positions Held

Historian (Archives and History) - Lorraine Abbott
 Sunday School Secretary - Laurie Miller
 Communion Steward - Judy Wilson
 Worship Tech Support - Scott Ritchey
 Coordinator of Ushers - Bruce Newman
 Coordinator of Acolytes - Michelle Denton
 Coordinator of Greeters - Sally Coghill
 Nursery Coordinator - Roxie Kearney
 Safe Sanctuaries Coordinator - Danielle Nugent
 Bereavement Hospitality Coordinator
 Donald Rose McGhee
 Disaster Response Coordinator - Lori Litton
 Cemetery Administrator - John Abbott
 Cemetery Committee: John and Patricia Rogers,
 Mike Ranes, Lorraine Abbott, Judy Wilson
 BASIC UMYF Coordinator - Kim Oettinger

Charge Conference - October 29 at 7:00 p.m. at Wake Forest UMC

Community Prayers

For... Brooklyn, Bethany, Judy Eaves, Evie Odom, Brandi Dickerson, Jessica Hayes, Tommy Fowler, Martha Rowland, James Deans, Joe Weaver, Ruth Hailey, Tilly Hughes, Dave Driver, Jane Owen, Faye Young, 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 state
For...Our military, families, and veterans
For...all in harms way
For...peace in our nation
For...peace in the world

Senior Circle
October 16
10:00 am

The
Gathering
Place
October 2
10:00 a.m.



<https://www.heifer.org>



Feeding the Community

Cokesbury Food Pantry Sundays
October 13 and 27
Nonperishable Goods

In His Service

Flowers

- 6 - Communion
- 13 - Children's Sunday
- 20 - Beverly Thompson
- 27 - Sara Tipton

Altar Guild

Donald Rose McGhee

Ushers & Greeters

Ushers: Bruce Newman, Mac Wilson, Matthew Denton, Mike Ranes

Greeters: Mac Wilson

Acolytes

- 6- Cameron Nugent
- 13 - Avery Thomas
- 20 - Austyn Abbott
- 27 - Hannah Pegram

Lay Readers

- 6 - Mike Ranes - Luke 17:5-10
- 13 - Tim Smith - 2 Timothy 2:8-15
- 20 - Darlene Ranes - 2 Tim 3:14-4:5
- 27 - Gwen Ritchey - 2 Tim 4:6-8, 16-18

Nursery Coordinator

Roxie Kearney

Children's Church Coordinator

Danielle Nugent



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:30 AM Early Worship 10:00 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship 	30 Rosh Hashanah	1	2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:00 AM The Gathering Place 5:30 PM Faith and Fitness 6:30 PM Choir Practice 	3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:00 AM Keeping Holy Time Bible Study 	4 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7:30 PM Lock-In with Farm Fresh 	5 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ... Lock-In with Farm Fresh
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13 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:30 AM Early Worship 10:00 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship 	14 Indigenous Peoples' Day Columbus Day <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6:30 PM Outward Witness 	15	16 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:00 AM Senior Circle 5:30 PM Faith and Fitness 6:30 PM Choir Practice 	17 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:00 AM Keeping Holy Time Bible Study 7:00 PM Kittrell Community Watch 	18	19 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1:00 PM Family Event
20 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00 AM UMM 10:00 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship 3:00 PM UMW <div style="border: 1px dashed black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content;"> 4:00 p.m. - Gillburg UMC Hymn Sing </div>	21	22	23 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6:30 PM Choir Practice 	24	25	26
27 Diwali <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:30 AM Early Worship 10:00 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship 	28	29 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7:00 PM Charge Conference 	30 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5:30 PM Faith and Fitness 6:30 PM Choir Practice 	31 Halloween <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:00 AM Keeping Holy Time Bible Study 5:30 PM All Souls Night 	1	2