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March 30, 2017

**THIS SUNDAY, APRIL 2 CROP WALK (See details on page 5.)**



**PALM SUNDAY, HOLY THURSDAY, & EASTER**

April 9 - **PALM SUNDAY** - Services at 8:45 and 11:00

Children will process with palms and all congregants will receive palms to wave.

Our youth will be participating with scripture readings and enactments.

The Chancel Choir and Praise Team will present special music.

April 13 - **HOLY THURSDAY SERVICE** at 7:00 p.m.

The Chancel Choir will present the cantata "Shadows" by Douglas Wagner followed by Communion and the stripping of the altar.

April 16 - 3 services on **EASTER SUNDAY** - 8:30, 9:00 and 11:00

Special music by the Chancel Choir, Instrumental Ensemble, with Communion at all services.

April 2, 2017

Fifth Sunday of Lent

8:30 and 11:00 Worship

Sermon: Rev. Karen H. Whitaker

Scripture Psalm 130, Ezekiel 37: 1-14, John 11: 1-45

Hymns "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" "In the Garden"  
"Take My Life and Let It Be"

9:00 Worship

Sermon "Take Away the Stone" Rev. Dr. Sangwoo Kim

Scripture: John 11: 1-45

Songs "In the Secret" "Heart of Worship" "Sanctuary" "Better Is One Day"

Liturgists: 8:30: Maureen Oakes      11:00 Jung Choi

Ushers: Bob Hodgins, Carl and Luis Nordman, Jerry McDaniel

Greeters: Sue and Al Stutz

Bus Driver: Patsy Harlow

Offering Counters: Mike Hanson, Greg Bolt

Altar Guild: Nell and Fred Mowry, Carolyn Davis

Nursery: Marcey Harp, Theresa Shebalin, Sarah Gurley, Lisa Byrd

Acolyte: Michael Mumford      Youth Reader: Julia Boltz

Crucifer: Peter Walker

Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God.

EGGSTRAVAGANZA will be Saturday, April 8 from 3 - 5 p.m. Bring all the children you know to enjoy Easter egg hunts, a bounce house, treats, games, and more! Children's Council is requesting donations of nut-free candy to use for goody bags. There is a collection box in the Farthex. Thank you.



**FROM DAVID LEWIS, MUSIC DIRECTOR**  
**LENT MUSIC**

The many stories that we read in the Scripture during Lent, culminating with Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter, have traditionally brought out some of the best work of composers for many years, even for many centuries. We will be exploring a variety of these exceptional music offerings during the next few weeks, with special choral music at each 11:00 Service and the 7:00 pm Service on Maundy Thursday, April 13. The Praise Team will also have special music during this season at the 9:00 am Service, and will be assisting with our music at both Services ( 8:45 am and 11:00 am) on Palm Sunday, April 9.

The special Palm Sunday Services will include music celebrating Jesus' triumphant arrival in Jerusalem, with a palm waving processional with our children. We will then hear the entire scripture story of the amazing events of that historic week. Congregational hymns and special music from the Choir will enhance the reading of the Scripture from Matthew.

Our understanding of the Easter story can be more fully appreciated by attending the 7 pm Service on Maundy Thursday, April 13. This Communion Service will explore the Last Supper and the details of events on that fateful Thursday and Friday. The Chancel Choir will present the Cantata "Shadows" by Douglas Wagner. This Tenebrae (Service of Darkness) Cantata develops themes from the Scripture that bring real relevance to the feelings of Jesus and his followers. The Scripture, Communion, dramatic and musical presentations in this Service will deepen our understanding of the development of Holy Week.

The 11:00 am Service on Easter Sunday, April 16, will include the Chancel Choir and our wonderful instrumental ensemble, directed by Judy Bolt. We will sing the uplifting and inspiring traditional hymns of Easter. The combined groups will also present the famous *Hallelujah Chorus* by George Fredrick Handel.

We know that there are some in our congregation who would likely want to sing this wonderful Chorus with us. We cordially invite you to participate in the singing of the piece on Easter Sunday morning, and would ask that you attend the final Choir rehearsal on Wednesday April 12 at 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary. You can pick up your music and be able to sing with the Choir with confidence on Easter morning. We will rehearse the *Hallelujah Chorus* right at 7:00 pm.

There are several interesting traditions that surround the *Hallelujah Chorus*. This is just one of the many individual pieces in G. F. Handel's magnificent composition *Messiah*. The entire

Oratorio is a complete telling of the life of Jesus. It was first performed in Dublin on April 13, 1742. Handel was a quite famous composer at that time, and they anticipated a very good audience for the premier performance at the New Music Hall. In order to ensure the maximum seating in this hall, ladies were asked to not wear large hoop skirts. Men were asked to not wear swords. These seem like good traditions to maintain!

Another tradition with the *Hallelujah Chorus* involves those listening to stand during this piece. As the story goes, when the entire *Messiah* was premiered in London in 1743 the performance was attended by King George II. King George II was the grandfather of King George III who lost the war with the American colonies and led to our independence in 1776.

Whether King George II was moved by the music of the *Hallelujah Chorus*, the English lyrics, or some other reason (he suffered from gout and might have felt the need to move around a bit), the King apparently stood during the singing of this Chorus. Out of respect for the King, everyone else in attendance also stood.

The tradition of standing during the *Hallelujah Chorus* has remained since that time. However, I must question whether this ritual is standing out of respect to the Glory of God or a tradition that is more secular in nature, due to a happenstance of a long dead English monarch.

In either case, I feel that standing during the *Hallelujah Chorus* is entirely an individual decision and will not affect your enjoyment of the music of Easter and all of the music at Epworth on Easter Sunday which is, indeed, presented for the Glory of God and in celebration of the Risen Christ.

**THANK YOU** The backpack committee wishes to thank all who helped with our backpack packing on Saturday. Due to the work of many, a huge job was done quickly and efficiently. Thanks go to those who worked Friday morning to set up the packing stations. Thanks go to the many volunteers of all ages who worked Saturday morning to do the packing. A job well done! I am sure the students who receive the backpacks appreciate the contributions of all donors, packers, and deliverers. We packed 520 backpacks, which carries us through the rest of this school year.

## DAN AND ELLA SHARPE SCHOLARSHIP

Rev. Daniel Sharpe served as pastor of Epworth Church from 1953 - 1957. In his will, he established a scholarship fund for "boys and girls who are members of Epworth" to continue their education beyond high school. In 1985, the first scholarship was awarded by the Endowment Committee. Any member who is a student in any course of study beyond high school who would like to apply for the scholarship, can access the attached application or pick up an application in the church office. Please return it to the church office by April 12. The award will be made in June.

**CROP Walk is Sunday!** A big Thanks to all of you who have donated so far!! Walk starts at 2:30 PM but please arrive by 2:00 PM We will assemble on the steps of Duke Chapel.

To sign up: go to [www.crophungerwalk.org/durhamnc](http://www.crophungerwalk.org/durhamnc)

- In the box "find a walker or a team" start filling in Epworth United Methodist, below you will see a little grey box with "EU" in it, click on that box Click on "join our team" Follow directions on the screen by filling out information. THANK YOU!!

If you do not wish to join a team you may make a gift to the Epworth United Methodist team or an individual on our team. On the Durham Crop Walk home page click on donate instead of join our team. Next select whether you want to support a team or support an individual. Follow instructions for locating either our team or an individual. Questions? please contact Bill Matteson, whmatteson@gmail.com or 919-408-1967. You may also just give a check to either the person at the information table or the church office. Make checks payable to CROP/CWS with Epworth on the memo line.

You are encouraged to use the online version. If you are using the envelopes please read the instructions. There have been some changes. The individual donor forms will be available at the CROP table in the Farthex. If you are using these forms don't forget to sign the waiver and bring envelopes to the CROP table or give to Bill Matteson, at the walk. Parking will be at the Chemistry lot at the corner of Towerview (extension of Maureen Rd.) and Circuit drive.

OUTREACH FUNDRAISER There are a few items remaining from the Outreach fundraiser. This will be first come first serve rather than a bidding format. Please email Bill Matteson, [whmatteson@gmail.com](mailto:whmatteson@gmail.com)

Myrah Scott hand-painted jewelry box. Value of \$262 \$100

Hand-knit "Blanket of Love." 40" x 25" \$15

Roses - 1 large bouquet of roses in the Spring and 1 large bouquet of roses in the Fall. Retail Value \$40 offered for \$30

Mountain Lodge at Snowshoe, WV - One week during summer OR (3 days in ski season) in 2 bedroom Mountain Lodge Unit. Sleeps 6. Subject to availability. Date to be arranged by purchaser and owner. \$500

Swiss lace valance - 54" x 18' \$10                    2 oil lamps \$8

Travel Leaders \$50 Gift Certificate-- Good off a travel package worth \$500 or more. Air Tickets excluded. Offered for \$10

Tax Preparation - Prepare one Federal and one State 2016 personal income tax return with electronic filing (federal form 1040 and schedule A along with the NC tax return) Additional forms or schedules will be charged accordingly. \$300

29" x 19.5" painting plus frame--Woodland & Mountain Scene \$10

2 metal candle sticks pewter colored \$10

1 oil painting framed pond with Mill in background by Caufield approx. 20" x 20" \$10

1 framed print winter scene with skaters approx. 20" x 20" \$10

MEMORIAL AND OTHER GIFTS A contribution has been made by Kay Carlton in memory of Evers Airall and in honor of Zoila Airall and Angela Airall for their leadership of the Lenten Workshop.

## **UPDATE ON REMAINING DEBT FOR THE SANCTUARY CEILING REPAIRS:**

Now that our Sanctuary ceiling has been repaired and repainted, and our contractor has been paid in full, we have a remaining debt of \$7,899 (of the \$31,200 total we borrowed) that we owe to our General Perpetual Endowment Fund.

We have made significant progress in repaying this debt through your generous contributions. It is important that we continue to honor our promise to repay the Endowment loan and we still need your help! Donations are being accepted above and beyond what is given each Sunday to fulfill this need. If you feel led to donate, please make your checks payable to Epworth UMC and write "Ceiling" in the memo line. Thank you so much for your continued support of this commitment

**BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION OF OUR 90 YEAR OLDS SPONSORED BY THE NURTURE COMMITTEE** On Sunday, April 30 following 11:00 worship everybody (PLEASE RSVP) is invited to the Fellowship Hall to a brunch to celebrate our very special members who have reached the age of 90. If you are 90 (and up!) but have not yet received an invitation letter, please call the church office. **HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!**

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## YOUTH NEWS & NOTES

### U.M.Y.F.

#### Date

#### Program Topic

#### Parent "Chefs"

April 2<sup>nd</sup>

CROP Walk

(no evening U.M.Y.F.)

April 9<sup>th</sup>

It's what Love Does---it's what WE do!

Nadworny family

**NOTE:** U.M.Y.F. dinner schedule is as follows. Please note that Parent "Chefs" needed for a few remaining Sunday evenings. If you are willing to provide the youth dinner any of these weeks, please let Joyce.

April 2<sup>nd</sup> - CROP WALK

May 7<sup>th</sup> - Beach Retreat-NO U.M.Y.F.

April 9<sup>th</sup> - Nadworny Family

May 14<sup>th</sup> - Mother's Day-NO U.M.Y.F.

April 16<sup>th</sup> - Easter-NO U.M.Y.F.

May 21<sup>st</sup>

April 23<sup>rd</sup>

May 28<sup>th</sup> - Boltz Family

April 30<sup>th</sup>

June 4<sup>th</sup> - Year End Celebration

### SUNDAY SCHOOL

April 2nd - It's all about what Love Does!!! We will rehearse for Palm Sunday during Sunday School. **ALL** youth will participate in this meaningful service. There will be two services on Palm Sunday (April 9<sup>th</sup>) and we will participate during both services.

REMINDER: Sunday school offering!! Remember, it's about the sharing of our gifts to help others!

### SAINTS FOR THE WEEK:

Caroline Mumford, Hannah Morris and Elise Benware for serving as acolyte/crucifer/youth reader during the 11:00 worship service! The Davis-Benware "Chefs" for the delicious meal for the U.M.Y.F. dinner last Sunday! Anna Darr for playing with the Epworth Orchestra during the 11:00 worship service!

### ACOLYTE/CRUCIFER/READER SCHEDULE:

#### Date

#### Acolyte

#### Crucifer

#### Reader

April 2<sup>nd</sup>

Michael Mumford

Peter Walker

Julia Boltz

April 9<sup>th</sup>

Henri Nadworny

Virginia Nadworny

Hayes Hunter

April 16<sup>th</sup>

Ian Kim

Jerryl 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 & DATES TO REMEMBER

April 2<sup>nd</sup>: CROP Walk - THIS Sunday!! Bring your permission slip to church or to the CROP Walk!  
Meet in front of Duke Chapel at 1:30 p.m.

April 8<sup>th</sup>: Eggstravaganza - youth service opportunity.

April 9<sup>th</sup>: Palm Sunday - All youth will participate in both services (8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.) - BREAKFAST PROVIDED BETWEEN SERVICES!!

April 23<sup>rd</sup>: Youth Council Meeting at 4:30 p.m.

May 5<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup>: U.M.Y.F. Beach Retreat - reservation forms DUE SUNDAY, April 9th!

May your be blessed by the many ways God touches your life, and may you be a blessing to many so that they may see God's light and love in you!

## APRIL 2017

<b>2</b> <b>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent</b> <b>Worship at</b> <b>8:30, 9:00, and</b> <b>11:00</b> <b>9:50 Children's</b> <b>Choir and Sunday</b> <b>School</b> <b>2:00</b> <b>CROP WALK</b>	<b>3</b> 1:00 Sarah Cir 3:30 Tutoring 7:00 Witness Committee 7:30 Instrumentals	<b>4</b> 10:30 Staff Mtg 12:00 Lenten Devotions 1:30 Care Group 6:00 Yoga 7:00 Boy Scouts	<b>5</b> 3:45 Tutoring 3:30 Prayer Group 6:00 Handbells 7:00 Chancel Choir	<b>6</b> 11:00 Bible Study 5:15 Voices Together 7:00 AA	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 3:00 - 5:00 EGGSTRAVAGANZA
<b>9 PALM SUNDAY</b> <b>Worship at</b> <b>8:45 and 11:00</b> <b>9:50 Children's</b> <b>Choir and Sunday</b> <b>School</b> <b>5:30 UMYF</b>	<b>10</b> 1:00 Book Group NO Tutoring 7:30 Instrumentals	<b>11</b> 10:30 Staff Mtg 12:00 Lenten Devotions 1:30 Care Group 6:00 Yoga 7:00 Boy Scouts 7:00 Outreach	<b>12</b> NO Tutoring 3:30 Prayer Group 6:00 Handbells 6:30 UMMen 7:00 Chancel Choir	<b>13</b> 11:00 BibleStudy 5:15 Voices Together 7:00 AA 7:00 Holy Thursday Service	<b>14</b> Good Friday	<b>15</b>
<b>16 EASTER</b> <b>8:30, 9:00, and</b> <b>11:00 WORSHIP</b> <b>9:50 Children's</b> <b>Choir and Sunday</b> <b>School</b>  	<b>17</b> 11:30 LC's 1:30 Ruth Circle 3:30 Tutoring 6:30 Nurture Committee	<b>18</b> 10:30 Staff Mtg 1:30 Care Group 6:00 Yoga 7:00 Boy Scouts	<b>19</b> 3:30 Tutoring 3:30 Prayer Group 6:00 Handbells 7:00 Chancel Choir	<b>20</b> 11:00 BibleStudy 5:15 Voices Together 6:30 Endowment 7:00 Finance 7:00 AA	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> 10:00 Children Sing at Croasdale

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