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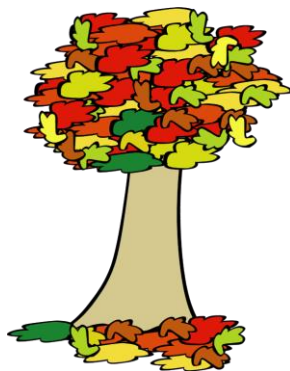
Harvest Festival

**This Sunday, October 25th, 5-7pm.
Trunk or Treating, food, games, crafts and a bounce house!**

We need volunteers to decorate and host trunks - there will be a prize for the best decorated trunk! There are also many other great opportunities to volunteer - helping the children with crafts and games, assisting with the bounce house and greeting and welcoming everyone from the neighborhood to our Epworth community.

Sign-up sheets will be posted in the Narthex and Farthex and you can also sign up at this link: <http://doodle.com/poll/9gqgae5mndstqiab>

If you have any questions, please contact Sarah Gurley or Laura Wittman for more information.



Sunday, October 25, 2015

Worship at 8:30 and 11:00

Sermon "If you want to become great, you must..."

Rev. Karen H. Whitaker

Scripture Psalm 34: 1-8, Hebrews 7: 23-28, Mark 10: 35-45

Hymns "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

"Wonderful Words of Life" "Be Thou My Vision"

Worship at 9:00

Sermon "At the Feet of Jesus" Rev. Laura Wittman

Scripture Hebrews 5: 1-10, Mark 10: 35-45

Songs "That's Why We Praise Him" "Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)" "Great Are You, Lord" "How Can I Keep from Singing"

Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God from Norma and Joe Mitchell in memory of Norma's brother Orville C. Taylor, Jr. and his wife Marie Morrissette Taylor.

Altar Guild Judy Daymont, Nalda Brown

Liturgist 8:30 and 11:00 Maureen Oakes

Bus Driver Todd Benware

Greeters Millie and Lloyd Gurley

Nursery Marcey Harp, Theresa Shebalin, Susan Armour, Joan Fletcher

Counters Fred Mowry and Todd Benware

Youth Reader Erin Engel

Ushers Johnie Joyce, John Rasmussen, Bob Hodgins, Elaine Herndon

Acolyte Caroline Mumford Crucifer Jerryl Christopher

NOVEMBER 1 - ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

During worship on Sunday, November 1, we will observe All Saints' Day with Holy Communion. All Saints Day is a day of remembrance for all the saints, with the New Testament meaning of all Christian people of every time and place. We celebrate the communion of Saints as we remember the dead, both of the church universal and our local congregation. For this reason, the names of persons in the congregation who have died during the past year will be read and candles will be lit (*from the UMC Book of Worship*). On this day we honor the memory of the lives of the "saints" who lived among us, the examples of faith they imprinted into our memories, and their victory. Though they are absent from us, they are present with the Lord; and for this, we give thanks. The congregation will be invited to light a candle in memory of loved ones lost in the past year. The candle is a symbol of the life that continues to shine.

FROM THE WORSHIP COMMITTEE Advent is quickly approaching and it's almost time to think about all of those meaningful symbols of Christmas. For us, one of the most important is the Chrismon Tree, a symbol of God's permanence and a reminder that he lives and carries on throughout our darkest times. We are seeking donations for the purchase of our Chrismon trees, one in the narthex and one in the fellowship hall. If you would be willing to make a contribution, please call the church office at 919-489-6557. The trees will be purchased the Friday after Thanksgiving.

STOP HUNGER NOW.

Ever wonder what you as one person or as a family or couple could do to help alleviate hunger in the world? On November 8th right after church you will have a great opportunity to "reach out" and help a lot of people with a meal. After the 11 o'clock service we will be conducting STOP HUNGER NOW meal preparation events to create 10,000 (yes 10,000) meals for starving people somewhere in the world. If you haven't participated in one of these in the past, now's your chance. Folks of all ages are needed to help make the meals, transfer foodstuffs in the room, restock the meal

preparers, weight the meals, count them and package them. All members of the church, the Preschool and the Boy Scout Troop are welcome to attend and help. We will be serving a light meal in the picnic shelter so we can use the Fellowship Hall to set up for the meal packing. Sign up sheets to pack meals will be found in the Farthex and the Narthex. We will also need 15-20 adults to help unload the materials before, during and after the 11 o'clock service. If you are on Facebook feel free to share this page and invite others to join us on November 8.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/754482001322668/>

All adults who are planning to come must register on the website because of their waiver forms. People can also make a donation if they'd like. Here is the direct link to the sign-up page. Please pass this along to your groups so we can start getting the word out.

https://stophungernow.secure.force.com/events/SA_EVENTS_Home?id=7017000000d6pCAAQ

ALTAR FLOWERS ARE NEEDED FOR NOVEMBER 8. Can you help?
Call Gloria Dewey, 919-493-1139.

Stewardship 2016

Abundant Joy, Overflowing Generosity

If you have not yet returned your pledge cards for our 2016 Stewardship Campaign, I encourage you to do so as soon as possible. You can return them to the church office during the week or place them in the offering plate on Sunday morning. We have received 106 pledges so far for a total of \$391,512. Thank you all so much for your continued generous support of Epworth UMC.

Meg Bass, Financial Manager

LEISURE REC MINISTRIES

"Out to Lunch"

Sunday, October 25 following 11:00 worship

At Ruby Tuesdays on Highway 54

Everyone is invited! Sign up on the bulletin board near
the church office or call the church...919-489-6557

HELP WANTED! We need volunteers for Children's Church. If you are
interested, please call Debby Meyer at 919-493-2231.

MOST NEEDED FOR BACK PACK MINISTRIES

Meats/stews, juice boxes, veggies, mac n cheese

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DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS NOVEMBER 1.