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November 11, 2015

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**Interested in Serving Communion?**

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*Our next communion Sunday will be December 13.*

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If you'd like to help serve, or if you'd like to have more information about how to do it, please let Karen or Laura know. Any who wants to, is welcome to help!

**Coming Up at Epworth!!**

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*Here's some information about the next few Sundays and what you'll see happening around Epworth UMC:*

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**November 15: Bread for the World Sunday-** We will be sharing information about Bread for the World and collecting a special offering for this important ministry  
*Sunday Night Live Returns at 5pm!!!*

**November 22: Christ the King Sunday-** We will have two services at **8:45 and 11am**, celebrating the liturgical seasons, on our last Sunday of the Christian calendar year.  
*Sunday Night Live at 5pm!*

**November 29: Services at 8:30, 9 and 11**  
*NO SUNDAY NIGHT LIVE*

**December 6: Cantata Sunday**, ONE service at 11am  
*Sunday Night Live- Caroling at Croasdaile*

**December 13: Services at 8:30, 9 and 11.** Moravian Love Feast at 7:30pm  
*NO SUNDAY NIGHT LIVE*

**December 20: Services at 8:30, 9 and 11**  
*Sunday Night Live at 5pm- Caroling in the Neighborhood!*

**December 24: Christmas Eve Family Communion Service - 4:30pm**  
**Traditional Candlelight Service -7 pm**

**December 27: One Service at 11am- Lessons and Carols**

## **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2015**

**8:30 AND 11:00 Worship:**

Sermon: "Earthquakes, Famines and Birth pangs!" Rev. Karen H. Whitaker

Scripture: Psalm 16, 1 Samuel 1: 4-20, Mark 13: 1-8

Hymns: "O God, Our Help in Ages Past" "My Lord, What a Morning"

"I Am Thine, O Lord"

**9:00 Worship**

Sermon: "Tear Down the City" Rev. Laura Wittman

Scripture: "1 Samuel 2: 1-10, Mark 13: 1-8

Songs: "Days of Elijah" "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

"In Feast or Fallow" "Everlasting God"

**Altar Flowers** are given to the glory of God and in celebration  
of the life of Nelson Fletcher by Joan Fletcher and their girls.

**Ushers** Kenneth Roberts, Jeff Rankin, Morgan West, Jerry McDaniel

**Liturgists** 8:30 Maureen Oakes 11:00 Barbara Rice

**Altar Guild** Martha and J. Ray Kirby, Mary Gyurki-Kiss

**Nursery** Marcie Brame, Theresa Shebalin, Anne Posey, Libby Engel

**Counters** Emily Dike, Brent Engel

**Ushers** Kenneth Roberts, Jerry McDaniel, Morgan West, Jeff Rankin

**Acolyte** Caroline Mumford

CONGRATULATIONS to Erin Engel and Jerush Christopher this year's recipients of the Outreach Award.

MEMORIAL CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED

- In memory of Mary Anne Stone from the House and Garden Club.
- In memory of Grace Henderson from Elaine Herndon and Bob Hodgins

MOST NEEDED

by **Back Pack ministries**: mac 'n cheese (5.5 oz. boxes) veggies, cereal, meats, juice boxes

by **Urban Ministry Food Pantry/Clothes Closet**: canned fruits and corn, peanut butter, cereal, mac and cheese, toilet paper, paper towels, underwear all ages and sizes.

WE NEED 2 CHRISMON TREES! 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.

UMW GENERAL MEETING is this Sunday, **November 15, 2015!!** As you are able, we are collecting gift cards for our kids and teens at the Methodist Home for Children. Gift cards in increments of \$10.00 and \$20.00 from Walmart, Target, The Gap, Barnes & Noble, iTunes, Food Lion and McDonald are welcome. Please note that some gift cards have expiration dates, and it's worth looking to get the card with the latest date possible. Plan to bring a friend - look forward to seeing you on the 15th!!

## LC LUNCHEON AND MEETING

You are invited to attend the monthly luncheon meeting of the Epworth LCs (ages 50-100+) on Monday, Nov. 16 at 11:30 in the church Fellowship Hall.

The program will be presented by Korrine Terroso, a United Methodist who grew up in PA and graduated from Duke University in May, 2015, with a major in African and African-American studies. As a Duke undergraduate Korrine was selected to be a Duke Chapel PathWays Scholar for four years, assisting in worship services at the Duke Chapel, becoming a leader in the Duke Wesley Fellowship, and devoting her summer vacations to service in Africa. Upon her graduation she was selected to become a Duke Chapel PathWays Fellow for 2015-2016, working in Durham to explore paths to her life vocation of service to underserved people in the United States and the world. As a part of her Fellow work, she was directed to participate in a Christian congregation in Durham. After considering several churches, she chose Epworth. Since June she has been with Epworth members in worship, study, service, and fellowship. At the LCs meeting she will share facets of her experiences as a Duke Chapel Scholar and Fellow.

Korrine honored Epworth by choosing us as her church "home" for 2015-16. Please honor Korrine with your presence at her presentation on Monday, and learn what this young UM can teach us! For more information about the luncheon meeting and Korrine, call Ruth Clausing at 919-381-5809 or Norma Mitchell at 919-402-0984.

**See attached photo: Korrine is pictured in Nome, Alaska on a spring break trip to Community United Methodist with the Duke Wesley Fellowship.**

## BREAD FOR THE WORLD

This coming Sunday Epworth will observe our annual Bread for the World Sunday, renewing our church's ten-year commitment to work as a Covenant Congregation with this national ecumenical movement of legislative advocacy to end world hunger. Our Covenant relationship, endorsed by the General Conference repeatedly since 2000, engages us in prayer for the hungry, work to end hunger in our local community, congregational and individual financial support of BFW, and legislative advocacy of the hungry worldwide by our personal contracts with the North Carolina members of the U. S House of Representative and the U. S. Senate. As many members of the Epworth congregation annually participate in BFW's Offerings of Letters, we exercise the right given citizens by the United States Constitution in its First Amendment to "petition the government for the redress of grievances." For followers of Jesus Christ, the "food insecurity" of millions of our fellow Americans and nearly a billion of our fellow human beings across the planet is an unacceptable grievance.

As we read the BFW inserts in our bulletins this Sunday, let us pray for those who are hungry and for those who work to end hunger. Let us also be especially mindful that, according to the BFW Institute, which researches hunger for BFW, "private charities supply only one of every 20 bags of groceries that feed people who are hungry" in the United States. "The federal government provides the rest." This is why BFW urges Christians to advocate for the hungry by communicating with our national government regularly and often.

Those who wish to make individual contributions today for the support of BFW's constant advocacy with U. S. legislators for the hungry may write checks to Epworth United Methodist Church with Bread for the World on the memo line. In 2015, the Epworth Outreach Committee has contributed \$500.00 to BFW for the congregation.

For more information, contact Norma Mitchell at [normatmitchell@gmail.com](mailto:normatmitchell@gmail.com) or 919-492-0984.

**Outreach** to Hope Valley Elementary Kids: The Outreach Committee in partnership with Hope Valley Elementary is sponsoring a winter coat drive. For many Durham families, warm coats are a luxury they simply cannot afford. For them, basic needs are a real struggle. Imagine children walking to school cold or waiting at bus stops in freezing temperatures. To help keep children warm this season, Epworth is collecting new and gently used winter coats to distribute to those in need at Hope Valley Elementary. We are collecting coats that would fit a 1<sup>st</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> grader. If you have a gently used coat to donate, please ensure there are no tears or stains on the coat. We are asking that you bring the coats to Church no later than Dec 13<sup>th</sup>. At the Dec 13<sup>th</sup> service, we will have a blessing of the coats before they are taken to the school for distribution. For all of you crazy Black Friday shoppers, keep this in mind, you might see a great deal that can help this cause!

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<p><b>15</b>  <b>Worship 8:30, 9:00 and 11:00</b>            7:30 Praise Team            9:50            Children's Choir            9:50 Sun. School            12:15 UMW Gen Meeting            5:00 - 7:00            Sunday Night Live</p>	<p><b>16</b>            10:30 Staff Meeting            11:30 LC's            1:30 Ruth Cir            3:45 Tutoring            7:00 Trustees            7:30            Instrumentals</p>	<p><b>17</b>            1:30            Care Group            6:00 Yoga            6:30            Preschool Board            7:00 Boy Scouts</p>	<p><b>18</b>  <u>No Tutoring</u>            4:00 Prayer Group            6:00            Handbells            7:00 Chancel Choir</p>	<p><b>19</b>            5:00 Voices Together            7:00 AA</p>	<p><b>20</b></p>	<p><b>21</b></p>
<p><b>22 CHRIST THE KING SUN</b>  <b>8:45 Worship</b>            9:50 Children's Choir            9:50 Sun. School  <b>11:00 Worship</b>            12:15 LRM Min.  <b>Out to Lunch</b>            5:00 - 7:00            Sunday Night Live</p>	<p><b>23</b>            10:30 Staff Meeting            1:30 Susanna Circle            3:45 Tutoring            6:30            Endowment            7:00            Finance Comm</p>	<p><b>24</b>            1:30            Care Group            6:00 Yoga            7:00 Boy Scouts</p>	<p><b>25</b>  <u>No Tutoring</u>            7:00            Chancel Choir</p>	<p><b>26 Thanksgiving</b>    <b>7:00 AA</b></p>	<p><b>27</b></p>	<p><b>28</b></p>
<p><b>29</b>  <u>First Sun. in Advent</u>  <b>Worship 8:30, 9:00 and 11:00</b>  <b>9:50 Children's Choir</b>  <b>9:50 Sun. School</b></p>	<p><b>30</b>            10:30 Staff Meeting            3:45 Tutoring            7:00 Church Council</p>	<p><b>Dec. 1</b>            1:30            Care Group            6:00 Yoga            7:00 Boy Scouts</p>	<p><b>2</b>            3:45 Tutoring            4:00 Prayer Group            6:00            Handbells            7:00 Chancel Choir</p>	<p><b>3</b>            5:00 Voices Together            7:00 AA</p>	<p><b>4</b></p>	<p><b>5</b></p>