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SOUL PURPOSE - FEBRUARY 2021

February? Already? Seems like we just took down the Christmas decorations and already we're searching store aisles or skimming online for the best deals on Russell Stover Candies, Dolce & Gabbana Garden Eau de Parfum, or we're dialing 1.800.FLOWERS for deals on Black Box Roses. Let's face it...when February strikes, our hearts are hit by a chord reminding us that Valentine's Day is quickly approaching. Valentine's Day featuring Cupid and reminders that love is in the air.

Now, for our purposes, let's consider that word, love. What is love and what does scripture have to say about it?

First, there are three ways of expressing love:

Eros, which refers to physical or sexual love.
Think, erotic.

Philos, which is a warm affection or friendship.
Think, Philadelphia, City of Brotherly Love.

And we have *Agapē* love which is the sacrificial, unconditional love of God. Not that the other forms of love are not important, but *Agapē* love is the highest form of love of all.

It seems that in the English language we don't often speak of the different kinds of love; we simply say, "I love you" whether talking to a friend, neighbor, partner, or spouse. We trivialize the word by such comments as, "I love the cheese biscuits at Oak Level" or "I love spending time in the mountains or at the beach."

Seems to me, the Greeks had a better idea. Rather than lumping things of love all together, they broke it out into the various ways of describing it, making it feel more special.

And that makes sense. The love I feel for family is surely different than the love I felt for my favorite college professor or the love I feel for my chocolate Labrador, not to mention the love I have for M&M's.

Hollywood has ruined us when it comes to love because we all fantasize about romantic love that we actually miss out on other aspects of love that may be more fulfilling.

When it came to *Eros*, or an erotic love, the kind we see featured on the big screen, the Greeks actually feared that kind of love because of the loss of control that is often generated by our heightened emotions.

Surprisingly, many of the Greeks actually saw *Philos* love as the love which is most ideal. Uncomplicated, to love our parents, children, or best friends seems to come without some of the potential emotions *Eros* or *Agapē* can deliver.

But, *Agapē*? Man, that's something words can hardly describe. *Agapē* love is the love inside us that we give freely to others, regardless of our relationship to them. The whole idea of *agape* love is that we don't need to even have met the other person, but we still want to help them, cooperate with them, or actively offer to them a freedom to love us back without reservation.

According to the Apostle Paul, and who of us would ever think he had this in error:

⁴Love is patient; love is kind. Love isn't envious, doesn't boast, brag, or strut about. There's no arrogance in love; ⁵it's never rude, crude, or indecent—it's not self-absorbed. Love isn't easily upset. Love doesn't tally wrongs ⁶or celebrate injustice; but truth—yes, truth—is love's delight! ⁷Love puts up with anything and everything that comes along; it trusts, hopes, and endures no matter what. ⁸Love will never become obsolete.

1st Corinthians 13:4-8

So, friends, welcome to February. As you celebrate the month, remember to think of gifts found in the ways to love. It's a pretty powerful thing to give while expecting nothing in return.

Shalom and Chen...

Pastor Terry





Our Sympathy Is Expressed To:

Carole Coats, Phyllis Coats, Robbie & Gusty Coats and their family upon the death of Carole's sister, **Viola Tolson Ward** on December 11, 2020, the death of Carole's niece, **Marsha Davis Jones** on December 12, 2020 and the death of Carole's brother, **Phillip Wayne Brown** on December 27, 2020.

Rod & Terrie Buckner and family upon the death of Rod's mother, **Loraine Olive Scholle Buckner** on December 24, 2021.

David & Laura Earp and Carol & T. B. Ludwig and their families upon the death of David and Carol's uncle, **John E. "Mac" McDonald** on December 24, 2021.

Pat Bunn and Annette Bunn and their families upon the death of Pat's husband and Annette's brother, **Robert Marcus Bunn, Jr.** on January 4, 2021.

Patsy & Milton Dickens and Barbara & John Langley and their families upon the deaths of Patsy and Barbara's sisters, **Lynda Pullen Fisher** on December 26, 2020 and **Marie Pullen Perritt** on January 9, 2021.

Christian & Wayne Davenport and family upon the death of their aunt, **Agnes O'Dess Spear Wiggins** on January 10, 2021.



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

01	Roger Winstead	14	Darren Fogarty
02	Patsy McClintock	14	Caroline Kann
05	Chet Rains	14	Kamdyn Strickland
05	Robert Templeton	15	Savanna Becker
06	Kathryn Yarbrough	15	Scott Boyd
07	Milton Dickens	15	Lynn Bradley
08	Ethan Ayers	15	Macie Collins
10	Terrie Buckner	15	Crayton Overton
10	Matthew Shafer	16	Adam Becker
12	Grace Bellamy	17	Linda Hughes
13	Rod Buckner	19	Denise Boswell
13	Carolyn Clay	19	Sylvia Overton
13	Robert Johnston	21	Mae Carroll
13	Harry Matthews	23	Jack Ellis
14	Margaret Bass	25	T. B. Ludwig
14	Lou Edmondson	28	Courtney Redd

OUR YEAR-TO-DATE RECORD

(Thru December 31, 2020)

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

	<u>Ministry Needs</u>	
	<i>Monthly Actual</i>	<i>YTD</i>
Receipts	\$39,510.06	\$414,069.47
Goal	\$35,253.17	\$423,038.00

Our 2020 General Budget includes our Missional Giving

In Memoriam

ROBERT MARCUS BUNN, JR.

January 4, 2021

Thank You

Englewood United Methodist Church,

A note to thank everyone for the cards and phone calls when my brother Rodgers Baker, Jr. died in Lancaster, South Carolina. I was able to go to the service thanks to my sons.

Ruby Hearne

Thank You

Englewood United Methodist Church,

Thank you so much for your prayers, cards, calls, food and donations made in memory of Charles M. Johnson. We were blessed to have Dad for 99 years. He was truly amazing. Thank you again.

In Christian Love,
The Family of Charles M. Johnson

Thank You

Dear Friends at Englewood,

What a wonderful church we have and I am so glad to be a part of it. I have had so many acts of love shown me in the last few weeks...here are a few:

I have received numerous amounts of cards and phone calls. I really appreciate each and every one of them. They are so uplifting.

The Flower Ministry is such a wonderful ministry. They always brighten your day. It's great to open your door and see one of your friends smiling while handing you flowers—that is so special.

Thanks to Nancy Mooring for a beautiful blanket made by her own hands. Thanks Nancy, I love it.

I am also excited to have received a beautiful blanket made by my friends at the Prayer Shawl Ministry! Thanks to all of you. I know your items are prayed over several times. I can feel your prayers and warmth every time I use mine.

Please continue to pray for me as my recovery is slow.

Thanks.

Love to all,
Glenda Hortman

2020 **OUTREACH** SUCCESSES

The Outreach Committee, in spite of the pandemic, continued to work in 2020 to reach out to help those in need in multiple ways. We only had limited in person meetings but we did a lot via email and telephone. While we had to cancel some mission opportunities, there were still multiple opportunities offered to this congregation to participate in ministries outside the church walls.

We offered several ongoing ministries in which **YOU** were involved.

- Faith Christian Ministries – You donated 2 to 3 boxes of food and requested supplies monthly.
- Compassion Café – We have 6 teams but had to suspend this mission project due to the pandemic in March.
- Autism Support Group - In spite of the pandemic this outreach mission continued to offer support to these families.
- First Contact Ministry – Designated persons delivered peanuts and a welcome packet to all new visitors until we were unable to meet in person.
- MERCI Center – We worked at this warehouse in Goldsboro until the pandemic shut it down.
- UMW, UMM, and UMYF are also arms of Outreach.

Now let's review the various ministries that this committee planned and **YOU** supported in 2020.

- January** Souper Bowl of Caring (**YOU** donated enough money that allowed Canines for Service to rescue two dogs WESLEY and TABITHA, purchase needed equipment, and support their training so that they can be given to Veterans who need a support dog)
- Compassion Café -the Seekers and Wesleyan SS class members provided and served a meal)
- February** Souper Bowl of Caring Luncheon (held a luncheon for which the congregation provided the food after church to celebrate our success in rescuing two dogs who will rescue two veterans)
- May** We picked up 2000# of sweet potatoes at the MERCI Center and with the help of EUMC members, the committee bagged and distributed them to various agencies in Rocky Mount.
- July** We picked up 1200# of food boxes at the MERCI Center and distributed them to various agencies.
- September** In lieu of AGAPE Christmas boxes, **YOU** donated over \$2500 to Armenia.
- October** On two Mondays this month, we picked up 38 boxes of produce and then 45 boxes at the MERCI Center. Each box contained 30.5# of Grade A vegetables (the same as you find in your grocery store), milk, eggs, and cottage cheese. These were distributed to various agencies and 3 EUMC families.
- November** We asked you to support 10 children for the ANGEL TREE Ministry and thanks to multiple EUMC Angels and the Koinonia Sunday School class, we provided support for over 35 children.
- December** We asked you to support Peacemaker's Christmas Store by donating 50 new unwrapped toys. Again you met the challenge and went beyond by donating around 65 toys.

Considering all the restrictions under which we have had to work this year, I think this is a very impressive list of ways EUMC reached out beyond the walls of our church. **YOU**, the congregation, should be proud of all you do.

It has been a great privilege for me to work with the dedicated members of this committee for 8 years. The name of the committee has changed a couple times over the years and the faces of the committee members have changed periodically, but the love for and the dedication to help others has stayed constant. You couldn't ask for a better, more, hard working group of Christians who truly care about others than our Outreach Committee members. I truly cherish each of you. Lastly, I want to thank **YOU**, the EUMC congregation, who has always stepped up to help, over and above the things Outreach has presented to you. **YOU** are a generous and caring congregation. As I step down from chair of Outreach, I know **YOU** will continue to support the various missions that will be presented to you in 2021 and beyond because that is what **YOU** do!!



Sharon Roth

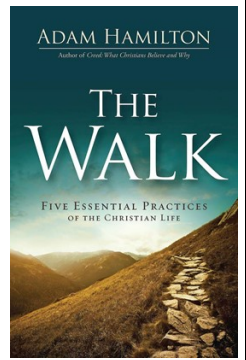
EUMC Book Club

Our EUMC Book Club will meet again on Monday, March 22nd at 7:00 p.m. to discuss our second reading selection of the year: *The Walk: Five Essential Practices of the Christian Life* by Adam Hamilton. This book will help guide us into the season of Lent.

There are three copies of each of our books for 2021 in the church library on the UMW shelf. Feel free to check them out to read and return them when finished. You can also purchase your own copy (the books are all available on Amazon).

Everyone is welcome to participate! Our March meeting will be on Zoom. Here is the meeting link and information:

- Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86105197170?pwd=LOF2eTZoMVlpb1RxWmt2VUV3dXVldz09>
- Meeting ID: 861 0519 7170
- Passcode: 204722



The deadline for receiving information to be included in the MARCH Newsletter is February 18th

Women of the Way

The Women of the Way Circle invites everyone to donate paper towels, toilet paper, tissues, etc. to The Lighthouse. You may bring them to the church on Sunday or during the week.

Please contact Jeannie Gibbs for more information.



Thank You!

Thank You

We can't thank our wonderful church family enough for all of your support and encouragement while Adam was in training. Your prayers really helped us get through a challenging season. You've touched our lives in amazing ways during this time, and we truly don't know what we would have done without you! We especially want to thank the United Methodist Men for donating peanuts to send to Adam's training class at Christmas - a little taste of home was just what he needed, and everyone (of course) loved the delicious peanuts. We've always loved being part of the Englewood UMC family, but never as much as we have over the past five months. We love you!

Adam and Savanna Becker

Thank You

My thanks to the Flower Ministry for the beautiful flowers delivered by Sharon Dunn after my hand surgery.

Your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated.

Linda Hughes

Thank You

I want to thank the Flower Ministry for the flowers delivered to me by Brenda Andrews. After the passing of my brother, Robert Bunn, they made a bright spot in my day.

Love,
Annette Bunn

Thank You

I want to thank you for the pretty vase of flowers. I have to say if I hadn't opened my front door I wouldn't have known they were there. What a nice surprise regency I did open it.

Thanks again for remembering me.

Sara Atkins

Thank You

Dear Prayer Shawl/Blanket Ministry,

Thank you so much for my prayer shawl and all the prayers. It is always by my side. I wish you and all your members a blessed Christmas.

Sincerely,
Pat Davis



Thank You

Rachel McClintock and her family would like to express our thanks for the blessings you shared on her 100th birthday. She said it was the best birthday ever!

Thank you for such a great birthday!

Judy & Earl Overton

Youth News

UMYF FEBRUARY SCHEDULE

Sunday	February 7	5:00 pm - 7:00 pm	UMYF
Sunday	February 14	5:00 pm - 7:00 pm	UMYF
Sunday	February 21	5:00 pm - 7:00 pm	UMYF
Sunday	February 28	5:00 pm - 7:00 pm	UMYF

UMYF Dinners

Our UMYF is continuing to meet on Sundays from 5:00 to 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. Thank you for your ongoing support of our UMYF!



Youth Pancake Supper Fundraiser (Drive-Thru)

Our UMYF are putting the FUN back in fundraiser with a drive-thru style pancake supper on Shrove Tuesday (February 16th)! Place your order ahead of time and then swing by the church that night between 5:30-6:30 p.m. to pick up your delicious pancake supper! Each to-go meal will contain two pancakes (our EUMC secret recipe!), two sausage patties, your choice of regular or sugar-free syrup, and a fruit cup. YUM!! The cost is \$7 per meal.

You can sign up by either returning the form in your worship bulletin, filling out the form online at www.inglewood-umc.com/pancakes, or calling the church office (252-443-2926). The deadline to sign up is Sunday, February 14th. You can pay ahead of time or when you pick up your meals. (The meal will be prepared and brought to your car by a minimum number of volunteers who will be taking safety precautions, so you can enjoy your pancake supper without health and safety concerns.) Thank you in advance for your support of our Youth Fund!!

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! Our nursery, which is open to our youngest children, as well as Children's Church (for children in Pre-K through 5th Grade) are meeting in the Fellowship Hall.

Our theme for February is "Jesus Teaches and Heals". Here's what we'll be learning about each week:

- February 7 Healing on the Sabbath (Matthew 12:9-14)
- February 14 Beatitudes (Matthew 5:1-9)
- February 21 Birds in the Sky (Matthew 6:25-34)
- February 28 Peter's Mother-in-Law Healed (Luke 4:38-44)



Saturday Morning CAFE (Children And Families @ Englewood)



**Saturday Morning
CAFE**

Children And Families @ Englewood

Our next Saturday Morning CAFE will be on **February 20th at 10:00 a.m.** in the Fellowship Hall!! Our theme for February is "Showing Kindness"! Together we'll learn how God loves each one of us, and wants us to love each other too! We hope all of our EUMC families with children will join us!

The Saturday Morning CAFE is designed for children to participate with their family, whether that is parents, a grandparent, or any adult who wants to share this special time with them! We will gather in the Fellowship Hall, which gives us plenty of space to spread out and allows each family to have their own space. To help us prepare, please let Savanna know if you are planning to participate ahead of time.



SOUPER BOWL OF CARING 2021



Well, we kicked off our 6th annual Souper Bowl of Caring on January 10th. On that day you learned that our donations would be given to the Nash County Sheriff's Office to pay for the cost of 3 vests for their new K9 deputies. On January 17th, you were able to meet Sgt. Stan Ricks and K9 Pebbles, and learn from Sgt. Ricks about the work the K9s do.

Wasn't Pebbles awesome? (I think she stole the spotlight from St. Ricks.) Doesn't that make you want to be a part of protecting these wonderful creatures? You also were able to see an actual vest that these dogs wear when out in the field. As I've said in the past, the deputies have their protective gear and their K9 deputies deserve protection as well. These vests are made in the USA with NIJ certified ballistic panels so that they are **certified body armor** and as such cost a bit more than a regular dog vest. The cost of each is \$960. As I write this, we are only 1 week into this Outreach project and only Sneak has made it out of the end zone. As you read this, there are only one or two weeks left (depends upon when you receive the newsletter). You still have time to donate as the SBC doesn't end until Sunday, February 7th plus EUMC will accept online and mail in/drop off donations throughout that week if you are unable to attend in person. Our Sheriff's Office works tirelessly 24/7 for us, even in these stressful times. We at EUMC are very proud to show our support to the Nash County Sheriff's Office through your donations so that all three K9 officers, Kieser, Maya, and Sneak, will receive a vest with **"Gifted by Englewood United Methodist Church"** embroidered on it.

We have three ways for you to make donations: **1)** On Sunday at church in the Special Offering Envelope, **2)** Mail your check to the office or drop it in the box inside the office door; or **3)** Online. If you write a check, please make it payable to EUMC and write Souper Bowl of Caring on the memo line and if you donate online, type in Souper Bowl of Caring so Christian will know where the money is designated. Unfortunately, we will have to forgo our luncheon this year due to the pandemic but we can still have fun and support a very worthy organization.



Kieser



Maya



Sneak

2021 FLOWER CALENDAR

The 2021 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 2021 Flower Calendar is now online on the church website (www.Englewood-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.



FOOD BANK



FAITH CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES OF NASH COUNTY - FEBRUARY NEEDS

The director and staff at Faith Christian Ministries of Nash County continue to be overwhelmed with joy with the knowledge of how many hungry people they can help with your donations. You are a very giving church.

Starting Sunday, February 7th, the "Meals of the Month" donation will be **Canned Chicken with Instant Potatoes, Rice, or Helper**. There is a tub and two yellow boxes located in the area beneath the name tags in the church lobby, labeled "**FCM MEALS OF THE MONTH**". Please donate these food items to help stock their food pantry throughout the month of February. This is another wonderful opportunity for this generous congregation to help others who can't help themselves.