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What's the Hope in Resurrection?

Jesus said to her, "Don't hold on to me, for I haven't yet gone up to my Father." John 20:17

I cling to things. WE cling to things. As spring finally arrives and the pollen unleashes its fury, it is time, once again, for a little spring cleaning. Maybe you're in my boat, too. You take a look around the house and ask yourself, "Where has all this junk come from?" And yet, the moment we start to part with some of it, a list of reasons pop up in my head for why this and that needs to stay. "Hey! The boys played with it this one time and now it's always marked as precious." Or, "I know I've never used this, but the moment I give it away or sell it, I'm sure I'll end up needing it again." We worked for this stuff. We saved for this stuff. We cling to this stuff.

One of the things we sometimes leave out of our Easter messages is the need to let go of things. Yes, the message of Easter is all about that empty tomb and eternal life through Christ. But it's also about resurrection and NEW life. For that resurrection and new life to happen, we need to be ready to let go. Old ways need to stay buried within the tomb.

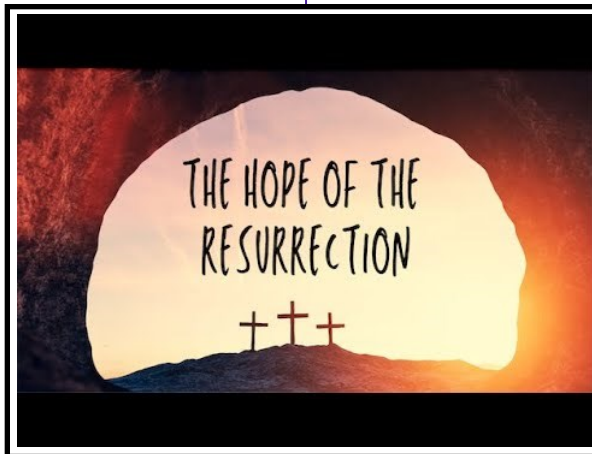
We have a constant fear of losing. As membership in churches declines, jobs are lost, and lives uprooted, we fear the change and the loss that comes with it. And yet, as Christians and followers of the Crucified Christ it's in change and loss that our Savior thrives. As weird as it

may sound, failure, defeat, and death are never the end of the story, but a place where we are called to thrive. And so clinging to what we have can never be the end game. You'll recall the Easter message of Jesus to Mary not to hold on to him. She needs to let go. We can't hold on. Because letting go is where God is at work.

What do you need to let go of? Where do you feel God calling you to grow and what is standing in your way? Maybe it's time to forget fears of past failures. Perhaps the time is now to stop mourning the inevitable change on the horizon, the loss of an old way of life. As we survey the church we love, the building and the people, know that the only way forward is to let go of our ownership. We have to be prepared to say farewell to the way we've always done things or our own vision for the sake of a new vision.

Do not be afraid. How many times do we hear that in scripture? A lot. And why? Because even death could not contain Jesus. As followers of the Risen Christ, death will not contain us, either. So stop clinging! Be prepared to let go, to let things pass on, because it is in that death that the miracle of resurrection takes place.

Pastor Nathan



In Our Thoughts & Prayers

Our Sympathy Is Expressed To:

Tom & Lea Ann Nichols and family upon the death of Tom's sister, **Barbara J. Kapusta** on March 8, 2023.

Rev. Terry & Jane Williams and family upon the death of Terry's mother, **Virginia Lee Williams** on March 22, 2023.

Birth

Congratulations to

Cory & Secola Seigh
upon the birth of their daughter,
Elizabeth Devedia Jean Seigh

on February 22, 2023.

Grandparents are **Cornell & Rev. Dale Sneed**.



To Pastor Nathan and the Congregation,
You supported Rachel in life with your visits, cards, flowers, blankets and BINGO. She probably took a Bingo card with her. She loved all of you because you gave her sunshine when days were gloomy.

You supported our family with phone calls, cards, food, support, visits and love while we prepared to let her go to her heavenly home.

Thank you so much and may God Bless you all, for you have been a blessing to us.

Earl, Judy and Billy

Dear Prayer Shawl / Blanket Ministry,
Thank you so much for the **BEAUTIFUL** prayer shawl, and for all the prayers during my healing.

With love,
Jr & Libbi Baker

Members of EUMC,
We would like to express our sincere gratitude for your kindness and support during the passing of James' father. The flowers, meals, calls, texts and cards were much appreciated. We thank God for blessing us with such a wonderful church family.

James, Leslie and Abby

Prayer Shawl Ministry,
Thank you for the beautiful Prayer Blanket you sent to my brother, Lester Baker, Jr., after his heart bypass surgery. It has been almost 3 weeks since his surgery and he is doing great. Your thoughts and prayers were very much appreciated and meant a lot to my brother and to my family.
Thanks again.

Blessings,
Brenda & Jack Ellis

Caring Card Ministry

If you have greeting cards that you would like to share, please bring them to the table outside of the church office. We need many types including get-well, thinking of you and sympathy. Thank you for helping with this very meaningful mission! The Caring Card Ministry is very busy!



Happy Birthday!

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

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

Congratulations to
Devyn Louise Voorheis
and
Darren Matthew Fogarty
who were united in marriage
on March 31, 2023 at
The Bradford in New Hill, North Carolina.
Devyn is the daughter of Jeff & Linda Voorheis.
Darren is the son of Daniel & Martha Fogarty.

HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE



Maundy Thursday Worship Service

April 6th - 7:00 p.m.

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

Good Friday Worship

April 7th - 7:00 p.m.

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



Easter Sunrise Worship

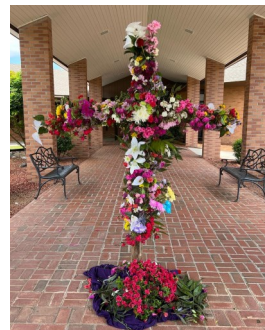
April 9th - 7:00 a.m.

Englewood UMC at Bell Tower

Easter Morning Worship

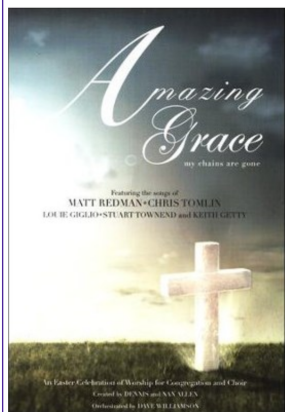
April 9th - 10:30 a.m.

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).



Palm Sunday

An Easter Celebration
of Worship

Englewood UMC Chancel Choir

April 2, 2023

10:30 a.m.

Sanctuary



United
Women
in Faith

United Women in Faith News

- April 18 10:00 a.m. Women of the Way Circle -
Aldersgate Classroom
- April 18 6:00 p.m. Lydia's Sisters' Circle -
Fellowship Hall
- The program will be given by
Christian Davenport about her
mission trip to Las Vegas
Hostesses will be Susan Hayes and
Llewellyn Edmondson



PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

- Tuesday, April 4 10:00 am - 12:00 pm Church Parlor (Blankets)
- Tuesday, April 11 10:00 am - 12:00 pm Church Parlor (Shawls)

Shawls and blankets will be placed on the altar rail for blessing on Sunday, April 9th.

Do you know someone who would be comforted by receiving a Prayer Shawl or a Blanket? Forms are available on the table outside the church office for you to request shawls/blankets. You may call the church office at 252-443-2926.

You may also contact Betty Poplin at 252-985-0950.



Women of The Way Circle

The Women of the Way Circle met March 21st in the Fellowship Hall. Sharon Roth gave the devotion "There is No Christ Without the Cross". The context was taken from Matthew 16:13-17; 21-23. This scripture tells us that Christ is the Messiah and that His death was a willing submission for the sake of us all and if you take the cross away from Christ, you strip Him of His mission.

The speaker today was Christian Davenport, EUMC's office administrator. She spoke on her October mission trip to Las Vegas with Englewood Baptist Church. This church has planted two churches in this city which they support: Favor City Church and Walk Church. As in many cities, homelessness in Las Vegas is a major problem. While in Las Vegas, this group helped feed the homeless, worked with Lovewell Church, worked with Project 150 whose goal is to keep high school students in school, and assisted with inventory at a medical clinic for pregnancy and newborns.

In addition to our circle members, several women of the Lighthouse and their Director were in attendance. The circle continues to support Faith Christian Ministries with food products and The Lighthouse with paper products. Two circle member will be selling dishcloth bunnies at the upcoming Lydia's Sisters' Circle Tea.

On Tuesday even, March 28th, the circle will host a dinner for the ladies of The Lighthouse in the Fellowship Hall.

At the April meeting on April 18th, we will be packing health kits for the MERCI Center and members were asked to bring hand towels, nail clippers, and metal nail files. This Circle meets monthly on the 3rd Tuesday at 10:00 a.m. in the Aldersgate Classroom. All women of the church are invited to join us.



ENGLEWOOD UNITED METHODIST MEN

The Englewood United Methodist Men will meet on Tuesday, April 11th at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Our speaker will be Dr. Lew Hunnicutt, president of Nash Community College, who will give a presentation on a joint venture between Nash County Public Schools and the Community College called the WIN Academy. This is an initiative directed at students who are graduating from high school who do not plan to go to college and who are ready to enter the workforce. The WIN Academy is intended to prepare the students for entering the workforce here and help them find some direction in their future careers. Both Dr. Hunnicutt and Dr. Steve Ellis, Superintendent of Nash County Schools are passionate about this initiative.

Sound interesting? Then I urge you to mark your calendar and plan to attend. Earl Overton will prepare a wonderful meal for us, very reasonably priced at \$5.00 (free for first time visitors). We will begin at 6:00 p.m. with a meal, receive a brief devotion, and then hear from Dr. Hunnicutt. See you then!

Peter Varney

ATTENTION ALL 2023 HIGH SCHOOL & COLLEGE GRADUATES!

We are compiling a list and want to recognize all the graduates in our congregation during worship on June 11, 2023. **The church office needs the following information on ALL graduates by May 14.**

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 2022, please send us your information! We want to include you!



SENIOR ADULT FELLOWSHIP

The Senior Adult Fellowship will meet in the Fellowship Hall for Bingo at 12:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 5th, followed by Stuffing Easter Eggs at 1:30 p.m. We will return to our regular schedule for Bingo at 12:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 19th.

THURSDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY - April 13th at 7:00 p.m.

The Thursday Evening Bible Study resumes on April 13th as we ponder together how we keep bumping into God's grace and love. We are learning about just how much God loves us, what our history has been, how our heritage has been formed, and how our faith and understanding have grown. I am always interested in knowing what YOU would like to study. Please join us, share with us, as we learn together. We will be looking at the Apostle Peter - and it appears that Peter may join us for part of the evening.

Rev. Doug Geeting, Retired UMC Pastor (dgeeting@me.com) (540) 841-2900



FAITH CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES OF NASH COUNTY - APRIL NEEDS

Thank you for your continued support of this mission project by donating food to feed the hungry in Nash County. We only sent 1 can of much needed food 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 please continue to step up to the plate with donations. The Outreach Committee will deliver the food. You just need to drop it at the church.



Starting Sunday, April 2nd, 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.

2023 FLOWER CALENDAR



The 2023 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 2023 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.

CELEBRATE WINTER

All Ages (3-12) Winter 2021-22



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 RESURRECTION! Here's what we'll be learning about each week:

Date	Topic	Helper
April 2	Palm Sunday (Mark 11:1-11)	Jeannie Gibbs
April 9	Easter (Luke 24:1-12)	Rita Vickers
April 16	Emmaus (Luke 24:13-35)	Debbie High
April 23	Thomas (Luke 20:19-31)	Linda Pridgen
April 30	Fifth Sunday Fellowship	



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. During Children's Church time, we have a Nursery for infants through Pre-K and Children's Church for K-5th Grade.

Children's Church Schedule

This year in Children's Church we're going on a Bible Hero Adventure, focusing on a different hero in the Bible each month and what they teach us about God. These imperfect people will point us to our perfect Savior, Jesus, who loves us all and can use all of us to serve God's kingdom! In April we're learning all about MOSES!

Date	Topic	Leader
April 2	God's plan keeps us safe! (Exodus 2:1-10)	Beth Ezzell
April 9	Easter!	Phyllis Woodley
April 16	God takes our weaknesses and gives us strength (Exodus 7:10-8:21)	Savanna Becker
April 23	God makes the impossible possible (Exodus 14:10-31)	Jessica Ezzell
April 30	God's commandments keep us safe (Deuteronomy 5:4-22)	Savanna Becker

Saturday Morning CAFE (Children And Families @ Englewood)

Our Saturday Morning CAFE (Children And Families @ Englewood) is an opportunity for our children and their families to get together and explore our faith in fresh ways. The CAFE is for families with children in 5th grade and younger, and is designed for grownups to stay and enjoy the activities with us.

Our next CAFE will be on Saturday, May 20th at 10:00 a.m. and our theme is Creation! We'll learn about how God made the whole world - including us! - and we'll have plenty of games, snacks, and other activities that focus on our theme. We hope we'll see all of our children and families there!

As a reminder, we will not have a CAFE in April because of our Easter Egg Hunt. The CAFE will also not meet in June or July because of VBS and Art Camp. We have so many special things comping up for our families!



TWIN COUNTY AUTISM FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP FUNDRAISER

SATURDAY, APRIL 29, 2023 AT 10:00 A.M.



Autism Family Support Groups

We are so excited to spread the word to our church and community about our Twin County Autism Family Support Group Fundraiser! Our plans are underway to Celebrate on April 29th at 10:00 a.m. We will have a time for movement and bouncing in our Bouncy House. There will be face painting, music and the Giddy Up Food Truck. All ages are invited, and you can bring your wheels, bikes, wagons, feet! Just come and be happy to celebrate our Englewood Group and Our new Bailey Group at La Hermosa Church!!

If you come and participate it is only \$5.00 per family. We are planning for our future to support our meetings, provide needed items for members and support our church outreach!

Please be a part of this special morning. If you can't come, then just purchase our new T-Shirt for any donation amount!!! Wear it proudly and spread the word that our church is a place for families to find information and support. Call Barbara Batts (252-450-5000) with questions.



Fifth Sunday Fellowship Breakfast

We will have a Fifth Sunday Fellowship Breakfast on Sunday, April 30th at 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. You are invited to bring a breakfast food or drink item to share and join us for a great time of fellowship and a fun program together!

BAKE SALE

During the yard sale on Saturday, May 6th, our Children’s Ministry will be selling baked goods, biscuits, hot dogs, snack items, and drinks to support our Children’s Ministry Fund!



If you would like to contribute baked goods such as cookies, brownies, cakes, muffins, or other goodies for the children to sell, please bring them to the church kitchen before May 6th. Thank you for supporting our children!

YARD SALE

It’s time for some spring cleaning! Our spring yard sale is just around the corner on Saturday, May 6th, and our youth are collecting donations of items to sell. Please bring your donations to Room 5 (“The Rock”) on the Fellowship Hall hallway; larger items such as furniture can be placed in the room behind the stage. (**Note: Please do not leave yard sale items in the youth room.**) All proceeds from the yard sale will benefit the Youth Mission Fund, helping to support the awesome summer experiences we have planned for our youth!



Outside spaces (parking space) may be rented for \$10.00 each in the church office during office hours (Monday thru Thursday).



Vacation Bible School June 12-15 | 5:30-8:00 p.m.

Mark your calendars for an out-of-this-world adventure at Stellar VBS!! On June 12th-15th from 5:30-8:00 each night, we’ll go on an intergalactic adventure to explore God’s awesome creation, learn about God’s love that’s bigger than the whole universe, and discover how we can shine Jesus’ light in our world! Registration is open online for

children who have completed 5th grade and younger: www.inglewood-umc.com/vbs.

Grownups can join us on this amazing adventure too!! How can you help?

- Sign up to help the week of VBS as a crew leader, station leader, food coordinator, photographer, or registration helper
- Donate supplies and food items (lists are in the church lobby)
- Invite children you know to participate
- PRAY for us as we’re preparing and for everyone who will experience this week with us!

MARCH TRUSTEE COMMITTEE MEETING



Your Board of Trustees met on March 21, 2023 and looked at areas of our church needing attention and planned for the future of projects enhancing our ministries.

We are asking any group that knows of items that our church is not using to let one of us know so that we can see if another church might use them. We would like to do a little Spring cleaning!

You may have seen that the east parking lot has been opened in a space outside of the office. We recently had a sewer issue, and it has been resolved.

We are encouraging all members to be careful in entering or leaving the church. Please make sure the doors are closed. Volunteers are helping to secure the building and welcome those entering at the Fellowship Hall entrance.

We welcome anyone to become a Sunday Volunteer. Please let Barbara Batts or other trustees know of your willingness.

Trustees are: Jack Ellis, Lea Ann Nichols, Lee Pullen, Jerry Lee Ezzell, Lisa Hicks, Terry Woodley, Brian Collins, Janet Hagan, and Barbara Batts.



UMYF APRIL SCHEDULE

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>April 2</i>	9:30 am 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Sunday School & Worship Confirmation Class Youth Group
<i>Sunday</i>	<i>April 9</i>	9:30 am 10:30 am	Sunday School Worship & Confirmation Service <i>No Youth Group Tonight</i>
<i>Sunday</i>	<i>April 16</i>	9:30 am 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Sunday School & Worship Youth Group
<i>Sunday</i>	<i>April 23</i>	9:30 am 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Sunday School & Worship Youth Group
<i>Sunday</i>	<i>April 30</i>	9:30 am 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Sunday School & Worship Youth Group
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>May 6</i>	7:00 am	Yard Sale Fundraiser

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 2	Pasta	_____
April 9	No Meal Needed	_____
April 16	Picnic Food	_____
April 23	Baked Potato Bar	_____
April 30	Pizza	_____



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



EASTER EGG HUNT - APRIL 8TH

It's time for our annual Easter Egg Hunt! All children and families are invited to join us on Saturday, April 8th at 10:00 a.m. for this fun event. We'll hear the Easter story together, hunt for Easter eggs, and finish the morning off with 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 April 5th(individually wrapped candy only, and smaller candy fits better in the eggs)
- Come help us stuff the eggs on Wednesday, April 5th at 1:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall (*after Senior Adult Fellowship*).
- Volunteer for the day of the event - We can always use adult volunteers to hide the eggs, supervise the egg hunt, and help with games and crafts!



On Saturday, April 1st, our Confirmation Class will participate in a retreat to The Refuge Retreat Center in Ayden, NC. During the retreat we will learn more about the foundations of our faith, grew stronger as a group, worship together, and made our own Confirmation stoles!

Please pray for this group as we continue in the Confirmation experience. **Our very special Confirmation service will take place on Sunday, April 9th (Easter Sunday) during our 10:30 a.m. worship service.**