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We are offering a brand new Bible study opportunity! Since becoming your pastor we have had some awesome and diverse opportunities. There have been book studies using Adam Hamilton, Rev. Doug Geeting's awesome Thursday evening studies, and, just recently, a closer look at our life giving spiritual practices with Rev. Savanna and myself. Now we're offering something a little different and at a new time, too. Starting May 15<sup>th</sup>, we will gather each Wednesday at 11:00 a.m. for a lectionary Bible study. Specifically, we will wrestle with the upcoming sermon text that I will be preaching on. We'll call it Wednesday Wisdom, though we came close to naming it Wittman Sampler since we would be 'sampling' the sermon for Sunday.

I find studies like this invaluable to the preparation of my message. By wrestling with the sermon text together,

I have the opportunity to hear your questions about the passage and the areas where I need to focus on in my preaching. Each session will also begin with a reflection on the previous week's passage after we've heard the sermon. We're given an opportunity to ask any questions that were not addressed before closing the book on that particular passage.

If you are unable to attend a morning study, do not worry. We will still have evening bible studies over the summer and in the fall, just as we have had them before. My prayer is that, with a variety of different studies at different times, we ensure that everyone has an opportunity to be in community around scripture. Mark your calendars for May 15<sup>th</sup>! I cannot wait to embark on this new journey together!

*Pastor Nathan*



The delayed 2020 General Conference of The United Methodist Church is being held in Charlotte, North Carolina from April 23<sup>rd</sup> - May 3<sup>rd</sup>. Clergy and lay delegates from across the world are gathered to hear reports, celebrate the ministry of The United Methodist Church, and discuss resolutions that could make changes to our Book of Discipline and Social Principles. If you'd like to watch all the excitement, this is the link to the livestream: <https://www.resourceumc.org/en/churchwide/general-conference-2020/live-stream>. Please be in prayer for all those who gather and that the Holy Spirit continues to move within our church.



**Our Sympathy Is Expressed To:**

*Mattie, Douglas, Zachary and Decker Bullock upon the death of their husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather, Willis Bunn "W. B." Bullock on April 24, 2024.*

***In Memoriam***

**WILLIS BUNN "W. B." BULLOCK**

***April 24, 2024***

*Congratulations to*

*Anna & John Johnson*

*upon the birth of their son,*

*John Robert Johnson III*

*on April 2, 2024.*

*Grandparents are Christopher & Christine Howell.*

*Jay's big sister is Ada Gray Johnson.*

*Great-Grandmother is Betty Poplin.*



**Thank You**

Just a note of thanks for the beautiful service remembering our mother, Ms. A.

Also, a thank you to those responsible for providing the meal after the service. Our mother truly loved the church. Again, thank you!

The Family of Ms. A

**Thank You**

Dear Prayer Shawl Ministry,

Thank you all so much for the beautiful crocheted receiving blanket that was given to my grandson in honor of his birth. I know that blessings were prayed for him as the blanket was lovingly made, and from my heart I am thankful! Bowen Reid Tolston is blessed to be a part of such a special church family by way of his Great Grandmother, Glenda Hortman.

Thank you again,

Karla Hortman Willcox



**MAY BIRTHDAYS**

03	Stephanie Thompson	19	Andrew Schafer
08	Nathan Wittman	19	Terry Von Elling
10	Marie Holoman	20	Harriet Buss
15	Ivy Ezzell	20	Jerry Collier
18	Jared Barbour	23	Emma League
18	Georgia Grant	23	Noah League
18	Ron Harrison	24	Zackary Clark
18	Alison Landis	25	Dixon Glenn II
19	Evelyn Cline	30	Jordan Page



**Special Words of Appreciation**

“Administrative Professionals Day” is a time to reflect on what makes EUMC stay focused on our goals and missions. It is not what but WHO, Christian and Nancy!

Our church extends a very “BIG” thank you for all these women do - office management, newsletters, answering a million questions and on and on, a list would be too long for this space.

We are a blessed church to have these ladies lead us daily as we go! Please be sure to extend your thanks to them in any way you choose.

**Thank You**

Flower Ministry Ladies,

Thank you so much for your kindness. Your flowers spread so much cheer and happiness. Lu, Thank You for the delivery.

Carol Ludwig

**Thank You**

Dear Flower Ministry,

Thank you for the beautiful flowers that you shared with us, and to Lou for delivering them. The flowers and the visit were a very uplifting surprise.

Thanks again for remembering us.

Allan & Harriet Buss

## United Women in Faith News



United  
Women  
in Faith

May 14	6:00 p.m.	Lydia's Sisters Circle will meet at El Mariachi Mexican Restaurant Join us for food and fellowship before we break for the summer. <i>(Note change from 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday instead of 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday)</i>
May 21	5:30 p.m.	Women of the Way & Lydia's Sisters - Fellowship Hall Dinner for the Lighthouse Ladies

*The Circles will take a break for the Summer and will return on Tuesday, September 17<sup>th</sup>*

### PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY



Tuesday, May 7	10:00 am - 12:00 pm	Fellowship Hall (Blankets)
Tuesday, May 14	10:00 am - 12:00 pm	Parlor

*Shawls and blankets will be placed on the altar rail for blessing on Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup>.*

*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.*



### 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 5<sup>th</sup> in the church kitchen immediately after worship.

### JOY for the Williams

Our Terry and Jane JOY box and cards' deadline for taking this special JOY is May 3<sup>rd</sup>! Thank you for adding any items that will bring a smile and inspiration to them as they face Terry's diagnosis. The boxes are located in the church narthex.

## Women of The Way Circle



The Women of the Way Circle met April 16<sup>th</sup> and took another road trip. This time 10 members journeyed to Nashville to tour the Arboretum. The tour was led by Jeannie Gibbs. It was a beautiful day to look at the flowers and gardens and learn more about the plants.

There will be no morning meeting in May, but we will host the Lighthouse Women for dinner at 5:30 p.m. on May 21<sup>st</sup> in the Fellowship Hall. Members of Lydia's Sisters Circle will also join us that evening. We will take the summer off with meetings to resume in September. This circle meets monthly on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday at 10:00 a.m. in the Aldersgate Classroom. All women of the church are invited to join us.

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



Hunger never goes away for many families in Nash County. And Faith Christian Ministry serves all of Nash County with the majority of the referrals coming from Rocky Mount. We continue to take 1 to 1/2 cans of food to them monthly. So please continue to donate at least one item. Just pick it up when you buy your groceries and drop it off at the church.

Starting Sunday, May 5<sup>th</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 food items to help stock their food pantry throughout the month of May. This is another wonderful opportunity for this generous congregation to help others who can't help themselves.

### Stewardship Campaign Update

YTD Stewardship Pledges*	\$102,550
YTD Stewardship Giving (Actual)	\$ 97,524

\*Annualized monthly average from \$410K Stewardship Campaign Pledges

#### Financials as of March 31, 2024

	Monthly	YTD
Total Receipts	\$36,605	\$101,806
Total Expenses	\$39,457	\$108,122



## Comfort, Care AND Joy Committee

**Yes**, we are adding the word Joy to this committee effort and expanding our outreach. Please let Barbara Batts, or Nancy and Christian know of needs and celebrations of our members. We want no member left behind. So, we are beginning a project which has proven to be well received when our children made JOY BAGS for folks. We will be filling colorful bags of items to share with our shut-ins or members in need. Each member listed on our bulletin at home or in our Care facilities will be honored during the year as our SPECIAL member. The name will be listed in the newsletter and bulletin to make you aware. We will need MORE BEARS to deliver and more cards sent to express our love. We need all members help to join our committee, so come be a part of our JOY!



## TRUSTEES CORNER!

Thanks to all who alert us to the needs of our building and grounds. I assure you that all are being addressed and as we work as an EUMC team. All ideas and help are appreciated. Don't forget to record concerns in the Trustee's books outside of the office and in the narthex.



It has come to our attention that the stained glassed windows and concrete mixture on the side of the sanctuary next to the Bell Tower have become brittle due to the heat from the sun. As we evaluate the next steps for correcting this situation, please refrain from touching the windows.

We need your help in making that sure that food placed in the refrigerator and freezer is marked with a date and also which group it belongs to. If your group has food stored in the freezer at this time, please note we will be defrosting the freezer the week of May 13<sup>th</sup> and any food not marked will be thrown out! We also need to keep the counters clean and the kitchen floors swept so we don't have little friends (ants) taking up residence.

*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*

## Flag Replacement Fund

A wonderful new addition to our church has been placed in the narthex. We have a box given in the memory of Dan Vaughan for our members to help with our EUMC Flag Fund. Once you have completed filling out the envelope's information, enclose your check and drop in the box.

This is a great way to honor someone or give a memorial as we continue to keep our flags flying in good shape and a respectful manner.



## ATTENTION ALL 2024 HIGH SCHOOL & COLLEGE GRADUATES!

We are compiling a list and want to recognize all the graduates in our congregation during worship on June 2, 2024. **The church office needs the following information on ALL graduates by May 12.**

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 2023, please send us your information! We want to include you!**



## ENGLEWOOD UNITED METHODIST MEN

The Methodist Men will meet on **Tuesday, May 7<sup>th</sup>** at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. We normally would meet on May 14<sup>th</sup> but the Fellowship Hall is not available that evening because the Board of Elections will be using it as a polling place for a runoff election. Please note this change.

Our speaker will be Marie Melendez from the North Carolina Education Lottery. She will tell us about the new online games that are expected to generate \$40 million in net proceeds over the next year for education. She will address other topics such as:

- How much money does the lottery generate for education?
- Who decides how the proceeds are spent?
- How much of the net proceeds are used for administrative costs?
- How many prizes have been won in Rocky Mount in the past year?
- How much money goes to Nash County Schools each year?

Sound interesting? Then mark your calendar for **MAY 7<sup>th</sup>** and plan to attend. What do you have to lose?

Peter Varney

***FYI...Due to the Election Runoff in May, the United Methodist Men's meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 7<sup>th</sup> instead of the 14<sup>th</sup>.***



**The deadline for receiving information to be included in the JUNE Newsletter is Thursday, May 16<sup>th</sup>!**



### Thursday Evening Bible Study

The Thursday evening Bible study continues each week at 6:30 p.m. in the Aldersgate Classroom. Rev. Doug Geeting is leading the study. Everyone is welcome to join in the study.



### SENIOR ADULT FELLOWSHIP

Senior Adult Fellowship will meet for Bingo at 12:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 1<sup>st</sup> in Room 206/207 (**note change**) and at 12:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 15<sup>th</sup> in The Fellowship Hall.

## Vacation Bible School

**June 10-13 | 5:30 p.m. to - 8:00 p.m.**

Mark your calendars for an amazing undersea adventure at Scuba VBS!! On June 10-13 from 5:30-8:00 each night, we'll go on an awesome undersea adventure to discover a friendship with God that's deeper than the ocean! Registration is open online for children who have completed 5<sup>th</sup> grade and younger: [www.inglewood-umc.com/vbs](http://www.inglewood-umc.com/vbs).

Grownups can join us on the amazing adventure too!! How can you help?

- Sign up to help the week of VBS as a crew leader, station leader, food coordinator, photographer, or registration helper
- Donate supplies and food items (lists are in the church lobby)
- Invite children you know to participate
- PRAY for us as we're preparing and for everyone who will experience VBS with us!



## 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@inglewood-umc.com](mailto:sbecker@inglewood-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 1<sup>st</sup>.**



## Youth Summer Activity: Gatekeepers Workcamp



Gatekeepers Workcamp is a week of service here in Rocky Mount. Youth groups from other area churches will come together to be on crews that will work on a particular site for the week. Gatekeepers Workcamp is July 7<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup>. Everyone will meet at Lakeside Baptist Church each morning at 7:00 a.m. and get picked up there at 3:00 p.m. You will need to have your own transportation to and from Lakeside to participate. Crews will travel together from the church to worksites. Lunch is provided daily.

If you would like to participate, please **sign up by Sunday, May 26<sup>th</sup>**. The cost is \$125 per student. ***If you have participated in fundraisers (Yard Sale, Pancake Supper, Ladies' Night, Luminaries) your cost is covered by the youth group.*** If you have questions or want more information, let Savana know! **Adults are also welcome to participate in Gatekeepers!!** If you are interested in helping as an adult, please let Savanna know.



## Youth Summer Activity: Workday Wednesdays

Get excited for Workday Wednesdays!! We'll have 5 Workday Wednesdays this summer, giving us the opportunity to serve and share God's love in our own community. Each week we'll have a different service project, as well as fun activities to enjoy together. Stay tuned for more information, including the dates of our Workday Wednesdays!



Calling all young artists! 🎨 Get ready to unleash your creativity at our Children's Art Camp at Englewood UMC! Children 3 years of age and have completed 5<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to join us for a week of fun, friendship, and 🖌️ artistic expression as we explore the wonderful world of art and how it connects us to the ultimate artist, God!



Dates: Monday - Wednesday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> - June 24<sup>th</sup>



Time: 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.



Location: Englewood UMC Children's Hall

At our Art Camp, children will explore various art forms, build friendships, and grow spiritually - all while having an awesome time! Don't miss this opportunity to spark your child's imagination and foster their love for art in a fun and faith-filled setting. Sign up today at [www.englewood-umc.com/art-camp](http://www.englewood-umc.com/art-camp) and let the creativity begin!

If you are a grown-up who is interested in helping with art camp, we'd love to have you! Please let Savanna Becker, Phyllis Woodley, or Kenan Mills know and we will include you in our planning.

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

Date	Topic	Helper
May 5	Peter & Tabitha (Acts 9:36-43)	Brenda Bazemore
May 12	The Church Grows (Acts 9:26-31)	Nancy Mooring
May 19	Pentecost (Acts 2:1-12)	Brenda Ellis
May 26	Love in Action (Romans 12:9-18)	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! ***Our Nursery is for children in Pre-K and younger, and Children's Church is for children in grades K-5.*** Parents can pick up children on the children's hall after worship ends.

### Children's Church Schedule

In May and June our Children's Church group is learning about the parables of Jesus! Each week we'll discover a new story Jesus told to help us learn more about God and how we can be part of his kingdom. There will be hands-on activities, crafts, snacks, and more!

Date	Topic	Leader
May 5	Parable of the Talents	Beth Ezzell
May 12	Mother's Day Lesson & Craft	Phyllis Woodley
May 19	Pentecost	Savanna Becker
May 26	Parable of the Unforgiving Servant	Jessica Ezzell

### Nursery Schedule:

Date	Helper
May 5	Lisa Clark
May 12	Helper Needed
May 19	Beth Sentilles
May 26	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 5<sup>th</sup> grade and younger, and is designed for grownups to stay and enjoy the activities with us.

Our next CAFE will be on Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. and our theme is water! We'll learn how Jesus is the living water and how God uses water to give life to the earth. \*Weather permitting,\* we will have water activities on the courtyard playground!!! Children should wear something they can play in the water in (water table, splash pad, water balloon games, etc.). You might also want to bring a towel to dry off. As a reminder, the CAFE will not meet in June or July because of VBS and Art Camp. We have so many special things coming up for our families!





## UMYF MAY SCHEDULE

<i>Saturday</i>	<i>May 4</i>	7:00 a.m. - Noon	Yard Sale Fundraiser
<i>Sunday</i>	<i>May 5</i>	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School & Worship
		5:00 - 7:00 pm	Youth Group
<i>Sunday</i>	<i>May 12</i>	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School & Worship
			No Youth Group Tonight - Mother's Day
<i>Sunday</i>	<i>May 19</i>	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
		10:30 a.m.	Confirmation Service in Worship
		5:00 - 7:00 pm	Youth Group
<i>*Sunday</i>	<i>May 26</i>	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School & Worship
		5:00 - 7:00 pm	Youth Group

\*Deadline to sign up for Breakaway and Gatekeepers\*

## 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 5	Mexican Food	_____
May 12	No Meal Needed	_____
May 19	Comfort Food	_____
May 26	Sandwiches	_____

## YARD SALE - May 4, 2024

It's time for some spring cleaning! Our spring yard sale is just around the corner on Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, and our youth are collecting donations of items to sell. Please bring your donations to Room 5 ("The Rock") on the Fellowship Hall hallway; larger items such as furniture can be placed in the room behind the stage. **(\*Note: Please do not leave yard sale items in the youth room.\*)** All proceeds from the yard sale will benefit the Youth Mission Fund, helping to support the awesome summer experiences we have planned for our youth!

Outside spaces (parking space) may be rented for \$10.00 each in the church office during office hours (Monday thru Thursday).



## Youth Summer Activity: Breakaway

Breakaway is a weeklong summer event for junior high and senior high school students, hosted by the NC Conference of the United Methodist Church at NC Wesleyan University here in Rocky Mount (you will stay in the dorms). The theme will be "Life is a Jungle: Navigating a World of Change." During Breakaway, we will grow in faith together as we anticipate God's sustaining presence. Breakaway includes growth groups, legislative affairs, worship, small groups, siesta, missions, a talent show, a dance, a movie, and elections for youth leadership.

**The deadline to sign up for Breakaway is Sunday, May 26<sup>th</sup>**, so that we can get registered by June 1<sup>st</sup>.

The cost per student is \$400. ***If you have participated in fundraisers (Pancake Supper, Ladies' Night, Luminaries, Yard Sale) your cost is covered by the youth group.***

If you have questions or want more information, please let Savanna know!



During the yard sale on Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, our Children's Ministry will be selling baked goods, biscuits, hot dogs, snack items, and drinks to support our Children's Ministry Fund! If you would like to contribute baked goods such as cookies, brownies, cakes, muffins, or other goodies for the children to sell, please bring them to the church kitchen **by May 3<sup>rd</sup>**. Thank you for supporting our children!



Our last Autism Support Group meeting for this school year will be on May 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. in our Fellowship Hall. Our Chick-Fil-A will provide the food and we will have games, door prizes and family fun! This has been a wonderful year and we express thanks to our volunteers and our church for supporting our group!