



ETCHINGS

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December 5, 2018

Sunday, December 9

Second Sunday in Advent

Services at 8:30, 9:00 and 11:00

7:30 p.m. Epworth's Annual Love Feast (Music begins at 7:00).

The church bus will pick up at Croasdaile at 6:30 and at the Forest at Duke at 6:45. Invite others to attend with you!

Sunday, December 16

Third Sunday in Advent

ONLY ONE WORSHIP SERVICE - 10:00 a.m.

BRING A FRIEND TO CHURCH CAMPAIGN BEGINS

The Chancel Choir will present their cantata, "How Great Our Joy" by Lloyd Larson and Douglas E. Wagner. The children will sing during children's time. Sunday School will be at 9:00 a.m. After worship we will enjoy cookies and cider. This will be a great way to begin bringing a friend to church as we, collectively, celebrate the joy of the season--the birth of Jesus Christ. **Special notice: the church bus will pick up at Croasdaile at 8:15 a.m. and at The Forest at 8:35.**

Monday, December 24

Christmas Eve Services

5:00 p.m. Children/Family Service –
an interactive Children's Nativity and Communion

7:30 p.m. Traditional Christmas Eve Service
with Communion and Candlelight



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Traditional Worship at 8:30 and 11:00 in the Sanctuary

Sermon: Rev. Karen H. Whitaker

Scripture: Luke 1: 68-79, Phillippians 1: 3-11, Luke 3: 1-6

Hymns: *Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates Christ Is the World's Light
O Come, O Come Emmanuel* Response Hymn at 8:30 *Like a Child*

8:30 & 11:00 Handbells

Christmas Joy, O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

(11:00) **Benediction Response:** *From Heaven Above to Earth I Come*

Handbells, Sharon Walker, clarinet;

Alexander McDowell, violin; Anna Darr, cello

Contemporary Worship at 9:00 in the Fellowship Hall

Sermon: "In the Darkness" Rev. Dr. Sangwoo Kim

Scripture: Luke 3: 1-6

Songs: *Prepare the Way Lo, How a Rose Give Thanks Shout to the Lord*

Ushers: 11:00: Alan Payne, Jeff Rankin, Harry Dutton, Johnie Joyce

Counters: Kenneth Roberts and Mike Hanson

Sound Technician: 9:00 Lewis Bass IV 11:00 Greg Bolt

Liturgists: 9:00- Maureen Oakes 11:00- Grayson Hicks

Bus Driver: Tim Dahlgren **Greeters:** Susan Armour, Bob Hodgins

Altar Guild: Kathy and Harry Dutton, Joyce Dagleish,

Kenneth Roberts, Judy Daymont

Acolyte Caitlyn Fulp

Crucifer Anna Darr

Youth Reader Ethan Benware

ADVENT DEVOTIONAL MEETINGS Dec. 11 and 18. Tuesdays at noon using Dr. Luke Powery's book Rise Up Shepherd led by Rev. Dr. Sangwoo Kim in room 2/3 All are welcome. Bring your lunch.

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION Epworth will soon have new software for membership/accounting. You can help us with the transition by inputting your information using the following link <http://bit.ly/2EX4WDN>

Please input information for each member of your family **by December 1st.**

Information can then easily be transferred into the new system.

FROM OUR STAFF PARISH RELATIONS COMMITTEE

We are collecting a Love Offering for the church staff to show our appreciation for their dedication and performance. All year they carry out the necessary duties required to complete Epworth's obligations and commitments both within our church and our surrounding communities. If you would like to participate, please make checks payable to Epworth and note "Love Offering" on the memo line. You may place your gifts in the offering, mail them in, or bring them to the church office. We are all blessed to remain committed to doing His will. Thank you, and Merry, Merry Christmas to all!

STEWARDSHIP 2019

If you have not yet filled out a pledge card for 2019 and would like to do so, please stop by the office to pick one up or contact the church office at 919-489-6557 or office@epworth-umc.org and we can mail or email one to you.

End of Year Finance Office News.....

All financial gifts received **on or before Sunday, December 30, 2018**, will be recorded on your year-end 2018 giving statement.

OUTREACH CHRISTMAS CARDS The Outreach Committee will again be selling "Gifts of Grace" Christmas cards. You can purchase cards for \$10 each for your friends and family and help support your favorite charity. We'll have cards for the following charities as Urban Ministries, Families Moving Forward, Haiti Mission, Heifer, Epworth's back pack ministry and Bread for the World (will not be available on 12/2). We'll be selling cards after each service on December 9th and 16th.

MEMORIALS

In memory of Addie Plumer to Music Ministries from Brent and Libby Engel.

In memory of Dee Stanley to the Endowment from Jim Kimbrough.

In memory of Harriet Childs to the Care Group from Ruth Shrieve.

ECUMENICAL BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Tuesday, Dec. 18, 6:30 p.m. is for those who find this season difficult because of the loss of a loved one. Everyone is welcome.



December 9 is the last Sunday to bring in diapers.
We have a collection bin in the farthex.

YOU ARE INVITED Please join us in celebrating Elaine Herndon's 80th birthday and Bob Hodgins' 75th birthday, and Elaine and Bob's 25th wedding anniversary on Saturday, January 5, 2019, 2-5 pm in Fellowship Hall. Hors d'oeuvres and desserts will be served. Family and friends welcome. Best wishes only; no gifts please. Please RSVP to Lisa at lthain@rogers.com or call Kim at 470-231-2313 by December 30, 2018.

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DECEMBER 2018

9 2nd Sunday of Advent 7:30 Praise Team Rehearsal Worship Services: 8:30, 9:00, 11:00 9:50 Sunday School 10:15 Chancel Choir 7:30 Love Feast (music starts at 7:00)	10 1:00 Book Group 3:15 Tutoring 7:00 Cantata Instrumentals	11 6:45 Men's Fellowship 10:30 Staff Mtg. 12:00 Advent Devotionals 1:30 Care Group 6:00 Yoga	12 3:00 Prayer Group 3:15 Tutoring 6:00 Handbells 7:00 Chancel Choir	13 11:00 Thursday Morning Class 7:00 AA	14	15 9:00 - 12 Cantata Rehearsal 10-12 Kids Volunteer at Diaper Bank 6:00 Young Adult Group Dinner
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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.