

# CHAPEL CHATTER

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## UNITED WOMAN OF FAITH

I'm pleased to bring to you **New Beginnings: 2022 Annual Report of United Women in Faith**. We are using an electronic format, which allows for a broad distribution of this report while minimizing our environmental impact.

In 2022, we marked our bold new journey of sisterhood by taking on a new name, a new mission statement, and new pathways for membership. We knew the time had come to redefine ourselves by transforming how we express community and care for one another. We continue to live into the new realities of our changing church and world and find more ways to invite faith-filled women into membership. Our new name, United Women in Faith, reflects our expanded vision, renewed sense of purpose, and continued commitment to exemplify God's love in action by acting boldly for justice and transforming communities.

Read on (**New Beginnings: 2022 Annual Report of United Women in Faith**) to see how your Mission Giving and gifts of time, service, and resources are making an impact in the lives of women, children, and youth and how this is, indeed, changing our world.



## UNITED METHODIST MEN

### UMM BREAKFAST FELLOWSHIP & BBQ SALE

The United Methodist Men (UMM) meets every third Sunday of the month from 8am-9am with breakfast, devotion, fellowship and meeting. This month's UMM Breakfast Fellowship will be held on November 19th. All men are invited!

The UMM Annual BBQ Sale will be Friday, November 3rd from 7:00am-7:00pm. Please mark your calendar. For tickets, please see Thomas Beckham and other UMM officers. We give thanks to God for the UMM leadership and everyone who helped volunteered for the success of the UMM Annual BBQ Sale.

## 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. All women are invited. The next meeting in Nov 19th at 3pm.

There will be information concerning the Angel tree for this Christmas season coming soon for the families at Zeb Vance Elementary. We hope to have details by Nov 1st.



With winter arriving soon, The United Women of Faith visited Zeb Vance Elementary School to find out if they needed anything for the children's clothing closet. They have a limited supply for older children. Here is what is needed to complete their inventory:

- Tee Shirts :Basic (solid with no print) long and short sleeves grade 4-5
- Sweat Pants: Boys – small, medium, large – grades 4-5
- Leggings – Girls – small, medium, large – grades 4-5
- Adult Socks – Size 9-12
- Underwear – Boys and Girls – size Small, Medium, Large
- Belts – Children sizes





## Pastor's Note

On October 29<sup>th</sup>, we begin our stewardship season and I'm launching a sermon series entitled "Simply Grateful." For the next five weeks, we gonna dive in deeper into the Word of God and find out what it means to be grateful and how can we cultivate an attitude of gratitude as individuals and as faith community.

Gratitude is the heart of the Christian life. These aren't my words, but I believe them with all my heart. Actually, they were spoken by Thomas Merton, a Christian mystic who says, "Gratitude is therefore the heart of the solitary life, as it is the heart of the Christian life. . ." Apparently Merton wrote these words during a time of solitude, when, upon reflection, he realized how much God had blessed him." (Psalm 136:1)

However, ingratitude runs deep in the human heart. If you ask most people if they are ungrateful, they will probably reply, "Of course not!" However, this attitude is so ingrained in our human fabric, we cannot openly admit—or even realize—that we are ungrateful. *Webster's Dictionary* defines "ingratitude" as: "forgetfulness of, or poor return for, kindness received." It can also be defined as not appreciating or valuing what you have, or have been given. Bishop Desmond Tutu said that "ingratitude is a leprosy in the spirit. To be unthankful, to be unappreciative, is in fact to be diseased. To cleanse our spirits of depression, of self-pity and other forms of spiritual leprosy, we have to be thankful, appreciative persons."

America is one of the most abundantly blessed lands in the world. And yet, we have many people who are ungrateful, filled with chronic grumblers and complainers. They seem to have many things to *gripe* about—be it traffic, the economy, food prices, problems at work, difficulties with family, desire for additional material possessions, ill health, etc. That is why I hope that you will join us every Sunday this stewardship season (both in-person and online) and never missed the sermon series. Here's the sermon schedule:

October 29<sup>th</sup>- "UnGrateful"  
 November 5<sup>th</sup>- "Naming Our Idols"  
 November 12<sup>th</sup>- "Made for Gratitude"  
 November 19<sup>th</sup>- "Give Thanks at All Times"  
 November 26<sup>th</sup>- "Cultivating Gratitude"



The Bible reminds us that God is extravagantly generous. There is no greater example of God's generosity than the gift of His Son Jesus Christ. God has given us the most extravagantly generous gift -- that of the Son who lived, died, and resurrected. Apostle Paul reminds us in 2 Corinthians 8:9, "For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich."

In closing, I continue to encourage y'all to sign-up for "Conversation w/ Pastor Edgar". We can meet at home, church, restaurants or other venues. We can also set-up lunch or dinner dates as individuals or small group conversations. Please join with me in praying: "Lord, let Your miracles break forth every and let me not be an obstacle in any way!"



### Prayer Requests:

Johnny McGhee, Patricia Rogers, David Driver & his brother, Charlie Brown, Freddie Oettinger, Bob & Rose Marshall, Richard Coghill, peace in Israel & Palestine.

### Shut-Ins

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

## WEDNESDAY EVENING PRAYER GROUP

### New Wednesday Prayer Group Zoom Meeting

We started a new Wednesday Prayer Group that meets every Wednesday via Zoom from [5:30pm-6pm](#). You can join us either Zoom or phone conferencing (see link below). If you need help to to operate a Zoom, please contact Pastor Edgar @ [919-418-0682](tel:919-418-0682).



Please note that there will be no Prayer Group Zoom Meeting on [November 1st & 15th](#).

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

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

**Time:** This is a recurring meeting Meet anytime

### Join Zoom Meeting

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

**Meeting ID:** [987 7147 7114](#)

**Passcode:** [288519](#)



## 2023 Youth Pilgrimage & Quilt Silent Auction

We're excited to share with y'all that Plank Chapel UMC & Bethel UMC are jointly sending youth to the 2023 Youth Pilgrimage! Plank Chapel UMC is sending 4 young people and 3 adult leaders. They will join with Bethel UMC who are sending 4 young people and 1 adult leader. Pastor Edgar will be the spiritual leader of both church groups and they will be presented and prayed for by both congregations during the November 5th Sunday worship services.

The Pilgrimage has been bringing thousands of youth (6th – 12th grades) and their mentors to gather together from hundreds of local churches in the North Carolina Conference of The United Methodist Church for over 25 years. It is a life-changing weekend event filled with amazing artists, thought-provoking speakers, and inspiring youth leadership – all bearing witness to the transforming love of Christ. This year, youth and adult leaders will meet again on November 10th-12th at Rocky Mount Event Center for a weekend worship experience that calls everyone to a new or stronger faith in Jesus, challenging everyone to share God's love in word and action.

In this regard, the Plank Chapel Youth are raising funds to help with our Pilgrimage registration, food and lodging expenses. We thank Martha Rowland for her generosity in donating a beautiful quilt for Silent Auction (during the November 3rd BBQ Sale) and to raise funds for the young people. Thank you for helping us support this fundraising event and our youth!

<https://nccpilgrimage.org/2023/>





**THANK YOU MARTHA ROWLAND!!**





*“We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us -- and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God’s love abide in anyone who has the world’s goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help? Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action.” (1 John 3:16-18)*

United Methodist Volunteers In Mission offers leadership training! This one will be led by our own Rev. Dr. Bill Haddock! NCC UMVIM will hold a Basic Team Leader Training [on November 11, 2023 from 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM](#). The training will be held online via Zoom. This training is open to individuals from all Annual Conferences.

For more information and to register, go to this link: <https://nccumc.org/outreach/umvim/training/>

(perks include team expense grants with a trained leader)

Grace upon grace,  
Jaye

## LIGHT THE NIGHT & ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

[On November 1st](#) All Saints Day, we invite everyone to "Light the Night" at Plank Chapel UMC Cemetery [@ 4pm](#). We will remember the saints of the church by placing candles (battery operated) on the graves. [On November 5th](#), we will continue remembering the saints of the church on All Saints Sunday & Holy Communion on both [8am](#) Awakenings & [11am](#) Worship Service

## THANKSGIVING SERVICE

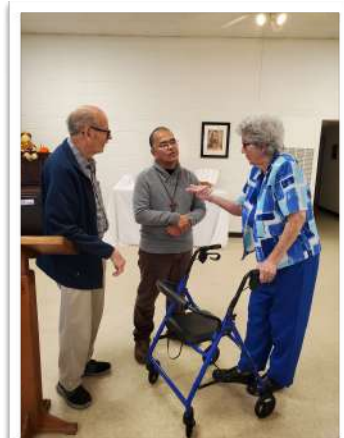
Come join us for the Thanksgiving Sunday Worship Service [on November 19th @ 11am](#). We will cover the altar and communion table with fresh produce such as fruits, vegetables and bread to be shared to our community after the service. Please bring fresh produce when you come to church [on November 19th](#) and also non-perishable items for the Blessing Box

## 2023 CHARGE CONFERENCE

The 2023 Charge Conference will be held [Sunday, November 19th, 6pm @ First UMC Henderson](#). Plank Chapel UMC will be clustered with Bethel UMC, Flat Rock UMC & FUMC Henderson. All current officers and members of the Church Council are highly requested to attend.

## SENIOR CIRCLE

Senior Circle is a wonderful way to meet new friends, build relationships and have fun! We meet every Thursday Wednesday of the month with a program and light lunch @ Plank Chapel UMC Fellowship Hall. Our next month's Senior Circle will be held [on November 15th](#). Due to the Christmas season, our December schedule will be changed to [December 13th](#). Come join us!





## 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.

## 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](mailto:Judith9563@gmail.com) or [\(252\) 492-0624](tel:(252)492-0624).

### 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 \$13.00, and a list of memorials/honoraria will be in the vestibule each week they are displayed. After worship service on December 24, you may take your plant(s) home with you. If you would like to order one or more poinsettias, please contact Judy Wilson @[judith9563@gmail.com](mailto:judith9563@gmail.com) or [\(252\) 492-0624](tel:(252)492-0624) by November 26.



We have much to be thankful for and invite you to join us this Thanksgiving at Lake Junaluska.

Enjoy table fellowship at our mid-day Thanksgiving Dinner Buffet (Check out the [menu](#) below!) and [spend the weekend](#) in the mountains. Lake Junaluska offers a peaceful waterfront setting with a lakeside trail to walk off the extra calories, rocking chairs for relaxation and plenty of festive holiday decorations. On Thanksgiving morning, the annual [Waynesville Sunrise Rotary Turkey Trot](#) will also take place at Lake Junaluska!

[Reservations](#) for our Thanksgiving meal are available between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. at The Terrace Hotel dining room, which offers scenic lake and mountain views. Pricing is \$39.95 per person plus tax and 18% service charge for adults and youth ages 12 and older, \$19.95 per child plus tax and 18% service charge for children ages 5-11 and free for children ages 4 and younger.

[Make Reservations](#)

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	
29 Awakenings Sunday School Worship	30	31	1 Prayer Group Zoom Meeting	2	UMM BAR
5 Awakenings Sunday School Worship	6	7	8 Prayer Group Zoom Meeting	9	PILGRIMAGE
12 PILGRIMAGE Awakenings Sunday School Worship UWIF (meet one weak ear	13	14	15	16	FACING THE FUTURE/PASTOR EDGAR
19 UMM Sunday School Worship CHARGE CONFERENCE @	20	21	22 Prayer Group Zoom Meeting	23	
26 Awakenings Sunday School Worship	27	28	29 Prayer Group Zoom Meeting	30	