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During worship this Sunday, February 21, the congregation will receive a special update from the Stewardship and Finance Committees about our budget needs for 2016. A brief power point presentation will be shown. See you in worship this Sunday!

#### Request For a Ride to church

An individual from the community has called requesting a ride to Epworth. So far we have had one person respond to this need and we are looking for several others who might share with the transportation. If interested please contact pastor Karen or the church office.



#### Eggstravaganza March 13!!

Eggstravaganza is scheduled for March 31 at 3pm here at Epworth. We will have Easter Egg Hunts, a bounce house, treats for the children, games and crafts! We will be collecting candy (preferably peanut free) and small prizes to use for goody bags between now and March 6. If you would like to make a donation, please feel free to drop it by the church office at your convenience.

## Sunday Night Live is Back!

Sunday Night Live returned February 14 and we had a fantastic crowd! We will be meeting again this week beginning at 5:30.

**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 finish watching the movie in the Youth Room downstairs at 5:30pm.

**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.
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### How Can I Help?

- We are looking for people who would be willing to provide snacks for our children each Sunday.

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- 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!**

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**SUNDAY, February 21, 2016**

**Second Sunday in Lent**

**8:30 and 11:00 Worship**

**Sermon** "Jesus on the Road" Rev. Karen H. Whitaker

**Scripture:** Psalm 27, Philippians 3: 17 - 4: 1, Luke 13: 31-35

**Hymns** "The God of Abraham Praise" "O Love, How Deep"  
"I Am Thine, O Lord"

**9:00 Worship**

**Sermon** "Who Comes in the Name of the Lord?" Rev. Laura Wittman

**Scripture:** Philippians 3: 17 - 4: 1, Luke 13: 31-35

**Songs** "Our God" "Lead Me to the Cross" "The Wonderful Cross"  
"Come Thou Fount, Come Thou King"

**Liturgists** 8:30 Maureen Oakes 11:00 Kenneth Roberts

**Ushers** Dave Harlow, Belo Shelton, Jay Hallan, Bob Hodgins

**Altar Guild** Laurel and Charlie Rose, Nancy Myers

**Nursery** Marcie Harp, Theresa Shebalin, Sarah Gurley, Jennifer Browning

**Counters** Joyce Dalglish, Marvin Carver **Acolyte** Caroline Mumford

**Youth Reader** Virginia Nadworny

**Crucifer** Jerush Christopher **Bus Driver** Joe Gibbs

**Greeters** Elaine Herndon, Bert Grider

**Altar Flowers** are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of  
Arned Hinshaw by Virginia Hinshaw.



## UNTED METHODIST WOMEN UPDATE

LOVING HANDS MEAL Thank you to everyone who supplied food and helped serve the Loving Hands Meal on February 14, 2016! We served 170 people and it was a huge success thanks to your support! Our next meal is scheduled for April 10. Many thanks.

UMW's GENERAL MEETING will be this Sunday, Feb. 21<sup>st</sup>, in the Fellowship Hall following the 11:00 a.m. service. Ann Williams will be our speaker. She and her husband, Herb, (Epworth Members) were the founders of Urban Ministries of Durham. Everyone is invited to come hear their very interesting story about the early days of Urban Ministries. In support of Urban Ministries, we are collecting new socks and underwear for men or women.

THE SUSANNA CIRCLE will have a planning meeting at Epworth on Monday, Feb. 22 at 1:30. All visitors will be welcomed. It would be a good time to learn about United Methodist Women. Hope to see you there!



SPRING GARDEN-CLEAN UP \_\_\_\_\_ Volunteers of all ages are needed on Sat., March 5, from 9 a.m. til noon... Bring your gloves and garden tools. Donations of mulch, large pots, perennials, and SNACKS will be appreciated. Contact Leanna Murphy Dono if you have questions. [MurphyLK2@yahoo.com](mailto:MurphyLK2@yahoo.com) or phone 513-543-3472.

## **YOUTH NEWS & NOTES:**

40-Day Bible Challenge is going strong! Keep up the good work with your readings! Copies of the Challenge are on the bulletin board in the church office. Everyone is invited to participate. There's plenty of time to catch up!  
Service Opportunity: An acolyte and crucifer are needed for the Holy Thursday service on March 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. If you are able to serve for this important service please let Joyce know.

### **Youth Ministry Saints for this week:**

"Chefs" for the UMYF Dinner this Sunday: Nadwornys and Benware/Davis

Acolyte: Caroline Mumford

Crucifer: Jerush Christopher

Reader: Virginia Nadworny

Thanks and blessings to the Engels for providing the UMYF dinner last Sunday!

### **Upcoming Special Events:**

Mark your calendars for these upcoming special UMYF events:

March 13<sup>th</sup>: Eggstravaganza

March 20<sup>th</sup>: CROP Walk

March 27<sup>th</sup>: Easter

### **Conference Youth Events:**

Check out these events offered for our youth by the North Carolina Conference of the UMC. These are great opportunities for our youth to grow in their faith with other youth. More details available in the church office. Some events such as ACS, Breakaway and the Appalachian Trail Hike fill up fast:

ACS (July 18<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup>)

Appalachian Trail Hike (July 11<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>)

Breakaway (June 20<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup>)

CYC Retreat (August 12<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>)

Kaleidoscope (April 8<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>)

Duke Youth Academy provides an opportunity for a class through worship, study, play and service with the Duke Divinity School faculty.

Leader-in-Training at Camp Don Lee offers a four-week intensive leadership development program for older youth.

## FEBRUARY 2016

<b>21 2<sup>nd</sup> Sun. in Lent</b> 7:30 Praise Team 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	22 10:30 Staff Meeting 1:30 Susanna Circle 3:45 Tutoring 6:00 Line Dancing 7:00 Church Council	23 1:30 Care Group 6:00 Yoga 6:30 Preschool Board 7:00 Boy Scouts	24 12 Bible Study No Tutoring 4:00 Prayer Group 6:00 Handbells 7:00 Chancel Choir	25 11:00 Bible Study 5:00 Voices Together 5:30 Line Dancing 7:00 AA	26	27
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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.