EPWORTH
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

919/489-6557 www.epworth-umc.org December 6, 2017

ADVENT/CHRISTMAS AT EPWORTH

December 10 – Second Sunday in Advent. 8:30 service as always….
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 with Communion
7:00 p.m. – Candlelight Communion Service

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

SUNDAY, December 10 - Second Sunday in Advent

8:30 service: Sermon: Rev. Karen H. Whitaker

Scripture: Psalm 85: 1-2, 8-13, Isaiah 40: 1-11, Mark 1: 1-8

Hymns: "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates" "O Come, O Come Emmanuel"
"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"
"Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming"

9:00 and 11:00 services: Children's Christmas Musical "Chimes in the Night"

9:00 Scripture: Titus 2: 11-14
Songs: "Prepare the Way" "10,000 Reasons"
"Jesus, Name Above All Names" "Freedom Is Coming"

11:00 Scripture: Psalm 85: 1-2, 8-13 Isaiah 40: 1-11, 2 Peter 3: 8-15a
Hymns: "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates"
"O Come, O Come Emmanuel" "O Come All Ye Faithful"

Ushers 8:45 Mike Shiflett
11:00 Johnie Joyce, Kenneth Roberts, Jerry McDaniel

Liturgist 8:30 Maureen Oakes

Counters Johnie Joyce and Todd Benware

Greeters Greg and Annie Barrow

Bus Driver Kathy Chaney

Youth Reader Erin Engel

Acolyte

Crucifer Caleb Engel

Altar Guild Kathy and Harry Dutton, Joyce Dalgleish, Kenneth Roberts, Judy Daymont

Nursery Marcey Harp, Theresa Shebalin, Beth Armbruster, Jennifer Browning

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

OUR SYMPATHY TO the family of Linda Royall who died December 1 in South Carolina.

YOUTH NEWS

Lovefeast is this Sunday! Please arrive an hour before the service to help us set up luminaries! After the service, we will pick up the luminaries and have a party in the youth room!

Christmas Party - Sunday, December 17th at 6 PM @ Morgan's apartment! Wear your cutest pajamas and bring a dish for potluck and a white elephant gift!

UMYF on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve is canceled! Happy holidays!

POINSETTIAS

The Epworth UMC Altar Guild asks that, if possible, please leave your poinsettias in the sanctuary until after the 11:00 AM service on December 17th.

ADDITIONAL TUTORS NEEDED for Epworth's tutoring program. If you have some time from 3:15 to 4:30 on Mondays and Wednesday, we would love to have your help. Students in grades 3-5 are tutored in math and reading with homework assistance. Currently we need to replace a Monday/Wednesday tutor and a Monday only tutor who can no longer help. In addition – another student would like to join the program if we can add an additional Monday/Wednesday tutor. Let Kenneth Roberts (jkenneth@nc.rr.com) or John Lott (johnBBSL@aol.com) know if you are interested. Give it a try!

CHRISTMAS SHOPPING MADE EASY….

The Outreach Committee will be selling gifts of grace cards through Dec. 17th in the Farthex after the 9:00 and 11:00 services. You can purchase each card for $10. Give to your family and friends for Christmas and donate to a charity in their honor.

COMMUNITY BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE: Have you lost a loved one recently? Is Christmas a difficult time of the year ? In the midst of this hectic holiday season, you are invited to a service of silence and contemplation, hope and peace at St Paul's Lutheran church on Tuesday, December 19 at 6:30pm. Epworth UMC will join together with St. Paul's Lutheran, Westminster Presbyterian and Pilgrim United Church of Christ. Come and join us for this special service.

COMING IN JANUARY (Jan. 21 and Jan. 28, Feb. 11 and 18, 5:30 – 7:30)

A course called Youth Mental Health First Aid is designed to teach parents, family members, caregivers, teachers, school staff, peers, neighbors, health and human services workers, and other caring citizens how to help an adolescent (age 12-18) who is experiencing a mental health or addictions challenge or is in crisis. Youth Mental Health First Aid is primarily designed for adults who regularly interact with young people. The course introduces common mental health challenges for youth, reviews typical adolescent development, and teaches a 5-step action plan for how to help young people in both crisis and non-crisis situations. Topics covered include anxiety, depression, substance use, disorders in which psychosis may occur, disruptive behavior disorders (including AD/HD), and eating disorders.

Participants must attend each session in order to receive a certificate. The certificate is issued by The National Council for Behavior Health and can be used to renew a variety of licenses. Participants will also receive a manual to take home. (Registration is required. Minimum age is 18.)

STEWARDSHIP 2018

If you have not yet filled out a pledge card for 2018 and would like to do so, please stop by the office to pick one up or contact the church office at 919-489-6557 and we can mail or email one to you.

End of Year
Finance Office News

All financial gifts received by **Sunday, December 31, 2017**, will be recorded in your year-end 2017 giving statement.

The church office will be closed from December 25, 2017 through January 1, 2018.

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DECEMBER 2017

10 Second Sunday in Advent 7:30 Praise Team Rehearsal 8:30 Worship 9:00, and 11:00 WORSHIP (Children's Musical) 9:50 Sunday School 7:30 Love Feast (music starts at 7:00)	11 1:00 Book Group 3:15 Tutoring 7:00 Cantata Orchestra rehearsal	12 6:45 Men's Fellowship 10:30 Staff Meeting 1:30 Care Group 6:00 Yoga 7:00 Boy Scouts	**13** 3:15 Tutoring 3:30 Prayer Group 6:00 Handbells 6:30 UMMen 7:00 Chancel Choir	14 10:00 Preschool Sing-Along 7:00 AA	**15** 6:30 Young Adults	16 10-12 Chancel Choir
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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