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February 3, 2016

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ASH WEDNESDAY IS FEBRUARY 10. We will have a worship service including the imposition of ashes at 7 p.m.



SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY LUNCH This Sunday, February 7 following 11 o'clock worship plan to stay for lunch sponsored by the UMYF. On the menu ---- delicious soups and desserts. Donations to the UMYF will be appreciated.

WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE? As we seek to grow Epworth, the January Church Council meeting discussed the idea of having a coach work with Epworth UMC as we move into God's preferred future. We are looking for 10-12 persons who want to be on a task force that will meet with the coach to dream, discern and envision the future of Epworth. Interested? Contact Pastor Karen 919-210-6839 or Pastor Laura or the church office.

SUNDAY NIGHT LIVE! SNL will begin again on February 14 at Epworth UMC. Our adults will be studying "Renegade Gospel: The Rebel Jesus" by Mike Slaughter. (Call the church office if you need a book.) This is the same study that we are also doing on Wednesdays throughout Lent. If you can't make it on Wednesdays, join us on Sunday evenings! Our children will be watching "Inside Out" and will follow with a study on different emotions and how they affect our relationships! We look forward to diving back into this time of fun, fellowship, and growing closer to God!

SUNDAY, February 7, 2016

Worship and Communion 8:30 and 11:00

Sermon "Mountain Moments" Rev. Karen H. Whitaker

Scriptures: Psalm 99, Exodus 34: 29-35, Luke 9: 28-36

Hymns "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

"Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies" "Be Thou My Vision"

9:00 Worship and Communion

Sermon: "Worshiping with God" Rev. Laura Whitaker

Scripture: Exodus 34: 29-35, Luke 9: 28-36

Songs 9:00 "Build Your Kingdom Here" "From the Inside Out"

"God You Reign" "The Well" "Beautiful One"

Liturgists 8:30 Maureen Oakes 11:00 Ruth Clausing
Ushers Michael Mumford, Fred Mowry, Joyce Dalglish, Jim Goacher

Altar Guild Laurel and Charlie Rose, Nancy Myers

Nursery Marcie Harp, Theresa Shebalin, Anne Posey, Meg Bass

Counters Carl Hamill and Judy Daymont

Acolyte Jerryl Christopher **Youth Reader** Jerush Christopher

Crucifer Hannah Morris **Bus Driver** Belo Shelton

Greeters Kathy and Harry Dutton

Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of
Dr. Larry Mumford and Alice W. Mumford by the Mumford /Stahl families.

**MOST NEEDED BY BACK PACK MINISTRIES...veggies...all kinds....8 ounce
or 14 ounce cans. In each backpack we will include one large can or 2 of the
small ones depending what we have on hand. We have found that the small
cans are sometimes hard to find and there is more variety with the larger
ones.**

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REMINDER Altar Guild Refresher Course and Workday, this Saturday, Feb. 6th, 9:30 - 12. Bring a bottle of your favorite wood furniture polish, a paper grocery bag or two if you have them, (for wicking wax out of the carpet) and/or a small shop vac with a crevice tool for vacuuming out those pesky pine needles from the pew cushions! We will meet in the sanctuary.

MEMORIALS

In memory of **Alice Rankin** and **Sheila Mason** to the Endowment from Fred and Nell Mowry.

In memory of **Alice Rankin** to the Care Group from Kathy Chaney

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PRAYERS

My dear Rev. Whitaker and Mrs. Rice,

I am the niece of Joe and Norma Mitchell who you and your congregation prayed for in 2015. The breast cancer diagnosis came on January 7 and resulted in a round of chemotherapy, followed by two surgeries where more cancer was discovered, followed by a second chemo round which ended on December 30. After taking January off from doctors, I will begin 6 weeks of radiation in early February, and then BE DONE with the major treatment.

Through it all I have had wonderful support from relatives, co-workers, friends, and even those, like the Epworth family, who while not knowing me

personally have surrounded me with their spiritual arms and lifted my health concerns to the Father.

If there is an opportunity in your worship service or perhaps in the Sunday bulletin, please convey my deepest appreciation to the congregation. I am confident your prayers have been heard and answered and eagerly look forward to a bright 2016.

Emma Wade

Garland, Texas

ISIAIAH BIBLE STUDY resumes **tomorrow, Thursday, February 4**, from 11:00 til noon in room 2/3. This study is based on the Efird Bible Series. Newcomers are welcome. If you have questions, please call Marie Hammond, 919493-6199.

LINE DANCING ___ New absolute beginner line dance class is starting at Epworth on Thursday, February 25. It will meet every week from 5:30 to 6:15. \$5 per person. This level class is for people with little to no dance/line dance experience. No partner needed! You will learn line dance steps, how to take them without getting hurt, and line dance terminology so you can go to any other class and join in. We do all this while learning fun, new dances and new steps each week. We dance to all types of music (top 40, jazz, Latin, swing, and country) and learn all styles of dance (waltz, cha, rumba, nightclub two-step, swing, etc). Line dancing is good exercise for both mind and body as well as a great social experience--everything "they" say that is good for you. Can doing things that are good for you really be this much fun?!? If you have questions, call the church office.

FOUND at the church, a wedding ring. Call the church office, 919-489-6557.

LC's will meet on Monday, February 15 at 11:30 in the Fellowship Hall for lunch and a program. All are welcome.

Youth News & Notes

Souper Bowl Luncheon

It's that time of year, and this Sunday is going to be a Super "Souper" Bowl kinda day!! The youth are hosting their Annual "Souper Bowl Luncheon" following the 11:00 worship service. Everyone is invited to join in the fellowship, and enjoy some great home-made soups! A wonderful food, fellowship and fun-filled time it will be! Donations are greatly appreciated, and will go to support youth ministry programs and retreats, with 10% of all donations received going to the Youth Service Fund, a United Methodist mission fund (monies raised by youth and spent by youth to benefit youth world-wide).


Youth Super Bowl Party

Broncos or Panthers...who's your team? Come cheer them on at the UMYF Super Bowl Party from 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. at the "Northern-Sweeting Super Bowl Stadium"!! Each youth should bring drinks and snacks to share. The "Stadium" address for "valet" drop-off and pick-up is:
3417 Ranbir Drive, Durham 27713 (Phone: 919-544-9485).

What a great day to see God's light shining in our lives!!

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.

FEBRUARY 2016

<p>7 Worship at 8:30, 9:00, and 11:00 9:50 Sun. School 9:50 Children's Choir 12:00 Souper Bowl Lunch 12:15 UMW Exec. Comm. 5:00 UMYF</p>	<p>8 10:30 Staff Meeting 1:00 Book Group 6:00 Line Dancing 7:00 SPPRC 7:30 Instrumentals</p>	<p>9 1:30 Care Group 6:00 Yoga 7:00 Boy Scouts 7:00 Outreach</p>	<p>10 ASH WED. 12 Bible Study 3:45 Tutoring 4:00 Prayer Group 6:00 Handbells 7:00 Ash Wed Service Chancel Choir</p>	<p>11 11:00 Bible Study 5:00 Voices Together 5:30 Line Dancing 7:00 AA</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>
<p>14 1st Sun. in Lent Worship at 8:30, 9:00, and 11:00 9:50 Sun. School 9:50 Children's Choir (Loving Hands Meal) 5:00 UMYF</p> 	<p>15 10:30 Staff Meeting 11:30 LC's 1:30 Ruth Cir 3:45 Tutoring 6:00 Line Dancing 6:30 Endowment 7:00 Finance 7:30 Instrumentals</p>	<p>16 1:30 Care Group 6:00 Yoga 7:00 Boy Scouts</p>	<p>17 12 Bible Study 3:45 Tutoring 4:00 Prayer Group 6:00 Handbells 7:00 Chancel Choir</p>	<p>18 11:00 Bible Study 5:00 Voices Together 5:30 Line Dancing 7:00 AA 7:00 Eve Cir</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p>
<p>21 2nd Sun. in Lent Worship at 8:30, 9:00, and 11:00 9:50 Sun. School 9:50 Children's Choir 12:15 UMW Gen. Meeting 5:00 UMYF</p>	<p>22 10:30 Staff Meeting 1:30 Susanna Circle 3:45 Tutoring 6:00 Line Dancing 7:00 Church Council No Instrumentals</p>	<p>23 1:30 Care Group 6:00 Yoga 6:30 Preschool Board 7:00 Boy Scouts</p>	<p>24 12 Bible Study No Tutoring 4:00 Prayer Group 6:00 Handbells 7:00 Chancel Choir</p>	<p>25 11:00 Bible Study 5:00 Voices Together 5:30 Line Dancing 7:00 AA</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>