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Called to Be Disciples!

This is a week in the Christian year when many Christians pray for Christian Unity - that what divides us may not be seen as nearly as important as what unites us - which is Jesus Christ and our faith in him. It is a week to lift up Ecumenical work and efforts all over the world and to be reminded of the Great Commission of Christ to go out into the world and proclaim the Good News and teach people to obey everything Jesus has commanded. (Matthew 28:19-20)

From: THE WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY JANUARY 18-25, 2015 by Rev. Timothy MacDonald, S.A., Associate Director, Graymoor Ecumenical & Interreligious Institute

"What were some of the important historical antecedents to this octave of prayer? Certainly in the 19th century, the desire for Christians to pray together was part of the spirit of the age among those alarmed by the divisions which weakened the power of Christian witness. In 1846, for instance, the Evangelical Alliance was established in London and had developed both international and inter-church connections. Ruth Rouse noted that it was "the one and only definitely ecumenical organization . . . which arose out of the Evangelical Awakening in the 19th century" (A History of the Ecumenical Movement: 1517-1948). The concept of unity espoused in their constitution was union among Christian individuals of different churches for renewal in the Spirit; they would not deal with the question of the reunion of churches. The Alliance set aside one week beginning on the first Sunday of the year, for united prayer by members of different churches to pray for renewal in the Spirit."

If you have not been aware of this movement, or have not yet prayed for your church and all of Christendom this week, I hope you will do so. I hope you will pray for God to show you ways to reach out to others in Christian love and to help others know God through Jesus Christ.

Our emphases in worship during these first weeks of our new year are on building the Church and becoming strong disciples. We seek to see God's hand at work and to hear God's call as we listen to stories of Jesus calling the first disciples. We reflect on the ways that we continue the work of the early church even in this day and time. May God bless us in our work! See you in church!

Prayers and Blessings,

Ms. Hope

LENTEN WORSHIP AND STUDY

In lieu of our traditional Wednesday Lenten Worship and Lunches, you are invited to take part in a Wednesday Worship and Study series during the Season of Lent. We will begin the week prior to Ash Wednesday; on Wednesday Feb 11th at 11:00am, and continue for 7 sessions, ending on Wednesday March 25th. You are welcome to bring a dish to share over lunch, or, a sandwich, or just attend the study. Lunch will follow the approximately one hour worship and study time.

This series is based upon a video with Robert Fuquay, set in the Holy Land, and explores the places Jesus lived out his ministry and his teachings. In our worship time we will examine our own spiritual disciplines as disciples of Christ, and be introduced to various forms of prayer. Those who participate will expand their knowledge of ways of praying as well as deepening their understanding of Jesus life and teachings. Sign Up sheet will be in the hallway on the small bulletin board by the water fountain. Leader of study is Hope Vickers.

Sunday, January 25, 2015

8:30 and 11:00 Worship

Sermon: "The Time Has Come!" Rev. Hope Vickers

Scripture: Psalm 62: 5-12 Jonah 3: 1-5, 10 1 Corinthians 7: 29-31,
Mark 1: 14-20

Hymns 8:30 and 11:00 "Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies"
"O Jesus, I Have Promised" "The Church's One Foundation"

9:00 Worship

Sermon: "Call Me, Maybe?" Rev. Laura Wittman

Scripture: Jonah 3: 1-5, 10 Mark 1: 14-20

Songs 9:00 "This Is Amazing Grace" "My Savior, My God" "I Will Rise"
"You Never Let Go"

Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of James C.
Hamill by Carl and Sue Hamill.

Liturgists 8:30 Maureen Oakes 11:00 Todd Benware

Ushers Kenneth Roberts, Betty Ketch, Morgan West, Johnie Joyce

Altar Guild Sharon Walker, Lauren Formy-Duval

Youth Reader Ben Engel

Crucifer Peter Walker Acolyte Caleb Engel

Nursery Marcey Harp, Crystal Treece, Lisa Byrd

Counters Fred Mowry, Chuck Darr

Bus Driver Tim Dahlgren

Greeters Rick and Emily Dike

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FROM LAURA

Children's Council

Children's Council will meet this Sunday immediately following the 11am service to plan some exciting events for the year.

Children's Ministry Upcoming Events

We are working to plan some fun events for this coming year and are looking forward to announcing some exciting things next week.

Eggstravaganza will be coming up this spring and we will be making some exciting changes to the event, with music, games, an egg hunt and other fun activities. If you are willing to help us plan, teach, decorate, or volunteer the day of the event, please let Laura Wittman or Sarah Gurley know.

Children's Church is back!

Children's Church has returned for the semester in the 11am service. Just a reminder that all children from 3 years old through 3rd grade are invited to attend. Children's Church begins following the children's sermon every week except for communion Sundays.

EPWORTH PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION

Epworth Church members have priority in registering for Epworth Preschool. Registration for the 2015-16 school year for members will occur on January 25, 26, and 27, before registration opens for others. If anyone is interested in visiting and speaking to teachers, the Preschool is hosting an open house on January 25 from 3:00 to 5:00. All are welcome to see this part of your children's ministry in action!

BACK PACK MINISTRIES

Needs.....small (8 oz.) cans of veggies, individual packages of cereal and oatmeal, juice boxes, ramen noodles, meats, mac n cheese, healthy snacks. Thanks for all your contributions.



UMYF "SOUPER" BOWL LUNCH

Sunday, Feb. 1 after 11:00 worship...a variety of delicious soups will be served! All donations go to support the Epworth Youth Program.

LEISURE/REC. MINISTRIES "OUT TO LUNCH"

The new year has begun in fast fashion! This Sunday, January 25th is the first LRM Luncheon Outing of 2015, and we are going to Bennett Point Grille following the 11:00 worship service. Please RSVP by contacting the church office at 919-489-6557. Everybody is invited!! Great fellowship and great food.

Epworth United Methodist Church declares itself a Reconciling Congregation, seeking to welcome all persons, regardless of age, race, ethnicities, disabilities, gender or sexual orientation, into the discipleship of Christian living and proclaim our commitment to seek the reconciliation of all persons to God and to each other through Jesus Christ.

JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2015

<p>25 Worship 8:30, 9:00 and 11:00 9:50 Sun. School 12:00 Children's Choir 12:00 Children's Council 12:15 LRM - out to lunch 3:00 Praise Team 3 - 5 Preschool Open House 5:00 Covenant Bible Study 6:00 UMYF</p>	<p>26 10:30 Staff Mtg. 1:30 Susanna Cir. 3:45 Tutoring 7:00 Nurture 7:30 Instrumentals</p>	<p>27 1:30 Care Group 6:00 Yoga 7:00 Boy Scouts</p>	<p>28 NO TUTORING 4:00 Prayer Group 7:00 Chancel Choir</p>	<p>29 11:00 Bible Study 7:00 AA</p>	30	31
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