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NOVEMBER 1 - ALL SAINTS Sunday During worship on Sunday, November 6, we will observe All Saints' Sunday with Holy Communion. This is a day of remembrance for all the saints, with the New Testament meaning of all Christian people of every time and place. We celebrate the communion of Saints as we remember the dead, both of the church universal and our local congregation. For this reason, the names of persons in the congregation who have died during the past year will be read and candles will be lit (from the UMC Book of Worship). On this day, we honor the memory of the lives of the "saints" who lived among us and the examples of faith they imprinted into our memories. Though they are absent from us, they are present with the Lord; and for this, we give thanks. The congregation will be invited to light a candle in memory of loved ones lost. We will remember Alice Rankin, Sheila Mason, Trish Robertson, Riley Stallings, Jr., Bobbie McCoy, George Merryman, Margaret Merryman, and Betty Wilson from our congregation.

STEWARDSHIP - Norma Aaron

The daylight is getting shorter, the colors of nature are burning brighter, we are beginning to plan for the holiday season and the searing days of heat have turned to cooler times. All our activities have a different focus as we realize that this year is old and we will be preparing the new and different goals in our lives. And so it is true in our relationship with our Savior and our commitment to our church life as well. It is time for us to give some thought to what Stewardship means in our lives.

God owns everything. We are custodians of His property. Whatever we give is His anyway. What we are giving ought to be prompted by love. As we look toward what we are promising, do we just think of it in terms of our financial giving? This means much more than that to me. It is a gift we give of ourselves in terms of worship in our church. We must take a positive stand for Christ, get into the Word of God, and cultivate habits of prayer for the purpose of fellowship, Bible study, and opportunities of service. In Romans 12:1 Max Lucado observed, "God desires you to surrender every part of your lives to him".

We must understand that to fulfill our Christian life we belong to the Methodist Church that paves the way of our way of living. Our needs are dependent on our financial support and the time has come when each of us must face the reality of a financial promise so we can carry out our responsibilities. This is the season, the time, when we make a judgment to meet our worldly obligation.

As it is said in (Proverbs 3: 9-10) "honor the Lord with your possessions, and with the first fruits of all your increase; so your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will overflow with new wine".
"Praise God from whom all blessings flow."

Sunday, November 6, 2016, All Saints' Sunday

8:30 and 11:00 Worship and Communion

Sermon: "Saints" Rev. Karen H. Whitaker

Scripture: Psalm 145: 1-5, 17-21, 2 Timothy 2: 4, 6-8, 16-18

Hymns: 8:30 and 11:00 "For All the Saints" "I Sing a Song of the Saints of God"
"Faith of Our Fathers" "Sing with All the Saints in Glory"

9:00 Worship and Communion

Sermon: "Communion of Saints" Rev. Dr. Sangwoo Kim

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 10: 16-17

Songs "Beautiful One" "I Am" "For All the Saints" "Give Thanks" "In Christ Alone"

Liturgist 8:30 and 11:00 Maureen Oakes

Altar Guild Martha and J. Ray Kirby, Mary Gyurki-Kiss Bus Driver Tim Dahlgren

Nursery Marcey Harp, Theresa Shebalin, Anne Posey, Meg Bass

Ushers Jeff Rankin, Joyce Dalglish, Marvin Carver

Counters Emily Dike and Brent Engel Acolyte Ian Kim Crucifer Hannah Morris

Youth Reader Hayes Hunter Sunday School Coordinators Mike Shiflett, John Lott

ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God by Paul and Beth Kizakevich in memory of their parents, Paul and Catherine Kizakevich and Don and Charlee Crumbaker.

CHARGE CONFERENCE is this Sunday, November 6 from 4:30 -7:00 p.m. at Aldersgate UMC, 1320 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.

MEMORIAL GIFTS RECEIVED in memory of Trish Robertson To the Care Group from Judy Daymont, To the Endowment from Gretchen and Robert Dix, Margaret S. Lewis, Kathy Chaney, Lloyd and Millie Gurley, Sam and Marie Hammond, Mary Pierce White, Jim Kimbrough and Judy Strickland, Lois S. Klauder, Kenneth and Nancy Hays, Bruce and Mary Pennybacker.

TIME CHANGE THIS WEEKEND...FALL BACK TO EASTERN STANDARD TIME.

SPECIAL INVITATION We invite all of you to our special Advent events on Sunday evenings! On December 4th and 18th (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.

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 Weenies) 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") and 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 13th. 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 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 whmatteson@gmail.com

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

GENERAL MEETING

The United Methodist Women will meet this Sunday in the Fellowship Hall after the 11 AM service. Please join us for lunch and to hear Deaconess Lisa Bachman talk about her work in the Durham area.

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,

EPWORTH'S BOOK GROUP has included their reading list in this edition of the Etchings. Everyone is welcome to attend the discussions on the second Monday of each month at 1:00 p.m. Please note that some of the UMW books are included on this reading list.

FAMILIES MOVING FORWARD

Epworth is scheduled to help at Families Moving Forward (formerly IHN) on Monday, November 7 and Wednesday, November 9 at their new location at 300 N. Queen St. (behind the Main Library, downtown). We will be helping to serve and host during the evening meals, and to provide child care for children under 5 while their parents are attending classes. We need 4 volunteers to help from 5:15-6:45 for the meal and 4 volunteers to help from 6:15-7:45 for the childcare (unless you can stay for both). There are activities planned for the preschool aged children. If you would like to help prepare the meal for Wednesday, we will serve approximately 15 people. Please let me know if you are interested in helping. We can car pool from the church or meet on site. For more information, contact Beth Armbruster @ beth-armbruster@nc.rr.com or 919.698.9381. Thank you!

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.

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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.

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<p>6 All Saints' Sunday 7:30 PraiseTeam 8:30, 9:00 and 11:00 Worship - 9:50 Sunday School/ Children's Music 12:15 UMW General Meeting 2:00 Hike the Eno 4:30 Charge Conference 5:30 UMYF 5:30 SNL</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</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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<p>20 Stewardship Sunday - Svcs. at 8:45 and 11:00 9:50 Sun. School/Children's Music - Back Pack Event after each Service</p>	<p>21 11:30 LC's 1:30 Ruth Cir 3:45 Tutoring 6:30 Endowment 7:00 Finance</p>	<p>22 10:30 Staff Meeting</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24 Thanksgiving 7:00 AA</p> 	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>