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## SOUL PURPOSE - MAY 2022

At Annual Conference on June 2, 2003, Bishop Marion Edwards placed his hands upon my head and prayed for our Almighty God to pour out the power of the Holy Spirit upon me to:

*"...take authority to preach the Word of God, to administer the Holy Sacraments and to order the life of the Church; in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit."*

I took those vows seriously and my commitment to them has never wavered. I knew when I embraced those sacred words that I was accepting the life of a United Methodist pastor which included the time-honored itinerant appointment system that guides our denomination.

On the afternoon of April 7<sup>th</sup>, I received an unexpected call asking if I would prayerfully consider taking my gifts and graces to Camp United Methodist Church in Shallotte, NC. Though I didn't expect such a call, I have always placed trust in how God works through our Bishop and Cabinet. After a short time praying about the opportunity and lamenting the fact that I was leaving a wonderful church filled with people I love deeply, I knew God was leading me to say yes, and I did so with great anticipation and excitement.

Anytime a pastor prepares to move from a church and a people that they genuinely love and care for, it is with a mixture of emotions. I leave Englewood United Methodist Church with a degree of sadness because for the last six years you have embraced my ministry among you. Our 2022 theme, *"Joy-fully Together"*, seems to have been a part of our DNA since the day of my arrival. We have lived into the guiding scripture from Paul, *"to 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."*

Like families, we have laughed together, cried together; we have celebrated, and we have lamented; we truly have shared many memories, often intimate moments, together. And, like families, we have not always agreed on all things, but rather found common ground in not allowing our differing opinions to divide us for God's Church.

For each of you I will forever be grateful. For those that I have been able to bless in some way, I offer you my continued prayerful support. For anyone that I have offended in any way or unintentionally disappointed, I ask for your forgiveness.

This is an exciting time for Jane, our kids, and for me. It's no secret that I am on the backside of serving in the local church for nearly 30 years. I won't say this with certainty, but I will predict that the move to Camp United Methodist Church in Shallotte, NC will be our last. I use the word *"our"* because Jane has always been and will always be a large part of my ministry no matter where God takes us.

As many of you know, there is this thing called retirement that we also are beginning to give closer consideration to. But, like Englewood United Methodist Church, and like our connection with the United Methodist Church, I still have a few laps left to run around the track.

I am excited about what the future holds for you and your new pastoral family. I have known the Rev. Nathan Wittman since he was a toddler. His father, Rev. Raymond Wittman, was my pastor when we were members of Hertford United Methodist Church and he personally guided me through the discernment process when I was wrestling with my own calling. Nathan is blessed to be coming to Englewood United Methodist Church and you are blessed to receive him and his beautiful family. I ask that you support them with the same love, kindness, and spirit of cooperation that you have afforded me.

Englewood United Methodist Church is a unique church, the spirit of this congregation, it's gracious, loving, life-changing spirit, is contagious, and it doesn't stop now. EUMC has many bright years ahead "To Make Disciples of Jesus Christ for the Transformation of the World". Continue to change the world one life at a time. I can't wait to hear and read about all you are doing in our connection.

*Pastor Terry*



**Our Sympathy Is Expressed To:**

Jan Browning and family upon the death of her husband, **Rev. Dr. John Robert Browning, Jr.** on April 6, 2022.

Linda Pridgen and family upon the death of her mother, **Geraldine Batts Armstrong** on April 15, 2022.



**Baptism**

April 10, 2022

**Holt Gregory Hodges  
Lottie Josephine Hodges**

Parents are  
Adam and Sydney Hodges



**Baptism**

April 17, 2022

**Charlotte Grace Currie**

Parents are  
Laurel & James Currie  
Granddaughter of Lea Anne & Tom Nichols  
and the late Harold Truelove  
Great Granddaughter of Bill Dove  
and the late Jeanette Dove

**Confirmation Class  
of 2022**

**Alaina Grace Boyd  
Izabelle Marie Clark  
(Baptized)**

**Emma Marcelle Langley  
Travis Tyler Pate**



Our Confirmation class of 2022 was confirmed on Easter Sunday, April 17! After 10 weeks of learning about the history of the United Methodist Church, the belief of the Christian faith, and how to connect with and express our faith, these four students each have a solid foundation to stand on. What a blessing to officially welcome them into the life of our church as professing members!



**MAY BIRTHDAYS**

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

**Thank You**

I want to thank my church family for the calls, concern, phone calls, visits and prayers during my recent illnesses. Also, thanks to the Flower Committee for the beautiful flowers that were delivered to me. They certainly brightened my days. I feel so blessed to have so many caring friends.

Embra Pullen

**Thank You**

Members of EUMC,

Thank you so much for thinking of me during my time of sickness. The beautiful prayer blanket is very special to me. It means so much to have had it in place through praying hands.

Love,  
Rose Choppell

**Thank You**

To My Englewood Church Family,

Over the past several days, I have been held up by prayers and sympathy cards from all of you! And when I was feeling weak, the bereavement committee showed up with a big meal. The lasagna and pizza hit the spot. I feel sorry for the people who do not have the loving support that a church family provides. I don't think I could have made it without you!

Love,  
Jimmy Hicks

**Thank You**

Care & Comfort Committee:

It is with much sadness I write to you again. On behalf of Danielle's family, I want to thank you for again providing such an essential service to again grieving family. Danielle was on the church prayer list for a long time. We thank you. Thank you for your prayers past and present.

May God bless your ministry and EUMC.

Grace Bellamy  
Brian Fronefield, Alexis & Brian, Jr,



## UMW NEWS

- May 17 11:30 a.m. Women of the Way -  
The Olive Garden Restaurant
- May 17 6:00 p.m. Lydia's Sisters' Circle - Social at home of  
Llewellyn Edmondson.

### Lydia's Sisters Circle Casserole Sale



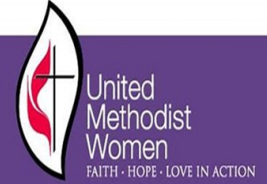
**Reminder: If you purchased a Casserole from the Lydia's Sisters Circle, the casseroles will be ready for pick up on Sunday, May 8<sup>th</sup> after worship in the church kitchen.**

## Women of The Way

The Women of the Way met on April 19<sup>th</sup> in the Aldersgate Classroom. We were glad to welcome Carolyn Mobley to our Circle today. Sharon Roth gave the devotion on "How Does God Answer Prayers". The Circle continues to support Faith Christian Ministries with food products and The Lighthouse with paper products. Members are asked to bring these products to each meeting. Rada knives are not actively being sold but orders can be placed at any time with Glenda Hortman or Sue McMillan. Terrie Buckner made numerous "bunny" dishcloths that were sold at Lydia's Circle Tea. Terrie can be contacted to purchase dishcloths at any time. With the extra time to make animals and need for supplies, she recommended increasing the cost for the animal dishcloths by a \$1 and the Circle agreed. The Senior Breakfast will be held on June 5<sup>th</sup> and a signup sheet for food and work was distributed and will be returned to Lisa Hicks who is the coordinator for the breakfast. The dinner for The Lighthouse ladies will be held April 26<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall and food sign up sheet for the dinner was distributed. Embra Pullen is the coordinator for this dinner. Two ladies from The Lighthouse were in attendance and both asked to become members of our Circle: Debra West and Wanda Jones.

We continued our Bible study of parables and Wilma Rundell led the study on Luke 18:1-8 The Parable of the Persistent Woman. There will be no formal meeting in May but the group will gather at The Olive Garden Restaurant on May 17<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 a.m. for lunch and fellowship.

The circle will not meet during the summer. The UMW is open to all women of the church and we invite you to come join us in the Aldersgate Classroom on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month at 10:00 a.m. resuming on September 20<sup>th</sup>.



### FAITH CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES OF NASH COUNTY - MAY NEEDS



Hunger never goes away for many families in Nash County. And Faith Christian Ministries serves all of Nash County with the majority of the referrals coming from Rocky Mount. Last month, we took less than one Love Can 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 Sunday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, the "Meals of the Month" donation will be **Cereal, Pop Tarts, Oatmeal and Grits**. 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 May. This is another wonderful opportunity for this generous congregation to help others who can't help themselves.

## NEW SERVICE OPPORTUNITY

As you know, EUMC has supported Faith Christian Ministries with monthly food donations for several years. They are located in Nashville, NC at 245 W. Washington Street. They have been in "the business" of serving Nash County residents for over 30 years. FCM of Nash County give clothes, food, and financial assistance for utilities, rent, medicine, etc. to referred people with specific needs. Referrals are received from several agencies in Nash County as well as local churches. They currently help 125-200 people each month.

They call their store at 245 W. Washington Street a "Unique Thriftique". Local churches and individuals donate money, food, good used clothes/shoe, and other items. All items are sorted by instore volunteers before being placed in the store. Only quality items are sold in their store to help support their charitable and ministry purposes. The "non-quality" items are sold by the pound to another company who sends them to Third World countries.

We recently received a letter asking for volunteer help at the store. Tasks might include sorting and checking donations, putting items out for sale, tagging clothing with prices, and/or other duties where help is needed. They are asking for our help Monday thru Friday. Their hours of operation are 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. (Monday-Thursday) and 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (Friday). If you have a few hours on a weekly basis or even a monthly basis, they would greatly appreciate your assistance. If you would like to volunteer to help this nonprofit Christian agency, please contact Sharon Roth at 252-451-7936 or [slroth@suddenlink.net](mailto:slroth@suddenlink.net).

This is just another way, we as Christians can reach out to help others. Matthew 25:40 "*And the King will tell them, 'I can tell you that when you did it to one of the least of these my brothers and sisters, you were doing it to me!'*"





## Englewood United Methodist Church to Host FREE Concert

Singer/Songwriter, Amy Shreve will perform in concert at Englewood UMC on **May 1, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.** Amy Shreve is a professional harpist, and will be joined by her husband and producer, Gary Wixtrom, backing her with guitars and mandolin. Amy has performed on stage as early as five years old. At eleven she began mastering the harp.

Graduating with a music degree from Wheaton College, Illinois, Amy landed in Nashville to pursue a music career, first signing a recording contract with Sparrow Records where she was immediately signed as a staff writer at Birdwing Music where she honed her skill as a writer.

She has opened for Larry Carlton and Michael McDonald, performed at the National Radio Broadcasters and Praise Gathering, and has worked with Tommy Sims (Bruce Springsteen), Norbert Putnam (Dan Fogelberg), Brian Hardon (Motown), and Peter York (EMI). Amy has recorded sixteen albums and was nominated for a Dove Award. Her musical influences Michael Card, Counting Crows, Lifehouse, Evanescence and several Irish artists including Enya have been instrumental in helping her develop her musical style. Co-writing and arranging with her husband has added a pop element to the music. The result is an appealing alternative sound.

Amy tours the United States, Canada, and Europe and speaks and performs at churches, universities, and conferences, including leading worship at over 200 conferences for 'The Voice of the Martyrs'. The concert is free. A love offering will be received. All are welcome.



## Lay Servant / Leader Training - May 14, 2022 (Registration Closes May 9, 2022)

Led by Allen Burden, this is an overview course that provides helpful background for all laypersons in service in the church and community. It is also required for all who pursue recognition in Lay Servant Ministries. The *Lay Servant Ministries Basic Course* is a foundational course designed to equip new church leaders and renew current leaders in The United Methodist Church.

It explores personal spiritual gifts, servant leadership, each leader's role in developing future leaders, the importance of consistent spiritual practices, and the core ministries of Leading, Caring, and Communicating.

Please call or email the District Office with any questions about registration: [districts@nccumc.org](mailto:districts@nccumc.org) or 919.779.9435

If you have any questions about the course, you are invited to contact Co-District Directors of Lay Servant Ministries: Allen Burden ([Ga57burden@gmail.com](mailto:Ga57burden@gmail.com)) or Angie Thompson ([athompson@nccumc.org](mailto:athompson@nccumc.org))

Thanks to all the faithful Meals-on-Wheels volunteers.

We have all our routes fully covered, but sometimes things happen and we need subs.

If you are not presently on the sub list, please consider volunteering to help out.

You will not be called often and will not be given a route by yourself.

If you can help, please call Jeannie Gibbs at 252-443-4930.

Thank you!



## OUR YEAR-TO-DATE RECORD

*(Thru April 28, 2022)*

### FINANCIAL SUMMARY

#### Ministry Needs

	<i>Monthly Actual</i>	<i>YTD</i>
Receipts	\$36,014.71	\$143,626.94
Goal	\$35,260.00	\$141,040.00

*Our 2022 General Budget includes our Missional Giving*



The deadline for receiving information to be included in the **JUNE Newsletter** is **Thursday, May 19<sup>th</sup>**

## AUTISM FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP

Our Walk'N'Roll Event for our Autism Support Group was a great success thanks to our participants, community and our special EUMC congregation. We had approximately 80 people in attendance and raised \$900.00. This was our first fundraiser event and we are pleased to fulfill our goal to share a percentage of our funds with the outreach ministry, "On The Move Gym", a place where everyone is welcome.

We are making plans for next year and extend to our volunteers a huge THANK YOU for your support!!!! "All GOD'S CHILDREN HAVE A PLACE IN OUR MINISTRY!"





## UNITED METHODIST MEN



The Englewood United Methodist Men will meet Tuesday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Our speaker will be Rocky Mount Police Chief Robert Hassle who will talk about his experience with policing in Rocky Mount. Chief Hassle has been on the job here for a full year and I believe you will find his presentation interesting.

So mark your calendars right now and make plans to come and join us. 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. We will conclude with a short business session. See you then!

Peter Varney

### 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.



### SENIOR ADULT FELLOWSHIP



The Senior Adult Fellowship will meet in the Fellowship Hall for Bingo at 12:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 4<sup>th</sup> and at 12:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 18<sup>th</sup>.

### 2022 Flower Calendar



There are still dates available for you to reserve 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: May 22, May 29, June 26, July 3, July 17, July 24, August 7, August 28, September 11, October 9, October 16, October 23, October 20, and November 27.*

The 2022 Flower Calendar is now online on the church website ([www.engagewood-umc.com](http://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.

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

### ATTENTION LADIES OF EUMC!



The Prayer Shawl/Blanket Ministry began meeting again in March after a long pause due to COVID. We are excited to be back together to make shawls and blankets for those who seek comfort during difficult times as well as those celebrating the joy of a new baby, Baptisms, graduations and other life transitions. We welcome new members to join us as we enjoy wonderful fellowship time as we craft these gifts and pray over them.



The good news is we will continue to meet through the summer months this year. We meet on the first Tuesday of the month at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall to make blankets. On the second Tuesday of the month we meet at 10:00 a.m. in the church parlor to knit/crochet shawls (yarn is available for your use).

The best way to request a shawl or blanket is to use the Request Forms (yellow) which are located in the hallway outside the church office. If you need additional information, please contact Betty Poplin at 252-985-0950.

## Children's Sunday School

Children 5<sup>th</sup> 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 May is PROCLAIM! Here's what we'll be learning about each week:

Date	Topic	Helper
May 1	Paul Is Changed (Acts 9:1-20)	Brenda Bazemore
May 8	Paul Escapes with Help (Acts 9:21-25)	Nancy Mooring
May 15	Paul and Timothy (Acts 16:1-5, 2 Timothy 1:5-7)	Brenda Ellis
May 22	Paul and Silas in Prison (Acts 16:16-40)	Jeff Smith
May 29	Shipwrecked (Acts 27:1-44)	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!

May 1	Israel Asks for a King	Beth Ezzell
May 8	Samuel Anoints Saul as King	Phyllis Woodley & Kenan Mills
May 15	David & Goliath	Savanna Becker
May 22	The 23 <sup>rd</sup> Psalm	Jessica Ezzell
May 29	Esther Saves the Jewish People	Savanna Becker

### Saturday Morning CAFE (Children And Families @ Englewood)

Our next Saturday Morning CAFE will be on May 21<sup>st</sup> at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall! Our theme for May is "The Best Summer Ever!" We'll use some of our favorite things from summer to teach us about God's love and how we can honor him all summer long. 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!



### ATTENTION ALL 2022 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 8<sup>th</sup>:  
Full Name / Telephone No. / Address / School Attended / Degree Earned / College or University You Plan to Attend.

## UMYF MAY SCHEDULE

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>May 1</i>	9:30 am 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Sunday School & Worship Youth Group
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>May 7</i>	6:00 am - 12:00 pm	Yard Sale Fundraiser
<i>Sunday</i>	<i>May 8</i>	9:30 am 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Sunday School & Worship Youth Group
<i>Sunday</i>	<i>May 15</i>	9:30 am 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Sunday School & Worship Youth Group
<i>Sunday</i>	<i>May 22</i>	9:30 am 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Sunday School & Worship Youth Group
<i>Sunday</i>	<i>May 29</i>	9:30 am 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Sunday School & Worship 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>
May 1	Pasta	Lin Varney
May 8	Picnic Food	_____
May 15	Comfort Food	_____
May 22	Mexican Food	_____
May 29	Sandwiches	_____

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



Mark your calendars for June 12<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup> when we'll be embarking on a "Monumental" adventure at Vacation Bible School!! VBS will meet on Sunday-

Thursday of that week from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. We'll have a wonderful time of worship, games, crafts, music, and Bible stories - all focused on the life of Joseph and how he teaches us to follow God faithfully, no matter what! You don't want to miss this! If you're interested in volunteering as an adult leader this week, please see Savanna.

### Yard Sale / Bake Sale

It's time for some spring cleaning! Our spring yard sale is just around the corner (Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup>), and the youth are collecting donations of items to sell. **Please bring your donations and drop them off in Room 5 or the room behind the stage by Sunday, May 1<sup>st</sup>.** All proceeds from the yard sale will benefit the Youth Mission Fund, helping to support our summer mission projects both local and abroad.

In addition to the yard sale, the youth are also accepting donations of baked goods for a bake sale! **If you are able to bake cakes, cookies, muffins, brownies, or other goodies, please bring your items to the church kitchen by Friday May 6<sup>th</sup>.**

### Mother's Day / Father's Day Pictures

Mother's Day and Father's Day are coming up, and we would like to honor our parents in a slideshow of pictures on those days in worship!

You can submit pictures by email to [sbecker@englewood-umc.com](mailto:sbecker@englewood-umc.com) or by bringing hard copies to the church office. We do have pictures that have been submitted in previous years, but if you want to make sure we have yours on file, you can call the church office or email Savanna to check.

**The deadline for receiving Mother's Day pictures is May 2<sup>nd</sup>.**

