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The Care Group

The Care group provides Weekly Visitation and delivery of small bud vases of flowers to shut in members and friends of our congregation.

The care group, in some form or fashion, has been a part of the Epworth Caring Ministries for well over 25 years. Many of those who were loyal and faithful Epworth care group visitors in the past are now some of those who are being visited.

Flower vases are arranged from previous Sunday's altar flowers and supplemented by purchased flowers when needed. Flower arrangers meet at 10 am on Tuesday mornings to prepare vases for the afternoon visitation. Currently, there is a core group of 3 volunteers preparing 15 vases each week.

The Care group visitation group meets at 1:30 pm each Tuesday afternoon to get flower vases arranged earlier in the day and assignments for the week. We visit shut INS and the infirm in various settings.... Nursing homes, assisted living facilities, retirement centers and personal homes. Presently we have a core group of 5-6 making visits each week to 15 individuals depending on need and number of volunteer visitors each week.

Additionally, we keep a list of birthdates for our shut INS and for other older members of our congregation and remember those folks with birthday cards on their special day.

For those recovering from illnesses and surgeries we try to send cards of encouragement as we know about their situations. For members who can't attend many of the activities of Epworth and those we can't visit, we send occasional "Thinking of you" cards.

If you have a listening ear and a desire to help our older members remain connected to their home church, **we need you to help with this vital ministry of Epworth.** Please consider this ministry as you find ways to serve God in our Church. You will be as blessed as those you visit. I guarantee it! The Epworth Care Group needs you and so do those we visit!!!

Contact Kathy Chaney at 919-489-8744 or chaneykd@aol.com if you can help either with flower arranging and or visitation.

Sunday, September 4, 2016

8:30 and 11:00 Worship

Sermon: Rev. Karen H. Whitaker

Scripture: Psalm 139: 1-6, 13-18, Luke 14: 25-33, Jeremiah 18: 1-11

Hymns: "Take Up Thy Cross" "More Love to Thee, O Christ"
"Where He Leads Me"

9:00 Worship

Sermon "You Have Known Me; I Praise You" Rev. Dr. Sangwoo Kim

Scripture Psalm 139: 1-6, 13-18

Songs "Come Now is the Time to Worship" "We Believe" "Blest Are They"
"Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing" "He Knows My Name"

Liturgist 8:30 Maureen Oakes 11:00 Kenneth Roberts

Altar Guild Emily and Rick Dike, Joyce Dalglish

Counters Beth Armbruster and Joe Jernigan

Bus Driver Joe Gibbs Greeters Carl and Sue Hamill

Ushers Gary Whaley, Al West, Belo Shelton, John Rasmussen

Nursery Marcey Harp, Theresa Shebalin, Susan Armour, Jennifer Browning

Crucifer Erin Engel Acolyte Ben Engel Youth Reader Caleb Engel

Sunday School Coordinators Mike Shiflett, John Lott

ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God and in memory of George McKee by his family.

SUNDAY NIGHT LIVE (SNL) is coming back September 18. 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 and youth. Nursery will be provided for the youngest ones. Volunteers are needed for the nursery and to help teach the children. All are welcome!

PROMOTION SUNDAY September 11, 2016 Bibles will be presented to our 2 year olds and third graders. Please note this change on Promotion Sunday: The Preschool Sunday Class will meet downstairs in the Preschool Building nearest the playground.

BACKPACK EVENT Thanks to everyone for a successful first Backpack Packing event! We prepared 250 backpacks of food. Thus, we have prepared for the month of September. We have committed to providing 50 backpacks each week of this school year. We continue to need your help in various ways to make this endeavor a success! This month we are asking for donations of cans (14-16 oz.) of vegetables (green beans, corn, peas, black-eyed peas, pinto beans, carrots, etc.) Also monetary donations are needed to buy supplies in bulk. Our children and youth will be packing for October and part of November during Sunday Night Live on Sept. 18. Other groups will be invited to help at other times this year. Keep watch for more news and details in the coming weeks, and thank you for your support!

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 if you have questions.

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.

THANKS TO MY EPWORTH FAMILY

"It has been wonderful having a 99th birthday. I have been showered with happy and loving cards from so many of my church family. I just wish to let you know how much it means to be thought of so kindly! Even though I've moved to Henderson, I hope to keep in touch and to worship with you from time to time. If you are in the area, I hope will know you are welcomed to stop in."

Fondly,

Eloise Martin



Did you know...

Whenever you begin to shop online at amazon.com, enter instead: **smile.amazon.com** and designate **Epworth United Methodist Church** as the recipient of .5% of your eligible purchases. With the Christmas shopping season right around the corner, this is another unique opportunity to give to Epworth!

EPWORTH PRESCHOOL opens the new school year on Tuesday, September 6. (919-489-609).



YOUTH NEWS & NOTES



U.M.Y.F.: U.M.Y.F. starts soon! Mark your calendars for these events (more details to follow):

September 11th: U.M.Y.F. Parent-Youth Kick-Off! Come see this year has in store for our awesome youth, and enjoy the ol' Methodist tradition of fun, fellowship and food, food and food!! Burgers and hot dogs cooked on the grill with sides provided by each family! If the weather cooperates, we'll our event at the picnic shelter! Stay tuned to your email for more information!!



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November 11th - 13th: Pilgrimage (otherwise known as P16)!! Registration forms coming soon!!

SUNDAY SCHOOL: REMINDER: don't forget your Sunday School offering!!

Lesson topic this week: New beginnings- what does this year have in store for you? Better yet, what do you have in store for this year?

SAINTS FOR THE WEEK: Diane Darr for her tremendous leadership of VBS this year! Anna Darr, Ian Kim, Kaitlin Montgomery, Caroline Mumford, Julia Boltz, Elise Benware, Ethan Benward, Jerryl Christopher, Peter Walker, Morgan West and Elizabeth Parry for your amazing help at the Surf Shack!! Beck Northern, Elise Benware, Ethan Benware Kaitlin Montgomery, Anna Darr and Ian Kim for helping with the Backpack ministries packing event! Julia Boltz, Anna Darr, Jerush Christopher and Virginia Nadworny for playing in the orchestra for worship and a special shout-out to Anna Darr for her wonderful cello solo!! Peter Walker, Henri Nadworny and Virginia Nadworny for helping lead worship by serving as crucifer/acolyte/psalter reader!! Epworth is truly blessed by the many ways our youth share the light and love of Christ through their servant hearts!!

ACOLYTE/CRUCIFER/READER SCHEDULE

<u>Date</u>	<u>Acolyte</u>	<u>Crucifer</u>	<u>Reader</u>
Sept. 4	Ben Engel	Erin Engel	Caleb Engel

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.

NOTE: September 25th (4:30 p.m. prior to U.M.Y.F.): Acolyte/Crucifer/Psalter Reader training. A refresher for those currently serving and training for those interested in helping lead worship in one or more of these roles.

Wishing everyone a safe
and wonderful
Labor Day weekend!!



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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.

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 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 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.

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 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.

SEPTEMBER 2016

<p>4 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>5 Labor Day Holiday Church office closed</p>	<p>6 10:30 Staff Meeting 1:30 Care Group 6:00 Yoga 6:00 Stewardship 7:00 Witness</p>	<p>7 4:00 Prayer Group 6:00 Handbells 7:00 Chancel Choir</p>	<p>8 11:00 Bible Study 5:00 Voices Together 6:30 Bread For the World 7:00 AA</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10 9:30 Sewing Sisters</p>
<p>11 PROMOTION SUNDAY 7:30 Praise Team 8:30, 9:00 and 11:00 Worship 9:50 Sunday School/ Children's Music 12:30 Welcoming Group 5:30 UMYF Kickoff</p>	<p>12 1:00 Book Group 6:00 SPPRC</p>	<p>13 10:30 Staff Meeting 1:30 Care Group 6:00 Yoga 7:00 Outreach</p>	<p>14 4:00 Prayer Group 6:00 Handbells 6:30 UMMen 7:00 Chancel Choir</p>	<p>15 11:00 Bible Study 5:00 Voices Together 7:00 AA</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p>
<p>18 7:30 Praise Team 8:30, 9:00 and 11:00 Worship 9:50 Sunday School/ Children's Music 12:30 Welcoming Group 5:30 Sun. Night Live</p>	<p>19 11:30 LC's 1:30 Ruth Cir 3:30 Tutoring 7:00 Trustees</p>	<p>20 10:30 Staff Meeting 1:30 Care Group 6:00 Yoga</p>	<p>21 3:30 Tutoring 4:00 Prayer Group 6:00 Handbells 7:00 Chancel Choir</p>	<p>22 11:00 Bible Study 5:00 Voices Together 7:00 AA</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24 9:30 Sewing Sisters</p>