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SOUL PURPOSE - FEBRUARY 2022

¹ Therefore, since we have been made righteous through his faithfulness, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. ² We have access by faith into this grace in which we stand through him, and we boast in the hope of God's glory. ³ But not only that! We even take pride in our problems, because we know that trouble produces endurance, ⁴ endurance produces character, and character produces hope. ⁵ This hope doesn't put us to shame, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us. **Romans 5: 1 – 5 (CEB)**

January 16th. January 23rd.

Two straight Sunday's and we're at home, in our PJ's, dog beside us, coffee steaming, fireplace glowing, watching church on Facebook. It's like déjà vu all over again.

Snow. Ice. Cold. And we're out of our normal pattern, hoping against all hope that our patience may produce character and that our character might produce a bit of hope, because right now, missing two Sundays in a row is testing my patience. I suppose this is what it must be like to live in Minnesota or Maine.

But it's not the first time I've had my patience tested.

Like many, if not most of you, I am married. Marriage will test one's patience. So will having children. Work. Driving to the grocery store or waiting on an appointment that's taking far longer than we had planned. So will travel.

In another life, pre-pastoral life, I traveled about 30 weeks a year. On Sunday nights or Monday mornings it was off to the airport to fly to a destination city for several days of daytime meetings, nighttime entertaining, only to do it again the next day, week, month.

And if you've ever traveled by air, you know how your patience can be tested by airport waiting. Long lines. Missed flights. Plane maintenance. Lost baggage. Lost crews. Weather delays. Sleeping on airport floors.

But even with all that, I still love to travel. Was my patience tested? You betcha. But, in every circumstance God always seemed to strengthen my perseverance and

my patience. God is so faithful to use whatever is at

hand to draw us closer and get us to our eventual destiny. God is always making the necessary adjustments to get us headed in the right direction.

By the time you read this we'll probably be done with delays with in-person worship and back into the comfort of our sanctuary. But, as your mind drifts back to Sundays-past, let the peace of God, through

Jesus Christ, rule in your heart. Pause and thank God for having used our being out of our routine to strengthen our faith for it is God that orchestrates our futures each day.

Pastor Terry





Our Sympathy Is Expressed To:

Wilma and David Rundell upon the death of Wilma's sister-in-law, **Marie D. Hammond** on January 6, 2022.

Laura and David Earp and family upon the death of Laura's father, **Robert "Boot" Keeling Hardy** on January 7, 2022.

Terry and Jane Williams and family upon the death of Terry's cousin, **Cindy Queen** on January 12, 2022.

Alice Niece and family upon the death of her husband, **Rev. Gerald Lawrence Niece** on January 22, 2022.

In Memoriam

REVEREND GERALD LAWRENCE NIECE

January 22, 2022

There aren't enough words to express my appreciation for all the cards, phone calls, texts, prayers, and visits we received after my Mom's death. Thanks to her Aldersgate SS Class for the donation to the Flower Ministry as well as all the individuals who made donations in her memory. Mom, when she was still able, loved to receive those flowers because she knew someone remembered her. I took the Flower Ministry flowers that were delivered to my mom by Sharon Dunn to Indianapolis with me so Mom could have EUMC flowers one last time at her grave.

Thanks also to our Wesleyan Friendship SS Class for the meal and everything they did for us. It's a stressful time when you lose someone you love, especially your Mother. But, having so many of you reach out to us let us know we were not alone. Thank you for being the wonderful, caring Christian people that you are.

Sharon & Greg Roth

Thank you very much for the lovely (and cozy) prayer blanket and the delicious peanuts you (Patsy Smith) sent me from Englewood Methodist Church. I am so touched by your thoughtfulness and the gifts are extra specially nostalgic for me as you can imagine!

Please relay to all who take part in the Prayer Shawl Ministry and Peanut Ministry my appreciation.

Dixie Stanley Harrell
Jackson, NC

Note: Dixie is the niece of the late Elizabeth Grant and was diagnosed with ALS last year.

Dear Friends,

Thank you for the beautiful flowers and cards. But, most of all, for the love and concern you've shown to me. I'm doing "good".

Jo Lynn Wilson



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

01	Roger Winstead	14	Lou Edmondson
02	Patsy McClintock	14	Darren Fogarty
05	Chet Rains	14	Kamdyn Strickland
05	Wilma Rundell	15	Savanna Becker
05	Robert Templeton	15	Scott Boyd
06	Kathryn Yarbrough	15	Lynn Bradley
07	Milton Dickens	15	Macie Collins
08	Ethan Ayers	15	Crayton Overton
10	Terrie Buckner	16	Adam Becker
10	Matthew Schafer	17	Linda Hughes
12	Grace Bellamy	19	Denise Boswell
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
14	Margaret Bass		

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Milton Dickens and family would like to thank you for the meals, cards, phone calls, and donations made in memory of Patsy. We are grateful for the support of the EUMC family.

Many thanks for all the prayers, calls, Birthday and Get Well cards prior to and after my surgery. A special thank you for the beautiful flowers delivered to my by Sharon Dunn - they certainly brightened my day.

May God bless all of you.
Betty Poplin

Dear Church Family,

Just a note to thank you for the kindnesses shown to me during my recent knee replacement surgery. I really appreciated the calls, cards, food and especially the many rides to the doctors office and physical therapy.

God bless all of you,
Marge Felton

Thank you so very much for the beautiful floral arrangement you sent to us when my sister-in-law Marie Hammond passed away. It meant so much to us.

Blessings,
Dave & Wilma Rundell

EUMC,

The cards sent, the prayers said, the visits and flowers enjoyed by our family during my mom's illness and death sustained us during this journey of our lives. Thank you for sharing your love,

Terrie & Rod Buckner & family



UMW NEWS

February 15 10:00 a.m.

Women of the Way - Aldersgate Class Room (Room 4)

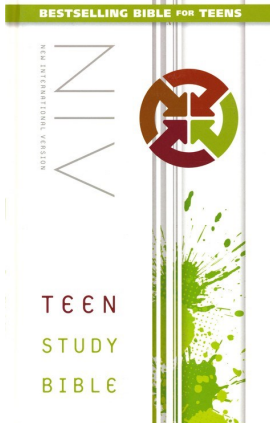
February 15 6:00 p.m.

Lydia's Sisters' Circle - Fellowship Hall

Hostess: Lisa Clark (Bring your own bag supper. Desserts and drinks will be provided.)

Program: Lydia's Sisters program for February will focus on ways to demonstrate loving our neighbors in this season of love. We will be thinking of simple things we can do to show love - especially to those in our community that are sometimes overlooked. We will be creating "treat bags full of love" for residents of a local nursing home and "treat bags for the pets" to assist with our Souper Bowl of Sharing Mission for pets of residents of My Sister's House. We'll be sending a list soon to all members to choose items they can contribute and bring to the meeting on Feb. 15th!

Sponsor a Bible for a Youth Member



Over the past month, our youth group has been engaged in a study called "Finding Your Way Through the Bible". Each week, we've learned more about the Bible itself and discovered how God's Word can truly be a guidebook for our lives. Our students are learning and growing in their faith every single week, and it's a wonderful thing to see how God is working in their lives! But we don't want their engagement with scripture to stop when they leave the church building...We want to make sure every single student in our youth group has a Bible at home too. ***That's where you come in!***

As we wrap up this study, we would like to gift each of our students with their very own Bible. (Many do not have a Bible of their own or even have one in their home - this will be such an awesome gift for them!) There is a wonderful NIV Teen Study Bible we have been using at youth that has a lot of great resources for students to engage with; this is the Bible we would like to purchase of our students to take home. ***The cost of each of these Bibles is \$25. If you would like to sponsor a Bible for a member of our youth group, please make a donation to the church marked with "Youth Bible".*** Your donation will provide a precious gift to a student at our church - unlimited access to God's Word. Thank you in advance for making a difference in our students' lives!

Spring with Me to the Lydia's Sisters' Tea

Saturday, March 26th ~ 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Vendors open at 10:30 a.m.

Englewood UMC Fellowship Hall

You will be in for a real treat! Enjoy a delicious luncheon, hear from an inspirational speaker, and shop with a variety of vendors.

Tickets are \$15 each and will be sold in the church lobby from March 6th to March 20th before and after worship on Sundays.



SENIOR ADULT FELLOWSHIP



On Wednesday, February 2nd and
Wednesday, February 16th
Senior Adult Fellowship will meet
at noon in the
Fellowship Hall for Bingo.

Caring Card Ministry Continues

We need another Caring Card helper! Please contact Barbara Batts at 252-450-5000 if you feel called to join this group or if you need cards or stamps.

We have some permanent members we send cards to and we will send cards to any friend or person you love! Please contact Christian or Nancy with a name and address and the Caring Card members will mail a card immediately.



Women of The Way

The Women of the Way met on January 18th to kick off 2022. Sharon Roth gave the devotion on "The Three Things We Can Give to God This Year." Jeannie Gibbs read two thank you notes from The Lighthouse Women for what this circle has done for them. She will also be inviting them to the next circle meeting. Sue McMillan gave the treasurer's report with income last month from the Rada and dishcloth sales noted. Since this was the first meeting of the year, there was no speaker but time was spent organizing and scheduling for the first half of the year.



The circle continues to support Faith Christian Ministries with food products and The Lighthouse with paper products. The annual pledge service was held in order to receive pledges from our members to support UMW missions.

Starting in February, we will begin a Bible study based on Jesus' parables that will be led by Wilma Rundell. The Circle was asked to read Luke 15:11-21, The Prodigal Son, for discussion.

The UMW is open to all women of the church and we invite you to come join us in the Aldersgate Classroom (Room 4) on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 10:00 a.m.



UNITED METHODIST MEN

The Englewood United Methodist Men will meet Tuesday, February 8th, at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Our speaker will be Stephanie Collins who is the coordinator for Keep America Beautiful for Nash and Edgecombe Counties. She will tell us about citywide and group cleanup events and recycling of waste in our area.

Sound interesting? Then come out and join us! Earl Overton will have a great meal prepared for us very reasonably priced at \$5.00 (free for first time visitors). We serve dinner at 6:00 p.m. receive a brief devotion, and then introduce our speaker.

Please mark you calendar and plan to come.

Peter Varney



The deadline for receiving
information to be included in the
MARCH Newsletter
is **Thursday, February 17th**

2022 FLOWER CALENDAR

The 2022 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 2022 Flower Calendar is now online on the church website (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.

FRIDAY FELLOWSHIP: Val's Diner

Churchwide Valentine's Dinner

Friday, February 18, 2022 - 6:00 p.m.

Mark your calendar for Friday, February 18th because you don't want to miss our Valentine's themed church dinner at



"Val's Diner"! For just \$5 you can enjoy a delicious meal and a hilarious program of "The Dearly Wed Game"...A series of couples from the church will answer trivia questions about one another and see who knows each other best! Come and share in this fun time as a church family!

FAITH CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES OF NASH COUNTY - FEBRUARY NEEDS

The director and staff at Faith Christian Ministries of Nash County continue to be overwhelmed with joy with the knowledge of how many hungry people they can help with your donations. You are a very giving church.



Starting Sunday, February 6th, the "Meals of the Month" donation will be **Canned Chicken with Instant Potatoes, Rice, or Helper**. There is a "Love Can" located in the area beneath the name tags in the church lobby, labeled "**FCM MEALS OF THE MONTH**". Please donate these items to help stock their pantry throughout the month of February. This is another wonderful opportunity for this generous congregation to help others who can't help themselves.



SOUPER BOWL OF CARING 2022

This year we will assist the Safe Pets Program at My Sister's House. We will raise money to provide shots that the animals need and food needed when they stay there. It costs about \$100 if animals need shots and \$40-\$50 per month to feed a pet. We will raise as much money as we can to assist with these needs. Our goal is \$3,000. Please make your check payable to EUMC and mark Souper Bowl 2022 on the memo line.

My Sister's House began The Safe Pets Program in 2004. Pets are an avenue of abuse, batterers may hurt or kill pets to further hurt their partners. It is so encouraging to someone in an abusive situation that they can bring their pet with them. Pets are often considered as part of the family.

My Sister's House has served Nash and Edgecombe Counties since 1981. They have offices in Nashville and Tarboro to serve both counties. They also have a re-sale store that is free for clients, A Second Season in Benvenue Plaza.

All animals must have documented vaccinations, if that can't be verified or the animals needs vaccines they work with area veterinarians. Crates, leashes, food, and litter boxes are provided as needed. The pet stays in the room with its owner.

The pandemic has created a sharp increase in the need of services for victims of domestic violence. In 2021 My Sister's House sheltered 38% more people than in 2020. The work done by the staff of MSH is made possible by the generous support of our community.

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



Date	Topic	Helper
February 6	The Five Friends [Luke 5:17-26]	Brenda Bazemore
February 13	Healing the Man with the Withered Hand [Luke 6:6-11]	Nancy Mooring
February 20	A Servant Is Healing [Luke 7:1-10]	Brenda Ellis
February 27	Jairus's Daughter [Luke 8:40-42, 49-56]	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.

Children's Church Schedule

In Children's Church we're learning about important stories in the Bible that help us understand God better. Together we'll learn what God is like, what God wants from us, and how, if we are willing, God can do great things through us!

February 6	Jacob's Ladder	Beth Ezzell
February 13	Jacob Works to Marry Rachel	Phyllis Woodley & Kenan Mills
February 20	Joseph and His Brothers	Savanna Becker
February 27	Moses and the Burning Bush	Jessica Ezzell

Saturday Morning CAFE (Children And Families @ Englewood)

Our next Saturday Morning CAFE will be on February 19th at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall! Our theme for February is "Do You Want to Build a Snowman?" What can a snowman teach us about God? Come find out at our February CAFE! We'll have snowman-themed games, snack, crafts, and Bible lesson for the whole family to enjoy together. For our service project this month, we'll be making care packages for children at My Sister's House! We hope all our EUMC families with children will join us!





UMYF FEBRUARY SCHEDULE

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>February 6</i>	9:30 am 4:00 pm 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Sunday School & Worship Confirmation Class Youth Group
<i>Sunday</i>	<i>February 13</i>	9:30 am 4:00 pm 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Sunday School & Worship Confirmation Class Youth Group
<i>Sunday</i>	<i>February 20</i>	9:30 am 4:00 pm 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Sunday School & Worship Confirmation Class Youth Group
<i>Sunday</i>	<i>February 27</i>	9:30 am 4:00 pm 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Sunday School & Worship Confirmation Class 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 6	Mexican Food	_____
February 13	Comfort Food	_____
February 20	Breakfast for Dinner	_____
February 27	Sandwiches	_____



Confirmation Class Starting Soon

We are beginning a new Confirmation class for our youth starting on February 6th. This class is for students in grades 6 and up who have not already completed a Confirmation class. We will meet on Sundays at 4:00 p.m. [before our regular youth group time] for 10 weeks. We will also have a Confirmation retreat on March 25-27 at The Refuge retreat center in Ayden, NC. The participants will be confirmed on Easter Sunday, April 17th. Contact Savanna to sign up!



Youth Pancake Supper Fundraiser (Eat-In or Drive-Thru)

Our UMYF are putting the FUN back in fundraiser with a eat in or drive-thru style pancake supper on **Ash Wednesday (March 2nd)**! Place your order ahead of time and then swing by the church that night between 5:30-6:30 p.m. to eat in or pick up your delicious pancake supper! Each meal will contain two pancakes (our EUMC secret recipe!), two sausage patties, your choice of regular or sugar-free syrup, and a fruit cup. YUM!! The cost is \$7 per meal.

You can sign up by either returning the form in your worship bulletin, calling the church office (252-443-2926) or filling out the form online at www.inglewood-umc.com/pancakes. The deadline to sign up is Sunday, February 27th. You can pay ahead of time or when you pick up your meals. Please plan to stay after the meal for our traditional Ash Wednesday worship at 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. Thank you in advance for your support of our Youth Fund!!