EPWORTH
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

919/489-6557 www.epworth-umc.org February 21, 2018

GUEST MUSICIAN – Cellist at 11:00 worship this Sunday, February 25

TIMOTHY HOLLEY is an alumnus of Baldwin Wallace University and The University of Michigan. He has collaborated with the Mallarmé Chamber Players and the North Carolina Symphony Orchestra since 1997. Dr. Holley has lectured on the diversity of African-American concert music, the influence of the Negro spiritual on the cello music of African-American composers, and the poetry of Langston Hughes and its influence on the music of Howard Swanson. He has made cello transcriptions of works by William Grant Still, and contributed encyclopedia entries on the Negro String Quartet and the Symphony of the New World. He is an Associate Professor of Music at North Carolina Central University.

JOURNEY TO JUSTICE Sunday, Feb. 25 continuing with Rosalie Turner speaking at 3:00, leading a discussion about the history of the Civil Rights Movement. (Content and discussion will be appropriate for all ages.)

LENTEN CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER MEETINGS
Thursdays at noon - Feb. 22, Mar. 8 and 22
Tuesdays at 6 p.m. - Feb. 27, Mar. 13 and 27

SAVE THESE DATES
March 25 – CROP Walk May 5 – Yard Sale sponsored by Outreach

SUNDAY, February 25, 2018

Worship at 8:30 and 11:00
Sermon: Rev. Karen H. Whitaker
Scripture: Psalm 22: 23-31, Genesis 17: 1-7, 15-16, Mark 8; 31-38
Hymns: *The God of Abraham Praise, Take Up Thy Cross, I Am Thine, O Lord There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*

Worship at 9:00
Sermon: "Calling the Crowd", Rev. Dr. Sangwoo Kim
Scripture: Mark 8: 31-38
Songs: *The Wonderful Cross, El-Shaddai, There Is a Redeemer, Awesome God*

Ushers: 8:30: Mike Shiflett
11:00: Tim and Bobbie Dahlgren, Belo Shelton, Jerry McDaniel
Liturgists: 8:30: Maureen Oakes, 11:00: Kristen Whitaker
Acolyte: Anna Darr
Crucifer: Ben Engel
Youth Reader: Elise Benware
Counters: Mike Hanson, Steve Smith
Greeters: Ann Bennett, Todd Benware
Bus Driver: Brent Engel
Nursery: Beth Armbruster, Kathy Chaney
Altar Guild: Laurel and Charlie Rose, Nancy Myers
Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Trish Robertson by Robbie Robertson.

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REQUEST FOR USHER COORDINATOR

We are in need of someone to coordinate the ushers. I have served in this capacity for some time and wish to continue as an usher, but do wish to have someone else to coordinate the schedule and keep the ushers up to date on the duties of an usher. Hopefully, one of our current ushers will be willing to accept this responsibility. If you are willing to serve Epworth in this capacity or have any questions, please let me or Kenneth Roberts, Worship Chair know.

Thank you. Your Brother in Christ, Johnie Joyce.

OLDER ADULTS, LC'S, THEATER LOVERS The Temple Theater in Sanford, N.C. is presenting a musical comedy CHURCH BASEMENT LADIES, Thurs., Mar. 22. Cost is $27 per ticket. We will leave the church at 10:30, travel to Sanford, and enjoy lunch before the 2:00 p.m. performance. We hope to use the church bus.

About the play: The church kitchen in much of America is often the heart and soul of a church. In this play, we meet the pastor and four ladies who care for the congregation by preparing and serving the food. Many problems are solved in this kitchen. The ladies stave off potential disasters, have fun, share recipes, help with a funeral, wedding, and other meals. The play is funny, heart-warming, and down to earth. RSVP to Norma Aaron or to the church office.

FAMILIES MOVING FORWARD

Epworth's next host dates at Families Moving Forward (formerly Interfaith Hospitality Network) are Monday, March 5th and Wednesday, March 7th. Belo Shelton is covering dinner on the 5th and the Outreach Committee is covering the meal on March 7th. If you would like to help with childcare for just about an hour either night from 6:15-7:30 while the parents are attending an educational session, we could use your help! FMF is located at 300 N. Queen St. which is behind the Main Library, downtown. If you'd like to plan ahead, we host again on May 21 and May 23. Thank you!

EGGSTRAVAGANZA will be Saturday, March 24 from 3-5 pm. Invite all the children you know! Donations of bagged, individually-wrapped **nut-free** candy are gratefully accepted in the collection box in the farthex. Volunteers are needed to staff Easter egg hunts, cupcake walk, bounce house, games, and crafts--please see Amanda Wilson or Laura Taylor if you can serve.

SOMETHING NEW FOR EASTER…..Our youth will be selling an Easter flower in March to decorate the Sanctuary for Easter Sunday! More information will be included in the Etchings soon.

YOUTH: Sunday, February 25

Sunday School: We will continue to explore the New Testament!

UMYF: We are starting a new Lenten study! Get excited!

AN INVITATION TO OUR CHILDREN Our sisters and brothers at New Creation UMC invite us to "Meet the Heroes," a Black History event geared for children aged 3 years to 5th grade, this Saturday, Feb. 24 from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. There will be actors portraying heroes in Black history, each with associated crafts and activities." See flyer below.

FEBRUARY/MARCH, 2018

25 2nd Sun. in Lent 7:30 Praise Team Rehearsal 9:50 Sunday School **8:30, 9:00 and 11:00 WORSHIP** 3:00 JTJ speaker 5:30 UMYF	26 12:30 Susanna Circle 3:15 Tutoring 6:30 Aesthetics 7:30 Epworth Orchestra	27 6:45 Men's Fellowship 11:30 Staff Mtg. 1:30 Care Group 6:00 Yoga 6:00 Lenten Prayer 7:00 Boy Scouts	28 NO TUTORING 3:30 Prayer Group 6:00 Handbells 7:00 Chancel Choir	MARCH 1 11:00 Bible Study 7:00 AA Meeting	2	3
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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