

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.

Simpler Things

There is a lot of chatter going on; in the church, in the community, in the state, in the nation, and in the world. It has become noise. The noise level is rising and the sounds are like a swarm of angry bees. We can quickly get pulled into the swarm and add our own voice of anger or fear or distrust.

Jesus calls us to simpler things. He calls us to be in community and to love one another. Some how this has become harder to do than we remember. Yet, it is our calling as followers of Jesus Christ to go and make disciples. We are to seek, invite, welcome, nurture, and send. We seek those who have lost their way or find themselves lost to the world. We invite them to meet our friend Jesus Christ. We welcome them into our community of followers. We nurture their growth through study, prayer, worship, and mission outreach. We send them out to seek other who are lost.

It is in the welcome and the nurture that we introduce them to the simpler things of living as a follower of Christ. It is that time when we teach one another to let go of the struggles for worldly recognition so that others can recognize Christ in us. We gather together for worship, prayer, study, and fellowship to reconnect with what God values. God values all God created which means you and me and the birds, the bees, the forest, the trees, the lakes and the seas. All that dwells within God calls good.

This summer our focus will be on the simpler things that summer brings. In May we will honor our students graduating high school and college. We will celebrate their success and their new adventures. We will be sending them out into the world, praying we have guided their lives in faith well so that the world cannot turn them. In June we will go spelunking to dig deep into what it means to follow Jesus with the children in Vacation Bible School. I happen to love Vacation Bible School. Seeing children and

volunteers excited about being together is evidence that the simpler things of faith and life matter more than the shiny prizes the world offers.

When God created humankind, male and female, in God's image, we were created to be stewards of all of creation. This means we are to be stewards of our own health and well being. Consider reducing screen time this summer and take a walk with your family, your friends, and/or your pets. Take on the NC100 challenge and discover the beauty of the state. North Carolina Parks and Recreation is challenging people to get outside and reconnect with nature. NC100 is a program that encourages us to get out into the parks in our state. We track our miles and see if we can reach 100 miles. If 10 of us do this and it is reported back to the North Carolina Council of Churches, we are eligible for a \$1,000 scholarship for our health and wellness ministries. Are you up to the challenge? Can you encourage someone to walk for you if this is not a season for your to be taking those kind of steps?

As our gardens grow and more fresh vegetables are on our plates, may we look at how we can offer that goodness to others. What if we invited our neighbors in for some fresh cooked vegetables or a healthy salad and then shared with them how we came to know Jesus.

The times are not as simple as they were, but we do not have to overcomplicate our lives. If you decluttered this Lent, did you also work on your calendar. I know that is my goal, to remove items that inhibit my time resting as well as serving the Lord. My plan is to seek a simpler life of faith and allowing God to prune away that which only constricts my growth as His follower.

As people seek simpler lives may they find their way to Plank Chapel where we nurture a simpler faith: love God and love neighbor.

Praying with You,

Pastor Carolyn

Thank you

Your generosity is a blessing to the community. We are very close to our goal of \$3,000.00 for Dementia Alliance. Last known figure was \$2,720.00 donated. The work of Dementia Alliance is to educate and support families daily struggling with the disease.

Leo and I also thank you for your generosity and love. You have blessed us in countless ways and my heart overflows with gratitude for each of you. I look forward to serving with you in the coming year. Thank you again!



Children's Church



Vance County Schools honored the partnership that Plank Chapel has with Zeb Vance. Their words of gratitude were for our UMW, UMM, and the members of the church who are always there when there is a need. Thank you!!!!

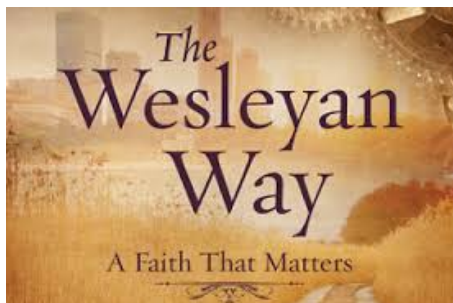
Formational Opportunities

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.

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

Class is held in the BASIC Youth room

Experience NC in the NC 100-mile Challenge
Need 10 people - no age



restrictions

Take up the Challenge!

What is the NC 100-mile challenge?

It's an initiative launched by North Carolina State Parks to encourage everyone to get outside and explore our trails and waterways. North Carolinians can walk, hike, run, bike, paddle, roll, ride or skate anywhere in the North Carolina outdoors to complete their 100 miles. To find out more visit their FAQs page. <https://nc100miles.org/content/frequently-asked-questions>

What does this have to do with Partners in Health and Wholeness (PHW)?

Physical activity is one of the cornerstones of the PHW program. We thought it would be a great idea to show support for a North Carolina resource, highlight what you can do as a congregation and provide an opportunity for churches to be eligible for a \$1,000 grant to support their health and wellness ministries.

Requirements

To be eligible for the PHW grant, each congregation will need 10 people to complete the challenge, together or individually, and be part of the PHW collaborative, prior to applying for the NC 100 Mile Grant. Your miles do not have to be logged in State Parks for the grant

Senior Circle
May 15
10:00 am

through PHW. Track your steps and together we can reach the goal! Tracking forms are available in the Fellowship Hall on the information table.

BASIC UMYF

May - we are at Plank Chapel for UMYF - join us as we play and plan for the summer! May 5 and May 19 at 4:00 p.m.

YOUTH SUNDAY - May 19 - We celebrate our graduating seniors and our college graduates. Come and be part of worship and hear from those seniors as they prepare to launch into the world. Following worship we will celebrate in the Fellowship Hall.

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 15th, 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/>
- **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.

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!**

Trustees - May 13 - 7:00 p.m.



Red Bird Mission

Red Bird Mission was founded in 1921 in the southeastern corner of Kentucky to provide education and Christian evangelism ministries to residents of the area. The Mission was started by the Evangelical Church on a small piece of property, at the confluence of Cow Fork and the Red Bird River. The story of Red Bird is one of deep

faith in God. Red Bird Mission was born in answer to prayer. It is a story of gracious outpouring of prayer and means by the church.

As early as 1913 the women of the Evangelical Church became aware of the needs of the people of the Southern Highlands. In 1919 the Illinois Branch Women's Missionary Society was the first of three branches to request that the church begin work here. So it was that God answered prayers and sent the Evangelical Church into the Cumberland Mountains of Kentucky into the area called Red Bird.

The first school building was completed at Beverly in January 1922. As the school grew, a nearby dormitory was established for boarding high school students. Rev. DeWall visited other communities to preach on a regular basis. These preaching points evolved into school communities as well with missionaries establishing church and school centers in Jack's Creek, Beech Fork, Greasy Creek, Mill Creek and Phillip's Fork.

Since its early days Red Bird Mission has worked to meet the health care needs of people in the Red Bird River Valley. Soon after teachers came, nurses and doctors arrived. Red Bird medical work began in 1922 with Miss Lydia Rice, RN as the first medical worker. Dr. Harlan Heim joined the staff in 1926. The first hospital was built at Beverly in 1928 but for many years, calls to mountain homes were made by medical staff on horseback. In 1959, a larger, modern hospital and outpatient clinic (1960) were constructed seven miles down Red Bird River in Clay County on property that had been obtained from Ford Motor Company in the 1940's for food production for the Mission.

The educational, health and spiritual outreach through the churches and schools of Red Bird Mission prospered as its denomination grew through mergers. Red Bird Mission was recognized as an agency in the Red Bird Missionary Conference, and in 1975 Red Bird Hospital (later to be renamed Red Bird Mountain Medical Center) was incorporated separately and recognized as a separate agency.

Emphasis on encouraging family food production led to the establishment of a farmers market in 2010 and a commercial food kitchen in 2017. A permanent pavilion for the farmers market was constructed in 2015 as part of a project to provide a potable water-dispensing kiosk for area residents without a clean drinking water source. The clothing and thrift shop ministries increased in scope after moving into the enlarged facilities on Queendale Center in 2000-2001. The craft marketing program has grown in recent years through in-church craft fairs as well as consignment and online sales.

The Work Camp program that enlisted volunteers to maintain mission facilities decades ago now involves approximately 2500 participants annually and expanded its purpose to include community home repair and improvement in 1984. The first new home was built in 2016 in the community by volunteers.



Community Prayers

For... Brandi Dickerson, Jessica Hayes, Tommy Fowler, Marjorie Roy, Martha Rowland, James Deans, Joe Weaver, Ruth Hailey, Tilly Hughes, Dave Driver, Kay House, 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 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

April 28, May 12, and June 2

Nonperishable Goods

In His Service

Flowers

- 5 - Communion
- 12 - UMM
- 19 - Communion, Kay Deans
- 26 - Angie Rowland

Altar Guild

Susan Sears

Ushers & Greeters

Ushers: JJ Jones, Bruce Newman, David Miller, Avery Thomas

Greeters: Todd Wilson

Acolytes

- 5 - Cameron Nugent
- 12 - Avery Thomas
- 19 - Hannah Pegram
- 26 - Austyn Abbott

Lay Readers

- 5 - Avery Thomas - John 21:1-19
- 12 - Donald Rose McGhee -
John 10:22-30 (Psalm 23 - UMH 754)
- 19 - Youth
- 26 - Pat Edwards -
Revelation 21:1-10, 22 - 22:5

Nursery Coordinator

Roxie Kearney

Children's Church Coordinator

Danielle Nugent



Outward Witness Opportunities

Hurricane Florence - it has been SEVEN 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 [888-440-9167](tel:888-440-9167) or disasterresponse@nccumc.org if you can help!

Local Team from 1st UMC Henderson - May 18 - Join us as we work on a house from Hurricane Matthew. Contact Pastor Carolyn if you wish to go.

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 and a buddy may be a neighbor to those who live near you. There are some not in our pews for 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

Cave Quest - VBS - Coming In June!

Join the team of youth leading children in the quest to follow Jesus. We need adult teachers, cooks, and guides. We also need CLEAN milk/water/tea/OJ gallon jugs as our plan is to build a cave out of them. Please collect them in large black trash bags and bring them to the youth room. VBS is scheduled for 3 nights and Saturday morning, June 19-22! It takes a village of all ages to teach children about Jesus and how he loves them.





Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 Orthodox Easter 8:30 AM Early Worship 10:00 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship 7:00 PM Lenten Evening Study	29	30	1 10:00 AM The Gathering Place 5:30 PM Faith and Fitness 6:30 PM Choir Practice	2 10:00 AM Keeping Holy Time Bible Study	3	4
5 Cinco de Mayo First Day of Ramadan 8:30 AM Early Worship 9:45 AM The Wesleyan Way 10:00 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship 4:00 PM BASIC Youth mtg	6	7	8 5:30 PM Faith and Fitness 6:30 PM Choir Practice	9	10	11
12 Mother's Day 8:30 AM Early Worship 9:45 AM The Wesleyan Way 10:00 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship	13 7:00 PM Trustees Meeting	14	15 10:00 AM Senior Circle 5:30 PM Faith and Fitness 6:30 PM Choir Practice	16 10:00 AM Keeping Holy Time Bible Study	17	18 Work Team Hurricane Matthew Work Team
19 8:00 AM UMM 9:45 AM The Wesleyan Way 10:00 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Youth Sunday 12:30 PM Graduation Appreciation 2:00 PM UMW 4:00 PM BASIC Youth mtg	20	21	22 5:30 PM Faith and Fitness 6:30 PM Choir Practice	23 10:00 AM Keeping Holy Time Bible Study	24	25
26 8:30 AM Early Worship 9:45 AM The Wesleyan Way 10:00 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship	27 Memorial Day	28	29 5:30 PM Faith and Fitness 6:30 PM Choir Practice	30 10:00 AM Keeping Holy Time Bible Study	31	1

National Day of Prayer
May 2
Gather with others at noon around
Henderson
Prayer Rally
Vance County High School
7:00 p.m.