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August 16, 2017

BACKPACK MINISTRY

We will be packing food for children at Hope Valley School on Sunday, August 27 after the 9:00 and 11:00 services.

How can you help?.....

- 1) Assist in organizing and setting up food items in the Fellowship Hall on Saturday, August 26 at 9:00 AM. Please contact Kenneth Roberts, Carolyn Davis, Greg Barrow, or notify the church office if you can help.
- 2) Donate cans of vegetables (14-15 oz.). Please bring them to the church by August 23.
- 3) Monetary donations are always appreciated since we purchase most of the food from the N.C. Food Bank.
- 4) Stay after worship on the 27th and join the "assembly" line. 400 bags will be packed with 11 food items in each!!

Thanks from the Backpack Committee.

The school and the children are most appreciative of your support.



SUNDAY, AUGUST 20, 2017

8:30 and 11:00 Worship

Sermon: Rev. Karen H. Whitaker

Scripture: Genesis 45: 1-15, Psalm 133, Matthew 15: 21-28

Hymns "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" "My Faith Looks Up to Thee"
"O Spirit of the Living God"

9:00 Service

Sermon "Lord, Help Me" Rev. Dr. Sangwoo Kim

Scripture Matthew 15: 21-28

Songs "Here I Am to Worship" "Freedom Is Coming" "Lord, Be Glorified"
"Bless That Wonderful Name of Jesus"

Ushers: 8:30 Mike Shiflett

11:00 Marvin Carver, Morgan West, Betty Ketch, Joyce Dalglish

Liturgists 8:30 Maureen Oakes 11:00 Erin Shiflett

Offering Counters Fred Mowry, Kathy Chaney Bus Driver: Belo Shelton

Altar Guild Jennifer Freeman, Judy Daymont

Nursery: Marcey Harp, Meredith Seagroves, Anne Posey, Melissa Culp

Acolyte: Anna Darr Youth Reader: Elise Benware

Crucifer: Ben Engel Greeters Elaine Herndon, Bob Hodgins

Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of my loving wife,
Lael Jackson, by David Jackson.

OUR SYMPATHY TO THE FAMILY OF

Lloyd Milton Whaley

July 14, 1925 - August 15, 2017

A celebration of life will be held at Croasdaile Village, 11 a.m. Friday, August 18.

CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED IN MEMORY OF JOE MITCHELL

From Elaine Herndon and Bob Hodgins (to Bread for the World),
Joan Fletcher (Backpack Ministries), Fred and Nell Mowry (Endowment),
Rick and Emily Dike, Don and Geneva Boland (Endowment), Lloyd and Millie
Gurley, Eleanor McDonald, Al and Elaine Winston, and Bucky and Dotty Waters.

THE TUTORING PROGRAM is looking for people to provide snacks for the tutoring program on Mondays and Wednesdays. If you can assist in this way, please let Kenneth Roberts or the church office know. A snack consists of a drink, and 2 snack items. A list of suggestions will be provided if you can help. If you have provided snacks before, we thank you and hope you will be able to continue this year. If you have not provided snacks in the past, we hope you will be able to this year.

Thank you for your support of the After School Tutoring Program at Epworth!!

CHEERS TO THE UNITED METHODIST MEN for preparing and serving the meal at the Durham Congregations in Action meeting on Tuesday evening.

THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY Beginning Sept. 14, we will examine the book of Exodus, using videos and study guides prepared by professors at Yale University. The class meets on Thursday mornings, 11:00 a.m. - 12:00noon. If you would like to join us in reading and discussing this important text, please sign up in the farthex or call Marie at 919-493-6199.

NEW MEMBER CLASS will meet Sept. 17 and Sept. 24 during the Sunday School hour. Call the church office if you wish to participate.

PROMOTION SUNDAY is September 10. All kids and their parents are invited to the Fellowship Hall at 9:50 to kick off the new Sunday school year by meeting their teachers, celebrating those moving up, and hearing what's coming up!

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ANNUAL CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS

My first opportunity to attend a full session of the North Carolina Annual Conference came as a last minute surprise due to unforeseen circumstances with our delegate Jane Clark Moorman. If I had had more time I might have asked more questions but in the end it was not really needed. She did provide me with the needed basic information and, fortunately, her hotel reservation. Most things just fell into place.

Even though I had experienced the joy of attending two Services for the Ordering of Ministry, that this year included the commissioning of our own Pastor of Spiritual Formation, Sangwoo Kim, when I heard the term conference mentioned I still tended to think of the more business oriented aspects. Indeed, there were local conference resolutions, General Conference constitutional amendments, and financial and other committee reports, as well as, the fixing of appointments. However, there was more to conference than that. It was inspiring, educational, and entertaining.

Many opportunities existed for worship and inspiration with speakers like Bishop Hope Morgan Ward and Rev. Dr. Greg Jones, former Dean of Duke Divinity School. I was pleased to be there this year for the remembering of those who had gone to their eternal home in the preceding year because this year the bell rang for The Rev. Al Fisher and my dear friend and Epworth's beloved Betty Wilson. There were displays informing us about the many programs and organizations of the church. We were educated about the extensive missionary work being done locally and abroad. There was moving entertainment in the form of a children's musical and a dramatic presentation of "Blood Done Sign My Name". There were even some games (a quiz show "production" and jump rope). Hand carved crosses, metal work hearts from Haiti and jump ropes were also presented to attendees. And, of course, it was a time to connect with former pastors and other friends in the conference.

The business aspects of conference were conducted with strong adherence to Robert's Rules of Order. This may seem very strict at times but is necessary for fairness, efficiency, and productivity.

The days were long but all growth requires time, effort, and a willingness to learn.

Jane Hanson

HAPPY 100TH BIRTHDAY to MRS. ELOISE MARTIN on August 22.
(Her address is 5045 - US 1 - 157 Highway, Henderson NC 27537.)



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

EPWORTH UNITED METHODIST WOMEN are hosting Rev. Laurie Hays-Coffman this Sunday, Aug. 20th. She will share about the Methodist Federation for Social Action. All are invited. You do not need to be a UMW member to join us - immediately following the 11AM service in the Fellowship Hall. Lunch is provided.

RISE AGAINST HUNGER Outreach will be sponsoring a Rise against Hunger (formerly known as Stop Hunger Now) meal packing event at 10 AM on Saturday, September 30th. This year we have a new funding model and are going to try to raise extra money to pay for it. There will be a matching program for donations. For every dollar a church member gives for this event the Barbara Mowry Memorial Outreach fund will match it. This will allow the Outreach Committee to support additional programs with the money we have available. You may drop off your donations at the church office. In a few weeks we'll also have a table outside the Farthex with signups for the event and to drop off donations. Please make checks out to Epworth with "stop hunger now" on the memo line. Thank you for your tremendous support of Outreach!

SEWING SISTERS will meet on Saturday, August 26 at 9:30 a.m. to continue working on the DFG kits. Join us!

ALTAR FLOWERS NEEDED for Sunday, September 10. Call Gloria Dewey if you can help, 919-493-1139.

FAMILIES MOVING FORWARD

Epworth volunteers will be helping at Families Moving Forward (formerly IHN) the evenings of Monday, August 21st and Wednesday, August 23rd. We will be serving food that is provided by Belo Shelton from 5:30-6:30 then caring for preschoolers (along with preschool teachers) from 6:30-7:30 on Monday evening. Wednesday evening we will be providing the evening meal at 5:30, eating with some of the FMF families, then supervising a small number of children for an hour afterwards while their parents attend a class. FMF is located at 300 N. Queen St., across from the Main Library downtown. If you would like to help or if you have any questions, please contact Beth Armbruster @ (919)493-1373 or Beth-armbruster@nc.rr.com. Thank you.

Dear Friends-

Whenever I'm out in the community, whether it's a work event or when I'm out with my family, the subject of Families Moving Forward and our work with families frequently elicits a passionate response and words of thanks and praise. These kind words go a long way when the work gets challenging in these dog days of summer. I am frequently told that, "we are doing God's work", and I happen to agree. My frustration comes when people who believe we are doing God's work choose not to give financially, or of their time as volunteers. We need help doing God's work! If we all did God's work, we could create a piece of heaven on earth!

I'm exaggerating, but only a little. I've learned to internalize this frustration and that's why I have to share this story of one family who decided to take the next step and get involved. This past Friday, several staff members and I went to visit the Baynes Family Farm in Burlington which had been hosting a camp for some of the children living at FMF. Steve Baynes had been reaching out to us for some time, trying to find the right opportunity to partner with FMF and our families. Steve and his family and the counselors at Camp Phoenix created an amazing overnight camp experience for our kids which included fishing, hiking, dancing, and late night movies.

As we watched the video slideshow of photos and heard stories from the week, many of us had tears in our eyes. Knowing that our young people had been creating memories that would last a lifetime was such a special gift, and I can't thank the Baynes family enough for their generosity and allowing our kids to experience a piece of heaven on earth for that week at Camp Phoenix.

I truly believe that everyone has a special gift, and I hope that you'll consider putting yours to good use for the families and children that we serve at FMF. Many of you volunteer regularly in the new rotational model, and my hope is that you'll get your neighbors or workplace involved by sharing our work with others. I have seen with my own eyes that your donations and volunteer projects are changing lives and I'd ask you to find any excuse to share our work far and wide. Thank you for everything that you do for our families and children. We couldn't do our work without you.

Best Wishes,

Ryan Fehrman, Director, Families Moving Forward



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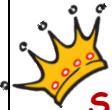
Sunday, August 27th: End of Summer & Back to School Fling!! Stay tuned for more details!!
 Youth Council Meeting, 4:30 in the conference room off the church office.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

August 20th: Chill 'n Chat in the Youth Director's Office. Ready to do more good deeds for God?

August 27th: Gettin' back in the groove!! Serving others by Packin' backpacks for Backpack Ministries!!

NOTE: Please remember your Sunday School offering!



SAINTS FOR THE WEEK:

Carolina Mumford, Virginia Nadworny and Caleb Engel for serving as acolyte/crucifer/youth reader during the 11:00 worship service!

ACOLYTE/CRUCIFER/READER SCHEDULE:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Acolyte</u>	<u>Crucifer</u>	<u>Reader</u>
August 20 th	Anna Darr	Ben Engel	Elise Benware
August 27 th	Ian Kim	Hannah Morris	Katherine Lantzy

IMPORTANT REMINDER: WE RECOGNIZE THAT SCHEDULES CAN CHANGE AND YOU MANY NOT BE AVAILABLE TO SERVE ON AN ASSIGNED DATE, SO PLEASE FIND A SUBSTITUTE AND CONTACT JOYCE AND THE CHURCH OFFICE SO WE WILL KNOW OF THE CHANGE.

Summer is fast coming to an end, so time to think about next summer....AND events during the year!! Put these Conference Youth Events on your calendar!

2017-2018 NCCUMC Conference Youth Event Dates

International Mission Trip: December 27, 2017-January 3, 2018
 Pilgrimage: November 10-12, 2017

2018 Youth Event Dates

ACS: July 23-28, 2018
 Appalachian Trail Hike: June 16-23, 2018
 Breakaway: June 25-30, 2018
 CYC Retreat: August 9-11, 2018
 Global Vision: March 6-11, 2018
 Kaleidoscope: April 13-15, 2018
 Pilgrimage: November 9-11, 2018



AUGUST 2017

20 8:30, 9:00, and 11:00 WORSHIP 9:50 Sunday School 10:15 Summer Choir 12:15 UMW Gen. Mtg.	21 1:30 Ruth Circle 6:00 SPPRC 7:30 Instrumentals 'Families Moving Forward"	22 10:30 Staff Mtg 1:30 Care Group 6:00 Yoga 6:30 Preschool Bd.	23 3:30 Prayer Group "Families Moving Forward"	24 7:00 AA	25	26 9:30 Sewing Sisters
27 8:30, 9:00, and 11:00 WORSHIP (Backpacking event After 9 & 11 svcs.) 9:50 Sunday School 10:15 Summer Choir 4:30 Youth Council	28 7:00 Worship Committee 7:30 Instrumentals	29 10:30 Staff Mtg 1:30 Care Group 6:00 Yoga 6:30 Stewardship	30 3:30 Prayer Group 6:30 Preschool Orientation for Parents 7:00 Chancel Choir	31 7:00 AA	SEPT. 1	2
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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