



ETCHINGS

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OUTREACH COMMITTEE YARD SALE

Spring Cleaning? Save things you no longer need for the Epworth Yard Sale benefiting Outreach May 5th 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM.....Methodist Men will be providing a hot dog lunch (with vegan option) starting at 11:00 AM

Stuff to donate: Toys Books Clothing - both for children and adults
Kitchen equipment Sporting equipment Portable electronics. Just about anything that is in reasonable condition except for.....

*No large pieces of furniture which will require a truck to transport

*No CRT televisions



Tentative drop off times

Thursday May 3rd 2:00 PM-6:00 PM

Friday May 4th Noon - 6 PM

We will also be selling spaces for \$10 if you want to sell your own stuff. We will be accepting items the week before the sale. More specifics to follow. Contact Bill Matteson, whmatteson@gmail.com 919-408-1967 for more details

SUNDAY, April 15, 2018

Worship at 8:30 and 11:00

Sermon: Rev. Karen H. Whitaker

Scripture: Psalm 4, 1 John 3: 1-7. Luke 24: 36-48

Hymns “Christ Is Alive” “Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee”
“Come Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain”

Worship at 9:00

Sermon Rev. Dr. Sangwoo Kim

Scripture Luke 24: 36b-48

Songs “Celebrate Jesus” “Above All” “Lord, Be Glorified” “He Reigns”

Ushers 8:45 Mike Shiflett

11:00 Tim and Bobbie Dahlgren, Rick and Emily Dike

Counters Johnie Joyce, Todd Benware

Sound Technician 9:00 Lewis Bass IV 11:00 Christopher Thomas

Liturgists 8:30 Maureen Oakes 11:00 Todd Benware

Greeters Carl and Sue Hamill **Bus Driver** Tim Dahlgren

Nursery Beth Armbruster, Lisa Byrd

Acolyte Henri Nadworny **Crucifer** Virginia Nadworny

Youth Reader Elise Benware

Altar Guild Judy Daymont, Kellie Sims

Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of Dr. Guillermo Evers Airall, by his wife Clara Airall, their three children, Zoila, Angela, and Sheldon, three grandchildren, and ten great-grandchildren.



IF YOU ARE CONSIDERING BECOMING A MEMBER OF EPWORTH, you are invited to attend the class for new members on Sundays, April 22 and 29 during the Sunday School hour. Please call the church office or e-mail one of the pastors if you have questions, or if you plan to participate in this class.

FINANCE OFFICE NEWS

First quarter 2018 giving statements are available in the office for pick-up. If you gave in 2017 to fulfill your pledge for 2018, and did not give to any other ministries this quarter, there will not be a statement for you. Only gifts given January 1, 2018 through March 31, 2018 are listed on this statement.

If you have any questions about your statement, please don't hesitate to call or email Meg at 919-489-6557, ext. 102 or mbass@epworth-umc.org

LOVING HANDS MEAL

Thanks to all who contributed food for the Loving Hands Meal at Urban Ministries, April 8. We served 210 persons!

GENESIS CLASS will begin a study of Paul on Sunday morning, May 6, using E.P. Sanders' excellent book Paul: A Very Short Introduction. We encourage any adults interested in a short term study experience and great fellowship to join us!

SEWING SISTERS will work on the Days for Girls project on Saturday, April 14, 9:30 – 12. Even if you don't sew, your help will be appreciated!

NEEDED AT URBAN MINISTRIES

Men's underwear – sizes small, medium and large.

Boy's underwear – sizes small, medium and large

Women's underwear – sizes 5 to 10

Canned fruits and canned pasta.

Contributions can be left in the baskets near the church office door. **THANKS.**

NEW ON THE JTJ BOOK SHELF:

Raising White Kids - Bringing Up Children in a Racially Unjust America by Jennifer Harvey

I'm so glad I read this book! I heard Dr. Harvey in person at Duke Memorial – she spoke at the 2015 Jack Crum Conference which inspired Epworth members to organize Journeying Toward Justice. Dr. Harvey is a professor at Drake University and is ordained in the American Baptist Church. This title caught my eye because I believe that each of us who has contact with children – parents, grandparents, friends, teachers, neighbors – has a responsibility to teach and model anti-racist behavior. If we are trying to be followers of Jesus in today's world, we have a responsibility to work to dismantle the sin of racism. Unfortunately, and especially for those of us who grew up in the 60's and 70's, it may not be obvious how to do this effectively.

Raising White Kids provides thoughtful, practical suggestions about how to respond to situations and statements that children will encounter. She uses experiences with her own children to illustrate the conversations one might have. Dr. Harvey presents her information and advice with grace, not shaming those of us who need help to do better. She shares ideas for talking with children about race that acknowledge their feelings and experiences, and she suggests ways to guide the conversations in constructive ways.

At the end of each chapter, Dr. Harvey provides “Takeaways” that summarize key concepts; these could be used by a group as discussion points. The book would make an excellent Sunday School study. I highly recommend this book to anyone who cares about our children and the world they will inherit from us.

Betty Matteson

RAISING KIDS FOR “THE BELOVED COMMUNITY” All parents, grandparents, teachers, and anyone who has children or youth in their lives are invited to participate in a two-part series on Sundays May 6th and June 3rd from 5:30-7:00pm. Potluck dinner will be followed by resources and discussion on how to help shape kids' understanding of race in ways that promote the beloved community that Dr. King envisioned. Relevant activities for children will be provided--please email awilson@epworth-umc.org if your child is coming.

CAN YOU HELP IN OUR NURSERY?

Epworth is looking for one or more paid nursery assistants to work on Sunday mornings two or more times per month. The assistants could attend the worship service of their choice, and there is flexibility in scheduling which Sundays they work. Some availability for special services and occasional programs would also be helpful. Duties include nurturing children under the age of 8, performing basic child care duties, and engaging children with a caring, spiritual attitude. Applications can be obtained on our website or by calling the church office.

ADDITIONAL DRIVERS ARE NEEDED FOR THE CHURCH BUS

If interested in learning more about being a part of this ministry, which picks up our members from Croasdaile and The Forest for Sunday worship, please contact the church office.

DAN and ELLA SHARPE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS are available in the church office and as an attachment to this edition of the emailed Etchings. Application deadline is May 13!

Rev. Daniel Sharpe served as pastor of Epworth Church from 1953-1957. In his will he established a scholarship fund to provide loans and grants for members of Epworth. In 1985 the first scholarship was awarded by the Endowment Committee. The continuing purpose of this fund is to give financial assistance to as many Epworth members as possible to continue their education beyond high school.

YOUTH UPDATE:

Sunday, April 15th

*Sunday School: Continuing the Gospel of Matthew with Morgan teaching!
What fun!

*UMYF: We will have an invigorating and interactive Acts lesson!

HELP NEEDED:

Dear Epworth family, the Youth Group is going on their annual Beach Retreat May 11-13th, but they are in need of a beach house! If you have connections or a beach house of your own, please contact the church office or Carie Dupree, Coordinator of Youth Ministry. It would be greatly appreciated!

APRIL/MAY 2018

15 7:30 Praise Team Rehearsal Worship Services:8:30, 9:00, 11:00 12:15 JTJ 5:30 Youth Fellowship	16 1:30 Ruth Circle 3:15 Tutoring 6:30 Nurture 7:00 Worship 7:30 Epworth Orchestra	17 6:45 Men's Fellowship 11:30 Staff Mtg. 1:30 Care Group 6:00 Yoga 7:00 Boy Scouts	18 3:15 Tutoring 3:30 Prayer Group 6:00 Handbells 7:00 Chancel Choir	19 7:00 AA Meeting 7:00 Eve Circle	20	21
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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