

# 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.

## An Advent Prayer Journey

Each Advent begins a new year in the Christian calendar. We start in a place of waiting and anticipation of our promised future. The four weeks of Advent are designed to turn our hearts and minds away from the world we know the way the turns on a prayer labyrinth move us ever closer to the center where we encounter Immanuel, God with us!

We begin our journey on this advent labyrinth with a prayer of peace. Praying peace into the moments that are over scheduled. Praying peace into our anxieties. Praying peace into our frustrations and anger. This prayer for peace is not like any peace we understand, we are praying for the peace of Christ. A peace that holds us in the grip of grace so that we see one another through the eyes of Christ. May our prayer remove any need to compete with one another for God's favor. May our prayer for peace extend out into the world, that it too know Christ's peace. May we experience the peace of Christ in the midst of the reality of our lives, knowing that we are never alone, God with us!

As our spirits move in the rhythm of God's peace our journey takes another turn on the advent labyrinth to hope. Praying with hope for the fulfillment of God's promise for the world. Our prayers of hope removing the doubts of our human hearts. May our prayers of hope open our hearts and minds to see how God with us, Immanuel, is working in the world to bring about his promise.

Another turn on the advent labyrinth brings us to joy. You may wonder how we can pray with joy or for joy in this broken world or in our broken lives. May your prayers be filled with the images of children dancing with excitement over bubbles or kites or puppies. May your spirits hear the angels announcing the birth of our savior. My prayer is for joy to resound in your hearts this advent so that you can spread it like wild fire.

Once again we turn. We thought we were almost there and the labyrinth turned us toward the outer edge away from the center and we are given a new word during this advent journey, trust. May our prayers take the doubts from our hearts that God will fulfill God's promise and we rest in trust that God is with us and will bring to completion that which God has started. Scriptures will highlight the trust that Joseph had in God's promises, may we trust as Joseph did and pray with assurance that God is in control.

The final turn in our advent prayer labyrinth brings us to its center, love. My prayer is that as you remember the birth of our savior Jesus Christ, God's overwhelming love for you becomes your overwhelming love of God and all that God created and is creating. As you turn towards the outward journey of Christmas may each step be radiating God's transforming love.



Praying with you,

Pastor Carolyn

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## Advent and Christmas Worship Opportunities

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1st Sunday in Advent - December 1 - **Peace**

Hanging of the Greens

2nd Sunday in Advent - December 8 - **Hope**

3rd Sunday in Advent - December 15 - **Joy**

**Pancake Breakfast - 8:30 a.m. prepared by the UMM**

**Lesson and Carols at 11:00 a.m. Worship**

**Christmas Celebration Luncheon following 11:00 a.m. Worship**

December 21 - Longest Night - 7:00 p.m.

*For those who find Christmas is Hard*

4th Sunday in Advent - December 22 - **Love**

December 24 - Candlelight Christmas Eve - 8:00 p.m.

December 31 - Watchnight - 7:00 p.m.



## **Church School**

Gathering Assembly begins promptly at 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary. It is a time of prayer, devotion and announcements before classes begin. Classes are held in the Education wing of the Fellowship Hall.

**Winter Theme: Promise** Scriptures: Genesis | Hebrews | Isaiah | Matthew | Acts | Ruth | 2 Samuel | Jeremiah | Exodus. The writer of the student book lessons is Michelle Morris.

**Hope** - The five lessons in this unit center on one of the things promise gives us: hope. Hope—the expectation that, regardless of what is happening in the present, God has a good future for us—is an underlying and uniting theme in these lessons. Lesson 1 follows Abraham, who left his homeland and moved to Canaan, trusting that God had something good ahead for him. Lesson 2 recalls how Abraham's trust that God was going to give him a place as an inheritance motivated him to make the move. Lesson 3, based on one of the servant songs from Isaiah, speaks of the hope of a servant who "will bring justice to the nations" (Isaiah 42:1). Lesson 4 focuses on the angel's announcement to Joseph that Mary would bear God's Son, declaring that Jesus is the fulfillment of "God with us." Lesson 5 looks at Jesus' final words to his disciples before ascending into heaven, planting in them the hope of the Holy Spirit's coming and the reality of Spirit-filled living.



***Spiritual Practice: Scripture***

**Covenants: The Basis for Committed Relationships** - The four lessons in this unit focus on covenants and the promises they include. God's covenant with Abram, Ruth's covenant with Naomi, God's covenant with David, and God's new covenant announced through Jeremiah and extended to us remind us of God's faithfulness in keeping promises.

***Spiritual Practice: Anam Cara (Soul Friend)***

**Holiness Expressed** - The four lessons in this unit call us to live into the promise God gives us to be holy people. Holiness, a primary attribute of God, is also present in the world God has created; these lessons invite us to look at holiness in four of the ways in which it is expressed: holy place, holy presence, holy people, and holy purpose.

***Spiritual Practice: Works of Justice***

**Small Group Study: 9:45 a.m. - The Gospel of Matthew**

*Class is held in the BASIC Youth room - bring your favorite Bible as we move through the Gospel.*

***BASIC UMYF - Winter Schedule***

**Basic UMYF** will meet in December, date still to be determined at Pizza Inn for a holiday Pizza party. In our November meeting we committed to raising \$500.00 towards the Rise Against Hunger Food Packaging event scheduled for January 20.

**Red Bird Mission Team Meeting Dec 2 6:30 p.m.**

February will be a coastal trip to work on Hurricane Dorian homes. We will be leaving on Friday and returning to Kittrell on Sunday. Keep checking in on the Group page

As we head into our winter season, please remember that church events may be cancelled or rescheduled. If you are uncertain it is safe to travel please stay home. Changes will be made to the online calendar, emails sent out and our Facebook page will post an update. If you are uncertain, call Pastor Carolyn.



This Christmas the Outward Witness Committee is working to collect funds to support their missional work in the community. If you wish to help - artwork and ornaments are offered for donations. Write a check to Plank Chapel UMC - memo Outward Witness. We are also sponsoring the Williams Family this Christmas. A box for donations will be in the Fellowship Hall starting December 1. We are collecting for 5 children, three of whom are infants. See inserts each Sunday for information on the Williams family.



Just a few images from the Methodist Mens' BBQ - Thank you everyone who participate, served, cooked, baked, transported, purchased, chopped, stirred, and enjoyed the BBQ. Together we worked and fellowshiped. Until next year....Thank you!!!!

**Children's Church and Friends**



**BASIC UMYF - Shelter Meal**



**Senior Circle - Music and Family!**



**Remember those who's light shown brightly**

# Outward Witness Opportunities



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!!**



**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 December 24.**

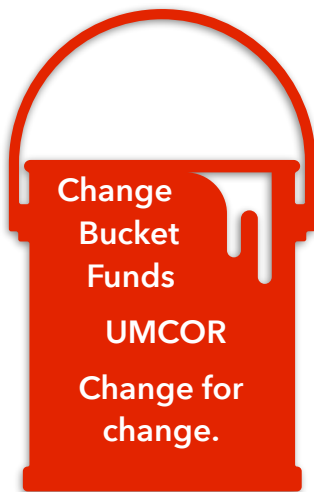


Are you still keeping track of your miles walked, biked, hiked, run? End of December - 10 people 100 miles each.

### **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>



**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... Ann Van Zandt, Janet Bobbitt, 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  
December 1 and 15  
Nonperishable Goods**

## In His Service

### Flowers

- 1 - Communion
- 8 - Poinsettias & Judy Wilson
- 15 - Poinsettias
- 22 - Poinsettias (remaining)
- 29 - Poinsettias (remaining)

### Altar Guild

Judy Wilson

### Ushers & Greeters

**Ushers:** Jamie Abbott, L.C. Medlin, Freddie Oettinger, Ryan Rowland

**Greeters:** Richard Coghill

### Acolytes

- 1 - Hannah Pegram
- 8 - Laci Oettinger
- 15 - Cameron Nugent
- 22 - Avery Thomas
- 29 - Austyn Abbott

### Lay Readers

- 1 - Tim Smith - TBD
- 8 - Avery Thomas - Isaiah 11:1-10
- 15 - Various Readers
- 22 - Donald Rose McGhee  
Isaiah 7:10-16
- 29 - Pat Edwards - Isaiah 9:2-7

### Nursery Coordinator

Roxie Kearney

### Children's Church Coordinator

Danielle Nugent



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8:30 AM Early Worship</li> <li>10:00 AM Sunday School</li> <li>11:00 AM Worship</li> </ul>	2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6:30 PM Red Bird mission Team</li> </ul>	3 Giving Tuesday	4 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10:00 AM The Gathering Place</li> <li>5:30 PM Faith and Fitness</li> <li>6:30 PM Choir Practice</li> </ul>	5 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10:00 AM Keeping Holy Time Bible Study</li> </ul>	6	7
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15 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8:30 AM UMM Breakfast Pancakes</li> <li>10:00 AM Sunday School</li> <li>11:00 AM Worship - Lesson and Carols</li> <li>12:30 PM Christmas Gathering</li> <li>2:00 PM UMW</li> </ul>	16	17	18 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10:00 AM Senior Circle</li> <li>5:30 PM Faith and Fitness</li> <li>6:30 PM Choir Practice</li> </ul>	19 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10:00 AM Keeping Holy Time Bible Study</li> <li>7:00 PM Kittrell Community Watch</li> </ul>	20	21 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7:00 PM The Longest Night</li> </ul>
22 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8:30 AM Early Worship</li> <li>10:00 AM Sunday School</li> <li>11:00 AM Worship</li> </ul>	23 Hanukkah	24 Christmas Eve <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6:20 PM Shelter Meal</li> <li>8:00 PM Christmas Eve Candlelight</li> </ul>	25 Christmas Day	26 Kwanzaa <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10:00 AM Keeping Holy Time Bible Study</li> </ul>	27	28
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**Special Events**

3rd Sunday in Advent - December 15  
 Pancake Breakfast - 8:30 a.m. prepared by the UMM  
 Lesson and Carols at 11:00 a.m. Worship  
 Christmas Celebration Luncheon following 11:00 a.m. Worship  
 December 21 - Longest Night - 7:00 p.m.  
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