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November 30, 2016

CONGREGATIONAL ADVENT STUDY AND POTLUCK

All are invited 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, or Amada Wilson if you need childcare.

ADVENT DEVOTION SERIES

We invite all of you to an Advent Devotion series with Sangwoo Kim. We will meet on Wednesdays at noon (Nov. 30 and Dec. 7, 14, and 21) during Advent. Feel free to bring your own lunch.

CANDLEWRAPPING for the Love Feast will begin at 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday, December 7 in the Fellowship Hall. Bring your scissors and a friend.



Alternative Giving/Gifts of Grace Cards for Christmas

Are you having a hard time deciding on just the right gift for a special friend or loved one? Consider the gift that keeps on giving. The Outreach Committee will have a table in the Farthex starting on Sunday, December 4 until Sunday, December 18, 2016 with honor cards for purchase for \$10 each supporting the following ministries:

1. **Bread for the World:** A collective Christian voice urging our nation's decision-makers to end hunger at home and abroad by changing the policies, programs and conditions that allow hunger to continue.
2. **Heifer International:** A non-profit organization dedicated to ending hunger through providing livestock and training in environmentally sound agriculture to those with genuine need.
3. **Habitat for Humanity of Durham:** A non-profit organization that creates partnerships to build, restore and repair safe, decent and affordable homes for low income families.
4. **Hurricane Matthew Relief in NC:** This is the ministry focus for the NC Conference of the United Methodist Church this year. Many of our neighbors in the eastern part of our state are still struggling to recover from Matthew's flooding and devastation. 100% of your gifts go to the victims of Hurricane Matthew.
5. **Urban Ministries of Durham:** Provides food, shelter, clothing and supportive services to our neighbors in need.
6. **Families Moving Forward (formerly IHN):** Provides transitional housing and moves families into residential stability and self-sufficiency by mobilizing congregations and people of faith.
7. **Backpack Ministry:** Epworth's own program which provides food for the weekend for 50 children of need who attend Hope Valley Elementary School.
8. **Epworth United Methodist Church Ceiling Repair:** As we celebrate the birth of the Christ child in our newly repaired and repainted Sanctuary, please consider gifts to Epworth above and beyond your pledge this year to help pay for our Sanctuary repairs. We have raised \$41,000 to date and need an additional \$9000 to pay off the entire debt.
9. **Fond Doux Foundation:** A foundation created by Epworth United Methodist Church to assist families of Haiti to enjoy better nutrition and health through enriched foods and training to those with genuine need.

Sunday, December 4, 2016

Second Sunday in Advent

8:30, 9:00 and 11:00 Worship and Communion

Sermon: “Imagine” Rev. Dr. Sangwoo Kim

Scripture: Psalm 72: 1-7, 18-19, Isaiah 11: 1-10, Romans 15: 4-13, Matthew 3: 1-12

8:30 and 11:00 Hymns: *Come Thou Long Expected Jesus, People Look East, O Come, O Come Emmanuel, Hail to the Lord’s Anointed, I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*

9:00 Songs: *Come Thou Long Expected Jesus, I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light, O Come, O Come Emmanuel, Offering, Emmanuel*

Altar Guild: Joyce Dalglish, Kathy and Harry Dutton, Kenneth Roberts, Judy Daymont

Liturgist: 8:30: Maureen Oakes; 11:00: Kathy Dutton

Nursery: Marcey Harp, Theresa Shebalin, Tina Wilcox, Libby Engel

Ushers: Dave Harlow, Tim Dahlgren, Bobbie Dahlgren, Harry Dutton

Counter: Kenneth Roberts

Greeters: Marcia Browning, Susan Sinclair

Acolyte: Ian Kim

Crucifer: Peter Walker

Youth Reader: Julia Boltz

Sunday School Coordinators: Mike Shiflett, John Lott

Bus Driver: Patsy Harlow

MEMORIAL GIFTS RECEIVED

For Trish Robertson: Sarah Kailin, David and Aden Kailin, Alan and Nancy Payne (to Music Ministry), Johnie Joyce, Harry and Kathy Dutton

For Lanny Lambert, Sr.: Harry and Kathy Dutton (for the Love Feast Fund), Elaine Herndon and Bob Hodgins (to Backpack Ministries), Harry and Jane Ward and Michael Ward, Dr. and Mrs. Steven A. Barrington, Jack and Julia Goettee, Stan Harpe and Ron Swinson, Alan and Nancy Payne (to Music Ministry), Marvin and Cynthia Barnes.

For George and Margaret Merryman: Elaine Herndon and Bob Hodgins (to the Care Group), Nancy and Alan Payne

MUCH NEEDED AT URBAN MINSTRIES canned fruit, ready to eat cereal, soup, toilet paper, paper towels, men’s underwear (small, medium, and large), children’s underwear (all sizes), women’s underwear, socks (all sizes for all ages).

Have you Lost a Loved One? Is this Christmas difficult?

Community Blue Christmas service: In the midst of an often overwhelming holiday season, you are invited to a service of silence and contemplation, hope and peace at St. Paul's Lutheran Church on December 18th at 4:00 p.m. We'll join together with St. Paul's Lutheran, and Westminster Presbyterian in holding one another in collective Light.

Finance Office News

As we move through the Thanksgiving and Advent seasons, I would like to thank everyone for their generous gifts to Epworth UMC and ask that we "Finish 2016 Strong". This is also the last year of our three-year Horizon Capital Campaign. I encourage you to prayerfully consider continuing to give what you have budgeted for the last three years for the Capital Campaign, to our 2017 operating budget. Our Sanctuary and Narthex have been repaired, repainted and much of the lighting has been upgraded to LED energy-efficient bulbs. The soffit around the outside of our Sanctuary will be repaired soon, and we will begin to worship in our Sanctuary again next Sunday, November 27th, the first Sunday in Advent. Without the generous gifts from you all and the loan from our General Endowment, it would have been difficult to fund these necessary repairs. We are committed to being good stewards of the gifts we receive so we can use our many resources for those who need us most both locally and around the world.

I will need all gifts that you wish to credit toward 2016, including those for your operating budget pledge, "close the gap", and/or your capital campaign pledge, by Thursday, December 29th at 4:00 PM.

STEWARDSHIP 2017

If you have not yet filled out a pledge card for 2017 and would like to do so, please stop by the office to pick one up or contact me at 919-489-6557, ext. 102 and I will be glad to mail one to you.

In Service,

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YOUTH NEWS & NOTES



U.M.Y.F.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Program Topic</u>	<u>Parent "Chef(s)"</u>
December 2 nd - 3 rd	LOCK-IN! This week-end! More info to follow!	N/A
December 4 th	No U.M.Y.F. due to the Lock-in	N/A
December 11 th	Love Feast (set our luminaries before...Dessert Feast afterwards!)	N/A
December 18 th	U.M.Y.F. Christmas Party (need someone to volunteer to host!)	

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: We continue our discussion of "Love Does"! This week's discussion will be on Chapters 7 & 8. Love just keeps on doing! Questions to think about:

1. Have you experienced God convincing you to love Him back? How does He do this?
2. What makes you stop and stare in amazement? How might that be God pursuing you?
3. What is the difference from "believing the right stuff" and "doing the right stuff"?
4. What are some examples, past of present, of God using the least likely people to achieve something great?

SAINTS FOR THE WEEK:

Caleb Engel, Ben Engel and Anna Darr for serving as crucifer/acolyte/reader during the 11:00 worship service! The following youth who played in the Instrumental Ensemble on November 20th: Virginia Nadworny, Jerush Christopher, Jerryl Christopher and Anna Darr. We have some amazing and talented youth in our church family!

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

<u>Date</u>	<u>Acolyte</u>	<u>Crucifer</u>	<u>Reader</u>
December 4 th	Ian Kim	Peter Walker	Julia Boltz
December 11 th	Dalton McCurdy	Jerryl Christopher	Erin Engel
December 18 th	Ian Kim	Jerush Christopher	Katherine Lantzy

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 INFORMATION



The season of waiting and anticipation is almost here!! As a gift to you, our youth are preparing devotions to share with you for during the season of Advent. These special offerings from our awesome youth will be sent to you soon!

Poinsettias will be delivered around December 7th. We will need help moving them into the Narthex and the Fellowship Hall on Saturday, December 10th. Please let me know if you are able to help on

Peace and blessings to all!!

May the Lord bless each of you...and give you peace!



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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.

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR LC'S (ages 50 and up!)

- Thursday, December 8... We will tour the Executive Mansion in Raleigh, leaving the church at 1:30 p.m. The mansion is beautifully decorated for Christmas and guides will be available to give us some history and details.
- Monday, December 19... We will have our annual Christmas luncheon and (musical program) at Croasdaile Village at 11:30 a.m. Reservations are needed, as well as your preference for an entrée: salmon or chicken. Cost is \$12.
- January 16, 2017... We will go to the Videri Chocolate Factory in Raleigh, leaving the church at 10:30 a.m., taking the self-guided tour at 11:00. Lunch will be across the street at the Pitt Barbecue Restaurant at noon. Join us for fun and fellowship!

Recently the LC's contributed \$200 to the Fond Deux Foundation to provide tarps for homes in Haiti which were damaged by Hurricane Matthew.

JOURNEYING TOWARD JUSTICE GROUP ALONG WITH THE YOUNG ADULT GROUP will gather on Sunday 12/4 at 12:30 PM in Room 2-3 to discuss *Just Mercy* by Bryan Stephenson. Zoila Airall will lead the discussion and has provided a list of questions. Contact Betty Matteson at ematteso@gmail.com for more information.

EPWORTH'S OUTREACH AUCTION We are still accepting donations for the Ticket Extravaganza and there are tickets yet to bid on. Stop by the Church office to donate and to bid. The new date for the Outreach auction is February 26th, 2017. Stay tuned for more information.

ONE WORSHIP SERVICE ON CHRISTMAS DAY - 11:00 A.M.

"Lessons and Carols"



DECEMBER 2016

4 2nd Sunday in Advent 7:30 PraiseTeam 8:30, 9:00 and 11:00 Worship - 9:50 Sunday School/ Children's Music 12:30 Journeying Toward Justice/Young Adults 5:30 Potluck Dinner and Advent Study	5 3:45 Tutoring 7:30 Instrumentals	6 10:30 Staff Meeting 1:30 Care Group 6:00 Yoga. 7:00 Boy Scouts 7:00 Outreach	7 8:30 Candlewapping for the Love Feast 12:00 Advent Devotions 3:30 Tutoring 4:00 Prayer Group 6:00 Handbells 7:00 Chancel Choir	8 1:30 LC's To Raleigh 5:15 Voices Together 7:00 AA	9	10
11 3rd Sunday in Advent 7:30 PraiseTeam 8:45 and 11:00 Worship - 9:50 Sunday School/ Children's Music 7:30 Love Feast	12 1:00 Book Group 3:45 Tutoring 6:00 SPPRC 7:30 Instrumentals	13 10:30 Staff Meeting 1:30 Care Group 6:00 Yoga 6:00 Visioning 7:00 Boy Scouts	14 12:00 Advent Devotions 3:30 Tutoring 4:00 Prayer Group 6:00 Handbells 6:30 UMMen 7:00 Chancel Choir	15 10:00 Preschool Program 5:15 Voices Together 7:00 AA	16	17
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