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SOUL PURPOSE - MAY 2021

“Let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.” (Amos 5:24)

A few weeks ago I awoke on an early morning and found myself sitting on a porch in the mountains of North Carolina, streamside. Jane had found us a small, one room cabin where I could sit quietly for some morning reading, writing, and reflection. Below the porch of our small cabin a waterfall fell 24/7, never once, it seemed, pausing for breath, but rather a continuous, never-ending rush.

“Let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.” I found a scripture memorized long ago continually replaying itself in my brain.

I kept trying to read the newly released autobiography of Eugene Peterson, *“A Burning in My Bones”*, but found it difficult to concentrate. I could not get my mind off of Amos. And so, I reasoned, since I’m reading about Eugene Peterson’s life but thinking about Amos, how did Eugene Peterson translate this particular passage of scripture when he wrote, *The Message*. And here’s what Eugene Peterson said:

*“I can’t stand your religious meetings.
I’m fed up with your conferences and
conventions.*

*I want nothing to do with your religion
projects, your pretentious slogans and
goals.*

*I’m sick of your fund-raising schemes,
your public relations and image making.
I’ve had all I can take of your noisy
ego-music.*

*When was the last time you sang to Me?
Do you know what I want?*

I want justice—oceans of it.

I want fairness—rivers of it.

That’s what I want. That’s all I want.”—God

And now I can’t seem to shake away those words; I can’t seem to move beyond putting on paper the words that keep rolling around in my brain.

“Let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.”

For too many years the universal Church and her people have seemed to live more at odds than in any sense of unity. We’ve embroiled ourselves into debating many of the justice issues that cause angst and division among friends and family. Remove denomination from the equation; it doesn’t matter. United Methodist, Presbyterian, Lutheran, Baptist, AME’s, Episcopalian, Catholics. Every denomination has experienced this avalanche of issues that pushes people to choose on which side of an issue they’ll stand. We don’t have to travel very far to pick our issue of choice; it can be any major issue such as racial equality, healthcare, and trickle down to the trivial, such as how long Holy Father’s beard should grow or should we allow deviled eggs at church socials...making those church socials anything but...

So, what if we looked at the novel idea of placing our focus on what issues most matter to God? Not to ourselves, but matter to God. With that...

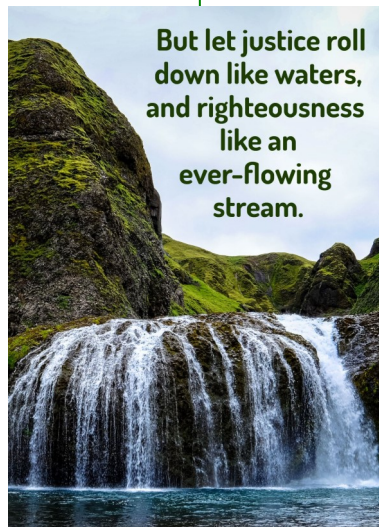
Beginning on May 10th you are invited to participate in a new study, *“Coming Together Around What Matters Most”*. Utilizing Bishop Thomas Bickerton’s book, *“What Are We Fighting For?”*, this study will allow us to explore ways to come together in these troubling times and focus ourselves on what matters you and I can faithfully live into as Englewood United Methodist Church. You can register for this six-session study (classes available on Monday nights and Tuesday mornings), at:

<https://www.englewood-umc.com/coming-together.html>.

As we approach this study together, please pray for God to usher EUMC into an amazing time of ministry as we exit many months of feeling shut in and fearful and prepare for a new vision for our church with excitement. And with anticipation, please pray these words with hope: *“Holy God, we ask that You would inspire each of us as we prepare for this Holy time of study. May we discover together the thing that matters most: the deep essentials of faith in Jesus Christ. Amen.”*

With hope...

Pastor Terry





Our Sympathy Is Expressed To:

Ruby Hearne and family upon the death of her brother, **Marvin Alexander Baker** on April 20, 2021.

Crayton and Sylvia Overton, Tyler Anne Rowley, Stephanie Thompson and their families upon the death of their son-in-law, father and brother-in-law, **William Dale Rowley** on April 22, 2021.

Lucy Culpepper and family upon the death of her son, **David Timothy Locke** on April 26, 2021.



MAY BIRTHDAYS

01	Bubba Conrad	18	Sophie Kann
02	Ray Redd	18	Alison Landis
03	Stephanie Thompson	19	Evelyn Cline
04	Bill Dove	19	Andrew Schafer
05	Charlotte Redd	19	Terry VonElling
10	Reid Livingston	20	Harriet Buss
12	Evelyn Glover	20	Jerry Collier
14	Hassel James	23	Emma League
15	Ivy Ezzell	23	Noah League
16	Erin Lynch	24	Zackary Clark
18	Jared Barbour	25	Dixon Glenn II
18	Georgia Grant	30	Jordan Page
18	Ron Harrison		

In Memoriam

WILLIAM (BILL) DALE ROWLEY

April 22, 2021

Thank You

EUMC Flower Ministry,

Flowers "speak a language" all their own and it was such an encouragement to receive the beautiful arrangement after my father passed away. Your thoughtfulness meant so much to me, and to Craig.

With heartfelt thanks,
Frances Johnson

Thank You

Englewood UMC,

Thank you very much for all the prayers and cards sent to me. It certainly helped. Thank you to Sharon Dunn for delivering the pretty flowers, God bless you all.

Love in Christ,
Rita Vickers

Thank You

Englewood United Methodist Church,

Your concerns and kindness is GREATLY appreciated. Thanks for the floral arrangement.

Paul & Ingrid Dunn and Parrish Family

Thank You

Dear Friends,

Thank you for being a blessing!

Thank you all for the get well cards. Miss you all and think of you often.

Signe Ulrich

Birth



Congratulations to

Alex & Ashley Trull
upon the birth of their son

Ashton Dean Trull

on April 7, 2021

Ashton is the grandson of Donald Trull & the late Susan Trull
Ashton's big sister is Aubrey Claire Trull
and his big brother is Ayden Michael Trull

Birth



Congratulations to

Laurel & James Currie
upon the birth of their daughter

Charlotte Grace Currie

on April 9, 2021

Charlotte is the granddaughter of
Lea Ann Nichols and the late Harold Truelove
Great grandpa is Bill Dove

Thank You

To Staff & Members of EUMC,

Thank you for your cards, prayers, and phone calls during the last three months. This has been a long and overwhelming experience. Thank you for helping me come through it all.

God bless you all,
Evelyn Glover

Mother's Day, May 9, 2021

FESTIVAL OF THE CHRISTIAN HOME

On Mother's Day, May 9th, in celebration of the Festival of the Christian Home, Reverend Elaine Lilliston will return home to Englewood United Methodist Church as our guest speaker!

Elaine has provided the following bio. . .



Andy & Elaine Lilliston,
Jenny, Toby, Cory & Kimmy

For fourteen years (1983-1997), Andy and I had the privilege of raising our family of four school-aged children within the nurturing arms of the Englewood UMC family and community. Under your watchful and prayerful care, I was Called into representative ministry; attended seminary; served EUMC as "Coordinator of Lay Ministries"; was consecrated as a diaconal minister; and was ordained in the first class of Deacons in Full Connection. At 11:59 p.m. on December 31st, I slid my EUMC key under Linda Herbert's office door and walked out of our Rocky Mount church home to continue mission, ministry and outreach on January 1st with Fuquay-Varina UMC serving as the associate pastor until I joined Andy in retirement in 2013. Our family has declared that I'm a miserable failure at retirement!!! The values and lessons learned at EUMC continue to have impact as I currently serve in diverse local, district and conference positions.

Elaine, we look forward to seeing you and hopefully your family on May 9th!

EUMC Church-Wide Study: Coming Together

Beginning this month, our Englewood UMC family will embark on a journey of discovering our true calling and direction as the church, as we 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 will explore 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. Won't you join us!

The study begins on May 10th and will be led by Pastor Terry and Pastor Savanna. We are offering two meeting times to limit class sizes and accommodate schedules: Mondays at 7:00 p.m. and Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m. Books will be provided for you. Sign up at the following link TODAY to reserve your spot!

www.Englewood-umc.com/coming-together

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.Englewood-umc.com/coming-together

ENGLEWOOD UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH

2021 FLOWER CALENDAR

There are still available Sundays on the 2021 Flower Calendar 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 e mail 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.

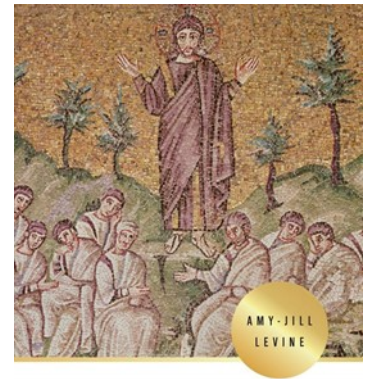


EUMC Book Club

Our EUMC Book Club will meet again on Monday, May 27th at 7:00 p.m. to discuss our second reading selection: ***Sermon on the Mount: A Beginner's Guide to the Kingdom of Heaven*** by Amy-Jill Levin.

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.



SERMON *on* the MOUNT

A BEGINNER'S GUIDE TO THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN

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!

Lydia's Sisters Circle

Lydia's Sisters will meet May 18th at 6:00 p.m.
in the Courtyard. Bring your bag supper.

*Thank
you*

Several weeks ago we learned that Wendy Marlowe, the mother of Adam Marlowe, had been diagnosed with a brain tumor and would begin receiving treatments. Since that time our church family has so generously contributed your prayers, cards, and financial gifts to show our support for Wendy and her family. We have delivered many gift cards for food, gas, and groceries to the Marlowes, and we know many of you have delivered cards on your own as well. We also delivered a beautiful prayer shawl for Wendy. Thank you so much for your help in showing the Marlowes how much the whole EUMC family loves and supports them, and please continue to keep them in your prayers.

We received the following from Wendy Marlowe; *"Wow!! We love EUMC and all its members!! Thank you so much for all the prayers, love, encouragement, gift cards, and flowers! Your outpouring of love, uplifting messages, and support mean so much. The gift cards are a true blessing and I love the prayer shawl. We appreciate it more than you know!"*



To Our EUMC Family,

We want to thank all who supported our recent Project AGAPE for the people of Armenia. We were able to collect 50 plus items of blankets, shoes and boxed cookware along with \$575 to be sent there to assist the families in relocating after the earthquakes and military violence. We, along with the other churches in the Conference have filled two and a half of the shipping containers used to transport. This will make a big difference in the lives of those people who have lost all their household items.

We will be looking at a Christmas project later on in the year. Thank you again for being willing to help others in need.

The Outreach Committee

Thank You

Dear Englewood United Methodist Church,

Thank you for your kindness. Much appreciation for the donation of \$1,920.00 made to Vested Interest in K9s, Inc.

Our mission is to provide bullet and stab protective vests to law enforcement K9s through fund raising efforts. It is due to your support that we can continue to do so. Your recent gift has made a difference in assisting with the safety of a dedicated working dog. We are very grateful for your generosity.

We hereby acknowledge that no goods or services were provided with this donation.

Heartfelt thanks,

Josey Stewart, Volunteer
Vested Interest in K9s, Inc.

Mother's Day Offering ~ May 9, 2021

The Mother's Day offering supports our Benevolent Care Annual Fund and provides financial and personal resources for residents who can no longer fully pay their way. Residents who benefit from this fund are still living independently or in assisted living and are not yet eligible for any government subsidies. In many cases they have no means of support and often no family. By supporting this fund you can make a difference in the lives of these residents. Make checks payable to EUMC and mark Mother's Day Offering on the memo line.



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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!

We are so happy to welcome 3 volunteers to start our ministry and we hope others will join us. Recently the AAP Bulletin has an article entitled, *PEN, PAPER and Sympathy*, stating that in these emotional times, the simple act of writing a note means so much. We are a church of caring members and we hope that we can support members and families who need a note of kindness. The cards are ready, the stamps are, too. Barbara Batts will get the addresses and packets to you...Just call her today at 252-450-5000.



FAITH CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES OF NASH COUNTY - MAY NEEDS

Hunger continues to be a big issue with many families in Nash County. Faith Christian Ministries serves all of Nash County with the

majority of the referrals coming from Rocky Mount. Last month, we only took one box of food to FCM. So won't you please consider stepping up a bit and donate at least one item. Just pick it up when you buy your groceries and drop it off at the church.

Starting this Sunday, May 2nd, the "Meals of the Month" donation will be **Cereal, Pop Tarts, Oatmeal and Grits**. There are two containers 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. 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 JUNE Newsletter is May 20th!

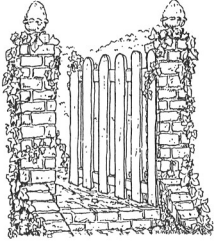
OUR YEAR-TO-DATE RECORD (Thru April 26, 2021)

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

	<u>Ministry Needs</u>	
	<i>Monthly Actual</i>	<i>YTD</i>
Receipts	\$26,796.44	\$149,002.22
Goal	\$35,260.00	\$141,040.00

Our 2021 General Budget includes our Missional Giving

GATEKEEPERS WORKCAMP



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Gatekeepers Workcamp is July 11-16! This year marks the 30th year for the Gatekeepers Workcamp! Monday through Friday of this week, we will partner with youth and adults from other churches to help families in our own community. Most of our work will involve home repair and light construction. The camp will be from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. each day.

To participate in this camp, please contact Savanna Becker. Gatekeepers is open to all middle school and high school students, as well as college students and other adults. Gatekeepers is a great way to get involved in local missions, as well as getting to know new people from the community.

Autism Outreach Family Support Group Receives a Proclamation Recognizing April as Autism acceptance Month

Our Rocky Mount City Council and Mayor recognized our Autism Support Group and the Autism community within the Twin County Area with a beautiful plaque and very supportive language. In this time when we need to love each other with full support and inclusion, it is very appreciated. Our continued outreach ministry is a perfect example of Christian love.



Pictured with Barbara Batts receiving the Proclamation is Autism Support Group member, Susan Wallace and son Connor.

On behalf of all children and adults with Autism, all families going on this journey of living and learning differently, organizations supporting them and Autism Support groups, we were honored on April 19, 2021 by the Rocky Mount City Council. Help us bring awareness that acceptance is necessary to live and thrive.

Barbara Batts

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 May is "Acts - The Church". Here's what we'll be learning about each week:

- May 2 Pentecost (Acts 2:1-41)
- May 9 First Called Christians (Acts 11:19-30)
- May 16 Christ Is One Body (1 Corinthians 12:12-31)
- May 23 Believers Share (Acts 4:32-37)
- May 30 Choosing the Seven (Acts 6:1-7)



Saturday Morning CAFE (Children And Families @ Englewood)



Our next Saturday Morning CAFE will be on **May 22nd at 10:00 a.m.** in the Fellowship Hall!! Our theme for May is "Our Names for God" and we'll learn about all the different ways God is addressed in scripture and what each one tells us about who God is. 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.

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

It's time for an adventure on the Rocky Railway!! At Rocky Railway VBS kids will 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!

This year's VBS will be different in a couple of ways:

1. We will not have dinner before VBS begins but will start with opening worship at 6:00 p.m. each night.
2. We will limit the number of children who participate to 25 and will do this by pre-registration only. Register now at www.inglewood-umc.com/vbs.
3. We will also limit the number of adults who participate to 1 leader for each station and 1 leader for each crew. If you are interested in helping as an adult leader, please contact Savanna.



Youth News

UMYF MAY SCHEDULE

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>May 2</i>	5:00 pm - 7:00 pm	UMYF - Daniel Series Week 3
<i>Sunday</i>	<i>May 9</i>	5:00 pm - 7:00 pm	UMYF - Daniel Series Week 4
<i>Sunday</i>	<i>May 16</i>	5:00 pm - 7:00 pm	UMYF - Daniel Series Week 5
<i>Sunday</i>	<i>May 23</i>	5:00 pm - 7:00 pm	UMYF - Daniel Series Week 6
<i>Sunday</i>	<i>May 30</i>	5:00 pm - 7:00 pm	UMYF - Daniel Series Week 7

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!

Yard Sale

Our Spring yard sale is scheduled for Saturday, May 1st from 7:00 a.m. to noon. We hope you'll come out and shop with us! If you have items that would like to donate to the youth for us to sell, you can bring them to the Rock or the room behind the Fellowship Hall stage. All proceeds benefit the Youth Mission Fund.

Our children will also be selling baked goods at the yard sale as a fundraiser for our Children's Ministry! If you would like to donate baked goods (cakes, cupcakes, cookies, brownies, muffins, etc.) please wrap/package them individually and bring them to the church kitchen by Friday, April 30th.

Thank you for supporting our Youth Mission Fund and Children's Ministry Fund!!



WORKDAY WEDNESDAYS



Summer missions for our youth group will look a little different this year, but we'll be working toward the same goal of serving God and loving people! We would usually spend one week of our summer engages in missions in another location, but for the summer of 2021 we'll focus on service projects in our own community—every single week! Each Wednesday our youth group will participate in a mission project right here in eastern North Carolina—from working at an animal rescue to feeding the homeless to cleaning up our own church playground. (Don't worry—we'll have plenty of fun along the way!)

We can't wait to see how God will work in and through our youth group right here in our own backyard! Workday Wednesdays will begin on June 2nd and last through July 28th. To participate in Workday Wednesdays, let Savanna know by Sunday of each week to be sure we have enough supplies and transportation.

ATTENTION ALL 2021 HIGH SCHOOL & COLLEGE GRADUATES!

We are compiling a list and want to recognize via bulletin and newsletter all the graduates in our congregation. **The church office needs the following information on ALL graduates by May 10.**

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 2020, please send us your information! We want to include you!