

CHAPEL CHATTER

Open Hearts | Open Minds | Wide Open Doors

Senior Circle

The August Senior Circle gathering is Wednesday, August 17, 2022. Bobby Jackson has been invited to join in the fun and share some songs..

Change Bucket

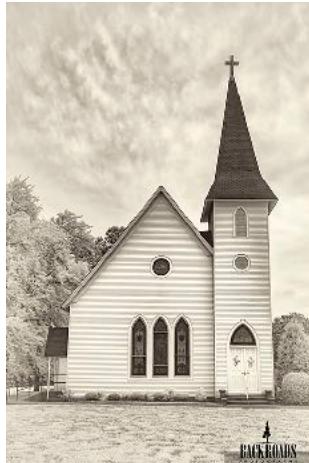
This month the Change Bucket will go towards **ACTS** - Agency's Goals and Programs: The goal of ACTS is to provide a warm meal to those who may otherwise go without. ACTS also offers a food donation program to help with a personal soup kitchen warehouse and to help with other community food supplies

Agency Impact on Community: ACTS has made a big impact on the community by always being ready to help those who are in need. They provide hundreds of meals per month, and these meals help to keep the less fortunate fed and give them hope.

Volunteer Duties: Organizing food supplies, helping with food preparation, serving food, cleaning and maintaining the ACTS facility.

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A Future with Hope

I have chosen a special picture of Plank Chapel. The photographer was James Daniel of Backroads Photography. He has given us permission to use his photos as long as we credit his work. I chose this particular picture because it was taken in the spring of 2022, not in the winter and not in 1780. It holds a vintage look of our past, yet is of our present.

What we will look like in the future is

unknown, our physical plant, the people in our pews, our mission in the community, or even the name on our sign.

We have been journeying through the prophets in our Bible Year Challenge. Each prophet paints bleak pictures of God's people who continually turn to other Gods or worldly ways. The prophets always speak of hope even in times of exile.

Jeremiah 29:11 is often shared with our graduating seniors. *"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."*

In the climate of our world, our nation, and God's church I believe we need to hear these words as well.

In these next few months our focus as a body of Christ will be hope and our future. Isaiah speaks of dreams and visions for both the young and the old. What dreams and visions do we have for following Jesus in lives?

We are not called to take a template of our past and superimpose it on our future. We are called to seek Christ in all people and to proclaim the good news of salvation so that the world might be saved. Our struggle is how to grow as disciples and how to call others into discipleship. Our current efforts in outreach are 4th Saturdays and our Blessing Box. People in our community are stepping inside our doors who haven't done so before. In another month, we are offering some life skill classes.



The Bible Year 2022

It's here - the Bible Year. In August we stay in the prophets, but end our Old Testament readings. August ends as we begin the Gospel of Matthew. 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...All calendar dates are open at this time - except for the poinsettia days (Dec 4, 11, 18, 25) and Easter lilies (Apr 17).

One class on basic money management and another class to teach cooking skills. Future months could include classes on wood working, technology, music, sewing, household maintenance tasks. The only limit is our imagination. Do you have a skill to share? Are you afraid you cannot teach? We can partner you with teaching assistants who will guide the class while you share the skills.

In earlier Chapel Chatters I wrote about a house church possibility. We have family, friends, neighbors who want to know Christ but for a multitude of reasons do not want to enter a church. One way to be the church is to open the doors of your home and invite these neighbors in to a meal and a discussion around the scripture. Nothing formal, I will be there with you.

How do we grow in our discipleship? We currently offer two very different worship services, one of which includes on line participation, one Sunday school class (video uploaded to YouTube), one Bible Study focused on our Bible Year challenge. This fall we may engage in a teaching/learning opportunity in Amplify. More details are in the pages of this Chapel Chatter.

With all the great unknowns before us, one thing remains, God is faithful even when we believe God has abandoned us. God is with us always. God's future for us is one filled with hope. We are asked to step into that future, it may have pitfalls, we may have to course correct, we may fall or fail, but may we never give up following the one who will not give up on us.

Praying with you,

Pastor Carolyn

Sunday School

Adult Bible Studies Summer
Theme: Transform

The final four lessons in this quarter explore a problem that has plagued humankind throughout the ages— violence! How do we as the people of God confront and overcome this menace to the faith?

Unit 3: The Pursuit of the People

God's word established a created order that depends on fruitfulness and cultivation rather than violence to maintain it, but humanity through its rivalries brings violence into God's created order. It is clear from Scripture that God's intent is to reestablish shalom, the Hebrew word that means "a shared well-being and



Community Prayers

For... Russell Fuller, Charles Woodlief, Joyce Edwards, Nancy Nieto, 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

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abundance." While violence remains a part of the created order, God does not quietly sanction the human use of violence and calls us to imitate God's love and work toward shalom.

Scriptures: 1 Chronicles 22:6-10, 17-19; Matthew 5:9, 38-48; Ephesians 2:11-22; Matthew 26:47-56

Spiritual Practice: Remembering

Amplify Media

The Church Council will be considering a subscription to Amplify Media. In September, with their approval we will have access to 1000's of study, worship, and devotional videos, any time, anywhere and on any device, even video of our Sunday school curriculum and our Bible Year Challenge. <https://my.amplifymedia.com>. To help us make this decision, please check out the study opportunities on the website. Let Pastor Carolyn know if this is something you would access. We can use these individually or as group studies. It is not just for adults there are children's worship, Sunday School, youth videos, and devotionals. We need to hear if this resource is one you would use.

Ian Bardwell

I am going to be honest, we are in a rough spot as the United Methodist Church. Multiple churches in our nation, our conference, and our community are disaffiliating from the UMC. It seems that the only response to disagreement is ending relationships today. As someone who is staying UMC it hurts my heart that people want to leave this precious community. However, I want to speak a word of hope into these dark times. In the book of Revelation it states, "After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands" (Rev. 7:9 NRSVUE). In this beautiful image we see the entirety of the world worshiping God, and the beautiful thing about it is that it does not say that they were worshiping in the same language, style, or even manner. It is a call to unity, but not with erasing the individuality of



people or the culture they come from. The promise later in the passage is that those who worship God will never be hungry and at the center of them is the Lamb (Rev. 7:16-17). God doesn't erase us, God wants us to worship in our most genuine form. So, while it looks dark for us, remember that God primarily wants us to love God and love our neighbor in any way that we know how.

Plank Chapel Family,

I want to begin this by saying thank you. Thank you for the opportunity to be with you this summer, to learn and to grow with y'all. While I haven't spent a lot of time with you, I have thoroughly enjoyed my time. I wanted to reflect on my time here, and my general response is gratitude. The first thing that came to mind when I think of y'all is laughter, that deep belly laugh after hearing a good joke that most of y'all have heard me use. With that I see a deep love for joy, the joy of Christ who surely had those sorts of laughs with the disciples. I also see a deep heart for the community, with the building of the blessing box and the 4th Saturday free market. I am thankful for the way y'all welcomed a complete stranger into your midst, who is not from North Carolina. I wish to leave y'all with a challenge when I leave this summer. It is to look within your community and see who has been pushed to the margins. I hope y'all can see those people and be with them. Pursue relationships with them because they are worthy of your love as much as you are worthy of Jesus' love. It reminds me of the parable of the lost sheep, because we have all been that lost sheep, and also we have also been in the 99 with the herd. We are all a part of Jesus' herd and we are called to walk with those other members. I can only offer my best and sincerely thank you for my time with y'all this summer.

Peace and Blessings,

Ian Bardwell

August Committee Meetings

7th — Sunday at 3:00 p.m. — Finance

Mac Wilson, Chr, Darlene Ranes (Cemetery Fund Treasurer), Rev. Dr. Carolyn Roy (Pastor), Tim Smith (LL), Scott Ritchey (Treasurer), Judy Wilson (Financial Sec.), Bob Kemp (Chr, Trustee), Mike Ranes (CC Chair), Susan Sears (PPRC Chr)

2022: Lori Litton, Olivia Kemp, Daryl Spencer

2023: Darlene Ranes, Sally Coghill, Lorraine Abbott

2024: Wayne Young, Greg Hunt

28th — Sunday at 3:00 p.m. — Church Council

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Carolyn Roy

Chairperson, Church Council: Mike Ranes (23)

Chairperson, Trustees: Bob Kemp (22)

Chairperson, Inward Formation: Sally Coghill

Lay Member of Annual Conference: Lori Litton

Recording Secretary: Lorraine Abbott

Membership Secretary: Darlene Ranes

President, United Methodist Men: Thomas Beckham

Bereavement Hospitality Coordinator: Donald Rose McGhee

Communications Coordinators: Scott Ritchey, Darlene Ranes

Honorary Members: Faye Young, BW Brown

Lay Leader: Tim Smith (22)

Chairperson, Finance Committee: Mac Wilson (22)

Chairperson, Pastor-Parish Relations: Susan Sears (23)

Chairperson, Outward Witness: Lori Litton

Alt Lay Member of Annual Conference: Peggy Hernandez

Finance Secretary: Judy Wilson

Treasurer: Scott Ritchey

President, United Methodist Women: Darlene Ranes

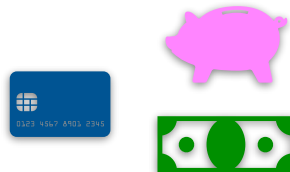
Young Adult: Matthew Denton

Members at Large: John Rogers, Patricia Rogers

September Offerings

17th — Saturday — 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. — Life Skill Classes

Basic Money Management — Mickey Johnson, Instructor
Class size: unlimited



Cooking — Susan White, Instructor
Class size — 5
Age limit — must be 18 or older



Free Market Saturday

August 27

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

Bring your items the week of August 22-26
Setup is August 26
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



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.



Compassion Camp

July 30, August 6, 13, 20
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Ages 3-11 years

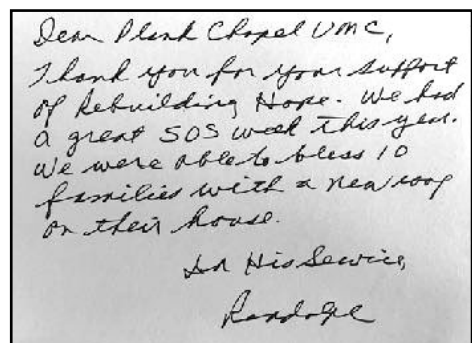
Join us - we can always use volunteers

A light lunch/snack will be served during camp registration forms will be in the Fellowship Hall on the information table.

Each morning will include a Bible story and questions around compassion, some opportunities to sing and dance, color and create, and returning this summer our Yoga class!



From Rebuilding Hope








**Homecoming
2022**



August 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31 Ezekiel 6:1-11:25 Eighth Sunday...ecost - Green 8:30 AM Awakenings 10:00 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship	1 Ezekiel 12:1-16:63	2 Ezekiel 17:1-21:32	3 Ezekiel 22:1-26:21	4 Ezekiel 27:1-32:32 10:00 AM Keeping Holy Time Bible Study	5 Ezekiel 33:1-37:28	6 Ezekiel 38:1-42:20 9:00 AM VBS - Compassion Camp 
7 Ezekiel 43:1-48:35 Ninth Sunday...tecost - Green 8:30 AM Awakenings 10:00 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship 3:00 PM Finance committee	8 Daniel 1:1-3:30	9 Daniel 4:1-6:28	10 Daniel 7:1-12:13	11 Hosea 1:1-5:15 10:00 AM Keeping Holy Time Bible Study	12 Hosea 6:1-10:15	13 Hosea 11:1-14:9 9:00 AM VBS - Compassion Camp 
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21 Eleventh Sund...ecost - Green Micah 5:1-7:20 8:00 AM UMM 10:00 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship	22 Nahum 1:1-3:19	23 Habakkuk 1:1-3:19	24 Zephaniah 1:1-3:20	25 Haggai 1:1-2:23 10:00 AM Keeping Holy Time Bible Study	26 Zechariah 1:1-4:14	27 Zechariah 5:1-9:17 8:00 AM Free Market Satur-days
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