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A DISCIPLINED LIFE



February 14th. Valentine's Day. It's also the day where we turn our focus to confession and repentance as we celebrate Ash Wednesday and begin our Lenten Journey. Nothing says date night like being reminded of your mortality at church!

Fasting is one of the ways we celebrate. Whether it is a regular fast from food or an opportunity to fast from a harmful habit or candy we eat too much of, the goal is to make space for God during the forty days of Lent. Fasting is a Spiritual Discipline, a regular routine that keeps us centered on our Christian formation and God's presence in our midst. These disciplines have the potential to create a rhythm in our daily lives motivated by God's grace and not the daily grind. They're also not reserved for just the season of Lent, but necessary for our discipleship throughout the year.

During this season, we want to give you all an opportunity to experience a variety of spiritual disciplines. Instead of our usual book study or Bible study, Pastor Savanna and I invite

you to join us on Monday nights beginning February 19th to wrestle with disciplines you might be familiar with and learn about some new practices that might aid you in your daily life. How can we grow in our prayer life, fasting, meditation, reading of scripture, and other practices by hearing about them, seeing how they've been lived out in other Christian contexts, and even practice them ourselves? The goal isn't just to treat them like a diversion during Lent, but for you to find the practices that work best for you that can be incorporated into your daily rhythm.

This will be a joint study put together by Pastor Savanna and myself and we'll take turns leading them. I pray you'll join us for as many of these sessions as you can as we grow in our discipleship and our ability to share God's love with the communities around us.

Pastor Nathan



The Outreach Committee invites everyone to join us after morning worship for
The Celebration Luncheon on Sunday, February 11th
in The Stadium (Fellowship Hall).

Bring soup, chips, sandwiches, dips, desserts, etc. Beverages will be provided.
Let's create a delicious fun party to celebrate our "Souper Bowl of Caring"
for The Lighthouse Home for Women.

Don't sit on the sideline...join the game today! See you there!

Happy Birthday!

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

01	Roger Winstead	14	Margaret Bass
02	Patsy McClintock	14	Lou Edmondson
06	Kathryn Yarbrough	14	Darren Fogarty
07	Milton Dickens	15	Savanna Becker
08	Ethan Ayers	15	Scott Boyd
09	Jordan Hodges	15	Macie Collins
10	Terrie Buckner	15	Crayton Overton
10	Matthew Schafer	16	Adam Becker
12	Grace Bellamy	17	Linda Hughes
13	Rod Buckner	19	Sylvia Overton
13	Carolyn Clay	21	Mae Carroll
13	Robert Johnston	23	Jack Ellis
13	Harry Matthews	25	T. B. Ludwig

Please note...If your name does not appear on the birthday list, it is because we do not have this information in our records. We ask that you let the church office know the month and date of your birth so our list will be complete. Thank you for your help in updating our records!



The deadline for receiving information to be included in the MARCH Newsletter is Tuesday, February 20th!

SENIOR ADULT FELLOWSHIP



The Senior Adult Fellowship will meet in the Fellowship Hall for Bingo at 12:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 7th and at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 21st.

Congratulations to

Maiya Davenport & James Oglesby

upon the birth of their daughter,

Ivy Grace Oglesby

on January 23, 2024.

Grandparents are Christian & Wayne Davenport.



Thank You

Thank you to the Flower Ministry and to Sharon & Brenda for delivering flowers for my birthday. They were greatly appreciated.

Also, thanks to the Lydia's Sisters Circle for the thoughtful get well card while I have been recuperating.

Robin Tank

Thank You

Thank you for the Wilma's Teddy Bear Project! It was nice to receive this great gift from my sister, Barbara Batts. I love having him next to me! The bear brings lots of comfort knowing EUMC cares. I also appreciate the delivery of the flower vases by Sharon and Brenda!

Love,

Sara Atkins

Thank You

Dear Friends,

Thanks so much to the Prayer Shawl Ministry for the beautiful shawl that was given to my mother-in-law, Barbara Unruh by my mother, Glenda Hortman. The shawl is lovely and has such meaning. I have the shawl that was given to my dad, Harris Hortman, some years ago. It holds a special place in my heart.

Thanks again for sharing your special ministry with my family.

Sincerely,

Lynn Unruh

2024 FLOWER CALENDAR



The 2024 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 2024 Flower Calendar is now online on the church website (www.inglewood-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.



United Women in Faith

United Women in Faith News

February 20 10:00 a.m. Women of the Way - Room 4
 February 20 6:00 p.m. Lydia's Sisters' Circle - Fellowship Hall
 Hostesses: Lea Ann Nichols and Brenda Ellis
 Program: Sally Spreder will deliver a devotion.
 Please bring your own bag supper. Drinks and desserts will be provided.
 March 23 11:00 a.m. Spring with Me to the Lydia's Sisters' Tea



PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Tuesday, February 6 10:00 am - 12:00 pm Fellowship Hall (Blankets)
 Tuesday, February 13 10:00 am - 12:00 pm Parlor

Shawls and blankets will be placed on the altar rail for blessing on Sunday, February 11th.



Do you know someone who would be comforted by receiving a Prayer Shawl or a Blanket? Forms are available on the table outside the church office for you to request shawls/blankets. You may call the church office at 252-443-2926. You may also contact Betty Poplin at 252-985-0950.



Women of The Way Circle

The Women of the Way Circle met January 16th to kick off 2024.

Sharon Roth gave the devotion based on Matthew 5:6 "*Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled*". This blessing from Jesus comes not to those who are doing the right thing but rather to those who are craving to live a life that is pleasing to God.

Since this was our first meeting of the year, we had no speaker but spent the time discussing events for 2024. Circle co-chairs for 2024 will continue to be Jeannie Gibbs and Sharon Roth.

It was reported that several circle members are ill.

Programs were discussed for the next 3 month: February TBA, March Bible Study at The Lighthouse, April the Arboretum in Nashville and May Spring Luncheon.

Jeannie Gibbs asked if the Circle was willing to donate to the Souper Bowl of Caring and the group agreed to donate \$150. She stated that while the Lighthouse was appreciative of our paper product donation, they would like to have more paper towels and plates.

EUMC will be hosting a District Mission Study on Saturday, March 2nd and volunteers are needed to help. Carolyn Nichols volunteered to help on this project. Since Vanessa and The Lighthouse women will be attending church during the Souper Bowl of Caring Fundraiser, Jeannie asked that Circle members make these women welcome and sit with them. The Circle continues to support Faith Christian Ministries with food products and The Lighthouse with paper products.

With no additional business to come before this group, the annual pledge service was held to receive pledges from our members to support UWF missions. This Circle meets monthly on the 3rd Tuesday at 10:00 a.m. in the Aldersgate Classroom. All women of the church are invited to join us.



Wilma's Bear Ministry Welcomes More Donations

Our ministry is expanding as we incorporate the Comfort Bears into our Visitation Ministry! We would also like to add Comfort Bears as gifts to The Lighthouse Home for Women. Please bring your donations of bears to the office and they will be cleaned and tagged with the Wilma's Bear Ministry Words of Comfort. Contact Barbara Batts, 252-450-5000 with any questions.



FAITH CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES OF NASH COUNTY - FEBRUARY NEEDS

EUMC helps so many hungry people each month with our food donations. And with each donation, we are sharing God's love as we go. Starting Sunday, February 4th, the "Meals of the Month" donation will be **Canned Chicken with Instant Potatoes, Rice, or Helper**. There are two LOVE CANS located in the area beneath the name tags in the church lobby, labeled "**FCM MEALS OF THE MONTH**". We know you are donating to the Souper Bowl of Caring but don't forget Faith Christian Ministry which this church has supported for years. Even though this nonprofit is in Nashville, the primary area served is Rocky Mount. This is another wonderful opportunity for this generous congregation to help others who can't help themselves.

Princess Tea: March 9

Welcome to the Princess Tea Party!

You're invited to join in a magical experience where dreams come true and tiaras reign supreme. Our Girls' Princess Tea is a whimsical celebration, inviting young royalty to step into a fairytale world filled with enchantment and grace.

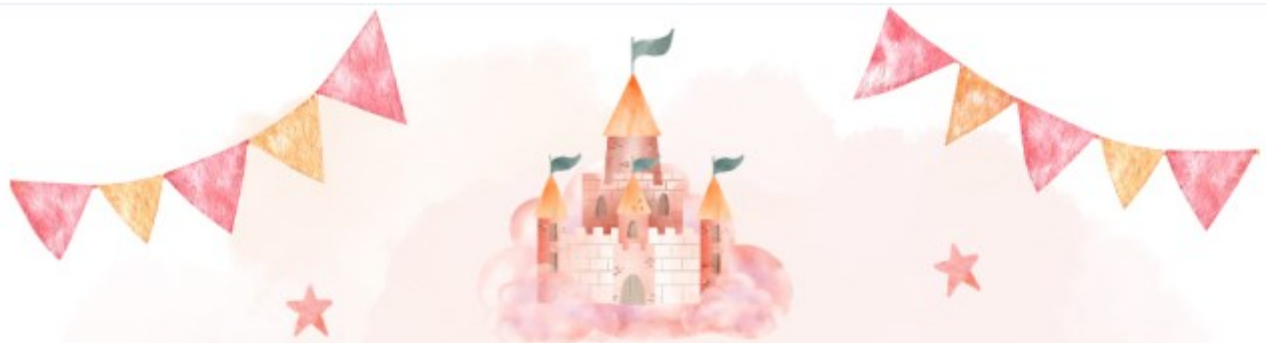
Event Highlights:

- Royal Tea Service: Sip on exquisite refreshments and nibble on delectable treats fit for princesses.
- Dress-Up Corner: Transform into a regal princess with an array of enchanting costumes and accessories.
- Magical Crafts: Engage in delightful crafts, creating princess-inspired treasures to take home.
- Royal Storytime: Gather around as captivating tales of princess adventures come to life.
- Interactive Games: Enjoy laughter and camaraderie with fellow princesses through enchanting games.

Tickets: Secure your spot at the royal affair! Sign up at www.inglewood-umc.com/princess-tea and purchase tickets through our Children's Ministry representatives or in the Church Office (252-443-2926). The cost is \$15 per princess.

Attire: Princess attire is encouraged but not required. Let your imagination guide your outfit!

Join us for a magical day of tea, tiaras, and treasured memories. Reserve your place in the kingdom of enchantment today! Let the magic begin!



ENGLEWOOD UMC CHILDREN'S MINISTRY
INVITES YOU TO A

Princess Tea

*Cost: \$15
per princess*

**SATURDAY, THE 9TH OF MARCH
11 O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING
ENGLEWOOD UMC BALLROOM
(FELLOWSHIP HALL)**

All young ladies are invited to join us for a special meal, princess lessons, and more. We'll be joined by some exciting royal guests!

JOYFULLY TOGETHER: VALENTINE DINNER

Don't miss our 3rd annual Val's Diner Valentine Dinner on Sunday, February 4th at 5:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall! You'll enjoy a delicious meal with your church family and some fun Valentine-themed games. The cost for dinner is only \$5 per person, and we know everyone will have a great time. We can't wait to see you there!!

*Please help us plan by making your reservation
no later than noon on Monday, January 29th.*



ENGLEWOOD UNITED METHODIST MEN

The Methodist Men will meet on **Tuesday, February 13th** at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Our speaker will be Heather Deck, executive director of Sound River, a non-profit environmental advocacy agency founded in 1980. One of the oldest grassroots conversation organizations in North Carolina, Sound Rivers' mission is to preserve the quality of the water flowing through the Tar - Pamlico River basin in order to protect the health of the population that relies on the Tar - Pamlico for water supply. Ms. Deck will address concerns over agricultural and urban runoff, wetland protection, and flooding and will also address preventive measures including land conservation projects, resiliency planning, and green stormwater infrastructure.

We will have chicken alfredo and salad on the menu very reasonably priced at \$5.00 (free for first time visitors).

Following the presentation from Sound Rivers, we will review the financial performance of the peanut production project for 2023, consider a proposed price increase, and consider a proposed budget for 2024.

Please mark your calendar and make plans to attend.

Peter Varney



This year the Outreach Committee chose to support The Lighthouse Home for Women. The Lighthouse is a place for women to call home while they are overcoming addiction. It was established in 2000 by Vanessa Scaife who has been director, counselor, friend, mother, disciplinarian, and supporter to countless women. The house, like our own homes, is always in need of repair. Vanessa's budget does not always have the extra money for these so she depends on grants and donations to keep the house up. We hope to raise enough money to have the outside of the house painted so it will be beautiful and welcoming to all who enter.

Our vision statement is *"Connecting God's Love to All People As We Go"*. Supporting our Souper Bowl is a perfect way to put the statement into action. By donating you will show them you believe they deserve a beautiful home to live in while they do the difficult work of rebuilding their lives.

During the past several weeks, you have had the opportunity to meet Vanessa and some of the ladies who have been invited to join us for worship each week. Vanessa will speak on several occasions so that you can learn more about The Lighthouse Home and what she is doing for women in our community. And we hope you will be here for our Souper Bowl lunch and celebration on February 11th.

The girls at The Lighthouse share bedrooms and would really like to have a dresser of their own to store their clothes and personal belongings. If you have one sitting in an attic or unused bedroom, please consider donating it. The girls would greatly appreciate it. Call Jeannie Gibbs at 252-904-5868 to arrange pickup.

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 February is GUIDE! Here's what we'll be learning about each week:

Date	Topic	Helper
February 4	The Lord's Prayer (Matthew 6:5-15)	Brenda Bazemore
February 11	Jesus Calms the Storm (Mark 4:35-41)	Nancy Mooring
February 18	Mary and Martha (Luke 10:38-42)	Brenda Ellis
February 25	Zacchaeus (Luke 19:1-10)	Jeff Smith



Children's Church & Nursery

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

We're continuing our focus on Jesus in a series called "New Testament Life Lessons". Each week we'll learn about a different story from the New Testament that shows us something about who Jesus is and who he calls us to be as his followers. It's going to be a great journey - we hope all our children will join us!

Date	Topic	Leader
February 4	Jesus Was Not a Snob	Beth Ezzell
February 11	Jesus Is Our General Contractor	Phyllis Woodley & Kenan Mills
February 18	Jesus Calms the Storms of Our Lives	Savanna Becker
February 25	Sin Can Tie Us Up; Jesus Sets Us Free	Savanna Becker

Nursery Schedule:

Date	Helper
February 4	Lisa Clark
February 11	Emily Quigley
February 18	Beth Sentiles
February 25	Keri & Sean Finegan

Saturday Morning CAFE (Children And Families @ Englewood)

Our Saturday Morning CAFE (Children And Families @ Englewood) is an opportunity for our children and their families to get together and explore our faith in fresh ways. The CAFE is for families with children in 5th grade and younger, and is designed for grownups to stay and enjoy the activities with us.

Our next CAFE will be on Saturday, February 17th at 10:00 a.m. and our theme is LOVE! We'll learn all about God's awesome love for us, and do a service project to help us share that love with others. We'll also have snacks and other activities that focus on our theme. We hope we'll see all of our children and families there!



Our Autism Family groups at EUMC and Bailey La Hermosa Church continue to meet successfully! Our EUMC meetings will continue to be on the last Friday in each month and the Bailey group meets on the second Friday of each month. Many thanks to our children's teachers, kitchen ladies, greeters and leaders. We are connecting to as many as we meet and as we go!!



UMYF FEBRUARY SCHEDULE

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>February 4</i>		No Youth Group Meeting
<i>Sunday</i>	<i>February 11</i>		No Youth Group Meeting
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>February 14</i>	5:30 p.m.	Youth Pancake Supper Fundraiser
<i>Sunday</i>	<i>February 18</i>	5:00 - 7:00 pm	Youth Group
<i>Sunday</i>	<i>February 25</i>	5:00 - 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>
February 4	No Meal Needed	
February 11	No Meal Needed	
February 18	Baked Potato Bar	_____
February 25	Pizza	_____



YOUTH PANCAKE SUPPER FUNDRAISER

Can you smell those delicious pancakes cooking? You will soon! Our next Youth Pancake Supper Fundraiser is coming up on Wednesday, February 14th at 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall (before the Ash Wednesday service). Enjoy a delicious pancake supper and support a fantastic cause - our Youth Mission Fund!!

Our menu for the Pancake Supper is pancakes with syrup, sausage patties, fruit, milk, and juice...YUM!! The cost is \$7 per meal. All proceeds benefit our Youth Mission Fund, which supports your missions and activities throughout the year. (We will not be offering a drive-thru option this time, but you can still get your meals to go! Simply come through the serving line, and we'll fix your meal in a to-go box rather than a plate.)

The deadline to sign up is Monday, February 12th. You can pay ahead of time or when you arrive at the church. You can sign up by using the form included in your worship program, by calling the church office at 252-443-292, or online at www.inglewood-umc.com/pancakes.

Thursday Evening Bible Study

The Thursday Night Bible study, led by Rev. Doug Geeting will continue on Thursdays, February 1st and February 8th at 6:30 p.m. in the Aldersgate Classroom. Please feel free to join us as we study together. Thank you for taking part in our class. Please contact Rev. Geeting at dgeeting@me.com or 540-841-2900. Thanks and blessings!



TRUSTEES CORNER!

Thanks to all for being caring EUMC members! It is important to notice any needs of our church and relate those to any member of the Trustees. Our meeting for January included the Board of Director's meeting.

Each Trustee is a volunteer to open and close the church on Sunday of a particular month. If you would like to help, please let Barbara or Christian know. Many, many thanks for these caretakers of our congregation's safety.

Our Trustees are:

*Barbara Batts, Rod Buckner, Brian Collins,
Jeff de los Santos, Jerry Lee Ezzell, Janet Hagan,
Lisa Hicks, Terry Von Elling & Terry Woodley.*

LENTEN WORSHIP & LUNCH

We will once again join with First United Methodist Church, Lakeside Baptist Church, Saint Andrew's Episcopal Church, St. Paul United Methodist Church, and The Mills Church for worship at noon followed by lunch each Wednesday during Lent beginning February 21st. More details will follow each week in This Week at EUMC.