

# Englewood United Methodist Church Newsletter

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## An Unlikely Advent

Starbucks switches from Pumpkin Spice to Chestnut Praline Latte. The racks at Target bearing very few costumes and ghoulish decorations are finally overtaken by twinkling lights and gingerbread men. That station on the radio has finally switched to Mariah Carey on loop. It's that time again! Christmas is coming! We should emphasize that Christmas is *coming*, but it is not here yet. We must do our best to not skip over Advent and the much needed preparation that must take place within our hearts and our congregations as we anticipate the return of the Christ we follow. One way we can prepare is through opening our Bible and wrestling with the characters and stories that shape our expectations of the returning Savior.

I'm excited to announce that our Tuesday evening Bible studies are set to return on November 28<sup>th</sup>. This year we will wrestle with Rachel Billups' new book, *An Unlikely Advent*. The sessions will take place at 6:30 p.m. and will

last for four weeks. Everything will wrap up, just in time for a very busy weekend of celebrating Christmas together in worship. Be sure to sign up so that we can have a book for you! You can check out a description of the book below:

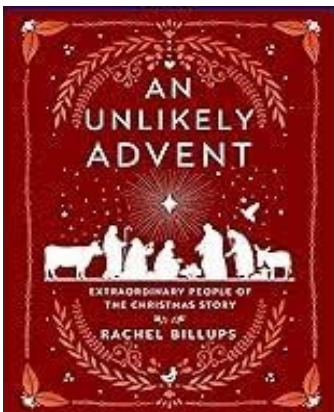
*This four-week Advent study focuses on the experiences of four sets of often overlooked characters in the Nativity story. During this Advent season, Rachel Billups guides readers through the themes of hope, love, joy, and peace by sharing the stories of Elizabeth and Zechariah, Herod, the Magi, and the shepherds. Each set of unexpected characters has something to teach about living faithfully on the journey to Christmas.*

We hope you will join us!!

*Pastor Nathan*

*Note: You may use the form below or call the church office to sign up.*

### Advent Bible Study



Join us for a 4-week study leading up to Advent to discuss the book *An Unlikely Advent* by Rachel Billups. Pastor Nathan will be leading this study.

This group study will meet on Tuesdays (beginning November 28<sup>th</sup>) at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is encouraged and welcome to join us!

Copies of the book are available at [Christianbook.com](http://Christianbook.com) or you may order through the church office for \$14.00. Please sign up using the form below or call the church office.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone No. \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you need a book? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_



**Our Sympathy Is Expressed To:**

Lea Ann & Tom Nichols, Billy Dove and JoEllen Rogers upon the death of their father, **William "Bill" House Dove** on October 16, 2023.

*In Memoriam*  
**WILLIAM "BILL" HOUSE DOVE**  
*October 16, 2023*



Congratulations to Bill Dove on his recent induction into **The Order of The Long Leaf Pine.** He received the honor the week before his death.

*Thank You*

Dear EUMC,

Thank you so much for the fresh flowers! They add such beauty to the kitchen. Very thoughtful of you for thinking of me during my recovery. Appreciative of dear friends in Christ.

Rich Cheney

*Thank You*

Dear Englewood Family,

Thank you for all the cards you have sent to me. I also appreciate the visits and that you care for me.

Love,

Earl McIlwean



**NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

- |    |                     |    |                      |
|----|---------------------|----|----------------------|
| 01 | Caleb Boyd          | 15 | Embra Pullen         |
| 01 | Carson Boyd         | 16 | James (J. C.) McKita |
| 01 | Richard Ladd II     | 17 | Harold Winstead      |
| 01 | Beverly Williams    | 18 | Nathan Barbour       |
| 05 | Steve High          | 18 | Janice Roberson      |
| 05 | Leo Miller          | 19 | Carolyn Crumpler     |
| 07 | Meredith Holt Shaw  | 21 | Jimmy Carter, Jr.    |
| 09 | Llewellyn Edmondson | 22 | Nancy Mooring        |
| 09 | Sue McMillan        | 22 | Shyla Schafer        |
| 10 | Noah Toffton        | 23 | Jacob Ezzell         |
| 10 | Rita Vickers        | 25 | Lib Dawes            |
| 12 | Joan Godwin         | 26 | Dave Hopewell        |
| 13 | Susan Hayes         | 28 | Dot Honeycutt        |
| 13 | Sharon Roth         | 29 | Tykesha Owens        |
| 14 | Dessie Clark        | 30 | David Earp           |

*Thank You*

To My Church and the Women of Faith,

I am overwhelmed with gratitude to have received the Recognition Pin from our Women of Faith. It is my joy to serve God and my church family, but it is a bigger joy to serve as a EUMC Team. I love each of you. I would be remiss if I didn't also let you know that since my grandsons were able, they have followed me in setting up for each Autism meeting and many other events in our church. I believe our example for our children is the key to a wonderful future and I am so proud to be their Bunny!

With love,

Barbara Batts

*Thank You*

Dear Englewood United Methodist Church members,

Aa a member of the Advisory Board of the Salvation Army of Nash, Edgecombe, and Wilson counties, I just wanted to personally thank you for your community effort and generosity toward us this past year. The faithful donations of people like you make a tremendous difference in the lives of people in this community. We are honored that you have chosen to partner with us in this important work.

May God bless you!

Lisa Perry

*Thank You*

Greetings to the Prayer Shawl Ministry!

Thank you so much for the beautiful prayer blanket I received. So thoughtful and kind of you to think of me. It will be put to good use. Shanon and I appreciate the love extended to us by you.

Rich Cheney

## United Women in Faith News



United  
Women  
in Faith

- November 14 6:00 p.m. Lydia's Sisters' Circle - Aldersgate Classroom  
Bring bag supper. Dessert and Drinks will be provided.  
Program: Christy Warrick, financial advisor with Edward Jones, will present a program titled, "Out Smart the Scammers"  
Hostesses: Nancy Mooring, Brenda Ellis and Brenda Bazemore
- November 21 10:00 a.m. Women of the Way - Aldersgate Classroom



## PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

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

**Note: Changes due to Election Run Off on November 7<sup>th</sup>!**

*Shawls and blankets will be placed on the altar rail for blessing on Sunday, November 12<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.*



## Women of The Way Circle



United  
Women  
in Faith

The Women of the Way met Tuesday, October 17<sup>th</sup> in the Aldersgate Classroom. Sharon Roth gave the devotion on "The Pumpkin Patch Parable" with the takeaway being "four powerful God truths we can learn from a pumpkin". The program was presented by Barbara Green, Executive Director, Nash County Travel and Tourism. She gave us lots of information on activities in Rocky Mount and Nash County and how to find more information on ExploreNashCounty.com.

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. We have begun the Backpack Buddies Program supporting 25 children each week at Williford School. Jeannie reminded all that there are many quarts of Brunswick Stew left to sell.

It was decided to host the women at the Lighthouse for a holiday dinner on Tuesday, December 5<sup>th</sup>. Plans for this event will be finalized at the November meeting. The UWF is open to all women of the church, and we invite you to come join us in the Aldersgate classroom at our next meeting on November 21<sup>st</sup> at 10:00 a.m.

## FAITH CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES OF NASH COUNTY - NOVEMBER NEEDS



Thank you for your faithfulness in continuing to support this mission project by donating food to feed the hungry in Nash County. As we did last year, we will deviate from food donations in November to items that are just as important as food to those who are in need. Good hygiene is just as imperative as good food to everyone. Faith Christian Ministries of Nash County continues to be very appreciative of your monthly support.

Starting Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup>, the "Meals of the Month" donation will be **Soap, Body Wash, and Shampoo**. Please place these items in the Love Can located in the area beneath the name tags in the church lobby, labeled "**FCM MEALS OF THE MONTH**". Please donate these non-food items during the month of November to assist Nash County residents in maintaining good hygiene.

## PLEASE NOTE:

**On Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup>**

**Daylight-saving time ends**

- Turn your clock back one hour tonight before going to bed.
- It's also time to change batteries in your smoke detectors.



## Wilma's Teddy Bear Ministry



We welcome new and gently used Teddy Bears to join us at church and to offer joy and comfort. Please bring your bears to be placed in the box in our hallway. We have many friends in need of a friendly bear!

## Thank You

Many thanks for the beautiful prayer blanket that was delivered to Rufus (Joyner) by Barbara Batts. He found a great deal of comfort covered by that blanket, and I am truly grateful. Thank you again for your wonderful ministry.

Sincerely,  
Martha Joyner

## ALL SAINTS SUNDAY ~ NOVEMBER 5, 2023

We would like to honor all the saints at EUMC on All Saints Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup>. All church families are encouraged to bring a picture in a standing frame of their departed loved one(s) to be placed on tables in the sanctuary. **Please bring the pictures to the church office by Wednesday, November 1<sup>st</sup>.** These will be displayed to honor all our saints. You may then take your photos home with you after worship on All Saints Sunday. If you have questions, you may contact Lu Czar or the church office.

### ACT OF REMEMBRANCE

On All Saints Day, November 5<sup>th</sup>, let us give thanks for both the saints in glory and those on earth, who have led us to Jesus. As they have shared the gospel with us, may we add our voices so someone else may hear about the grace and love of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We remember those Saints from our congregation who have died in the past year since last All Saints.

*Linda Ruffin Armstrong*  
*Benjamin Thomas Davis, Jr.*  
*Ruby Baker Hearne*  
*Betty Lee Gray House*  
*Gail Holder Jenkins*  
*John "Jack" Noble Karshner*  
*John Dewey "JD" Langley, Jr.*  
*Betty Grace Tant Lewis*  
*Marie Herbert Lewis*  
*William Earl Overton*  
*Wilma Patricia Hammond Rundell*  
*John Daniel "Dan" Vaughan*

Thanks be to God for the lives of his saints.

For those who walked with us, this is a prayer. For those who have gone ahead, this is a blessing.

For those who touched and tended us, who lingered with us while they lived, this is a thanksgiving.

For those who journey still with us in the shadows of awareness,

in the crevices of memory, in the landscape of our dreams, this is a benediction. **Amen.**

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### EUMC VETERANS

Donald Bass  
Lucinda Bass  
Rod Buckner  
W. B. Bullock  
Allan C. Buss  
Harriet Buss  
Blaine Corrick  
Lee Dawson, Jr.  
Milton Dickens  
James H. Dunn  
David Earp  
Dick Edmondson  
Gary Green

Rex Honeycutt  
Dave Hopewell  
Scott Hopewell  
Bryan M. Ingram  
Lemmie B. Ingram, Jr.  
Ken Jackson  
Robert (Bobby) James  
Robert Johnston  
Bob League  
Will League  
Carol Ludwig  
T. B. Ludwig, III  
Susan Matesic

Harry Matthews, Jr.  
Earl C. McIlwean, Jr.  
Eric Miller  
Mark Miller  
Melissa Miller  
Crayton Overton, Jr.  
Lee Pullen  
Sam J. Quigley, Jr.  
Jerry Rodwell  
Gregory Roth  
William (Bill) L. Stephens  
John Vickers  
Harold Winstead

## Chili Cookoff ~ Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup>



Get ready for a rematch! We're bringing back our EUMC Chili Cookoff on Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Come enjoy some delicious chili cooked by fellow EUMC folks and vote on your favorite. This year we'll be adding a Cookie Contest as well!! With all that delicious food, it's bound to be a good night! There's no cost - just bring your appetite and be ready to have some fun. We hope we'll see you here!!

If you'd like to sign up to enter your chili and/or cookies in the competition, call the church office or let Savanna Becker or Phyllis Woodley know. There will be prizes for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place!!!



### ARMENIAN CATTLE / CHICKEN PROJECT

This year, the United Women in Faith is sponsoring the Armenian Cattle / Chicken Project. You may honor or memorialize someone special by giving a donation to purchase a share of a cow, a chicken or a flock of chickens sent in your name to deserving families in Armenia. The animal(s) you select will be used by families to provide a means of supporting themselves and their communities.



The cost of a chicken is \$10, a flock of chickens is \$20, and a share of a cow is \$10. Forms will be available in the worship programs on the following Sundays:

November 26<sup>th</sup>, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, and December 10<sup>th</sup> and on the table outside the church office. You may place your completed forms with your donations in the offering plate on Sunday or you may bring them to the church office during the week. Please make your checks payable to Englewood United Methodist Church and put "Armenian Cattle / Chicken Project" on the memo line. Memorial and Honorarium cards will be available on the table outside the church office for you to send to friends and loved ones to let them know of your contribution in their name.

**The deadline for placing your order is December 11<sup>th</sup>.** A special bulletin listing the donors and recipients will be available at the Christmas Eve Service. All donations are tax deductible and all proceeds go directly to the Armenian Cattle Project.



### POINSETTIAS IN THE SANCTUARY FOR ADVENT

The Worship Committee has decided to place four (4) red poinsettias at the altar railing each Sunday in Advent, beginning December 3<sup>rd</sup> for the "Hanging of the Greens". This will ensure that the plants are fresh each week, and church members will be able to recognize loved ones and take home their poinsettia(s) after the service to enjoy throughout the holidays. If you are interested in placing a poinsettia in the church in honor/memory of a loved one, please call the church office and let Nancy or Christian know what date you would like to reserve (December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> or 24<sup>th</sup>) and the number of poinsettias you would like to purchase. Additionally, please state the name of the person(s) and whether it is in honor/memory for the worship bulletin. The plants will be ordered from Bass Plant Farm & Garden Center in Momeyer, NC. The cost of one poinsettia is \$20, which includes delivery to our church. **The deadline to order is Monday, November 27<sup>th</sup>.** You may make your check payable to EUMC, and note "Poinsettia" on the memo line. We appreciate your participation in this Advent season observance.



### 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.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.

## CHRISTMAS CARD FUNDRAISER

### EUMC Children's Ministry Christmas Card Fundraiser

Sets of 12 cards with envelopes ~ \$15 each  
6 different designs in each set



Our Children's Ministry is selling Christmas cards as a fundraiser for our programs. But these aren't just any Christmas cards...The designs are made from the handprints and footprints of our very own children! We know you'll love sending these cards to your friends and family this Christmas, especially knowing it is supporting such a wonderful cause!

Each set of cards contains 12 Christmas cards with 6 different designs (2 of each design in a set), along with envelopes. There is a beautiful design on the front of the cards and a meaningful Christmas message inside. The cost for each set is \$15.00, and this will go toward our Children's Ministry programming (VBS, Saturday Morning CAFE, Easter Egg Hunt, Art Camp, and other special activities). You can purchase these cards from the church office, from Savanna, or from a Children's Ministry representative in the church lobby before and after worship each Sunday in November. Thank you in advance for supporting our children!



## Children's Christmas Program

This year's Children's Christmas Program will surely brighten our Christmas season! In "Stellar Christmas" we'll tell the story of Christmas as the stars who were twinkling away the night Jesus was born. Our Bible Buddies and music from this year's Stellar VBS will help us, and we'll also sing

some traditional Christmas carols. This program is interactive and will be fun for the whole church family! **Mark your calendars for Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.**

Children will begin practicing our songs and parts in Children's Church in the month of November, and possibly have an additional practice closer to the play. We hope our whole Children's Ministry can participate!



**MAIYA & JAMES'**

## Floating Baby Shower

3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. December 9, 2023  
Englewood United Methodist Church  
300 S. Circle Drive, Rocky Mount, NC

Please RSVP Machele at (252)883-3557

Nursery Theme: Lilo and Stitch

Diaper Raffle: Bring a pack of diapers or wipes. You will have a chance to win an awesome prize for yourself.

*Maiya Davenport and James Olglesby's  
Baby Registry at Babylist*

<https://www.babylist.com/list/maiya-davenport>  
Maiya is Christian Davenport's daughter.



Our mid-week Bible study led by Rev. Doug Geeting's will continue through November 16<sup>th</sup>. We will break for the holidays and you will have an opportunity to join Pastor Nathan's Advent Bible Study. We will resume on Thursday, January 4<sup>th</sup> and go through February 8<sup>th</sup>, when we will break for Pastor Nathan's Lenten Bible Study. I hope you will be able to take advantage of all the Bible studies. We are never too old to learn or to renew our understanding of the many things God has to teach us about our faith and relationship with him.

Blessings, Doug



The deadline for receiving information to be included in the DECEMBER Newsletter is **Monday, November 20<sup>th</sup>!**



# THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT!

## CARE & COMFORT COMMITTEE

### Need a Place to Help Our Church?

We would welcome new members to our Care and Comfort Committee. Please call Barbara Batts, 252-450-5000 to learn more about this special ministry.



*Attention Ladies of  
Englewood United Methodist Church*

*The Methodist Men will host Ladies Night this year on Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The celebration of Ladies Night is a long standing tradition for us at Englewood.*

*We will come together again this year to show our love, respect, and appreciation for the women of this church and for all they do in ministry to the people of the church and to the community around us.*

*This year, the meal will be catered by Fred and Cassandra Williams. We will have poinsettias for all of our guests. We will be entertained with music that will launch us into the Advent Season.*

*So mark your calendar and plan to join us for Ladies Night, Sunday evening December 3<sup>rd</sup>.*

*Peter Varney*



On Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, we will participate in Hanging of the Greens during Sunday Morning Worship at 10:30 a.m. Plan to share in this meaningful time of worship as we begin to prepare the sanctuary and ourselves for the holy season of Advent.



*The EUMC Chancel Choir  
will present*

*O Holy Light*

*A Cantata for Christmas*

*at 10:30 a.m. on*

*Sunday, December 17, 2023.*



**ENGLEWOOD UNITED METHODIST MEN**

The Methodist Men will meet **Tuesday, November 14<sup>th</sup>** at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Our speaker will be a representative from Sound Rivers, a nonprofit organization whose mission is to monitor the health of the Tar - Pamlico River basin. Forty years ago, water quality in the Tar - Pam watershed had declined as evidenced by reduced fish and crab populations, proliferation of aquatic vegetation, and regular fish kills. Today, water quality has improved substantially, though more work needs to be done.

Sound interesting? Then mark your calendar to attend November 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. We will have a great meal prepared by one of our members very reasonably priced at \$5.00 (free for first time visitors).

At this meeting, we will also conduct a very brief presentation recognizing W. B. Bullock for his years of service as a representative on the Rocky Mount Metropolitan Area Transportation Advisory Committee during his tenure as the representative from Ward 6 on the Rocky Mount City Council.

So come along and learn about the state of the Tar River and show your appreciation to W. B. for his years of public service to our community.

Peter Varney



**SENIOR ADULT FELLOWSHIP**

The Senior Adult Fellowship will meet in the Fellowship Hall for Bingo at 12:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 1<sup>st</sup> and Wednesday, November 15<sup>th</sup>.



*EUMC Charge Conference will be held on Monday, November 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at Englewood United Methodist Church. We encourage every member to participate as we reflect on the current year and look forward to the future of EUMC.*



### **TRUSTEES CORNER!**

Because of a gracious memorial and donations, the Trustees' majority, voted yes to be able to update and improve our sanctuary, fellowship hall audio, and our streaming capabilities on Facebook and our website. Through the research of Rob Buckner and Bill Dove, we have contacted REDFISH Music, and their most experienced representative visited our church and explained to our Trustees in attendance, along with our ministers, and church representatives the improvements and more up to date changes that will enhance our worship and activities held at our church. Our streaming improvements will certainly make our worship audio and visual capacities clearer and more accessible to those who are unable to attend.

Changes to our existing systems will allow us to have two monitors at the front of our sanctuary and two that will serve the congregation seated in the rear of the sanctuary, thus, removing the screen. We will also have a new laptop to allow us to give a clearer worship presentation online and also be able to have a service streamed from the Sanctuary to our fellowship hall. Because of these improvements, we will be able to remove the cord that is currently being taped to the floor, making it safer for members.

If there are no problems with obtaining the equipment needed and the schedule of REDFISH is open, we will hope to begin immediately. We will keep you posted on all the progress and if you have questions, please contact Nathan, Savanna, Barbara or Christian. Expanding our witness and outreach is a very positive goal of our church! We are excited to increase our footprint for Christ in our community.

*Trustees are: Jack Ellis, Lea Ann Nichols, Lee Pullen, Jerry Lee Ezzell, Lisa Hicks, Terry Woodley, Brian Collins, Janet Hagan and Barbara Batts.*

### **Stewardship Campaign Update**

YTD Stewardship Pledges\*           \$302,250  
YTD Stewardship Giving (Actual)   \$273,536

*\*Annualized monthly average from \$403K Stewardship Campaign Pledges*

### **Financials as of September 30, 2023**

YTD General Fund Deficit           (\$25,660)

*\*Annualized monthly average from \$403K Stewardship Campaign Pledges*

*"I give because it makes me feel good and I know I'm making a difference in the ministry and mission of our church."*



### **PEACEMAKERS CHRISTMAS TOY STORE**

The Peacemaker Christmas Toy Store will be held on Friday, December 1<sup>st</sup> and Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> this year.

We had a great response to our Toy Drive in July for the Peacemakers Christmas Toy Store. Thanks to all who participated and provided new toys for the children of Rocky Mount.

There is an opportunity to help during the actual Toy Store hours as a shopping assistant, gift wrapping, serving refreshments, live nativity scene participant and other areas as needed. This year it is on Friday and Saturday, December 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> with morning and afternoon shifts available. If you would like to help, please contact Patsy Lepak at 252-937-8984 or [dsmith123@suddenlink.net](mailto:dsmith123@suddenlink.net) or you may contact Donna Clifton at Peacemakers at 252-212-5044 to sign up. Donna will tell you what you need to do to volunteer and the volunteer opportunities at The Christmas Toy Store.

This is a way for our church family to make a difference here in our own community, not only in a child's Christmas, but also in a family's Christmas by allowing parents the gift of picking out and buying their child's present. Thank you for all you do in support of our Outreach Ministry.





## Children's Sunday School

**CELEBRATE WONDER**  
All Ages (3-12)



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 November is BLESSING! Here's what we'll be learning about each week:

Date	Topic	Helper
November 5	The Birthright (Genesis 25:29-34)	Brenda Bazemore
November 12	The Blessing (Genesis 27:1-45)	Nancy Mooring
November 19	Jacob's Ladder (Genesis 28:10-22)	Brenda Ellis
November 26	A Peaceable Kingdom (Isaiah 11:6-9)	Jeff Smith



## 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.

During Children's Church time, we have a Nursery for infants through Pre-K, Children's Church for K-3<sup>rd</sup> Grade, and Tween Church for our 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Graders.

### Children's Church Schedule

This year in Children's Church we're going on a Bible Hero Adventure, focusing on a different hero in the Bible and what they teach us about God. These imperfect people will point us to our perfect Savior, Jesus, who loves us all and can use all of us to serve God's kingdom! In November we're learning all about PAUL!

Date	Topic	Leader
November 5	Jesus can completely change our hearts!	Beth Ezzell
November 12	We must put our trust in God, and not in people	Phyllis Woodley & Kenan Mills
November 19	God's way is better than any other way!	Savanna Becker
November 26	Praising God will change our circumstances!	Jessica Ezzell

### 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, November 18<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. We'll be creating holiday themed paintings with our hands and feet that we can take home! We'll also have snacks and other activities that focus on being thankful. We hope we'll see everyone here!





## UMYF NOVEMBER SCHEDULE

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>November 5</i>	9:30 am 5:00 pm	Sunday School & Worship Churchwide Chili Cookoff
<i>Friday, November 10 - Sunday, November 12</i>			
<i>Sunday</i>	<i>November 12</i>		Pilgrimage
<i>Sunday</i>	<i>November 19</i>	9:30 am 5:00 pm - 7:00 p.m.	No Youth Group Meeting Sunday School & Worship Youth Group
<i>Sunday</i>	<i>November 26</i>	9:30 am 5:00 pm	Sunday School & Worship Youth Group: Hanging of the Greens Practice
<i>Sunday</i>	<i>December 3</i>	10:30 am 5:30 pm	Hanging of the Greens Service Youth arrive to help with Ladies Night

### 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>
November 5	No Meal Needed	
November 12	No Meal Needed	
November 19	Sandwiches	_____
November 26	Pasta	_____

### /// Pilgrimage 2023

#### PILGRIMAGE: NOVEMBER 10-12

Pilgrimage is an annual United Methodist youth conference hosted by the North Carolina Conference, and it's one of our favorite youth traditions. Hundreds of United Methodist youth from across the state will come together for worship! This year Pilgrimage is being held here in Rocky Mount on November 10-12. We'll have sessions on Friday night, Saturday morning and night, and Sunday morning. We'll also have fun activities during the afternoon on Saturday between sessions. It's going to be an awesome weekend!!

Please keep the youth and their leaders in your prayers as they participate in Pilgrimage!

### Christmas Eve Luminaries



The UMYF is having their luminary sale again this year. A form will be included in the worship program on November 26<sup>th</sup>, December 3<sup>rd</sup> and December 10<sup>th</sup>. You may dedicate luminaries in memory or honor of your loved ones. A member of the UMYF will be in the church lobby before and after the worship service to accept your completed forms and payment. Luminaries are \$1.00 per candle / person. You may also place your order in the church office during the week and online at [www.inglewood-umc.com/luminaries](http://www.inglewood-umc.com/luminaries).

**The deadline for placing orders is December 11<sup>th</sup>.**

### Yard Sale / Bake Sale Thank You

Thank you to everyone who helped with our Youth Yard Sale Fundraiser last month! The yard sale is our biggest youth fundraiser, helping make sure our students can participate in all the mission trips, Workday Wednesdays, and other activities we plan throughout the year. With your help, we made over \$1,800 for the Youth Mission Fund! (That's enough to cover the cost of 4 students' mission trip next summer!!) We are SO thankful for the support we receive from our church family! Go ahead and mark your calendars for our next Yard Sale Fundraiser: Saturday, May 4, 2024.

Thank you also to those who supported our Children's Ministry by donating baked goods and purchasing hotdogs, biscuits, and other treats! These proceeds go directly to our Children's Ministry Fund, which makes sure we have enough money for all our wonderful children's activities: CAFE, Vacation Bible School, Art, Camp, and more!

