

CHAPEL CHATTER

Open Hearts | Open Minds | Wide Open Doors!

Practicing thankfulness in the midst of uncertainties. Paul writes in 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18, *"¹⁶ Rejoice always, ¹⁷ pray without ceasing, ¹⁸ give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you."* When we consider all that Paul encountered and endured, his words to give thanks in all circumstances can only come from a life that is grounded in the will of God. Our lives and circumstances may be challenging us as we work to practice thankfulness.

What does it mean to practice thankfulness? It starts with prayer. Beginning each day in prayer thanking God for the gift of the day before us. As we move through the day, thanking God for electricity and water that allow us to wash our bodies and prepare our breakfast. As we dress for the day, being thankful for the clothes we have and the resources to keep them clean. When we find ourselves stuck somewhere, turn the time away from frustration over the delay to an opportunity to thank God for a moment to stop and breathe. Consider the things we have, the homes we live in, the family we are given...so much to be thankful for, neighbors who check up on us and bring us fruit from their harvest or wish our injured dog well.

During the month of October and now entering into November Indy has been recovering from a fractured tibia. This has added to the stress of life in ministry. Yet I am thankful for a veterinarian who lets me text her when I am anxious. I am a husband who takes turns taking him Indy cannot sleep. I am thankful that one additional day of healing.



thankful Indy still has four legs. I am thankful for outside or being the nighttime sentinel when Indy's loving nature remains loving. Each day is

November highlights for us the gift of it takes a strong intention to practice practice these 30 days of November to given us. I am placing a blank calendar hold the events for the month. It is for which you are thankful. I can tell you one of you. When I think about how you have shared your lives with me, I am eternally grateful. My heart is full of love and I pray without ceasing for each of you.

thankfulness. So much is in flux in 2020 that thankfulness. I thought we might engage in a remember with gratitude all that God has at the end of the Chapel Chatter - it will not yours to fill in. Each day write down one thing from the depth of my heart I am thankful for each

Praying with you,

Pastor Carolyn

Kryasha's Korner

Here I am, a few days out from “All Saints day”, and I find myself contemplating what, or better yet, who I consider to be a saint. Often times when I think of a saint, I think of someone who is holy or virtuous. Sometimes we declare someone a saint because they have done something to get you out of a bind or have gone above and beyond in some capacity. The Apostle Paul, help us understand this term, when he writes in Romans 1:7, “To all God’s beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints.” Who are the saints Paul describes? Was Paul was addressing the exclusive few who are holy enough to be considered saints? Or was he simply addressing the church of Jesus?

To answer these questions, I turn to Pastor Nadia Bolz Weber to help locate my understanding of who a saint is. In a sermon she gave in 2013 on All Saints Sunday, she began by saying our saints are those flawed people who God uses to do divine things. They are our neighbor’s, our teachers, doctors, nurses, the parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles and on and on and on. The Apostle Paul was addressing a community of ordinary people who are called into communion with an extraordinary God. So, WHO are the saints Paul is talking about? As Christians, a saint, or a holy person, is one who surrenders themselves wholly to God’s will, which we know to be love for God and neighbor. A Saint is one who by the power of the Holy Spirit, is empowered for life with God in Christ. God uses each and every one of these to do God’s divine work of reminding us about whose we are. These saints remind us that we are loved; a love energized by God that enables us to love our community. We look to our Saints to tell us who we are over and over and over again. Who is your Saint? Who is one who points you to Jesus? Who is a person who has contributed to positively shaping your identity?

My saint is someone who would never consider herself a saint, believing that she was too broken and imperfect to be delegated for such things. While living in Kansas, she was my literal neighbor. This person is someone whose actions embodied God’s divine work of loving her community.



Over and over again she saw you and showed up. She would be there after a long day with a glass of wine and a listening ear. She would be the person who brought you a meal when you were sick. She was the person who would take your kid in when you had nowhere else for them to go. She saw the brokenness in people, pouring every ounce of love into them when they lost their way. Without her love, I know I wouldn’t be at Duke Divinity school and for this and a thousand other reasons, she will forever be my saint.

November 1st - All Saints Day - join us for worship as we honor the saints that have gone before us, particularly Joe Weaver III, Jane Abbott Owen, Catherine Fowler, and William Hendley

A prayer for All Saints Day

Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship, in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord. Grant us grace so to follow your holy saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those unspeakable joys, which you have prepared for those who sincerely love you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen (UMH 713)



**Fall Back
Daylight Savings Time
Ends
November 1st**





SUNDAY SCHOOL

It is nice to be back in Sunday School when Tim can teach. We have plenty of room to safely distance in the Fellowship Hall. It is good to be with actual people.

Unit 3 of our Sunday School lessons is titled "In This Place." It helps the church to have a deeper understanding of worship. In our worship we as the church acknowledge the lordship of Jesus Christ .

We will learn about Jacob and others who are unworthy and how God blesses them. Worship and preaching involve challenge as well as comfort and promise. Worship includes our resistance to the evil of the world, the promise of healing, and our commitment to those who suffer. Worship requires commitment and endurance. Worship reminds us of the promise of resurrection.

*Hoping to see you in church soon,
Donald Rose*

Spiritual Practice -Worship

Reach out to Donald Rose if you want to attend on Sunday mornings and do not know if class will be held - home phone - 252-438-8645 or email: mcgheej@vance.net

From our Finance

Chairperson: Mac Wilson

Your continued support of the ministries of Plank Chapel United Methodist Church are greatly appreciated. Thank you for what you have done and as you are able may continue to do. You are more than welcome to drop your offering at the house or mail it to Plank Chapel, c/o Financial Secretary, Mrs. Judy Wilson, 3969 Bobbitt Road, Kittrell, NC 27544.

Virtual Plank Chapel
Worship without COVID-19 danger

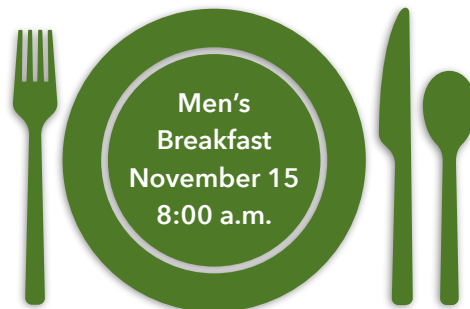
Live audio during the 11:00 service is on 107.3 FM in our parking lot
Video of the 11:00 Sunday service is live on Facebook

Go online to: facebook.com/plankchapelUMC about 10:55

Our website: <http://www.plankchapel.org> is one of the easiest ways to connect. If you are still having trouble contact Scott Ritchey or Pastor Carolyn for assistance.

Outward Witness

The Men's Shelter opens November 1. We will be serving meals the 4th Tuesday of every month while open. If you would like to participate in meal preparation, contact Susan Sears at (252) 213-0150 or email at cj7review@gmail.com



Join us under the Pavilion.
Breakfast biscuits will be provided.
It is a "bring your own morning beverage." Contact Thomas Beckham if you plan on attending.
(Bad weather - we will meet indoors)

Calendar of Events for November

October 31 - 5:30 p.m. All Souls Night - Light the Night with Love (need battery operated tea lights)

November 1 - All Saints Sunday with Communion - Food Pantry

8:00 a.m. - Awakenings - Pavilion
10:00 a.m. - Church School - Fellowship Hall (subject to teacher availability) videoed
11:00 a.m. - Worship

November 3 - Election Day - remember to vote

November 5 - 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. - Keeping Holy Time Bible Study - Pavilion

MOVE to DeFeet Dementia Virtual Walk - November 7-14
<https://www.classy.org/event/2020-plank-chapel-umc-church-walk/e272731>



November 8

8:00 a.m. - Awakenings - Pavilion
10:00 a.m. - Church School - Fellowship Hall (subject to teacher availability) videoed
11:00 a.m. - Worship

November 12 - 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. - Keeping Holy Time Bible Study - Pavilion

November 15 - Food Pantry

8:00 a.m. - United Methodist Men - Pavilion
10:00 a.m. - Church School - Fellowship Hall (subject to teacher availability) videoed
11:00 a.m. - Worship

November 19 - 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. - Keeping Holy Time Bible Study - Pavilion

November 22 - Thanksgiving/Christ the King

Thanksgiving Food Offering - fruits/vegetables/nonperishables
(deadline for ordering Poinsettias)

8:00 a.m. - Awakenings - Pavilion
10:00 a.m. - Church School - Fellowship Hall (subject to teacher availability) videoed
11:00 a.m. - Worship

November 24 - Men's Shelter Meal

November 29 - 1st Sunday in Advent

8:00 a.m. - Awakenings - Pavilion
10:00 a.m. - Church School - Fellowship Hall (subject to teacher availability) videoed
11:00 a.m. - Worship



Memory Walk 2020/2021

The Memory Walk Team met and rescheduled our walk for April 17, 2021. The site on Dementia Alliance is still active. To date we have raised \$80.00 towards our \$3,000.00 goal.

We will still walk ... we still will remember. Begin now to form your team.

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Practice



Thankfulness

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Daylight Saving Time ends	2	3 Election Day (General Elections)	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11 Veterans Day	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26 Thanksgiving Day	27 Black Friday Native American Heritage Day	28
29	30	1	2	3	4	5

Community Prayers

For...Richard Beers, Ricky Gleason, Kelcie Hardee, Faye Woodlief, Frances Woodlief, Jackie Brown, Indy, Faye Moss, Alice and Ted Finch, Patrick Medlin, Martha Rowland, Lysa Mackey, Thomas Fowler, Frank and Susan Babicz, Judy Hanson, Charlotte Lalas, Tilly Hughes, Evie Odom, James Deans, David Driver, Ruth Hailey, Freddie McGhee, Faye Young

- 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 state
- For... Medical Staff, Truck Drivers, Store workers, First Responders
- For... Small Business owners, Big Business owners
- For... those whose jobs are in jeopardy or lost
- For... Our military, families, and veterans
- For... all in harms way
- For... Our nation
- For... God's world



For God's Gifts

O Holy God, open unto me light for my darkness, courage for my fear, hope for my despair.

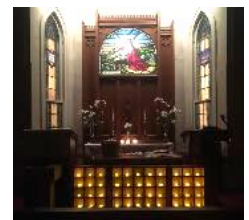
O loving God, open unto me wisdom for my confusion, forgiveness for my sins, love for my hate.

O God of peace, open unto me peace for my turmoil, joy for my sorrow, strength for my weakness.

O generous God, open my heart to receive all your gifts.

Amen.

Howard Thurman (UMH 489)



Feeding the Community

Cokesbury Food Pantry Sundays

November 1 and 15 Nonperishable Goods