

CHAPEL CHATTER

Open Hearts | Open Minds | Wide Open Doors

Senior Circle

The June Senior Circle gathering is Wednesday, June 15, 2022.

Change Bucket

This month the Change Bucket will go towards **Rebuilding Hope, Servants on Site.**

Mission Statement:

SERVANTS ON SITE exists as an extension of Rebuilding Hope, Inc. We are a tool for churches to mobilize, equip, and disciple students in an evangelistic effort to impact a lost and fallen world with The Gospel of Jesus Christ. **SOS (Servants on Site)** is our summer event. Local and out-of-town groups of youth who have completed 6th grade, along with their adult group leaders, are housed locally. Crews are formed from a pool of all participants and go out Monday-Friday to do hands-on ministry to a local homeowner. Breakfast, supper and worship are at Central Baptist Church. **Local churches minister to the crews and provide on-site lunch Monday-Friday.**



I am the church, you are the church, we are the church together...

June bursts into our lives with Pentecost Holy Spirit fire. It is hard to imagine that day when tongues were loosened and people were convicted, repented, and thousands were added to the Body of Christ.

As Acts 2 continues it tells us how the community gathered, worshipped, provided for the needs of the community, and broke bread together. This did not happen in a Holy Spirit bubble. The world around them was challenging. There were Jews and Gentiles, Jews who followed Jesus and Gentiles who followed Jesus. Then there was the Roman empire with a strong distrust of the growing Jesus movement. The growing church faced challenges within and from without. Paul and others were hunting them down and killing them. Yet, yet, the church kept growing and the Holy Spirit kept moving and Jesus knocked Paul off his donkey.

This Eastertide we have been reading and hearing of the power of God moving through disciples and ordinary people, changing the world. The world did change. The Christian church became the state church and missionaries, monks, priests moved across the continents to proclaim the good news.

Our history is filled with wonder mixed with challenges. What stands out for me is the message remains the message and each person who encounters Jesus finds salvation and a changed life.

What does all this mean for us. It means God is not finished with us yet. It means the gospel message has power. It means



The Bible Year 2022

It's here - the Bible Year. In June we finish Psalms and go on to Proverbs and the Song of Solomon. The daily readings on are on the calendar.

Read daily - or as your schedule allows

- Journal if you are able
- Attend a small group to discuss what your are reading:
 - Thursday mornings at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall
 - 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...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).

love will win. It means we are to stay the course, have faith, love one another and let God bring about the harvest.

Annual Conference this year may be filled with voices about disaffiliation and division and the cadence of the song of unity will be lost. Yet, yet, June is also the month of Pentecost and if we believe in God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit then we can walk in the faith that one day there will be one hope, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of us all.

In the meantime, we are the church together. When people travel to Henderson on Bobbitt Road, our steeple points high and our carillons ring out songs of faith. We don't know the stories of the passengers in the cars. My prayer is that they hear God's story through us so that God's church can grow at pentecostal rates.

Praying with you,
Pastor Carolyn

Annual Conference 2022

June 15-18

Greenville Convention Center

This year's theme is Graceful Justice - Rooted in Our Baptism

This will be Bishop Leonard E. Fairley's first annual conference with North Carolina Conference. Your lay member, Lori Litton will be attending with Pastor Carolyn. With much in transition in the denomination, pray for the gathering of laity and clergy that we may speak truth to one another in love. The July Chapel Chatter will offer a report.

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.





Community Prayers

For... Bob Beers, Sally Coghill,
 Charles Woodlief, Joyce Edwards,
 Marvin Daniel, Tim Smith, Nancy
 Nieto, Mike Hicks, 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

REBUILDING HOPE, INC SPONSORS TWO MINISTRIES:

SERVANTS ON SITE

June 20-25

We will provide lunches to a team we are given to sponsor
 Monday through Thursday of that week
 Your Change Bucket donations will go towards our financial
 support of the team through Rebuilding Hope

KIDS' CONSTRUCTION CAMP

Description: KCC gives 2nd-6th graders hands-on experiences
 with basic construction skills as they rotate through stations such
 as Hammer & Nails, Electrical & Plumbing, Block Laying and
 Building a Birdhouse. Call or email for more information or to
 sign up.

Sunday School

Adult Bible Studies Summer 2022

Theme: Transform

The lessons this quarter begin with a look at the ministry
 of the Holy Spirit that brings new life to us as members of
 the body of Christ. Jesus tells the disciples in John's
 Gospel that he must leave so that the Comforter or Holy
 Spirit could come. The Spirit will lead and guide us into
 all truth and bring gifts and graces to all who will receive
 them. This transforming power prepares us for ministry in
 the world. The Holy Spirit's work in empowering us to be
 the church and carry out its mission is not limited to time
 and space.

Unit 1: The Fruit of the Spirit

Paul used the metaphor of fruit to help us understand
 that our lives are like the first fruits of offering. Through
 participation in Christ's crucifixion through baptism, we
 have offered our lives to God's service. The Holy Spirit
 then gives us gifts to display.

Scriptures: Acts 2:1-4, 17-21, 33, 38-39; 1 Corinthians
 2:10-16; Galatians 5:13-21; Galatians 5:22-26

Spiritual Practice: Silence



Compassion Camp coming in July

Compassion Camp is our Saturday Vacation Bible School - it will run 4 Saturdays - July 30, August 6, 13, and 20. We will take children from 3-11 years of age. Camp runs from 9:00 a.m. and dismisses at noon. There will be a snack mid way through. Volunteers are being recruited now for Compassion Camp - are you ready to volunteer? Contact Lori Litton or Sally Coghill.



Ian Bardwell

As we are beginning Ordinary Time for the summer, I wanted to reflect on one of the most important stories in the Bible, one of the stories that gives us the ability to speak about Jesus in our language, Pentecost. It is a miraculous story, not because it undoes anything in the Old Testament, but it gives us the freedom to speak of Jesus and the miracle of his Life, Death, and Resurrection in our own tongue. One of the most beautiful parts of the Pentecost story is when everyone in the square starts hearing the Apostles preach, “And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each.” (Acts 2:4). While there were some in the crowd that thought the Apostles were drunk, this beautifully represents both the story of Jesus and the story of the Bible itself. It represents Jesus because Jesus was a person speaking a language (Aramaic) that had fallen out of favor, where Greek was the dominant language. He would have been looked down upon because his grammar wasn’t correct and caused controversy with the message he was preaching, that God loved them and was for them. People scoffed, thought he was ignorant, and eventually killed him because of this message. However, that did not stop Jesus from proclaiming his message from God the Father. Pentecost also represents the Bible itself. It is a multilingual book (at least three, Hebrew, Aramaic, and Greek) spanning multiple regions of the globe. Pentecost invites us to step into that multilingual story and contribute a voice of our own. We can and should participate with the story that directs our lives. A prayer that I have for this summer is that I will be able to step into and speak stories to y’all and to hear the stories of Christ in this community. May the blessings of Jesus Christ be with you all to speak your story in your own way.



**Free Market
Saturday
June 25 -
8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.**

Bring your items the week of June 20-24
Setup is June 24
Thank you for all you are doing to make
the Free Market a success

From our Bishop: *“O that my head were a spring of water, and my eyes a fountain of tears, so that I might weep day and night for the slain of my poor people!”* (Jeremiah 9:1)

Hearts once again struggle for words that will not come easily. Grief brought about by another senseless act of violence at the hands of a teenager with guns has once again settled heavily in our spirit like “a voice heard in Ramah, mourning and great weeping, Rachel weeping for her children and refusing to be comforted, because they are no more.” (Jeremiah 31:15)

Will the tears be enough?

Will the prayers be enough?

Will statements and media sound bites be enough?

Will the countless social media posts be enough?

Will time once again slip away while we debate what must be done, attempting to brace ourselves for the next tragedy? Enough rhetoric already.

“My tears have been my food day and night, while they say to me all day long, ‘Where is your God?’” (Psalm 42:3)

Will the silence of children’s voices, once vibrant with so much life ahead of them, or brown bodies lying lifeless in grocery store aisles, or the taking of lives in houses of worship, be enough? Will these tragedies linger long enough in our collective tears to remove the fear of what it might cost to follow our words with actions? The price of our lack of will has already cost too much.

We must bear this hurt collectively; it is all of ours. “Is there no balm in Gilead? Is there no physician there?” (Jeremiah 8:22) What if the great physician, Jesus, the prince of peace, our peace in the midst of the storm, has already diagnosed the sickness and written the prescription, but we refuse to take the medicine? What if what awaits is our courage to do whatever is necessary to transform the question mark of our current laments of “why?” into

the exclamation point of life and hope strong enough to lead us into necessary change.

NO MORE! ENOUGH IS ENOUGH. Come, Lord Jesus, come! Lord, have mercy

In Christ, Leonard E. Fairley

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Coming soon
Filling with nonperishables



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. The United Methodist Men will be cooking chicken, potatoes and beans. Drinks and desserts supported by UMW and Inward Formation.

The July Chapel Chatter will also include stories. So start collecting those memories. Then...take the time to cast a vision for our future. What will we look like in 5 years, 10 years and beyond.



June 2022

United Methodist Women - June 19 - 3:00 p.m.
 United Methodist Men June 19 - 8:00 a.m.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 Psalms 119:1-88 Seventh S...hite or Gold ■ 8:30 AM Awakenings ■ 10:00 AM Sunday School ■ 11:00 AM Worship	30 Psalms 119:89-176 Memorial Day (USA)	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
5 Psalms 145:1-150:6 Pentecost - Red ■ 8:30 AM Awakenings ■ 10:00 AM Sunday School ■ 11:00 AM Worship - 3:00 PM Inward Formation	6 Proverbs 1:1-2:22	7 Proverbs 3:1-35	8 Proverbs 4:1-5:23	9 Proverbs 6:1-7:27 ■ 10:00 AM Keeping Holy Time Bible Study	10 Proverbs 8:1-9:18	11 Proverbs 10:1-11:31
12 Proverbs 12:1-13:25 First Sund...ite or Gold ■ 8:30 AM Awakenings ■ 10:00 AM Sunday School ■ 11:00 AM Worship ■ 3:00 PM Worship Cmte	13 Proverbs 14:1-35	14 Proverbs 15:1-33	15 NCCUMC Annual Conference Proverbs 16:1-33 ■ 10:00 AM Senior Circle	16 Proverbs 17:1-18:24 ■ 10:00 AM Keeping Holy Time Bible Study	17 Proverbs 19:1-20:30	18 Proverbs 21:1-22:29
19 Second Su...th - Green Juneteenth Proverbs 23:1-35 ■ 8:00 AM UMM ■ 10:00 AM Sunday ■ 11:00 AM Worship ■ 3:00 PM UMW	20 Proverbs 24:1-34	21 Proverbs 25:1-26:28	22 Proverbs 27:1-29:27	23 Proverbs 30:1-33 ■ 10:00 AM Keeping Holy Time Bible Study	24 Proverbs 31:1-31	25 Ecclesiastes 1:1-2:26 ■ 8:00 AM Free Market Saturdays
26 Ecclesiastes 3:1-5:20 Third Sun...ost - Green ■ 8:30 AM Awakenings ■ 10:00 AM Sunday School ■ 11:00 AM Worship	27 Ecclesiastes 6:1-8:17	28 Ecclesiastes 9:1-12:14 John Wesle...ay (1703)	29 Song of So...1:1-4:16	30 Song of So...5:1-8:14 ■ 10:00 AM Keeping Holy Time Bible Study	1 Song of So...1:1-4:16	2 Song of So...5:1-8:14 ■ 10:00 AM Keeping Holy Time Bible Study