



Pastor's Note

This month of November, we are continuing our six-week "Harvest" Stewardship Campaign that started on October 19th until November 23rd. The "Harvest" celebrates the fact that God makes things grow. God gives His people the joy of spiritually growing in our prayer life, in our relationship with Jesus Christ and in our spiritual need to give generously. The Bible says, *"Now the one who provides seed for the sower and bread for food will also provide and multiply your seed and increase the harvest of your righteousness."* (2 Corinthians 9:10)

The "Harvest" teaches biblical generosity on the basis of the need of the giver to give for his or her own spiritual growth development rather than on the basis of the need of the church to maintain its operating budget. We give not because we are members of a social club who should pay dues, but rather, we are followers of Jesus Christ who want to give generously as an act of worship and discipleship.

In other words, the “Harvest” focuses on making disciples of Jesus Christ and not donors. There will be no mailings nor a guest preacher. Instead, we will immerse ourselves with communal worship, daily devotion, studying the Bible, faith in action and other means of grace. We will reflect on the importance of giving as an act of resistance, the vital connections between giving and spiritual growth, giving as an expression of obedience to God, and giving with a grateful heart. We will reflect on the importance of giving as an act of resistance, the vital connections between giving and spiritual growth, giving as expression of obedience to God, and giving with a grateful heart.

Therefore, on November 23rd, both Bethel UMC & Plank Chapel UMC will have a Commitment Sunday. During the worship services, each will receive a commitment card. You are invited to write down your commitment of tithes and offering to God for the year 2026. We encourage people toward proportionate and systematic giving in response to the question, “What percentage of my income is God calling me to give? At the closing of the worship service during the sending hymn, the Pastor will issue an altar call inviting everyone who feels led by the Holy Spirit to come to the altar and place their commitment card at the altar rail. Your giving commitment is between you and God. No one will see your commitment card except the Financial Secretary who will be responsible to announce the total amount of estimated giving for 2026.

Our goal is to have every church member and regular worship attendee present on November 23rd Commitment Sunday. Please make whatever sacrifices are necessary to be present. Also, November 23rd is Thanksgiving Sunday. Therefore, we request everyone to bring fresh produce such as fruits, vegetables and bread when you come to the church and place them at the communion table. You may also bring your duffle bags for “Project Be A Blessing”. The duffle bags will be given to foster children in the community, and church members in the nursing homes and homebound.

In closing, on this Thanksgiving season, let us be generous and be grateful! Let us be grateful to God for the generosity of mind, body and spirit! Let us be grateful to God for the generosity of food, job and dwelling. Let us be grateful to God for the generosity of family and relationships. Let us be grateful to God for the generosity of the church and community. Most importantly, let us be grateful to God for giving us His Son Jesus Christ— reminding us of a familiar hymn: *“Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One, give thanks because He’s given Jesus Christ His Son.”*

KOFFEE KORNER

"Koffee Korner"-- a women's group that meets every first Wednesday of the month. Our next gathering will be on November 5th, 10:00am in the Fellowship Hall. For more information, please contact Nancy Gustafson @ 203-232-1145.

"STRONGER TOGETHER" EXERCISE CLASS

The "Stronger Together" Exercise Class meets every Monday & Thursday @ 6:00-7:00pm. Open to everyone. For more information, please contact Debra Newman @ 252-915-7005.

PLANK CHAPEL UMC CHOIR

If you are musically inclined and willing to offer your gifts and talents, we would love to have you join the choir! Please contact Janet Bobbitt if you are interested.



North Carolina Conference
The United Methodist Church

Don't Miss Out: "Hate Divides, Love Unites" Orders Close November 10



Many of you asked about the "Hate Divides, Love Unites" shirts after Annual Conference, and we're excited to share that they're available again for a limited time.

This special collection includes T-shirts, long-sleeve shirts, and hoodies in a variety of colors.

Orders must be placed by November 10 and are anticipated to be delivered between November 20 and December 2, just in time for Advent gatherings and holiday events. Once the campaign closes, these items will no longer be available.

Spread the message of love and unity wherever you go. Order your apparel today!

CHANGE BUCKET

Change Bucket for November 2025 has been designated for UMCOR Advance Specials (International Disaster Response & Recovery #982450). When a natural or human-caused disaster strikes outside of the United States, UMCOR serves as the primary channel for the United Methodist assistance. In the short term, UMCOR steps in to ease human suffering. In the long term, UMCOR cooperates with local partners to help them develop their own response mechanisms. This fund serves as the primary funding vehicle for all disasters outside of the US.

AWAKENINGS

Renew, fresh and revive your spirit as we worship our Awesome God at "Awakenings" every Sunday, 8:00am-9:00am (except third Sunday of the month). "Awakenings" offers contemporary music, come-as-you-are setting, relevant Bible-based conversation and a good cup of coffee! The "Awakenings" will meet on November 2nd, 9th, 23rd & 30th.

Plank Chapel UMC Annual BBQ Event is set on Friday, November 7th. For tickets, please get in touch with any member of the United Methodist Men.

Cakes needed! A sign-up sheet has been placed in the church's vestibule. Please bring the cakes to the Fellowship Hall on Thursday, November 6th between 4:00pm-7:00pm. For instruction, please see Chapel Chatter newsletter or contact Lora Young.

BBQ chopping & preparation on the week of November 2nd. Please mark your calendar ahead!





Online Learning Opportunities

The NC Conference Media Center gathers upcoming online learning opportunities from the NC Conference and our partner organizations into one [calendar](#). It includes webinars, events, discussions, and classes that can all be completed online. Visit the website for each event to register.

Preaching for Transformation **(BeADisciple.com)** **November 3, 2025**

Course Dates: November 3 – December 12, 2025 This course is designed for any layperson who has ever considered preaching. It is a four-week course in which you will learn how to share the Bible's message confidently, even if you feel you might not know the Bible well enough. In this course, you will learn [...]

Bridge to Surviving Grief During Holidays **(BeADisciple.com)** **November 3, 2025**

Course Dates: November 3 – 14, 2025 Sometimes life crashes in on us like a rolling wave. We think we can handle almost anything, but suddenly something happens that knocks us down. We used to stand strong and manage our next steps but now find it hard to navigate the next hour. What happened? Losing a loved one [...]

Old Testament Through a Different Lens: **Ketuvim/Writings** **(BeADisciple.com)** **November 3, 2025**

This course examines the Ketuvim/Writings, sometimes described as “the least holy books of the Hebrew Bible,” by studying familiar Biblical writings through lenses other than what Christians often use. It examines the “historical books” of the Old Testament and connects them to the prophetic voices and Torah when appropriate. You’ll learn about the post-Exilic period when the Jews returned to Israel and began rebuilding, as well as looking at [...]

We Aren't Broke (Center for Leadership Excellence) **November 3, 2025**

In a season of major change in the church when the familiar ways of funding and doing ministry are declining – we aren't broke. There are many resources in the church that we can put to work in new ways to serve and engage our neighborhoods and generate new forms of revenue for ministry. Rev. Mark Elsdon will share practical suggestions and stories that build imagination and suggest new ways forward. We will talk about new uses of church buildings and land, social enterprise, and creative ways to put our assets to work in the world for God. Because God is not declining; and we aren't broke.

\$ Workshop on Collective Grief (NC Institute for Spiritual Direction & Formation)
November 4, 2025

Spiritual Leaders of all kinds are invited to join Spiritual Directors for our November Gathering. Khris Ford, expert on grief, will lead a session on Collective Grief. The state of the world today is bringing grief to the surface for many seeking spiritual direction. Gather virtually to discuss how our collective grief is impacting the [...]

Fresh Expression Incubator: Dinner Church in Hispanic Communities (Fresh Expressions)
November 5, 2025

please note that this incubator will be produced in English, but there will be captions in Spanish Do you feel a spark of possibility for a Fresh Expression of Church —something outside the walls, uniquely shaped for your community? Whether your imagination leans toward a House Church, Recovery Church, Arts Church, Outdoors Church, Recreation Church, or [...]

Immigration Crisis Response Check-In (NC Conference of The UMC)

Join us for weekly check-in calls open to anyone interested in staying informed and collaborating in our immigration response efforts. These gatherings are designed for anyone engaged in or curious about immigration ministry, advocacy, and community support. Register Now North Carolina Conference of The United Methodist Church View Organizer Website Add to calendar Google [...]

Small Church Strengths in Advent (ClergyEducation.com)
November 6, 2025

Teresa Stewart is “the name” in the world of small church leadership. As founder of SmallChurch.org, Teresa – a United Methodist Clergy person – works with small churches in most mainline denominations, finding ways to develop healthy congregations that do not suffer from the “small church syndrome.” Teresa stresses that small churches aren’t miniature versions of [...]

StillInMission Episode 82 (General Board of Global Ministries)
November 6, 2025

#STILLINMISSION is a monthly live Zoom call featuring a rotating selection of Global Ministries missionaries who serve in a variety of roles and placement sites. Join to hear from one missionary in a small group setting. Missionaries share about their work and what it means to answer God’s call to mission. Registration for the Zoom [...]

Faith Talks (United Women in Faith)

November 6, 2025
 Faith Talks are monthly conversations with United Women in Faith hosted by Jennifer R. Farmer, Spotlight PR. Each conversation explores themes and resources that empower us to put faith, hope and love into action

View the full calendar of Online Learning Opportunities.

PROJECT BE A BLESSING

"Project Be A Blessing" is a new outreach ministry of Plank Chapel UMC with the main goal of being the hands and feet of Christ through the distribution of Thanksgiving gifts to foster children in the community, and church members who are in nursing homes and homebound. Currently, there are more than 10,000 children and teenagers in the foster care system in North Carolina. The Outward Witness Team will collect basic needs for foster children and will be assembled in a duffle bag. You can bring your items to the church between now until November 23rd. All the assembled duffle bags including the Thanksgiving gifts will be prayed and dedicated at the November 23rd Sunday worship service. We also accept monetary donations. To donate items or volunteer, please contact our Lay Leader, Peggy Hernandez at (252) 204-3045.

GIVING FLOWERS IN HONOR OR IN MEMORY OF LOVED ONES

You are invited to generously give flowers on Sunday Worship Services 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.



Pilgrimage 2025



Pilgrimage 2025 is coming!

Plank Chapel UMC is sending 5 Youth and 5 Adult Mentors to Pilgrimage 2025 on November 7th-9th @ Rocky Mount Event Center.

We are grateful for the generous donation of the United Methodist Men and all those who attended and supported the October 18th Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser. Thanks be to God!

Fall Hayride
For JOURNEY children & youth
4 to 6 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 22
Pre-Registration Required For This Event
RSVP By Nov. 17: Lora Young 336-504-7247

*** Hayride * Weenie Roast * Sing Along ***

Journey is a safe and caring space where children and youth can encounter the love of Christ Jesus through "becoming, belonging and believing."



SENIOR CIRCLE OCTOBER 15, 2025



The Senior Circle met on October 15, 2025. After Faye Woodlief welcomed everyone and asked for community news and prayer requests, Pastor Edgar gave an inspiring devotion based on the book of James 2: 14-26 focusing on the phrase " Faith without works is dead". He explained that all who have a living faith are called to carry Christ's love to the world not just with words but also with actions. No action is too small when done in Christ's love.



DUFFLE BAGS, BLANKETS, TOWELS, WASH CLOTHS, BRUSHES, COMBS, TOOTHBRUSHES AND TOOTHPASTE, SHAMPOO AND CONDITIONER, DEODORANT, LOTION, JOURNALS, NOTEBOOKS, PUZZLEBOOKS, COLORING BOOKS, PENS, PENCILS, CRAYONS, STUFFED ANIMALS, WATER BOTTLES, SOCKS

The devotion was the perfect introduction to our guest speaker, Peggy Hernandez, who explained a new outreach ministry at Plank Chapel called "Project Be a Blessing". The main goal is to be the hands and feet of Christ by ministering to two focal groups, foster children in Vance County and nursing home residents and homebound individuals. Ms. Hernandez, who grew up in a foster home, has personal knowledge of the emotional and physical needs of foster children as they face relocation and the challenges of adapting to new surroundings and family. She presented a list of items needed by foster children to be assembled in a duffel bag. The duffel bags would then be given to Social Services to be distributed a week before Thanksgiving. Everyone agreed it is a project worth supporting and we are grateful to Peggy for presenting her idea, "Project Be a Blessing" so that we may expand on ways to be the hands and feet of Christ and put our faith into action.

We closed the program with a brief "Trip to the Fair" as we played games related to fair activities. The game "WOULD YOU RATHER " involved choosing between options of fair attractions and discussing our choices. We learned a lot about each other's interests and had a few laughs. We also had true or false questions related to fair history and a segment called "DID YOU KNOW" which prompted further discussion.



What is a fair without produce donated by Martha Rowland. Her cherry tomatoes disappeared in a flash.



The beautiful diamond art was created by Elizabeth Moss Wilson.



Faye Moss contributed several award winning crochet projects, one which received Best in Show. It was a dress for her daughter Elizabeth. The other was a crocheted bedspread which received a blue ribbon.

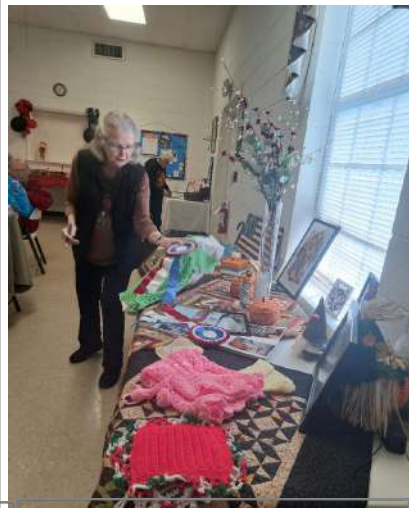
We are grateful to all those who contributed quilts, art work, woodwork and crafts of every kind which contributed to the fair atmosphere.

*With Love,
Your Friends at Senior Circle*



**HAPPY OCTOBER BIRTHDAY TO
ELIZABETH MOSS WILSON AND
JUDY DE JESUS**





Second Annual Trunk Or Treat Draws Nearly 50 Youngsters

Nearly 50 children joined the Second Annual Trunk or Treat on Sunday, Oct. 26, in the yard of Plank Chapel United Methodist Church.

Before the 4–6 p.m. event began, participants with decorated vehicles, Kittrell Fire Department members, and the Journey youth leadership team gathered in the parking lot for a blessing led by Pastor Edgar DeJesus.

Unlike the 2024 debut, when families arrived right at 4 p.m., this year's attendees—accompanied by parents and grandparents—trickled in throughout the two hours.

Journey leader Scott Ritchey greeted and registered kids at the festively decorated pavilion. He noted that 47 prize forms were turned in after children visited the candy-filled vehicles, many of which featured skill games.

Peggy Hernandez served fresh popcorn at the pavilion, where kids exchanged forms for novelty prizes provided by Journey.

A crafts table was set up by Journey leaders Lora and Wayne Young.

The Kittrell Fire Department displayed two trucks near the pavilion, inviting families to explore the equipment and vehicles. Children received candy and fire-safety coloring books.

The Vance County Sheriff's Department contributed a patrol SUV to the trunk-or-treat lineup.

Journey supplied a hot-dog dinner with snacks and desserts; Plank Chapel's United Methodist Men handled cooking and serving. Shakita Huerta added a large tray of finger foods.

Journey's next event is a hayride for kids and youth on Saturday, Nov. 22, at the home of Lora and Wayne Young. Pre-registration is required; call 336-504-7247. The evening includes a weenie roast and sing-along.

Journey offers children and youth a safe, caring space to experience Christ's love through "becoming, belonging, and believing." Monthly activities feature storytelling, devotionals, games, music, and food.

For details, contact Ron Gustafson at 203-641-2889 or visit the Journey link at plankchapel.org.





UNITED METHODIST MEN

United Methodist Men will sponsor the Annual BBQ Event on November 7th from 7:00am-7:00pm. We need everyone's help so that we can make this event truly a success. Also, the United Methodist Men will meet for a Breakfast Fellowship on Sunday, November 16th, 8:00am-9:00am in the Fellowship Hall. All men are invited!

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

United Women in 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. Our next regular meeting will be on Sunday, November 16th, 3:00pm. All women are invited!

SENIOR CIRCLE

Senior Circle is a wonderful way to meet new friends, build relationships and have fun among fellow Christians! We meet every third Wednesday of the month with a program and light lunch @ Plank Chapel UMC Fellowship Hall. Our next meeting is November 19th, 10:00am. All are invited!



Advent Poinsettias

Poinsettias will surround the altar this Advent Season. According to our tradition, you may place a poinsettia in memory or in honor of a loved one. Each plant costs \$15.00, and a list of memorials/honoraria will be in the vestibule each week they are displayed. After worship service on December 21, you may take your plant(s) home with you. Please turn this form in to one of the United Women in Faith. We need to have the forms back by November 23.

I would like to order _____ poinsettia(s).

_____ in memory of:

_____ in honor of:

Given by:

BLESSING BOX MINISTRY

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 launched the Blessing Box Ministry in 2022 and

encouraged church members as well as the community to help keep the box stocked with non-perishable food items for those in need. Also, please check your book shelves so that we can offer children and adult books as a lending library. We give thanks to God for your generous gifts and support for this outreach ministry.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Tim Smith, Frances Beckham, Faye Moss, Ricky Satterwhite, Sammy Burgess, Bessie Newman, Fawn Westmoreland, Ronnie Currin, Jeanette Weaver, Kerry Alexander, Bryant Bobbitt, Freddie Oettinger, Donald Rose McGhee, Bill Rohr, Debbie Fleming, Bonnie Allgood, Allison Tackett, Penny Howard, Tilley Hughes, James Satterwhite, Sally Coghill, Lucas Wilson, Diane Del Conte, Sheila Binuya, Dave Driver, Ben Brow, Kittrell community, our nation, peace in Gaza and the world. Shut-Ins: John Rogers, Martha Rowland, Kay Deans, Ben & Jackie Brown, Virgie Eaves, Freddie McGhee & Frances Roberts. (For prayer request, please call 919-418-0682 or email Pastor Edgar @ edejesus@nccumc.org.)

WEDNESDAY ONLINE PRAYER MEETING

Prayer Warriors are invited to join the Wednesday Online Prayer Meeting every week from 7:00pm-7:30pm. We will meet on November 5th, 12th, 19th & 26th. Please see Zoom link below,



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

Join Zoom Meeting

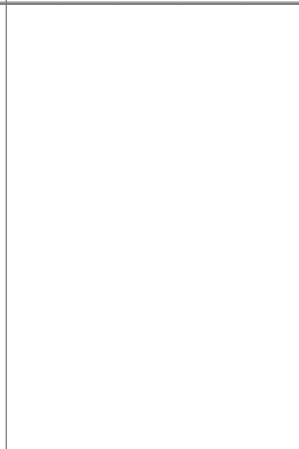
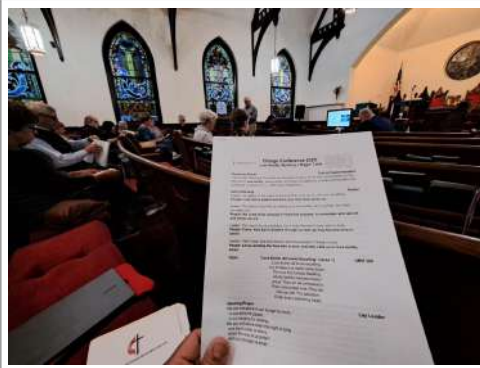
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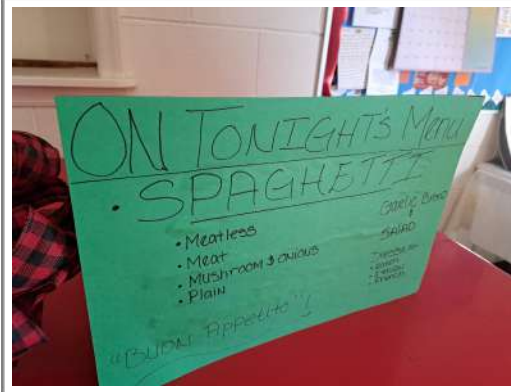
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2025 CHARGE CONFERENCE





October 2025 The Gathering!!



11:22PM Thu Oct 30

November

Today Schedule Day Week Month

Oct Nov Dec 2026 Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec 2027 Jan Feb Mar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
Trunk r Treat	BBQ					
Awakenings	Birthdays: Cristina Herna	Pastor Edgar@Bethel UMC		Pastor Edgar @ Plank Chapel UMC		
Awakenings	Pastor Edgar's Day Off	Pastor Edgar@Bethel UMC		Pastor Edgar @ Plank Chapel UMC		
6 more	3 more		3 more	2 more		2 more
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BBQ						Default
Awakenings	Pastor Edgar's Day Off	Pastor Edgar@Bethel UMC		Pastor Edgar @ Plank Chapel UMC		
Awakenings	Pastor Edgar's Day Off	Pastor Edgar@Bethel UMC		Pastor Edgar @ Plank Chapel UMC		
4 more	2 more		4 more	2 more	2 more	
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Pilgrimage	Anniversary: Norman and	Pastor Edgar@Bethel UMC		Pastor Edgar @ Plank Chapel UMC		
Pilgrimage	Pastor Edgar's Day Off	Pastor Edgar@Bethel UMC		Pastor Edgar @ Plank Chapel UMC		
7 more	3 more	Birthday: Faye Woodlief	4 more	2 more		Birthday: Tanner Finch
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Senior Circle				Hay Ride		
UMM Breakfast Fellowship	Pastor Edgar's Day Off	Pastor Edgar@Bethel UMC		Pastor Edgar @ Plank Chapel UMC		
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6 more	2 more	Birthday: JJ Jones	5 more	3 more		3 more
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
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Birthday: Debra Newman	Birthday: Taylor Abbott	Pastor Edgar@Bethel UMC		Pastor Edgar @ Plank Chapel UMC		
Awakenings	Pastor Edgar's Day Off	Pastor Edgar@Bethel UMC		Pastor Edgar @ Plank Chapel UMC		
5 more	3 more		4 more	3 more		
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The Gathering						
Awakenings	Pastor Edgar's Day Off	Pastor Edgar@Bethel UMC		Pastor Edgar @ Plank Chapel UMC		
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4 more	2 more	Birthday: David Driver	4 more	2 more		3 more

Happy Birthday!!

John Heston - November 9th
 Faye Woodlief - November 11th
 Tanner Finch - November 15th
 JJ Jones - November 18th
 Bryant Bobbitt - November 19th
 Darlene Raines - November 20th
 Ellen Allen - November 22nd
 Debra Newman - November 23rd
 Taylor Abbott - November 24th
 George Abbott - November 27th

Happy Anniversary!!

Norman and Sara Manning - Nov 10th



Love brought you together
 As husband and wife
 And gave each of you
 A best friend for life