



UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

919/489-6557

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April 19, 2017

April 23, 2017

8:30 and 11:00 Worship

Sermon: "Give Thomas a Break!" Rev. Karen H. Whitaker

Scripture: Psalm 16, 1 Peter 1: 3-9, John 20: 19-31

Hymns "Easter People Raise Your Voices"

"The Day of Resurrection" "Up from the Grave He Arose"

9:00 Worship

Sermon: "Receive the Holy Spirit" Rev. Dr. Sangwoo Kim

Scripture: John 20: 19-31

Songs: "In the Secret" "Holy Ground" "There Is a Redeemer" "I Will Follow"

Ushers: Joyce Dalgleish, Dave Thurmond, Al West, Bob Botts

Bus Driver: Tim Dahlgren

Liturgists 8:30: Maureen Oakes 11:00: Megan Whitaker

Greeters: Elaine Herndon and Bob Hodgins

Offering Counters: Fred Mowry and Kathy Chaney

Altar Guild: Nell and Fred Mowry, Carolyn Davis

Nursery: Marcey Harp, Theresa Shebalin, Lisa Vandevander, Kathy Chaney

Acolyte: Anna Darr **Crucifer:** Jerryl Christopher

Youth Reader: Elise Benware

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Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God by Joan Fletcher in honor of and with thanks to my Epworth family for your many prayers and acts of kindness during my recovery.

CELEBRATION OF OUR 90 YEAR OLDS SPONSORED BY THE NURTURE COMMITTEE Sunday, April 30th after 11 o'clock service. ...EVERYBODY is invited to the Fellowship Hall to a brunch to celebrate our very special members who have reached the age of 90 years. Please join us but we need your RSVP by Monday, April 24th. Call the church office 919-489-6557 or email dgamble@epworth-umc.org or find the sign-up sheets in the narthex or Farthex on Sunday. Any questions? email Libby Engel at libbyengel@nc.rr.com. Once again, we hope everyone will sign up and stay for the celebration...YOU DO NOT NEED TO BRING ANYTHING!!

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 30th. The award will be made in June.

SUNDAY NIGHT LIVE will resume the regular schedule on April 23. During this Eastertide (Easter Season), we will study the meaning of the resurrection, using Paula Gooder's *This Risen Existence: The Spirit of Easter* (ISBN: 9781451498066). The study will cover the four different Gospel narratives of Christ's resurrection, Paul's teachings on the resurrection, and Luke's account of Christ's ascension and Pentecost. If you want the church office to order a copy of Gooder's book for you, please let me know. Sangwoo

LOOKING AHEAD

April 30: Regular service at 8:30. Children's Easter Cantata at 9:00 and 11:00
12:15 Brunch honoring our 90+ year olds
May 21: Blessing of the Animals Service at 9:00 at the picnic shelter.

From Leisure & Recreation Ministries:

Dinner and a Barn Dance! Double your pleasure! Double your fun!

1. Join your fellow Epworthians for dinner at the K&W Cafeteria in Chapel Hill.
 2. After supper, we'll walk next door to Binkley Baptist Church for a free Barn Dance, featuring square dancing for beginners, lots of refreshments and plenty of fun! When: This Friday, April 21st Time & Place: 6:30pm - Meet in the Epworth parking lot and we'll carpool to the K&W Cafeteria at University Mall, Chapel Hill 8:00pm - Barn Dance at Binkley Baptist Church (next to K&W)
- Questions: Contact Jeff Rankin 919-649-3154 jk3061@aol.com

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Marlin Lennon, Sexton

Borrowed from our General Endowment for Sanctuary

Ceiling Repair: \$31,200

Repayment to Date: \$24,576

Remaining Debt: \$ 6,624

One of the reasons our General Perpetual Endowment Fund was established, was to build a financial "nest egg" for any capital improvements that might become necessary. Repairs to our building do not qualify as capital improvements. A consensus among our Finance, Endowment and Trustee committees was reached enabling us to borrow funds, interest free, from our "nest egg" with the provision that all funds borrowed would be paid back in full.

We continue to make significant progress in repaying this debt through your generous contributions. 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!

BREAD FOR THE WORLD

Epworth has been for 13 years a Covenant Church carrying out an annual Offering of Letters with Bread for the World and is recognized in the current, March-April issue of the Bread newsletter. This recognition occurs in the context of a substantial article describing three local churches' experiences and techniques in planning such an annual event: a Lutheran church in Indianapolis, Indiana; a Presbyterian church in Grand Rapids, Michigan; and Epworth UMC in Durham. This article is based on a recent BFW telephone interview with a representative of each congregation. It is presented with the purpose of providing "examples and inspirations" for other churches' letter-writing event in the months ahead. The following is the text of what appears about Epworth.

This will be the 13th year that Epworth United Methodist Church in Durham, North Carolina, has conducted an Offering of Letters. Norma Mitchell, who leads the church's effort, first became a Bread member in Alabama in the 1970s. When she and her husband Joseph moved to Durham after retirement, they were delighted to be invited to join the Bread group there.

The group met monthly in the early evenings at Urban Ministries, a homeless services agency in downtown Durham. "Hungry people were lining up to receive a donated evening meal," Norma remembers. "We'd look into their eyes, speak with them as we approached the building. It really brought home the reality of what the Offering of Letters aims to do."

Epworth UMC has 900 members and hosts three services each Sunday. Norma reports that church members are "extremely involved" in local service activities serving poor and hungry people. These activities are balanced by the Offering of letters and Bread for the World Sunday.

Norma and her partners announce the Offering of Letters at least two Sundays before the actual event. The activity also appears in the church's newsletter. Epworth's pastor, Rev. Karen H. Whitaker, makes time for Norma or another member of the church's Outreach Committee to introduce the concept in worship services.

Informative posters, sample letters, and postage stamps are all made available after the service. "You have to keep educating on the importance of legislative advocacy," Norma says. When someone says the Offering of Letters is "too political," Norma counters that any action we take—including inaction—has a political effect."

AN UPDATE FROM THE LAU FAMILY (who were a part of the Epworth family two years ago.)

Dear friends,

In the last few days of Lent, may I bring you blessings from the other side of the planet.

We are doing well in Hong Kong, everything runs in a regular basis, with ups and downs all the time. After half year working in my new environment, The Chinese Methodist Church, Hong Kong, my adaptation is very good and I feel happy working with the church members here. Challenges to me are comes day by day, but it is life in Church. I am working with a group of youth, a family fellowship and an adult fellowship which had been established for more than 90 years in Hong Kong. As a parish worker is to walk with them but time is always not enough. Praying God to make me wise enough to arrange the time so that I could love God and the others as much as I could.

Tiffany is now working as a nurse in a private clinic, something about "Renal dialysis." It is challenging to her too, as it is the first time she encounters this specialty. She needs to learn from everything basic, all her past experiences are not valid. However, with the help of God, she is doing very well.

Ted is turning 10 years old. He is catching up with the Hong Kong School system and doing so far so good. In the coming Nov. it will be his GOLDEN birthday. We are planning to have him a Golden Birthday party.

Best wishes to you and keep in touch!

In Christ,

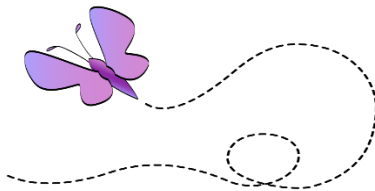
Stephen, Tiffany and Ted

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

Mark your calendars for **VBSS: Vacation Bible Second Saturdays** on the second Saturday mornings of June, July, and August (that's June 10, July 8, and August 12) from 9am-12noon, followed by a lunch for families. Three essential Bible stories from the gospel of Luke come to life with art, games, cooking, music and science for 3-year-olds through rising 5th graders.

To our Epworth church family

If you have had the opportunity to walk down the main hallway of Epworth, you have seen a glorious display of butterflies 'fluttering' from the ceiling! What a wonderful way to be greeted this Easter season! What you may not have seen is that each butterfly has the name of a family unit from the church directory along with a bible verse on it. The youth made over 250 butterflies to wish each family a Happy Easter and to wish new life and new beginnings for everyone in our church family. We hope that you enjoy this gift from our youth. May you find the blessings of peace, love and new beginnings that God sent to us this season. From Epworth Youth Ministries





YOUTH NEWS & NOTES



U.M.Y.F.

Date

Program Topic

Parent "Chefs"

April 23rd

Doing for others- how's that going?

Volunteers needed

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 23rd

May 14th - Mother's Day-NO U.M.Y.F.

April 30th

May 21st

May 7th - Beach Retreat-NO U.M.Y.F. May 28th - Boltz Family

SUNDAY SCHOOL

April 16th: Love is still 'doing! We will resume our discussion of "Love Does" (Chapters 13 & 14).

NOTE: Please remember your Sunday School offering!

SAINTS FOR THE WEEK:

Ian Kim , Jerush Christopher and Katherine Lantzy for serving as acolyte & crucifer during the 11:00 worship service! Anna Darr for participating with the orchestra for Easter Sunday! To all youth and counselors for the wonderful "Hall of Butterflies"!! What a great way to remember and give thanks for all Epworth families and and symbolizing new beginnings and new life for each of them!!

ACOLYTE/CRUCIFER/READER SCHEDULE:

Date

Acolyte

Crucifer

Reader

April 23rd

Anna Darr

Jerryl Christopher

Elise Benware

April 30th

Ben Engel

Hannah Morris

Caleb Engel

May 7th

Caroline Mumford

Dalton McCurdy

Jerush Christopher

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 23rd: Youth Council Meeting at 4:30 in the church office conference room.

May 5th-7th: U.M.Y.F. Beach Retreat - itinerary will be sent soon.

Reminder of Conference Youth Events for the summer and fall If interested, please contact Joyce for more information:

ACS (Annual Conference Session for Youth): July 24-29, 2017

Appalachian Trail Hike: July 10-15, 2017

Breakaway: June 26-July 1, 2017

CYC Retreat: August 11-13, 2017

Pilgrimage: November 10-12, 2017

International Mission Trip: December 27, 2017-January 3, 2018

May you 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/MAY 2017

<p>23 8:30, 9:00, and 11:00 WORSHIP 9:50 Children's Choir and Sunday School 12:15 UMW Exec. 12:15 Children's Council 5:30 UMYF 5:30 Sun. Night Live</p>	<p>24 12:30 Susanna Circle 3:30 Tutoring 6:30 Church Council 7:30 Instrum.</p>	<p>25 10:30 Staff Mtg 1:30 Care Group 6:00 Yoga 7:00 Boy Scouts</p>	<p>26 3:30 Tutoring 3:30 Prayer Group 6:00 Handbells 7:00 Chancel Choir</p>	<p>27 5:15 Voices Together 7:00 AA</p>	28	29
<p>30 8:30, 9:00, and 11:00 WORSHIP 9:50 Children's Choir and Sunday School 12:15 90th Birthday Celebration 5:30 UMYF 5:30 Sun. Night Live</p>	<p>May 1 1:00 Sarah Cir 3:30 Tutoring 7:00 Witness 7:30 Instrum.</p>	<p>2 10:30 Staff Mtg 1:30 Care Group 6:00 Yoga 7:00 Boy Scouts</p>	<p>3 3:30 Tutoring 3:30 Prayer Group 6:00 Handbells 7:00 Chancel Choir</p>	<p>4 5:15 Voices Together 7:00 AA</p>	<p>5 UMYF Beach Retreat</p>	<p>6 9:30 Sewing Sisters</p>
<p>7 8:30, 9:00, and 11:00 WORSHIP 9:50 Children's Choir and Sunday School 5:30 SNL</p>	<p>8 1:00 Book Group 3:30 Tutoring 6:00 SPPRC 7:00 Worship Comm. 7:30 Instrum.</p>	<p>9 10:30 Staff Mtg 1:30 Care Group 6:00 Yoga 7:00 Boy Scouts 7:00 Outreach</p>	<p>10 3:30 Tutoring 3:30 Prayer Group 6:00 Handbells 7:00 Chancel Choir</p>	<p>11 5:15 Voices Together 7:00 AA</p>	12	13

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.