



## Change Bucket

The July Change Bucket is for Project Agape School Project.....#S-00260 Gifts to this project enable Project Agape to hire teachers and operate a school for children to learn English and computer skills.

Relief efforts in Armenia (food, medical supplies, medication) working with the Armenian Church to provide a holistic ministry in pastoral care, education, health care, agriculture and economic development. *NC Conference Contact – Jaye White Phone: 919-779-6115 Email: jayewhite@nccumc.org*

## Gratitude

The United Methodist Men and the United Women of Faith have provided time and energy as well as planned and prepared food for both our retiring pastor and our incoming pastoral family. Thank you for all your work. Working with these two groups was a church wide effort that is a witness to the love you have for Christ, your church, and the care you provide your pastoral families. THANK YOU!

## Meet Pastor Edgar & Family



Pastor Edgar was born and raised in the heart of Manila, Philippines. He is married to Judy and blessed with two children—Kristina & Elaine. Kristina is an incoming junior at UNC Chapel Hill pursuing BA in Education major in Human Development & Family Science. While Elaine finished high school this year from NC School of Science & Math and will be an incoming freshman at UNC Chapel Hill and will pursue BS Biology and Psychology.

Pastor Edgar’s faith journey began in Manila where he encountered at a young age God’s unconditional love and grace. When he was in high school, he became involved in the United Methodist Youth Fellowship where he discovered more about Jesus Christ and His

offer of salvation. Pastor Edgar heard God's voice from his inner being at a youth event called "Christmas Institute". This became the first turning point of his life as God's prevenient grace awakened his earnest longing for deliverance that led him to personally accept Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior.

The second turning point of Pastor Edgar's life came in 1997 when God called him to serve through the ordained ministry. After earning his BA Social Sciences from the University of the Philippines, he pursued a Master of Divinity degree from Duke Divinity School at Duke University. He was commissioned as a Probationary Member in 2000 and ordained Full Elder in 2003—the first and only Filipino-American clergy member of the North Carolina Conference.

Pastor Edgar responded to God's invitation to serve in various mission fields within the North Carolina Conference: Saxapahaw UMC (2000-2003), Edenton St. UMC (2003-2006), Mt. Zion UMC (2006-2010), Cornerstone UMC (2010-2013) and Richlands UMC (2013-2017). Prior to his dual appointment to Plank Chapel UMC & Bethel UMC, he served as Lead Pastor of Davis Street UMC from 2017-2023.

Pastor Edgar is currently serving on the NC Conference Board of Ordained Ministry, Board of Missions, Inc. and Conference Missions Committee. His passion for global mission, leadership development and Christian unity led him to serve as President of the National Association of Filipino American United Methodists (NAFAUM), Vice-President of the New Federation of Asian American United Methodists (NFAAUM) and member of the World Methodist Council.

Pastor Edgar is leading our local congregations in fulfilling God's mission to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. He is a visionary leader who loves people with a strong passion in preaching, leadership and evangelism. He offers experience and enthusiasm for ministry, an openness to serve Christ's church with humility, and articulates a theologically informed sense of God's mission and welcome to all at Christ's table.

We welcome Pastor Edgar & His family to Plank Chapel UMC & Bethel UMC! May the Pentecost Spirit be with us all on these new beginnings!

**An opportunity to meet with Rev. Edgar and family will be on Saturday, July 8, 2023. It will be from 3:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. Stop by when you can — stay for five minutes or fifteen.**

## Awakenings

On July 9th at 8:00 a.m. Pastor Edgar will be joining the Awakenings worship and together create worship together. If you are open to a different way to worship join us on Sunday July 9th at 8:00 a.m.

## Sunday School

### Summer Theme – Inspired by God



The writer of the student book is Betsy Haas; the teacher book writer is Stan Purdum.

#### Wisdom

Living with wisdom affects how we think, speak, act/ behave, relate to God, and relate to others. What constitutes wisdom according to the Bible is not conventional wisdom about how to stay safe and healthy

or how to prosper in life. Conventional wisdom tells us not to give aid or comfort to an enemy, whereas biblical wisdom teaches us the opposite.

Conventional wisdom tells us to store up our grain in barns for tomorrow, whereas biblical wisdom encourages us to share what we have with those whose need is for today.

**Scriptures:** James 1:2-8 | James 3:1-12 | James 3:13-18 | 1 Corinthians 1:10-25 | Ecclesiasters 3:1-8

**Spiritual Practice:** Guidance | Spiritual Direction

## Children's Church



Danielle Nugent and Karin Driver work to create moments for the children who attend Plank Chapel UMC to get to know Jesus and the stories of faith through crafts and interactive lessons. Each week the lessons match the lectionary readings



### Community Prayers

For... David Lee, Johnny McGhee, Bennie Hoots, Tilly Hughes, Colleen Tyburski, Patricia Rogers, Nancy Nieto, David Driver, 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... Sister Churches

For... NCC UMC

For... Annual Conference 2023

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





Roof repairs 2023 — aerial shots are done by Adam Vanderpool.



UMM – July 16 – 8:00 a.m.

# July 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25 10:00 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship	26 Move In D...Parsonage	27	28	29	30	1
2 10:00 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship	3 Independence Day	4	5	6	7	8 3:00 PM Reception for Rev. Edgar Deje-sus
9 8:00 AM Awakenings 10:00 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship	10	11	12	13	14	15
16 8:00 AM UMM 10:00 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship	17	18	19 10:00 AM Senior Circle	20	21	22 8:00 AM Free Market Saturdays
23 8:00 AM Awakenings 10:00 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship	24	25	26	27	28	29
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