

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

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.

The Summons

I have walked the shorelines in Maine, New Hampshire, California, North Carolina, South Carolina, Florida, and Okinawa. Each shore has its own smells. The fishiest smell that comes to my memory is in Maine. The seaweed encrusted rocks and the snails and urchins making it difficult to navigate as I searched for treasures. Gazing out to the horizon I would see lobster boats trolling back and forth as they checked their traps. In the quiet of the rising sun the voices of those on deck came across with the wind.

These images are some that I take with me when I enter into the gospel passages about James and John, Peter and Andrew. fishermen called by Jesus. He called them in the middle of a day's labor and said, "Follow me," and they did just that. They left all that was familiar and followed the carpenter from Nazareth.



Gazing at the boats I can imagine that scene with the men smelling of fish seeing Jesus for the first time and hearing his voice. What compelled them to follow? It seemed they did not ponder the cost or worry about what they were leaving behind. The Gospels tell us it was immediate. On the shore they saw God incarnate and knew no other choice made sense.

Before Jesus ascended he gave what we now call the great commission. He told those who followed him to Go! His command was to make disciples by teaching and sharing and doing that which Jesus had taught them to do. When we say yes to Jesus, we too are commission to go, to leave the world's ways and follow the ways of Jesus.

I have found I continually need course corrections by the Holy Spirit. The Gospels and Acts show us that the disciples needed course corrections too. Jesus may not be standing on the road in front of our house calling us out to follow Him as He did His disciples. We can see His call in the faces of our neighbors in need. I can hear the choir singing, “Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?” Do not think, go, Jesus will lead and the Holy Spirit will correct your course when necessary.

Praying with you,

Pastor Carolyn



Stewardship

It is a word that causes a multitude of reactions, depending on where we are in our faith journey. I can remember when I made more excuses than I made promises to God. As I grew in grace and closer to God, giving became a natural response to the gifts I received. Serving was the easiest. Attending worship became more than a habit but a way of life. It took more years before I trusted enough to tithe. Witnessing does not come natural to me until I realize it is not some formula to follow but simply telling my story. In telling my story, I remember my baptismal vows.

When we reaffirm our baptisms we make this covenant, “We give thanks for all that God has already given us. As members of the body of Christ and in this congregation of The United Methodist Church, we will faithfully participate in the ministries of the Church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service and our witness that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. Each week we will look at one of the five ways we can make an offering of our gifts to God.”

In September we will be exploring ways we can live out those vows.

September 1 - How are we called to serve?

September 8 - Growth as stewardship

September 15 - Sharing your story is an act of stewardship

September 22 - Giving in gratitude for what we receive

September 29 - Our we generous with our worship and prayer life?

1 Peter 4:10-11: “Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received. Whoever speaks must do so as one speaking the very words of God; whoever serves must do so with the strength that God supplies, so that God may be glorified in all things through Jesus Christ. To him belong the glory and the power forever and ever. Amen.”



<https://www.heifer.org>

The United Methodist Women's meeting - September 15 - 3:00 p.m.
All Women are welcome!

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 autumn theme is: God. There is a new format in the curriculum beginning this fall: Genesis | Exodus | Proverbs | Hebrews | Joshua | Psalms | John Romans | Deuteronomy | Habakkuk | Acts (Scripture to be studied this fall)

God, the Creator: This unit takes us through texts that help us discern what "Godness" is. The readings from Genesis present the Lord as the divine initiator of the cosmos and as the creator of humankind. The Exodus text reminds us that God is not limited to what we can know of or imagine about God, and that mystery remains part of God's nature. In Lesson 4, we learn about Wisdom as an essential part of who God is. And Lesson 5, invites us to consider Christ's role with God in the world's creation. These lessons encourage us to develop the spiritual practice of mindfulness.

In God's Image: This unit focuses on the human condition. Lesson 6 recalls the story of the sin of Achan, reminding us of the chasm sin imposes between ourselves and our Creator. Lesson 7 takes us to Psalm 51, which is a prayer that models the nature of penitence that asks God to bridge the breach caused by sin. Lesson 8 lets us hear Jesus talking about being born anew and how that provides entry into the kingdom of God. Lesson 9 takes us to a text in Romans, which enables us to consider what the redeemed life looks like. These lessons help us focus on the spiritual practice of confession.

Worship: This unit unites around the theme "objects of worship," with "objects" meaning not worship aids, such as candles and paraments, but those things we place ahead of God. In Lesson 10, we look at the first two of the Ten Commandments. Lesson 11 takes us to the story of the gold calf and gives us a chance to think about why we may deliberately choose to worship that which is not God. Lesson 12 reminds us that nothing we worship other than God can impart life. And Lesson 13 invites us to understand that the worship impulse is only satisfied when it is directed toward God. These lessons lead us deeper into the spiritual practice of worship.

Small Group Study: 9:45 a.m.

Class is held in the BASIC Youth room

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.*



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. 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!*

BASIC UMYF

September 22 kicks off our 2019-2020 year with a 4:00 p.m. meeting at Rehoboth UMC. October 4-5 we are locking in at Plank Chapel so that we can harvest in the fields for the local food pantries. Come September 22 and share where you want to serve and be the hands and feet of Jesus!

FALL FESTIVAL 2019

SEPTEMBER 28

12:00 P.M. - 2:00 P.M.



Join in the fun! Cake walks, bingo, horse shoes, basketball, corn hole, tic, tac, toe, and other games both inside and out! Hot dogs served by our Inward Formation Team with the trimmings! Bring a friend or two - prizes galore!

Silent Auction items will be on display earlier in the morning. Final bids by 1:30 p.m. and awarded at 2:00 p.m. Proceeds will go to ACTS.

ACTS has moved! Their new location is on Williams Street! They serve meals 5 days a week at noon - always could use a volunteer or two!

Outward Witness News and Opportunities

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 need 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.

You're Invited

Senior Adult (50+)
Appreciation Luncheon
Sunday
September 8, 2019
12:30 p.m.
Reserve your seat today!

BBQ
Fried Chicken
Macaroni and Cheese
Green Beans and Hush Puppies
Dessert and Beverage

**Red Bird Missionary Conference
News**

Susan Sears will be traveling with a missionary group to Red Bird in October. The team is asking for school supplies by September 14th. Susan will take financial donations to go and purchase supplies: pens, notebooks, pencils, crayons, notebook paper, scissors, markers, etc.

NO copy paper please.

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.



Are you logging your miles? We are working towards a wellness grant...possibilities for enhancing our outreach are just steps away!

Field Education Student for Academic Year

We are waiting to learn if we will receive a field education student this fall. The student will be with us on Sundays for worship and other teaching/learning opportunities. This placement will have two focuses: local church and community outreach. The student will partner with a local missional ministry in Vance County. This particular placement is serving to teach the integral and vital role of the local church in forming disciples who step out into the community and transform the world.

**Welcome our
New Neighbors**



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.

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.

Email: amandaburrafato@gmail.com or Call 908-447-2930 for pick up

Learn more about Oxford House at: www.oxfordhouse.org

Charge Conference 2019

The date is set for **October 29 at 7:00 p.m.** at Wake Forest United Methodist Church. As we prepare for this meeting that sets our budget, pastoral salary, lay leadership for 2020 pray for those who are stepping into new roles and those who are rotating off of positions.

In September we will inspect the parsonage, fill out annual reports of Trustees and Finance, and our Church Council will approve the work of the Nominations and Lay Leadership Committee. This information will be collected in the database of the North Carolina Conference church. The results will show how God is adding to the numbers of His church,



Thank you for your generous giving to Zeb Vance Elementary and for the United Methodist Women for providing a meal and Plank Chapel hospitality to the teachers and staff!



A FLOOD OF LOVE
with Bob Goff

Hosted by First United Methodist Church-Rocky Mount
Bob Goff is the New York Times Best-Selling Author of *Love Does* and *Everybody Always*, the Honorary Consul to the Republic of Uganda, an attorney, and the founder of Love Does—a nonprofit human rights organization operating in Uganda, India, Nepal, Iraq and Somalia. For more, check out BobGoff.com and LoveDoes.org. Tickets cost \$20 plus processing fees.

September 13
7:00 p.m.
Rocky Mount
Event Center

All proceeds donated to hurricane relief

The gathering at Wake Forest UMC will include other United Methodist Churches, some familiar to us and others we are meeting for the first time. During worship each church is asked to share one of their missions or ministry that highlights God work through them.

Who can go? All members. Who can vote at Charge Conference? Our elected Church Council members. Come and hear how God is moving and transforming our world through Jesus' disciples.



Church Council Monday
Sep 23
7:00 p.m.

United Methodist Men and BBQ

Plank Chapel's United Methodist Men meet on the 3rd Sunday of every month for breakfast at 8:00 a.m. All men are welcome at this gathering, young men and not so young. Fellowship starts much earlier than 8:00 a.m. as they prepare breakfast and continues around the table after grace. The meetings begin with a devotion and then the opportunities to be in ministry and mission are shared. They look for the places where there is need in our church family and beyond our doors. The paper products we use for fellowship and gatherings that reach into the community are provided by the men. Our Chapel Chatter and bulletins wouldn't be possible without their contribution of copier, ink, and paper. They serve as ushers. They provide scholarships to our youth. Each month they offer support to Community Partners of Hope, a non-profit offering homeless men shelter and assistance to move out of homelessness. If there is a community need they respond. Much of this happens because of the annual UMM BBQ. This year it is set for November 1st. This event involves all of us as we sell tickets, package meals, offer hospitality to our guests. We chop, we grind slaw, we create potato salad, we bake cakes. I have experienced how this event draws people to our doors and the Holy Spirit pours out blessings. Join us this November - there is a place for you to serve!



Heifer Project International (#982532)

This program allows people to share their knowledge, resources, skills and their animals' offspring with others, in order to expand and create a network of hope, dignity and self reliance that reaches 128 countries.

Heifer International's Gift Catalog provides opportunities for us to give in honor or memory of those we love.

Opportunities to shop will be available in October or go on line and see the possibilities. Donate an animal. Provide basic needs. Support sustainable farming. Promote women's empowerment.



THIS IS NO ORDINARY GIFT.

Giving an animal is like giving someone a small business, providing wool, milk, eggs and more. Animal donations can provide families a hand up, increasing access to medicine, school, food and a sustainable livelihood.

Your animal donation will support the lives of families in need. The one you choose is up to you.

Community Prayers

For... Virgie Eaves, Peanut Hendley, Lewis Bowen, Evie Odom, Brandi Dickerson, Jessica Hayes, Tommy Fowler, Marjorie Roy, 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 military, families, and veterans
For...all in harms way
For...peace in our nation
For...peace in the world

Senior Circle
September 18
10:00 am

The
Gathering
Place
September 4
10:00 a.m.



**Feeding the
Community**

**Cokesbury
Food Pantry
Sundays**

September 1 and 15

Nonperishable Goods

In His Service

Flowers

- 1 - Communion
- 8 - Laurie Miller
- 15 - Martha Rowland
- 22 - Lorraine Abbott
- 29 - Midge Smith

Altar Guild

Jackie and Ben Brown

Ushers & Greeters

Ushers: John Rogers, Daryl Spencer,
David Miller, LC Medlin

Greeters: Henry Finch

Acolytes

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

Lay Readers

- 1 - Lorraine Abbott
Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16
- 8 - Sally Coghill Jeremiah 18:1-11
- 15 - Avery Thomas 1 Timothy 1:12-17
- 22 - Donald Rose McGhee
1 Timothy 2:1-7
- 29 - Pat Edwards 1 Timothy 6:6-19

Nursery Coordinator

Roxie Kearney

Children's Church Coordinator

Danielle Nugent



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:30 AM Early Worship 10:00 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship 	2 Labor Day	3	4 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:00 AM The Gathering Place 5:30 PM Faith and Fitness 6:30 PM Choir Practice 	5	6	7 Family Event
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15 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00 AM UMM 10:00 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship 3:00 PM UMW 	16 7:00 PM Trustees Meeting	17	18 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:00 AM Senior Circle 5:30 PM Faith and Fitness 6:30 PM Choir Practice 	19 10:00 AM Keeping Holy Time Bible Study	20	21
22 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:30 AM Early Worship 10:00 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship <p>4:00 p.m. - BASIC UMYF - Rehoboth</p>	23 7:00 PM Church Council Meeting	24	25 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5:30 PM Faith and Fitness 6:30 PM Choir Practice 	26	27	28 12:00 PM Fall Festival
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Meetings and Events

8 - 12:30 p.m. - Senior Adult Appreciation Luncheon

9 - 6:30 p.m. - Outward Witness Team

16 - 7:00 p.m. - Trustees

23 - 7:00 p.m. - Church Council

28 - 12:00 p.m. - Fall Festival