

# CHAPEL CHATTER

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## When Scripture And The World Collide...

When I consider how long ago the stories in scripture took place, I realize how our current issues in the world are not new to God. This always leads me to awe and wonder how God can continue to love us like God does. Humans are known to give up on one another. Thanks be to God, He never does.

When I found The Bible Year, I was so excited to offer it to all of us. Consider what God can do with a people reading the same passages every day. Consider how we will grow in our faith and in our relationship with one another as we explore together the creation stories, Noah's story, Abraham's, Joseph's, Ruth's, Esther's, David's, or Jonah's just to name a few in the Old Testament. We can struggle together over Leviticus and Deuteronomy. We take the turn into the New Testament in late August and end with Revelation in December. I know I will be challenged with reading daily but knowing you are reading with me will help me to stay on target.

Why read the Bible in a year, because scripture and the world are colliding. They always have, but if we aren't reading the scriptures, the world is telling us its version of reality. We then get anxious, angry, and fail to see the hope that is in the world. Paul speaks of the powers and principalities of the world and how they cannot separate us from the love of God. We need to be reminded of that daily. At his baptism Jesus was called Beloved Son. Peter, James, and John heard this again at his transfiguration. Richard Rohr, in his daily meditations from the Center for Action and Contemplation reminds us that at our baptism we too are called beloved. He goes on to say how many people never hear they are beloved and may not know they are beloved by God. Think about all the beloved saints of the Old Testament, not one of them was without human frailties or flaws. God loved them, God called them and through them God's work in the world was accomplished. Never believe you are not worthy of God's love. God has loved you and known you before you were conceived in your mother's womb. You are beloved.

John 3:16 and 17 tell us, "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him." The world today needs a lot of saving. We are the ones commissioned to go and make disciples, to share the good news of the Gospel so that the broken and beaten, the least and the lost can meet the one, Jesus, who will call them by name and claim them as His own.

I think about the saints of the world we know. The flesh and blood people who changed our lives, the ones who introduced us to Jesus. They saw us just as we are yet loved us enough to share Jesus with

us. Love, unconditional love, is in short supply these days. It is still here. We just need Jesus eyes to see it and Jesus hearts to spread it. We can decide that scripture and the world are colliding as it is written in Revelation's visions or we can decide that the love story of God that is scripture will be our story and when we encounter the world, we do so with the love of God, the power of the Holy Spirit, and the grace of Jesus. Let us join together to share the good news and open our hearts and minds to the movement of the Holy Spirit in our midst. November is filled with ways to see, to serve, to love. We do not have to do great things, we simply do what is before us with great love.

Praying with you,  
Pastor Carolyn

*"For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope."*  
Jeremiah 29:11 (NRSV)

## Charge Conference

- November 6 at 11:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall or on Zoom.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Fall Quarter Has the Theme - Belong  
Class Meets in the Willing Workers Classroom at 10:00 A.M. Teachers: Tim Smith, Donald Rose McGhee

### November (Unit 3) - the Fellowship of the Table

Nov 7 - Shared Abundance - John 6:1-15  
Nov 14 - A Meal of Reconciliation - 1 Sam 25:2-39  
Nov 21 - Communion Connections - 1 Cor 11:17-34  
Nov 28 - Come to the Banquet - Isaiah 25:6-10, 55:1-3

*Spiritual Practices: Open Table Fellowship*

## Keeping Holy Time Bible Study

This Thursday morning group meets to study scriptures, share stories, pray for those in need, and often ends up laughing at something in the Bible. This month we will continue in the letter to the Romans. Join us at 10:00 a.m. on Thursdays. We each bring our Bibles. A good study Bible is also a great tool as we read ahead before we jump in at 10:00 a.m. We open our time together praying for the community and end each session in prayer. On good weather days,

bring your lawn chair - we will be out in the pavilion.

## Bible Year 2022

On January 1, 2022 we are embarking on the Bible Year. From Genesis to Revelation. Our goal is to read from cover to cover (even the dry books and chapters). We will saturate our lives with God's word and allow it to soak into the rich soil of our souls.

How will our life together as the Body of Christ be changed if we all covenant to read the Bible in a Year and all are reading the same passages each night/week.

You may say you have been there and done that and don't need to do it again. We can never get too much scripture and have you ever been part of a larger group reading the Bible with you?

Each week, the bulletins will include the readings for the week. The Saturday email will also hold the readings for the coming week. The monthly Chapel Chatter will provide the month's readings. Our Facebook page will include a Bible Year Group for discussion on the readings.

There is a Bible Year Journal that can be purchased through: Amazon, Cokesbury,

Abingdon Press, Kindle, Barnes and Noble, Google Play, and Target. The paper copy is around \$25.00 and the ebook runs between \$15 and 20. Currently Cokesbury publishing house has the paperback on sale for \$19.00 each. If we buy in bulk, the price is reduced per copy.

You do not need the journal to participate, but it offers insight into your daily readings and gives you places for notes.

In the planning is a week night or Sunday evening group to gather and study together. Worship planning will also have a Bible Year moment for witness to our journey together. Children and youth are encouraged to join in with the family with a nightly reading in a translation that will be easier for the children to understand.

Sign up sheets will begin to appear in December for those who want to be part of small groups.

More to come in December before we launch in January 2022!!!!

## All Souls Night

October 31st is All Souls Night. Sunset is 6:18 pm. We will begin placing candles at 5:30 p.m., gather in the Fellowship Hall or Pavilion to offer some prayers and hot cocoa or cider. Then watch the sky light up. It is a small reminder of the light each one was to us when they walked and talked with us. We have never needed a bad weather make up day, but if needed will place them out on November 1st - All Saints Day. The week of October 24th we will go through the battery operated candles to see which ones no longer shine. If you would like to bring more lights - place them in the Fellowship Hall on the Red Table. If you haven't joined us in years past, join us this October 31st - or when it is dark - drive on by.



**UMM BBQ**  
**November 5**

**\$10.00**

**Plate or Cup**

**Take out only**

**Drive Thru**

**Plates include: Chopped Pork BBQ, slaw, potato salad, hush puppies, 1 piece of bread and a piece of cake**

**John Abbott has tickets for you to sell**

## Senior Circle - November 17

We are gathering November 17 for Senior Circle. A time to be thankful and celebrate our lives together. I imagine there will be great food and some wonderful fall games. We might even sing some favorite hymns.

## Community Partners of Hope

The Emergency Men's Shelter opens on November 1st. Plank Chapel's Outward Witness Team provides a meal on the 4th Tuesday every month it is open (Nov 23, Dec 28, Jan 25, Feb 22, Mar 22. Season is November - March. The United Methodist Women are planning to serve a meal, November 30th. Families can also reserve a date to offer a meal. The link for signing up is: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904of4aabad2da6fe3-mens>

If you want to help the Outward Witness team with their meals, contact Susan Sears.

# ACTS

The 1st Sunday of the month is our ACTS Sunday - Peggy Hernandez of our Outward Witness Team contacted ACTS for the needs of the community they serve.

**Backpack Buddies:** small cans of beanie weenies, pudding cups and fruit cups, microwave mac & cheese or other microwavable pastas, small boxes of raisins, vienna sausages, packaged crackers (like nabs), juice pouches, instant oatmeal (cups or packages), individual packs of cookies or chips, individual sized boxes of cereal, individual packs of fruit snacks.

**Food Pantry Items:** canned diced tomatoes, canned chicken or tuna, packages of cookies, canned lima beans, greens or sweet peas, 18 oz jars of jelly, jiffy corn muffin mix, canned soup (any type), canned spaghetti sauce, canned dark and light kidney beans, 1 or 2 lb. bags of rice, boxes of pasta. (when possible flip top cans make it easier for families).

**Soup Kitchen Items:** gallon cans of vegetables, fruit or spaghetti sauce, mayonnaise (regular size or gallon), imitation vanilla extract, Awesome brand cleaner (Dollar Tree or Roses), brown sugar, white sugar, lemon juice, bags of cornmeal or boxes of muffin mix, cans of beef, chicken, or vegetable broth (or cubes), Ketchup, mustard, mayo packets (available at Henderson Fruit and Produce), large cans of tuna or salmon, gallon jugs of cooking oil.

**Our Thanksgiving Altar** will also go to ACTS as well as local families. Bring fresh fruit and vegetables as well as items listed above on



## November 21st.

A Celebration at ACTS in Amanda Brame's honor still needs the following items: 40 hotdogs, 320 hotdog buns, 9-12 pack assorted drinks, slaw for 180 people, baked beans for 180 people, chili for 180 people, 9-12 packs of assorted cookies. Drop off dates for these items: Nov 2 from 8:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. and Nov 9 from 2 pm - 5 pm.

## *Poinsettias for Advent and Christmas*



The order form for Poinsettias will be out the first Sunday in November. Last winter many saw them only through our Facebook Live worship. This year join us during Advent - we will have a

couple of different

people sharing the messages of Hope, Love, Joy, and Peace! If you don't find a form, just let Judy Wilson know your order, \$11.00 a plant. Deadline is November 21 to place your order.

## *Advent Begins - November 28th*

The Advent Devotion Book for 2021 is authored by Joe Kim. We have paper copies for those who do not have email access and as we did last year during Advent there will be a daily email with the devotion for that day. Should you wish to opt out of the daily email, let Pastor Carolyn know. The weekly emails with news and order of worship will continue to be sent on Saturdays, but the Advent email will only include the devotion.

## **Daylight Savings Ends - November 7**

# Community Prayers

For... Richard Coghill, Lillian Robbins, Skip Brown, Susan Babicz, Addison Rowan, Brandi Dickerson, Terry Rose (Karin Driver's sister), Nancy Nieto, David Driver, Mike Hicks, John Allen, Natasha Aiken, Alice and Ted Finch, Martha Rowland, Tilly Hughes, Freddie McGhee, Faye Young

- For... healing and reconciliation
- For... those facing medical procedures
- For... medical professionals and first responders
- 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... Our military, families, and veterans
- For... all in harms way
- For... Our nation
- For... God's world

## 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 offering at the house or mail it to Plank Chapel, c/o Financial Secretary, Mrs. Judy Wilson, 3969 Bobbitt Road, Kittrell, NC 27544.

**From our Treasurer:** The Treasurer reminds Plank Chapel leaders that church financial data is available online. COVID 19 may have precluded periodic church leadership meetings but a current financial report is always available to all church members. Contact Pastor Carolyn or Scott Ritchey for login credentials.



**United Methodist Women to meet Sunday November 21st at 3:00 p.m. new to UMW - come and join us!**





## Virtual Plank Chapel Continues

Live streaming of the 11:00 Sunday service is on Facebook. Go online to: [facebook.com/plankchapelUMC](https://www.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.

Breakfast, a devotion, and ministry planning. Join us Sunday Morning!

# November

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31 Halloween ■ 8:30 AM Awakenings ■ 10:00 AM Sunday School ■ 11:00 AM Worship ■ 5:30 PM All Souls Night	1	2 Election Day	3	4	5 BBQ 	6 ■ 11:00 AM Charge Conference - virtual
7 Daylight Saving Time ends ■ 8:30 AM Awakenings ■ 10:00 AM Sunday School ■ 11:00 AM Worship	8	9	10	11 Veterans Day ■ 10:00 AM Keeping Holy Time Bible Study	12	13
14 ■ 8:30 AM Awakenings ■ 10:00 AM Sunday School ■ 11:00 AM Worship	15	16	17 ■ 10:00 AM Senior Circle	18 ■ 10:00 AM Keeping Holy Time Bible Study	19	20
21 ■ 8:00 AM UMM ■ 10:00 AM Sunday School ■ 11:00 AM Worship ■ 3:00 PM UMW	22 ■ 6:30 PM CPOH meal	23	24	25 Thanksgiving Day ■ 12:00 PM Family Event	26 Native American Heritage Day	27 ■ 11:00 AM Family Event
28 ■ 8:30 AM Awakenings ■ 10:00 AM Sunday School ■ 11:00 AM Worship 	29 ■ 6:30 PM UMW shelter meal	30	1	2 ■ 10:00 AM Keeping Holy Time Bible Study	3	4

November and December Change Bucket  
**Project AGAPE Armenia**  
 Project AGAPE — ministry to Armenia and to some of our most desperate Christian brothers and sisters — is a collaborative effort of the North Carolina and the Western North Carolina Conferences of The United Methodist Church in a joint effort with the Armenian Apostolic Church. All of our work in Armenia is totally funded by your financial support. Please prayerfully consider giving to this wonderful mission! 100% of your gift goes to the ministry.  
 Project AGAPE brings hope to vulnerable children



**Feeding the Community**  
**ACTS**  
**1st Sunday of the month**  
**Nonperishable Goods**

COVID-19 and Variants: Prayerfully consider the habits we have learned: washing hands, sanitizer, safe distance, masking, and staying home when not feeling well