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Epworth Family,

Even though it may not feel like it, Fall is here! Fall brings a new school year and new beginnings for many of us and along with it, Epworth offers exciting new opportunities for mission and ministry for you to participate in.

Take note – a lot is happening this Sunday, September 11!

- It is Promotion Sunday for our children and youth so during the Sunday school hour, we will be advancing our children into the next Sunday school class.
- Because we believe that sharing God's word with our children is critical as we make disciples, we will be presenting Bibles to our 2 year olds during the 11:00 AM service and our third graders during both the 9:00 and 11:00 AM services.
- During worship we will also pray over and complete a time and talent survey so that we can best share our gifts within our walls and beyond our walls for the coming academic year and beyond.
- We will also remember the fifteenth anniversary of 9/11. We will pray together for all the families affected the horrific events that happened that day.
- After the 11:00am service, the second meeting of the welcoming group will meet. I strongly encourage you to be a part of this very special group that is brainstorming ways to make our congregation more inclusive.
- And then later that evening, the day ends with the Parent-Youth Kickoff at 5:30 PM.

I encourage all of you to please read the articles in this issue of the Etchings. Don't expect everything to be the same. Just as Fall brings new beginnings we're striving to make some exciting changes here at Epworth.

Lastly, if you were in worship on the first Sunday in 2016 you were invited to consider how God is leading you to live out your baptismal vows. You put this in writing as a covenant between you and God. Do you remember what your note said? Was it a promise to serve in a particular ministry area? Or a promise to grow in your relationship with God through scripture reading and prayer? Was it to stand up for justice? This week the church office is mailing back the note cards so that you can see how you are progressing on your promise(s) to God. Perhaps you might want to pray over and re-affirm your God promises.

Thank you for all the ways that you continue to support Epworth. In particular, thank you for the fabulous response of 500 cans of meat collected (in a week!) for the Backpack Buddies endeavor in August. This month we will be collecting vegetables. Bring in veggies – any 14-16 ounce cans of peas, green beans, carrots, corn, pinto beans, etc. will do.

Mark your calendars for the next packing event on the evening of September 18. Our children and youth will be packing the next 350 backpacks at Sunday Night Live. All are welcome to join us. Many hands make light work!

And don't forget to bring in those veggies!

See you in worship,
Karen

September 11th is Promotion Sunday for our Sunday School children. We invite all children and their parents and teachers to gather together in the Fellowship Hall at 9:50 A.M. After the Gathering time, the teachers will bring the children to their classrooms. At 9:00 and 11:00 o'clock worship, Bibles will be presented to two year olds and third graders.

Sunday Night Live (SNL) is coming back September 18 at 5:30. We will eat, laugh, study, and pray together on Sunday evenings. Adults will begin with James Harnish's *A Disciple's Heart*, a study on how God reshapes our hearts and lives in our spiritual practices. Children and Youth will pack the backpacks for children at Hope Valley School. All are welcome! Thad and Sarah Gurley are providing the meal. Please sign up on the sign up sheets in the farthex and narthex if you plan to attend.

Backpack Ministries We prepared 250 backpacks of food at our first Packing event. Thus, we are set for the month of September. We have committed to providing 50 backpacks each week of this school year. 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. Thank you for your support!

Tutoring children from Hope Valley School begins on Monday, September 19.



Sunday, September 11, 2016

8:30 and 11:00 Worship

Sermon: “Love for the Lost” Rev. Karen H. Whitaker

Scripture: Luke 15: 1-10

Hymns: “Amazing Grace” “To God Be the Glory” “Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

9:00 Worship

Sermon “Ninety-nine Sheep” Rev. Dr. Sangwoo Kim

Scripture Luke 15: 1-10

Songs “Blessed Be Your Name” “You Are Worthy of My Praise” “Because He Lives”
“How Can I Keep from Singing”

Liturgist 8:30 and 11:00 Maureen Oakes

Altar Guild Emily and Rick Dike, Joyce Dalglish

Bus Driver Brent Engel Greeters Gail and Jeff Rankin

Ushers Kenneth Roberts, Jeff Rankin, Michael Mumford

Nursery Marcey Harp, Theresa Shebalin, Tina Wilcox, Lisa Byrd

Crucifer Jerush Christopher Acolyte Carolyn Mumford

Youth Reader Hannah Morris

Sunday School Coordinators Mike Shiflett, John Lott

ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God by Joan Fletcher in honor of my precious daughters Deborah, Sandra, Joan Leigh, Mary, and Tamara, who have blessed my life through their strong faith in God.

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO EXTEND WELCOME

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?

Join us on Sunday, Sept 11 in the Fellowship Hall following the 11:00 worship service for discussion. All are welcome to attend. 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.

ADDRESSES OF OUR COLLEGE STUDENTS Epworth wants to keep in touch with our students. Please send your address to the church office or to Jill Shiflett.



YOUTH NEWS & NOTES

U.M.Y.F.: Here we go!! U.M.Y.F. starts this Sunday!!!



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

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: And awaaay we go!! Where are we going and what does God expect of us?

SAINTS FOR THE WEEK: Erin Engel, Caleb Engel and Ben Engel for service as Psalter Reader/Crucifer and Acolyte during worship!!

ACOLYTE/CRUCIFER/READER SCHEDULE: (THE FALL SEMESTER SCHEDULE WILL BE AVAILABLE SOON):

<u>Date</u>	<u>Acolyte</u>	<u>Crucifer</u>	<u>Reader</u>
September 11th	Caroline Mumford	Jerush Christopher	Hannah Morris

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.

OUTREACH FUNDRAISER will be October 23rd following the 11:00 o'clock worship service. For those who wish to contribute, there is a sign-up sheet in the church office or on the information table in the farthex. For further information, please contact Bill Matteson, whmatteson@gmail.com

RUTH CIRCLE invites you to join Emily Dike for a program "Blessedness and How United Methodist Women Reach Out to Others" meeting in room 2/3 at 1:30 p.m. on Monday, September 19th. All are welcome.

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.

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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.

SEPTEMBER 2016

<p>11 PROMOTION SUNDAY</p> <p>7:30 Praise Team</p> <p>8:30, 9:00 and 11:00 Worship</p> <p>9:50 Sunday School/ Children's Music</p> <p>12:30 Welcoming Group</p> <p>5:30 UMYF Kickoff</p>	<p>12</p> <p>1:00 Book Group</p> <p>6:00 SPPRC</p> <p>7:00 Witness</p>	<p>13</p> <p>10:30 Staff Meeting</p> <p>1:30 Care Group</p> <p>6:00 Yoga</p> <p>7:00 Outreach</p> <p>7:00 Boy Scouts</p>	<p>14</p> <p>4:00 Prayer Group</p> <p>6:00 Handbells</p> <p>6:30 UMMen</p> <p>7:00 Chancel Choir</p>	<p>15</p> <p>11:00 Bible Study</p> <p>5:00 Voices Together</p> <p>7:00 AA</p>	16	17
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