

CHAPEL CHATTER

Open Hearts/Open Minds/Wide Open Doors

METHODIST MEN

(UMM) meets every third Sunday of the month [from 8am-9am](#) with breakfast, devotion, fellowship and meeting. During our recent UMM Breakfast Meeting, we set the date for this year's UMM Annual BBQ Sale [on Friday, November 3rd](#). Please mark your calendar ahead.

UNITED WOMEN OF FAITH

The United Women of Faith are composed of women who are "powerful, fearless force driven by God's love and united in sisterhood. With a focus on women, children and youth, we act for justice and transform communities." After summer break, we will resume our regular meeting time every third Sunday of the month [beginning September 17th, 3:00pm](#) in the Fellowship Hall. All women are invited!

Change Bucket

The October-December Change Bucket is for Hawaii Wildfire Disaster Relief Fund.

Community Partners of Hope, Inc. – Men's Shelter

Community Partners of Hope helps homeless men with their immediate need for food, a warm safe place to sleep, and access to shower and toilet facilities for the night. Currently, we operate a temporary emergency shelter and a transitional house (The Hope House) to help men take the next step towards wholeness. Visit website for more information.

Address: P.O. Box 1791, Henderson, NC 27536

Plank Chapel UMC has served the Community partners of hope meals on the last Tuesday of the month for several years now.

All who are interested in continuing this please let me know.



Pastor's Note (October 2023)

Fall is here now and it's a beautiful season of change and transformation. Who doesn't enjoy observing the swirling leaves from the trees changing into multi-colored works of art before finally falling away? The bare and vulnerable branches that are created reveal the true and beautiful scenery underneath. I also enjoy this season of "cooling off" month right between the blazing summer and chilling winter. It is a great time to break out the jackets, coats, boots, scarves and hats and start making hot cocoa and lighting a fire in the fireplace. Indeed, this season creates the perfect setting for a sense of comfort, warmth and reflection.

As we enjoy this season, we are reminded of God's faithfulness and generosity in our lives. In the Bible, David praises God and His faithfulness in the midst of trials when he says, "Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff they comfort me" (Psalm 23:4).

God is always in control! This remains true despite what the circumstances may be. "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are called according to His purpose" (Romans 8:28), and nothing can change that truth. Every opportunity, joy, and success we experience as well as painful losses and failures are a part of His plan. God's work is in progress in our daily lives.

Furthermore, this season reminds us that God will walk us through it. Proverbs 16:9 says "In his heart a man plans his course, but the Lord determines his steps." No matter how much we try to plan the next few weeks of our lives, the truth is that the world is unpredictable right now. Only God really knows the path we are on, and we have to trust in His plan for the world. We have to humble ourselves in front of Him and understand that there will be something greater for us on the other side.

As we continue to face the pandemic and other adversities of life, it can be hard to wonder where God is during these uncertain times. The truth is that God is with us, walking us through the pains and sufferings of life. He is guiding us and wrapping His protective arms around our hearts.

Therefore, what are you holding on to that is preventing a freshness to this season? Why not reach out to the Lord in prayer? He longs to hear from you. As you watch the leaves fall this season, my prayer is that you will let go of anything that would hinder a fresh relationship with God, and that you would embrace His faithfulness and generosity through Jesus Christ.

In closing, I continue to encourage y'all to sign-up for "Conversation w/ Pastor Edgar". I'm open to meet with you at home, church, restaurants or other venues. We can also set-up lunch or dinner dates as well as

individual or small group conversations. Please join with me in praying this prayer: *"Lord, let Your miracles break forth every and let me not be an obstacle in any way!"*



Prayer Requests

David Lee, Johnny McGhee, Bennie Hoots, Tilly Hughes, Natasha Iaken, Colleen Tyburski, Patricia Rogers, Nancy Nieto, David Driver, Charlie Brown, Freddie Oettinger, Michael Twisdale, Bob & Rose Marshall, family of Bryant Cobb, Jr., family of Richard Jones, flooding in Libya and

Shut-Ins

Kay Deans, Ben & Jackie Brown, Virgie Eaves, Freddie McGhee, Faye Young & Frances Roberts

(for prayer request, please call [919-418-0682](tel:919-418-0682) or email Pastor Edgar @ edeiesus@nccumc.org.)

NEW WEDNESDAY PRAYER GROUP ZOOM MEETING

We started a new Wednesday Prayer Group that meets every Wednesday via Zoom @ [5:30-6:00pm](#). You can join us either Zoom or phone conferencing. If you need help how to operate a Zoom, please let me know.

Please see Zoom link below.

Edgar Raymund A. De Jesus is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Prayer Group Zoom Meeting
(Bethel UMC & Plank Chapel UMC)

Time: This is a **recurring meeting**

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://nccumc.zoom.us/j/98771477114?pwd=TVRTVHcwWWU0UytHOGhTYXFhZmxhdz09>

Meeting ID: [987 7147 7114](#)

Passcode: [288519](#)

The Choir is Back in Town!!!



Please join us as we begin to gather again as a choir at Plank Chapel. We will be sitting as a group in the choir loft [beginning Sunday October 1, 2023](#) to lead the [11:00](#) service. We will sing together to lead the worship service and hopefully in November start to sing some special music. Music has always held a special place at Plank Chapel and we look forward continuing that tradition





Time with Ismael: Hispanic Heritage Month & Mental Health

Rev. Ismael Ruiz-
Millan, Heritage District

**“I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.”
John 10:10 NRSVUE**

I have decided to share my passion for mental health and its impact on the Hispanic community to celebrate [Hispanic Heritage Month](#). My message will be divided into the following three newsletters, so [please send me](#) your feedback questions or comments as you read it so I can consider them in my following message.

The Latinx population represents 18.7% of the total United States population, which is 62.3 million people (U.S. Census Bureau, 2020). As the largest ethnic minority group in the U.S., this population often confronts many challenges. The risk of depression, anxiety disorders, and trauma, especially among Latinx youth, is significantly high (Cooper et al., 2020). Consequently, the need for mental health care among Latinx is urgent. Not only that, but the need for culturally adapted, sensitive, and contextual interventions is vital to offering ethical and professional care to this growing population. Jesus’ desire for all humanity is that they may have an abundant life, so the reality described above presents an opportunity for us, the Church of Christ, to be a refuge and a source of relief and healing to the Hispanic community in this country.

As the disciples of Jesus Christ, we need to be aware of the vast diversity within the Latinx population. Any attempt to be in ministry with this population must include different approaches, methods, and interventions, ensuring they are contextual and culturally adapted. To ensure that, as disciples of Christ, we should adopt a posture of ongoing learning. In addition, we must be aware of and embrace the values and spirituality within the Latinx community that can enhance our ecclesial and religious experience and understanding. As we are in ministry with Latinx communities, we need to pay more attention to contextualizing and adapting how we do Church.

For instance, more is needed to translate resources or programs the dominant culture uses. We need to interpret the materials in a way relevant to the Latinx population's background and country of origin. Even more, we must be willing to overcome the "us and them" rhetoric and create a new "we." Creating a new "we" may allow our local churches to become spaces of radical hospitality and healing – a space of abundant life.

Almighty God, our source of abundant life, helps us be open to creating a new "we" so that we can be one with our Latinx, Black, Indigenous, Asian, Pacific Islander, or other minoritized brothers and sisters. Amen.



Please consider giving a donation to the following ministries and advances that serve the Hispanic population:

[La Estrella Resplandeciente](#) (You can also serve as a volunteer).

[Iglesia La Semilla](#)

[La Casa del Migrante](#)

[Faith Ministry](#)

Advance Specials:

- S-00107 Hispanic Ministries
- S-00289 Apex Immigration Services
- S-00299 Immigration & Sanctuary Legal Support Fund

Barbecue Updates



Cakes Needed

A signup sheet has been placed in the church vestibule for anyone who would like to provide a cakes) for the

UMM BBQ on Nov. 3, 2023. The cakes need to be pound cakes, plain or glazed, but not frosted. Individual slices need to be put in ziploc bags and brought to the

fellowship hall, in non-returnable containers, around 7pm on Thursday, Nov. 2, 2023. Slice size is very important, so if you have any questions, please contact Debra Newman or Lora Young.

Anyone needing tickets can see Mac, and remember if you have a big order get with Greg early to set up delivery time.



Mission of Plank Chapel United Methodist Church:

From the United Methodist Book of Discipline 2004, "The mission of the Church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ." Further, "the mission of the Church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ by proclaiming the good news of God's grace and thus seeking the fulfillment of God's reign and realm in the world." Plank Chapel United Methodist Church also affirms the Scriptural basis of our mission as stated in the Discipline, "Jesus' words in Matthew 28:19-20 provide the Church with our mission: 'Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you.'"



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2023 CHARGE CONFERENCE

The 2023 Charge Conference will be held on Monday, October 30th, 6pm @ First UMC Henderson. Plank Chapel UMC will be clustered with Bethel UMC, Flat Rock UMC & FUMC Henderson. All conference paperworks must be submitted on or before October 15th.

BLESSING BOX

In 2022, Plank Chapel UMC saw a great need in the community for those vulnerable to have access to the food they cannot always afford. And so, we birthed the Blessing Box and invited church members as well as the community to help keep the box stocked with non-perishable food items for those in need. Thank you for your continuing generous gifts and contribution to this outreach ministry.

Notes from the PPRC members:

- Rev. Edgar has been out and about visiting among the community and church members. I encourage you to take a few minutes and select a date for you and your family to meet with him. Please use the sign-up sheet or call Rev. Edgar if you prefer
- Rev. Edgar, with support from Greg Hunt, has re-established the Plank Chapel email distribution list. Please let us know if edits / revisions are required to ensure all receive Plank Chapel communications.
- Wednesday Prayer Group "Zoom" meetings are occurring weekly at 5:30 pm. It's a good time to pause and reflect on the needs of the people within our church family, community, and lives. Praise and thanks to God for the positive things are recognized as well. Please give it a try and determine for yourself the value it can bring to
- Connect Church 2024 Cohort – Rev. Edgar has worked on Plank Chapel's application for the program that's offered by the NC Rural Center's "Faith in Rural Communities" branch. There are greater than 30 applications submitted for approximately 10 – 15 churches being accepted into the program. Plank Chapel will be interviewed later this year as part of the acceptance



The Ice cream Social was a success.

LET'S ENJOY SOME
ICECREAM MANIA

ICE CREAM

SOCIAL



Let's all scream for homemade Ice Cream. Vanilla, Strawberry, Peach, chocolate and more...



Sept. 24th 2023

Thank you Inward Formation Team for all your hard work. It was amazing!!

Let's not forget the homemade sandwiches and the other desserts!



GIVING FLOWERS IN HONOR OR IN MEMORY OF LOVED ONES

You are invited to generously gift flowers for God's glory and in honor or in memory of your loved ones. Please contact Judy Wilson @ Judith9563@gmail.com or (252) 492-0624.



4th Saturday Free Market

We have 1 Saturday left for free market, October 28th. Bring clothing, books, household items, furniture, and groceries. Please bring them the week of Oct 23rd and place them in the Youth room. On Friday, October 27th, volunteers will work to set-up the Fellowship Hall. Please come out and help! Set up begins at 1 p.m.

We also need volunteers for October 28th Saturday Free Market and to help bring to the Salvation Army on Oct 30th or 31st.

AWAKENINGS

Awakenings in an alternative worship experience at Plank Chapel UMC which includes prayer, contemporary praise & worship, coffee, scripture reading and conversation. Come join us every Sunday (except 3rd Sunday of the month) from 8am-9am in the Fellowship Hall.





WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

The first [Sunday, October 1st](#), is World Communion Sunday. United Methodist congregations join many Christian churches across the globe for this celebration of unity among churches across denominations. We participate in communion to recognize our unity in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. This universal and inclusive connection is the foundation of the special offering for World Communion Sunday. Your donations support racial and ethnic students in achieving their educational goals and transforming communities. In 2021, World Communion Sunday offerings awarded 242 scholarships and grants. Your generosity continues to provide scholarships, grants, mentoring and training for leadership development

[OCTOBER 8TH WORSHIP SERVICES](#)

[On October 8th](#), Pastor Edgar will lead and preach the [8am](#) Awakenings and [11am](#) Homecoming Service at Bethel UMC. While Rev. Edgar Vergara Millan, Pastor of Iglesia La Semilla UMC-Durham, is the Guest Preacher [on October 8th 11am](#) Worship Service.

Annual Conference Special Called Session

When

[Saturday, October 7, 2023](#)

[10 am: Session Begins](#)

Where

Online Session

The sole purpose of the called session is to ratify or not ratify the Disaffiliation Agreements of the local churches asking to disaffiliate from The United Methodist Church under the provisions of The Book of Discipline 2016, Paragraph 2553. This call for this special session conforms to the disciplinary requirements found in Paragraphs 369.6 and 603.5.

The Special Called Session of Annual Conference will be livestreamed for the general public and non-voting members. Full participation (including voting) is only possible for *members of the Annual Conference*.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Oct 1 8am Awakenings 10am Sunday School 11am Worship	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 8am Awakenings 10am Sunday School 11am Worship	9	10	11	12	13	14
15 8am UMM 10am Sunday School 11am Worship 3pm UWF	16	17 10am Senior Circle	18	19	20	21
22 8am Awakenings 10am Sunday School 11am Worship	23	24	25	26	27	28 9am Free Market Saturdays
29 8am Awakenings 10am Sunday School 11am Worship	30	31	Nov 1	2	3	4