

# CHAPEL CHATTER

Open Hearts | Open Minds | Wide Open Doors



## Senior Circle

The May Senior Circle gathering is Wednesday, May 18, 2022.

## Change Bucket

This month the Change Bucket will go towards **Rebuilding Hope**. The mission of **Rebuilding Hope, Inc** is to provide resources and coordinate rewarding opportunities for individuals or groups who are called to restore hope in broken lives in the Henderson, North Carolina and surrounding areas. Our ministry uses home repairs to meet the physical needs of hurting people, but most importantly, to gain the opportunity to share the gospel of Jesus Christ, the only way to meet their spiritual needs. In sharing his loving message with the lost through both actions and words, we seek to strengthen the faith of our participants, as well as those in crisis or need.



## Table Talk

The first Sunday in May, the Gospel lesson is John 21:1-19. Jesus has died, risen and the disciples are confused about their next steps so they go back to what they know, fishing. They go to Galilee where Jesus told them he would come to them. As I reflect on this

passage I am reminded of two years when life as a church family was very different. We were isolated and worshiped across screens and through masks. Slowly restrictions have lifted and we too are tempted to go back to what we knew worship to be. In the Gospel of John, it is here that Jesus interrupts the return to normal.

On the shoreline Jesus is cooking fish over a glowing fire. He calls out to the disciples who are having trouble catching anything. His instructions spark remembrance in Peter and he swims to shore.

During the meal, Jesus and Simon have an exchange. I was reading a commentary about the name Jesus uses. He doesn't call him Peter, he calls him Simon. The author of the commentary suggests that Jesus wanted Peter to remember the beginning of his journey as a disciple. He was Simon the fisherman before he was called. He is now Peter, the rock, the shepherd of the people who are followers of Jesus Christ.

Meals help us remember. Often on holidays the table talk is filled with stories of holidays past and people who may not be at our tables.

As the body of Christ there is one table we all share. The communion table is a place for us to remember. We remember the creation of the universe. We remember the creator. We remember love both divine and human. We remember Jesus who healed the sick, fed the hungry, ate with sinners and declared that the time had come when God would save God's people.

At that table long ago Jesus broke bread and shared it with his betrayer, the one who would deny him, and those who would desert him. He lifted the cup and gave thanks to God and share it with the same group telling them that the cup was "the blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins." He instructed those at the table to eat the bread and drink the cup often in remembrance of him.



### The Bible Year 2022

It's here - the Bible Year. In May we are in the book of Psalms.

- Read daily - or as your schedule allows
- Journal if you are able
- Attend a small group to discuss what you are reading:
  - Thursday mornings at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall
  - Sundays at 7:00 p.m. at the parsonage
- 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](mailto: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](mailto: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).

Over the course of these two years we have had unique ways to come to the table of the Lord. Some months the cup and plate were empty. We are returning to the table this month with the shared cup and the common bread. As we return, may we consider that meal at the shoreline.

For three years Jesus walked and talked with his disciples, healing and teaching along the way, showing them the way in which they were to go, the work they were to do. While eating fish with Simon Peter he asks him three times, do you love me and with each yes from Simon Peter, he asks him to feed, tend to his flock.

Through the centuries we have been coming to the table of the Lord. Christ's church has taught, baptized, confirmed, and joined people to the body of Christ. People came in the thousands when Peter preached at Pentecost. People no longer flock to the doors of sanctuaries to hear of this Jesus.

I believe we are challenged as Simon Peter was challenged to rethink our future. It is not a question of relevance, it is a question of surrender. May we surrender our comfortable lives of faith to God's will upon our lives and answer the call to "Go and make disciples." I believe Jesus intended us to welcome all through our doors, saints, sinners, people of all races, nations, and sexual orientation. I also believe Jesus was about sending us into the places of discomfort to meet people right where they are and come to know them.

Best place to get to know one another is at a table. Invite your neighbor over for dinner and a little table talk. Jesus will be there with you.

Praying with you,  
Pastor Carolyn



### Blessings for Blessing

Our blessing of the animals Saturday received a blessing. A reporter from the Daily Dispatch put us on the front page. Kopper is pictured here. He was featured in the article. This month we are blessing motorcycles. Invite the riders you know to come out on **May 16 at 9:00 a.m.** to have their bikes blessed for the coming riding season.

### Sunday School

We will be alternating between two different lesson plans. We will be working out of the Adult Bible Studies - Spring theme of "Follow" with two units "The Mark You Make" and "The Steps You Take." Our other lesson book is the Standard Quarterly Lessons KJV. The spring themes are: God Frees and Redeems and the scriptures that explore those themes are: Deuteronomy, Ezra, Matthew, John, Romans, Galatians



### Community Prayers

For...Sally Coghill, Robin Bumpass, Robert Almeida-Beers, Charles Woodlief, Joyce Edwards, Cameron Patrick Medlin, Marvin Daniel, Tim Smith, Lillian Robbins, Brandi Dickerson, Nancy Nieto, Mike Hicks, John Allen, Natasha Aiken, 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

Each week we are recording the lessons so that those who are safer at home can have access to the lessons. Tim would be grateful for any who would like to be substitute teachers should he be unavailable.

### Children's Church

It is a joy to have our children in church and in their own Children's Church, but right now we will wait until it is safe for them to do so. As parents or grandparents are comfortable, children may attend at 11:00 a.m. in the sanctuary.



### Free Market Saturday

May 28

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 May 23, 2022. We will use the youth room as our collection point. We will be sorting and arranging the night of May 27th. 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, or Safe Space.

**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!

### ACTS Food Sunday - May 1 and 15

Drop off non perishable food items and paper goods for the ministry to the poor that is ACTS.

### Coming in May

May 14 - Blessing of the Bikes - 9:00 a.m.

May 29th - Our new Field Ed Student: Ian Bardwell -

Hello Plank Chapel UMC Family!!!!



My name is Ian Bardwell, and I am excited to be your intern for this summer. I am originally from rural Indiana and my family currently lives in West Lafayette. I have just finished my second year at Duke Divinity School, and I am currently starting the ordination process in the United Methodist Church. I graduated from Furman University in Greenville, SC in 2019 with degrees in Religion and Classics. My hobbies include woodworking, coffee, and brewing beer. I am also a huge baseball and college basketball fan (Go Blue Devils! I hope you don't hold that against me). I can't wait to hear about the stories of the community and be with y'all this summer! Until then I am praying for y'all and can't wait to meet in person.

Peace and Blessings,

Ian



### **Mother's Day - May 8 - Its history and a prayer.**

In 1872 Julia Ward Howe introduced in Boston Massachusetts "Mother's Day for Peace" as a day dedicated to peace. There is an old English Sunday in mid-Lent focused on returning home and pay homage to one's mother. This day we currently celebrated began in May 1907 at the

Methodist Episcopal Church in Grafton, West Virginia. Anna Jarvis, a Methodist laywoman organized this day to honor her mother who died on May 9, 1905. By 1908 Anna Jarvis was advocating that all mothers be honored on the second Sunday in May, and in 1912 the Methodist Episcopal Church recognized the day and raise it to the national agenda. (UMBOW pg 438)

For our mothers, who have given us life and love, that we may show them reverence and love, we pray to the Lord...

For mothers who have lost a child through death, that their faith may give them hope, and their family and friends support and console them, we pray to the Lord...

For women, though without children of their own, who like mothers have nurtured and cared for us, we pray to the Lord...

For mothers, who have been unable to be a source of strength, who have not responded to their children and have not sustained their families, we pray to the Lord...

Loving God, as a mother gives life and nourishment to her children, so you watch over your Church. Bless these women, that they may be strengthened as Christian mothers. Let the example of their faith and love shine forth. Grant that we, their sons and daughters, may honor them always with a spirit of profound respect. Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

(UMBOW pg 438, Book of Blessings, USA 20th Century, alt)

## **Homecoming 2022**

July 10, 2022 will be Homecoming Sunday. Currently in the plans are our District Superintendent Rev. Ismael Ruiz-Milan as our preacher. At 2:00 p.m. we will have a concert on the lawn (or indoors depending on weather) with Unashamed.

What we need from you are pictures. We want to make a video of our history in pictures. We promise to return your photos to you after we have copied them to the files.

Also in the plans, a meal. As good Methodists that will be a covered dish meal with some of the main dishes supported by our UMM and UMW.

The July Chapel Chatter will also include stories. So start collecting those memories. We may even create a memory book. Does anyone know the story of the windows?

Then...take the time to cast a vision for our future. What will we look like in 5 years, 10 years and beyond.



United Methodist Women - May 15 - 3:00 p.m.  
 United Methodist Men May 15 - 8:00 a.m.

# May 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Third Sun...ite or Gold Psalms 1:1-4:8 8:30 AM Awakenings 10:00 AM Sunday 11:00 AM Worship- 3:00 PM Church 7:00 PM Bible Year	2 Psalms 5:1-8:9	3 Psalms 9:1-12:8 6:30 PM Outward Witness	4 Psalms 13:1-16:11	5 National Day of Prayer Psalms 17:1-20:9	6 Psalms 21:1-24:10 May Friendship Day	7 Psalms 25:1-28:9
8 Fourth Su...ite or Gold Psalms 29:1-32:11 8:30 AM Awakenings 10:00 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship	9 Psalms 33:1-36:12	10 Psalms 37:1-41:13	11 Psalms 42:1-45:17	12 Psalms 46:1-49:20 10:00 AM Keeping Holy Time Bible Study	13 Psalms 50:1-53:6	14 Psalms 54:1-56:11 9:00 AM Blessing of the bikes
15 Psalms 57:1-59:17 Fifth Sund...ite or Gold 8:00 AM UMM 10:00 AM Sunday 11:00 AM Worship 3:00 PM UMW 7:00 PM Bible Year	16 Psalms 60:1-63:11	17 Psalms 64:1-68:35	18 Psalms 69:1-72:20 10:00 AM Senior Cir- cle	19 Psalms 73:1-75:10 10:00 AM Keeping Holy Time Bible Study	20 Psalms 76:1-78:72	21 Psalms 79:1-84:12
22 Sixth Sund...ite or Gold Psalms 85:1-89:52 8:30 AM Awakenings 10:00 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship 7:00 PM Bible Year	23 Psalms 90:1-95:11	24 Psalms 96:1-101:8 Aldersgate Day	25 Psalms 102:1-104:35	26 Psalms 105:1-107:43 Ascension...ite or Gold 10:00 AM Keeping Holy Time Bible Study 6:00 PM Kittrell Com- munity Watch	27 Psalms 108:1-112:10	28 Psalms 113:1-118:29 8:00 AM Free Market Saturdays
29 Psalms 119:1-88 Seventh S...ite or Gold 8:30 AM Awakenings 10:00 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship 7:00 PM Bible Year	30 Memorial Day (USA) Psalms 119:89-176	31 Psalms 120:1-126:6	1 Psalms 127:1-130:8	2 Psalms 131:1-136:26 10:00 AM Keeping Holy Time Bible Study	3 Psalms 137:1-140:13	4 Psalms 141:1-144:15