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COME HELP US CELEBRATE

This Sunday, June 4 is Pentecost Sunday. The day of Pentecost is the birthday of the Christian Church. We will be celebrating this occasion with balloons and after each service, birthday cake will be served. Please join us as we worship and give thanks to God for sending the Holy Spirit. On this day the ascended Jesus kept his promise to send another Counselor by pouring the Holy Spirit on his disciples (John 14:26, 16:7). The Spirit baptized them with the power to bring the truth to the people. Come and worship and hear the word of God. May the Holy Spirit be among us as we celebrate the birth of the church.



THANK YOU

The Congregations 4 Children team wishes to extend a thanks to all those who have helped with our programs of tutoring and backpacking this school year. We have had a very successful year! We tutored 20 students on Mondays and Wednesdays. Snacks were provided by members of our church each tutoring day. Approximately 30 individuals provided the tutoring services in reading, math, and homework on a regular or substitute basis. We provided backpacks of food items to students from Hope Valley Elementary School each week. With your help and contributions we were able to increase this service to 55 backpacks per week. We were fortunate that we had individuals who provided the delivery service of the backpacks to the school, weekly.

Because of the success of these programs, we plan to continue in the next school year beginning in August and September. Stay tuned for requests for assistance and contributions. The success of these programs rests with you, the people of Epworth. Thank you for your support. Because you care, the children have been helped. May God bless you and continue to bless the C4C programs.

SUNDAY, June 4, 2017

Pentecost Sunday

8:30 and 11:00 Worship and Communion

Sermon: "Holy Spirit, Come Upon Us" Rev. Karen H. Whitaker

Scripture: Acts 2: 1-21, Psalm 104: 24-34, 1 Corinthians 12: 3b-13
John 7: 37-39

Hymns "O Spirit of the Living God" "Near to the Heart of God"
"O Worship the King"

9:00 Worship and Communion

Sermon: "For the Common Good" Rev. Dr. Sangwoo Kim

Scripture: Acts 2: 1-21, 1 Corinthians 12: 3b-13

Songs "Holy Spirit" "Spirit Song" "Sing Alleluia to the Lord"
"Anointing Fall on Me" "There is a Redeemer"

Ushers: Bob Botts, Kenneth Roberts, Don Gamble, Jay Hallan

Bus Driver: Tim Dahlgren

Liturgists 8:30: Maureen Oakes 11:00 Emily Bass

Offering Counters: Todd Benware & an Amazing Volunteer

Altar Guild: Pat McIndoo and Nalda Brown

Nursery: Marcey Harp, Meredith Seagroves, Lisa Vandevander, Libby Engel

Acolyte: Dalton McCurdy Youth Reader: Hayes Hunter

Crucifer: Hannah Morris Greeters: Dona Gamble, Joe and Barbara Collie

Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory
of Barbara K. Mowry and Ruth L. Mowry from Fred and Nell Mowry.



CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES Summer Children's Sunday School teachers needed! Be a blessing to our children and to our very dedicated regular Sunday school teachers by filling in one Sunday (or several!) with either the younger or older class. Lesson plans with activities will be provided. Please contact Amanda Wilson if you might be willing to teach in late July or August.

VBSS (Vacation Bible Second Saturdays)! June 10, July 8, August 12

*Sign up your kids, grandkids, and neighbors now! Forms are available in the narthex and farthex, or contact Amanda Wilson or Dianne Darr.

*Donations of money toward cooking and art supplies would be a blessing.

FAMILIES MOVING FORWARD Epworth will be providing volunteers at Families Moving Forward (formerly IHN) on June 5th and 7th from 5:45-7:45 pm. Belo Shelton is providing the meal on Monday, June 5th so we will need 4 volunteers to help serve the meal, clean up, and provide assistance with small children for an hour while their parents are attending a meeting. On June 7 we provide the meal, eat with the families, and supervise young children for an hour while their parents are in a class. This ministry supports families as they move from temporary homelessness into permanent housing. It is such a great way to get involved in our community and make a difference in the lives of families working hard to succeed. FMF is located at 300 N. Queen St., which is directly behind the Main Library. Please contact beth-armbruster@nc.rr.com or 919.493.1373 if you would like to help.

Here are Lauren Castillo's thoughts on why she helps with FMF:

Service to others is something that is very important to me. Last year, I was looking for opportunities to volunteer in the community through Epworth. Beth Armbruster helped inform me of some of the possibilities for service, and after learning about Families Moving Forward, I knew it would be a perfect fit for me. FMF is such a great organization. They help families who are experiencing homelessness not only helping them to find affordable housing, but also continuing to support them long after they leave the shelter. I enjoy giving my time to serve at this organization because it is a way to give back those in my community. Volunteering is so much more than giving your time and helping someone else. Working with Families Moving Forward has opened my eyes to the challenges that families experiencing homelessness face, but I feel a sense of purpose knowing that we can make a difference.

LC's (ages 50 to 100+) will meet for lunch at Bennett Pointe Grill on Monday, June 19. **Important: We made reservations and need at least 15 people to RSVP!** Call the church office or Ruth Clausing, 919 381-5809.

MISSION CELEBRATION LUNCHEON Come and enjoy lunch after the 11am service in the fellowship hall on Sunday, June 25th and learn more about Epworth's Mission work in Haiti. Also Ben and Caleb Engel will give a special presentation about their trip to work with children in South Africa. We need to plan for the lunch, so please RSVP to either the Church Office or you can email libbyengel@nc.rr.com.

EPWORTH UMC'S JOURNEYING TOWARD JUSTICE GROUP seeks to

- *Educate ourselves and others about social justice issues
- *Create an environment at Epworth that is welcoming to all
- *Engage with our Durham community in order to promote social justice

What does it mean to create a welcoming environment? Several groups at Epworth are simultaneously acting to make our welcome "loud and clear" to our surrounding community. In addition to the ongoing work of our Outreach, Witness, and Communications committees, Epworth's JJJ group is working to increase our understanding of our Durham neighbors. JJJ is especially concerned with those who might not assume that Epworth is a welcoming place. We hope to partner with other United Methodist congregations in our Corridor District to read books about social justice, and to bring authors and other speakers to a lecture series in the fall.

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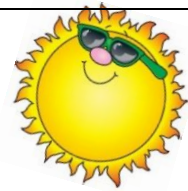
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YOUTH NEWS & NOTES



U.M.Y.F.

Date Program Topic

June 4th Can't believe it's time for the U.M.Y.F. Year End Celebration for all youth and their families: We will be grilling hamburgers and hot dogs, and each family is asked to provide side dishes to share. The main dish and dessert will be provided. Come celebrate the awesome youth and the beginning of summer!!

PLEASE RSVP WITH THE NUMBER ATTENDING IN YOUR FAMILY BY 10:00 A.M. THURSDAY, JUNE 1st SO WE CAN BE SURE TO HAVE ENOUGH BURGERS & HOT DAWGS!!!

SUNDAY SCHOOL

June 4th: Love Does: Let's keep it going!! **NOTE:** Please remember your Sunday School offering!

SAINTS FOR THE WEEK:

Michael Mumford and Erin Engel for serving as acolyte/crucifer/youth reader during the 11:00 worship service, especially Erin for serving in two roles!

ACOLYTE/CRUCIFER/READER SCHEDULE:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Acolyte</u>	<u>Crucifer</u>	<u>Reader</u>
June 4 th	Dalton McCurdy	Hannah Morris	Hayes Hunter

SUMMER SCHEDULE WILL BE SENT SOON!

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

If you are interested in helping with VBSS, please contact Dianne Darr and/or Amanda Wilson. It's a different format this year, and help is needed!! A great summer service opportunity!!

Also, on June 24th, Amanda Wilson is coordinating an opportunity to help with the Food Bank. Let Amanda know if you are interested.


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



Wishing everyone a safe and enjoyable summer! Relax, rejuvenate, and remember how special you are, and to share the gifts that God has given you to help make our world a better and safer place, the gifts of peace, joy, hope and love! Remember---God's love knows no boundaries...let's keep making those boundaries even wider!

JUNE, 2017

<p>4 8:30, 9:00, and 11:00 WORSHIP 9:50 Sunday School 10:15 Summer Choir 5:30 UMYF End of Year celebration</p>	<p>5 7:00 Witness 7:30 Instrumentals</p>	<p>6 10:30 Staff Mtg 1:30 Care Group 6:00 Yoga 7:00 Boy Scouts</p>	<p>7 3:30 Prayer Group</p>	<p>8 5:15 Voices Together 6:30 Bread For the World 7:00 AA</p>	<p>10 9:00 - 12:30 VBSS</p> 
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<p>18 Father's Day 8:30, 9:00, and 11:00 WORSHIP 10:15 Summer Choir 9:50 Sunday School</p>	<p>19 11:30 LC's</p>	<p>20 10:30 Staff Mtg 1:30 Care Group 6:00 Yoga</p>	<p>21 3:30 Prayer Group</p>	<p>22 7:00 AA</p>	<p>23 24</p>

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.