

CHAPEL CHATTER

Open Hearts | Open Minds | Wide Open Doors

Senior Circle

The July Senior Circle gathering is Wednesday, July 20, 2022. It is our annual hot dog celebration! Honoring summer and the 4th of July.

Change Bucket

This month the Change Bucket will go towards Conference Missionary, Deaconess **MELBA McCALLUM, (#S-00195) Gateway District, NCC**

Provides salary support for Dr. McCallum, who serves as the Director of Partners in Ministry. She partners with youth, young adults, families, and the church to help build and mobilize capacity within the district through "hands-on" ministry.

PARTNERS IN MINISTRY'S PURPOSE: to nurture, equip, and unlock the potential of youth and children and to empower and strengthen families to become self-sufficient and change agents for their own communities as we all work together to build and sustain healthy communities.



Home Coming

On July 10th our prayer is that many will be coming home to worship with us as we celebrate 242 years of disciple making in Bobbitt. We

will be in person and broadcasting on Facebook live. Worship will be different as we navigate these times of COVID yet the same as the songs and scriptures and rhythm of our liturgy connect us to God and to each other. Our District Superintendent Rev. Ismael Ruiz-Millan will be sharing God's word. What a day it will be. I almost forgot the chicken dinner and the concert — a full day of worship, fellowship, and food as only Methodists know how to do!

When I think of coming home to worship Christ at a particular place my spirit travels north to Columbia, CT. It was the congregational church that was my mother's anchor for her family. There are many who hold Plank Chapel as their anchor. They tell stories of Bible Camps, Sunday School classes, Vacation Bible School, choir, bell choir, Christmas programs, Easter Egg Hunts, cantatas, Wild Game Suppers, BBQ, Fish Fries, and I could go on. The mission trips beyond our borders and the mission projects in our communities are part of our story.

The other gift of Homecoming is the gift of new stories as we learn what God has done in the lives of those who have left out of our doors into the world. We learn how the formation that happened in our sanctuary and fellowship hall brought forth fruit we would never know about without the gift of a homecoming.

Those who have remained and the new members who have come can also share what God has been doing here in this place. Together we will see that God has not forgotten God's



The Bible Year 2022

It's here - the Bible Year. In July we start the prophets, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Lamentations and Ezekiel. 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...January 2nd would be the first Sunday available - claim it today!!!!

All calendar dates are open at this time - except for the poinsettia days (Dec 4,11, 18, 25) and Easter lilies (Apr 17).

promises. The spirit is still moving over the earth. Christ's name is still being lifted high and people are still joining the movement to make disciples for Jesus Christ.

You may believe it doesn't take celebrations to remember the impact Christ has had in this community because of Plank Chapel but I believe without these moments of set apart time to remember we will forget how vital it is for the Kingdom of God to have outposts like Plank Chapel all over the world so that people not only have touchstones but sanctuaries where they can be healed and redeemed.

We move forward into the future God has for us at 3047 Bobbitt Road firmly grounded in the richness of our past. The future church may not look like the past but the center of our faith lives in community has been and always will be our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

I want to close these thoughts with your own invitational mission statement: "To all who are lonely and need a friend, to all who are sick and seek Christ's healing power, to all who sin and need a Savior, this church opens wide its doors, and in the name of Christ our Savior, bids you welcome." You are invited to come home to Christ!

Praying with you,

Pastor Carolyn

Sunday School

Adult Bible Studies Summer

Theme: Transform

The lessons in Unit 2 take us through a series of events in the context of Jewish and Gentile hostility in which we see how the Holy Spirit moved the church forward to serve others.

Unit 2: The Work of the Church

These lessons take us through a series of events in the Book of Acts in which the activity of the Holy Spirit drives the action forward. The lessons in Unit 1 identify the gifts granted to us by the Spirit; these lessons look at the path on which the Spirit directs our lives and how the Spirit is already active before we arrive at our destination.

Scriptures: Acts 4:23-31; Acts 8:26-39; Acts 11:1-18; Acts 15:1-21; Acts 16:25-34

Spiritual Practice: Service



Community Prayers

For... Ruth Rowland, Russell Fuller, Bob Beers, Charles Woodlief, Joyce Edwards, Marvin Daniel, Tim Smith, Nancy Nieto, Mike Hicks, 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



Ian Bardwell

Today I want to share a story with you based on Isaiah 55, my favorite passage in Scripture. In this scripture there is a passage called the “Sower’s Song” which contains some of the most hopeful words in all of Scripture. It tells us that the work of God will continue, even when we refuse to do the work. It proclaims that “For you shall go out in joy and be led back in peace the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song,” (Isa. 55:12 NRSVUE). I remember when I was reminded of this fact, and I have held onto it ever since. I was 19 years old cleaning up after my father after he died. He had kicked me out of my home on my 18th birthday and had emotionally abused my mother and me before she died. He died suddenly and I was responsible to clean up his mess in Colorado. I was furious with God, I kept asking God why did I have to go there? I looked out over the desert wilderness, and I saw a storm break about 20 miles away. It was in that moment that I realized that God was inviting me to participate in the dance of life, and that dance would continue whether or not I decided to participate. That is the beauty of the Gospel, we are invited to participate in new life, life with God; however, we can also take comfort that the song of creation will continue, because “or as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose and succeed in the thing for which I sent it” (Isa 55:10-11). Let us rest in those promises today.

1 K for 1 Kid - Methodist Home for Children Moment

During Annual Conference Sammy Hudson director of The Refuge, a camp and retreat center in Ayden spoke for the Methodist Home for Children and his relationship with children in need of foster care and caring families. He highlighted the work Methodist Home for Children did for his family. We take up an offering each February. This February our prayer is to reach the 1K for 1Kid.

Our Duke Student, Ian Bardwell asked that he could share his own story and express the importance of our support of such a ministry.

Plank Chapel family, I wanted to raise an important ministry in the community that is vital to the United Methodist mission, Methodist Home for Children. It is a service that provides safe environments for at risk youth to learn their place in the community. There are group homes and support programs all across the state. As a former at-risk youth, my mother died when I was 15 and my father kicked me out of my home on my 18th birthday, I would have benefited greatly from a support system like Methodist Home for Children. This is a personal plea to participate in the 1K for 1 kid program, as a church body we can help make sure that no kid is put in a situation that I was. However, I was caught by a loving family that I now call my parents, some children do not have safe environments to fall back into, that is the service that Methodist Home for Children provides. It will help keep children safe, and we will be participating in the Kingdom of God by helping the least of these. I was once one of those, and the Methodist Home for Children provides invaluable support over the whole state of North Carolina.

Ian Bardwell

Annual Conference 2022 Update

- This year at Annual Conference Krysha Jamis was licensed as a local pastor, Krysha was our Field Education Student in the Fall of 2021. Jacob Dye was commissioned as a provisional elder. He was our summer Field Education Student in 2021 beside Morgan Welch.



• 3 Special offerings were given during worship - Ukraine Relief during our opening worship raised \$20,097. On Friday during our celebration of our connectional church an offering for Tornado Relief for KY and TN raised \$8,277. The Gary Wayne Locklear Mission Endowment offering was received during our celebration of laity ministries. This is an investment fund for churches seeking grants for missional work. \$8,978 was raised.

- There are 15 New Faith Communities under the age of 5 years. Two New Faith Communities began in the past year.
- For 2024, a conference budget of \$15,734,449 was approved (a 2.21% increase from 2023).
- Overall, the approved conference budgets have been reduced 28% over the last six budget years.
- 36 persons entered the retired status this conference year.
- Minimum salary for pastors under full-time appointment was approved as \$48,320, an increase of \$947 per year.
- 7 churches have closed in this conference year.
- Professing membership at the end of 2021 stood at 214,320, down 4,662 from 2020.
- 163 pastors received new appointments for 2022-2023.

- Special Called Session of Annual Conference set for Saturday November 19, 2022 at Jarvis Memorial UMC Greenville for the purpose of ratifying the disaffiliation agreements for local churches who have decided to leave the denomination.

July Committee Meetings

17th — Sunday at 3:00 p.m. — PPRC

Tim Smith (LL), Lori Litton (LM)
 2022: Michelle Denton
 2023: Danielle Nugent, Susan Sears (chr)
 2024: John Abbott, Jamie Abbott

24th — Sunday at 3:00 p.m. — Nominations and Leadership

Rev. Dr. Carolyn Roy, (Chr.), Tim Smith (LL)
 2022: Todd Wilson
 2023: Lora Young, Michelle Denton
 2024: Beth Heaton

Free Market Saturday

July 23

8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Bring your items the week of July 18-22
 Setup is July 22
 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.



Unashamed

Join us at 2:00 p.m. for a time of worship through song with Unashamed. We will gather in the sanctuary and allow the Holy Spirit fill us through the gift of music in this local singing group! You don't want to miss this!

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!



July 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 Ecclesiastes 3:1-5:20 Third Sunday...tecost - Green 8:30 AM Awakenings 10:00 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship	27 Ecclesiastes 6:1-8:17 Independence Day (USA) Isaiah 12:1-16:14	28 Ecclesiastes 9:1-12:14 John Wesley's Birthday (1703)	29 Song of Solomon 1:1-4:16	30 Song of Solomon 5:1-8:14 10:00 AM Keeping Holy Time Bible Study	1 Isaiah 1:1-4:6	2 Isaiah 5:1-7:25
3 Fourth Sunda...tecost - Green Isaiah 8:1-11:16 8:30 AM Awakenings 10:00 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship	4 Independence Day (USA) Isaiah 12:1-16:14	5 Isaiah 17:1-23:18	6 Isaiah 24:1-27:13	7 Isaiah 28:1-31:9 10:00 AM Keeping Holy Time Bible Study	8 Isaiah 32:1-35:10	9 Isaiah 36:1-39:8
10 Fifth Sunday...tecost - Green Isaiah 40:1-44:28 10:00 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship 2:00 PM Unashamed	11 Isaiah 45:1-48:22	12 Isaiah 49:1-52:12	13 Isaiah 52:13-55:13	14 Isaiah 56:1-59:21 10:00 AM Keeping Holy Time Bible Study	15 Isaiah 60:1-66:24	16 Jeremiah 1:1-4:31
17 Sixth Sunday...tecost - Green Jeremiah 5:1-8:17 8:30 AM Awakenings 10:00 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship 3:00 PM PRC	18 Jeremiah 8:18-12:17	19 Jeremiah 13:1-16:21	20 Jeremiah 17:1-20:18 10:00 AM Senior Circle	21 Jeremiah 21:1-24:10 10:00 AM Keeping Holy Time Bible Study	22 Jeremiah 25:1-29:32	23 Jeremiah 30:1-33:26 8:00 AM Free Market Saturdays
24 Seventh Sunda...tecost - Green Jeremiah 34:1-38:28 8:30 AM Awakenings 10:00 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship 3:00 PM Nominations and Leadership	25 Jeremiah 39:1-45:5	26 Jeremiah 46:1-49:39	27 Jeremiah 50:1-52:34	28 Lamentations 1:1-2:22 10:00 AM Keeping Holy Time Bible Study	29 Lamentations 3:1-5:22	30 Ezekiel 1:1-5:17 9:00 AM VBS - Compassion Camp
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