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May 4, 2016

THIS SUNDAY, MAY 8 - 8:45 & 11:00 Epworth's Children's Choir will present "Because He Lives!", an Easter musical that illustrates the redeeming power of Christ. You are invited to join our children's choir and children's string ensemble as they worship the King through word and music - in the Fellowship Hall at 8:45 and in the Sanctuary at 11:00.

BREAD FOR THE WORLD

This week, May 1-8, all members of Epworth are invited to handwrite or handprint a letter to each of our two U. S. Senators from North Carolina and to our representative in the U. S. House of Representative on behalf of larger funding for programs helping hungry mothers and their infants throughout the world. This coming Sunday, Mother's Day in the U. S., Epworth's letters will be dedicated to the service of God in an "Offering of Letters" led by Epworth's pastors in each worship service. Dona Gamble is receiving our letters in the church office or we may hand them to one of our pastors prior to a worship service on Sunday. Next week Norma Mitchell and Elaine Herndon will mail our letters to the addressees in Washington, D. C. and write a report on them for Bread for the World and for the Epworth congregation. If you need more information about the writing of your letters, call Norma at 919-402-0984 or Elaine at 919-489-3249.

NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 15 - 11:00 Join us in **one combined service** on Sunday, May 15 to celebrate and support Epworth's growing music ministry as we come together on Pentecost Sunday to praise the Lord through music!

CHILDREN'S SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL!!

We are so blessed at Epworth to have some wonderful children's Sunday school teachers who have been dedicated to our children for such a long time! This summer, we are looking for people who are willing to serve as substitute teachers and lead during the months of June, July and August, so that we can allow our regular teachers to have a break over the summer. Even if you can only sign up for a week, your help would be greatly appreciated!!!! Curriculum will be provided. Sunday school begins each week with Children's Choir in the choir room at 9:50 and then the children move to their classrooms at around 10:15 or 10:20. Over the summer the children are usually all together in one group, so ideally, we need TWO or more people signed up to help each week! If you are willing to help, please sign up at this link, or email or call the church office. You can also sign up on the sign up sheets in the Farthex and Narthex!

<http://doodle.com/poll/3854gcnzfi34kpha>

OUR SYMPATHY to Rev. Gene Cobb and Brenda on the death of his mother Mrs. Joyce Cobb in Roanoke Rapids, NC. (Rev. Gene Cobb, 2916 Wicker St., Sanford NC 27330)

CONGRATULATIONS, GRADUATES! (Please let us know of others.)

Samantha Ray - Health Sciences and Biology, Duquesne University

Ashley Sartain - Masters in Social Work, Univ. of South Carolina

Megan Shiflett - Business Administration, Mars Hill College

Megan Lott - Media and Journalism - Univ. of North Carolina

Stephanie Gregg Klein - Masters of Science in Nursing (University of Alaska - Anchorage)

Parker Brown - M.A., Interactive Media, Elon University

Alex Wilcox Whitaker - M.A. Christian Ministries, Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary

MANY NEEDS FOR BACK PACK MINISTRIES Mac 'n cheese, Ramen noodles, chocolate milk, oatmeal, veggies (14.5 oz. cans), healthy snacks, meats. THANK YOU!!

SUNDAY, May 8, 2016

8:45 and 11:00 Worship Children's Choir Cantata "Because He Lives"

Scripture: Psalm 47, John 17: 20-26

Songs (8:45) "Amazing Grace/My Chains Are Gone" "Because He Lives"
"Victory in Jesus"

Hymns (11:00) "Amazing Grace" "Victory in Jesus" "Because He Lives"

11:00 Worship

Ushers Marvin Carver, Tim Dahlgren, Bobbie Dahlgren, Kenneth Roberts

Liturgist Todd Benware

Altar Guild Bobbie Dahlgren, Patsy Harlow

Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God by Elaine Herndon and Bob Hodgins on this their wedding anniversary, in memory of their mothers Florimel Herndon and Florence Lohiser.

Nursery Marcey Harp, Theresa Shebalin, Tina Wilcox, Melissa Culp

Counters Susan Armour, Emily Dike

Acolyte Caleb Engel **Youth Reader** Jerush Christopher

Crucifer Peter Walker

Bus Driver Todd Benware **Greeters** Debby Meyer and Craig Morgan

MEMORIALS AND OTHER GIFTS

*In memory of Alice Rankin from William and Garrie Kingsbury.

*To the Care Group from Frank and Betsy Skidmore with thoughts of Debbie Bergstrom, Jeff Rankin, Gwen Lloyd, Marion Strandh and others who have lost their mothers this past year.

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.

IMPORTANT DATES ...TO PUT ON
YOUR CALENDAR

*LC's MEETING will be at Croasdaile Village Retirement Center, Monday, May 16 at 11:30 - a luncheon and program. Cost of lunch is approximately \$12. Our program will be the CV Chorale. We will enjoy a wonderful concert. Let's have a great attendance! Call the Church Office (919-489-6557) or Ruth Clausing (919-381-5809) to make your reservation. Let us know if you would like to ride on the church bus so that we can make those arrangements.

*SEWING SISTERS will make hygiene kits for Haiti this Saturday, May 7 from 9:30 a.m. til noon.

FESTIVAL OF WISDOM AND GRACE is August 1-4 at Lake Junaluska.

"Come to the Water" featuring Dr. Tony Campolo and Dr. Mickey Efird. *"Come, you who are thirsty, come to the waters...You will go out in joy and be led forth in peace..."* Isaiah 55: 1, 12. The Conference is for individuals, couples, or small groups in the second half of life seeking inspiration and fellowship. Dr. Campolo is the conference preacher and Dr. Efird, the Bible Study Leader. There will also be a golf outing and a concert by the fabulous Lake Junaluska Singers. Early registration is \$75 due by June 1. (\$90 after June 1). Let's get enough folks so we can use the church bus. The facilities are handicap accessible. Check your calendars and contact Ruth Clausing (919-381-5809) or the church office (919-489-6557) as soon as possible.





YOUTH NEWS & NOTES



Bible Verses of the week: Psalm 47; John 17:20-26



U.M.Y.F. this week:

Program Topic: Honor Thy Mother! **NO U.M.Y.F.** so you can make it a great family day for your mom. Enjoy the true blessings God has given you, for they help shine His light on your paths!

Important Sunday School Reminder: Bring your weekly Sunday School offering!

YOUTH ENSEMBLE WILL REHEARSE THIS SUNDAY DURING SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Youth Ministry Saints for this week:

Everyone who brought a side dish and ice cream for SNL and a special shout-out to Zoey Northern for the absolute best homemade vanilla ice cream ever!

Acolyte/Crucifer/Reader Schedule for this week:



Acolyte:

Caleb Engel

Crucifer:

Peter Walker

Reader:

Jerush Christopher

Upcoming events: Mark your calendars now!!

May 13th-15th: U.M.Y.F. Spring Beach Retreat to Oak Island. Itinerary coming soon.

June 5th: Youth-Senior Sunday and Year-end Banquet. We will lead worship during two services that morning. That evening we will celebrate the year with our traditional year-end banquet.



May 2016

<p>8 MOTHER'S DAY 8:45 and 11:00 Worship 9:50 Children's Choir 9:50 Sunday School</p>	<p>9 1:00 Book Group 3:45 Tutoring 6:00 SPPRC 6:30 Endowment 7:30 Instrumentals</p>	<p>10 10:30 Staff Meeting 1:30 Care Group 6:00 Yoga 7:00 Boy Scouts 7:00 Visioning 7:00 Outreach</p>	<p>11 3:45 Tutoring 4:00 Prayer Group 6:00 Handbells 6:30 UMMen 7:00 Chancel Choir</p>	<p>12 5:00 Voices Together 6:30 Bread For the World 7:00 AA</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>
<p>15 ONE SERVICE 11:00 Music Ministries Sunday 9:50 Children's Choir 9:50 Sunday School 5:30 UMYF</p>	<p>16 11:30 LC's 1:30 Ruth Circle 3:45 Tutoring 6:30 Trustees 7:30 Brass Ensemble</p>	<p>17 10:30 Staff Mtg 1:30 Care Group 6:00 Yoga 7:00 Boy Scouts</p>	<p>18 3:45 Tutoring 4:00 Prayer Group 6:00 Handbells 7:00 Chancel Choir</p>	<p>19 5:00 Voices Together 7:00 AA 7:00 Eve Circle</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>
<p>22 7:30 Praise Team 8:30, 9:00 and 11:00 Worship 9:50 Sunday School 5:30 UMYF</p>	<p>23 1:30 Susanna Circle 7:00 Church Council 7:30 Brass Ensemble</p>	<p>24 10:30 Staff Mtg 1:30 Care Group 6:00 Yoga 6:30 Preschool 7:00 Visioning 7:00 Boy Scouts</p>	<p>25 4:00 Prayer Group 6:00 Handbells 7:00 Chancel Choir</p>	<p>26 5:00 Voices Together 7:00 AA</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>



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