



# 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.

## Resurrection Faith

What does it mean to have a resurrection faith? I think each of us might answer that question a little differently because of our own faith walk in life. The thing about God's love is that it comes to each of us right where we are and then begins the process of transforming our lives to the shape God intended. Sometimes that transformation is painful and at others we are on that mountain top of transfiguration awed that God would love us so much that Jesus would die for us. For me, resurrection faith is believing the story of God's love and his promise of salvation not only for me but for the world.

In the meantime, what do we do with this resurrection faith? It is Jesus' commandment that we "go" and tell the world the Gospel message of repentance, redemption, and reconciliation. We are to follow the master wherever He sends us. We are to bear witness to the world that there is no power, principality, or prestige that can take the place of God's love for us through Jesus Christ. We are to bear witness to the world that God's love is for all people. We are to stand together as the body of Christ and proclaim the message of salvation to a broken world. A world desperately in need of God's salvific love.

We may be inclined to step away from such a commandment because we are "just a" rural church with limited means. I want to tell you about my resurrection faith here in Bobbitt that speaks into that "just a" mentality. In Luke 12:22-34 Jesus reminds us that God cares for lilies, ravens, and grass. The minute detail of God's care and creative love tells me that every one of us is important to God. What that tells me is that rural communities such as Bobbitt or Rocky Ford cannot be discounted or dismissed. The people living here are important to our Lord and Savior. Our work may not be in Africa or South America. It may

not be in Raleigh or DC, and it may not make national headlines but it will make heavenly headlines and it is still work the Lord blesses. God claimed the space at 3047 Bobbitt Road long before we built the sanctuary to be a lighthouse of hope to this community. Our current mission is not only to keep the light shining for others to find their way to Christ but to seek out those who are lost and need a way home.

It is a powerful message, Easter. He who once was dead is alive. Death has no dominion over Christ. He who is the light of the world shines through us. Sunrises always remind me of the resurrection as the sky moves from inky black to purple, pink, orange and this glowing spot of yellow peaks over the horizon until it washes everything with its light. Consider with me how God's love through the grace of Jesus Christ and with the power of the Holy Spirit can wash away the sins of the world. If you so believe than you too have resurrection faith.

Ray Buckley reminds us in "It's Hard to Dance with the Devil on Your Back" that the wrong as well as the wronged are in need of that redeeming light. My prayer is that we will have resurrection faith to step into our future with hope and share with the community the love God has for each one of them, those who have been wronged and the ones who wronged them.

Praying with You,

Pastor Carolyn

## Holy Week Worship and Fellowship Opportunities

### April 14 - Palm Sunday

Easter Egg Hunt and Hot Dog Luncheon after worship - invite your family and friends for fellowship and fun!

### April 19 - Good Friday

7:00 p.m. - **Tenebrae** - we gather for worship and remember the story of Friday

### April 20 - Holy Saturday

9:00 a.m. - **Blessing of the Animals**

### April 21 - Easter

6:15 a.m. - **Sunrise Worship** - In the cemetery we rejoice at the empty tomb

7:30 a.m. - **Pancake Breakfast**

11:00 a.m. - **Worshipping the Risen Lord!**



### CHRIST HAS RISEN!

**Easter Lilies** - The Easter Lily commemorates the resurrection of Christ and is believed to appear in the Garden of Gethsemane after Christ's suffering. Each year we place them around our altar and remember or honor those

who have witnessed to us the love of Christ. Order yours before Palm Sunday. See Judy Wilson or pick up an order form in the narthex of the church.

### CHRIST HAS RISEN INDEED!



# Lenten Words & Practices

**Lenten Words** - Have you found the words of Lent challenging? We began with temptation. Our second week was facing judgmental thinking. The last week of March was neglect. As we enter into April we begin with rejection. It is a painful word if you have ever experienced rejection. Selfishness in week five will then turn to betrayal in week six. As these words sit with you over the week, have you found your prayer life challenged or enriched?

Senior Circle  
April 17  
10:00 am



Children's Church

**40 Day of Lent** - How has your practice of decluttering been? Have you found attachments you did not expect? Have you experienced the freedom of letting go?

**Sack Cloth Bags** - As you fast, collect in a sack cloth bag or a bag of your choice the funds you save and on Easter Sunday make an offering to the Lord of the funds you have collected. Our Lenten offering will go to our Change Fund Collection for March and April: Ruin Creek Animal Protection Society.

## Formational Opportunities

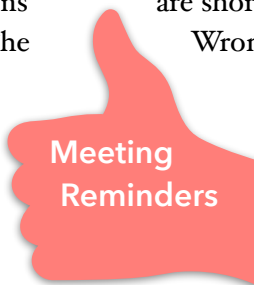
### Church School

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 spring theme is: Discipleship and Mission.** 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.

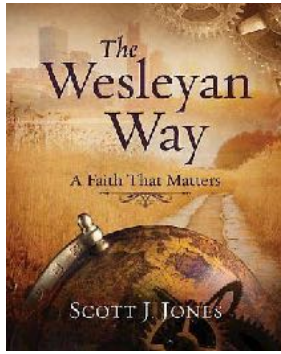
*Lenten Six Week Study - "It's Hard to Dance with the Devil on Your Back" by Ray Buckley - Begins March 10 at 7:00 p.m. in the Youth Room*



This study works 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. The lessons are short but powerful. Week 1 - The Dance, Week 2 - A Parable, Week 3 - The Disciple Whom Jesus Loved: Judas, Week 4 - When Worlds Collided, Easter - Dancing with Holes in Your Moccasins



- Mar 31 Outward Witness - 3:00 p.m.
- Apr 1 Church Council - 7:00 p.m.
- Apr 7 Worship Cmte - 3:00 p.m.
- Apr 8 Inward Formation - 7:00 p.m.



### *Coming - May 5 - 9:45 a.m. Study - The Wesleyan Way*

Envision Christian discipleship as a way of life from a Wesleyan perspective. In this exciting and inspiring study, Scott J. Jones helps seekers and believers to envision and practice discipleship as a way of life. Presenting Christianity from a Wesleyan perspective, Jones invites participants into a deeper, more thoughtful, more active commitment to Christ. Book costs: \$12.00 each

## **BASIC UMYF**

### **Scholarships available through Heritage District - Heritage District Gold Valley Scholarship Guidelines**

The Heritage District will make one annual scholarship award for an undergraduate at a 4-year college, who:

- anticipates high school graduation and has been accepted to college, or demonstrates at least a current 3.0 grade point average in college.
- demonstrates active participation in a Heritage District church or ministry
- demonstrates financial need
- completes an application and attaches two letters of recommendation, one from pastor or church leader and one from a teacher or guidance counselor.

The Heritage District will make two scholarship awards for persons in the District attending Community College, Two-year Residential College, Continuing Education, or seminary, who:

- will attend community college, two-year residential college, seminary, or a continuing education program
- demonstrates active participation in a Heritage District church or ministry
- demonstrates financial need
- completes an application and attaches two letters of recommendation, one from pastor or District Superintendent and one from teacher or professor.

The Heritage District Committee on Superintendency will award these scholarships based on financial need and potential benefit to the local church. All applications will be due on May 15th, announced on June 15<sup>th</sup>, and money disbursed directly to the school or organization providing the education by July 1. **Contact Pastor Carolyn for an application**



### 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/>
- **Kaleidoscope** – April 5-7, 2019; <https://nccumc.org/youth/events/kaleidoscope/>
- **Pilgrimage** – November 8-10, 2019; <https://nccumc.org/youth/events/pilgrimage/>
- **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.

**Thank you for supporting our Chicken Dinner Fundraiser**

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



UMM have given BBQ cups to our youth for raising funds for pilgrimage and other events - \$8.00/cup helps our youth grow as disciples in Christ - see a youth or a youth leader for more details or for BBQ - **Supplies are limited - pick up 2 or 3 today!**



**Remember on Easter Sunday - we adorn the wooden cross with the Palms of Palm Sunday and flowers from our gardens to celebration the Resurrection!**

Coming in June Cave Quest VBS - youth are selecting games, crafts, science project - but they need you! Join in the fun - volunteer - we will be making a milk jug cave - thank you for providing us with milk/water jugs - please make sure good and clean and dry! Thank you!! Dates: June 19-22  
 Wednesday - Friday nights - Saturday morning

Easter Egg Hunt and Luncheon  
 April 14

**Trustee Updates** - Our pavilion is ready for spring and summer. Grass is down, paint is on, come sit a spell and share the wonder God’s creation while you talk about Jesus. Thank you to all who worked hard to make this possible.



Coming soon - Asphalt sealing, Fellowship Hall floor waxing, and a Spring Cleaning Day for power washing the outside, cleaning walls and pews on the inside...stay tuned...want to help - speak to Todd Wilson , there are outside painting jobs that could use a brush of two.

## Community Prayers

For... Brandi Dickerson, Jessica Hayes, William Hendley, Karin Driver, 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



### Feeding the Community

### Cokesbury Food Pantry Sundays

March 31 and April 14 and 28

Nonperishable Goods

## In His Service

### Flowers

- 7 - Bettie Jane Jones
- 14 - Judy Eaves and Family
- 21 - Easter Lilies & Communion
- 28 - Roxie Kearney

### Altar Guild

Laurie Miller and Judy Wilson

### Ushers & Greeters

**Ushers:** John Rogers, Patrick Medlin, Thomas Beckham, Daryl Spencer

**Greeters:** Mike and Darlene Ranes

### Acolytes

- 7 - Hannah Pegram
- 14 - Patrick Medlin
- 21 - Matthew Denton
- 28 - Laci Oettinger

### Lay Readers

- 7 - Gwen Ritchey - John 12:1-8
- 14 - Mike Ranes - Philippians 2:5-11
- 21 - Lorraine Abbott - 1 Cor 15:19-26
- 28 - Sally Coghill - Acts 5:27-32

### Nursery Coordinator

Roxie Kearney

### Children's Church Coordinator

Danielle Nugent

# Outward Witness Opportunities

**Hurricane Florence** - it has been SIX MONTHS since Hurricane Florence blew through North Carolina. Some of our neighbors are still waiting for help as they watch their ceilings fall in and their walls grow over with mold for want of a tarp. Can you help? Would you take the need to your church in prayerful consideration?

## We need small teams for a day, even half a day, to come and tarp homes!

The NCCUMC Disaster Response and Recovery teams have made great strides to help disaster survivors rebuild and return to their homes. Millions of dollars' worth of volunteer labor has been spent on making our clients whole again.

Sadly our amazing efforts seem pale against a backdrop where client requests for Short Term Assistance calls go unanswered. There are as many 130 homes still needing help to mitigate continued wind and water damage by placing a tarp on a roof nearly 200 days after the storm.



PLEASE contact the Disaster Response Call Center at [disasterresponse@nccumc.org](mailto:disasterresponse@nccumc.org) or 888-440-9167 if you can help!

**Food Pantries need us** - Whether it is Cokesbury UMC or ACTS - the food pantries are bare. Families who are in crisis come in the spring, summer, fall, and winter. Provide what you can. The bucket in the narthex is where we collect for Cokesbury UMC. Consider either place, both serve those in need.

**Visiting our neighbors** - In *Everybody Always*, Bob Goff challenged us to get to know our neighbors. We are better together. Consider how you neighbor to those who live near you. There are some health or other reasons. They too may cherish a visit from a friend. The world needs more neighbors who share the love of Christ with one another. We are never too old or too young to be a good neighbor.

and a buddy may be a not in our pews for



**Young and Old on their way to see Lauren Daigle - good to have a sister church to carry us all**



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

Join us and invite a friend!

# April

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31 <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> <li>3:00 PM Outward Witness</li> <li>7:00 PM Lenten Evening Study</li> </ul>	1 <b>April Fools' Day</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7:00 PM Church Council Meeting</li> </ul>	2	3 <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>	4 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4:30 PM K'Scope</li> </ul>	5 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9:00 AM Dementia Alliance Run/Walk</li> <li>... K'Scope</li> </ul>	6
7 <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> <li>... K'Scope</li> <li>3:00 PM Worship Committee Meeting</li> <li>4:00 PM BASIC Youth mtg</li> <li>7:00 PM Lenten Evening Study</li> </ul>	8 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7:00 PM Inward Formation Team</li> </ul>	9	10 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5:30 PM Faith and Fitness</li> <li>6:30 PM Choir Practice</li> </ul>	11 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10:00 AM Keeping Holy Time Bible Study</li> <li>6:00 PM Kittrell Community Watch</li> </ul>	12	13
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21 <b>Easter</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6:15 AM Easter Sunrise Worship</li> <li>7:00 AM UMM</li> <li>10:00 AM Sunday School</li> <li>11:00 AM Worship</li> </ul>	22 <b>Earth Day</b>	23	24 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5:30 PM Faith and Fitness</li> <li>6:30 PM Choir Practice</li> </ul>	25 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10:00 AM Keeping Holy Time Bible Study</li> </ul>	26	27
28 <b>Orthodox Easter</b> <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>	29	30	1 <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>	2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10:00 AM Keeping Holy Time Bible Study</li> </ul>	3	4

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