



# 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

Taking a summer break between July and August. Zeb Vance Elementary School is one of their mission fields. Join us in the fall!

## 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 Garden

Jesus uses the garden in many of his parables about the Kingdom of God. The soil as important as the seed to bring forth a bountiful harvest. This summer Leo made us three more raised bed gardens. Each year we learn a little more about how much we do not know about gardening. Each year our bounty increases.

We have not yet gotten proficient enough to have a harvest to share except for our herb garden. These plants seem to grow on their own in wild colors with fragrant leaves and flowers. I did what all the gardeners told me not to do and allowed my Basil to go to seed. These long spikes of flowers were favorites of the butterflies and bees, but to Leo's dismay, also to Japanese Beetles.

What I realized as the abundance of nature was before me is that God uses all of the plant to cultivate the garden of the world. Some may have looked at my ragged garden and considered us amateurs who had no clue what we were doing, but there in the beauty of the green and pink and yellow, nature thrived. Bees were busy pollinating.

There was joy with our morning coffee as we stepped outside to watch the plants grow. There was peace as the butterflies silently flew from blossom to blossom. Granted there in the beauty lurked weeds and predatory insects. The buzzing of the bees our background music as we watered and inspected our boxes. We were determined to safeguard our growing plants from the squash bugs and the beetles feasting on leaves and stalks. Gardening requires watching and waiting and watering and weeding. It takes time, but the garden will grow at the pace that the soil, seed, sun, and rain allow.

The church, the body of Christ is very much like a garden. Some of the people within need very little care as they grow into

disciples. It is as if the spirit within knew the master from the moment the seed was germinated to become a human being. Others need more care. Some get lost in the weeds. Jesus related it often to the nature of the soil. I have learned that soil that was rocky or sandy or just plain bad can become good soil with the right care. So can broken people. We are all broken, some more damaged than others. Yet with God all things are possible, including a changed life. Spiritual growth is as complex as gardens. Just like seed, soil, water, sun, and gardener all work together to produce the bounty, our spiritual bounty is an organic process. Through the power of the Holy Spirit lives are changed but growth happens within the community of faith through study, worship, missional outreach and accountability groups. As the nurturing community, what is difficult is that the choice always belongs to the growing disciple. We may provide all the tools they need to grow. We may offer them safe places to meet Jesus and allow Jesus to transform their hearts. The person's choices are theirs to make. Their growth is theirs. The journey from seed to fruit bearing tree belongs to them. Our task is to be faithful at loving, at watching, at waiting, at weeding, at watering.

Our challenge is not to lose hope in the midst of the journey. We have much to offer the broken and hurting and wounded in our midst. Consider with me how we have been using the resources we have to cultivate disciples, to be cocreatorrs with God for the transformation of the world. We have partnered with Community Partners of Hope and through that partnership, they have welcomed in broken men and some have left the doors of Hope House to open the door of their own homes. We have partnered through our giving with ACTS so that the hungry are fed. Our supplies and generosity reach the hands of children and teachers at Zeb Vance. We have sponsored youth to Global Vision, to ACS for youth, to Breakaway and Pilgrimage. These young people now scattered throughout the state continuing to grow as disciples. On Wednesdays and Thursdays in our Fellowship Hall, senior adults gather and through fellowship, study, and prayer find community and value. In our gatherings we remind one another, beloved child of God.

My prayer for us is to continue to consider how we can reach others for Christ. What new soil is there to break open so that seeds of faith may be planted? How can the Lord use us here and now?

Praying with You,

Pastor Carolyn

**James 5:7** *“Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains.” (NRSV)*



Makayla staffed Breakaway this summer. As a youth of our church she attended Kaleidoscope, Breakaway and Pilgrimage. These Conference Youth Events a part of her spiritual formation. Ask her about serving as a leader. Your support of our youth and their fundraisers a strong part of her story of growth as a disciple. Thank you.

# Formational Opportunities and Events

## Church School

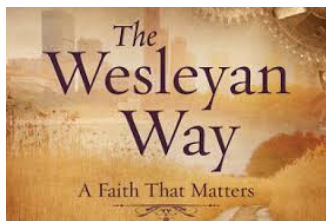
Sunday mornings at 10:00 a.m. classes are held in the Education wing of the Fellowship Hall. Our adults have seasonal themes in their Adult Bible Studies. **The summer theme is: Living in Covenant.** Unit 1: A Fulfilled Covenant, Unit 2: A Heartfelt Covenant, Unit 3: A Personal Perspective. Our church 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.

## BASIC UMYF

As summer winds down to a close plans are being laid for mission focused monthly meetings.

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!**

## Small Group Study: 9:45 a.m.



Class is held in the BASIC Youth room

Session 7 - Invite Others on the Journey  
Session 8 - Christ No kiissMatter What

The next two studies are Mike Slaughter studies. **The Renegade Gospel** - *Central to the Christian faith is a man who denies all our pre-conceived notions about what God should look like. Joining his movement will mean coming to terms with the real Jesus, the rebel Jesus. Jesus didn't come to start a religion. The rebel Jesus came with a renegade gospel to start a revolution.*

*You and I are invited to be a part. In Renegade Gospel, pastor and author Mike Slaughter presents Jesus and his challenging message to inspire us during Lent, Easter, and through the year. Read the red letters and discover Jesus all over again.*



**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. In Revolutionary Kingdom: Following the Rebel Jesus, author and Pastor Mike Slaughter explores why we must exchange comfortable cultural worldviews and values for the radical requirements of living out the Kingdom of God on Planet Earth. 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!*

Books are \$11.00 each

## Sunday School Superintendent spotted



# Outward Witness News and Opportunities

**We 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.

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

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

If you are taking up the challenge and tracking your miles - tell Pastor Carolyn.

## School Supplies for Zeb Vance

It may be July but the school supply lists are out. Our dedication of supplies will be August 18. Items needed are notebook paper, composition notebooks, spiral notebooks, pocket folders, three-ring binders, pencils, ink pens, crayons, color pencils, markers, hand sanitizer, glue sticks, copy/printer paper, boxes of tissues, and more. As you are shopping at stores - look for the lists and sales.

- ◆ #2 pencils
- ◆ 8-Pack Crayola Crayons
- ◆ Cloth pencil patch with a zipper
- ◆ Glue Sticks
- ◆ 7 oz. Elmer's Glue
- ◆ Washable Markers
- ◆ Blunt tip scissors
- ◆ Plain white computer paper
- ◆ 2-Pocket Folder
- ◆ Block Erasers
- ◆ Box of Tissues
- ◆ Clorox Wipes
- ◆ Composition Hard Cover books
- ◆ Colored Pencils
- ◆ Dry Erase Markers - Variety of Colors
- ◆ Spiral notebooks
- ◆ Storage Bags
- ◆ Paper towels
- ◆ 1 -inch Binder
- ◆ Notebook Paper
- ◆ Dividers
- ◆ Baby wipes Appreciated
- ◆ Masking tape
- ◆ Crayola Super Tips Markers

**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 large plastic bucket in the narthex is where we collect for Cokesbury UMC. Consider either place, both serve those in n

could use people on distribution days (1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month) at 3:00 p.m. to prepare and hand out groceries. Last month over 120 families served, many are elderly.

Recycling, Reusing, Repurposing

Take the time to recycle, reuse, or repurpose your "stuff." We will be asking the Trustees to consider a recycling trash can for our events so that we can separate our plastics from landfill trash.

When having functions - use the metal forks, knives, and spoons. We have plates and glasses as well - the dishwasher only takes a moment and you have less to "haul off."

*Welcome our New Neighbors*



About Us: To put it simply an oxford house is a democratically run, self-supported drug free home. With over 2,000 houses nation wide. It is a low cost method to prevent relapse through community support and accountability. To live in the home you must be sober, working and in treatment. Our 8 person home is hopefully to be the first of many in this area providing women with a safe and affordable second chance.

*Daughters of Vance-Granville Oxford House*

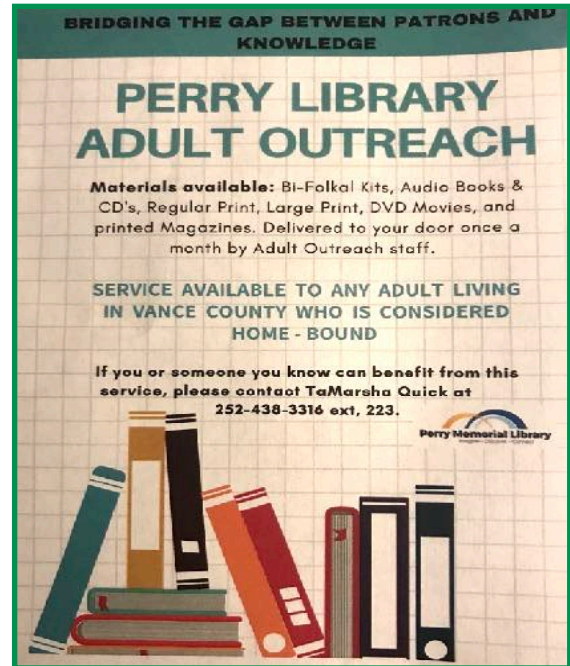
**Women's Recovery House**

It takes a village and we have an amazing one! Join us in supporting this house.

*Donations can be home goods, furniture, hygiene items, pantry starters, time, storage, services, Job offers, connections and monetary contributions.*

We appreciate any form of charity and thank you in advance for your investment in these women.

Email: [amandaburrafato@gmail.com](mailto:amandaburrafato@gmail.com) or Call 908-447-2930 for pick up  
Learn more about Oxford House at: [www.oxfordhouse.org](http://www.oxfordhouse.org)



**A Dash of Hope - 2019**

The planning has begun for our 2019 - Dash of Hope - Survival Style. We are in the midst of arranging and organizing a time limited scavenger hunt through the streets of Henderson to find the resources needed for a person or family to go from barely surviving to thriving.



**Trustee News**

Trustees continue to work for the improvement of the church grounds and the care of our worship space.

Those using the facility for family gatherings and celebrations are asked to pick up the checklist for lockup.

Remember when you sign up on the calendar to inform Pastor Carolyn of the date and event.



# ProJo Immersion Week

ProJo Immersion Week is an opportunity for Hispanic/Latino youth (grades 6-12) to gather together and learn about the "Vital Church." How do we live as the church of Christ? ProJo is an opportunity to make the work of God among us possible as a church that follows the voice and movement of Christ. We honor the presence of the Holy Spirit in Hispanic/Latino youth, and we want to bring them to their full potential in the areas of spiritual growth, leadership training, and university preparation.

Ask Cristina about ProJo



Children's Church

Change Bucket Funds - Missionary Will Bailey Change for change.

Thank you Willing Workers and Rogers Family for great food and fellowship





# August

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 <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>2:00 PM Shower</li> </ul>	29	30	31 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5:30 PM Faith and Fitness</li> </ul>	1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10:00 AM Keeping Holy Time Bible Study</li> </ul>	2	3
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18 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8:00 AM UMM</li> <li>10:00 AM Sunday School</li> <li>11:00 AM Worship</li> </ul> <p>School Supply Sunday</p>	19	20	21 <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>	22 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10:00 AM Keeping Holy Time Bible Study</li> </ul>	23	24
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**Meetings This Month**

**August 11**  
**3:00 p.m.**  
**Worship Committee**

**August 12**  
**7:00 p.m.**  
**Finance Committee**