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November 21, 2017

**ADVENT/CHRISTMAS AT EPWORTH**  
**"At a Glance"**

**November 26 - Christ the King Sunday - 3 regular worship services**

**December 3 - First Sunday in Advent. 3 regular worship services**  
**5:30 Church-Wide Sabbath Meal for Advent**

**December 10 - Second Sunday in Advent. 8:30 service as usual...**  
**Children's Choir Christmas Musical: "Chimes in the Night"**  
**presented at 9:00 and 11:00.**  
**Handbells will play at 8:30 and 11:00.**  
**Moravian Love Feast - 7:30 p.m.**  
**with music beginning at 7:00.**

**December 17 - Third Sunday in Advent. 2 services - 8:45 and 11:00**  
**Chancel Choir Cantata - in the Sanctuary**  
**"A New Birth, a New Beginning" at both services.**

**December 24 - Fourth Sunday in Advent, Christmas Eve**  
**3 regular morning worship services.**  
**5:00 p.m. - Family/Children's Service**  
**7:00 p.m. - Candlelight Communion Service**

**December 31 - New Year's Eve - 3 regular morning worship services**

## SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26

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

Sermon: Rev. Dr. Sangwoo Kim

Scripture: Psalm 100, Ephesians 1: 15-23, Matthew 25: 31-46

Hymns: (8:30 and 11:00) "For the Beauty of the Earth"

"Come Ye Thankful People Come" "We Gather Together"

8:30 Only: "Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

Songs: (9:00) "Open the Eyes of My Heart Lord" "Give Thanks"  
"We Will Glorify" "Step by Step"

Ushers 8:45 Sid Anderson

11:00 Morgan West, Betty Ketch, Tim Dahlgren, Alan Payne

Counters Kenneth Roberts and Mike Hanson

Greeters Gail Rankin and Carolyn Davis Bus Driver Tim Dahlgren

Acolyte Ben Engel Crucifer Caleb Engel Youth Reader

Altar Guild Martha and J. Ray Kirby, Mary Gyurki-Kiss

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

Backpack Delivery (on Dec. 1 and 8) David Jackson and Becca Wheeler

Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God in memory of Erwin Plumer on his birthday (November 20) by his wife Addie and daughters Marla and Wendy and their families.

CHURCH-WIDE SABBATH MEALS & PRACTICES Bring a dish to share with your church family and experience some new Sabbath practices for all ages relating to gratitude and holidays. On **Sunday, December 3**, kick off Advent with some hands-on resources you can use at home to keep the season focused on Christ. (5:30-7:00 p.m.)

A CONTRIBUTION HAS BEEN MADE TO THE DAVIS MEMORIAL ENDOWMENT (which funds the Love Feast) in memory of Marshall and Louise Davis.

## A MESSAGE FROM OUR TRUSTEES

To All:

By now most of you have heard about the plans of NCDOT to alter the intersection of Hope Valley Road and University Drive changing the conventional intersection into a roundabout.

The change will result in the loss of some property by Epworth on both roads and will cause inconvenience to those using our facility during the construction phase. How long the interruption will last and the extent of the inconvenience are not fully known at this time, but the year 2018 will truly be unusual for Epworth.

One thing is for certain. The NCDOT will take the property. Law requires them to compensate the owner. They are now formalizing their appraisal which is slated to be completed at, or shortly after, the end of this year. At that point a decision will have to be made as to the course of action Epworth will take.

At this point the Trustees are in a holding period, but further information will be forthcoming when it is available.



CHRISMON TREES The Worship Committee has bought trees for the narthex and Fellowship Hall. If you would like to help with this expense, please let the church office know.

CANDLEWRAPPING FOR THE LOVE FEAST will be on Wednesday, Dec. 6 at 8:30 a.m. Bring your scissors and a friend and help prepare for this special Service.

## FAITH TEAM TRAINING

For those interested in joining the Faith Team at Epworth, we are planning a training session at St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Durham on Dec 9th from 9am to 1pm. This is a ministry connected to the Religious Coalition for a Non-violent Durham, and it supports recently released prisoners. For more info and to estimate headcount, please contact JD Wilson at [jdw12009@yahoo.com](mailto:jdw12009@yahoo.com) or 919-260-9080.

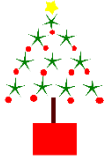


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## NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2017

<p><b>26 Christ the King Sunday</b>            7:30 Praise Team Rehearsal            8:30, 9:00, and 11:00 WORSHIP            9:50 Sunday School            5:30 UMYF</p>	<p>27            12:30 Susanna Circle            3:15 Tutoring            6:00 Sr. High UMYF Dinner            7:30 Epworth Orchestra</p>	<p>28            6:45 Men's Fellowship            10:30 Staff Meeting            1:30 Care Group            6:00 Yoga            7:00 Boy Scouts</p>	<p>29            3:15 Tutoring            3:30 Prayer Group            6:00 Handbells            7:00 Chancel Choir</p>	<p>30            7:00 AA</p>	<p><b>DEC. 1</b></p>	<p>2            9:30 - 12 Sewing Sisters            6:00 Young Adults Dinner</p>
<p><b>3 First Sunday in Advent</b>            7:30 Praise Team Rehearsal            8:30, 9:00, and 11:00 WORSHIP            9:50 Sunday School            12:15 Confirmation Class            5:30 UMYF            5:30 Sabbath Meal</p>	<p>4            1:00 Sarah Cir            3:15 Tutoring            5:30 JTJ Committee            7:30 Epworth Orchestra</p>	<p>5            6:45 Men's Fellowship            10:30 Staff Meeting            1:30 Care Group            6:00 Yoga            7:00 Boy Scouts</p>	<p>6  <b>8:30</b>            Candlewrapping for the Love Feast            NO TUTORING            3:30 Prayer Group            6:00 Handbells            6:00 Middle School UMYF dinner            7:00 Chancel Choir</p>	<p>7            7:00 AA</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9  </p>
<p><b>10 Second Sunday in Advent</b>            7:30 Praise Team Rehearsal            8:30, 9:00, and 11:00 WORSHIP            9:50 Sunday School            7:30 Love Feast</p>	<p>11            1:00 Book Group            7:30 Epworth Orchestra</p>	<p>12            6:45 Men's Fellowship            10:30 Staff Meeting            1:30 Care Group            6:00 Yoga            7:00 Outreach            7:00 Boy Scouts</p>	<p>13            3:15 Tutoring            3:30 Prayer Group            6:00 Handbells            6:30 UMMen            7:00 Chancel Choir</p>	<p>14            10:00 Preschool Sing-Along            7:00 AA</p>	<p><b>15</b></p>	<p>16            10-12 Chancel Choir</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*