

CHAPEL CHATTER

Open Hearts | Open Minds | Wide Open Doors

Deepest Gratitude

Johnny and Donald Rose McGhee are so thankful for community and family and friends for prayers, cards, calls, food and texts in this time of sickness. Donald Rose and Pat Edwards would like to thank the UMM, UMW, and the people of Plank Chapel UMC for your generosity in giving to the families at Zeb Vance Elementary School. Your giving demonstrates the abundant love of God.

Senior Circle

The January Senior Circle gathering is Wednesday, January 19, 2022. All our welcome. Food, friends, and a program to inspire or delight.

Change Bucket

This month the Change Bucket will go towards Ruin Creek Animal Protection Society of North Carolina. This nonprofit works to rescue animals that enter Vance County Animal Shelter and need new homes.



In the Beginning...

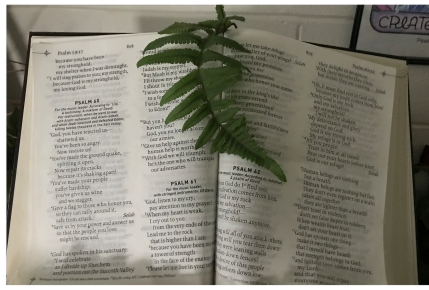
The first three words of Genesis. So we begin. It is winter. The trees are bare of leaves and the ground is cold and brown as we read those words of creation. God, our creator, our Father created a universe filled with beauty and wonder. It is beyond our scope of imagining. I have been watching the news about a new telescope that may show us the birth of solar systems. Imagine getting glimpses into that moment of creation by God. "Let there be light" and light explodes full of life into the darkness of an empty world.

The first words in the Gospel of John are: "In the beginning was the word, the word was with God, and the word was God." Jesus

Shelter Meals for January

January 9 - UMM provide meals to the shelter - delivery time is 6:45 p.m. Prepare plates arrive at the church at 6:15 p.m.

25 - Contact Susan Sears to assist - 252-213-0250



The Bible Year 2022

It's here - the Bible Year. The January readings are include on the calendar page.

- Read daily
- Journal if you are able
- Attend a small group to discuss what your are reading:
 - Saturdays at 4:00 p.m. at the parsonage
 - Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. on zoom. Ask Pastor Carolyn for the zoom link.
- Facebook Group - Bible Year where you can leave comments, questions, blessings, struggles

Each week in the bulletin will be the readings for Monday - Sunday.

Each month in the Chapel Chatter, the calendar will lay out the readings for the month.

Each Sunday in worship there will be a Bible Year moment to reflect on the previous week's readings. Include your insights if you worship with us live on Facebook.

Let's start reading!!!!

the word of God was there at the beginning of all of creation. So was the Holy Spirit hovering over the waters. Do you realize that God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit not only present at creation but is with us today?

Our Advent song, "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" lifts out the name Emmanuel from the gospel of Matthew, "Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel," which means, "God is with us." (Matthew 1:23) Consider with me that the creative power of God is still with us, calling us into a relationship that will change the world. The world is no longer formless or void but it certainly is chaotic. As we step into a new year, may we consider new ways of being church, new ways to proclaim the good news, new ways to care for our neighbor, new ways to care for God's created world.

We may feel we have lost too much these past two years. We have lost people, we have lost opportunities to gather with family and friends, or maybe we have lost energy to create, to begin anew. Take time to grieve what has been lost knowing that in that grief God is also with you.

When you are ready to begin anew, God will be with you there too.

We are trying new things at Plank Chapel. Our Free Market Saturdays are not just days to give away books, dishes, furniture, pictures, other household items, or food. Outward Witness sees these Saturdays as opportunities to meet our neighbors and begin to form some relationships.

Our Bible Year is another new thing. It is my prayer that you form a group to share what you are reading. It may be friends, coworkers, or you make it a family practice. How might this change how we see our relationship to God and to the world. Join in the reading - who knows as we progress through the scriptures there may be surprises along the way.

It is the first month of a new year. Consider how you might allow God to create in you a new beginning. What needs renewing, refreshing? Do not be afraid, God is with us.

Praying with you,

Pastor Carolyn



Community Prayers

For... Donald Rose and Johnny McGhee, Chuck Oakley, Rod Inscoe Jr, Marvin Daniel, Brandi Dickerson, Kay Deans, Lillian Robbins, Skip Brown, Susan Babicz, Addison Rowan, Brandi Dickerson, 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 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

Free Market Saturday

January 22

8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

What is Free Market Saturday? A time to share with the community our own clothing, knick knacks, furniture, pictures, food, toys, outdoor equipment, and maybe in the spring surplus from our gardens.

What can you do? Bring items for the Free Market the week of January 16-21. We will use the youth room as our collection point. Do not bring items before the 16th. We will be sorting and arranging the night of January 21st. All items must go after 2 pm on Saturday. If you want your non "purchased" items returned to you - pick them up after 2 pm that Saturday, otherwise all remaining items will go to Salvation Army or Lifeline.

What else can you do? Come help sort on Friday or come on Saturday to help our "customers" and get to know our neighbors. The more volunteers the merrier the work!

Our first market may be a little bare, but we are excited for what we can share - you do not need to empty your closets in January - we will have a Free Market every 4th Saturday of every month. Cannot wait to share!

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...January 2nd would be the first Sunday available - claim it today!!!!

All calendar dates are open at this time - except for the poinsettia days (Dec 4, 11, 18, 25) and Easter lilies (Apr 17).

Conference-Wide Leadership Training

for Lay Leaders, Trustees, Finance, and S/PPRC

January 9, 2022 @ 3:00 pm – 4:30 pm

Join us for one of four virtual workshops designed to equip you to serve in your local church as Lay Leader or on the Finance, Trustees, or Staff/Pastor Parish Relations Committee.

Whether you are starting a new leadership role, or have been serving in church leadership for years, we hope this model of leadership training will prepare you for your much-needed ministry. Laity and clergy in partnership with one another is the key to a church's success in making disciples.

How It Works: We will host four concurrent Zoom meetings, and registrants choose the training that they need. If you need more than one training, register for the session you would like to attend live. We will then send you the recording of any additional training you need.

Who Can Register? Anyone! We send invitations to the Lay Leader and the Chair of each committee: Finance, Trustees, and S/PPRC. However, we heartily recommend that all committee members attend the training. It is helpful when all committee members receive the same instruction. ***In addition, anyone who wants to learn more about how these committees work is more than welcome to join.***

In addition, all who register for the Conference-Wide Leadership Training are invited to join us for a second virtual workshop:

Relational Covenants with Molly Shivers.

Sunday, January 23, 3-4:30pm ET.

Conflict is a natural, normal, and necessary part of life. When navigated faithfully, conflict can be transformed from a destructive dynamic to a constructive force that produces growth.

Relational covenants are powerful tools for transforming conflict because they provide clear expectations to guide human relationships. This session will describe what relational covenants are, why we need them, and how we create them.

There is no need to register separately. Just let us know that you'd like to participate when you register

for your Conference Wide Leadership Training session.

Ready to save your seat?

<https://nccumc.org/leadership/event/conference-wide-leadership-training/>

Interested in the training but uncertain about a zoom meeting? Pastor Carolyn can help you connect to the zoom meeting you registered for and she will also get video of the meeting itself if chairpersons wish to share the training with their committees or teams.

Other Conference Related Information:

Tables 1, 2, and 3 are due by January 30th. Trustees, Finance, Membership, UMM, UMW will have information to report. Pastor Carolyn will be sending the table requests to the various chairpersons or Presidents. George Speake will offer training on how to complete tables I, II, and III on January 11 at 11:00 a.m.

Conference United Methodist Women

UMW Invites You to Their New Book Club!

We are excited about our new Book Club. The Club will read books from the Reading Program List. The Club will meet on the second Monday of each month from 6 pm to 7 pm. Below are the book choices for the next discussion.

- January 10 – ***[Great Small Things by Jodi Picoult](#)***

The book discussions will be **facilitated by Jeanne Murray**. Jeanne is a wonderful United Methodist Woman, a Lay Speaker and a retired English teacher.

To receive the ZOOM link for the discussions, please send an email to **NCCUMW.Webmaster@gmail.com**.



January 16 - 8:00 a.m. UMM
January 16 - 3:00 p.m. UMW

January 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 8:30 AM Awakenings 10:00 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship	27	28 6:30 PM CPOH meal	29	30 10:00 AM Keeping Holy Time Bible Study	31 Day off f... Year's Day New Year's Eve 7:00 PM Watch Night Service	1 New Year's Day Genesis 1.1-3:24
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9 Genesis 24:1-25:18 8:30 AM Awakenings 10:00 AM Sunday 11:00 AM Worship	10 Genesis 25:19-28:9	11 Genesis 28:10-30:43 7:00 PM Outward Witness	12 Genesis 31:1-36:43 7:00 PM Bible Year Small Group	13 Genesis 37:1-41:57	14 Genesis 42:1-45:28	15 Genesis 46:1-50:26 4:00 PM Bible Year Small Group
16 Exodus 1:1-4:31 8:00 AM UMM 10:00 AM Sunday 11:00 AM Worship 3:00 PM UMW	17 Martin Luther Jr. Day Exodus 5:1-7:13	18 Exodus 7:14-12:30	19 Exodus 12:31-15:21 10:00 AM Senior Circle 7:00 PM Bible Year Small Group	20 Exodus 15:22-18:27 10:00 AM Keeping Holy Time Bible Study	21 Exodus 19:1-21:36	22 Exodus 22:1-24:18 9:00 AM Free Market Saturdays 4:00 PM Bible Year Small Group
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