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SOUL PURPOSE - MARCH 2022

I do not ignore or nullify the [gracious gift of the] grace of God [His amazing, unmerited favor], for if righteousness comes through [observing] the Law, then Christ died needlessly. [His suffering and death would have had no purpose whatsoever.]”
- Galatians 2:21

We are about to enter the Lenten season, the time on our Church calendar where we are reminded daily that we live in a culture of excess, thus traditionally we fast from some of our daily habits of excessive consumptions that dull us to the promptings of God and the needs of others.

The most common things being given up for Lent are:

- Chocolate
- Social Networking
- Alcohol
- Twitter
- Facebook
- School
- Meat
- Sweets

For Lent I've decided I'm *Reclaiming Sin*, which will also be the name of our sermon series that will take us through the season.

Did I really say that I am *Reclaiming Sin* and encouraging you to do the same? In a series of sermons? And in a word, yes. Yes, I did.

I've seen the day I thought the “S” word was a bit too churchy, too religious, too ecclesiastical to use often.

But as I read through the liturgy of our baptismal vows I think it makes perfect sense to reclaim something we're each born into, for every person that is born has inherited the guilt of Adam's original sin.

“Do you renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness, reject the evil powers of this world, and repent of your sin?”

Sin is not limited to sweets and social media. To *reclaim* is to recall from wrong or improper conduct; to rescue from an undesirable state. That seems to make sense when *Reclaiming Sin*. It's an opportunity to recall the sins from the past and seek rescue in moving forward. Sin is not only our own personal transgressions. I believe “confession of sin” IS good for the soul, both individually and communally. Looking in the rear-view mirror and admitting our own participation can open the way for looking forward in a spirit of truth, reconciliation, and compassion, allowing them to enter into our souls.

Thus, a series about sin and reclaiming it is in order.

Lent is coming. Lent leads us to the celebration of Easter and our *Joy-fully Together* finding hope in the power of resurrection.

Take this Lenten season and face it with hope, not dread. Use this as a time of reexamination and in transforming your own self into more; use this series for reassurance and challenge. Allow Lent to deepen your spiritual self as we recall the stories of faith and are challenged to experience & lean into those stories again.



“And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called.”

Colossians 3:14-15



Pastor Terry



Our Sympathy Is Expressed To:

Michael, Laura, Gus & Angie Kanai and JC McKita and their families upon the death of their mother, **Margaret "Peggy" Louise Lamb McKita** on January 29, 2022.

Grace Bellamy and family upon the death of her husband, **Jennings Lee Bellamy** on February 3, 2022.

Sharmaine Cruz, Denham Smellie, Theresa Cruz, Melinda Cruz, Elaina Smellie and Mya Cruz upon the death of their mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, **Minerva Elaine Clarke Smellie** on February 15, 2022.

In Memoriam

**MARGARET "PEGGY" LOUISE
LAMB MCKITA**

January 29, 2022

In Memoriam

JENNINGS LEE BELLAMY

February 3, 2022

Thank You

Dear Church Family,

We would like to thank you for your expressions of support and sympathy during my father's illness and death. Your cards, calls, food, and messages of support have sustained us.

Laura & David Earp, Michelle Beatty & Keeling Hardy

Thank You

Dear EUMC Church Family,

I want to thank everyone for their prayers, calls, and cards. They mean so much to me. I miss everyone terribly but am staying close at home to avoid the possibility of COVID per upcoming surgery. Am hoping for a good outcome this time and being able to return to seeing everyone at EUMC.

Please continue with your prayers for my upcoming surgery.

In God's name,
Dessie Clark

Update: Dessie had surgery on February 2, 2022 and is recovering well. Please continue to keep her in your prayers.

Thank You

We deeply appreciate the kindness, support, and love you've shown us during this difficult time. It will always be remembered.

The Family of Peggy McKita



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

02	Laurel Currie	19	Laura Earp
02	Samuel High	19	Bill Stephens
02	James Horan	19	Sharon Stephens
03	Joshua Lee	20	Glenda Hortman
05	Deborah High	20	John Wilson
05	Alex Trull	21	Theresa Nettnin
06	Amy Quigley	21	Terry Williams
07	Kathryn Wright	22	Jane Seeger
08	Sawyer Mills	23	Brad Dunn
08	Ryan Nichols	23	Kevin Holt
08	Lindsay Stanislaw	23	Mary K. Landis
10	Jack Watson-Batts	23	John Vickers
11	Brooklyn Batts	24	Nancy Johnston
13	Robert Coats	24	Douglas Lynch
14	Cameron Fueston	24	Mauguerite Wilson
15	Jay Quigley	26	Michael Bunn
17	Brian Collins	27	Everette Stanislaw
17	Patsy Smith	27	Seth Varney
18	Rick Cline	29	Gus Kanai
18	Shelton Meade	31	Harriett Dobbins
18	Lee Pullen		

Thank You

Thank you so much for the beautiful flowers you delivered to Lloyd while he was a patient in BTAR in Rocky Mount. He fought a good fight but passed away on December 22, 2021. Thank you for your prayers.

The Parrish Family

Thank You

Dear Bereavement Team,

Thank you for your outreach and support during the recent loss of my father. The meal you provided was perfectly timed.

Your prayers and support meant so much to me.

Laura Earp

Thank You

Dear Bereavement Team,

Thank you so much for the meal you provided for our family. Our family is so grateful for all the love and support the EUMC family has given us during mom's illness and death.

Love,
Milton Dickens & Ann Ess and family

Thank You

Thank you all so much for the flowers, food, visits, prayers, and phone calls during these last few months. We appreciate your thoughtfulness and caring. We did have some happy news this year with the birth of a great-granddaughter in January. Thanks again to a wonderful church family and for Pastor Terry and Savanna!

Sam & Carolyn Quigley



UMW NEWS

- March 15 10:00 a.m. Women of the Way - Aldersgate Class Room
- March 24 6:00 p.m. Lydia's Sisters' Circle will meet to setup for the Tea on Saturday, March 26th in the Fellowship Hall
- March 26 11:00 a.m. Lydia's Sisters' Tea - Fellowship Hall

Spring with Me to the Lydia's Sisters' Tea

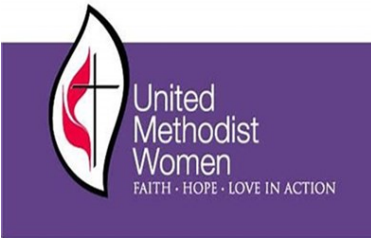
Saturday, March 26th ~ 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Vendors open at 10:30 a.m.
 Englewood UMC Fellowship Hall

You will be in for a real treat! Enjoy a delicious luncheon, hear from an inspirational speaker, and shop with a variety of vendors.

Tickets are \$15 each and will be sold in the church lobby from March 6th to March 20th before and after worship on Sundays.



Women of The Way



The Women of the Way met on February 15th in the Aldersgate Classroom. We were joined by two women from The Lighthouse and its director, Vanessa. We were also glad to welcome Margie Felton to our Circle. Sharon Roth gave the devotion on "The Love of God". The Circle continues to support Faith Christian Ministries with food products and The Lighthouse with paper products. Members present, who were not in attendance in January for the annual pledge service, were given pledge cards to complete. It was announced that we are planning to have

a dinner for The Lighthouse residents in April. In lieu of programs for the next several months, we began a study on Jesus' Parables being led by Wilma Rundell. This month's focus and discussion was on Luke 15;11-32, The Parable of the Prodigal Son. For the March meeting, all members are asked to read Matthew 13:24-30; 36-43, The Parable of the Weeds. The UMW is open to all women of the church and we invite you to join us in the Aldersgate Classroom (Room 4) on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 10:00 a.m.

Lenten Worship & Lunch

Englewood UMC and Saint Andrews Episcopal Church will co-host a series of Wednesday service during the approaching Lent season at 12 noon. The service will last approximately 25 minutes with time to eat lunch afterwards. This insures those on schedules to return to work in a timely manner. Each person is invited to bring a bag lunch to enjoy at the end of the service; beverages will be provided by the host church. The schedule is as follows:

- March 9th Saint Andrews Episcopal
- March 16th Englewood UMC
- March 23rd Saint Andrews Episcopal
- March 30th Englewood UMC
- April 6th Saint Andrews Episcopal
- April 13th Englewood UMC



SENIOR ADULT FELLOWSHIP



On Wednesday, March 2nd (noon) and Wednesday, March 16th (1:00 p.m.) Senior Adult Fellowship will meet in the Fellowship Hall for Bingo.

Reminder: Daylight Saving Time Begins on Sunday, March 13th.
 Don't forget to move your clocks forward 1 hour!

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.





UNITED METHODIST MEN

The Englewood United Methodist Men will meet Tuesday, March 8th, at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Our speaker is Rev. Dustin Sprouse, Pastor of the Scotland Neck - Rich Square Charge. Dusty is working with Frank Katkavec of First UMC - Rocky Mount and Ann Huffman at the Conference HQ on assembling work teams who can respond to disasters such as flood recovery in the area or can assist in housing repair/renovation projects. They are seeking support in the form of manpower for projects that surface in our area.

Please mark your calendars and plan to attend. 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. Looking forward to seeing you there.

Peter Varney

Thank You

Our words cannot convey our appreciation and gratitude to Pastor Terry and staff, the Flower and Blanket Ministries, and the Aldersgate Sunday School Class for the prayers, love, and support through the passing of my sister Janet and my recent hospitalization stay.

The Love and Light shines through the members of EUMC!

Diane Marsh and
Janet Hedges Families

Thank You

Dear Church Family,

Thank you all for your prayers and beautiful flowers you have sent. It is so nice to have the comfort of a caring, Christian family. I can feel your love way out in Red Oak. I miss everyone and hope to get back to church and Sunday School soon.

Love,
Dessie Clark

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING 2022



This year we raised funds to assist the Safe Pets Program at My Sister's House. These funds will provide shots that the animals need and food needed when they stay there. It costs about \$100 if animals need shots and \$40-\$50 per month to feed a pet. **Thanks to your generosity, we raised \$3,598.60!**

My Sister's House began The Safe Pets Program in 2004. Pets are an avenue of abuse, batterers may hurt or kill pets to further hurt their partners. It is so encouraging to someone in an abusive situation that they can bring their pet with them. Pets are often considered as part of the family.

The pandemic has created a sharp increase in the need of services for victims of domestic violence. In 2021 My Sister's House sheltered 38% more people than in 2020. The work done by the staff of MSH is made possible by the generous support of our community.

FAITH CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES OF NASH COUNTY - MARCH NEEDS

Thank you for continuing to support this mission project by donating food to feed the hungry in Nash County. We sent 1½ Love Cans of food to Faith Christian Ministries last month. Won't you please consider adding more food to our donation boxes? This agency supports all of Nash County, not just Nashville.



Starting Sunday, March 6th, the "Meals of the Month" donation will be **Tuna and Tuna Helper**. 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 March. This is another wonderful opportunity for this generous congregation to help others who can't help themselves.

Thank You

Thank you so much for the flowers placed in church on January 30th and the Potted Plant brought to my home on Friday, the 4th of February.

I enjoyed doing Meals-on-Wheels starting the 2nd Monday in December of 2002 with Ruth Jones. When she passed away last year in March, my daughter-in-law Stephanie helped me until the end of the year.

Sharon Muller and I did it together on the 2nd Friday starting in May of 2007 until last year sometime near May.

I loved doing both routes but thought it was time to stop. Not as young any more, but I miss seeing those people.

Ruby Hearne

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.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.

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



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 March is LENT. Here's what we'll be learning about each week:

Date	Topic	Helper
March 6	Ten Men with Skin Disease [Luke 17:11-19]	Susan Hayes
March 13	A Blind Man Is Healed [Luke 18:35-43]	Patsy Smith
March 20	The Last Supper [Matthew 26:17-35]	Savanna Becker
March 27	In the Garden [Matthew 16:36-46]	Savanna Becker

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!

March 6	Ten Plagues of Egypt	Beth Ezzell
March 13	Moses Parts the Red Sea	Phyllis Woodley & Kenan Mills
March 20	Moses & the Golden Calf Idol	Savanna Becker
March 27	The Ten Commandments	Jessica Ezzell

Saturday Morning CAFE (Children And Families @ Englewood)

Our next Saturday Morning CAFE will be on March 19th at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall! Our theme for March is "The BEE Attitudes!" We'll learn what Jesus teaches us about how we can be more like him in our attitudes and the way we treat other people. We'll also discover a few things about how we can be more like Jesus from bees! 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!





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UMYF MARCH SCHEDULE

<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>March 2</i>	5:30 pm	Youth Pancake Supper Fundraiser
<i>Sunday</i>	<i>March 6</i>	9:30 am	Sunday School & Worship
		4:00 pm	Confirmation Class
		5:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Youth Group
<i>Sunday</i>	<i>March 13</i>	9:30 am	Sunday School & Worship
		4:00 pm	Confirmation Class
		5:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Youth Group
<i>Sunday</i>	<i>March 20</i>	9:30 am	Sunday School & Worship
		4:00 pm	Confirmation Class
		5:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Youth Group
<i>Friday-Sunday</i>	<i>March 25-27</i>		Confirmation Retreat
<i>Sunday</i>	<i>March 27</i>	9:30 am	Sunday School & Worship
		4:00 pm	Confirmation Class
		5:00 pm - 7:00 pm	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>
March 6	Mexican Food	_____
March 13	Comfort Food	_____
March 20	Breakfast for Dinner	_____
March 27	Sandwiches	_____



Confirmation Retreat

Our Confirmation class will go on a retreat to The Refuge retreat center in Ayden, NC, on March 25-27. During the retreat we will learn more about the foundations of our faith, grow stronger as a group, worship together, and make our own Confirmation stoles! Please pray for this group to have a meaningful experience over the weekend and through this Confirmation experience as a whole.



Youth Pancake Supper Fundraiser (Eat-In or Drive-Thru)

Our Youth are putting the FUN back in fundraiser with a eat in or drive-thru style pancake supper on Ash Wednesday (March 2nd)! Place your order ahead of time and then swing by the church that night between 5:30-6:30 p.m. to eat in or pick up your delicious pancake supper! Each 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, calling the church office (252-443-2926) or filling out the form online at www.inglewood-umc.com/pancakes. The deadline to sign up is Sunday, February 27th. You can pay ahead of time or when you pick up your meals. Please plan to stay after the meal for our traditional Ash Wednesday worship at 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. Thank you in advance for your support of our Youth Fund!!



Pastor Terry presents a check to Ginny Mohrbutter, Executive Director of United Way Tar River Region, for the ongoing Edgecombe/Rocky Mount Employee Assistance Fund to help QVC employees get back on their feet after a recent fire destroyed their facilities.

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

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Ministry Needs

	<i>Monthly Actual</i>	<i>YTD</i>
Receipts	\$35,527.91	\$74,239.63
Goal	\$35,260.00	\$70,520.00

Our 2022 General Budget includes our Missional Giving

AUTISM FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP EVENT

April 2nd - 10:00 a.m.

Mark your calendars for Saturday, April 2nd! Twin County Autism Family Support Group Invites You!! Special Event - Walk'N Roll Autism Awareness Event at 10:00 a.m. at Englewood UMC. Hot wheels, bikes, wheelchairs, strollers, walkers! All are welcome to join! Water will be provided.



More details to come soon! Please call or text Barbara Batts, Coordinator, with any questions (252) 450-5000 or email bbatts2910@aol.com.

Mark Your Calendars



Ash Wednesday Worship Service
 March 2nd - 6:30 p.m.
 Englewood UMC Sanctuary

Maundy Thursday Worship
 April 14th - 7:00 p.m.
 Englewood UMC Sanctuary



Good Friday Worship
 April 15th - 7:00 p.m.
 St. Paul UMC Sanctuary

Easter Sunrise Worship
 April 17th - 7:00 a.m.
 Englewood UMC at Bell Tower

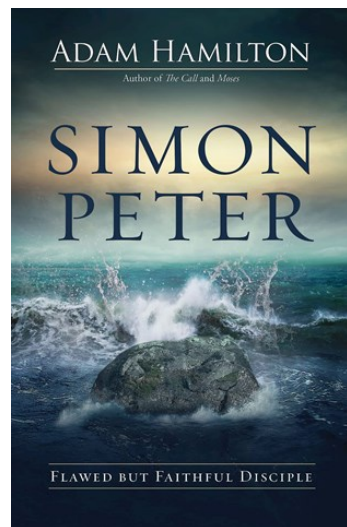


Easter Morning Worship
 April 17th - 10:30 a.m.
 Englewood UMC Sanctuary

Women's Lenten Book Study

Join us for a 6-week study leading up to Lent to discuss the book *Simon Peter: Flawed but Faithful Disciple* by Adam Hamilton! Together we'll explore the life of Simon Peter, an ordinary guy who heard and followed God's extraordinary call on his life. We'll also discover how we, too, have special gifts, talents, and abilities that God wants to use to make a difference today!

This group will meet on Tuesdays from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. in the church parlor. The study will begin on March 8 and last through April 12th, and it will be led by Savanna. All women are welcome to join us! We have several copies of the book for you to borrow. You can also purchase your own copy (the book is available on Amazon).



The deadline for receiving information to be included in the APRIL Newsletter is Thursday, March 17th!