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SOUL PURPOSE - JANUARY 2021

First, so you can make this a high priority, on January 3rd, during our worship service, we will celebrate Holy Communion to begin our new year. If you are currently not attending in-sanctuary worship or cannot come on that day, please arrange ahead off time to have bread and wine available in your home; or, if you prefer, stop by the church office prior to January 3rd and we will provide you with your elements needed. If you are attending worship in-sanctuary on that day, you need only to come; elements will be safely provided for you.

Now...for the rest of Soul Purpose...

When I was growing up mealtime at night was a special time. In fact, it was such a priority for my family that it wasn't optional unless there were a real emergency. We gathered around the table and it was there where we bonded.

Dad would share about his day or talk about the condition of the crops. Mom would update us on situations at work or inquire as to the amount of homework we had left to do before morning. My brother and I would make an attempt to get them off course about questions related to school, and he and I would talk about sports, friends, or ask permission to use the phone to invite friends over for the weekend (and yes,

you had to ask permission to use the phone). I even remember our passing around the "family napkin", a damp dishcloth, because we didn't have the money needed to buy napkins or paper towels. It may have been simple meals and simple gestures, but it was at that table where we would laugh together, argue on occasion, and bond. That evening meal was essential to our formation as a family and it was there where we discovered our much of our family identity.

One of the things I missed most this past year was our bonding around the celebration of the Eucharist at the table of our Lord. I believe, as United Methodist, it is in the celebration of Holy Communion, where we learn much about our identity. At the Lord's Table, Jesus makes a gift of Himself to us because of the love of God. Just as we discover our identity at the family table, it is at

The Lord's Supper that we discover who we are, why we are here, and how we arrive at best "Making Disciples of Jesus Christ for the Transformation of the World."

When I was growing up, every time we prepared to celebrate Holy Communion in our little rural congregation, I got excited. Even before I was old enough to understand the theology around the Eucharistic table, I knew it was something special. I knew that something unexplainable was found in a simple morsel of bread and sip of grape juice; that somehow the elements became for us the Body and Blood of Jesus.

As we begin a new year, as a family gathered around the Table, we are reminded that in the sacrificial meal of Holy Communion, we are there at the invitation of Christ, Jesus. As we share, we are invited to reflect on the self-giving of the Holy God which makes the sacrament an occasion of grace,

and on the holiness of our communion with God and one another. From the very opening moments of our gathering, when we hear that "all who love Jesus, who earnestly repent of their sins, and seek to live in peace with one another" are invited, it is confirmed that everyone is welcome.

When we receive 'the body and blood of Christ that we may be for the world the body of Christ redeemed by his

blood,' we are reminded that we are 'one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world.' God's work of making us one and uniting us with Christ, with each other and in our witness and life in the world is the ordinary way by which God feeds us, sustains us, and empowers us to live as Christians.

For me, I can't think of a better way to begin a brand new year. I look forward to presiding over the table and on behalf of Christ Jesus and our beloved United Methodist Church, bidding you welcome to join me there.

Shalom and Chen...

Pastor Terry





Our Sympathy Is Expressed To:

Donald Trull and family upon the death of his father, **Wayne Lee Trull** on November 28, 2020.

The family and friends of **James Frank Woolley, Sr.** upon his death on December 3, 2020.

Rev. Terry Williams and family upon the death of his uncle, **John Ralph Brabble** on December 9, 2020.

Ruby Hearne and family upon the death of her brother, **Rodgers A. Baker, Jr.** on December 10, 2020.

Trudy and Jerry Collier and family upon the death of Trudy's father, **Charles M. Johnson** on December 11, 2020.



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

01	Larry Lugar	19	Jessica Scollins
01	Betty Poplin	20	Michael Ayers
02	Bill Ames	21	Kathy Harrison
03	Ellen Hicks	22	David Thomas Smith
04	Robin Tank	23	Carolyn Mobley
05	Deborah Ladd	23	David Spreder
06	Gail Jenkins	23	Jo Wilson
08	Mackenzie Haynes	24	Janice Alford
09	Linda Armstrong	24	Gerry Niece
09	Ira Varney	25	Mary Lou Matthews
11	Brenda Bazemore	27	Paul Dunn
15	Brenda Ellis	27	Bettina Howard
15	Ken Jackson	27	Bob League
16	Dan Vaughan	28	Greg Roth II
16	Kristin VonElling	29	Christian Davenport
17	Mickey League	31	Ruth Jones
17	Betty Lewis	31	Zachary Woodley
18	James Dunn		

In Memoriam

JAMES FRANK WOOLLEY, SR.

December 3, 2020

In Memoriam

CHARLES M. JOHNSON

December 11, 2020

BOARD OF DIRECTORS & TRUSTEES



**Will meet on Thursday,
January 21, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.
via Zoom.**

Thank You

I want to thank God for looking after me during all my procedures and operations.

I want to thank my doctors and nurses for the wonderful job they did and for treating me as if I were the most important person in the world. My prayer blanket was with me all the way. And did you know that the members of Englewood United Methodist Church and its ministers and staff are the finest people on the earth!

I want to thank you for your prayers, calls, cards, and concerns during my heart valve and pacemaker operations. I am doing great but don't look too good—but who has ever seen a handsome 94 year-old? However, I have a beautiful young wife whom I love dearly.

As for my family, you are the greatest!

Thank you again. I love each of you—even Jim Dunn! (Keep up the good work!)

Dan Vaughan



**The deadline for receiving
information to be included
in the FEBRUARY Newsletter
is January 20th**

Thank You

Jane and I want to thank you for the outpouring of love, care, and nurture during both the Christmas season and in the death of my uncle. You are so very special to us and it warms our hearts.

Pastor Terry & Jane

Thank You

Just wanted to tell everyone who called, texted, and sent cards after my recent hospitalization a BIG Thank You. Each contact meant so much to me. Also wanted to thank the Flower Ministry and Jeannie Gibbs for delivering the flowers to brighten my day. It's great to be a part of such a caring congregation!

Greg Roth

You now have the option for in-sanctuary worship each Sunday at 10:30 a.m. Be sure to read the special edition of the EUMC Newsletter (available on the church website at www.inglewood-umc.com) for more information and guidelines for in-sanctuary worship during this time. The Worship Service will be live streamed on Facebook and available later in the day on our website for those who do not feel comfortable attending in-sanctuary worship. In order to maintain social distance seating, please make reservations each week online on the church website or call the church office (252-443-2926).

OUR YEAR-TO-DATE RECORD

(Thru December 21, 2020)

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Ministry Needs

	<i>Monthly Actual</i>	<i>YTD</i>
Receipts	\$23,583.17	\$398,142.58
Goal	\$35,253.17	\$423,038.00

Our 2020 General Budget includes our Missional Giving

Armenian Cattle / Chicken Project

Thanks to all who contributed to the Armenian Cattle / Chicken Project. \$1,552.00 was donated to provide cattle and chickens to deserving families in Armenia. These animals will be used by these families to provide a means of supporting themselves and their communities.



Thank You

Prayer Shawl Ministry,

Thank you so much for making the beautiful baby blanket for Whit! It is wonderful and so beautiful! We will treasure it always. Thank you for taking such great care and being so wonderful to my grandmother, Glenda Hortman. We know she is so loved by not just us, but your church as well!

Thank you again!

Lindsey Stalls

Thank You

To Englewood UMC,

Thank you for your prayers, phone calls and cards. I also thank you for the beautiful flowers. It means a lot when people care about your well being.

I am so blessed to be a part of this church. I had a big birthday and I appreciate the birthday cards very much.

Love in Christ,

Lib Dawes

Thank You

Dear Ladies,

What a nice way to arrive home—finding a beautiful vase of flowers at my door—sorry we weren't there to thank you in person.

They are still looking good and so professionally arranged. In these days of being mostly alone its really nice to know that someone is thinking of you.

Thanks again—It's a great ministry!!

Randolph & Marie Holloman

Thank You

To the Ladies of the Flower Ministry,

Thank you for the beautiful bud vase of flowers. It was especially nice to have them delivered by Jo Wilson with her sweet loving smile!

Joyce White

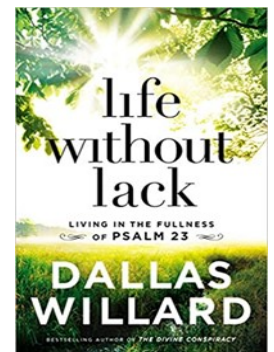
EUMC Book Club

Our EUMC Book Club will meet on Monday, January 25th at 7:00 p.m. to discuss our first reading selection of the year: *Life Without Lack: Living in the Fullness of Psalm 23* by Dallas Willard. This book comes very highly recommended, and we can't wait to dig in!

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 January meeting will be on Zoom. Here is the meeting link and information:

- Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/861051971?pwd=LoF2eTZoMVlpb1RxWmt2VUV3dXVldz09>
- Meeting ID: 861 0519 7170
- Passcode: 204722



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 January is "The Ministry of Jesus". Here's what we'll be learning about each week:

- January 3 Boy Jesus in the Temple (Luke 2:39-52)
- January 10 Jesus' Baptism (Luke 3:1-22)
- January 17 Fishers of Men (Matthew 4:18-22)
- January 24 Jesus and Nicodemus (John 3:7-13)
- January 31 Sent Out by Twos (Mark 6:7-13)



Saturday Morning CAFE (Children And Families @ Englewood)



Our next Saturday Morning CAFE will be on **January 23rd at 10:00 a.m.** in the Fellowship Hall!! Our theme for January is "Unique As a Snowflake"! Together we'll learn how God created each one of us to be special, with our own gifts and personalities - and how that's a good thing! 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.



UMYF JANUARY SCHEDULE

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>January 3</i>	5:00 pm - 7:00 pm	UMYF
<i>Sunday</i>	<i>January 10</i>	5:00 pm - 7:00 pm	UMYF
<i>Sunday</i>	<i>January 17</i>	5:00 pm - 7:00 pm	UMYF
<i>Sunday</i>	<i>January 24</i>	5:00 pm - 7:00 pm	UMYF
<i>Sunday</i>	<i>January 31</i>	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!

Luminary Thank You

Thank you to everyone who purchased luminaries in honor or memory of loved ones in December.

They looked beautiful on Christmas Eve, and we appreciate the contribution to our Youth Mission Fund!





SOUPER BOWL OF CARING 2021



“Are You Ready For Some Football?” I hope so because our annual Souper Bowl of Caring will kick off on January 10th. As per usual, we will follow the format of the 4 play-off Sundays in January for donations with the final donation coming on Super Bowl Sunday, February 7th. Can you believe this will be EUMC’s 6th Annual Super Bowl of Caring? Just think of all the good **YOU** have done in the past 6 years with your generous donations!!! (Faith Christian Ministries, Methodist Children’s Home, Nash Hospital ER and RMPD stuffed animals, Peanuts for the Troops, and 2 Canine for Service dogs for vets). And this year will be just as exciting, if not more! The Outreach Committee is so excited about where our money is going this year as it will stay in Nash County and it will provide a service to us all when needed. I actually had the opportunity to meet one of the incredible recipients a few weeks ago at our home and it made my day. **DO I HAVE YOUR INTEREST YET?!** Come to church on January 10th or watch the video and join us in the excitement!! We will be privileged to have the recipient of our fundraiser in church on the 10th for you all to meet. If you are unable to attend the services, you can still donate by mailing or dropping your donation at the church or by going on the EUMC website. If you write a check or donate online, don’t forget to put Souper Bowl of Caring on the memo line. 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.



FAITH CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES OF NASH COUNTY - JANUARY NEEDS

Thank you for your faithfulness in continuing to support this mission project by donating food to feed the hungry in Nash County. We continue to supply FCM of Nash County with 2 to 3 boxes of food monthly. Faith Christian Ministries of Nash County is thrilled with your support.

Starting this Sunday, January 3rd the “Meals of the Month” donation will be **Spaghetti and Canned Sauce**. There is a tub and 2 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 January. This is another wonderful opportunity for this generous congregation to help others who can’t help themselves.



ANGEL TREE MINISTRY



As you know Angel Tree Ministry is a ministry that supports children of persons incarcerated in our prisons. This was the third year for EUMC to participate in this program. Due to the pandemic, Angel Tree created a virtual way to participate and this is the method the Outreach Committee chose this year. Each child we sponsored will receive a present, a note from the parent and a Bible. We opted to take 10 children in Nash, Edgecombe and Wilson counties for which present had been requested by a parent and asked for 10 EUMC Angels to help us. As I told you last month, we surpassed the 10 angel mark but what you don’t know is that we went beyond the 25 EUMC Angels and Koinonia Sunday School Class. **YOU** donated enough money to sponsor over **35 children** and make their Christmas so much better. Thank you so much for showing Christ’s love and yours to these children.

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.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.



Flower Vases

As you know, the ladies in the Flower Ministry distribute flowers to the shut-ins each week using the flowers from Sunday worship. This requires several vases each week. If you have vases (especially bud vases) at your home that you could contribute to this cause, please bring them to the church kitchen or church office. If you do not feel comfortable bringing them to the church, please call the church office (252-443-2926) and we will make arrangements to pick them up from your home. Thank you!