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### Why I give to God Through Epworth

My parents raised me to be a good Methodist. I learned that it is important to support the church through my talents, service and/or by monetary giving.

When I joined Epworth, some forty years ago, it was a time when I wanted to raise my children to be good Methodists. I wanted them to know God and to learn Christian living. Being newly married, I was able to give mostly by teaching Sunday school and in the pre-school. It felt good to share that God loves us all; that we are our brothers' keeper.

My children grew up and I had time to serve in a different way. Helping others has always been important to me. I found my place on the Outreach committee. I wanted to be a part of reaching out to our community and beyond. Working with the less fortunate helped remind me that we don't choose how we enter into this world.

Now I am slowing down physically but spiritually, I am still growing. Participating in a Prayer Group this summer, helped me to broaden my thinking about what goes on at Epworth. I was reminded that Epworth is a "faith community committed to transforming the world." And, Karen says, "Epworth is doing God's work around the world." We are a Reconciling church; "welcoming all persons." These are modern and far reaching phrases about the relevance of our church.

My heart and spirit want to help others. I am inundated with Community and World requests for money. By giving to Epworth, my money can reach more people and contribute to changing things for the better. It makes sense to me, to give to Epworth's budget so more good can be done. The Horizon campaign brought church needs to the fore front. We all gave generously so that Epworth could function without so much debt. If we all continue to give generously, our church can go about doing God's work "within these walls and beyond these walls." As I make my pledge for 2017, please join me in helping Epworth to continue as a viable organization. Marcie Brame

**STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY IS NOVEMBER 20.**

**WORSHIP SERVICES AT 8:45 AND 11:00.**

Rev. Bruce Stanley, from the Methodist Home for Children, is preaching.

A sample of the pledge card that we will be handing out on Pledge Sunday in on page 8.

Begin now to pray about your 2017 pledge.

**Sunday, November 13, 2016**  
**8:30, 9:00 and 11:00 Worship**

Sermon: The Stewardship Committee – Todd Benware and Barbara Collie

Scripture: Psalm 118: 1-9, 26-29, 2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 9: 6-10, Luke 12: 32-34

Hymns: 8:30 and 11:00 “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God” “Rise Up Ye Saints of God”  
“Forth in Thy Name, O Lord”

Songs 9:00 “I Will Follow” “Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing” “Offering”  
“This is Amazing Grace”

Liturgist 8:30 Maureen Oakes 11:00 Jane Clark Moorman

Altar Guild Martha and J. Ray Kirby, Mary Gyurki-Kiss

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

Ushers Fred Mowry, Johnie Joyce, Bob Botts Counter Bill Matteson

Acolyte Julia Boltz Crucifer Jerush Christopher Youth Reader Jerryl Christopher

Sunday School Coordinators Mike Shiflett, John Lott

Please note: Our UMYF is using the church bus for their trip to Pilgrimage. So there will not be a pick up at Croasdaile or the Forest at Duke this Sunday.

ALTAR FLOWERS are given by Bobbie Berry and family in memory of Bob Berry.

**WELCOME, AMANDA WILSON**

*Dear Epworth UMC,*

*I am excited to be here with you as the new part-time Coordinator of Children’s Ministries! Thank you for your already gracious welcome. I come to you most recently from Shepherd’s House UMC, a largely African immigrant congregation in Old East Durham, where I served for 9 years as part-time Associate Pastor with primary responsibility for children and youth. I am a graduate of Princeton Theological Seminary, an ordained United Methodist Deacon, and a Licensed Clinical Social Worker with a small counseling practice serving low-income individuals and families. I am passionate about building cross-cultural relationships, seeking both personal and social transformation by God’s grace, and helping kids grow in God’s love through the stories of the Bible and through their daily lives. My husband J.D. and I have two children, Bethany (4) and Samuel (2). Bethany is excited about going to church where she already goes to preschool! We look forward to getting to know you (including those of you who aren’t old enough to read this yet!) and growing together as disciples of Jesus Christ.*

*Blessings,*

*Amanda Wilson*

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.

MEMORIAL GIFTS RECEIVED in memory of Trish Robertson Norma Aaron, Marvin and Cynthia Barnes, Louise McKee, Fred and Nell Mowry, Marjorie Palmer, Edward and Sylvia Arnett, William and Mary Slot, Lorraine Clark, Bob and Sara Fairey, Greg and Judy Bolt.

### JOURNEYING TOWARD JUSTICE

Our Journeying Toward Justice group will gather in Room 2-3 on Nov. 13th, immediately following the 11:00 worship service. These gatherings are open to anyone in the Epworth community. Feel free to bring a snack or bag lunch; we will adjourn no later than 2:00 PM. We will continue to work on plans for our Community Lecture Series and other agenda items. Child care will be available - please contact Betty Matteson ([ematteso@gmail.com](mailto:ematteso@gmail.com)) to let us know how many children to expect.



### CONGREGATIONAL ADVENT STUDY AND POTLUCK

All are invited to our special Advent events on Sunday evenings! On December 4<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> (5:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m.), the Rev. Dr. Ross Wagner, Associate Professor of New Testament at Duke Divinity School, will teach us about the biblical images in our beloved Advent hymn, “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

The plaintive melody of “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” accompanies us through the Advent season like a trusted old friend. Yet despite its familiarity, the dense biblical symbolism of this ancient hymn remains impenetrable to many of us. Join us for two evenings of dinner and discussion as we unpack the seven stanzas of this hymn and come to a greater appreciation for the deep roots of our Christian faith in the hopes and prayers of Israel. Please contact Sangwoo Kim for further information, or Amada Wilson if you need childcare.



## STEWARDSHIP

The theme of Stewardship this year is **Overflowing with God's Generosity.**

November 20th is Stewardship Sunday, with worship services at **8:45 and 11:00.**

We will assemble health kits for UMCOR and pack backpacks after both services.

We need meats for the backpacks - cans of spaghetti and meatballs, lasagna, and Ravioli, cans of tuna, Beanie Weenies, and Vienna sausage. We hope to have 500 cans by this Sunday, November 13.

For the health kits for flood victims we need: 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) and cash donations to buy additional items to complete the kits.

Leave your contributions on the counter in the Farthex.

## BOY SCOUT FUNDRAISER

Reminder: If you ordered Butter Braids, they will be available to pick up (at Epworth) next Tuesday evening November 15th at 7:00pm. If you are unable to make it on Tuesday, you will be contacted by phone to arrange delivery. Thank you for your support of Epworth's Boy Scout Troop 461!

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Marlin Lennon, Sexton

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.

## NEEDED AT URBAN MINISTRIES

Socks and underwear (for all sizes, all ages, adults and children), canned meats (tuna, chicken), pasta sauce, peanut butter, powdered milk, canned soups, and canned fruits. Contributions should be placed in the basket just outside the church office.

TICKET EXTRAVAGANZA.....The Outreach Committee is sponsoring a Ticket Extravaganza! Our annual auction and fundraiser has been rescheduled (new date is February 26<sup>th</sup>) 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 27<sup>th</sup>. How to bid on tickets: 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 18th. (There will be a shorter timetable for any events taking place prior to this date.) 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 [whmatteson@gmail.com](mailto:whmatteson@gmail.com)



CHRISMON TREES Advent is quickly approaching and it's almost time to think about all of those meaningful symbols of Christmas. For us, one of the most important is the Chrismon tree, a symbol of God's permanence and a reminder that he lives and carries on throughout our darkest times. We are seeking donations for the purchase of our Chrismon trees. If interested in helping, please call the church office, 919-489-6557,



## YOUTH NEWS & NOTES



### U.M.Y.F.

#### Date

November 13th

#### Program Topic

No Sunday night U.M.Y.F. due to Pilgrimage

#### Parent "Chef(s)"

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### 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 Mattew. NOTE: To date the Youth Sunday School class has donated over \$100 to storm and disaster relief!! One of the many ways our youth do the good things that God asks of us! Thanks be to God!

Lesson topic this week: There will be Sunday School this week for those not attending Pilgrimage. Dr. Sangwoo Kim is coordinating youth Sunday School this Sunday.

### SAINTS FOR THE WEEK:

Hannah Morris, Ian Kim and Hayes Hunter for serving as crucifer/acolyte/reader during the 11:00 worship service; the Hunter "Chefs" for the awesome meal provided for U.M.Y.F.!!

### ACOLYTE/CRUCIFER/READER SCHEDULE for the month of November:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Acolyte</u>	<u>Crucifer</u>	<u>Reader</u>
November 13 <sup>th</sup>	Julia Boltz	Jerush Christopher	Jerryl Christopher
November 20 <sup>th</sup>	Henri Nadworny	Erin Engel	Peter Walker
November 27 <sup>th</sup>	Caleb Engel	Ben Engel	Anna Darr

**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 1<sup>st</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup>:** Poinsettia Sale!! Our biggest fundraiser of the year!! Youth will be "manning the table" in the Farthex following each service. Prizes for the youth who sell the most...especially if you can sell more than Joyce!



**November 11<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup>:** It's finally here!! Ten youth and 2 adults from Epworth will be attending this weekend long gathering of approximately 5,000 youth from the North Carolina Conference in Fayetteville this weekend. Please keep all of our youth and counselors in your thoughts and prayers as they travel and grow deeper in their faith. The theme for this year is: "Redeemed in Christ for Good Things" which will reflect on the verse Ephesians 2:8-10: "God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God. Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it. For we are God's

masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago. **May the Lord bless each of you...and give you peace!**



**NOVEMBER, 2016**

<p><b>13</b> 7:30 PraiseTeam  <b>8:30, 9:00 and 11:00</b> Worship -            9:50 Sunday School/            Children's Music            12:30 Journeying            Toward Justice            5:30 UMYF            5:30 SNL</p>	<p><b>14</b>            1:00 Book Group            3:45 Tutoring            6:00 SPPRC            7:30 Instrumentals</p>	<p><b>15</b>            10:30 Staff Meeting            1:30 Care Group            6:00 Yoga            7:00 Boy Scouts            7:00 Outreach</p>	<p><b>16</b>            3:30 Tutoring            4:00 Prayer Group            6:00 Handbells            7:00 Chancel Choir</p>	<p><b>17</b>            11:00 Bible Study            5:15 Voices Together            7:00 AA</p>	<p><b>18</b></p>	<p><b>19</b>            4:00 Young Adults</p>
<p><b>20 Stewardship Sunday</b> - Svcs. at 8:45 and 11:00            9:50 Sun. School/Children's Music -            Back Pack Event after each Service</p>	<p><b>21</b>            11:30 LC's            1:30 Ruth Cir            3:45 Tutoring            6:30 Endowment            7:00 Finance            7:30 Instrumentals</p>	<p><b>22</b>            10:30 Staff Meeting</p>	<p><b>23</b>            Church Office Closed at Noon</p>	<p><b>24</b>            Thanksgiving Church Office Closed            7:00 AA</p> 	<p><b>25</b>            Church Office Closed</p>	<p><b>26</b></p>
<p><b>27 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Advent</b>            7:30 PraiseTeam  <b>8:30, 9:00 and 11:00</b> Worship -            9:50 Sunday School/            Children's Music            5:30 UMYF            5:30 SNL</p>	<p><b>28</b>            12:30 Susanna Circ.            3:45 Tutoring            7:30 Instrumentals</p>	<p><b>29</b>            10:30 Staff Meeting            1:30 Care Group            6:00 Yoga            6:30 Preschool Bd.            7:00 Boy Scouts</p>	<p><b>30</b>            3:30 Tutoring            4:00 Prayer Group            6:00 Handbells            7:00 Chancel Choir</p>	<p>Dec. 1            11:00 Bible Study            5:15 Voices Together            7:00 AA</p>		



*Epworth UMC 2017 Annual Operating Budget Pledge Card*

Overflowing with God's Generosity, I/we will endeavor to give to the 2017 Annual Operating Budget as follows:

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ per week for 52 weeks, totaling: \$ \_\_\_\_\_, or

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ per month for 12 months, totaling: \$ \_\_\_\_\_, or

Other: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ totaling: \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

**Please Print:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

(This is a statement of intent and may be altered as circumstances warrant.)

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