

CHAPEL CHATTER

Open Hearts | Open Minds | Wide Open Doors!

April Events Rescheduled

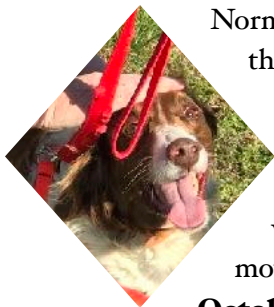
Memory Walk

moved to
September 26

The donation and registration page is still active at: <https://www.classy.org/event/2020-plank-chapel-umc-church-walk/e272731>



Blessing of the Animals



Normally held the Saturday before Easter. This year we are moving it to

October 4 at 1:00 p.m. It is the feast day of St. Francis of Assisi.

General Conference 2020

Date to be determined, but will be held in 2021.

Parsonage Open House - hopefully before summer's heat

Love Wins

Just recently the governor of New York quoted me. He said, quite clearly, "Love wins!" His words have been shared over various media sources. God uses all of us to share that good news. Love wins.

It is the reality that we live into every day as followers of a risen Savior. I have witnessed it through you as you are reaching out to one another during these times, sharing hope, sharing love and being the church. Know that prayers of gratitude for each of you are lifted daily. Your lights shine into my prayer life for the Lord to see and I believe God smiles.

The day is quickly approaching when we will celebrate Christ's victory over death, I know all of us are wondering where we will be, in church, in our cars in a parking lot, in the cemetery, in our homes watching or listening to a worship service broadcasted over the airwaves?

As the Chapel Chatter is produced weeks before the event, there are no definite answers to give you on where and how we at Plank Chapel will be gathered. There is one answer that we all know with certainty, Easter is coming and we will proclaim "Christ is Risen! He is Risen, indeed!" We are people of the resurrection! Whether we proclaim it in one voice in the sanctuary, in the graveyard, from our cars, or from the comfort of our couches - the truth remains, Christ defeated hell and death. "He arose! He arose! Hallelujah, Christ arose!"



Worship News

All worship will be Facebook Live until we get the "all clear" Watch emails/letters

Paul reminds us that “nothing can separate us from the love of God through Jesus Christ. When we are feeling the isolating impact of these day of social distancing may his words in Romans 8:38-39 carry us through: “For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

We are not alone. Christ is with us. Share the good news - love wins!

Praying with you,

Pastor Carolyn

Message from Morgan

Easter Hope

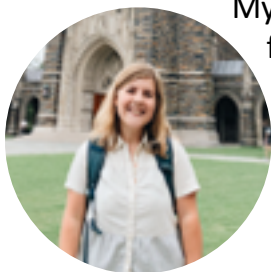
These are anxious times that we are living in. I don't think any of us truly knew how much we would have to give up and let go of in this season in Lent. We have had to let go of our control, we have had to go without touching one another, and we have had to rethink what it means to be the Church in the midst of chaos. We are learning to let go of so much of what makes our lives normal.



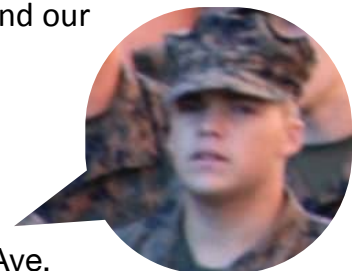
And while we are in the midst of a season that is filled with so much fasting and merely trying to stay healthy and survive, I find my spirit clinging to the story of Jesus feeding the five thousand. A story that we would not typically think of in the season of lent. But maybe we can go back to this story found in Scripture and be reminded that Jesus is not afraid of chaos and he is not removed from our diseases. Quite the opposite, Jesus is in constant contact with those who are lacking daily bread, lacking security, and deprived of comfort. Jesus defies the odds of what makes sense and where two loaves and five fish are present, he turns those meek offerings into an abundance for those who are in need.

At this time we may feel as if we don't have much left to give but I think if we were to take a moment and invite the Spirit of God to meet us in the midst of our questioning, we might see that it is God who invites us to be generous and gracious with one another.

My siblings in Christ, these are uneasy times, but we must not forget that God is not removed from our suffering and our uneasiness. That is our hope.



Blessings,
Morgan



Charles Thompson
The UPS Store
143 Replacement Ave.
Fort Leonard Wood, MO 65473



Leading Worship in times like these

What will stay the same

On Palm Sunday there will be palms at the altar and after the Facebook live worship the cross will be planted in front of the sanctuary with the purple cloth and thorny crown.

On Good Friday there will be a Facebook live Tenebrae service after which the cross will be taken across the street.

Sometime in the still of Saturday night a cross will be placed in front of the woods - lights will shine out to remind us that darkness cannot overcome the light of Christ.



Easter Sunrise - there will be a worship service at 6:30 a.m. Details still being worked out. The purple cross will be removed and adorned with palms. You may bring your spring flowers to cover the cross. The cross in the graveyard will lose its crown and be covered in white.



At the 11:00 a.m. worship our sanctuary will be filled with lilies even present. Yours to take home after as a living reminder of the



if we are not resurrection.

What will be different

Worship services will not be in person, but streamed live on Facebook with copies of the worship being shared either through email or regular mail. We will notify everyone when we are returning to the sanctuary for in-person worship. Scott Ritchey has posted our Facebook Live worship on the Plank Chapel UMC website. You do not have to open a Facebook account to access these videos. You will find some on the link for audio recordings. Audio recordings are also available through that website. This is a learning curve and as we discover what we are able to do, we will share it with you. Working on adding vocalists to our worship.

We will not have an in person Easter Egg Hunt and Hot Dog luncheon in April...a scavenger hunt and Hot Dog luncheon will be planned in the future with a Corn Hole challenge for the neighborhood.

Reading List for Hope

Anxious for Nothing: Finding Calm in a Chaotic World by Max Lucado

Rhythms of Renewal: Trading Stress and Anxiety for a Life of Peace and Purpose by Rebekah Lyons

Living Unafraid: Lessons of Hope from 31 of the Bible's Most Loved Stories by Adam Hamilton

Gift and Task: A Year of Daily Readings and Reflections by Walter Brueggemann

Beach Calling: A Devotional Journal for the Middle Years and Beyond: by Missy Buchanan

Reading List for Hope for Children and Young People

Eek! Said Amy by L.J. Zimmerman (Ages 3-7)

The One Year Book of Fun and Active Devotions for Kids by LightWave Kids Club, Livingstone Corporation, Betsy Rossen Elliot

The Barefoot Way: A Faith Guide for Youth, Young Adults, and the People Who Walk with Them by Dori Grinenko Baker

Celebrating what God is Doing - 240 Years in the Making



In this time when our calendars have been cleared we might find we are cleaning our closets. Look through pictures for Plank Chapel events so that we can create a video of the changes over time. When you submit photos or files - names and dates are important.

Begin writing down stories. Funny ones, serious ones, important moments, not so important moments, favorite hymns. Be part of the planning now for the celebration to come. Who knows we may write a book!

We will be inviting old and new members and clergy to come and celebrate with us.

On July 10, 2020 we start our celebration with an outdoor concert with Unashamed. On Sunday, July 12 we continue to pray that Bishop Hope Morgan Ward will be delivering the message (not sure how her calendar has changed with this virus that has interrupted our lives).

Distance Learning Church School

Our Gathering Assembly leader, Donald Rose McGhee provides these words for us while we are learning from a distance:



Missing our time together at Sunday School each Sunday. I will try to send out some thoughts on our lesson each week. Carolyn will be sending it out either by email or snail mail, so you can read it. It's enlightening how we can compare what was happening in Bible times to our problems today. We think we have problems!?! Please be safe and take time to

study your Bible while you are home bound.

Prayers and love,

Donald Rose

Sunday School

**Small Group Study: 9:30 a.m. -
Lenten Study - We Are Beloved
Zoom Gathering.**



Speaking on behalf of the UMW we will meet again as restrictions are lifted and look forward to that day. The Easter season is a special time and offers us hope, renewal, and new life through the resurrection of Jesus. Easter blessings to our church family and will rejoice in continuing our mission work as soon as possible. Happy Easter everyone.

Darlene Raney
President UMW

UMM plan to resume meeting in May. We are always available if you need help. Reach out to a UMM and we will answer your call.

From our Finance Chairperson: Mac Wilson

Thank you for answering the call and giving as God led you to give. We do not know how long we will be out of the sanctuary. If it goes into May, there may be another round of calls. Your generosity in giving is greatly appreciated. It allows us to continue being the church. 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.

Again, thank you for what you have done and as you are able may continue to do!
(Thoughts were his, my secretary edited his words)

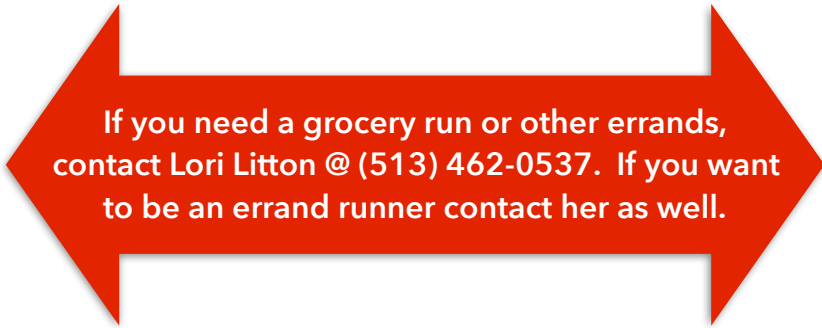


When we plant our Easter lilies each year they arrive and remind us of God’s promise.



Philippians 4:8-10

“8 Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about^[b] these things. 9 Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.”



Community Prayers

For... Family of Jane Owen, Ida Williams, Cameron Patrick Medlin, William "Peanut" Hendley, Debra Newman, Donald Rose McGhee, Skip Brown, Sue Beal, Evie Odom, Brandi Dickerson, Tommy Fowler, Martha Rowland, James Deans, Joe Weaver, Ruth Hailey, Tilly Hughes, 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 state
- For... Medical Staff, Truck Drivers, Store workers
- For... Small 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



Feeding the Community

Cokesbury Food Pantry Sundays

March 29 and April 12, 26

Nonperishable Goods

In His Service

Flowers



- 5 - Palms
- 12 - Lilies
- 19 - Judy Eaves & Family
- 26 - Roxie Kearney

Altar Guild

Judy Wilson and Laurie Miller

Ushers & Greeters

Ushers: Avery Thomas, Thomas Beckham, Daryl Spencer,

Greeters:

Richard Coghill

Acolyte - April

Avery Thomas

Lay Readers

- 5 - Various
- 12 - Tim Smith - Acts 10:34-43
- 19 - Mike Ranes - 1 Peter 1:3-9
- 26 - Pat Edwards - 1 Peter 1:17-23

Nursery Coordinator

Roxie Kearney

Children's Church Coordinator

Danielle Nugent