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YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID (Jan. 21 and Jan. 28, Feb. 11 and 18, 5:30 - 7:30) is a course designed to teach parents, family members, caregivers, teachers, school staff, peers, neighbors, health and human services workers, and others how to help an adolescent who is experiencing a mental health or addiction challenge or is in crisis. It is primarily designed for adults who regularly interact with young people. Participants (minimum age is 18) 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. Go to our church website or to <http://bit.ly/2CLlw24>

BACK PACKING EVENT

The United Methodist Men are sponsoring the next backpack packing event on Saturday, January 27 at 9:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is invited to help with this packing event. We will be packing 385 backpacks and the men can use some help. Prior to the packing day, we are requesting donations of canned vegetables (14-15oz). As always monetary donations for this outreach program are always welcomed.

SUNDAY, January 21

Worship at 8:30 and 11:00

Sermon: Rev. Karen H. Whitaker

Scripture: Psalm 62: 5-12, Jonah 3: 1-5, 10, Mark 1: 14-20

Hymns: 8:30 and 11:00 "Jesus Calls Us" "Take Time to Be Holy"
"O Jesus I Have Promised"

Worship at 9:00

Sermon: "Immediately" Rev. Dr. Sangwoo Kim

Songs: "I Will Call upon the Lord" "Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore"
"Give Thanks" "How Great Is Our God"

Scripture: Mark 1: 14-20

Ushers 8:30 Mike Shiflett

11:00 Morgan West, Marvin Carver, Dave and Patsy Harlow

Counters Bill Matteson, Steve Smith

Greeters Gail Rankin, Kathy Chaney Bus Driver Todd Benware

Crucifer Anna Darr Acolyte Olivia Vandevander

Altar Guild Sharon Walker, Judy Daymont

Nursery Marcey Harp, Theresa Shebalin, Sarah Gurley, Lisa Byrd

Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God by Bill and Betty Matteson in loving memory of her father, James B. Swails.

ALTAR FLOWERS are needed for Feb. 11 (and other Sundays throughout this year). If you are interested in donating the flowers, please contact Gloria Dewey.

MEMORIAL

A contribution has been made to the Pastor's Discretionary Fund in memory of Charles Young by Marie and Sam Hammond.

SAVE THE DATE, FEBRUARY 11... Bishop Hope Morgan Ward will be preaching at 8:45 and 11:00 at Epworth.

RUBY SALES is a civil rights activist and theologian who will be at St. Philips Episcopal Church in Durham on Thurs., Feb. 1 at noon for lunch and to meet with community leaders and activists. At 7 p.m. that evening there will be a Community Conversation at B.N. Duke Auditorium at N.C.C.U. More information is available at <https://rubysalesnc.weebly.com/>

GUESS WHAT'S HAPPENING ON SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11?

United Methodist Women, with the help of our congregation, will serve close to 250 meals at Durham Urban Ministries. We need 22 chicken casseroles and 1 vegetarian casserole. We also need French bread, sliced and buttered, bagged salad mix, canned peaches, and baked brownies. I will have sign-up sheets and the casserole pans and recipe for you on Sunday January 21. That's 3 week's notice. So if you think you'll be busy the week before the 11th, you can make brownies and the casserole ahead and put them in the church's freezer any time between now and then. Be sure to label them for "Loving Hands Meal February 11". Thank you for your help. Contact person: Elaine Herndon 919-489-3249

BACKPACK DELIVERERS We need more volunteers to deliver the backpacks to Hope Valley Elementary each Friday morning. If you are willing to help with this mission, please contact Greg Barrow. If you have delivered in the past or if you are a new delivery person, please email Greg to let him know you can help this next semester and he will prepare a delivery schedule. As always, we thank you for your support of this vital program.

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Winter Leadership Training Session....January 20th

BECAUSE OF THE WEATHER – start time is 10:30

New Sharon UMC in Hillsborough, NC

Everything You Need to Know to Serve on SPPRC COMMITTEE

Members of the Staff/Pastor-Parish Relations Committee will learn ways to support the pastor and remain attentive to the ministry needs of the congregation. The mission of the UMC, basic information in the Book of Discipline and helpful tools for assessment and resources for times of conflict will be provided.

Led by: Rev. Jessie Larkins and a panel of experienced SPRC leaders

Organizing Your Church for Mission and Ministry

Feel like you spend more time in meetings than you do in ministry? Have more committee slots to fill than you do people in worship on a Sunday? Recycling the same 12 names through all of the church leadership roles? You're not alone! Over time it is easy for our church administration to become bogged down in committees and meetings and lose sight of the reason why we exist at all. The *Book of Discipline* does require certain things of our organizational structures to remain United Methodist, but the *Discipline* also offers incredible freedom in how we organize our congregation's administrative and ministry teams. This workshop will offer you ideas about how to streamline your committees; reduce the number of meetings you're having; and organize your congregation in the direction of mission and ministry (all within the parameters of the BOD). This workshop would be especially helpful for pastors, lay leaders, council chairs, or any other leader who is tired of sitting through the same meeting 4 times!

Led by: Rev. Carol Goehring and Rev. Anita Taylor

Women in the Life of the UMC The Commission on the Status and Role of Women (COSROW) exists to ensure the full participation of women at all levels of the UMC, from lay leadership in local churches to equity in appointment making and denominational decision making; helping our churches become free of gender-based harassment of any kind. The NC Conference COSROW committee is beginning its work by listening to as many voices from across the Conference as they can ask the question: "How are we doing, in North Carolina, in 2017, with regards to the full participation of women at every level of church leadership?" Women, men, lay, and clergy are welcome. The content of the listening sessions will serve to hold a mirror for all of us and to help guide the NCC COSROW team as they set goals and priorities for the rest of the quadrennium.

Led by: Rev. Christi Dye and members of the COSROW committee

In order to register for the session of your choosing, you are asked to follow this link:

<https://goo.gl/forms/6TxYXnDr3LdXSCR73>

SOUPER BOWL YOUTH FUNDRAISER

February 4th after 11:00 service

Support the youth ministry and join in fellowship by enjoying a warm bowl of soup after church! Many different varieties of soup and chili will be available, and can be taken to-go or you can stay and have lunch together with our church family in the fellowship hall. Please bring a donation to support the youth ministry!

If you are interested in providing a soup for the event, please sign up after the 9:00 service or after the 11:00 service today and next Sunday, the 28th! It would be much appreciated and would help make the fundraiser a huge success!

Etchings Youth:

Middle School Dinner Tuesday @ 6 PM - pizza and fellowship will be enjoyed by all! Please RSVP to Carie!

2018 Youth Forms are due Sunday the 28th! It's important that we have current and updated forms! Many thanks for your help with this!

JOURNEY TOWARD JUSTICE SERIES

*Sunday, Feb. 11 Bishop Hope Morgan Ward will speak at 3:00 p.m.
Her topic is "Forward Without Fear: Courageous Conversations".

*Sunday, Feb. 18 and 25 (two part series) Rosalie Turner will speak at 3:00 and lead a discussion about the history of the Civil Rights Movement. Content and discussion will be appropriate for all ages.

*Sunday, March 18 Bishop William Willimon will speak at 3:00.

JANUARY/FEBRUARY, 2018

21 7:30 Praise Team Rehearsal 8:30, 9:00 and 11:00 WORSHIP 9:50 Sunday School 12:15 Children's Council 12:20 Confirmation Class 5:30 UMYF 5:30 Youth Mental Health Course	22 12:30 Susanna Circle 3:15 Tutoring 6:00 SPPRC 7:30 Epworth Orchestra	23 6:45 Men's Fellowship 11:30 Staff Mtg. 1:30 Care Group 6:00 Yoga 6:00 Middle School dinner 7:00 Boy Scouts	24 3:15 Tutoring 3:30 Prayer Group 6:00 Handbells 7:00 Chancel Choir	25 11:00 Bible Study 7:00 AA Meeting	26	27 9:00 Back Packing Event
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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