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SUNDAY NIGHT LIVE (SNL) is coming back in mid-September! We will eat, laugh, study, and pray together Sunday evenings. We will begin with James Harnish's *A Disciple's Heart*, a study on how God reshapes our hearts and lives in our spiritual practices. There will be an exciting program for children as well (nursery service will be also provided). All are welcome!

BACKPACK NEEDS As the new school season quickly approaches, there are big changes coming to Epworth's Backpack Ministry. While we provided 20 backpacks of food and drinks each week last school year, we knew the need at Hope Valley Elementary was much greater than this. As you may or may not know, approximately two-thirds of students at the school are on free or reduced lunch. We have committed to providing 50 backpacks each week of this school year, and we will certainly need your help in various ways to make this endeavor a success!

This month we are asking for donations of cans of Vienna Sausage, Chef-Boyardee with meat, or Beanie Weenies. Because we are packing a month at a time this year, we need 500 cans by Wednesday, August 24. Also monetary donations are needed for the backpack ministries to purchase other supplies in bulk.

Another big change is that we will be having a packing event most months to ease the difficulty of packing 50 bags a week. We will be asking groups to help with the packing. Please join our first large packing event on Sunday, August 28 after the 11:00 AM worship service in room 2/3 to help pack at least 250 backpacks. The more people we have help, the quicker we can pack, and the more bags we can pack. If you can help pack, e-mail Greg Barrow at [gregbarrow7@gmail.com](mailto:gregbarrow7@gmail.com). Keep watch for more news and details in the coming weeks, and thank you for your support!

**Sunday, August 21, 2016**

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

Sermon: Rev. Karen H. Whitaker

Scripture: Psalm 71: 1-6, Jeremiah 1: 4-10, Luke 13: 10-17

Hymns: "Lord of the Dance" "Marching to Zion" "Here I Am, Lord"

**9:00 Worship**

Sermon "Who Wants to Be a Prophet?"

Rev. Dr. Sangwoo Kim

Scripture Jeremiah 1: 4-10

Songs: "The Only Name" VBS Music Video "I'm in Awe of You"

"Praise You in This Storm" "Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)"

**11:00 Worship**

Liturgist 8:30 and 11:00 Maureen Oakes

Altar Guild Jennifer Freeman, Judy Daymont, Kenneth Roberts

Counters Joyce Dalglish, Bill Matteson

Bus Driver Patsy Harlow Greeters Kathy Chaney, Jim Goacher

Ushers Tim Dahlgren, Bobbie Dahlgren, Carl Nordman, Luisa Nordman

Nursery Marcey Harp, Theresa Shebalin, Beth Armbruster, Meg Bass

Crucifer Hannah Morris Acolyte Ian Kim Youth Reader Jerush Christopher

Sunday School Coordinators Mike Shiflett, John Lott

Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of my loving wife Lael Jackson by David Jackson.

**Etching Deadline ...to include articles in the Etchings, please submit your information by noon on Wednesday.**

**PROMOTION SUNDAY** is September 11. The church will present Bibles to our 2 year olds and third graders. Do we have your 2 year old and/or 3<sup>rd</sup> graders' names on the list? Call the church office to be sure.

## ONE IN CHRIST, ONE IN MINISTRY CAMPAIGN

In May 2013, after much consideration, our church decided to follow the recommendations and leadership of Rev. Franklin "Zip" Long, representative of Horizons Stewardship, Inc., to begin a 3-year Capital Campaign. The purpose of the Capital Campaign was to pay off two mortgages and buy a church bus.

On Sunday, October 9, 2016, Rev. Zip Long will deliver our morning message. It is our hope that we will have received enough pledged amounts to have paid off our mortgage by that Sunday. We will pray that Zip's message will be a celebratory message. In order for this to occur, we must receive an additional \$6481.50 of pledged amounts not yet paid. This is the last year of the campaign and we would ask that if possible, remaining amounts pledged be paid by this time. We are so close to paying off the mortgage and the excitement is building. Please help with our goal of paying off the mortgage by September 30. Anyone who has not made a pledge and would like to help with this campaign is encouraged to make their contribution by this time. A summary of the campaign finances is included here:

Amount currently held in Capital Campaign account (8/17/2016):	\$18,419.37
Mortgage principal amount owed to date:	\$24,828.08
Amount needed to pay off total mortgage principal and September interest:	\$ 6,481.50

After the morning message on Sunday, October 9th, there will be a covered dish dinner at the picnic shelter to celebrate this milestone with a burning of the mortgage. We will also be offering a blessing at that time for the completion of the garden at the Farthex entrance. This garden is an Eagle Scout project led by Peter Walker. Please join us as we celebrate God's abundant gifts!



WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO EXTEND WELCOME to those outside our church? How can outsiders see that our doors, our hearts, and our minds are open? A group of Epworth members and staff has recently begun meeting to discuss how, as followers of Jesus, we are called to live into our identity as a Reconciling congregation. What does it mean to welcome all persons, regardless of age, race, ethnicity, disability, gender, or sexual orientation?

As a starting point, our group has agreed to focus on racism and white privilege. At our initial meeting in July, we decided to read the following books: Black Man in a White Coat, by Damon Tweedy, MD; and Just Mercy by Bryan Stevenson. It is desirable, but not required, that you read these books before attending our second meeting on 9/11/16.

Join us on Sunday, Sept 11 in the Fellowship Hall following the 11:00 worship service. All are welcome to attend - it is not too late to be a part of this work. You are encouraged to bring a bag lunch or snack; this meeting will begin promptly at 12:30 and will conclude no later than 2:00. Contact Betty Matteson at [ematteso@gmail.com](mailto:ematteso@gmail.com) if you have questions.

HELP WANTED Epworth is seeking qualified applicants for the position of Coordinator of Children's Ministry, a ten hour per week position. This person will bring good interpersonal skills, the ability to work as part of a team, and excellent organizational skills to help serve the children of Epworth UMC. Interested applicants should go to Epworth website ([epworth-umc.org](http://epworth-umc.org)) for a job description and job application. Submit resume and job application to [kwhitaker@epworth-umc.org](mailto:kwhitaker@epworth-umc.org) and [hhdhardware@hotmail.com](mailto:hhdhardware@hotmail.com).

GROWING THRU GRIEF offers to help with our journey through the grieving process. Each week a presentation is followed by small group discussion. On September 6, Rabbi Larry Bach of Judea Reform Synagogue will discuss "A Time to Mourn: Grieving and the Jewish Calendar." On September 20 David Franzen will speak about "How and When to Seek Counseling." 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.

## THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

The Book of Genesis will be the topic of study, presented and interpreted in videos by Dr. Mickey Efird, professor at Duke Divinity School for over 40 years. Discussion guided by a participant workbook follows each video. Classes will meet Thursdays, 11:00 - 12:00 noon from Sept. 8 - Nov. 10. Sign up on the bulletin board or call Marie Hammond

## UNITED METHODIST WOMEN GENERAL MEETING

**August 28, 2016.** Please join us in the fellowship hall after the 11 am service to hear our guest speaker, Abbi Tenaglia from [TransformingHope.org](http://TransformingHope.org). If you would like to contribute to their wish list, they are requesting bottled water, copier paper, sharpie pens and assorted individually wrapped snacks. If you would like to bring supplies for Sewing Sisters, we are in need of wash cloths and colorful underwear (women's size 5,6,7 or girls size 12-14). Look forward to seeing you there!

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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:**

Jeremiah 1: 4-10, Psalm 71: 1-6, Hebrews 12: 18-29, Luke 13: 10-17

**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):

August 28<sup>th</sup>: Back to school Luncheon Outing following the 11:00 service. Details to follow!

September 11<sup>th</sup>: Parent-Youth Kick-Off

November 11<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup>: Pilgrimage (otherwise known as P16)!!

**YOUTH COUNCIL:** Youth Council will meet this Sunday, August 21<sup>st</sup> from 4 p.m. - 5 p.m.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** Meets each Sunday during the summer unless otherwise noted.

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

**Lesson topic this month:** Beginnings—the start of something new! We will also help as needed with VBS.

**SAINTS FOR THE WEEK:** Erin Shiflett for leading Sunday School last Sunday!!

**ACOLYTE/CRUCIFER/READER SCHEDULE**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Acolyte</u>	<u>Crucifer</u>	<u>Reader</u>
August 28 <sup>th</sup>	Ian Kim	Hannah Morris	Jerush 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.

**THE FALL SEMESTER SCHEDULE WILL BE AVAILABLE SOON.**

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For all of our youth heading back to school of who have already started classes: may this year be filled with many new an wonderful opportunities to learn and experience the wonders of our world. Seek God's glory and enjoy the many blessings and gifts that you will find along your journey this year! Have a great, wonderful and fun-filled year!!! See you in Sunday School and at U.M.Y.F....and in church!



## JOIN EPWORTH'S MUSIC MINISTRY THIS FALL!

We are looking forward to another exciting year of music at Epworth! All ensembles are looking for new members. If you are interested in joining, please contact Kimberly Philpott, Director of Music at (919)-489-6557 or [kphilpott@epworth-umc.org](mailto:kphilpott@epworth-umc.org) and simply show up to our next rehearsal.

### 2015-2016 MUSIC SCHEDULE

Praise Singers	Sundays	7:30 AM	Join us!
Praise Band	Sundays	7:30 AM	Join us!
Children's Choir (age 3 - grade 5)	Sundays	9:45 AM	Join us!
Instrumental Ensemble	Mondays	7:30 PM	Starts October 3
Ring & Rejoice Handbell Choir	Wednesdays	6:00 PM	Starts September 7
Chancel Choir	Wednesdays	7:00 PM	Starts September 7
Epworth Brass Ensemble	Contact us for more information		
Children's String Ensemble	Contact us for more information		

### Chancel Choir

Chancel choir resumes their Wednesday evening rehearsal schedule on Wednesday, September 7 at 7:00PM in the choir room. Chancel choir is open to all youth and adults and anyone interested in participating is encouraged to come! Remember that you don't have to read music to make a joyful noise to the Lord through song! This year's music will include works by classical composers, familiar hymn arrangements, spirituals, original compositions and more!

### Children's Choir

Membership is open to all children age 3 through 5th grade. At this age, music is used to encourage a love of God. All children are invited to participate! Rehearsals are Sunday mornings at 9:45 in the choir room.

### Epworth Praise Band & Praise Singers

Epworth's Praise Team rehearses on Sunday mornings at 7:30AM in the fellowship hall. Grab your coffee and come join us! This group leads the music for the 9:00AM contemporary service. If you are interested in singing or playing with the group and have a passion for contemporary worship, we would love to have you!

### Epworth Instrumental Ensemble & Brass Ensemble

Come play in the instrumental ensemble! We are a group of adults and youth who enjoy playing our instruments on hymns and special music several times a year in the 11:00 Worship Service. Everyone is invited to play with us even if you haven't played for some time. We rehearse on Mondays at 7:30. The first rehearsal will be October 3 and we are playing in church on October 30. Contact Judy Bolt 919-401-4801 or email: [gajbolt64@gmail.com](mailto:gajbolt64@gmail.com).

### Ring and Rejoice Handbell Choir

Membership is open to all youth and adults. No experience necessary! Our handbell choir meets on Wednesday evenings from 6:00 – 7:00PM in the handbell room beside the fellowship hall. Our handbell director has more than 25 years of experience with both ringing and directing. If you know your left hand from your right hand, she can teach you to play handbells! Contact Maureen Oakes at [dancingimages@yahoo.com](mailto:dancingimages@yahoo.com) for more information.

**Children's String Ensemble**

This ensemble meets 2-4 times a year and plays for our traditional and blended services. Membership is open to any child currently enrolled in private string lessons or a class string ensemble.





## AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2016

<p>21 7:30 Praise Team <b>8:30, 9:00 and 11:00 Worship</b> 9:50 Sunday School/ Children's Music/ <u>New Member Class</u> 10:00 Summer Choir 5:00 VBS</p>	<p>22 7:30 Instrumentals</p>	<p>23 9:30 Staff Meeting 1:30 Care Group 6:00 Yoga 6:30 Preschool Board</p>	<p>24 3:00 Finance/ Endowment 4:00 Prayer Group</p>	<p>25 5:00 Voices Together 7:00 AA</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>
<p>28 7:30 Praise Team <b>8:30, 9:00 and 11:00 Worship</b> 9:50 Sunday School/ Children's Music 10:00 Summer Choir 12:15 UMW Gen. Meeting 5:00 VBS</p>	<p>29 8:00 - 12:30 Augustine Training</p>	<p>30 8:00 - 12:30 Augustine Training 10:30 Staff Meeting 1:30 Care Group 6:00 Yoga</p>	<p>31 8:00 - 12:30 Augustine Training 4:00 Prayer Group 7:00 Open House For Preschool Parents</p>	<p>Sept. 1 8:00 - 12:30 Augustine Training 5:00 Voices Together 7:00 AA</p>	<p>2 8:00 - 12:30 Augustine Training</p>	<p>3</p>
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