



The Chapel Chatter

Plank Chapel United Methodist Church

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From the Pastor's Heart...

On Ash Wednesday, February 17th, we began our season of Lent, which continues until Easter. Lent is our season of penance, in which we seek to repent of our sin and turn our hearts to God. We are renewing our hearts in preparation of Easter. During this season, we are encouraged to mediate and pray for our hearts to focus on Christ and the sacrifice he paid for our redemption of sin. Some people choose to give up something they like for Lent, perhaps soft drinks or the like, and each time they desire one, they pause to remember the sacrifice that Christ paid. Other people chose to do extra good deeds. Some may engage in more Bible study. The essential element is spiritual growth...drawing closer to God. *The Handbook of the Christian Year* says, "Lent is a time for evangelism and for true conversion – a time for growing through repentance, fellowship, prayer, fasting, and concentration upon our baptismal covenant. We are to be signs of God's kingdom in this world" (p. 106).

I recently read this from Frederick Buechner: "*During Lent, Christians are supposed to ask one way or another what it means to be themselves:*

"If you had to bet everything you have on whether there is a God or whether there isn't, which side would get your money and why?"

When you look at your face in the mirror, what do you see in it that you most like and what do you see in it that you most deplore?"

If you had only one last message to leave to the handful of people who are most important to you, what would it be in twenty-five words or less?"

Of all the things you have done in your life, which is the one you most like to undo? Which is the one that makes you happiest to remember?"

Is there any person in the world, or any cause, that, if circumstances called for it, you would be willing to die for?"

Christ gave his life for each of us...will Lent be just another routine 40 days for us?

*Lenten Blessings,
Pastor Carol & Mickey*

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Worship Committee

Our UM Women will be hosting our neighboring churches for the World Day of Prayer on Friday, March 5 at 7:00 pm in our sanctuary, followed by refreshments. We will observe Holy Communion on March 21 and June 13, in addition to our Holy Week service.

Lent is under way and Holy Week are just around the corner. Plan now to observe Maundy Thursday, April 1, with our service at 7:00 pm. Plan to rise early for our 6:45 am Easter Sunrise Service.

Our next SONG Sunday service will be held on JUNE 6 and we will look forward to the Men of Plank Chapel to host this special time. Invite others to join us!



The choir will meet on Wednesdays at 7:00 pm. Join the choir!



Bell practice sessions will be held as announced. Anyone interested in playing bells, feel free to come!

Donald Rose McGhee



...Now known as...**CHAOS!**
which stands for “*Christ Has All Our Solutions.*”

We will meet 1st and 3rd Sundays this spring immediately after Worship, beginning with lunch. For some of our sessions, we will be watching a contemporary movie and have discussion of how the issues affect our lives, (*The Rookie, Saint Ralph, & others*).

On March 21, the Youth will assist with the Easter Egg Hunt for the younger kids, hosting the story time, hiding eggs, etc.

Youth in 6th-12th grades are invited to join. Stay tuned - Come and bring a friend! **Share some Christ-centered CHAOS!**



Historical Trivia

We are seeking someone who is dedicated to preserving our history to train. Please contact Hilma Smith if God is leading you to serve.



The UMMen will meet Sunday, March 21, at 8:00 am. All men are invited! (Easter Breakfast following the Sunrise Service!)



Seniors' Circle

The Seniors' Circle always enjoys a great meeting. The next meeting of the Seniors' Circle will be on Wednesday, on March 17th, at 10:00 am. Invite a friend!



Kerr Lake Ministries, Inc.

Make plans now for Kerr Lake Ministries Daycamp on June 14-18! There will be discounts for early registrations - see Joe Sears and watch for coming info. Youth and adult volunteers are also needed, so please watch for applications. Anyone who has not had Safe Sanctuaries must attend S.S. training on either Sat., May 15 or 22. (Times & places to be announced.)

Thank you to everyone for your support of the Pancake Supper. There will be another one soon as another location. Thank you for ALL your help and support of this ministry!



**Education
Committee
Meeting**



Vacation Bible School is coming June 21-24...Our theme is Galactic Blast and it is "out of this world!" We have some volunteers, but could use some more help. See Beverly Newman or Debra Newman to sign up. Invite a friend to Sunday School and plan now for Vacation Bible School!

ACTS



ACTS continues to minister to the needs of our community. ACTS is in need of financial donations due to increased needs in our area. Please consider making a special gift to help this vital ministry. Support ACTS!



The UMW will have ongoing support for Zeb Vance Elementary for school. They always need Kleenex, paper towels, and COPY PAPER.

The UMW will be hosting our community-wide World Day of Prayer on Friday, March 5, at Plank Chapel with a service at 7:00 pm, followed by refreshments.

The next regular meeting will be March 21st at 3:00 pm. The UMW gives their pledges directly to Missions and decided to ask members to contribute at least \$20.00 to support our local group needs. Come join in mission and ministry with sisters in Christ!



Remember others in prayer...



The Administrative Council has given approval and urges everyone to embrace our Missions Statement. Notice that it spells "DISCIPLES," as we are called to "make disciples of Jesus Christ" in Matthew 28:16-20.

Discipling
In
Serving
Christ -
Inspiring
People to
Live by the
Example of the
Savior.

The Missions Team will be reviewing our missions statement - Stay tuned for coming info....



prayer

...For Our Shut-ins:



Age-Level Ministries:

Spring is almost here and we will plan to celebrate Easter! We will have our Easter Egg Hunt after worship on Sunday, March 21, beginning with a hot dog lunch, the Easter Story, Easter activities, and the big "hunt!" [The congregation is asked to donate chewable candy to fill our plastic eggs. Leave in the office, please.]

Seniors - Your special lunch will be May 2nd. A great meal and special entertainment is planned. Stay tuned! Invite a friend to join us!



March Opportunities:

- 1 - 5:30 Aerobics
- 2 -
- 3 - 7:00 Choir
- 4 - 5:30 Aerobics
- 5 - 7:00 World Day of Prayer at PC
- 6 -
- 7 - 10:00 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship
Noon - CHAOS -Meet 'n' Eat
- 8 -5:30 Aerobics
- 9 -
- 10 - 7:00 Choir
- 11 - 5:30 Aerobics
- 12 -
- 13 -
- 14 - 10:00 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship
- One Great Hour of Sharing - UMCOR
- 15 - 5:30 Aerobics
- 16 -
- 17 - 10:00 am Seniors' Circle
7:00 pm Choir
- 18 - 5:30 Aerobics
- 19 -
- 20 -
- 21 - 8:00 am UMMen
10:00 am Sunday School
Holy Communion Sunday
Noon - EASTER EGG HUNT (CHAOS Helps)
3:00 UM Women
- 22 - 5:30 Aerobics
- 23 -
- 24 - 7:00 Choir
- 25 - 5:30 Aerobics
- 26 -
- 27 - District Workday at MERCI
- 28 - 10:00 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship
Palm Sunday
Noon - brief Age Level Meeting
- 29 - 5:30 Aerobics
- 30 -
- 31 - 7:00 Choir
- April 1 - 5:30 Aerobics
7:00 pm Maundy Thursday Service
- April 4 - 6:45 am SUNRISE Service
10:00 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship - EASTER!

† **In His Service this Month:**

Flowers:

Mar 7-Kay Thompson

Mar 14-Lois Woodlief

Mar 21-Olivia Kemp

Mar 28-Ellen Allen

Acolytes:

TBA

Greeters:

Mar 7-Freddie McGhee &
Johnny McGhee

Mar 14-David & Laurie Miller

Mar 21-Bobby & Beverly Newman

Mar 28-Joyce Edwards &
Taylor Abbott

Outreach:

Mar 7-Joyce Edwards & B. W. Brown

Mar 14-Joe & Susan Sears

Mar 21-John & Jeanette Rogers

Mar 28-Pat Edwards &
Donald Rose McGhee

Lay Readers:

Mar 7-Jeanette McGhee

Mar 14-Gwen Ritchey

Mar 21-Mike Ranes

Mar 28-Amy Smith

March Ushers

Bryant Bobbitt, Bill Brown

Carlton Brown, Bob Kemp

March Altar Guild

Frances Brown, Bill Brown

Thank You!

Thank You!

For all the dedication and hard work with recent events, Misc. repairs, , clean ups, 5th Sunday, Youth lunch, Bereavement meals, Love Feast, etc....and MORE!!!

We Thank You!!!



TRUSTEES

The Trustees are diligently working to maintain our facilities. If you observe something that needs attention or have any suggestions, please email Scott Ritchey (ritcheyvs@aol.com) or call 438-6115.

The Trustees need a committee of 4-10 volunteers to review (and revise if needed) our Safe Sanctuaries policy. We need at 1 more for our group, which should include parents or grandparents of minor children. This will probably require two meetings, coming soon. Volunteers should see, call or email me.

{The Trustees continue to be good stewards and take great care of our facilities. Thanks for all you do!}

Scott Ritchey

***Save the Environment
and
Help our Schools & Others!!!***



**Save Bottle caps
Save Campbell Soup Labels
Save Used Postage Stamps**

See the containers in the vestibule - Thank you!

Missing!!! I loaned one of my books out and did not make a note. I would appreciate everyone checking to see if you have my Commentary, "Through the Bible: Volume I, Genesis - Deuteronomy" by J. Vernon McGhee. Thank You!

Pastor Carol



Thursday, April 1st

7:00 pm at Plank Chapel UMC

Easter

Sunday, April 4th



6:45 am Sunrise Service

**(at the Cemetery – weather permitting-
followed by breakfast)**

(Sunday School at 10:00 am)



11:00 am Easter Service

(Bring flowers to adorn the cross.)

Invite a friend to join us!

*******Safe Sanctuaries*****

SAFE SANCTUARIES – Please pick up your family copy of our Safe Sanctuaries Policy soon. We need you to sign the back copy and turn it in. Thank you!