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HAVE YOU SIGNED UP FOR SUMMER PRAYER TRIPLETS?

The visioning group is seeking information from the congregation of Epworth to help formulate our future direction. What do we envision? More importantly, what does God envision for Epworth?

To discern God's will, we need to be in a state of prayer. The visioning committee is establishing "Prayer Triplets". In groups of three, our congregants will be asked to pray for God's direction and word. In Matthew 18:20, Jesus said, "For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

The "Prayer Triplets" will meet at a time and place of their choosing (home, church, retirement community, favorite coffee shop or restaurant) once a week for six weeks during an eight week period of time (June 12--August 6). The prayer session will include scripture review, discussion of where God is leading and speaking, and a time of prayer over a specific topic provided by the visioning group.

The "Prayer Triplets" are a discernment process to build relationships with one another, to discern God's vision for the church, to answer opportunities, and to prepare and develop our future story.

An orientation session and establishment of the "Prayer Triplets" will be Sunday, June 12 at 12:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall. A catered lunch for \$8.00 will be available. See you there. May God's blessing be upon us as we discern God's vision for us.

CALLED CHARGE CONFERENCE

There will be a called Charge Conference on Sunday, June 19 at 12:15 in the fellowship hall to set compensation for the associate pastor, Dr. Sangwoo Kim.

SUNDAY, June 12, 2016

8:45, 9:00 and 11:00

Sermon: "Righteousness in Christ" Rev. Laura Wittman

Scripture: Psalm 5: 1-8, Luke 7: 36 - 8: 3
Galatians 2: 15-21

Songs 9:00 "I Lift My Hands" "Your Love Is Amazing" "Beautiful Things"
"Grace Alone"

Hymns 8:30 and 11:00 "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" "Lead Me, Lord"
"Grace Greater Than Our Sin"

Ushers Michael Mumford, Fred Mowry, Johnie Joyce, Betty Ketch

Liturgist 8:30 and 11:00 Maureen Oakes

Altar Guild Pat McIndoo, Nalda Brown

Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of Pete Daymont
from the Daymont family.

Nursery Marcey Harp, Theresa Shebalin, Beth Armbruster, Libby Engel

Counters Harry Dutton, Greg Bolt

Bus Driver Belo Shelton **Greeters** Joan Fletcher, Clara Airall

CELEBRATION OF SERVICE

Reverend Laura Wittman will be moving this summer to become pastor of St. Paul UMC in Rocky Mount. In celebration of all the many ways Laura has served, expanded, and enriched the ministries of Epworth, we will have a potluck lunch in the fellowship hall following the 11:00 service on June 26.

The church will provide fried chicken. (There will be one combined service at 11:00 o'clock). Mark your calendars now! See you there.

Staff Pastor/Parish Relations Committee.

BUS SCHEDULE ON JUNE 26 Because of the one combined service, there will be one pick up time. The bus will leave Croasdaile at 9:15, pick up at The Forest at Duke at 9:25, and depart from the church at approximately 1:15, following the covered dish farewell lunch for Rev. Laura Wittman.

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR BETTY WILSON

Wed., July 6, 1:00 p.m. at Epworth

MEMORIALS In memory of Betty Wilson to the Care Group from Carolyn Davis. In memory of Betty Wilson from Charles and Laurel Rose.

DAN SHARPE SCHOLARSHIP Best wishes to Meredith Seagroves, who attends East Carolina University. She has received the 2016 scholarship award.

LC'S LUNCH Everyone is invited to join us for lunch at Bennett Pointe Grill, 11:30 on Monday, June 20. Hope to see you there.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL During the month of August we will have Vacation Bible School on Sunday mornings during Sunday School as well as Sunday evenings as Sunday Night Live from 5-7pm. This year's theme is 'Surf Shack: Catch the Wave of God's Amazing Love'. On Sunday mornings, the children will have VBS music during their regular music time, and go off to class to hear the Bible story. Then on Sunday evenings, we will begin with a meal and break into groups for our VBS activities. Our children will hear the Bible story again, and will have music, crafts, and recreation as well. Mark your calendars, plan to be here for Sundays in August, and sign up now! Registration for volunteers AND participants is available online at <http://2016.cokesburyvbs.com/epworthdurham>

NEW PIANO Because of generous donations to our music ministries special fund, the music ministry of Epworth is excited to welcome a beautiful 2008 Kawai grand piano into our sanctuary! This instrument will truly enhance our worship space and our music to the glory of God! Please join us on Sunday, July 17 as Fred Ibberson, Kim Philpott and Zoila Airall dedicate this instrument during our worship service.

YOU ARE INVITED

On April 9, 2016 Pastor Karen, Betty Matteson, Sue Stutz, Elaine Herndon and Linda Mitchell attended the Jack Crum Conference on Prophetic Ministry at Duke Memorial UMC in Durham. It was entitled "Dare to Hear: An Honest Conversation About Race and the End to White Privilege". We were all impressed with what the speakers and the panelists had to say. (You can Google "Jack Crum Conference" to learn who the speakers were, a very distinguished group including Dr. Jennifer Harvey , Hannah Bonner and Rev. Chris Fairley who actively address and support racial justice issues throughout the country.)

We would like to get together to discuss and plan how we might help Epworth become more racially inclusive. Will you join us on Sunday June 26, immediately following the luncheon in honor of Laura Wittman? Hope you can come; we need your presence and your ideas.

REMINDER FROM THE WITNESS COMMITTEE please remember to wear your nametags for worship and other events at the church.

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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.

Giving to God - Contributions/Budget May 31, 2016

May 2016 Gifts and Expenses:

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| Total Income: | \$42,880 |
| Total Expenses: | \$53,456 |
| Shortage: | (\$10,576) |

2016 YTD Totals:

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| Total Income: | \$263,617 |
| Total Expenses: | \$251,949 |
| Remaining Income: | \$ 11,668 |

As the summer approaches, we ask you to prayerfully consider keeping your giving up-to-date. Our expenses exceeded our income in May and we would like to be able to break even during the summer months where giving traditionally drops off but our expenses remain constant. An easy way to do this is to set up a recurring payment through our online giving site. Go to our website: www.epworth-umc.org, scroll to the bottom of the site and click on the link on the right-hand side which says: "Give Securely to Epworth UMC". If you have any questions about setting up an online giving account, please contact the Finance Office at 919-489-6557, ext. 102 and we will be glad to help. It's safe, it's free and it's easy! Thank you.

Congratulations to our seniors and all of our students. We celebrated our youth this past Sunday. As a part of the celebration we awarded the Dan Sharpe Scholarship. This is one of our endowed funds providing a scholarship for members of Epworth planning to continue their education after high school. The value of that fund as of March 31, 2016 was \$45,560.11 and it produced annual dividends and interest in 2015 in the amount of \$504.51. We hope to increase this endowment in order to continue meaningful scholarship awards.

Similarly, the Epworth Outreach award was established in honor of Rev. Charles Morrison and Rev. Bess Hunnings to recognize members of Epworth for their outreach work. The value of this account at the end of the first quarter of 2016, was \$46,207.79. The 2015 distribution from this endowment was \$325.37.

Finally, the Perpetual General Endowment stands at \$505,058.56. This endowment's use is limited to capital improvements and to provide for the acquisition of real property and equipment as a resource for expanding the mission and ministry of the church. The establishing documents limit withdrawals to income only for non-budgeted expenses. The annual income generated by the Perpetual General Endowment in 2015 was \$10,917.18. Because this endowment limits the use of income except for the provisions stated above, this income reverted to principal at the end of 2015.

As we see, all of the funds are in need of expansion to provide long term meaningful help to the church. The Endowment Committee is grateful for any financial assistance that can be provided, such as appreciated stocks or estate planning.

The Endowment Committee



YOUTH NEWS & NOTES



Bible Verses of the week: Psalm 5:1-8; Luke 7:36-8:3; Galatians 2:15-21

U.M.Y.F.: U.M.Y.F. will not meet on Sunday evenings during the summer. We will have programs and events scheduled throughout the months on June, July and August. We will resume our regular Sunday night schedule in September. Stay tuned for summer youth events!!

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Sunday School WILL meet during the summer. So come one, come all...and don't forget to bring your weekly Sunday School offering!!

Congratulations: To Meredith Seagroves, winner of this year's Dan Sharpe Scholarship; and to Justin Whitaker, 2016 graduate of Athens Drive High School!!

Youth Ministry Saints for this week:

There are so many saints for this past week!! Let's see...where to start:

- ALL the youth who participated in leading two spirit-filled worship services: Elise Benware, Ethan Benware, Julie Boltz, Jerry Christopher, Jerush Christopher, Ben Engel, Caleb Engel, Erin Engel, Will Grider, Dalton McCurdy, Caroline Mumford, Henri Nadworny, Virginia Nadworny, Beck Northern, Zoey Northern, Peter Walker, Justin Whitaker and Ryan Vandevander.
- Judy Bolt and Kim Philpott for their leadership with the Youth Ensemble!
- Kenneth Roberts for the many things he did to help!!
- Everyone who provided food in between the services!
- Members of the United Methodist Men for cooking, setting up and cleaning up for the Year-End Celebration: Jim Wilcox, Alan Payne, Bill Matteson, Dean Henderson, Jay Hallan, Joe Jernigan, John Rasmussen, Kenneth Roberts, Marvin Carver, Rick Morgan, Sid Anderson and Todd Benware!!
- Erin Shiflett for her help leading the services!
- Meredith Seagroves for helping with the children during the Year-end Celebration!
- Morgan West who serves in so many capacities to shine God's light on our youth!
- Lisa Sheppard and Adam Shiflett for volunteering their time and shining their light on the youth ministries programs.
- Rev. Karen Whitaker, Rev. Laura Wittman, Dr. Fred Ibberson and Zoila Airall for helping to make this a wonderful day to see God's light and love shining at Epworth through our youth!
- Judy Daymont and American Party Rentals for providing decorations for the year end celebration.
- All the parents who have supported and encouraged the youth and youth ministries this year!



Acolyte/Crucifer/Reader Schedule for this week:

Acolyte:

Crucifer:

Reader:

IF YOU CAN HELP THIS SUNDAY PLEASE CONTACT JOYCE A.S.A.P.

A special thank you and best wishes to Rev. Laura Wittman for all her support and guidance, and we wish you well in your new appointment. We will miss you!

As you all embark on well-deserved summer breaks and vacations, remember to take the Light and Love of God wherever you GO...and shine His Light and Love for all to see!! Have a safe and wonderful summer, and we will see you for upcoming summer events...so stay tuned!!
Blessings and peace to all of you!!

THE NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE will be taking place in Greenville, N.C. from June 16-18. Being that it is a General Conference year, there won't be as much business as we usually have, but there are a few things that will be taking place, like voting on resolutions, approving budget, and celebrating those who are being ordained and commissioned. There is some great information available on the conference website, like conference briefings and the conference workbook that shows you the business we will be discussing next week. There is also an app that you can download to follow the live stream and any decisions that are made. You can find more information at this link: <https://nccumc.org/ac2016/>

Please be in prayer for all who are traveling to Annual Conference and for the business that we will be discussing.

June 2016

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| <p>12 7:30 Praise Team 8:30, 9:00 and 11:00 Worship 9:50 Sunday School/Children's Music 10:00 Summer Choir 12:15 Prayer Triplets Lunch 5:30 UMYF (Loving Hands Meal served)</p> | <p>13 1:00 Book Group 6:00 SPPRC 6:00 Line Dancing 7:30 Brass Ensemble <u>IHN HOST</u> <u>WEEK</u></p> | <p>14 10:30 Staff Mtg 1:30 Care Group 6:00 Yoga 6:30 Stewardship Committee</p> | <p>15 4:00 Prayer Group N.C. Annual Conference</p> | <p>16 5:00 Voices Together 7:00 Eve Circle 7:00 AA</p> | <p>17</p> | <p>18 9:30 Sewing Sisters</p> |
| <p>19 Father's Day 7:30 Praise Team 8:30, 9:00 and 11:00 Worship 9:50 Sunday School/Children's Music 10:00 Summer Choir</p> | <p>20 11:30 LC's 7:00 Finance Comm. 7:30 Brass Ensemble</p> | <p>21 10:30 Staff Mtg 1:30 Care Group 6:00 Yoga</p> | <p>22 4:00 Prayer Group</p> | <p>23 5:00 Voices Together 7:00 AA</p> | <p>24</p> | <p>25</p> |
| <p>26 9:50 Sunday School/Children's Music 10:00 Summer Choir 11:00 Worship 12:15 Lunch honoring Laura Wittman... 1:30 (approx.)Crum Conf. Mtg.</p> | <p>27 7:30 Brass Ensemble</p> | <p>28 10:30 Staff Mtg 1:30 Care Group 6:00 Yoga</p> | <p>29 4:00 Prayer Group</p> | <p>30 5:00 Voices Together 7:00 AA</p> | | |