

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 Tree of Life

Trees have held my heart for as long as I can remember. A climbing tree was always a challenge. Some invite us to come and swing from their branches or rise to the spot where we can put our backs against the large trunk and stretch our legs across the heavy limb. I find sitting at the base of a wide branched shade tree a time of peace. God's creative love expressed in sun filtering leaves and broad cradling trunks offering me sabbath rest.

In Genesis we hear of two trees. One with fruit so tempting that Eve and Adam risked their relationship with God to taste what was forbidden. It became an apple tree for many, but we do not really know what fruit. We imagine it from our own life experiences. It gets more press than the other tree. Yet the other tree brings us healing, hope, and reconciliation.

It is the tree of life. It stands in the middle of the garden and has since the beginning of creation. God gave it this place of honor not because of its branches or roots but because of what flowed through it, God's creative and eternal love.

When we turn to the final word of God in Revelation, John provides us with a powerful description of this tree. "Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations." (Rev 22:1,2 NRSV)

The leaves of this tree are for the healing of the nations. When the new Jerusalem descends like a bride approaching her groom, healing is still not complete. We still have a part to play. There is nothing forbidden to consume from this tree. The fruit and the

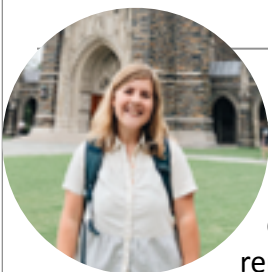
leaves are offered to us to complete the healing. When Eve and Adam ate of the tree of knowledge of good and evil, God denied us access to the life giving tree in the center of the garden. Upon the fulfillment of God's promise, we can partake of the tree's bounty. It will bring healing to the nations and reconciliation to God and God's people. Even at the end, God gives us the choice. Will we choose healing or choose to walk outside the walls of the city of God?

This is not a question that can wait until the coming of the Lord. It is a question we are called to answer every day. Consider with me how all of creation, including you and I, have flowing through us God's creative and eternal love. We are asked to make the choice for healing and reconciliation in our daily lives. The choice is ours but the power belongs to God. The tree of life is not within our reach for us to be nourished for this work of peace, but there is a life giving table that can feed our spirits. Jesus' invitation is for all of us. He asks us to remember Him as we break the bread and raise the cup. He asks us to partake often. Jesus knows we are human. He is not asking for perfect people to come to the table. He is inviting us broken as we are. He is inviting us to change our story and live into the Kingdom of God. He is inviting us to a foretaste not only of the heavenly banquet but of the fruit of the tree of life.

What if we lived as if we lived under that tree's shade now? There is this tree that stands beside Plank Chapel United Methodist Church. Its fall color is bright red. It hovers over the sanctuary as if holding it in a gentle embrace. My prayer for us as we turn to Christ the King Sunday and our Thanksgiving traditions is that we choose to accept Christ's invitation to join Him in the work of peace and reconciliation. May your feasts be foretastes of the heavenly banquet and the head seat at your table belong to Christ.

Praying with you,

Pastor Carolyn



Morgan reflects on All Saints Sunday

With the ushering in of the Autumn season comes forth the falling of colorful leaves, church BBQ's and it also brings forth one of my favorite Sunday celebrations in our church year, All Saints Sunday. This Sunday we will remember and celebrate the saints in our lives, those who are still living with us and those who are experiencing the life beyond death. The saints that we remember and give thanks to God for are not just the figures who are painted in grand church cathedrals, but the everyday and accidental saints who taught us to dress as children, taught us to sing, and those who continue to say "I love you" at the end of each phone call. They're ordinary folk like you and I. They're the living and those that live in the life beyond death. A saint is simply someone who is willing to be used by God in the world. God's ability to work through broken people like you and I is what makes all of us a saint to somebody else. Even when you don't realize it. Even when you don't feel worthy of it. Remember the hands that have helped you

dressed, helped you hold a hymnal, and taught you to love. Follow their example and give thanks. Because you don't have to die to be a saint, you only have to truly and fully live.

Peace and blessings,
Morgan

Formational Opportunities

BASIC UMYF

November 1st we can assist in serving at the UMM BBQ at Plank Chapel. This is always a great opportunity to serve and have



fellowship. November 17 we will meet to prepare dinner for the men at Community Partners of Hope Homeless Shelter. Meeting at Plank Chapel on November 17 at 4:00 p.m., preparing dinner, eating together, and then heading to the shelter to serve. Join in the fun of serving! December

arrangements and dates to be scheduled when we meet on November 17.



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)

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! This study ends on November 10. The Small Group Studies will resume in December.*

Worship is also formational - unique worship in November

November 3 - All Saints Sunday with Holy Communion as we remember the gift of light each of the saints of God brought to the world. Another opportunity - 7:00 p.m. to honor and remember our saints that are four legged or finned or feathered.

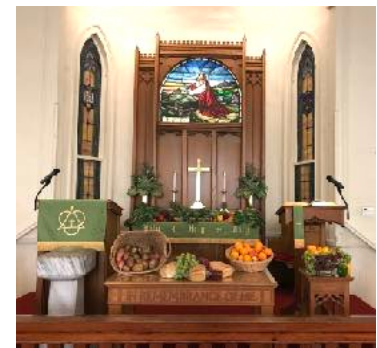
November 10 - A moment in worship to give thanks for the Veterans in our midst.



November 24 - Christ the King with a pulpit swap! It is also the Sunday before Thanksgiving when we offer to the Lord bounty from the earth to go out into the community! What is not given to our

neighbors will go to ACTS and to Cokesbury UMC

food pantry - As God has richly blessed us, may we offer that blessing outward into the community/



November 24 is also a Special Giving Sunday - United Methodist Student Day

Across the country, the people of The United Methodist Church are serving the people God loves in Jesus' name.

Nurturing Christian Leaders Like Ricky Blue

The son of two addicted parents, Ricky Blue had grown up without much hope for a future. But when Ricky's church family—Louisiana's Luling UMC—raised \$4000 for Ricky to begin college, hope was born. Then, the Gift of Hope Scholarship, made possible only by your generous giving to United Methodist Student Day, allowed Ricky to continue. Today Ricky is a certified candidate for ministry in the Illinois-Great Rivers Annual Conference.

What no one person can do, we're doing together.

Together We're Raising Up Gifted Christian Leaders

When you support United Methodist Student Day, you make it possible for more students like Ricky to serve the world God loves. So although you can't meet every need you'd like to, your giving allows members of Christ's body, people like Ricky, to do it in Jesus' name.

Will you give to United Methodist Student Day?



The United Methodist Men are grateful for all the hands and hearts that make our BBQ a success!

The Red Bird Missionary Conference greatly appreciated the funds and the school supplies brought to them when Susan Sears went out on mission - our Mission trip is scheduled for July 26 - August 1 - Contact Susan Sears if you are interested in going. Again - Thank you for your generosity!

Outward Witness Opportunities



The temporary Men's shelter has opened...always an opportunity to serve. Consider staffing the welcome shift or if male the overnight shift. Our dates for meals are the 4th Tuesday of every month. Susan Sears coordinates the menu. Contact her if you would like to provide part of the meal or help deliver on November 26th.

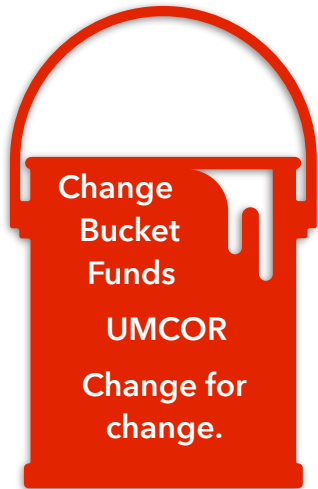


The Henderson / Vance County Community is coming together for a special meal packaging experience on MLK Day, Jan 20, 2020 partnering with Rise Against Hunger. Rise Against Hunger meals are distributed through global partners that administer school feeding programs, orphanages, health clinics, vocational training and respond to crisis. In addition, we will encourage participants to bring non-perishable foods to be collected by ACTS. Please consider making a donation to help us reach our ambitious goal. Registration will open later in the year for this fun, kid-friendly, high-impact event! Our goal: \$500 and 10 volunteers!!





Are you still keeping track of your miles walked, biked, hiked, run? End of December - 10 people 100 miles each.



Change for Change - United Methodist Committee on Relief

US Disaster Response (#901670)

UMCOR responds to natural or civil disasters that are of such magnitude that they overwhelm a community's ability to recover on its own.

<https://advance.umcor.org>

thank you for your cards and letters



Mailing address for Charles Thompson (better known as CT): Kilo Company, Recruit Charles Thompson, Kilo Co 3rd RTBN Platoon 3088, Box 16335, Parris Island, SC 29905-6335. He cannot receive food, clothes, money, etc. He can receive cards and letters.

Community Prayers

For... Brooklyn, Mike Hicks, Kay Deans, 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



Feeding the Community

Cokesbury Food Pantry Sundays

November 3 and 17

Nonperishable Goods

In His Service

Flowers

- 3 - Communion
- 10 - Kasey Pegram
- 17 - Lori Litton
- 24 - Carolyn Roy

Altar Guild

Patricia Rogers

Ushers & Greeters

Ushers: DJ Pegram, Scott Ritchey, Todd Wilson, JJ Jones

Greeters: Mac Wilson

Acolytes

- 3 - Laci Oettinger
- 10 - Cameron Nugent
- 17 - Avery Thomas
- 24 - Austyn Abbott

Lay Readers

- 3 - Avery Thomas
- 10 - Mike Ranes - 2 Thess 2:1-5, 13-17
- 17 - Lorraine Abbott - 2 Thess 3:6-13
- 24 - Sally Coghill - Jeremiah 23:1-6

Nursery Coordinator

Roxie Kearney

Children's Church Coordinator

Danielle Nugent



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 Diwali 8:30 AM Early Worship 10:00 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship	28 7:00 PM Charge Conference	29 6:30 PM Choir Practice	30 Halloween	31 Men's BBQ	1	2
3 Daylight Saving Time End 8:30 AM Early Worship 10:00 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship 5:30 PM All Souls Night 7:00 PM All Saints for our Pets	4	5 10:00 AM The Gathering Place 5:30 PM Faith and Fitness 6:30 PM Choir Practice	6	7	8	9
10 8:30 AM Awakenings 10:00 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship	11 Veterans Day	12 5:00 PM Leadership Fellows Dinner 6:30 PM Choir Practice	13 10:00 AM Keeping Holy Time Bible Study	14	15	16
17 8:00 AM UMM 10:00 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship 3:00 PM UMW 4:00 PM BASIC UMYF Men's shelter Meal	18 7:00 PM Trustees Meeting	19 10:00 AM Senior Circle 5:30 PM Faith and Fitness 6:30 PM Choir Practice	20 10:00 AM Keeping Holy Time Bible Study	21	22 9:00 AM Boundary line cleanup	23
24 8:30 AM Early Worship 10:00 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship 3:00 PM Worship Committee Meeting	25 6:30 PM PPRC	26 6:20 PM Shelter Meal	27 Thanksgiving	28	29 1:00 PM Family Event	30

Meetings and Special Events

November 3 - All Souls lighting of the Cemetery at 5:00 p.m.
All Saints for Pets at 7:00 p.m.

November 19 - 7:00 p.m. - Trustees

November 23 - 9:00 a.m. - Boundary Line cleaning

November 24 - 3:00 p.m. - Worship Committee Meeting

November 25 - 6:30 p.m. - PPRC

November 26 - 6:30 p.m. - Shelter Meal