

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. The meetings include a program and missional planning for the months ahead. 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

Meet biweekly at 4:00 p.m. and location changes each month. BASIC stands for Brothers And Sisters In Christ and youth from Rehoboth UMC and Plank Chapel UMC gather to grow in discipleship.

A Guiding Love Light

The world has become a wilderness. I feel as if we are once again between the promised land and our captivity. As January ends and February begins we find the mixed messages of the media pointing in every direction for the one to blame for the circumstances of our home, community, state, nation, or world. It is as if the chaos swirling around us is going to sweep us up and release us into broken pieces. We search for some anchor to hold on to or some light to show us the way.

Even in the darkness of the wilderness we can find light. The Hebrews followed a pillar of fire through their darkness. Our light is from a different source. Jesus is the way, the truth and the light.

Just a week ago or less there was this moon so brilliant and bright. It had more adjectives in front of it than I can remember. All I know is that I had to stop in the middle of the road and look at its beauty. I rushed to the church to get a picture before the sun had set only to be disappointed in what my phone was able to capture. I was struck by the intrusion of the light from the church that interfered with my picture until now when I realize what this photo tells us about the guiding love light of God.



The moon moved across the sky and at some point that night became red from the eclipse. The world was focused on this lunar event and pictures appeared over various forms of media to show us the natural phenomena in case we slept through it. Yet, the shape of the moon changes over the course of the month. It is never the same one night to the next. At one point in the lunar

General Conference 2019

The Council of Bishops has called a **Special Session** of the General Conference of The United Methodist Church to be held February 23-26, 2019 in St. Louis, Missouri. The purpose will be to receive and act on a report from the

Commission on a Way Forward based on the recommendations of the Council of Bishops. The 32-member Commission was authorized by General Conference 2016 and appointed by the Council of Bishops to examine paragraphs in The Book of Discipline concerning **human sexuality** and exploring options to strengthen the unity of the church.

<http://www.umc.org/topics/general-conference-2019-special-session>



cycle, its glow is lost to us and we are in darkness. Some nights the light of the moon is obscured by the clouds that threaten storms.

The lights at the church only appear when darkness falls upon the earth. Some of the photos I have taken at night show an angel that appears when the lights come on. Consider with me how this place is one of the guiding love lights of God for the Bobbitt community. When the moon fails to glow for a wanderer to find his way, our lights still shine until the light of day. People have worshipped for 239 years on this land. God's word has been spoken, hymns sung, prayers prayed, communion served and received, lives baptized and meals served. God is concerned with eternity and the ravages of time may wear on our building but not on God's light shining out from our doors.

I have served here close to nine years and have been blessed by how this guiding love light of God has drawn to us lost and broken souls. There are so many who are lost. Consider with me how we are positioned to be a lighthouse for those about to crash upon the rocks of this chaotic world.

We have a kitchen waiting for us to prepare meals for the hungry. Some are hungry for food, others for community. We have an outdoor space beckoning us to offer opportunities for farmers to share their crops or for men and women to gather and worship outdoors. We have an Education Wing with empty classrooms waiting for students to come and learn about Jesus, the one who calls them Beloved! Our sanctuary provides a space for worship and our Fellowship Hall opens its doors for all who are in need of community.

There is more that is not in our control than we could ever imagine. Often we cannot tell if what we are witnessing is a guiding light or glitz and glitter. People need a guiding light. People need the Lord. When we fix our eyes upon Jesus we can be at peace. His light never burns out and his love never fails or gives up on us. May we continue to be one of those guiding lights in our community.

Praying with You,

Pastor Carolyn



Children's Church



Senior Circle
Feb 20
10:00 am



Look who we found at the Open House at the Parsonage!



Dementia Alliance
(formerly known as ALZNC)

5K Walk and Run

April 6

9:00 a.m.

Begin recruiting and raising funds

2019 Goal: \$3,000.00



Rise Against Hunger



The Gathering Place
February 6
10 am



Meeting Reminder
Jan 28

Outward Witness Team - 7:00 p.m. - All are welcome who want to work on ways we can be the hands and feet of Christ in our community and the world.

P Oh my head is spinning with the things that must get done
O the things I must just do to be pleasing everyone
E I take no time to ponder no time to reminisce
T' the things that I have planned no time for that do this
S I'm rushing and I'm going as fast as will allow
C my mind is racing constantly get it done but don't know how
O no time for conversation not even one phone call or two
R until the things on my list are finished and all through
N a still small voice inside my head whispers to stop and take a break
E but the hurry up inside me says it's a mistake we cannot make
R and so the rush the complete chaos continues on for more
N and then there was a knocking on the wood of my front door
E I saw a woman standing there a little disheveled it's true
R but with eyes so warm and lovely she said I have a message for you
 the time that we are given it is a gift indeed
 to cherish this gift we're given you must slow down your wretched speed
 breathe in and exhale gently slow down your hurried mind
 A pause is all it takes these blessings are yours to find
 put down the blasted cell phone close the lid on that device
 the only magic in this world is God's love it does suffice

you may be wondering why I'm here standing at your door
 my message to you my dear friend is you need to listen more
 the stillness in the silence would do your heart some good
 much better than a cell phone or a tablet ever would
 close your eyes and feel his peace that seeks you every day
 I hope I've not intruded and peace be upon you I pray
 I closed the door and pondered the message that she shared
 a smile stretched across my face and I knew that God still cared.
 -Peggy Hernandez

Moments in Worship

in January

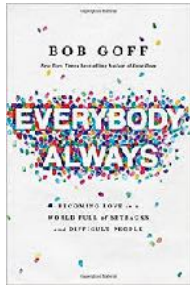


Formational Opportunities

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 winter theme is: Our Love for God. 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.

Everybody Always



Sunday mornings at 9:45 a.m. a class meets in the Youth Room for short term studies. In 2015 Bob Goff came to the North Carolina Conference and spoke at Pilgrimage to our youth. On January 27 we begin *Everybody Always* by Bob Goff. An Editorial Review in Publisher's Weekly writes: "To Goff, "becoming love" is a central principle that directs his actions and service toward others. "People who are becoming love see the beauty in others even when their off-putting behavior makes for a pretty weird mask," he says. Goff writes of his neighbor Carol, who, after she developed cancer, started chatting with him on a walkie-talkie each day to help her cope with her fears; an airport employee (Goff is also a pilot) whom he has helped with adoptions; and the Yazidi children he

teaches in Northern Iraq. Readers will laugh at Goff's antics and musings amid his tireless work on behalf of others ("We agreed if Sweet Maria ever decides to leave me, she has to take me with her," he writes of his wife while describing the rocky start to their marriage), and skydiving trips with his son between welcome parties for refugees whom he helps to settle within the U.S. The remarkable breadth of Goff's experiences and humility of his approach will help his call for becoming love resonate with readers. (Apr.)"

Keeping Holy Time Bible Study

Current study is the Book of Psalms Join us on Thursdays at 10:00 a.m. If you have a study Bible or a favorite translation, bring your Bible with you to class. We explore the scriptures and share in the needs of the community. Our only text is the Bible and our world, each week, new facets of our faith are explored. It is never too late to study the Bible and studying together, we grow! Join us!

Lenten Six Week Study - "It's Hard to Dance with the Devil on Your Back" by Ray Buckley - Begins March 10

This study work off of the hymn, "Lord of the Dance" and we explore the themes of Christ's redemptive act on the cross. Ray Buckley came to Pilgrimage in 2018 and shared his wisdom and stories of faith with the youth of the conference. Come walk with him through Lent.





Winter Weather Advisory

Winter weather can be unpredictable and challenging. If conditions call for us to cancel our Sunday worship schedule, we will get word out through Facebook, email, and the phone tree. Pastor

Carolyn calls Faye Woodlief who begins making calls. If you feel unsafe traveling that Sunday, please stay home. If you are wondering, please call 252-438-6080 and ask.

Heritage District Lay Leader Training February 10th

3:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Louisburg UMC – 402 N. Main St., Louisburg, NC 27549

To register for this event, you are asked to follow this link:

<https://goo.gl/forms/HK5BSbQsIQQWwH9J3>

Choices for the day:

- S/PPRC – Randy Innes, Heritage District Superintendent
- DISMANTLING RACISM: IMPLICIT BIASES – Linda Harris, NC Conference Connectional Ministries
- MISSIONAL ENGAGEMENT – Resourceful Communities
- YOUTH MINISTRIES – Marty Cauley, Heritage District Youth Coordinator
- SAFE SANCTUARY – Mamie Alley, Chair of NC Conference Safe Sanctuary
- FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION / TRUSTEES – Christine Dodson, NC Conference Treasurer

If you have questions, please contact Jin Lee, Heritage District ADS @

jlee@nccumc.org



Our worship guests are on their way to healing and one day a fur-ever home



Souper Bowl Sunday

February 3

After Worship

“YSF Florence Disaster Relief”

Fundraiser

Goal: \$500

In His Service

Flowers

- 3 - Communion
- 10 - Jackie Brown
- 17 - Kim Oettinger
- 24 - Kay Thompson

Altar Guild

Judy Wilson and Laurie Miller

Ushers & Greeters

Ushers: Henry Finch, Scott Ritchey, Thomas Beckham, Mac Wilson

Greeter: Jamie Abbott

Acolytes

- 3 - Avery Thomas
- 10 - Austyn Abbott
- 17 - Hannah Pegram
- 24 - Patrick Medlin

Lay Readers

- 3 - Darlene Ranes
Jeremiah 1:4-10
- 10 - Gwen Ritchey
Isaiah 6:1-13
- 17 - Mike Ranes
1 Corinthians 15:12-20
- 24 - Sally Coghill
1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50

Nursery Coordinator

Roxie Kearney

Children's Church Coordinator

Danielle Nugent

Community Prayers



For... Tommy Fowler, Marjorie Roy, Martha Rowland, James Deans, Susan Babicz, Joe Weaver, Ruth Hailey, Tilly Hughes, Dave Driver, Kay House, Jane Owen, Faye Young, Brandi Dickerson, 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 nation
- For...peace in the world



Inward Formation Team

On February 4 at 7:00 p.m. the Inward Formation Team will hold their planning meeting for 2019. This team works on Fellowship and Educational events for our formation as followers of Jesus Christ. If you are not on this team but want to be part of the planning for our growth as disciples, join us on Monday night, February 4. Currently the team members are: Kim Oettinger, Karin Driver, Bruce Newman, Matthew Denton, Sally Coghill (Chair), Sara Tipton, Joyce Edwards, Kim Medlin, Danielle Nugent

Church School, Small Groups, Bible Studies, Fellowship Dinners, Festivals and Fun Days are just some of the things this group works with . . . do you have something you would like us to try? Join us on February 4!

BASIC UMYF

Dates have been set for Vacation Bible School. Now the work begins. Cave Quest VBS will launch its team of explorers on June 19-21. Classes Wednesday through Friday will be from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Our Pilgrimage Fundraiser is scheduled for March 16. Menu this year will be grilled chicken, potatoes, green beans, and cake slices. Beverages will be served to eat in guests. Ask your favorite cake bakers to provide a cake or two for slicing. Join us as we pray, play, and plan. Meetings in February are at Plank Chapel: 3rd at 4:00 p.m., 17th at 4:00 p.m.

March Events include: 3rd - meeting at Rehoboth at 4:00 p.m., 15th - Evening preparations for Fundraiser at Plank Chapel, 16th - time to be determined as we serve dinner to our guests for our St. Patrick's Day Chicken Plate Fundraiser

Conference Youth Events

2019 Youth Event Dates – For more information on each event, click on the links

- **ACS** – July 22-27, 2019; <https://nccumc.org/youth/events/acs/>
- **Breakaway** – June 24-29, 2019; <https://nccumc.org/youth/events/breakaway/>
- **CYC Retreat** – August 9-11, 2019; <https://nccumc.org/youth/events/cyc-retreat/>
- **Global Vision** – March 5-10, 2019; <https://nccumc.org/youth/events/global-vision/>
- **Kaleidoscope** – April 5-7, 2019; <https://nccumc.org/youth/events/kaleidoscope/>
- **Pilgrimage** – November 8-10, 2019; <https://nccumc.org/youth/events/pilgrimage/>
- **T.O. Takeover** – January 11-13, 2019; <https://nccumc.org/youth/events/t-o-takeover/>
- **Trail Hike** – July 14-20, 2019; <https://nccumc.org/youth/events/appalachian-trail-hike/>

If interested in any of these events - ask Pastor Carolyn or go to <https://nccumc.org/youth/> to find out more information.

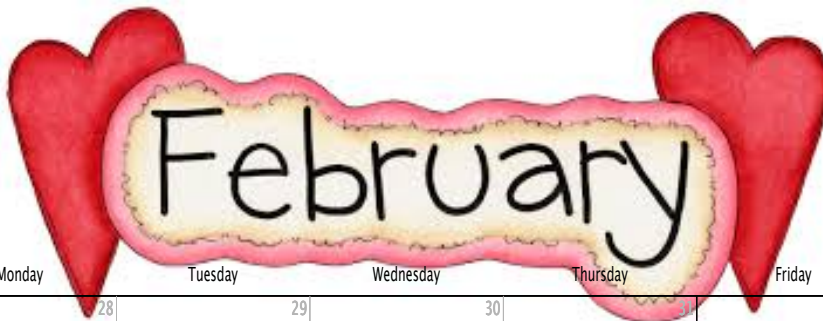
Please keep in mind that there is YSF (Youth Service Fund) scholarship money available: [2018 Funding Assistance](#)



Faith & Fitness

I CAN DO *all things*
THROUGH **CHRIST**
WHO *strengthens* ME.
PHILIPPIANS 4:13

Wednesdays - 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

All ages welcome as we work a 12 circuit course, 2 minutes per station with 30 second high steps between each station.
Upper body and lower body workout
Work at your own pace as we move in rhythm with hymns and contemporary Christian music.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:30 AM Early Worship 10:00 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship 	28 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7:00 PM Outward Witness 	29 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6:20 PM Shelter Meal 	30 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5:30 PM Faith and Fitness 6:30 PM Choir Practice 	31 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:00 AM Keeping Holy Time Bible Study 	1 Groundhog Day <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00 AM Kittrell Fire Stew Sale 2:00 PM Family Event 	2
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17 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00 AM UMM 10:00 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship 3:00 PM UMW 4:00 PM BASIC Youth mtg 	18 President's Day	19	20 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:00 AM Senior Circle 5:30 PM Faith and Fitness 6:30 PM Choir Practice 	21 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:00 AM Keeping Holy Time Bible Study 6:00 PM Kittrell Community Watch 	22	23
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