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SOUL PURPOSE - SEPTEMBER 2021

“While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, winter and summer, and day and night shall not cease.”
Genesis 8:22

It's hard to believe that September is now here. It seems like only yesterday we were planting gardens, watering flower beds, picking tomatoes, and setting off fireworks in celebration of our nation's independence, but now we find ourselves looking ahead to colorful leaves, Grandparents Day, National Neighbor Day, local fresh apples, the smell of freshly dug peanuts, and all of the symbolic meaning a September morning delivers.

Other than shrinking daylight hours and pumpkins appearing on the frosty morning furrows, what will the Fall season bring?

Every season ushers with it opportunities for us, as the Body of Christ, to grow in faith and in our personal relationships. Each time the calendar turns, we're reminded that it's a new moment for us to consider our faith and set and redefine what the Holy Spirit is leading us to embrace as we seek to live with God's purpose(s) for our lives.

With that thought, I recently spent a morning in silent reflection. For those that know me, recognize it's difficult for me to sit in peaceful contemplation for any period of time, most especially a *long* period of time. Still, I chose to go into a quiet place and reflect on myself, my family, and each of you. I prayed, I listened, and I considered how so many of our lives have gone through transition these past six years and how those transitions may have changed us.

Like the altering of a season, many of us have experienced the significant colors of life turn dark and fall without sound. Others have seen growth occur and the brilliance of the figurative leaves delivering to us a brightness only the joys of life's moments can deliver.

But through all of the many changes, good and sad, we've stood together in supporting each other through those seasons. But then, that should not surprise us. That is exactly what Englewood United Methodist Church has always done. As the Body of Christ we've always stepped together through the many changes we've witnessed, all set by God's great design.

I honestly believe God wants us to see both the beauty and the blessings we each hold and that God wants us to forever trust the direction the Maker sets for our futures, for where our seasons change, God does not. Our world rests in the hands of the One that created it.

So friends, open your arms wide and embrace our approaching season for God promises to equip, guide, and love us with generous grace.

With great affection for each of you...

Pastor Terry





Our Sympathy Is Expressed To:

The family and friends of **Lionel Lyston "Leo" Bishop** upon his death on August 2, 2021.

Gary & Linda Green and family upon the death of Gary's brother-in-law, **Keith Taylor** on August 10, 2021.

The family and friends of **Evelyn Willie Gay Glover** upon her death on August 11, 2021.

Rita & John Vickers and family upon the death of Rita's sister, **Rolina Becker** on August 20, 2021.

Beverly & Dan Vaughan and family upon the death of Beverly's sister, **Daphne Carolyn McLohon Hinson** on August 21, 2021.



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

01	Crystal Collier	14	Jessica Ezzell
01	Sharon Muller	15	Randolph Holoman
03	Michael Williams	17	Cam Fisher
04	Phyllis Coats Williford	17	Jeannie Gibbs
06	Angie Griffin	18	Nancy Porter
09	David Ayers	19	Henry Bradley
09	Larry Boyd, Jr.	19	Theresa Cruz
09	Allan Buss	22	Sam Quigley
09	Beth Ezzell	23	Jerry Ezzell, Jr.
11	Jayden Davis	23	Abigale Morehart
11	Zadie Lynch	24	Amy Schafer
11	Adam Marlowe	25	Wyatt Collins
12	Kandy Domina	26	Faith Schafer
12	Kenan Mills	29	Betty Lee
13	Gregory Bradley	30	Alaina Boyd
14	Jean Bailey	30	Lin Varney
14	Carolyn Carter		

In Memoriam

EVELYN WILLIE GAY GLOVER

August 11, 2021

Birth

Congratulations to

Meredith & Cole Clark
upon the birth of their son

Davison Elliott Clark

on August 5, 2021

Davison is the grandson of Ned & Dessie Clark



Thank You

Dear Flower Ministry Ladies,

Just wanted to say Thank You for the beautiful flowers delivered by Jeannie Gibbs. They truly brightened my day after my hospital stay.

For your thoughtfulness and generosity—may God bless you today, tomorrow, and always.

Thank you again,
Linda Hughes

Thank You

Dear Friends,

Thank you for the vase of lovely flowers—such a thoughtful and consoling remembrance at this time of my family's sadness. Also special was the delivery by kind and loving Janice—so nice.

I am grateful for you all.

Sincerely,
Wanda Thayer

Thank You

Thank you so much for the cards, flowers and prayers. You are a very caring church family.

Bill Dove

Thank You

Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for the many ways you have shown me your love. To the Flower Ministry for the beautiful floral arrangements you deliver. They put so much joy in my life. To those who send cards and to those who make phone calls and the prayers by both the members and staff that are lifted on my behalf. You are truly a loving church which I am so proud to be a part of.

In Christian love,
Mae Carroll



SENIOR ADULT FELLOWSHIP

On Wednesday,
September 1st, the
Senior Adult Fellowship
will return!

They will meet on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays
in the Fellowship Hall for Bingo.



PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Tuesday, September 7 10:00 am - 12:00 pm Fellowship Hall (Blankets)
 Tuesday, September 14 10:00 am - 12:00 pm Church Parlor (Shawls)
 Tuesday, September 28 10:00 am - 12:00 pm Church Parlor (Shawls)



Shawls and Blankets will be placed on the altar rail for blessing on Sunday, September 19.

AGAPE Christmas Boxes



On Sunday, September 5th, you will find 200 empty Christmas Boxes on the Chancel railing. After having to skip last year due to COVID, we are excited to once again have the opportunity to prepare a special gift for children in Armenia that might otherwise receive nothing. Please pick up one or multiple boxes to fill with the items listed on the lid. **We cannot include candy, batteries, toothpaste, used items or perishables.** Please include \$5 per box for shipping and then secure with the 3 rubber bands included in the box.

We will collect thru the month of September and return the filled boxes on October 3rd. Please place the boxes on the railing when your return for a blessing from Pastor Terry before they are taken to the MERCI Center.

If you would like to participate in this project but are not physically able to do the shopping, you can send a check to the Church office and the Outreach Ministry Team will do the shopping for you. Please enclose \$30 to cover the gifts and the shipping and send to the church office by September 15th.

This has been a hard year for the people of Armenia and we hope you will feel led to participate in this wonderful Christmas Box program for the children there.

FAITH CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES OF NASH COUNTY - SEPTEMBER NEEDS

Remember HUNGER is still here and even more now that some people are out of work. Faith Christian Ministries of Nash County is doing their part, with your help, to aide those in need. While the physical location of this agency is in Nashville, the majority of their support is given to Rocky Mount residents.

Starting Sunday, September 5th, the "Meals of the Month" donation will be **Canned Beef Stew, Canned Chicken and Dumplings, and Rice**. There is a big Love Can located in the area beneath the name tags in the church lobby, labeled "FCM MEALS OF THE MONTH". Please donate these food items to help stock their food pantry throughout the month of September. 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
OCTOBER Newsletter
is **September 20th!**

OUR YEAR-TO-DATE RECORD (Thru August 30, 2021)

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Ministry Needs

	<i>Monthly Actual</i>	<i>YTD</i>
Receipts	\$30,337.62	\$271,167.16
Goal	\$35,260.00	\$282,080.00

Our 2021 General Budget includes our Missional Giving

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).

Our volunteers are very special thoughtful church members graciously sharing kind words to members and loved ones. Thank you for your faithfulness as we grow this mission!





ENGLEWOOD UNITED METHODIST MEN

The Englewood United Methodist Men will meet Tuesday, September 14th at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. This will be our first gathering since March 10, 2020 when we last met.

Our speaker is our very own Bob League who will present a new plan for traffic control and traffic movement on the heavily traveled stretch of Sunset Avenue between Walgreens and Halifax Road. He will show the possibility of a roundabout, a new sidewalk, crosswalks, landscaping, signalization, and other safety improvements.

Sound interesting? Then come out and join us! We will have a great meal very reasonably priced at \$5.00 (free for first time visitors). We service dinner at 6:00 p.m., receive a brief devotion, and then we will hear from Bob. We will have a short business session to catch up on the peanut operation.

Mark your calendar now.

Peter Varney



New prices for peanuts effective September 1, 2021:

	<u>Case</u>	<u>Jar</u>
Retail	\$42.00	\$3.50
Wholesale	\$39.00	\$3.25

If you are not already a member of a Peanut Cook Team, we need your help!

Some teams cook during the day, some teams cook in the evening. A cooking usually take less than three hours. We have great fellowship and our peanut demand is always strong. You could join a team or be a substitute when needed.

Contact: Gary Green (252-955-2266), Tom Bazemore (252-443-0575) or John Vickers (252-469-3514).

FEAST (Fellowship Eat And Study Together)

Get excited!! We're bringing FEAST (Fellowship Eat And Study Together) back this fall! (Actually, it will be a FEAST/GROW hybrid, but we'll just call it FEAST to keep things simple.) This will be a great opportunity for both church-wide fellowship and small group discipleship. We hope everyone will join us!

Here are the details:

- ◆ FEAST will be on Wednesdays from 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
- ◆ We will have a kickoff on September 15th, where you can see what we'll be doing and sign up for a small group. After the kickoff, there will be six FEAST sessions from September 22nd - October 27th.
- ◆ The meal each week will be catered by local restaurants and will cost \$7 per person. A full menu will be included in a sign-up sheet in your bulletin on Sunday, September 19th.
- ◆ After the meal, small groups meeting in various spaces in the church. Each small group will be led by EUMC members and/or staff, and all groups will follow a series called "Community" that encourages us to think about the value of being part of a loving church family and how we contribute to that community.



We're really looking forward to this fall FEAST session, and can't wait to see you all here for the kickoff on Wednesday, September 15th!



UMW NEWS

Attention Ladies of EUMC! If you are not a member of one of the Circles at EUMC, you are invited to visit and or join one of the meetings below. Please contact Sue McMillan or Amy Quigley for more information!

September 21	10:00 a.m.	Circle of Joy - Fellowship Hall
September 21	10:00 a.m.	Women of the Way - Fellowship Hall
September 21	6:00 p.m.	Lydia's Sisters - Fellowship Hall

Bring your own bag supper. Llewellyn Edmondson will provide dessert and drinks. Please join us for a fun time of fellowshiping and making plans for the year!



AUTISM
AWARENESS

TWIN COUNTY AUTISM FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP

We have been trying to develop our Hispanic family group and the perfect person and place for our Southern Area group is developing. Please be in prayer as we make plans for all families to begin meeting in the fall.



**THE LIGHTHOUSE
HOME**
A Place for Change for Women
Overcoming Addiction
Est. 2000

Women of the Way

The Women of the Way Circle invites everyone to donate paper towels, toilet paper, tissues, etc. to The Lighthouse. They are also requesting cleaning supplies due to the need for frequent sanitizing because of COVID. You may bring them to the church on Sunday or during the week. Please contact Jeannie Gibbs for more information.

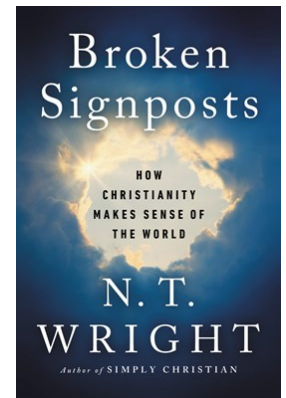
Thank You!

EUMC Book Club

Our EUMC Book Club will meet again on Monday, September 27th at 7:00 p.m. to discuss our next reading selection, *Broken Signposts: How Christianity Makes Sense of the World* by N. T. Wright. Wright is one of today's leading Bible scholars, particularly in the study of the New Testament. In this book he uses the Gospel of John to reveal how Christianity presents a compelling and relevant explanation for our world. Wright argues that every world view must explain seven "signposts", indicators inherent to humanity: Justice, Spirituality, Relationships, Beauty, Freedom, Truth, and Power. Using the Gospel of John as his source, he shows how Christianity defines each signpost and illuminates why we so often see them as being "broken" and unattainable. Drawing on the wisdom of the Gospels, Wright explains why these signposts are fractured and damaged and how Christianity provides the vision, guidance, and hope for making them whole once again, ultimately healing ourselves and our world.

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! We will gather in the Church Parlor.



After-School Bears Program

We are excited to welcome back our After-School Bears Program starting on September 2nd! The Bears Program meets on Thursday afternoons for a group of ten students from Englewood Elementary School. We have a snack, homework help time, a Bible lesson, and other activities. We have 10 very excited children signed up for this school year, and we just need YOU!!



If you would be able to help as a volunteer for any of the following, please let Savanna know. We'd love to have your help!

- Snack Time (3:15 p.m.-3:45 p.m.) - Prepare a snack for the children to enjoy when they get here after school.
- Helping a child with homework (4:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.) - We like to match one student with one volunteer so that you're able to develop a relationship, which means we need 10 homework helpers total. You don't need special skills or knowledge, just a heart that's open to the children.
- Assisting with the pick-up time (5:00 p.m.-5:45 p.m.) - Help make sure each child gets signed out by an approved adult.

Please join us in praying for a great school year for ALL of our children!

PLAY AREA PLAN

About two years ago, the Board of Trustees began exploring the idea of using the open space courtyard area as a play area for children and youth. Because this area is enclosed by the fellowship hall, the children's education wing, and the adult education wing, it is safe and easily accessible from both the fellowship hall and children's hall.

A Play Area Study Committee composed of Lee Pullen, Barbara Batts, Savanna Becker and Peter Varney has looked at play areas at schools, City parks, and other churches in the area. The committee has reviewed plans for our courtyard area prepared by landscape architects and, through this process, has refined its vision for our church based on visits to various outdoor activity and learning environments, consultations with experts in the field, and prayerful consideration of our church's needs and hopes for future growth.

Through Savanna's leadership, we are experiencing growth in the number of children and youth participating in church activity. In addition, we are resuming the Bears Club with students from Englewood School and the Twin County Autism Family Support Group. Developing a play area in the courtyard may also attract other families with children to our church.

The Board of Trustees has engaged registered landscape architect Tom Moss of Nash County to draft a plan for the courtyard area. Tom has experience designing playground areas for other churches and schools in the area and has impressed our planning team with a vision that is specifically for our church.

According to the draft plan, the area nearest the children's education wing would largely be an open space grassy area with three benches placed in circular hardscape surfaces. In the center are three graduated wooden decks with the upper level covered with a shade structure. The existing shrubbery in this area would be replaced with all new plantings. The existing dogwood tree would remain. It is envisioned that this space would be used by older youth and adults for outside assembly and activity, as well as being an open play space for children. We view this space as flexible for use by any age group!



The area nearest the covered walkway connecting the fellowship hall to the adult education wing would be used primarily by young children. In the center of this area is a hard surface patio that would be covered by a shade structure. The plan shows a circular concrete tricycle and walking pathway connected to the existing covered walkway along the fellowship hall wall. The plan also shows two small wooden playhouses. In this area, the existing shrubbery would be removed and replaced with new plantings. The existing dogwood tree would remain.

The total estimated cost of the project is approximately \$50,000. The study committee has detailed estimates and is hopeful that individuals and groups will contribute to the Play Area Fund.

The Board of Trustees has detailed drawings and would be glad to present these to Sunday School classes, United Methodist Men, United Methodist Women, and any others who are interested.

The Trustees intend to retain the existing playground area situated near the church kitchen. This area would serve as a dedicated active play space for our children. In contrast with the flexible open space concept in the courtyard area, this space is intended for physical activity and "getting the wiggles out". This area has been cleaned up and is currently being used by our Children's Ministry but more work is needed to make it more attractive.

We are excited to present this joyful addition to our ministry and we look forward to congregational participation in this mission for children, youth, adults, and all of our church family!

Questions or comments should be directed to Lee Pullen, Chair of the Board of Trustees (252-883-8778) or Peter Varney (252-822-2993).





North Carolina Conference
The United Methodist Church

CHANGES TO UPCOMING CONFERENCE GATHERINGS

As we continue to monitor the COVID-19 trends, including increases in cases and hospitalizations, and out of a desire to “do no harm” as we look ahead to opportunities to gather across our connection, the Cabinet and Conference Leadership have made the following changes:

Bishop Fairley’s Welcome Service and District Gatherings

Welcome Service

The September 19th Service of Welcome for Bishop Leonard Fairley and his wife Dawn has been canceled. In its place, Bishop Fairley will deliver a message to the Conference. As the details for this are finalized, we will share that information and an invitation with you.

District Gatherings

The in-person District Gatherings with Bishop Fairley will now take place via Zoom. The schedule for the gatherings remains the same. Look for more information on how to join the Zoom meeting (by computer, mobile device, or phone) soon.

Charge Conferences

This year’s Charge Conference sessions will be virtual. The Cabinet and AADSs are finalizing the details and will share the information with you as soon as possible.

Thank you for your flexibility and your patience with these changes. We base these decisions on a commitment to keep one another safe and seek the health and well-being of all involved. While we will certainly miss the opportunity to be physically present with one another at these meetings, we look forward to a time when we can once again be gathered together in our sacred spaces.

We continue praying for all who bring healing and wholeness to our world, those who give care to the sick, and those affected by COVID-19.

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! 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 September is "Reconciliation".

Here's what we'll be learning about each week:

Date	Topic	Helper
• September 5	Joseph and His Brothers [Genesis 27]	Rita Vickers
• September 12	Joseph in Egypt [Genesis 39:20-40:23]	Nancy Mooring
• September 19	Joseph Saves the Day [Genesis 41:1-57]	Brenda Ellis
• September 26	Joseph and His Brothers Reunited [Genesis 42:1-46:34]	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

Our Children's Church theme for September is "Joseph". Together we'll learn that we can trust God at all times, no matter what happens in our lives!

September 5	God Said We Can Be with Him Forever [John 14:1-13]	Beth Ezzell
September 12	Joseph's Jealous Brothers [Genesis 34:3-7, 17-35]	Phyllis Woodley & Kenan Mills
September 19	Joseph's Fearful Time [Genesis 39:20-40:23]	Savanna Becker
September 26	Joseph's Royal Position [Genesis 41:1-43]	Jessica Ezzell



Saturday Morning CAFE (Children And Families @ Englewood)

Our next Saturday Morning CAFE will be on **September 18th**. We will gather in the Fellowship Hall at 10:00 a.m. for a camping adventure! Together we'll learn about being "God's Happy Campers" because of the joy of Jesus in our hearts. We hope all our EUMC families with children will join us!

The Saturday Morning CAFE is designed for our children to participate with their family, whether that is parents, a grandparent, or any adult who wants to share this special time with them!



UMYF SEPTEMBER SCHEDULE

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>September 5</i>	2:00 pm	UMYF - Back to School Event at Defy Gravity
<i>Sunday</i>	<i>September 12</i>	5:00 pm - 7:00 pm	UMYF - "Why Does It Matter?" Series Week 1
<i>Sunday</i>	<i>September 19</i>	5:00 pm - 7:00 pm	UMYF - "Why Does It Matter?" Series Week 2
<i>Sunday</i>	<i>September 26</i>	5:00 pm - 7:00 pm	UMYF - "Why Does It Matter?" Series Week 2

UMYF Dinner Signups

Our UMYF meets 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. 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>
September 5	No Meal Needed - Defy Gravity Trip	
September 12	Pasta	Patsy Smith
September 19	Sandwiches	Glenda Hortman & Ouida Matthews
September 26	Breakfast for Dinner	Lu Czar

Youth Yard Sale

Our Fall Yard Sale is just around the corner: Saturday, October 2nd from 7:00 a.m. to noon. Spots are available to rent in the church office for \$10 each.

The youth are also accepting donations of items to sell in support of our Youth Mission Fund. Donations of smaller items can be dropped off in Room 5 on the Fellowship Hall hallway (The Rock), and larger items and furniture can be taken across the hall to the room behind the stage. If you have items that would sell for more than \$5 at a yard sale, please price those items with the amount you feel is appropriate.

The children will also be selling baked goods, snacks, and drinks at the yard sale. If you would like to donate baked items, please leave them in the church kitchen by the morning of the sale.

Thank you in advance for your support!!



SAFE SANCTUARIES

PROVIDING A SAFE ENVIRONMENT FOR CHILDREN & YOUTH AS THEY GROW IN FAITH



Safe Sanctuaries Training

Our church has such a heart for young people, and one of the many ways we show what a priority youth and children have in our church is by following a set of Safe Sanctuaries guidelines. These guidelines are in place to make sure our

church is a safe place for everyone, especially the most vulnerable among us—I know that’s something we ALL care about!

We will be having a Safe Sanctuaries training within the next few weeks in the Fellowship Hall. This one-hour training, along with a background check, is required for all adults who work with our youth and children. However, we encourage EVERYONE in the church to participate in this training. Even if you don’t volunteer in our youth and children’s ministries, you are still part of these children’s lives. What an awesome statement we would make about the priority we put on our young people in this church if we could say that the whole church has been Safe Sanctuaries trained!!

These guidelines are not because we don’t trust anyone, but because we realize the safety of our children is too important to risk falling through the cracks. We hope to see you at our training!