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SOUL PURPOSE - APRIL 2022

During Lent, and as I have given much thought to many of the passages within the pages of the Book of Lamentations, I couldn't help but turn my attention and offer multiple prayers to God for the people of Ukraine and the brokenness and shedding of tears that's ongoing in the midst of their utter destruction.

To see over 2 million people; mothers, children, the elderly make their way across dismantled infrastructure will make the most hardened of hearts gently weep. To see where a tyrant nation has openly killed thousands of innocent victims is a hellish nightmare unleashed upon the entirety of God's Creation.

It was around 600 BC that Jerusalem was in the midst of similar destruction as the Babylonians pillaged both Jerusalem and the Temple, carting off all the spoils back to their city as over a million people were claimed to have died.

In their deepest sorrows the Israelites cried out to God, "We are powerless before this vast multitude that comes against us. We are at a loss what to do, hence our eyes are turned toward You"

Lamentation, a prayer for God's intervention in the midst of pain and suffering is very common. It was for the ancients, and it is for our times too.

For me, lamenting has become a critical part of my own daily devotional moments. When we are dealing with pain and suffering, when our own anxieties and stresses are rising, you and I have the opportunity to cry out to God with the full assurance that our prayers will be heard and from our history know that our pain will not last forever.

As I was in the midst of writing this column I received a call from a grieving grandmother informing me that her granddaughter had died unexpectedly this morning (March 9th). In addition to her grandmother, this young lady leaves to cherish her memory a husband,

children, a mother, extended family, and friends. This grandmother lost her husband of 62 years just 37 days ago. Again, I lament. *"Though God brings grief, we will be shown compassion; so great is God's unfailing love, for God does not willingly bring affliction or grief to anyone."*

The emotions of brokenness are real; the destruction seems to surround us, and it is during Lent that we are offered a window of time to recognize the sources of our grief and to offer ourselves to God as we lean on our Creator to comfort us in our pain.

Perhaps as individuals our pain grows deeper than we know. Perhaps as a nation our brokenness and disappointment in the face of tragedies has found a place to park and hide. Perhaps as a world we've forgotten our responsibilities in offering ourselves to our siblings from other lands that we'll never personally know. But through our prayerful lamenting may we be made fully aware that Easter is just around the corner.

Pastor Terry

what are other
words for
lamenting?



wailing, sad, mourning,
mournful, grieving, sorrowful,
sorrowing, sorrow, woeful,
lamentation





Our Sympathy Is Expressed To:

Rev. John W. Wenberg, Jr. (former pastor at EUMC) and family upon the death of his wife, **Amanda Carol Turner Wenberg** on February 27, 2022.

Grace Bellamy and family upon the death of her granddaughter, **Meredith Danielle Fronefield** on March 8, 2022.

The family and friends of **Cecil Harold "Hal" Dorton** on March 9, 2022.

The family and friends of **Rev. George Allen Jones** (former pastor at EUMC) upon his death on March 11, 2022.

The family and friends of **John "Jack" McManus** upon his death on March 19, 2022.

Jimmy Hicks and family upon the death of his sister, **Jo Lynn "Jody" Hicks Brake** on March 20, 2022.

Jerry Rodwell and family upon the death of his brother, **Thomas Pender Rodwell, Sr.** on March 22, 2022.

In Memoriam
CECIL HAROLD "HAL" DORTON
March 9, 2022

In Memoriam
REV. GEORGE ALLEN JONES
March 11, 2022

In Memoriam
JO LYNN "JODY" HICKS BRAKE
March 20, 2022

Thank You
From the family of Carol Wenberg:
With love, we express our deepest gratitude and appreciation to all the members of Englewood UMC who have reached out to us offering your prayers, support, and sympathy in the loss of our beloved Carol and during the time she so courageously battled ALS. May the Lord bless you and keep you always in His gracious care.
A celebration of Carol's life will take place on Saturday, April 9th at 2:00 p.m. outdoors at her mountain cabin home, 1314 Scenic Valley Road, Glade Valley, NC 28627. For more information and details, and especially if you plan to come, contact John at jcaawenberg@skybest.com.
Thanks.



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

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| 03 | Lois Barnes | 21 | Doug Bullock |
| 05 | Adam Hodges | 21 | Gary Green |
| 08 | Sally Spreder | 21 | Holt Hodges |
| 09 | Melissa Barbour | 21 | Patrick Holt |
| 09 | Shirley Frederick | 22 | Eric Pullen |
| 11 | Tyler Clark | 23 | Peter Varney |
| 11 | Richard Ladd | 24 | John Batts |
| 12 | Signe Ulrich | 25 | Alex Beasley |
| 13 | Blaine Corrick | 27 | Tommye Collins |
| 18 | Kimberly Murrill | 29 | Sally Zeigler |

Thank You
EUMC Family,
I want to express our genuine gratitude to the church family for reaching out to us the way you did after my husband's death. Most of you do not know us but we were taken in with love and compassion. Thank you for the prayers, cards, the meal and the flowers. Most of all, thank you for caring. Your support meant so much.
Grace Bellamy & Family

Thank You
Dear Friends,
Thank you to the Blanket/Prayer Shawl Ministry for the beautiful blanket delivered to be my Diane Marsh. Thank you church family for every kindness shown to me.
Blessings to all of you,
Jo Lynn Wilson

Thank You
Dear EUMC Family,
Thank you for making my days brighter with your calls, cards, flowers, visits and prayers. A special thanks to an EUMC angel who drove me to Greenville for a medical treatment. It was a day of fun and laughter! Sending prayers and love to all,
Joyce White

Thank You
Dear Church Friends,
Such a warm welcome that I no longer feel like a stranger.
Heartfelt "Thank You".
Betty Ann Bruner.

Thank You
Thank you for the beautiful flowers during my recent illness and for Janice Roberson for delivering them. Thank you to Barbara Batts for a previous delivery.
Shirley Frederick



UMW NEWS

- April 19 10:00 a.m. Women of the Way - Aldersgate Class Room
- April 19 6:00 p.m. Lydia's Sisters' Circle - Fellowship Hall
We will be preparing cards for church members and shut-ins.
Llewellyn Edmondson will be the hostess.

Lydia's Sisters Circle Casserole Sale

Lydia's Sisters Circle will again have their delicious frozen casseroles for sale. Signup for casseroles will be on Sunday, April 17th and Sunday, April 24th. Casseroles will be available for pick up on Sunday, May 8th in the church kitchen after worship. The casseroles are 8x8 and will cost \$12.00 each. Proceeds will be used to support local missions.



2022 FLOWER CALENDAR

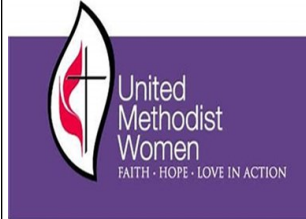
The 2022 Flower Calendar is now available for your use in reserving that special Sunday to place flowers in the sanctuary in memory of your loved ones or in honor of a special event in your family. The 2022 Flower Calendar is now online on the church website (www.inglewood-umc.com). Under the



Worship heading click on Flowers. Scroll down for instructions to use the calendar to reserve a date. Click on the Sunday you would like to provide flowers. If the date is available, provide your name, email and the message you would like placed in the bulletin regarding the person(s) or event being honored by the flowers. Click 'Submit'. You should get an email confirmation that your date has been reserved.

If you have questions or are unable to make your reservation, call the church office (252-443-2926) and we will be happy to help you. If the Sunday you would like to reserve has already been scheduled and you would like to place flowers in the narthex, please call the church office. As in the past you will receive an email or phone call reminder the week before your scheduled Sunday.

Please Note: Flowers placed in the sanctuary should be no more than 36" wide and 25" high.



Women of The Way

The Women of the Way met on March 15th in the Aldersgate Classroom. We were glad to welcome Sharon Muller and Betty Ann Bruner to our Circle today. Sharon Roth gave the

devotion on "The Ides of March/Worry". The Circle continues to support Faith Christian Ministries with food products and The Lighthouse with paper products. Members are asked to bring these products to each meeting. Rada knives are not actively being sold but orders can be placed at any time with Glenda Hortman or Sue McMillan. Terrie Buckner can be contacted to purchase dishcloths. It was decided to hold the dinner for The Lighthouse women after Easter so this will be planned at the April meeting.

We continued our Bible study of parables and Wilma Rundell led the study on Matthew 13:24-30; 36-43: The Parable of the Weeds. At the March meeting, all members are asked to read Luke 18:1-8: The Parable of the Persistent Woman.

The UMW is open to all women of the church and we invite you to come join us in the Aldersgate classroom on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 10:00 a.m.

FAITH CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES OF NASH COUNTY - APRIL NEEDS



Thank you for continuing to support this mission project by donating food to feed the hungry in Nash County. We sent approximately 1½ Love Cans to this agency last month. This agency supports all of Nash County, not just Nashville. Hunger never goes away and so many people continue to be in need, so let's step up the plate with donations. The Outreach Committee will deliver the food. You just need to drop it at the church.

Starting Sunday, April 3rd, the "Meals of the Month" donation will be **Canned Ham, Dried Beans, and Canned Greens**. There is a "Love Can" located in the area beneath the name tags in the church lobby, labeled "FCM MEALS OF THE MONTH". Please donate these items to help stock their pantry throughout the month of April. This is another wonderful opportunity for this generous congregation to help others who can't help themselves.

ATTENTION ALL 2022 HIGH SCHOOL & COLLEGE GRADUATES!

We are compiling a list and want to recognize via bulletin and newsletter all the graduates in our congregation.
The church office needs the following information on ALL graduates by May 8.

Graduate's Full Name: _____ Telephone No.: _____

Address: _____

School Attended: _____ Degree Earned: _____

College / University you plan to attend: _____

Note: If you graduated from college in December of 2021, please send us your information! We want to include you!



Pastor Terry presents a check to Emily Lemus, Executive Director of My Sister's House, for \$3, 598.60 to assist the Safe Pets Program at My Sister's House. These funds were raised through your generosity in supporting the Souper Bowl of Caring for 2022!

OUR YEAR-TO-DATE RECORD
(Thru March 28, 2022)

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Ministry Needs

	<i>Monthly Actual</i>	<i>YTD</i>
Receipts	\$30,806.08	\$105,055.71
Goal	\$35,260.00	\$105,780.00

Our 2022 General Budget includes our Missional Giving

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Maundy Thursday Worship Service

April 14th - 7:00 p.m.

Joint Service: St. Paul UMC & EUMC
Englewood UMC Sanctuary



Good Friday Worship

April 15th - 7:00 p.m.

Joint Service: EUMC & St. Paul UMC
St. Paul UMC Sanctuary

Easter Sunrise Worship

April 17th - 7:00 a.m.

Englewood UMC at Bell Tower

Easter Morning Worship

April 17th - 10:30 a.m.

Englewood UMC Sanctuary



Remember to bring live flowers to place on the cross on Easter Morning. Please arrive early to place the flowers on the cross before worship begins.



The cross will be outside at the entrance to the narthex (weather permitting).

Lay Servant / Leader Training - May 14, 2022 (Registration Closes May 9, 2022)

Led by Allen Burden, this is an overview course that provides helpful background for all laypersons in service in the church and community. It is also required for all who pursue recognition in Lay Servant Ministries. The *Lay Servant Ministries Basic Course* is a foundational course designed to equip new church leaders and renew current leaders in The United Methodist Church. It explores personal spiritual gifts, servant leadership, each leader's role in developing future leaders, the importance of consistent spiritual practices, and the core ministries of Leading, Caring, and Communicating.

Please call or email the District Office with any questions about registration: districts@nccumc.org or 919.779.9435

If you have any questions about the course, you are invited to contact Co-District Directors of Lay Servant Ministries: Allen Burden (Ga57burden@gmail.com) or Angie Thompson (athompson@nccumc.org)

AUTISM FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP EVENT

April 2nd - 10:00 a.m.
(Registration begins at 9:30 a.m.)

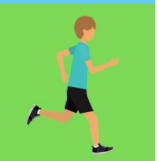
You are invited to the Twin County Autism Family Support Group Event on Saturday, April 2nd! The Twin County Autism Family Support Group is having a Special Event - Walk 'N Roll Autism Awareness Event at 10:00 a.m. at Englewood UMC. Hot wheels, bikes, wheelchairs, strollers, walkers! The cost is \$5.00 per family. There will also be a bouncy house! Water and snacks will be provided.

Volunteers are needed to greet and register those attending. All are welcome to join! Please call or text Barbara Batts, Coordinator, with any questions (252) 450-5000 or email bbatts2910@aol.com.

WALK 'N ROLL

Saturday, April 2
10:00 a.m.
Englewood UMC
Cost: \$5 per family

Supporting the Twin County Autism Family Support Group & On the Move Sensory Gym



UNITED METHODIST MEN



The Englewood United Methodist Men will meet Tuesday, April 12th, at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Our speaker will be Rocky Mount Fire Department Battalion Chief Jamie Cooke who will show a video of the QVC fire that occurred December 18th. The Rocky Mount Fire Department assisted in the control of this disastrous fire through our mutual aid agreement with Edgecombe County. This was one of the worst fires in North Carolina and I believe you will find this video and accompanying narrative very interesting.

So mark your calendars right now and make plans to come and join us. We have a great meal reasonably priced at \$5.00 (free for first time visitors). We serve dinner at 6:00 p.m. receive a brief devotion, and then introduce our speaker. We will conclude with a short business session. See you then!

Peter Varney

SENIOR ADULT FELLOWSHIP



Wednesday, April 6th at 1:00 pm. in the Fellowship Hall to Stuff Easter Eggs for Easter Egg Hunt and on

Wednesday, April 20th (noon) in the Fellowship Hall for Bingo.

Thank You

Dear Prayer Shawl Ministry,

Thank you so very much for the beautiful crocheted baby blanket given to my granddaughter, (Glenda Hortman's great-granddaughter) Marissa Jeanne Tolston.

I know love and prayers went into the making of this blanket for the one that it was made for. That gives me comfort. Again, I thank you!

Love,
Karla Hortman Willcox

Caring Card Ministry Continues

We need another Caring Card helper! Please contact Barbara Batts at 252-450-5000 if you feel called to join this group or if you need cards or stamps.

We have some permanent members we send cards to and we will send cards to any friend or person you love! Please contact Christian or Nancy with a name and address and the Caring Card members will mail a card immediately.



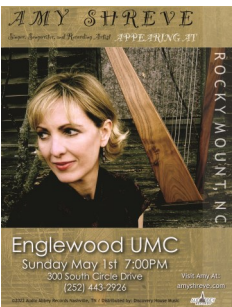
Thank You

I would like to take this opportunity to say thanks to all who sent cards, food, flowers, and visited me after surgery. A special thanks to my sister, Barbara Batts, for being with me every day.

It's so nice to watch the worship services online since I can't be there. Thanks for all the prayer.

Sara Atkins

Englewood United Methodist Church to Host FREE Concert



Singer/Songwriter, Amy Shreve will perform in concert at Englewood UMC on **May 1, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.** Amy Shreve is a professional harpist, and will be joined by her husband and producer, Gary Wixtrom, backing her with guitars and mandolin. Amy has performed on stage as early as five years old. At eleven she began mastering the harp.

Graduating with a music degree from Wheaton College, Illinois, Amy landed in Nashville to pursue a music career, first

signing a recording contract with Sparrow Records where she was immediately signed as a staff writer at Birdwing Music where she honed her skill as a writer.

She has opened for Larry Carlton and Michael McDonald, performed at the National Radio Broadcasters and Praise Gathering, and has worked with Tommy Sims (Bruce Springsteen), Norbert Putnam (Dan Fogelberg), Brian Hardon (Motown), and Peter York (EMI). Amy has recorded sixteen albums and was nominated for a Dove Award. Her musical influences Michael Card, Counting Crows, Lifehouse, Evanescence and several Irish artists including Enya have been instrumental in helping her develop her musical style. Co-writing and arranging with her husband has added a pop element to the music. The result is an appealing alternative sound.

Amy tours the United States, Canada, and Europe and speaks and performs at churches, universities, and conferences, including leading worship at over 200 conferences for 'The Voice of the Martyrs'. The concert is free. A love offering will be received. All are welcome.

GUIDELINES FOR DEALING WITH HOMELESS ON PROPERTY OF EUMC

- DO answer with a firm NO if you are asked for money.
- DO treat homeless with respect, realizing that only a small portion of those asking for money are actually homeless.
- DO offer information on where they can get help, including
 - Faith Christian Ministries*
 - The Salvation Army*
 - Christ Centered Assistance Network (Christ C.A.N.)*
 - Nash County Social Services*
 - Edgecombe County Social Services*
- DO make donations to the above mentioned entities that have a proven track record in assisting the homeless.
- DO contact your City Council representative with your concerns.
- DON'T confront any of the homeless directly; contact the church office or a member of the Trustees and alert them to the issue.
- DON'T assume you're making a difference when you give to those seeking assistance.
- DO pray for the homeless.

We don't know the reasons for their situations;
Remember always that Jesus said:

"Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me" (Matthew 25:40,45).



Easter Egg Hunt

Easter Egg Hunt

It's time for our annual Easter Egg Hunt!! All children and families are invited to join us on Saturday, April 9th at 10:00 a.m. for this fun event. We'll tell the Easter story together using an interactive craft, then we'll have our Easter Egg Hunt, and finish the morning off with more games and crafts. Don't forget to invite your friends!!

Here are some ways our church family can help:

- Donate candy for the eggs by Wednesday, April 6th (individually wrapped candy only, and smaller sizes work better for the eggs)
- Come help us stuff the eggs at the Senior Adult Fellowship on Wednesday, April 6th at 1:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall
- Volunteer for the day of the event - we can always use adult volunteers to help hide eggs, supervise the hunt, and help with games and crafts!



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Mark your calendars for June 12-16 when we'll be embarking on a "Monumental" adventure at Vacation Bible School!! VBS will meet on Sunday-Thursday of that week from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. We'll have a wonderful time of worship, games, crafts, music, and Bible stories - all focused on the life of Joseph and how he teaches us to follow God faithfully, no matter what! You don't want to miss this! If you're interested in volunteering as an adult leader this week, please see Savanna.



APRIL IS AUTISM AWARENESS AND ACCEPTANCE MONTH

Pictured is Sandy Roberson, Mayor of Rocky Mount presenting a plaque to Barbara Batts and Christian Davenport on behalf of Twin County Autism Family Support Group and Englewood United Methodist Church on the occasion of Autism Acceptance Month which is April 1 - 30, 2022.

Yard Sale / Bake Sale

It's time for some spring cleaning! Our spring yard sale is just around the corner (Saturday, May 7th), and the youth are collecting donations of items to sell. Please bring your donations and drop them off in Room 5 or the room behind the stage. All proceeds from the yard sale will benefit the Youth Mission Fund, helping to support our summer mission projects both local and abroad.

In addition to the yard sale, the youth are also accepting donations of baked goods for a bake sale! If you are able to bake cakes, cookies, muffins, brownies, or other goodies, please bring your items to the church kitchen by Friday May 6th.



Children's Sunday School

Children 5th grade and younger are invited to join us on the children's hall for a time of learning, fellowship, and fun on Sunday mornings at 9:30! Our younger children will have a special activity in our nursery, while our older children journey through the Bible one week at a time.



Our theme for April is HOLY WEEK. Here's what we'll be learning about each week:

Date	Topic	Helper
April 3	Peter's Denial (Matthew 26:69-75)	Gary & Linda Green
April 10	Palm Sunday (John 12:12-19)	Jeannie Gibbs
April 17	Easter (John 20:1-18)	Rita Vickers
April 24	Breakfast on the Beach (John 21:1-19)	Debbie High

Children's Church



Our children and adult leaders are having such a wonderful time learning about God's Word in Children's Church during worship on Sunday mornings! Children are invited to join us in worship with their families at 10:30 a.m. After a special children's message just for them, our children can go back to the children's hall for more awesome activities! Parents can pick up children on the children's hall after worship ends.

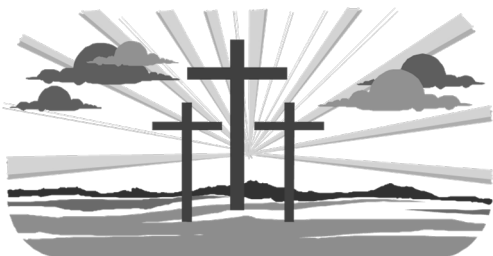
Children's Church Schedule

In Children's Church we're learning about important stories in the Bible that help us understand God better. Together we'll learn what God is like, what God wants from us, and how, if we are willing, God can do great things through us!

April 3	40 Years in the Wilderness	Beth Ezzell
April 10	Joshua & the Walls of Jericho	Phyllis Woodley & Kenan Mills
April 17	Deborah Leads an Army	Jessica Ezzell
April 24	Hannah Gives Away Baby Samuel	Savanna Becker

Saturday Morning CAFE (Children And Families @ Englewood)

Our next Saturday Morning CAFE will be on May 21st at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall! (We will not have a CAFE in April because of the Easter Egg Hunt.) Our theme for May is "The Best Summer Ever!" We'll use some of our favorite things from summer to teach us about God's love and how we can honor him all summer long. Come and enjoy games, snack, crafts, and Bible lesson for the whole family. We'll also do a service project together. We hope all of our EUMC families with children will join us!



**The deadline for receiving
information to be included in the
MAY Newsletter
is Wednesday, April 20th**

UMYF APRIL SCHEDULE

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>April 3</i>	9:30 am 4:00 pm 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Sunday School & Worship Confirmation Class Youth Group
<i>Sunday</i>	<i>April 10</i>	9:30 am 4:00 pm 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Sunday School & Worship Confirmation Class Youth Group
<i>Sunday</i>	<i>April 17</i>	9:30 am 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Sunday School & Confirmation Service Youth Group
<i>Sunday</i>	<i>April 24</i>	9:30 am 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Sunday School & Worship Youth Group

UMYF Dinner Signups

Our UMYF meets on Sundays from 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. for dinner, Bible study, games, and fellowship. If you are able to provide a meal for our UMYF one Sunday evening, our group would really appreciate your help! You can either bring the meal or donate financially toward our meal fund. The sign-up list is in the church lobby. Thank you for your ongoing support of our UMYF!

<u>Date</u>	<u>Theme</u>	<u>Provided By</u>
April 3	Pasta	Lin Varney
April 10	Picnic Food	_____
April 17	Comfort Food	_____
April 24	Baked Potato Bar	_____



Confirmation Update

On March 25-27 our Confirmation class attended a retreat at The Refuge Retreat Center in Ayden, NC. Our four Confirmands, along with adult leaders, had an awesome weekend as we joined with other Confirmation groups to learn more about who God is and who he has called us to be. We worshiped together, studied the Apostle's Creed, played games, and did team-building activities. This group has learned a lot and grown in their faith over the past several weeks. We look forward to officially confirming them during worship on Easter Sunday, April 17th, at our 10:30 a.m. service!

