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### Finance Office News

A BIG thank you for "Finishing the Year Strong"! We met our goal of \$15,000+ per week in income for the month of December and finished the year on solid financial ground with all of our apportionments and 2015 expenses paid in full. We asked and you answered. We are truly blessed with a generous congregation!

Looking toward 2016, if you have not yet filled out a 2016 pledge card and would like to do so, we have extras in the office near Dona's desk. Stop by anytime during office hours, or if you prefer, we can mail one to you. Just give us a call at 919-489-6557 or email us at [mbass@epworth-umc.org](mailto:mbass@epworth-umc.org) or [dgamble@epworth-umc.org](mailto:dgamble@epworth-umc.org).

**HAPPY  
NEW  
YEAR!**

**SUNDAY, January 10, 2016**  
**Worship 8:30, 9:00 and 11:00**

**Sermon** Rev. Karen H. Whitaker

**Scriptures:** Psalm 29, Acts 8: 14-17, Luke 3: 15-17, 21-22

**Hymns** "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

"Breathe on Me, Breath of God" "Spirit Song"

**Songs:** "Word of God Speak" "Come Be Baptized" "I Will Follow"  
"Life Song"

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

**Ushers** Tim Dahlgren, Bobbie Dahlgren, Frank Dono,  
Leanna Murphy Dono

**Altar Guild** Sharon Walker, Lauren Formy-Duval

**Nursery** Marcie Harp, Theresa Shebalin,

**Counters** Sarah Gurley, Libby Engel

**Acolyte** Henri Nadworny **Youth Reader** Virginia Nadworny

**Crucifer** Hannah Morris **Bus Driver** Patsy Harlow

**Greeters** Tim and Bobbie Dahlgren

**Altar Flowers** are given to the glory of God and in loving  
memory of Robert L. Wilson by Betty Wilson.

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WANT TO HELP WITH BACK PACK MINISTRIES? If you would like to pack or deliver the back packs, please contact Greg Barrow who is working on the schedule for this semester. ([gregbarrow7@gmail.com](mailto:gregbarrow7@gmail.com))

THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT The Outreach Committee thanks all who contributed so generously to the various missions/ministries in our Alternative Giving Effort this year. Thanks to your caring and compassionate response we were able to raise \$1,550. Here is the breakdown: Backpack Ministries \$130, Bread for the World \$30, Epworth's Operating Budget \$80, Habitat for Humanity \$280, Haiti-Fond Doux \$265, Heifer Project \$460, IHN \$125, Imagine No Malaria \$70, Urban Ministries \$110.

REQUEST FOR MORE TUTORS Tutoring is going very well this year. We currently have 18 students, and would like to increase our number to 20 students. However, two to four additional regular tutors are needed to do so. If you have Monday and/or Wednesday from 3:45 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. available to tutor and would like to join our group at Epworth UMC, please contact John Lott [johnBBSL@aol.com](mailto:johnBBSL@aol.com) or Kenneth Roberts [jkenneth@nc.rr.com](mailto:jkenneth@nc.rr.com)  
Thank you for your interest.

### SUPPORT FOR THOSE WHO MOURN

This time of year can be especially difficult for those who grieve the loss of a loved one. Growing thru Grief offers help. We meet every Tuesday, gathering at 4 pm for coffee and cookies, and the meeting runs from 4:30-6, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 1200 West Cornwallis, Durham. Growing thru Grief is a coalition of area churches and organizations to offer support and education for those who mourn, centered on small group discussion. Here is our schedule through January: Dec. 22, Small Group Discussion concerning the holidays; Dec. 29, Betty Morton on the Year in Review; Jan. 5, Small group review of the holidays; Jan 12, Bill Dahl on Reading resources to help those who mourn; Jan. 19, Rev. Scott Anderson on Anger with God; Jan. 26, Small Group Discussion. For more information email [growingthrugrief@gmail.com](mailto:growingthrugrief@gmail.com). All are welcome!

THANK YOU for the enrichment that I have received from Epworth. I am very thankful that I was privileged to attend the inspiring services and to get to know so many beautiful people. I hope to visit now and then and to see my friends.

Lovingly,

Eloise Martin, 5045 US 1 - 157 Hwy., Henderson NC 27537

### MEMORIALS AND OTHER GIFTS

A contribution has been made in memory of Kathy Bergstrom by Lorraine Clark.

A contribution has been made to the Care Group in memory of Grace Henderson by Daisy Harris.

A contribution has been made to the Music Fund in honor of Judy Bolt by the Instrumental Ensemble.

### LC ACTIVITIES FOR JANUARY (Older Adults)

Mark your calendars for fun activities in January.

Monday, January 18 at 11:30, our monthly luncheon in Fellowship Hall.

Thursday, January 21, Lunch and attend the play "Doubt: A Parable" at the Temple Theater in Sanford.

Friday, January 29, attend the N.C. Symphony open rehearsal at 10:00 a.m. (free event).

Travel Opportunity: The Mt. Sylvan UMC Older Adult Group has planned a trip to Lancaster County, PA for May 9-13. They have room on their bus for about 15 more people and have invited us to join them. (More info. is on the attachment.)



## DID YOU KNOW?

Our Narthex flooded on December 23<sup>rd</sup> after a rainstorm at lunchtime that day. Because it was raining so hard, the water in the courtyard could not drain quickly enough and came in under the glass doors to the Narthex soaking a significant area of the carpet, pad and walls. Burke Hutcheson, the owner of Triclean our cleaning service, also does restorative work and was here within hours of the flood, getting the water up and beginning the drying and disinfecting process. Burke kept us updated throughout the process and set up, took down, and re-set up his drying equipment to accommodate our Christmas Eve and Sunday services. On December 29<sup>th</sup>, the walls and carpet tested completely dry and the baseboards were replaced on the affected walls. We are now waiting to be billed. Stay tuned!

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, 2016

<b>10</b> Worship at 8:30, 9:00, and 11:00 9:50 Children's Choir 9:50 Sun. School 12:00 Stewardship Com. 5:00 UMYF	<b>11</b> 10:30 Staff Meeting 1:00 Book Group 3:45 Tutoring 7:00 Finance 7:00 SPPRC 7:30 Instrumentals	<b>12</b> 1:30 Care Group 6:00 Yoga 6:30 Church Council 7:00 Boy Scouts	<b>13</b> 3:45 Tutoring 4:00 Prayer Group 6:00 Handbells 7:00 Chancel Choir	<b>14</b> 5:00 Voices Together 6:30 Bread For the World 7:00 AA	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b> Worship at 8:30, 9:00, and 11:00 9:50 Children's Choir 9:50 Sun. School 6:00 UMYF	<b>18</b> Martin Luther King holiday Office closed 11:30 LC's 7:00 Trustees 7:30 Instrumentals	<b>19</b> 1:30 Care Group 6:00 Yoga 6:30 Church Council 7:00 Boy Scouts 7:00 Worship Comm.	<b>20</b> 3:45 Tutoring 4:00 Prayer Group 6:00 Handbells 7:00 Chancel Choir	<b>21</b> 5:00 Voices Together 7:00 AA 7:00 #Eve Circle	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b> Worship at 8:30, 9:00, and 11:00 9:50 Sun. School 9:50 Children's Choir 2:00-4:00 Preschool Open House 6:00 UMYF	<b>25</b> 10:30 Staff Meeting 1:30 Susanna Circle 7:00 Nurture 7:30 Instrumentals	<b>26</b> 1:30 Care Group 6:00 Yoga 7:00 Boy Scouts	<b>27</b> <b>NO Tutoring</b> 4:00 Prayer Group 6:00 Handbells 7:00 Chancel Choir	<b>28</b> 5:00 Voices Together 7:00 AA	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>