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STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

Why I give to God at Epworth

Epworth is my home Church and it FEELS like home to me as it has been a huge part of my life and spiritual journey over the years. I started attending Epworth when I was 13 years old. I was confirmed at Epworth and married at Epworth. My children were baptized at Epworth. My children were taught religious education by gifted and devoted teachers in Sunday school classes at Epworth. They had many opportunities to participate in the life of the church through children's music ministries, UMYF, Vacation Bible School, confirmation classes and to serve as acolytes.

Epworth has afforded me so many opportunities during the years to practice my faith and to give back to the fellowship of Epworth through all of its various programs, committees and opportunities to learn and to disciple. In addition, it has provided a structure for me to give back to the community of Durham and to other state, national and international causes.

I know that none of these opportunities to learn, to disciple, to serve, to fellowship and to be in unity with our neighbors would be possible without our financial gifts to Epworth. They are needed to support ministries and missions inside and outside of the church through payment of staff salaries, building maintenance for an aging structure, curriculum, maintenance and purchase of equipment and gifts to the conference for its mission work. Money is needed for new programs that we envision that can benefit our own members and our community.

I give to God at Epworth because God has given me so many blessings in my life and because I ponder and pray to understand and to live the line from the scripture, Luke 12:48

" Everyone to whom much is given, of him will much be required; and of him to whom men commit much they will demand the more."

Kathy Chaney

Sunday, October 23, 2016
8:30, 9:00 and 11:00 Worship

Sermon: “Overflowing with God’s Generosity” Rev. Karen H. Whitaker
Scripture: Psalm 119: 137-144, 2 Corinthians 9: 6-10, Luke 19: 10

Hymns: 8:30 and 11:00 “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God” “I Am Thine, O Lord”,
“Freely, Freely”

Songs 9:00 “This Is Amazing Grace” “The Well” “My Lighthouse”
“Be Thou My Vision”

Liturgists 8:30 Maureen Oakes 11:00 Barbara Rice

Altar Guild Judy Daymont, Frank and Leanna Murphy Dono

Bus Driver Patsy Harlow

Nursery Marcey Harp, Theresa Shebalin, Lisa Vandevander, Lisa Byrd

Ushers John Rasmussen, Jerry McDaniel, Bob Hodgins

Counters Steve Smith, Judy Daymont

Acolyte Ben Engel Crucifer Erin Engel Youth Reader Caleb Engel

Sunday School Coordinators Mike Shiflett, John Lott

ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Bill and Alice Rankin by Gwen, Bobby, Justin, Jeff, Gail, Karen, Ryan, Connor, Trevor and Dylan.

CHARGE CONFERENCE is Sunday, November 6 from 4:30 -7:00 p.m. at Aldersgate UMC on Umstead Rd.

BUILDING SECURITY Because of recent security issues, the farthex doors will remain locked during the week. Ring the doorbell when you need to come into the building, and remember to secure your valuables at all times.

Fall Harvest Festival is this Sunday, October 30 from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.



STEWARDSHIP DETAILS

The theme of Stewardship this year is **Overflowing with God's Generosity** and we look to 2 Corinthians 9: 6-10 for guidance:

Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. As it is written:

*“They have freely scattered their gifts to the poor;
their righteousness endures forever.*

Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness.

Through this season we will be focusing the congregation's attention on how God's abundant blessings manifest themselves at Epworth UMC and how our giving should reflect that same Spirit.

November 20th, on Stewardship Sunday, we will have two worship services and two hands-on activities to sow generously. Our first is to pack 500 bags for our Backpack Ministry. It has been so impressive to see the support of our entire congregation through planning, packing, delivering, donating items and money, and praying for the ministry and the kids at Hope Valley Elementary. Your continued generosity ensures 50 students each week have enough food and drink on the weekends that they may not have otherwise. Prior to this event donations of meat product (Vienna sausage, Chef Boyardee, cans of chicken, cans of tuna, or Beanie Wienies) are needed as well as any monetary donations.

Another opportunity for stewardship will be to assemble health kits that will be distributed by UMCOR directly to flood victims. To prepare the kits, we need donations of the following items:

- Hand towel (15” x 25” to 17” to 27”)
- Washcloth
- Metal nail file or clipper (no emery boards please)
- Bath-size soap (3oz or larger - no Ivory or Jergens soap due to moisture content)
- Toothbrush (Adult size in original packaging)
- Adhesive bandages (e.g. Band-aids) (3/4 “ to 1” size)
- Cash donations to buy additional items to complete the kits.

All donations for the backpacks and the health kits may be left on the counter in the Farthex. We will have instructions on how to pack the backpacks and assemble the kits. The packing sessions will occur after the 8:45 and the 11:00 services. This packing event will allow all of us to come together and serve as one body. As God has blessed us, may we extend our generosity to others.

TICKET EXTRAVAGANZA.....The Outreach committee is sponsoring a Ticket Extravaganza! Our annual auction and fundraiser has been rescheduled (new date is February 26th) due to the ceiling repair in the sanctuary. A traditional highlight of the auction has been the wide variety of donated tickets for events such as college basketball, Hurricanes games, DPAC performances and other local live theater. Many of these performances take place over the holidays - these tickets make wonderful gifts! So that you don't miss out on these opportunities, the Outreach committee is offering the Ticket Extravaganza. How to donate tickets: Donation forms are available at the information table outside of the Farthex, in the church office, and in Sunday's bulletin as an insert. Simply fill out the form with your name and contact information, the event name and date, and a suggested minimum bid. Please return these forms by November 6th.

How to bid on tickets: By November 13th there will be a master list and bid sheet for all the tickets. Bid sheets will be available at the information table in the Farthex on Sundays, and in the church office at other times. To bid on one or more tickets, provide your name, phone number or email, and the dollar amount you wish to bid. There is no limit on the number of times you can bid – check back often in case you are outbid on popular tickets! The closing date for all bids is December 4th. There will be a shorter timetable for any events taking place prior to Dec 4th. If the minimum bid is not reached, tickets will be returned to the original donors.

This is an important fundraising event for Epworth's Outreach ministries. Funds are especially needed for Hurricane Matthew relief efforts. As always, thanks to the entire Epworth family for your continued support of Outreach ministries at Epworth. If you have any questions please let me know.

Bill Matteson

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Hike the ENO! Our Annual Hiking Adventure!!



Come experience God's natural wonders on an Eno River hike. We'll hike 2 to 3 miles along the Riverwalk greenway in Hillsborough to the Occoneechee Speedway. Riverwalk is one of the few sections of the Mountains-to-Sea Trail located in an urban environment.

Wear Sturdy Shoes! Dogs Are Welcome!

When: Sunday, November 6th

Time: Meet at Epworth at 2pm and we'll carpool to Riverwalk

Questions: Contact Jeff Rankin at 919-489-2441 or jk3061@aol.com

Sponsored by the Leisure & Recreational Ministries Committee



YOUTH NEWS & NOTES



U.M.Y.F.



Date

Program Topic

Parent "Chef(s)"

October 30th HARVEST FESTIVAL (3 p.m. - 5 p.m.) NO DINNER THIS WEEK



This is a big day!!! Youth will be "manning" the games and helping in various ways. Set-up begins at 2:00 p.m. and everyone is asked to help with clean-up afterwards! Let's help make this an awesome event for the children of Epworth and the surrounding community! What a great service opportunity this is!

To the parents signed up for the dinner this week: please sign up for another date.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

REMINDER: don't forget your Sunday School offering!! Our offerings for the next several weeks will go to UMCOR for disaster relief. Please give careful and prayerful consideration to your offering that goes to support those recovering from the devastation caused by Hurricane Matthew.

Lesson topic this week: Love Keeps on Doing! Read chapters six and seven of "Love Does". Questions to think about:

1. What failure in your life are you most grateful for? Why?
2. If we are the beloved of Jesus, and He keeps expressing his love for us through the world around us, how and where do you feel it most?
3. Bob says, "The thing I love about God is He intentionally guides people into failure." What do you think he means by this?

SAINTS FOR THE WEEK:

Jerush Christopher, Jerryl Christopher and Anna Darr for serving as Psalter Reader/Crucifer/Acolyte during worship!! The Benware-Davis "Chefs" for providing the meal last Sunday night!!

ACOLYTE/CRUCIFER/READER SCHEDULE for this Sunday:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Acolyte</u>	<u>Crucifer</u>	<u>Reader</u>
October 30 th	Ben Engel	Erin Engel	Caleb Engel
November 5 th	Ian Kim	Hannah Morris	Hayes Hunter

IMPORTANT: If you are not able to 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.

IMPORTANT DATES



November 1st: Poinsettia Sale begins!! This is our biggest fundraiser year! Prizes for the youth who sell the most...especially if you can sell Joyce!

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

NOTE: If you would like to order a Pilgrimage t-shirt, let Joyce know ASAP. Balance due is \$30. Itinerary and permission slips to be emailed soon!!

BOY SCOUT FUNDRAISER

Butter Braids are a delicious Frozen Pastry Dough that are perfect for holiday entertaining, and family gatherings! Through Nov. 6th., scouts from Epworth's own BSA Troop 461 will be offering this fabulous product for sale before, between and after church services. Each loaf is \$14 and the following flavors are available: Apple, Caramel Rolls, Cinnamon, Cream Cheese, Blueberry Cream Cheese, Bavarian Creme, Double Chocolate, and Strawberry Cream Cheese. Payment will be taken at time of ordering and loaves will be delivered on Tues Nov. 15th. Money raised will go to fund scout activities, such as camping and hiking trips, summer camp, high adventure camps, and other outings. If you have any questions please contact: Dale Baker Troop 461 Committee Chairman 919-695-2886.

GOOD NEWS We are pleased to report that the UMW of Epworth has been highlighted and recognized in the **National UMW Program Book** that is distributed around the United States. Our efforts with the Days for Girls program has been acknowledged from the highest levels of UMW in New York and a special thanks goes to Ruth Clausing and Linda Mitchell for their ongoing support and organizational skills. We plan to meet again January 14th and the 28th, and we'd love to welcome any one interested in sewing, ironing, pressing, and collating these feminine hygiene kits for young girls.

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OCTOBER/NOVEMBER, 2016

<p>30 7:30 PraiseTeam 8:30, 9:00 and 11:00 Worship - 9:50SundaySchool/ Children's Music 3 - 5:00 Fall Festival</p>	<p>31 No Tutoring</p>	<p>NOV. 1 10:30 Staff Meeting 1:30 Care Group 6:00 Yoga 7:00 Boy Scouts</p>	<p>2 3:30 Tutoring 4:00 Prayer Group 6:00 Handbells 7:00 Chancel Choir</p>	<p>3 11:00 Bible Study 5:15 Voices Together 7:00 AA</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p>
<p>6 All Saints' Day 7:30 PraiseTeam 8:30, 9:00 and 11:00 Worship - 9:50SundaySchool/ Children's Music 12:15 UMW General Meeting 4:30 Charge Conference 5:30 UMYF</p>	<p>7 1:30 Sarah Circle 3:30 Tutoring 6:30 Nurture 7:00 Witness 7:30 Instrumentals</p>	<p>8 10:30 Staff Meeting 1:30 Care Group 6:00 Yoga 7:00 Boy Scouts 7:00 Outreach</p>	<p>9 3:30 Tutoring 4:00 Prayer Group 6:00 Handbells 6:30 UMMen 7:00 Chancel Choir</p>	<p>10 11:00 Bible Study 5:15 Voices Together 7:00 AA</p>	<p>11 Pilgrim- age For Youth....</p>	<p>12</p>
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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.