



Senior Circle

The August Senior Circle gathering is Wednesday, October 19, 2022.

Change Bucket



This month the Change Bucket will go towards **SEJ Native American Ministries** (#791842) – The

Southeastern Jurisdiction Association for Native American Ministries (SEJANAM) was created by Native Americans and established by the 1984 Jurisdictional Conference to help create:

- Awareness and Dialogue,
- New Congregations and Ministries,
- Leadership Enlistment and Training,
- Inter-Tribal Witness and Sharing,
- Cross-Cultural Witness and Sharing, and
- Sensitivity to Inclusiveness.

SEJANAM serves the 15 annual conferences of the SEJ, 23 Native American churches, 3 ministries of the SEJ, and seeks to serve approximately 210,000 Native Americans of the nine southeastern states of the SEJ.



Hey, Plank Chapel UMC, I'm so pleased to be your new Duke intern!

I've enjoyed getting to know all of you these last two weeks, and I would love for you to have the opportunity to get to know me a little better

too.

I'm from Pensacola, Florida and have lived there most of my life. I am the youngest out of three children and have two older brothers. I grew up going to First United Methodist Church of Pensacola, and after I received my BSBA in Global Marketing, I decided to pursue ministry. This led me to work full-time as the Assistant Youth Director and Communications Assistant at the same church for 4.5 years. FUMC of Pensacola has been my home church, and the home church for my paternal family for four generations. It's a historic church in Pensacola that is celebrating their 200th year anniversary this year, and as I understand it, Plank Chapel has some years on FUMC of Pensacola. What an amazing church life to celebrate!

Because of some incredible experiences I've had with a nonprofit backpacking ministry and the male and female clergy in my life, I have grown into my call for ministry which has led me to Duke Divinity and led me to you! I'm looking forward to the year we'll have together, and I'm excited to see the work the Holy Spirit will be doing in each of us and in the community of Vance county.

With love,
Katherine Varnson



The Bible Year 2022

October begins in the Gospel of Luke and we end in Acts. The daily readings on are on the calendar.

Read daily - or as your schedule allows

- Journal if you are able
- Facebook Group - Bible Year where you can leave comments, questions, blessings, struggles

FLOWERS



Do you have special dates you would like to remember through flowers on the altar for worship? Contact

Judy Wilson at judith9563@gmail.com, or 252-492-0624. If you would like a note in the bulletin about the flowers contact Pastor Carolyn's secretary at cnbroy@nccumc.org. She will place in the bulletin that flowers were given to the glory of God and in honor or memory of. . . All calendar dates are open at this time - except for the poinsettia days (Dec 4, 11, 18, 25) and Easter lilies (Apr 17).

Charge Conference

Forms are due November 2nd. Actually Charge Conference is November 16 at 6 pm (zoom) in the Fellowship Hall.

Front Yard Church

Last month I wrote about being a front yard people. Over the next few weeks in conversations, the idea was difficult to imagine as country folk have huge front yards and neighborhoods are stretched out for miles. Does this mean we throw the concept out the door as if it has no bearing on our lives or do we allow the Holy Spirit to capture our imaginations on what a front yard church might look like?

Consider with me how critical places like the local church or local schools were for creating community in years past. We had these stable, in common public places to gather and share our lives. Today with schools consolidated, communities are without that local space and as people attend multiple churches, some driving to other towns, the church has lost its central place for building neighborhood bonds. Bedroom communities mean that our neighbors spend more time elsewhere than in their homes. What might Christ be asking us to do to help bring about an engaged community that works together for good in the world?

We have started with our 4th Saturday Free Market. Those who volunteer and those who "shop" are sharing more than clothes or pots and pans but valuable time to get to know one another. October will be the last Free Market until April, so what is another way to bring neighbors together? We have the ongoing Senior Circle and coming in November our BBQ, but what might we do on our large front yard in these cooler months to get to know our neighbors? Offer the prayer cross again? Crafting days for young and old? Challenge ball games? Gatherings for sunset prayers or sunrise prayers? What about a book club or pop up movie night?

Before we introduce them to Jesus, our prayer is they have a good idea who Jesus is just by how we care for each of them. There is very little in the world right now that is a firm foundation. Followers of Jesus Christ stand on solid ground and are able to weather the storms of change because we know we do not face the storm alone. How can we help those around us come to have the same assurance? In the Walk to Emmaus community one of the expressions used is "Make a Friend, Be a Friend, and Invite a Friend to Know Jesus."

We have a great front yard...let's put it to use!

Praying with you,
Pastor Carolyn

Sunday School

Adult Bible Studies Fall

Theme: Freedom

The lessons explore the concept of salvation and God’s gracious acts in redeeming us.

Unit 2 - Justice

In the commandments that God gave in the covenant at Sinai, God repeatedly called the Israelites to extend justice and share their blessings with widows, orphans, and strangers in their midst. This triad represented the most vulnerable people within ancient society. Widows, orphans, and strangers appear frequently throughout the Old and New Testament narratives in ways that illustrate this divine mandate. The measure of justice or righteousness found throughout Scripture is whether one cares for the “widow, the orphan, and the stranger.” The lessons in this unit invite us to ask ourselves, who are the most vulnerable in our society? Who in our community are excluded from the common good? Who has trouble providing for themselves or gaining access to the courts and public services?

Scriptures: James 2:14-17, Exodus 22:21-27; 1 Kings 17:8-24, Luke 21:1-4; John 9:1-7, 35-38; Luke 18:1-8; Ezekiel 47:21-23

Spiritual Practice: Awareness



Blessing Box

Our mini food pantry

When you shop consider

purchasing an extra can of soup and extra box of Mac and Cheese. Each of us can stop by and place nonperishables, paper products, books, baby food, diapers,

incontinent products, feminine products, or cleaning items into our box for others to use. It is a blessing box and there may be a need it can fill in your life as well. Consider as you buy what may or may not handle high temperatures in our Blessing Box and thank you for sharing in the blessings.

UMM BBQ



The date is set for November 4. Tickets are being printed. Plates and cups will be \$10.00. each. Cup sign up sheets will be out later in October.

Volunteers are being recruited. There are tasks for all of us on BBQ day and some days before. Reach out to the UMM if you would like to help and they haven't "tapped" you into the fun!

Cakes - Judy Wilson will be providing a sign up for cakes and instructions. If you bring cakes - sliced and individually bagged in ziplock style bags.

Trustees

The Trustees met on September 20, 2022. They took action on painting the sanctuary, acquiring additional land for the cemetery, and selecting the best insurance policy to cover Plank Chapel UMC. Tabled items were: additional signage for the church and parsonage refreshing for an incoming pastor. Updates will be given on the sanctuary painting as we get word on the work.



Senior Circle meets the third Wednesday of every month. Each month the program is different from Bobby Jackson and company singing old time favorites to Leo Roy teaching us how to stretch. No matter the program - always food, always fellowship!

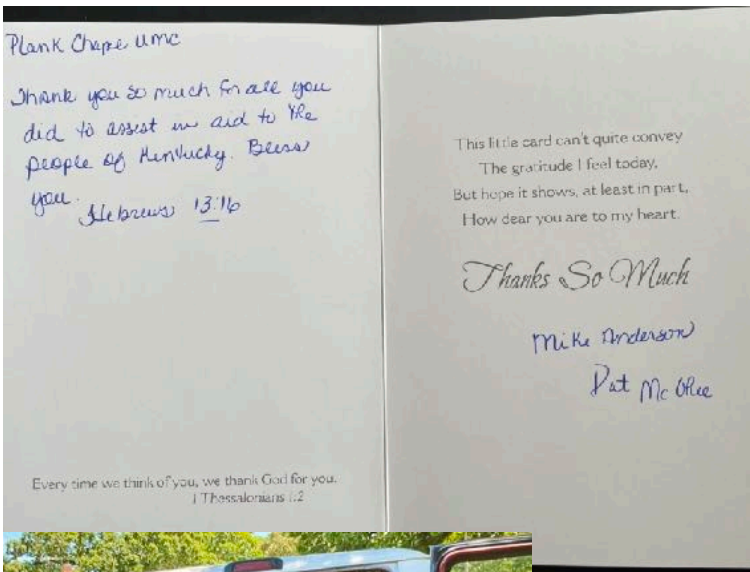


These two young men are at Parris Island in bootcamp and could use a note of encouragement:

RCT Pope, Kaden B.
1st RTBN PLT 1080
Charlie Co
Box 16140
Parris Island, SC 29905-6140

RCT Hernandez, Kevin D.
3rd RTBN PLT 3072
Kilo Co
Box 16335
Parris Island, SC 29905-6335

You may know Kaden as he attended Plank Chapel as a young boy, his mother is Melinda Faulkner. Kevin is a Franklin County resident and had rough years in high school. Let them know they are supported in prayer.





Community Prayers

For... Thomas McIntyre, Randy Ross, Steven Higgins, Russell Fuller, David Driver, Martha Rowland, Tilly Hughes, Freddie McGhee, Faye Young

- For... healing, reconciliation
- For... those facing medical procedures
- For... medical professionals and first responders
- For... those grieving
- For ... those with addictions
- 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

Newest Address for Sarah Cruz

106 Montgomery st.
Columbia, Ky.
42728

October Offerings

Saturday Craft Days



October date still to be determined
September's was a success
Bird Feeders and Halloween crafts

Free Market Saturday

October 22nd

8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Last market for 2022
reopens April 2023

Bring your items the week of
October 17-21
Setup is October 21

Thank you for all you are doing
to make the Free Market a
success

Our current plan is to hold Free
Market Saturdays through
October and start again in April



All Souls Night - Oct 31



At 5:30 p.m. we will gather and begin lighting the cemetery for our All Souls Celebration. We will be collecting battery operated tea lights to place on the stones.

The current box of lights may have some that need replacing.

UMM Sep 16 – 8:00 a.m.
UMW Sep 16 – 3:00 p.m.

October 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25 Sixteenth...ost – Green Luke 1:1–80 8:30 AM Awakenings 10:00 AM Sunday and 3 more...	26 Luke 2:1–52	27 Luke 3:1–4:13	28 Luke 4:14–5:39	29 Luke 6:1–49	30 Luke 7:1–8:39	1 Luke 8:40–9:62
2 Seventeenth...ay – Green Luke 10:1–11:36 8:30 AM Awakenings 10:00 AM Sunday 11:00 AM Worship	3 Luke 11:37–12:59	4 Luke 13:1–14:35	5 Luke 15:1–16:31	6 Luke 17:1–18:43	7 Luke 19:1–48	8 Family Reu... – Allgood Luke 20:1–21:38
9 Eighteenth...st – Green Luke 22:1–71 8:30 AM Awakenings 10:00 AM Sunday 11:00 AM Worship	10 Luke 23:1–56	11 Luke 24:1–53	12 John 1:1–2:12 Columbus Day (USA)	13 John 2:13–3:36	14 Children's Sabbath John 4:1–54	15 John 5:1–6:21
16 John 6:22–7:9 Nineteent...ay – Green 8:00 AM UMM 10:00 AM Sunday and 2 more...	17 John 7:10–8:59	18 John 9:1–10:42	19 John 11:1–12:50 10:00 AM Senior Circle	20 John 13:1–14:31	21 John 15:1–17:26	22 John 18:1–19:42 8:00 AM Free Market Saturdays
23 Twentieth...ost – Green John 20:1–21:25 8:30 AM Awakenings 10:00 AM Sunday 11:00 AM Worship	24 Acts 1:1–2:47	25 Acts 3:1–5:16 6:20 PM Shelter Meal	26 Acts 5:17–7:60	27 Acts 8:1–9:43	28 Acts 10:1–12:25	29 Acts 13:1–15:21
30 Twenty-Fi...on – Green Acts 15:22–17:34 8:30 AM Awakenings 10:00 AM Sunday 11:00 AM Worship	31 Acts 18:1–20:38 5:30 PM All Souls Night	1 All Saints...nds – White	2	3	4 UMM BBQ World Community Day	5