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May 18, 2016

SUNDAY, May 22, 2016

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

Sermon: "Vision Update: Prayer Triplets" Rev. Karen H. Whitaker

Scripture: Psalm 8, Jeremiah 29: 11-14, John 14: 8-14

Hymns (8:30 and 11:00) "Holy, Holy, Holy" "Open My Eyes That I May See"
"Be Thou My Vision"

Songs: (9:00) "All the People Said Amen" "This is Amazing Grace"
"Be Thou My Vision" "Amazing Love"

Ushers: Jerry McDaniel, Johnie Joyce, Gary Whaley, John Rasmussen

Liturgists 8:30 Maureen Oakes 11:00 Norma Aaron

Altar Guild Bobbie Dahlgren, Patsy Harlow

Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of her parents by
Juliet Arulappadurai and Christopher Thomas.

Nursery Marcey Harp, Theresa Shebalin, Lisa Vandevander, Meg Bass

Counters Joe Jernigan, Bill Matteson

Acolyte Ian Kim **Crucifer** Jerryl Christopher

Bus Driver Beth Armbruster **Greeters** Courtney and Michael Mumford

Youth Reader Peter Walker

Looking ahead.....

SUNDAY, June 5 there will be two worship services:

8:45 in the Fellowship Hall and 11:00 in the Sanctuary.

We will observe Youth/Senior Sunday at both services.

THANK YOU FOR A SUCCESSFUL TUTORING YEAR

We wish to thank all the tutors for the dedicated and outstanding job this year in tutoring. We had eighteen students from Hope Valley Elementary School who met with us on Mondays and Wednesdays for an hour and a half of tutoring and recreation. Wednesday, May 18 was our last day for this school year. We wish the students a wonderful summer and hope to see them again next year, except for the five who will be going to middle school. We owe a debt of gratitude to our tutors and snack providers. This program is funded and supported by the Outreach Committee, which without its support would not be possible.

Our tutors include Malia Schwing, Kare Pearce, Laurel Rose, Sandra Irby, Sharon Walker, Patsy Harlow, Diane Wright, Harry Dutton, Nancy Myers, Kathryn Cole, Katherine Chaney, Gail Rankin, John Lott, Nell Mowry, Charlie Rose, Bill Matteson, Chris Thomas, Jerush Christopher, Jerryl Christopher, Joe Collie, Sarah Ford Bryson, Claudia Goacher, Ruth Clausing, Susan Curson, Belo Shelton, Elaine Herndon, Jane Brown, Jennie Brooks, Sally Markham, Maureen Oakes, Sue Stutz, Al Stutz, Delane Gibbs and Kenneth Roberts.

Our snack providers include Carolyn Davis, Laurel and Charlie Rose, Sarah Circle, Beth Armbruster, Belo Shelton, Kathy Dutton, Vickie Jernigan, Jane Hanson, Leslie Davis, Fran Whaley, Susanna Circle, Jung Choi, Larry Reeves, Rebecca Wheeler, Nalda Brown, Zoila Airall, Anne Glover, Jim Wilcox, Clara Airall, Joe and DeLane Gibbs, Lezette Evans, and Barbara Collie.

We are looking for additional tutors for next year. Anyone who would like to tutor one or two days a week or would like to provide snacks for next year, please see John Lott or Kenneth Roberts. We are planning an Augustine Project training session August 29- September 2 to be held at Epworth. We also need tutors trained in this program (a phonetic approach to teaching reading) to work with us. Please see John or Kenneth to get registered for this exciting opportunity.

Again, thanks to all whom have made this Outreach program a success.
John Lott and Kenneth Roberts



SUMMER PRAYER TRIPLETS

The visioning group is seeking information from the congregation of Epworth to help formulate our future direction. What do we envision? More importantly, what does God envision for Epworth?

To discern God's will, we need to be in a state of prayer. The visioning committee is establishing "Prayer Triplets". In groups of three, our congregants will be asked to pray for God's direction and word. In Matthew 18:20, Jesus said, "For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

The "Prayer Triplets" will meet at a time and place of their choosing (home, church, retirement community, favorite coffee shop or restaurant) once a week for six weeks during an eight week period of time (June 12--August 6). The prayer session will include scripture review, discussion of where God is leading and speaking, and a time of prayer over a specific topic provided by the visioning group.

The "Prayer Triplets" are a discernment process to build relationships with one another, to discern God's vision for the church, to answer opportunities, and to prepare and develop our future story.

We hope everyone will help with this process. An insert will be in Sunday's bulletin for you to indicate your desire and willingness to participate. Just add your name, check the box I want to be in a "Prayer Triplet", and place in the offering plate.

An orientation session and establishment of the "Prayer Triplets" will be Sunday, June 12 at 12:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall. A catered lunch for \$8.00 will be available. See you there.

May God's blessing be upon us as we discern God's vision for us.

CELEBRATION OF SERVICE

Sadly, Reverend Laura Wittman will be leaving us this summer to become pastor of St. Paul UMC in Rocky Mount. In celebration of all the many ways that Laura has served, expanded, and enriched the ministries of Epworth, we will have a potluck lunch in the fellowship hall following the 11:00 service on June 26. (There will be one combined service at 11:00 o'clock). Mark your calendars now! See you there.

Staff Pastor/Parish Relations Committee

CONGRATULATIONS TO Sangwoo Kim, Doctor of Theology, Duke University. (He also served as the degree marshal for this year's graduation.) (Please let us know of other graduates!)

GROWING THROUGH GRIEF Weekly gatherings of Growing thru Grief continue. On May 17 we will learn about "Healing Yoga" and we will begin a two-week series on May 31 with Pastor Bryan Chestnutt. His topics will be "A Pastor Looks at Guilt: Understanding It and Getting Past It." Growing thru Grief meets every Tuesday, gathering at 4 pm for coffee and cookies. The meeting runs from 4:30-6, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 1200 West Cornwallis, Durham. Growing thru Grief is a coalition of area churches and organizations to offer support and education for those who mourn, centered on small group discussion.

MEMORIALS

A contribution has been made to the Music Ministry Fund in memory of her mother, Emma Taylor by Norma Taylor Mitchell.

A contribution has been made to the Music Ministry Fund in memory of her parents Merle and Frances Hale by Linda Mitchell.

LEISURE/REC. MINISTRIES

Luncheon Outing at Neo-China...Sunday, May 29 following 11:00 worship
Food...Fun...Fellowship for all!

Vacation Bible School

During the month of August we will have Vacation Bible School on Sunday mornings during Sunday School as well as Sunday evenings as Sunday Night Live from 5-7pm. This year's theme is 'Surf Shack: Catch the Wave of God's Amazing Love'. On Sunday mornings, the children will have VBS music during their regular music time, and go off to class to hear the Bible story. Then on Sunday evenings, we will begin with a meal and break into groups for our VBS activities. Our children will hear the Bible story again, and will have music, crafts, and recreation as well. Mark your calendars, plan to be here for Sundays in August, and sign up now!

****There is no requirement for our children in the church or in the community to be here at both times, although it certainly enhances the experience.****

Registration for volunteers AND participants is available online at <http://2016.cokesburyvbs.com/epworthdurham>

VBS Volunteers Needed

Please consider how you will help with VBS 2016.


What's your favorite VBS memory? --- A story? A song? A craft? A snack? Since VBS is on Sundays in August this year, we will all probably be here for at least one session, and several people will be unavailable for at least one session. This creates wonderful opportunities for people who 'would love to assist with', but 'really don't want to run' each activity area. [or for multiple people in each activity area]. We will need help on both Sunday mornings and Sunday nights. Please talk to us about how you would like to help. Register online if you'd like, call or email if you'd like, but let us hear from you. Above all else, pray for our children and our volunteers and our staff as we plan this summer time tradition.

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YOUTH NEWS & NOTES



Bible Verses of the week: Psalm 8; Jeremiah 29:11-14;  14:8-14

U.M.Y.F.: Program topic: Ready to Shine Your Light? Time to shine our lights together for all to see!!

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Where is God shining in your world?

REMINDER: Bring your weekly Sunday School offering!

Youth Ministry Saints for this week:

Kudos to Adam Shiflett and Morgan West for being such awesome counselors by shining the light of Christ during the Beach Retreat!! Thanks to the parents for donating food for the retreat meals!! A big shout out to Shar West and Marvin Carver for having the youth help with their Sunday School class last Sunday! A big hooray to Anna Darr for serving as acolyte last week! To all the youth who participated in Music Ministry Sunday! And to the youth who made the retreat a bright, shining example of God's light shining brightly!!

Acolyte/Crucifer/Reader Schedule for this week:

Acolyte:

Ian Kim

Crucifer:

Jerryl Christopher

Reader:

Peter Walker



Acolyte/Crucifer/Youth Reader schedule: as we wind down the year, we are almost to the end of the schedule for this quarter. Please begin checking your calendars for the next few months so we can complete the next quarter sign-up, which will be sent out after the retreat, and hopefully will be electronic!! In the meantime, I will put a hard copy on the bulletin board outside my office. Thanks to those of you who have sent me your summer schedules so we will know when you are not available.

Upcoming events: Mark your calendars now!!

Memorial Day, May 29th: U.M.Y.F. will meet this Sunday!

June 5th: Youth-Senior Sunday and Year-end Banquet. We will lead worship during two services that morning. That evening we will celebrate the year with our traditional year-end banquet.



THE EPWORTH ENDOWMENT has ten funds in addition to our General Endowment. The Endowment Committee will report on each of these funds in the weeks to come in order for the congregation to be aware of the purpose and health of each fund. One such fund is the Rouse Reconciliation Endowment Fund, which was established in honor of Rev. Ben and Jeanne Rouse with instruction to provide the income to be given annually to an organization outside of Epworth (selected by the Outreach Committee) that exemplifies action toward reconciliation in our community. As of March 31, 2016 the value of the Rouse Reconciliation Fund was \$18,215.69. In 2015, this fund produced \$127.12 which was distributed to the Methodist Federation for Social Action-NC.

Another such fund is the Davis Memorial Fund. This fund was established in memory of Marshall Davis to help underwrite the cost of the annual Love Feast. The value of this fund as of March 31, 2016 was \$37,039.66. This Endowment produced \$260.80 in 2015. The cost of the Love Feast was \$678.00. The difference was made up from the operating budget.

To donate to these or any of the Endowed Funds or to the General Endowment, simply write a check to Epworth United Methodist Church and note Epworth Endowment and the specific fund desired in the memo section of the check.

The Endowment Committee

UMW LEADERSHIP CATEGORY BOOK "Outcasts United" by Warren St. John a volunteer coach made a difference in the lives of refugee children who lived in a dangerous section of town. Their play area was glass and garbage strewn when this young woman found them playing soccer.

Join a discussion of this book at 10 the morning of Saturday, May 289 at the home of Dona Koeberl, 2749 McDowell Rd., phone 919-403-6643.

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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.

May/June 2016

<p>22 7:30 Praise Team 8:30, 9:00 and 11:00 Worship 9:50 Sunday School/Children's Music 5:30 UMYF</p>	<p>23 1:30 Susanna Circle 6:30 Church Council 7:30 Brass Ensemble</p>	<p>24 1:30 Care Group 6:00 Yoga 6:30 Preschool Bd. 7:00 Visioning 7:00 Scouts</p>	<p>25 4:00 Prayer Group 7:00 Chancel Choir</p>	<p>26 5:00 Voices Together 7:00 AA</p>	27	28
<p>29 7:30 Praise Team 8:30, 9:00 and 11:00 Worship 9:50 Sunday School/Children's Music 12:00 Lunch at Neo China 5:30 UMYF</p>	<p>30 MEMORIAL DAY - STAFF HOLIDAY</p>	<p>31 10:30 Staff Mtg 1:30 Care Group 6:00 Yoga 6:30 Stewardship 7:00 Boy Scouts</p>	<p>JUNE 1 4:00 Prayer Group</p>	<p>2 5:00 Voices Together 7:00 AA</p>	3	4
<p>5 YOUTH/SENIOR SUNDAY 7:30 Praise Team 8:45 and 11:00 Worship 9:50 Sunday School/Children's Music 10:00 Summer Choir 5:30 Youth Banquet</p>	<p>6 1:30 Sarah Cir 6:00 Line Dancing 7:30 Brass Ensemble</p>	<p>7 10:30 Staff Mtg 1:30 Care Group 6:00 Yoga 7:00 Visioning 7:00 Boy Scouts</p>	<p>8 4:00 Prayer Group 6:30 UMMen</p>	<p>9 5:00 Voices Together 6:30 Bread For the World 7:00 AA </p>	10	11