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## General Conference

***"A Special Session of the General Conference of The United Methodist Church takes place February 23-26, 2019 in St. Louis, Missouri. The purpose will be to receive and act on a report from the Commission on a Way Forward based on the recommendations of the Council of Bishops. The Commission was authorized to examine paragraphs in The Book of Discipline concerning human sexuality and to explore options to strengthen church unity."*** (UMC.org)

Epworth family and friends,

Let me encourage you to support the United Methodist Church with your prayers as we are just a couple of weeks away from the 2019 General Conference. The Council of Bishops is encouraging all United Methodists around the world to pray each day for General Conference from 2:23 through 2:26 – either AM or PM. Why pray at this time? The Council of Bishops felt praying specifically at these times, which represent the dates of the special session of General Conference, would be a helpful, effective, and unifying way for us all to be involved no matter where we were. (And of course if this time is not convenient for you, let me encourage you to pray at another time.) May we pray for our delegates and may we pray that all may be open to the leading of the Holy Spirit.

Listed are the delegates from the North Carolina Annual Conference delegation:

*Gray Southern, Beth Hood, Tim Russell, Lisa Yebuah, Bob Bergland, Trish Archer, Tim Reaves, Laura Fine Ledford, Gary Locklear, Emily Innes, Duncan McMillan IV, Christine Dodson, Mack Parker, Steve Taylor, Eston Brinkley, LaNella Smith, Edgardo Colon-Emeric, Herbert Lowry, Jacob Beasley, Ellen Beasley*

For those interested General Conference will be live streamed beginning February 23 at 10:00 AM at [www.umc.org/live](http://www.umc.org/live).

Questions? Feel free to contact one of the pastors.

Blessings,  
Karen H. Whitaker

**WORSHIP**  
**8:30, 9:00 and 11:00**

**Sermon:** Carie Dupree

**Scripture:** Jeremiah 1: 4-10

**Hymns at 8:30 & 11:00:** *Holy! Holy! Holy! Lord God Almighty, Stand Up and Bless the Lord, Jesus Calls Us*

**Response Hymn at 8:30:** *Bless Be the Tie That Binds*

**Response at 11:00:** *Come Follow Me*, by Jay Althouse

**Sung By:** Chancel Choir, **Directed By:** Judy Bolt

**Songs at 9:00:** *Holy, Holy, Holy, In Christ Alone, Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore, This Is Amazing Grace*

**Liturgists:** 8:30-Maureen Oakes, 11:00-Julia Boltz

**Greeters:** Brent Engel, Elaine Herndon

**Ushers:** Bob Hodgins, Marvin Carver, Johnie Joyce, Al West

**Acolyte:** Caleb Engel

**Crucifer:** Elizabeth Boltz

**Youth Reader:** Ben Engel

**Bus Driver:** Tim Dahlgren

**Sound Technician:** 9:00-Lewis Bass IV, 11:00-Greg Bolt

**Altar Guild:** Laurel and Charlie Rose, Nancy Myers

**Counters:** Beth Armbruster, Joe Jernigan

**Altar Flowers** are given in celebration of the birthdays of Nicole Waligora-Davis and Gabrielle Waligora-Carroll from Mom and Dad.

**ALTAR FLOWERS FOR THE SANCTUARY ARE NEEDED FOR MARCH 17 AND MARCH 24** If you would like to give the flowers on one of these days (or on another Sunday), please contact Gloria Dewey (919 274-1089) or [gkdewey@aol.com](mailto:gkdewey@aol.com) Thanks to all who donate the Altar Flowers. If you wish to leave the flowers for the Care Group, several small bouquets will be made and taken to some of our shut-ins.

**WE ASK FOR YOUR CONTINUED PATIENCE AND COOPERATION** as the renovation of the bathrooms near the church office progresses. The one open (lockable) restroom near the church office is available for all. Signs will direct you to additional restrooms in both preschool wings and in the choir room.



**YOUTH NEWS**

THANK YOU to everyone for a fabulous Souper Bowl Fundraiser! We hope you all enjoyed it as much as we did! LOVE,

**EPWORTH YOUTH GROUP**

BECK, BEN, CAITLYN, CALEB, ELISE, ELIZABETH, ETHAN, HENRI, IAN, JERRYL, JULIA, KAITLYN, KATHERINE, RYAN, SADIE, SAM, VIRGINIA, WILL, ZOE



*This Sunday Youth Group is 5:30 – 7:15 and we will be doing our monthly mission project!*


**GENERAL CONFERENCE 2019 FOLLOW-UP MEETING**

Sunday, March 3 at 6 p.m. at Duke Memorial UMC (504 W. Chapel Hill St in Durham) laity and clergy are welcome! Members of the General Conference Delegation will be here to help us gain understanding of what decisions were made by the Special Called General Conference and next steps for moving forward.

**CHURCH STAFF**

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- Theresa Shebalin, Nursery Director*
- Marlin Lennon, Sexton*

**FEBRUARY 2019**

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| <p><b>10</b><br/> <b>7:30 Praise Team Rehearsal</b><br/> <b>Worship Services: 8:30, 9:00, 11:00</b><br/> <b>9:50 Sunday School</b><br/> <b>10:15 Chancel Choir</b><br/> <b>12:15 Children's Council</b><br/> <b>(Loving Hands Meal Served)</b><br/> <b>5:30 UMYF</b></p> | <p><b>11</b><br/> <b>1:00 Book Group</b><br/> <b>3:15 Tutoring</b><br/> <b>6:00 SPPRC</b><br/> <b>7:30 Epworth Orchestra</b></p> | <p><b>12</b><br/> <b>6:45 a.m. Men's Fellowship</b><br/> <b>11:00 Staff Meeting</b><br/> <b>1:30 Care Group</b><br/> <b>6:00 Yoga</b><br/> <b>7:00 Boy Scouts</b><br/> <b>7:00 Outreach</b></p>          | <p><b>13</b><br/> <b>3:00 Prayer Group</b><br/> <b>3:15 Tutoring</b><br/> <b>6:00 Handbells</b><br/> <b>6:30 UMMen</b><br/> <b>7:00 Chancel Choir</b></p> | <p><b>14</b><br/> <b>11:00 Bible Study</b><br/> <b>7:00 AA</b></p>  | <p><b>15</b></p> <p><b>16</b><br/> <b>9-12 Chancel Choir Cantata Rehearsal</b></p> |
| <p><b>17</b><br/> <b>7:30 Praise Team Rehearsal</b><br/> <b>Worship Services: 8:30, 9:00, 11:00</b><br/> <b>9:50 Sunday School</b><br/> <b>10:15 Chancel Choir</b><br/> <b>12:15 UMW Gen. Meeting</b><br/> <b>5:30 UMYF</b></p>  | <p><b>18</b><br/> <b>1:30 Ruth Circle</b><br/> <b>3:15 Tutoring</b><br/> <b>7:30 Epworth Orchestra</b></p>                       | <p><b>19</b><br/> <b>6:45 a.m. Men's Fellowship</b><br/> <b>11:00 Staff Meeting</b><br/> <b>1:30 Care Group</b><br/> <b>6:00 Yoga</b><br/> <b>6:30 Preschool Board</b><br/> <b>7:00 Boy Scouts</b></p>   | <p><b>20</b><br/> <b>3:00 Prayer Group</b><br/> <b>3:15 Tutoring</b><br/> <b>6:00 Handbells</b><br/> <b>7:00 Chancel Choir</b></p>                        | <p><b>21</b><br/> <b>11:00 Bible Study</b><br/> <b>7:00 AA</b><br/> <b>7:00 Eve Circle</b></p>   | <p><b>22</b></p> <p><b>23</b><br/> <b>9-12 Sewing Sisters</b></p>                  |
| <p><b>24</b><br/> <b>7:30 Praise Team Rehearsal</b><br/> <b>Worship Services: 8:30, 9:00, 11:00</b><br/> <b>9:50 Sunday School</b><br/> <b>10:15 Chancel Choir</b><br/> <b>NO UMYF</b></p>   | <p><b>25</b><br/> <b>3:15 Tutoring</b><br/> <b>12:30 Susanna Cir.</b><br/> <b>7:30 Epworth Orchestra</b></p>                     | <p><b>26</b><br/> <b>6:45 a.m. Men's Fellowship</b><br/> <b>11:00 Staff Meeting</b><br/> <b>1:30 Care Group</b><br/> <b>6:00 Yoga</b><br/> <b>6:30 Worship Committee</b><br/> <b>7:00 Boy Scouts</b></p> | <p><b>27</b><br/> <b>3:00 Prayer Group</b><br/> <b>3:15 Tutoring</b><br/> <b>6:00 Handbells</b><br/> <b>7:00 Chancel Choir</b></p>                        | <p><b>28</b><br/> <b>11:00 Bible Study</b><br/> <b>7:00 AA</b></p>   |  |

*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.*