

March 20, 2019

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April 13, Saturday 3 – 5 p.m. Easter Eggstravaganza for children

April 14, Palm Sunday we will have 2 worship services - both in the sanctuary - 8:45 and 11:00.

Palms will be provided for everyone.

Backpacks will be packed after both services.



Thursday, April 18 Maundy Thursday - At 7:00 p.m. the Chancel Choir will present a cantata "Come Walk with Me".

The service also includes communion and the stripping of the altar.

Easter Sunday, April 21 – services at 8:30, 9:00 and 11:00. We will observe Holy Communion and our Chancel Choir will sing the last selection from the cantata "Come Walk with Me".

WORSHIP
March 24, 2019
Third Sunday in Lent

8:30 and 11:00 WORSHIP

Sermon: Rev. Karen H. Whitaker

Scripture: Isaiah 55: 1-9, Psalm 63: 1-8, 1 Corinthians 10: 1-13, Luke 13: 1-9

Music:

Hymns: *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah* *Rock of Ages*
Lift Every Voice and Sing

Response Hymn at 8:30 *There Is Something about That Name*

Response (11:00) *Ave Verum* by W. A. Mozart Chancel Choir

Offertory (11:00) *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*
Epworth Orchestra arr. J. Bolt

Benediction Response (11:00) *The Lord Bless You and Keep You*

9:00 WORSHIP

Sermon: Rev. Dr. Sangwoo Kim

Scripture: Isaiah 55: 1-9

Songs: *10,000 Reasons* *I'll Fly Away* *Open Our Eyes, Lord*
I Will Follow

LITURGISTS 8:30 Maureen Oakes 11:00 Jung Choi

GREETERS Sue and Al Stutz

USHERS Bob Hodgins, Al West, Johnie Joyce, Jay Hallan

ACOLYTE Ian Kim **CRUCIFER** Ben Engel

YOUTH READER Katherine Lantzy **BUS DRIVER** Larry Reeves

SOUND TECHNICIAN 9:00 Lewis Bass IV 11:00 Chuck Darr

ALTAR GUILD Juliet and Chris Thomas, Susan Armour

COUNTERS Susan Armour, Judy Daymont

ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God and in honor of the hard-working women of the Epworth UMW.

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FROM THE TRUSTEES TO THE EPWORTH CHURCH FAMILY

Construction on the roundabout has begun. This has caused an additional inordinate amount of traffic over the church driveway and parking lot by persons using the church property as a cut-through from Hope Valley Road to University Drive. In an effort to protect the children and parishioners using our facilities, it will be necessary to close the drive at the point it intersects the parking lot at certain times of the day. IT WILL BE OPEN DURING SUNDAY SERVICES AND OTHER SPECIAL EVENTS. Therefore please use the lower parking lot by way of Oxford Drive. Changes in this procedure will more than likely be made as we try to balance all of the needs of the congregation. PLEASE BE PATIENT. Once other parties get used to the idea that our property is not to be used as a shortcut, we may be able to alter the procedure. There will be a key in the church office to handle unusual situations.

LOVING HANDS MEAL The next Loving Hands Meal at Urban Ministries is April 14. The sign-up sheet for bringing Chicken Dressing Casserole, French bread, sliced peaches, brownies, and garden salad will be in the Narthex and Farthex, Sunday, March 24. Casseroles, bread, and brownies can be put in the church kitchen freezer. We greatly appreciate the congregation's help with this mission. Contact Judy Bolt, gajbolt64@gmail.com or 919-384-2289.

CROP WALK April 7th is the date for the 2019 CROP Walk. Outreach will have a table in the Farthex for information and sign up. Again this year you can both register and donate online. Please go to website below to do so <https://www.crophungerwalk.org/durhamnc/Team/View/95867/EpworthUMC>

If you are looking for someone to sponsor our current walkers are: Beth Armbruster, Sidney Anderson, Carie Dupree, Bill Matteson...check next week for more walkers. If you have any questions, contact Bill Matteson whmatteson@gmail.com

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR LORRAINE CLARK will be Saturday, March 30 at 2:00 p.m. at The Forest at Duke, followed by a reception.

EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA is Saturday, April 13 from 3-5pm, rain or shine. Invite all the children you know! Children's Council requests your donations of nut-free candy, empty plastic eggs, and empty egg cartons to the labeled box in the "farthex." Thanks .



DIAPERS NEEDED - ALL SIZES, but especially SIZE 5 ...The United Methodist Women are collecting diapers for the Diaper Bank from now until THIS SUNDAY, March 23. Please put "DIAPERS" on your shopping list and bring them to Epworth. Thank you.

YOUTH

Have you ordered your tulips for Easter? The order form is attached to the e mailed Etchings...and youth are available in the farthex on Sunday to take Your order. Thanks for supporting the youth.

Youth Group meets this Sunday from 5:30 to 7:15.

****COORDINATOR FOR ALTAR GUILD NEEDED** The Worship Committee is looking for someone to serve as a coordinator of the Altar Guild. Someone is needed to provide training and instructions to those who volunteer to serve on the Altar Guild. This person will review the duties of the members and relay this information to the others. The coordinator will help secure individuals to help serve. It would be good to have someone with previous altar guild experience (but not necessary) to assume this role.

So what does the altar guild do? The members of the altar guild prepare the sanctuary for the various services and straighten-up afterward. They place the appropriate paraments; make sure the flowers are in place; change the candles when needed; collect and replenish registration sheets after the services; rearrange the hymnals, Bibles, and envelopes after use; dust the altar and narthex furniture including the piano; polish brass plates on the doors; and decorate the sanctuary for special services. The coordinator prepares the monthly schedule of members (2 each month) to serve and notifies the members of any special services such as funerals and weddings.

****COORDINATOR FOR USHERS NEEDED** The Worship Committee is looking for someone to serve as a coordinator of the ushers. Someone is needed to provide training and instructions to those who volunteer to serve as ushers whether for regular services or special services and programs. This person will review the duties of the ushers and relay this information to the others. The coordinator will help secure individuals to help serve. It would be good to have someone with previous usher experience (but not necessary) to assume this role.

What is the role of the ushers? The ushers provide assistance to the members of the congregation as they arrive for church services and programs. The ushers greet the people as they arrive; provide bulletins; open, close, and lock doors as appropriate; provide a degree of security for our services; collect the offering; assist the pastors as needed; direct the congregation for communion; light the candles or the lighter for the acolyte; control the lights or cut out the lights after the services. The coordinator recruits ushers, gives directions, makes certain all services are covered with the needed ushers.

****Please let Kenneth Roberts, Worship Chair, or one of the pastors, know if you can help with either of the above requests. As always, thank you for your willingness to serve Epworth United Methodist Church.**

JOURNEYING TOWARD JUSTICE

The Journeying Toward Justice Committee met on Sunday, March 17 to discuss the outcome of the 2019 General Conference. We are disappointed and sad that the Traditional Plan has been adopted as the official position of the UMC. Our General Conference has reaffirmed a discriminatory policy that identifies some of us as “less than.” As a Reconciling United Methodist Congregation, Epworth members seek to welcome all persons, regardless of age, race, ethnicities, disabilities, gender, gender identity or sexual orientation. Enriched by our diversity, we are all members of the family of God and equal in His eyes.

There is encouraging news. According to Helen Ryde, the Southeastern Regional Organizer for the Reconciling Ministries Network, one thousand individuals have become new Reconciling Methodists since the end of the 2019 General Conference. Many United Methodists are thinking inclusive thoughts!

More good news: A movement to build an inclusive church is forming across the North Carolina Conference of the UMC. You are encouraged to follow the link below and add your signature to this letter, “Sacred Witness NC: A Call to Action for a Fully Inclusive United Methodist Church.”

<https://goo.gl/forms/f0zJeDJUEuCQoBSh1>

You can also help by liking and sharing this Facebook page: www.facebook.com/sacredwitnessnc/

Please consider coming out to deliver these signatures to Bishop Hope Morgan Ward on Thursday, March 28 at 7:00 PM at the Conference Office in Garner. We hope Epworth will be well-represented at this public showing of support for the growing movement for an inclusive UMC. Contact Betty Matteson at ematteso@gmail.com if you need a ride, or if you can drive and have room for others.

MARCH/APRIL 2019

24 <u>3rd Sunday in Lent</u> 7:30 Praise Team Rehearsal Worship Services: 8:30, 9:00, 11:00 9:50 Sunday School 10:15 Chancel Choir 4:00 Youth Council 5:30 UMYF	25 12:30 Susanna Cir. No Tutoring No Orchestra	26 6:45 a.m. Men's Fellowship 11:00 Staff Meeting 1:30 Care Group 6:00 Yoga 6:30 Worship Committee 7:00 Boy Scouts	27 12:00 Bible Study 3:00 Prayer Group No Tutoring 6:00 Handbells 7:00 Chancel Choir	28 11:00 Bible Study 7:00 AA	29 9:30 Quilting	30
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7 <u>5th Sunday in Lent</u> 7:30 Praise Team Rehearsal Worship Services: 8:30, 9:00, 11:00 9:50 Sunday School 10:15 Chancel Choir CROP Walk	8 1:00 Book Group 3:15 Tutoring 6:00 SPPRC 7:30 Epworth Orchestra	9 6:45 a.m. Men's Fellowship 11:00 Staff Meeting 1:30 Care Group 6:00 Yoga 7:00 Boy Scouts 7:00 Outreach	10 12:00 Bible Study 3:00 Prayer Group 3:15 Tutoring 6:00 Handbells 6:30 UMMen 7:00 Chancel Choir	11 11:00 Bible Study 7:00 AA	12	13 9-12 Cantata Rehearsal 3:00 - 5:00 Easter EGGstravaganza

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.