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“An Expected Journey”

This past spring, I was preparing myself to say goodbye to Epworth United Methodist Church, which had been my spiritual home for almost eight years. I was going to finish my doctoral dissertation and ready to embark on a new journey. I did not know where God would send me, but I was sure that this journey would mean my sad departure from the Epworth community.

Then, a big surprise came to me. I was notified that Bishop Hope Morgan Ward would appoint me to Epworth UMC as associate pastor. It was totally unexpected, but surely a pleasant surprise. I am excited to figure out what kind of unique tasks God wants to give Epworth through my ministry.

I joined Epworth UMC in summer 2008, when I moved to Durham for my doctoral study in the fields of theology, worship, and spiritual formation at Duke Divinity School. My wife, Jung (her last name is Choi), and our son, Ian (then three years old), came to Durham later. Since then, I have taught children at our Sunday School. Meanwhile, our second son, Luke, was born and baptized at Epworth. Ian serves as an acolyte at 11 o'clock service and will join the youth group this fall. Epworth is the only spiritual home Ian and Luke can remember.

Prior to my study at Duke, I studied religion/theology at Seoul National, Harvard, Emory, and Yale Universities, and then I served multicultural and multiethnic Methodist churches in Vermont, Connecticut, and Massachusetts as a pastor for five years. At Duke, I wrote a dissertation about the significance of the embodiment of worship and prayer in Christian theology and life, and I have taught Christian theology, ethics, worship, evangelism, and Methodism classes as an instructor. I am passionate about teaching Bible and theology, leading spiritual formation groups, and building a diverse community that is committed to social justice.

My family is in transition this summer. I have a new role at Epworth. Jung will finish her doctoral study in New Testament and Early Christianity at Harvard University and begin her work as Visiting Assistant Professor in Religious Studies at North Carolina Wesleyan College in Rocky Mount, but she will continue to teach her Sunday School class here (currently on the Gospel of Luke); all are welcome to join the group at 9:50 A.M.

I have one request for you. I might have “known” you for many years, but I might not “know” you on a deeper level. Would you come and tell me your stories, whether you have known me for a long time or not? I believe one of the most important jobs of a pastor is to pray for the people of God. In order to pray for and with you, I want to know you better.

Thank you for welcoming my family and me with love. I am looking forward to going on this new unexpected journey with you.

Peace,
Sangwoo Kim

Sunday, July 10, 2016

8:30 and 11:00 Worship

Sermon: "What Are We Praying For?" Rev. Karen H. Whitaker

Scripture: Psalm 82, Colossians 1: 1-14, Luke 10: 25-37

Hymns: "God of Grace and God of Glory" "Jesu, Jesu,
"Lord, I Want to Be a Christian"

9:00 Worship

Sermon: "What Are We Praying For?" Dr. Sangwoo Kim

Scripture: Colossians 1: 1-14

Songs: "Hear the Sound" "10,000 Reasons" "Praise You in the Storm"
"Heart of Worship"

Liturgists 8:30 Maureen Oakes 11:00 Kathy Dutton

Altar Guild Meg Bass, Emily Bass, Jane Hanson

Acolyte Ben Engel Crucifer Peter Walker

Youth Reader Jerush Christopher Counters Greg Bolt, Kenneth Roberts

Greeters Fran and Gary Whaley

Ushers Kenneth Roberts, Jeff Rankin, Alan Payne, Jerry McDaniel

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

Bus Driver Brent Engel

Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of our fathers by
Ron and Susan Wilson.

A RECEPTION FOR DR. SANGWOO KIM ...this Sunday, July 10 following
11:00 worship. Join us as we warmly welcome our new associate pastor and his
family.

DEDICATION OF OUR NEW PIANO July 17, special music by
Fred Ibberson, Zoila Airall, and Kim Philpott.

ALTAR FLOWERS are needed for July 24 and August 21. Contact Gloria Dewey, 919-493-1139 or gkdewey@aol.com to donate flowers.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL NOTES:

Remember VBS is every Sunday in August! Bring your beach towel and Come to the Surf Shack!

We are looking for unmatched children's socks to use for crafts. If you have any hanging around, please bring them to the church office.

Can your group volunteer to serve a light meal for VBS? Sunday, August 7, and Sunday, August 14 don't have meal volunteers yet. If your group would like to help us on one of those evenings, please let us know.

If you haven't registered your child, please get that done now. Tell your friends and neighbors too!

SENIOR ADULT ACTIVITIES

**The LC's will be meeting for lunch at Another Broken Egg located at 2608 Erwin Rd., on Monday, July 18th at 11:30. Bring ideas for programs and activities. Come join us for good food and interesting discussions.

**NEW HOPE RIVER RAILROAD (located in New Hill, N.C.) Join us for a train ride and ice cream on Sat. July 30th. Bring your children or grandchildren for a fun activity. Cost is \$14 for adults, \$12 for children, and \$13 for seniors. More details will be provided later, but mark your calendars.

**SEWING SISTERS will be meeting July 9 and July 16 from 9:30 - 12:00 (or come anytime in between and stay as long as you can). If you can pin, cut, trim, turn, sew, etc. please come help. We will also be assembling the materials we already have for the hygiene kits. This is such an important project which will give girls the opportunity to attend school regularly.

GROWING THROUGH GRIEF offers to help with our journey through the grieving process. Each week a presentation is followed by small group discussion. On July 19 Rob Womack will talk about "Communication Issues," and on August 2, Duke Hospice will discuss "Grief and Family Systems." Heidi Gessner from UNC Hospice will present on "Writing and Remembering" on August 16. Growing thru Grief meets every Tuesday, gathering at 4 pm for coffee and cookies. The meeting runs from 4:30-6 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 1200 West Cornwallis, Durham. Growing thru Grief is a coalition of area religious and civic organizations to offer support and education for those who mourn, centered on small group discussion.

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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.



YOUTH NEWS & NOTES



Bible Verses of the week: Psalm 82; Colossians 1:1-14; Luke 10: 25-37

U.M.Y.F.: Reminder that U.M.Y.F. will not meet every Sunday during the summer. Mark your calendars for these events (more details to follow):

- July 10th: Dinner and Movie Night (look for an email with more info)
- July 17th: It's a Chipotle Kind of Day! Lunch after the 11:00 worship service
- July 31st: Chill, chat and catch up night...and a few other good things!
- August 7th: Rollin' down the lanes! Let's go bowling!
- August 28th: Back to school Shindig

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Meets each Sunday during the summer unless otherwise noted. Lesson topic this week: As part of the Visioning opportunity for Epworth, we will be discussing the following scripture lessons and topics:

Are we who we say we are...and are we who we should be? Scripture lessons: 1 Corinthians 9:19-23 and Jeremiah 29:7.

Getting "fired up" for our mission and ministries! Scripture lessons: Hebrews 10:35-39.

REMINDER: don't forget your Sunday School offering!! AND your Bible!!

SAINTS FOR THE WEEK:

Erin Engel and Ian Kim for assisting with worship as crucifer and acolyte!!

ACOLYTE/CRUCIFER/READER SCHEDULE FOR JULY:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Acolyte:</u>	<u>Crucifer:</u>	<u>Reader:</u>
July 10 th	Ben Engel	Peter Walker	Jerush Christopher
July 17 th	Anna Darr	Jerryl Christopher	Erin Engel
July 24 th	Henri Nadworny	Ben Engel	Virginia Nadworny
July 31 st	Ian Kim	Jerush Christopher	Jerryl Christopher

IMPORTANT: If you are not able acolyte/crucifer/read on an assigned week, please find a substitute and contact Joyce and the church office so we will know of the change.

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER:

November 11th - 13th: Pilgrimage (otherwise known as P16)!!



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<p>10 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 Reception for Dr. Sangwoo Kim</p>	<p>11 1:00 Book Group 6:00 SPPRC 7:30 Instrumentals</p>	<p>12 10:30 Staff Meeting 6:30 Stewardship 7:00 Outreach</p>	<p>13 4:00 Prayer Group 6:30 UMMen</p>	<p>14 5:00 Voices Together 6:30 Bread for the World 7:00 AA</p>	15	<p>16 9:30 - 12 Sewing Sisters</p>
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<p>24 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>25 7:30 Instrumentals</p>	<p>26 1:30 Care Group 6:00 Yoga</p>	<p>27 4:00 Prayer Group</p>	<p>28 5:00 Voices Together 7:00 AA</p>	29	<p>30 New Hope Railroad</p>

