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SOUL PURPOSE - JUNE 2021

"Why are you downcast, O my soul? Why so disturbed?..."
Psalm 42:5a

It was an interesting question for the Psalmist 3,000 years ago but the questions remain relevant for us this day... *"Why are you downcast, why so disturbed?"*

When I moved to Rocky Mount a few years ago I had Gail Jenkins a few doors down the street and Betty House across the street. Shortly after we were settled in, Janet Hagan moved next door. These are wonderful friends; great neighbors. People I'd classify, just as I do myself and my family, as "ordinary" people.

And, as "ordinary" people everywhere, we have "ordinary" issues and situations. Understand, my daily surroundings include such things as addiction and divorce; layoffs and poverty; sadness, sickness, and death. Things we're all too familiar with.

Life can be depressing in Nash County, just as it can be depressing in New Hanover County. It can be depressing in North Carolina, South Dakota, and West Virginia. And of course, life can be depressing in the United States, United Kingdom, or Uruguay.

We ordinary people, from ordinary places, in ordinary times encounter death, disaster, pain, misery, and despair. In my ordinariness, and probably in yours, the mountaintop experiences often seem far off as something unexpected sneaks into our lives and our circumstances pull us down into the valley.

WELL, have a bit of GOOD NEWS.

Our God is anything but ordinary. In fact, we serve an extra-ordinary God.

Where we find ourselves, in the words of the Psalmist, *downcast* and *disturbed*, that same Psalmist also reminds us,

"The LORD is the stronghold of my life— of whom shall I be afraid? When I am afraid, I put my trust in you."
Psalm 27:1; 56:3

Frederick Buechner wrote a terrific challenge I often consider, *"If a preacher is going to preach about hope, let them preach out of what they themselves hope for."*

In a world where I'm surrounded by ordinary people, some of which experience difficulties and challenges, including my own, I remind myself that I can place my trust and hope in God for when I do, God has never once disappointed me. When we fear or when we find life overwhelming, we can keep our eyes on the main thing, and make the main thing the main thing. I would hope that our prayers, both corporate and private, would be answered. I would hope the creeds we pledge would become alive in us, the peace we exchange would bring us closer to one another, and I would hope that our generous offerings would make us more aware of how our trust in God makes a difference in the lives of others through our outreach.

And finally, I would hope that all that come faithfully and worship in this place week after week, would find at least as much to feed their spirits as they would find staying home to read a good book, go out on the boat, or get fed watching a movie on television.

I DO hope this. No matter how downcast or disturbed our souls ever get, and they do, remember there is more to life than just our ordinary stories. God has placed us here in these times with special people to fellowship with, people in need of our ministering to, and a world to reach and introduce to our Risen Christ.

Pastor Terry

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ENGLEWOOD UMC SUMMER OF SERVICE

love God · serve neighbor · have fun



Englewood UMC is a church that loves to **SERVE!**

We serve God. We serve one another.
We serve the greater community and world.



This summer we're going to **CELEBRATE** the awesome ways our church engages in service, and we'll also find some new and exciting ways to serve both God and our neighbors. ***Are you excited yet?*** We are!

During the months of June and July, we're joining together as a church family for a *SUMMER OF SERVICE!*

- In **WORSHIP**, we'll share stories of service going on in our own community, as well as opportunities to get involved.
- **ONLINE**, we'll post challenges for serving in our daily lives and encourage you to share on your own social media pages.
- Our **CHILDREN** will engage in service projects during each of our Saturday Morning CAFE gatherings.
- Our **YOUTH** will participate in weekly service projects on our Workday Wednesdays.
- And we'll have church-wide **WORKDAYS** and other **MISSION PROJECTS** that we can all get involved in.

By the end of this Summer of Service, our community will be a better place because of Englewood United Methodist Church. Let's **ALL** contribute our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness to make this the **BEST SUMMER EVER** at Englewood UMC!



Our Sympathy Is Expressed To:

The Family of **Patrick Zammiello** upon his death on March 12, 2021. Patrick and his wife, Gretta helped to begin the Autism Support Group.

Ruby Hearne and family upon the death of her sister-in-law, **Daphne Stocki Hearne** on April 25, 2021.

Tai Owens and Ta'reasure Owens and family upon the death of their grandfather and great-grandfather, **Lawrence Owens** on April 28, 2021.

Kimberly Easterling and her husband, Wes Jigour, Patricia Easterling and Meredith Leigh Easterling upon the death of their mother and grandmother, **Vivian Mobley Easterling** upon her death on May 1, 2021.

Pastor Terry and family upon the death of his cousin, **Ralph Patton "Pat" Babble** on May 1, 2021.

Barbara Batts and family upon the death of her cousin, **Eddie Lee** on May 16, 2021.

Tonya Bandy and Jordan Taylor upon the death of their sister and grandmother, **Louise Pennington Page** on May 24, 2021



JUNE BIRTHDAYS

03	Helen Bronner	15	Barbara Batts
06	Larry Boyd III	15	Alexander Stanislaw
07	Boyd Wilson III	17	Elliott Mills
09	Eddie Doll, Jr.	23	Roger Domina
09	William League	26	Noah Fueston
09	Kenneth Snowden	26	Rev. Dr. Billy Seate
10	Jonathan Scoggins	27	Sharon Lugar
11	Lee Bellamy	29	Phyllis Horns
11	Earl Overton	30	Michael Davis

Thank You

Englewood United Methodist Church,

Thanks so much for all the cards, phone calls, and kindness during my bout with shingles. Thank you also for the vase of beautiful flowers delivered by Jeannie (Gibbs).

Thank you church family for always being there.

Janice Roberson

Thank You

Englewood UMC,

Thank you so much for your calls, cards and prayers when our son-in-law, William (Bill) Rowley passed away on April 22, 2021. Also, thank you to Sharon Dunn for delivering lovely flowers.

Sylvia & Crayton Overton

Thank You

Dear Englewood UMC Family,

You have shown God's love to me during this difficult time. We have been overwhelmed by all the prayers, cards, texts, emails, and window visits. I am so thankful to be part of such a loving and supportive church. Please continue to remember me in prayer as I continue rehab for my right hand and for upcoming tests.

In Christ,
Jay Quigley

In Memoriam

VIVIAN MOBLEY EASTERLING

May 1, 2021

In Memoriam

LOUISE PENNINGTON PAGE

May 24, 2021

Thank You

To Englewood United Methodist Church,

Thank you for the beautiful flowers that were left by Jo Lynn Wilson. Also, thank you for keeping me in your prayers.

Sara Atkins

PROJECT AGAPE VIRTUAL MISSION TRIP

Whether you have traveled to Armenia in the past or simply would like to know more about the work being done by North Carolina Methodists in Armenia, please join a Virtual Mission on the evening of July 15th. You will learn about the history of Armenia and Project AGAPE, hear from past mission participants, have a live chat with the Project AGAPE board and get an update from the Project AGAPE Country Director, Nara Melkonyan. The event is FREE to everyone who registers.

Please use the following link to register: <https://wnc.reg.brtapp.com/VirtualMissionTripProjectAGAPE>.



ENGLEWOOD UNITED METHODIST WOMEN 2021 CANDLE BURNING DONATION FORM



Candle Burning is a special service observed each year by the United Methodist Women. Its purpose is to make the congregation aware of the total budget it takes to conduct UMW missions work in the local, national, and world communities. This money that is donated by each unit is sent to the North Carolina Conference for missions. The money is distributed as needed in mission fields worldwide. This fall, we will participate by burning the candle in honor or memory of our loved ones.

The UMW invites you, all members of Englewood United Methodist Church, to participate in Candle Burning. Please use this form to make donations in honor or in memory of your loved one. You may copy this form, use a copy of the form from our website, or there are copies of the form on the table in the hallway outside the church office. Copies are also be available in the church fellowship hall for your convenience when you attend the small group meetings during the week. You may drop off the forms with your money in the basket in the hall outside the church office or mail your form with check to EUMC, P. O. Box 7128, Rocky Mount, NC 27804. Please make checks payable to Englewood UMC and mark Candle Burning on the memo line.

Your Name: _____

Amount of Donation: _____ Cash: _____ Check: _____
(Payable to EUMC)

In Honor of: _____

In Memory of: _____

Donations will be received over the next three weeks. The deadline for receiving contributions is Wednesday, July 7, 2021.

Your honorarium or memorial will be printed in the 2021 Heritage District UMW Candle Burning Handbook

EUMC Church-Wide Study: Coming Together

Beginning in May, our Englewood UMC family embarked on a journey of discovering our true calling and direction as the church, as we attempt to discern what matters most and what is truly worth fighting for. Using the wonderful book *What Are We Fighting For?* By Thomas J. Bickerton, we are exploring ways to come together as a church around what matters most so that we can faithfully live into our mission of Making Disciples of Jesus Christ for the Transformation of the World.

The study will continue through June 21st and is being led by Pastor Terry and Pastor Savanna. We are meeting on Mondays at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

A promotional graphic for a church-wide study. The background is a teal wooden wall. On the right, there is a lit candle in a glass holder with a wooden cross tied around it. In the top right corner, there is a small image of the book cover for 'What Are We Fighting For?' by Thomas J. Bickerton. The text on the graphic reads: 'Coming Together around What Matters Most', 'A church-wide study of "What Are We Fighting For?" by Thomas J. Bickerton', 'May 10 - June 22', 'Mondays at 7 p.m. OR Tuesdays at 10 a.m.', 'EUMC Fellowship Hall', 'Sign up at www.engagewood-umc.com/coming-together', and 'ENGLEWOOD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH' at the bottom left.

2021 FLOWER CALENDAR

There are still available Sundays on the 2021 Flower Calendar for your use in reserving that special Sunday to provide flowers for worship in memory/honor of your loved ones or in honor of a special event in your family. ***The following Sundays are available: June 27, July 4, July 18, July 25, August 1, August 8, August 22, August 29, September 12, October 10, October 17, October 24, October 31, December 12 and December 26.*** The 2021 Flower Calendar is now online on the church website (www.engagewood-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.

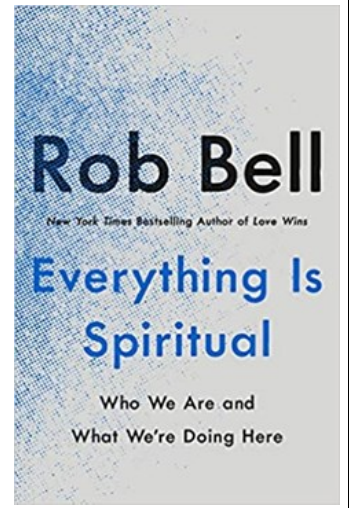


EUMC Book Club

Our EUMC Book Club will meet again on Monday, July 26th at 7:00 p.m. to discuss our next reading selection: *Everything Is Spiritual: Who We Are and What We're Doing Here* by Rob Bell.

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 May meeting will be held in the Fellowship Hall.



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!

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!



Thank You

To the Members of Englewood United Methodist Church,

On behalf of the North Carolina Wesleyan College graduating seniors, Dawn Turner and I would like to thank you all for the cards you sent to each student! They felt love and connection.

We thank Barbara Batts for coordinating this task.

With gratitude,

Dawn and Suzanne



Many Thanks from NEWC International

Catalina Celliers

<p>Ashok Bista nepal Nepal</p>	<p>Rohan Shah Nepal Nepal</p>	<p>Dinkas Nepal Nepal</p>
<p>Maria P Venezuela</p>	<p>Maria Gayan Portugal</p>	<p>Ara Agular Columbi Columbi</p>
<p>Nadim Jabe Israel</p>	<p>Jeromino Vera ARGENTINA</p>	<p>Mano Laura Pacion Venezuela Cubnel Guzman Venezuela</p>
<p>FRANCISCO RODRIGUEZ (ARGENTINA)</p>	<p>Gabriela Belsesi Venezuela</p>	<p>ST LUCIA</p>
<p>Fernando Barber (Mexico)</p>	<p>Hugo Mendes France</p>	
<p>Juan Suarez (Venezuela)</p>		

So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone. Ephesians 6:10



Volunteers Needed for Defibrillator / CPR Training

In an effort to be sure we have church members who are trained in the use of the heart defibrillator in case there is a need, we will be having a 30 to 45 minute training class sometime within the next one to two months. The class will be limited to 6-8 people (a second class will be scheduled if there is enough response). Please call the church office (252-443-2926) or email (nporter@englewood-umc.com) to sign up.

Note: This is not a certification class for CPR. You will learn how to use the AED and the basics of CPR.

Caring Card Outreach Ministry Needs You!

The Caring Card ministry is successfully reaching out with comforting connections. In order for our volunteers to address each card correctly, please call Barbara Batts with the address of your loved one listed in our bulletin or with info of someone who needs a word of love.

We are a church of caring members and we hope that we can support members and families who need a note of kindness. You may call Barbara Batts at 252-450-5000 or the church office (252-443-2926).

Thank you for helping us improve this Outreach.



FAITH CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES OF NASH COUNTY - JUNE NEEDS

Starting Sunday, June 6th, the "Meals of the Month" donation will be **Peanut Butter, Jelly, and Saltines**. There are two yellow

boxes located in the area beneath the name tags in the church lobby, labeled "FCM MEALS OF THE MONTH". So when you're in the grocery store, just pick up an extra jar/box and donate these food items to help stock their food pantry throughout the month of June. FCM needs this food more than ever! I will continue to pick it up and take it to Nashville. Remember, the majority of the people served by this non-profit Christian agency come from Rocky Mount but Faith Christian Ministries serves the entire Nash County. This is another wonderful opportunity for this generous congregation to help others who can't help themselves.



The deadline for receiving information to be included in the **JULY Newsletter** is June 17th!

OUR YEAR-TO-DATE RECORD (Thru May 27, 2021)

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Ministry Needs

	<i>Monthly Actual</i>	<i>YTD</i>
Receipts	\$24,262.42	\$175,898.87
Goal	\$35,260.00	\$176,300.00

Our 2021 General Budget includes our Missional Giving

BABY BOTTLE BLESSING

The Your Choice Pregnancy Care Center of Rocky Mount is having its Baby Bottle Fundraiser from Mother's Day through Father's Day (June 20th). This year we are asking that you make a donation (*minus the baby bottle*).

Please make checks payable to EUMC and mark *Pregnancy Care Center* on the memo line.

Thank you!

*Happy 60th
Wedding Anniversary
to
Crayton & Sylvia
Overton
on June 4, 2021*



Children's Sunday School

Children's Sunday School is back!!! Starting on Sunday, June 6th children 5th grade and younger are invited to join us on the children's hall for a time of learning, fellowship, and fun! Our younger children will have a special lesson and activity in our nursery, while our older children journey through the Bible one week at a time. Sunday School will meet from 9:30-10:15 a.m.

Our theme for June is "People Jesus Met". Here's what we'll be learning about each week:

- June 6 Bartimaeus (Mark 10:46-52)
- June 13 Mary and Martha (Luke 10:38-42)
- June 20 Jesus and the Children (Matthew 19:13-15)
- June 27 Zacchaeus (Luke 19:1-10)



Saturday Morning CAFE (Children And Families @ Englewood)



For our Saturday Morning CAFE on **June 26th** we will meet at Miracle Park (3471 Joyner Road in Elm City) at 11:00 a.m. for a picnic lunch and play time together! We can't wait to enjoy the new playground, which is accessible for everyone, and have our lunch under the Winstead Shelter! Lunch will be provided (sandwiches, chips, watermelon, and drinks). We hope all 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! To help us prepare, please let Savanna know if you are planning to participate ahead of time.

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.



Parents' Hour

Kids shouldn't have ALL the fun! While our children are enjoying their time in Sunday School, parents can come to the college room in the youth suite for some coffee, breakfast treats, and good company! Parents' hour is open to anyone who would like to come and will begin meeting on Sunday, June 6th.



Youth News

<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>June 2</i>	7:00 am - 4:00 pm	Workday Wednesday
<i>Sunday</i>	<i>June 6</i>	5:00 pm - 7:00 pm	UMYF - Daniel Series Week 6
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>June 9</i>		Workday Wednesday
<i>Sunday</i>	<i>June 13</i>	5:00 pm - 7:00 pm	UMYF - Daniel Series Week 7
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>June 16</i>		Workday Wednesday
<i>Sunday</i>	<i>June 20</i>	5:00 pm - 7:00 pm	UMYF - Daniel Series Week 8
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>June 23</i>		Workday Wednesday
<i>Sunday</i>	<i>June 27</i>	5:00 pm - 7:00 pm	UMYF - Daniel Series Week 9
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>June 30</i>		Workday Wednesday

UMYF JUNE SCHEDULE

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!



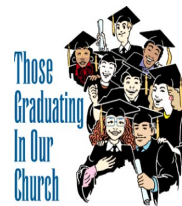
Vacation Bible School: Rocky Railway June 14 - 17 | 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Have you signed up for VBS yet? What are you waiting for?! We're going to have an awesome adventure on the Rocky Railway, where we'll discover that trusting Jesus pulls us through life's ups and downs.

Each night we will journey together through the various stations: Bible Adventures, Imagination Station, Loco Motion Games, and Mountain Music. Through lively music, fascinating experiments, exciting games, and awesome Bible stories, we'll learn that Jesus' power pulls us through!

Get registered today! www.inglewood-umc.com/vbs

On Sunday, June 6th, we will recognize our graduating high school and college seniors listed below during our morning worship. If you would like to bring a card of congratulations for the graduates, there will be a table set up for you to place them.



Class of 2021

High School

Ta'reasure Elise Owens
Nash Early College High School

College/Graduate Degrees

Evan Daniel Fogarty
Bachelor of Arts in Visual Art
University of North Carolina at Greensboro

Landon James Quigley
Bachelor of Science in Business Administration
with Concentration in Management
East Carolina University

Workday Wednesdays

We're getting so excited about our Workday Wednesdays for our youth group this summer!! Each Wednesday our youth group will participate in a mission project right here in eastern North Carolina—from working at an animal rescue to packing school supplies to cleaning up our own church playground. [Don't worry—we'll have plenty of fun along the way! ☺] To participate in Workday Wednesdays, let Savanna know by Sunday of each week to be sure we have enough supplies and transportation.

Here's what we will be doing each week:



June 2

Englewood UMC Playground Cleanup

(300 S. Circle Drive, Rocky Mount, NC 27804)

Pool Party at the Woodleys'

Meet at EUMC at 9:00 a.m. | Pickup at EUMC at 6:00 p.m.

Lunch will be provided

June 9

Cause-N-Dog Animal Rescue (1056 Warrentown Road, Snow Hill, NC 28580)

Meet at EUMC at 12:30 p.m. | Pickup at EUMC at 7:00 p.m.

Dinner will be provided

June 16

Rocky Mount Mills Church (911 Falls Road, Rocky Mount, NC 27804)

Putt-Putt at Mini Putt Family Entertainment Center

(900 Benvenue Road, Rocky Mount, NC 27804)

Meet at EUMC at 9:00 a.m. | Pickup at EUMC at 3:00 p.m.

Lunch will be provided

June 23

Care Packages at Englewood UMC (300 S. Circle Drive, Rocky Mount, NC 27804)

Sylvan Heights Bird Park (500 Sylvan Heights Park Way, Scotland Neck, NC 27874)

Meet at EUMC at 9:00 a.m. | Pickup at EUMC at 6:00 p.m.

Lunch will be provided

June 30

Busch Gardens (1 Busch Gardens Blvd, Williamsburg, VA 23185)

Meet at EUMC at 8:00 a.m. | Pickup at EUMC at 10:00 p.m.

Tickets and dinner will be provided, please bring money for lunch

July 7

St. Paul UMC (1217 Bethlehem Road, Rocky Mount, NC 27803)

Bowling at The Bowling Center (3250 N. Church Street, Rocky Mount, NC 27804)

Meet at EUMC at 9:00 a.m. | Pickup at EUMC at 5:00 p.m.

Lunch will be provided

July 12-16

Gatekeepers Workcamp (Various work sites throughout Rocky Mount)

Meet at work site at 8:00 a.m. | Pickup at work site at 1:00 p.m.

Snack will be provided

YOU MUST SIGN UP FOR THIS WORKCAMP BY MAY 30 TO PARTICIPATE!

July 21

School Supply Packing at Englewood UMC (300 S. Circle Drive, Rocky Mount, NC 27804)

Carolina Tiger Rescue Tour (1940 Hanks Chapel Road, Pittsboro, NC. 27312)

Meet at EUMC at 9:00 a.m. | Pickup at EUMC at 6:00 p.m.

Lunch will be provided

July 28

Art Camp at Englewood UMC (300 S. Circle Drive, Rocky Mount, NC 27804)

Adventure Landing (3311 Capital Blvd, Raleigh, NC 27604)

Meet at EUMC at 9:00 a.m. | Pickup at EUMC at 6:00 p.m.

Lunch will be provided and two hours of unlimited mini golf and laser tag

(Optional: bring money to ride go-carts or purchase additional tickets)

August 4

Busch Gardens (1 Busch Gardens Blvd, Williamsburg, VA 23185)

Meet at EUMC at 8:00 a.m. | Pickup at EUMC at 10:00 p.m.

Tickets and dinner will be provided, please bring money for lunch