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TODAY IS ASH WEDNESDAY...THE BEGINNING OF LENT... We will have a worship service including the imposition of ashes tonight at 7 p.m. A nursery is available!

Sunday Night Live is Back!

Sunday Night Live is returning THIS Sunday, February 14 at 5:30pm. Here's what you can expect:

Children: Our kids will be meeting from 5:30- 6:30 on Sunday evenings with a break for snacks in the middle. Over the next few weeks they will be doing a study based on the movie "Inside Out" discussing emotions and different things they may encounter throughout their daily lives. This Sunday, the children will begin watching the movie in the Youth Room downstairs at 5:30 pm.

Adults: Our adults will be meeting from 5:30-6:30 in the Parlor each Sunday evening. You don't have to have children or youth in our Sunday night programming to attend. This study is open to everyone! We will be studying "Renegade Gospel: The Rebel Jesus" by Mike Slaughter. This is the same study that is also taking place on Wednesdays at noon throughout Lent. Here is a summary of the study:

"Who was Jesus, really? Wasn't the central figure to the Christian faith a man who denied all preconceived notions about what God should look like? Wouldn't associating with him have meant joining a rebel movement? Doesn't it still? Renegade Gospel is a church study that challenges believers to come to terms with the real Jesus—the rebel Jesus."

Topics each week include:

- *Discovering the Rebel Jesus*
- *Revolutionary Lifestyle*
- *The Most Important Question You Will Ever Have to Answer*
- *Seeing Jesus Today*
- *The Way of the Cross*
- *Resurrection*

Youth: Our Youth will be meeting at 5:30 in the Fellowship Hall for dinner, followed by programs, study and fellowship from 6-7pm. The focus for this semester is seeing Jesus as the light in our world, and exploring his many other roles.

What's different this time?

- We will not be having a combined fellowship dinner each Sunday evening, although we are working on plans to have dinner perhaps once a month during Sunday Night Live. More information will be available soon. The youth will still have dinner in the fellowship hall each Sunday.
- There will be a snack time for our children during their study time.

Why is this an important ministry?

- Sunday Night Live provides an opportunity for the entire family to be able to come to church on Sunday evenings and be formed spiritually.
- By offering programs for children, youth, and adults there is something for everyone!
- This ministry allows time for fellowship. In the midst of a crazy and chaotic world, it carves out a space to get to know one another, to share in struggles together, and to grow closer to Jesus.
- This is a wonderful opportunity for people to serve in youth and children's ministry and grow closer to these young disciples.

How Can I Help?

- We are looking for people who would be willing to provide snacks for our children each Sunday.
 - Ideally snacks would include things like apple slices, grapes, boxes of raisins, graham crackers, goldfish, cheerios- Simple snacks that are finger foods but still nutritious.
 - We'd love for our snack people to sign up for a week, and stay to hang out with the children and get to know them a little. This is a wonderful way to nurture the little ones here at Epworth UMC.
- Sign-up to be a helper for a week. We know that it's a big commitment to come every Sunday to help, but if can sign up for just one week you would make a huge difference in the lives of these children. Helpers would be asked to help with crafts, assisting children in listening and understanding the Bible story, and getting to know the children as well.
- If you would be willing to volunteer, SNL will be meeting on the following Sundays:
 - February 14
 - February 21
 - February 28
 - March 6

(We will have a break for a few weeks because of Eggstravaganza, Crop Walk and

- Easter)
 - April 3
 - April 10
- To sign up, simply call the church office (919-489-6557) and let us know if you'd like to do snacks or help (or both!) and what week works for you. You can also email Laura or Karen

We are so excited to start back in this wonderful ministry! See you on Sunday!

SUNDAY, February 14, 2016

8:30 and 11:00 Worship

Sermon Rev. Karen H. Whitaker

Scripture: Psalm 91, Romans 10: 8b-16, Luke 4: 1-13

**Hymns "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" "Take Time to Be Holy"
"Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days"**

9:00 Worship

Sermon Rev. Laura Wittman

Scripture: Romans 10: 8b - 13, Luke 4: 1-13

**Songs 9:00 "All the People Said Amen" "The Power of your Love"
"How He Loves Us" "The Everlasting God"**

Liturgists 8:30 Maureen Oakes 11:00 Kathy Dutton

Ushers Jerry McDaniel, Johnie Joyce, Elaine Herndon, Bob Hodgins

Altar Guild Laurel and Charlie Rose, Nancy Myers

Nursery Marcie Harp, Theresa Shebalin, Beth Armbruster, Joan Fletcher

Counters Emily Dike, Brent Engel

Acolyte Virginia Nadworny **Youth Reader** Henri Nadworny

Crucifer Erin Engel **Bus Driver** Tim Dahlgren

Greeters Pansy Waligora, Jim Goacher

Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of Charles H.
Kring from Sandra Kring and family.

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MEMORIALS

In memory of **Alice Rankin** from John and Betsy Barrow and Charles and Laurel Rose.

In memory of **Alice Rankin** to the Care Group from Margaret Richardson and Frank and Betsy Skidmore.

In memory of **Frances Richardson** to the Care Group from Margaret Richardson.

A plaque has been added to the Endowment Board indicating gifts made in memory of **Alice Rankin**.

THANK YOU

The family of Alice Rankin would like to express our appreciation for the outpouring of love and support during this difficult time. Your thoughtful condolences, generous donations, and many words of kindness have been a comfort to us. Epworth was always a big part of her life and very close to her heart. We are so blessed to have friends like you and are thankful for all your prayers and expressions of sympathy.

Warmest regards, Jeff & Gail Rankin and family.

LOVING HANDS MEAL

*The UMW are hosting the Loving Hands Meal this Sunday, February 14, 2016, at Urban Ministries. **Thank you** to everyone who signed up to provide food or serve the meal. All the food items need to be in the kitchen at Epworth by 2pm on Sunday the 14th. If you have questions or concerns, please contact Sharon Walker at 919-490-0252 or pens4me@yahoo.com.*

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! If you have questions, call the church office.*

CHURCH DIRECTORIES ARE AVAILABLE IN THE CHURCH OFFICE

Thanks to Bud Northern and Jennifer Sweeting and the Witness Committee for all their work on our beautiful new directory.

THE UNITED METHODIST MEN met on February 3 and made the following decisions/plans:

*February 13- UMM will host a pancake and sausage breakfast for the men of Reality Ministry, which serves the disabled in Durham. UMM members should arrive in the Fellowship Hall at 8:30 a.m., with the meal to begin around 9:30 a.m. and be finished around 11 a.m.

* March 27 - EASTER SUNDAY...UMM will set up the Fellowship Hall and help serve a potluck breakfast for our congregation.

* Outreach Yard Sale in the Spring...UMM Members will serve hot dogs, etc.

* We are confident that the Garden Committee will ask for our help as spring gets closer!

* United Methodist Men meet on the second Wednesday of each month at 6 or 6:30 p.m... All Epworth men are invited. Just bring a piece of meat or other protein and the Good Lord will provide.

* Lastly, UMM is beginning to plan a retreat later this year. Any suggestions for the agenda, location, speakers and time are welcome. Come join us!

NEEDED AT URBAN MINISTRIES

Men's underwear, size medium. For the **food pantry** ... canned meats (especially needed), canned fruit, canned pasta, dry cereal, toilet paper, mayonnaise, powdered milk. Donations can be left in the containers just outside the church office.

NEEDED BY BACK PACK MINISTRIES...**veggies** (14.5 oz. cans preferred), **juice boxes** and **chocolate milk**. Call the church office if you have questions. Donations may be left in the church office or in the container in the farthex. THANK YOU!

YOUTH NEWS & NOTES

The U.M.Y.F. would like to thank the congregation for making the Souper Bowl Luncheon such a great time of fellowship, and for supporting the youth ministries of Epworth with your gracious donations, which totaled over \$900!!! These funds will be used to help provide program materials, offset retreat costs and to support the Youth Service Fund of the United Methodist Church. We are blessed to be part of such a wonderful church family!!!

Kudos to: Many thanks to the parents, youth and others who contributed soups and desserts to make this day so successful! And more thanks to Bud Northern and Jennifer Sweeting for hosting the Super Bowl Party at the Northern-Sweeting Stadium!! Fun times were had by all!


Sunday Night U.M.Y.F. Schedule: Beginning this Sunday, February 14th, the U.M.Y.F. Sunday night meeting schedule will be from 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. This schedule will coincide with the Sunday Night Live schedule. The U.M.Y.F. dinner will begin at 5:30 p.m., and the U.M.Y.F. program will follow. See everyone Sunday!!!

40-Day Lenten Bible Challenge: As we enter into the 40 days of Lent, the youth will be participating in a 40-Day Bible Challenge to read all four Gospels in 40 days! Day 1 begins the first day of Lent (Ash Wednesday, February 10th). Let's see how well we can stay the course with this challenge. The challenge was emailed earlier this week, so if you did not receive a copy, let Joyce know.

The congregation is invited to participate also, and copies are available in the church office. This is a great way to walk the Lenten journey and learn about the life and times of Jesus. So let's all take the time to see how much we can learn to help us shine His light even brighter than we already do! On your Mark (along with Matthew, Luke and John), get set...GO!!!

LC's (ages 50 to 100) will meet on Monday, February 15 at 11:30 in the Fellowship Hall for lunch and a program by Marcia Owen, who is the Director of the Religious Coalition for Non-Violent Durham. All are welcome.

FEBRUARY 2016

<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) 5:30 Sun. Night Live</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>	19	20
<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 5:30 Sun. Night Live</p>	<p>22 10:30 Staff Meeting 1:30 Susanna Circle 3:45 Tutoring 6:00 Line Dancing 7:00 Church Council</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>	26	27
<p>28 3rd Sun. in Lent Worship at 8:30, 9:00, and 11:00 9:50 Sun. School 9:50 Children's Choir 5:30 Sun. Night Live</p>	<p>29 10:30 Staff Meeting 3:45 Tutoring 6:00 Line Dancing 7:30 Instrumentals</p>	<p>MARCH 1 1:30 Care Group 6:00 Yoga 7:00 Boy Scouts</p>	<p>2 12 Bible Study 3:45 Tutoring 4:00 Prayer Group 6:00 Handbells 7:00 Chancel Choir</p>	<p>3 11:00 Bible Study 5:00 Voices Together 5:30 Line Dancing 7:00 AA</p>	4	5 Garden Work Day

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.