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## LENTEN/EASTER CALENDAR

March 6 (4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent) Worship and Communion at all services.

March 13 (5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent) Regular services. New Member Class at 9:50.  
3:00 - 5:00 p.m. Eggstravaganza - egg hunts, bounce house, crafts, fun for children - of all ages!

March 20 Palm Sunday Services - **two services only, 8:45 & 11:00.**

New member class at 9:50. CROP Walk at 2:00 p.m.

March 24 - Holy Thursday service at 7:00 p.m. The Chancel Choir will present the Lenten suite, "Near the Cross" by Lloyd Larson. Holy Communion will be served.

March 27 EASTER SUNDAY - **two services only, 8:45 & 11:00**

8:45 a.m. Outdoor "son-risen" service with communion - at the picnic shelter. Music by the Praise Team.

9:30 a.m. Covered dish breakfast in the Fellowship Hall

9:50 a.m. Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Worship Service with Communion, featuring music by the Chancel Choir, Brass and Handbell ensembles.

April 3 8:30 Worship (no Communion)

9:00 Blessing of the Animals service at the picnic shelter  
(Bring your pets.)

11:00 Worship (no Communion)

**NEW MEMBER CLASS will meet on Sunday, March 13 and Sunday, March 20  
At 9:45 a.m. See article on page 2.**

**SUNDAY, February 28, 2016**

**Third Sunday in Lent**

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

Sermon "Extravagant Love" Rev. Karen H. Whitaker

Scripture Psalm 32, 2 Corinthians 5: 16-21, Luke 15: 1-3, 11-32

Hymns "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" "In the Cross of Christ I Glory"  
"What Wondrous Love Is This"

**9:00 Worship**

Sermon "There and Back Again" Rev. Laura Wittman

Scripture: 2 Corinthians 5: 16-21, Luke 15: 1-3, 11b-32

Songs "Hallelujah (Your Love Is Amazing)"

"Draw Me Close" "Holy Ground" "Hungry (Falling on My Knees)"

**Liturgists** 8:30 Maureen Oakes 11:00 Harry Dutton

**Ushers** Tim Dahlgren, Bobbie Dahlgren, Marvin Carver, Bob Botts

**Altar Guild** Juliette and Chris Thomas, Susan Armour

**Nursery** Marcie Harp, Theresa Shebalin, Susan Armour, Libby Engel

**Counters** Joe Jernigan and Kenneth Roberts

**Acolyte** Caleb Engel

**Youth Reader** Hannah Morris

**Crucifer** Erin Engel

**Bus Driver** Brent Engel

**Greeters** Joe and Vicki Jernigan **Communion Stewards** Nell and Fred Mowry

**Altar Flowers** are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Vann Dixon by Eva and David Hardison.

**NEW MEMBER CLASS**

If you have been attending Epworth and are interested in more information about the church or church membership, we invite you to attend our new member class. Come and meet some of the church leadership and hear more about Epworth UMC. Our next New Member Class will meet for a 2 part session at 9:45 on March 13 and 20 in the conference room in the office suite. Please contact Pastor Karen or the church office if you plan to attend.

EGGSTRAVAGANZA is scheduled for March 13 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.

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.

### OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES

\*\*The Durham CROP Walk is on March 20th. Outreach will sponsor information tables in the Farthex starting February 28th. Instructions for using the online feature will be posted on the Epworth Website.

\*\* Epworth will be participating in building a Habitat for Humanity house from March thru June. Please contact Bill Matteson ([whmatteson@gmail.com](mailto:whmatteson@gmail.com)) for further information.

NAME TAGS The Witness Committee encourages everyone to wear your name tag on Sunday for all activities so that we can learn each other's names! Please remember to return your nametag to the proper place on the board.

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THANK YOU A sincere thank you to all the ladies who worked on Wednesday and Saturday mornings on the hygiene kits for girls in Haiti. We accomplished our goal of 50 completed kits. It was a big job well done! We will plan to begin meeting again on May 7<sup>th</sup> to make 50 more for the team to take to Haiti in July. Thank you all so much.

TO: Members of the Grief Coalition

FROM: Growing thru Grief Publicity Committee

Have you or someone you know lost a loved one and are journeying through grief? There is a free, open, confidential program sponsored by a coalition of area organizations and churches (ours included) to offer support and education to those who mourn. It meets weekly on Tuesdays at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 1200 W. Cornwallis, Durham, at the intersection of Cornwallis and Pickett Roads. Refreshments and registration begin at 4 p.m., followed by presentations and discussion from 4:30 until 6 led by professionals and trained facilitators. Upcoming topics include "Planning Ahead" and "From Caregiver to Grief."

Each spring and fall a six-week course is offered, and this spring the sessions open March 29 on the topic of "Understanding Grief" and run weekly through May 3<sup>rd</sup>. Jehanne Gheith, MSW, LCSW, PhD, clinical social worker and grief counselor at Duke Hospice and Bereavement Services and tenured professor at Duke, will be the presenter.

All are welcome to come whenever you can. For more information email: [growingthrugrief@gmail.com](mailto:growingthrugrief@gmail.com).

LC'S (ages 50 to 100) will meet on Monday, March 21 in the Fellowship Hall at 11:30 for lunch. The speaker will be Jourdi Bagley from Church World Service. Everyone is welcome!

OUR SYMPATHY TO Rev. Bess Hunnings Smith and family on the death of her husband, Bill Smith on March 1.



## YOUTH NEWS & NOTES:



**Sunday School Reminder:** Reminder to bring your Sunday School offering! Also, remember your Bible verse that best describes who you are!!

40-Day Bible Challenge is going strong! There's plenty of time to catch up! Keep up the good work!



**Service Opportunities:** Youth Help Still Needed!!

Acolyte and Crucifer needed for the Maundy Thursday service on March 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.  
Communion Servers needed for the following services (youth and parents are both invited to share this special worship experience):

Maundy Thursday service on March 24<sup>th</sup>

Easter Sunday services (9:00 and 11:00) on March 27<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to participate, please Laura Wittman: email - [lwittman@epworth-umc.org](mailto:lwittman@epworth-umc.org), church office - 919-489-6557, or let Joyce know.

The church needs our help THIS Saturday, March 5<sup>th</sup> from 9 a.m.-12 noon!! Spring Clean-up of the church grounds!! The Epworth Gardeners need our help to spruce up the yard.

**Youth Ministry Saints for this week:**

"Chefs" for the UMYF Dinner this Sunday: Christopher and Walker families

Acolyte: Caleb Engel      Crucifer: Erin Engel      Reader: Hannah Morris

Thanks and blessings to the Northern-Sweeting and Boltz families for the awesome 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-No UMYF



**Conference Youth Events:** Check out these great opportunities offered by the North Carolina Conference 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>)-NOTE: our own Jim Johnson will be one of the leaders of this awesome event, so please contact Jim if you would like additional information. His email is: [dremel395@aol.com](mailto:dremel395@aol.com)

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.



