

# Englewood United Methodist Church Newsletter

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## SOUL PURPOSE - JANUARY 2022

**A**t the stroke of midnight on January 1st our calendars rolled to a new year as 2022 came into being.

I went back to last year's January Soul Purpose and was reminded that we began 2021 around Christ's table. It was the first time we, as the Body of Christ, had gathered around the table in ten months. You'll recall, 2020 was a year of unexpected challenge. And frankly, where it might sound a bit cliché, 2021 has been demanding, too.

Many of our own friends and neighbors stayed in isolation as COVID-19 spread itself among us, with death claiming many. Held tightly inside the grip of the isolation was a mixture of fear and uncertainty. Why? Well, the reasons are numerous.

In addition to fighting a worldwide pandemic, we watched in horror as protesters breached our nation's Capital. More violence flooded our streets, schools, and shopping malls became a place for terrorist activity. Racism continued as a source of great division, and closer to home we watched as some of our local people struggled to pay bills, purchase essentials, and lamented the physical separation from EUMC, salons, restaurants, grocery stores, etc.

But we also bore witness to true bravery as health care workers and first responders continued to put in extra hours, with every hour faced with courage and dedication. We watched as everyday citizens ventured into the unknown of space travel. Families were able to spend precious time together as stores reopened, cars hit the roads, and families reengaged in activities including sporting events and vacations. And the people of Englewood UMC were once again living into our passions, delivering flowers, visiting shut-ins, participating in BEARS, SS, UMYF, children's ministry, choir, Meals on Wheels, UMM and UMW. The list is so long I can't list them all.

I'm looking ahead to 2022. It's going to be exciting, but it will also be challenging. Isn't every year? So, let's begin with this...

Take a few moments and pray. Take in a deep breath and center yourself as you prepare. Now, ask God to forgive you of any wrongs that may be affecting your personal faith journey. Now, remember your family and friends, offering God a word of thanksgiving for blessing you with them. Be silent for a moment and wait for God to assure you of the presence of the Holy Spirit. Now, with your heart, mind, and soul in a holy place, offer this prayer from Howard Thurman:

### When the Song of the Angels Is Stilled

*When the song of the angels  
is stilled,*

*When the star in the sky is gone,  
When the kings and the princes  
are home,*

*When the shepherds are back  
with their flocks,*

*The work of Christmas begins:  
To find the lost,*

*To heal the broken,*

*To feed the hungry,*

*To release the prisoner,*

*To rebuild the nations,*

*To bring peace among people,*

*To make music in the heart.*

Looking forward to a wonderful new year with you!!!

*Pastor Terry*

# 2022



#### Our Sympathy Is Expressed To:

Tonya Bandy, Mary Simpson and family upon the death of Tony's brother and Mary's uncle, **Robert (Bobby) Edward Pennington** on November 25, 2021.

Rita and John Vickers upon the death of Rita's nephew's wife, **Maria Beck** of Germany on December 2, 2021.

Michael, Bobby and Sandra James and their family upon the death of their father, **Robert Hassel James, Sr.** on December 7, 2021.

Evelyn and Rick Cline and family upon the death of Evelyn's brother, **Larry Dean Erbaugh** of Ohio, on December 7, 2021.

Milton Dickens and family upon the death of his wife, **Patricia "Patsy" Pullen Dickens** on December 23, 2021.

Sharon and Greg Roth and family upon the death of Sharon's mother, **Rosemary E. Marshall** on December 27, 2021.

John Vickers, Carolyn Mobley, Robin and Tracy Rank upon the death of their sister-in-law and aunt, **Susie Gray Vickers** on December 27, 2021.

#### *In Memoriam*

**ROBERT HASSEL JAMES, SR.**

**December 7, 2021**

#### *In Memoriam*

**PATRICIA "PATSY" PULLEN DICKENS**

**December 23, 2021**

#### *In Memoriam*

**ROSEMARY E. MARSHALL**

**December 27, 2021**

#### Thank You

Dear Prayer Shawl Ladies,

On behalf of Kelly Schoch, we would like to thank you for the beautiful prayer blanket Trudy picked out. It is warm, colorful, and comforting. Kelly is improving each day. She goes back to see her surgeons (tomorrow) for a one month post op appointment.

We appreciate all your prayers. God has been so good to us. We do ask for prayers for her loud tinnitus to go away.

Thank you again for this wonderful ministry and your prayers.

In Christ,  
Kelly & Phyllis



#### JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

01	Larry Lugar	18	Jim Dunn
01	Betty Poplin	20	Michael Ayers
02	Bill Ames	21	Kathy Harrison
03	Ellen Hicks	22	David Thomas Smith
04	Robin Tank	23	Carolyn Mobley
05	Deborah Ladd	23	David Spreder
06	Gail Jenkins	23	Jo Wilson
08	Mackenzie Haynes	24	Janice Alford
09	Linda Armstrong	24	Gerry Niece
09	Ira Varney	25	Mary Lou Matthews
11	Brenda Bazemore	26	Virginia Williams
15	Brenda Ellis	27	Paul Dunn
15	Ken Jackson	27	Bettina Howard
16	Dan Vaughan	27	Bob League
16	Kristin VonElling	28	Greg Roth II
17	Mickey League	29	Christian Davenport
17	Betty Lewis	31	Zachary Woodley

#### Thank You

Bereavement Team,

Thank you so much for the meal you provided for our family. Our family is so grateful for all the love and support the EUMC family has given us during mom's illness and death.

Love,

Milton (Dickens) & Ann Ess and family

#### Thank You

Your thoughts, your words, your kind expression of sympathy are greatly appreciated. Thank you for your support at this difficult time.

Elizabeth & Dylan Hodge

#### Thank You

Ladies of the Prayer Shawl Ministry,

Thank you so much for the quilt/blanket you made for Jordan! It was so thoughtful of you to do this and he appreciates it so much! It was perfect for him since we just got a new puppy added to our family! Thank you again and he will cherish this for years to come!

Thanks,

Jordan & Tracy

#### Thank You

To our Englewood UMC Family...

We would like to thank everyone for all the wonderful cards and phone calls celebrating with us our 50th wedding anniversary! We are so blessed to have been a part of such a caring church family for 48 of those 50 years, and blessed that God has allowed us to be in this time and place with all of you!

Blessings, love and thanks. . .

Sharon & Jim Dunn



## UMW NEWS

January 18 10:00 a.m.

Women of the Way - Aldersgate Class Room

January 18 6:00 p.m.

Lydia's Sisters' Circle Meeting - Fellowship Hall

Program: Reflections and Revelations Planning Meeting

Hostess: Amy Quigley

Bring a bag supper. Desserts and drinks will be provided.

**Save the Date: March 26, 2022 ~ Spring with Me to Lydia's Sisters' Tea to return for first time since 2019!**

### Women of The Way

The Women of the Way met at the Olive Garden on December 14<sup>th</sup> for a Christmas luncheon. Nancy Porter and Dave Rundell also joined us for this time of fellowship and good food. Jennie Gibbs gave us a brief update on the progress being made at the Lighthouse on the physical problems of the house itself. Plans were made to provide a restaurant gift certificate in lieu of a luncheon as the Lighthouse ladies love to experience normalcy by eating out together. We will also provide a Christmas gift bag to each of these women. In January, we will resume our regular meeting format but will only have a business meeting that month. Then starting in February, we will begin a Bible study based on Jesus' parables that will be led by Wilma Rundell. The UMW is open to all women of the church and we invite you to join us in the Aldersgate classroom on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month at 10.00 a.m.



### SENIOR ADULT FELLOWSHIP



On Wednesday, January 5<sup>th</sup> and  
Wednesday, January 19<sup>th</sup>  
Senior Adult Fellowship will meet  
at noon in the  
Fellowship Hall for Bingo.

### Caring Card Ministry Continues

This mission is always serving our church family.

We have some permanent members we send cards to and we are ready to 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.



### Thank You

To our Englewood UMC Family...

We would like to thank each of you for the wonderful outpouring of love during the Christmas season. The cards, gifts, and invitations to join you in various events were so kind of you and your support fills us with hope and joy.

Mostly, thank you for your prayers you offer each day. The past two years have been the most difficult I've faced in my 28 years of ministry (thank you, Mr. Covid). Without you and your willing spirits I'm not sure how we would have made it. Englewood United Methodist Church is certainly a very special place.

Peace for 2022....

Pastor Terry & Jane

### Thank You

Englewood UMC,

Thank you for the calls, cards, visits, flower, Christmas cookies and prayers! Sending love and prayers to all.

Joyce White

### Thank You

Dear Members of EUMC Prayer Shawl Ministry,

Thank you so much for the beautiful "Prayer Shawl". It is such a thoughtful and meaningful gift. I will always cherish this work of love and use it during my prayer time. Thanks again.

God bless each of you. Love,

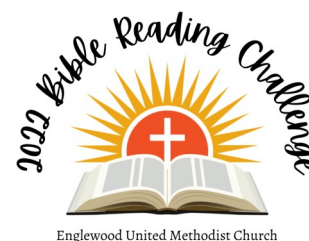
Janet Hodge

### Bible Reading Program

It's not too late to join us as we read through the Bible together in 2022! This Bible reading challenge will allow us to journey through scripture together all year long. This program will be very flexible - you can do this independently or with an accountability partner or group. When you sign up to participate, you will receive:

- A notebook with wonderful resources to give you more information about the overview, background, and historical context of each biblical book
- Reflection pages to help guide you through the journey
- A reading schedule to keep you on track (to stay on schedule you will read about 5 chapters per day for 6 days each week, with one Sabbath day for reflection or catching up)

Let this be the year you choose to dive into God's Word and let it inspire, comfort, and uplift you every day of 2022! Contact Savanna to sign up and get your notebook!





## Val's Diner - Churchwide Valentine's Dinner

Mark your calendar for Saturday,  
February 12<sup>th</sup> 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 the fun time  
as a church family!



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



Thank you for your faithfulness in continuing to support this mission project by donating food to the hungry in Nash County during the first 10 months of 2021. Donations slowed to only 1 Love Can during the months of November and December. So we pray, now that the busy holidays are passed, you will be able to fill this Love Can more than 1 time.

Starting Sunday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>, the "Meals of the Month" donation will be **Spaghetti and Canned Sauce**. 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 January. This is another wonderful opportunity for this generous congregation to help others who can't help themselves.



The deadline for receiving  
information to be included in the  
**FEBRUARY Newsletter**  
is **Thursday, January 20<sup>th</sup>**

Merry Christmas and A very Happy New Year!

Miss you all!

Fondly,  
Signe Ulrich

### OUR YEAR-TO-DATE RECORD

(Thru December 31, 2021)

#### FINANCIAL SUMMARY

##### Ministry Needs

	<i>Monthly Actual</i>	<i>YTD</i>
Receipts	\$40,587.04	\$434,000.06
Goal	\$35,260.00	\$423,120.00

*Our 2021 General Budget includes our Missional Giving*



Thank You  
From the Ladies of EUMC

Thanks to the Englewood United Methodist Men for the delicious meal and entertainment at the Annual Ladies Night Christmas Dinner on Sunday, December 5, 2021. We look forward to this special event each year!

Thanks also to the EUMC Youth who helped serve the meal.  
We thank you for all you do for EUMC!

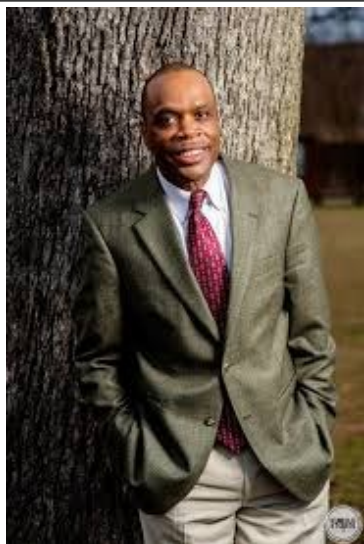


### **SOUPER BOWL OF CARING 2022**

This year we will be raising money for My Sisters' House and their ability to house pets at the shelter!

More details will follow in This Week at EUMC!





## Bishop to Speak in Rocky Mount

The Reverend Leonard Fairley, Resident Bishop of the North Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church, will be the guest preacher for an area wide worship service at the Dunn Center on the campus of North Carolina Wesleyan College at 3:00 p.m. on January 23, 2022. This service is a joint celebration by the United Methodist Churches in and near Rocky Mount and North Carolina Wesleyan College. Bishop Fairley began his time as Bishop in North Carolina in September of 2021.

Bishop Fairley served the North Carolina Conference beginning in 1984 and his last appointment in North Carolina was serving as the District Superintendent of the Capital District before he was elected by the delegates of the Southeastern Jurisdiction of The United Methodist Church and appointed as Bishop of the Kentucky Conference in 2016.

Bishop Fairley graduated from Pfeiffer College and Duke University's School of Divinity. He served at St. Peters in Hamlet, NC, and Soapstone in Raleigh before becoming the Rockingham District Superintendent. After serving as a District Superintendent for seven years he returned to the local church in 2012 as Lead Pastor at Saint Francis in Cary, NC. He also served as District Superintendent of the Capitol District, NCCUMC's largest district.

Bishop Fairley, a pastor, poet, and man of deep, quiet faith, often shares his story of being born into poverty and of being from "the wrong side of town". "There were times when I didn't have food," he remembers. "There were tables that I knew I was not invited to. But there was always room at God's table...I always knew that at this table there was enough, that I was always welcome."

Bishop Fairley and his wife, Dawn, currently split their time between Kentucky and North Carolina.

After the service there will be a time of fellowship with light refreshments. Everyone is invited to attend.

## Englewood UMC Finance Committee to Host Seminar

Englewood UMC will host a Legacy Giving Seminar on Sunday, January 30, 2022  
from 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Having your final wishes in proper order is arguably one of the most important things you can do for family and your own peace of mind. Your legacy giving gifts also ensures that your local church congregation or the charity of your choosing will remain on solid financial footing once you have entered The Church Triumphant.

Each person's situation varies but the distribution of your estate and removing the pressure from the shoulders of your spouse, children, or other family members is just another way to show them how deeply you love them and your love for God.

Leaders will be:

Rev. Lynn Benson, Director of Legacy Giving, United Methodist Foundation, Garner, NC.

T. W. King, Attorney at Law in Rocky Mount, NC.

Jeff O'Donoghue and Dianna Norville, Bunch & Company, CPA Services, Rocky Mount, NC.

Each of the presenters will be available for questions at the conclusion of the seminar.

To register for the seminar, please call Englewood United Methodist Church at 252-443-2926.

Englewood UMC is located at 300 South Circle Drive, Rocky Mount, NC 27804

### ARMENIAN CATTLE / CHICKEN PROJECT



Thanks to all who participated in the 2021 Armenian Cattle / Chicken Project by making

donations in honor and memory of your loved ones.

The total amount you gave was \$2,283.00.

Thank you for continuing to support this wonderful project!



### AUTISM FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP EVENT

Mark your calendars for January 28<sup>th</sup>! Our families - old and new - will be welcomed into our church!

Volunteers are needed to:

- Serve pizza (3)
- Play with children (6)
- Greet families (1)

Call Barbara Batts to say YES! (252-450-5000)



**AUTISM**  
AWARENESS

### BEREAVEMENT ORGANIZATION MEETING

If you would like to be part of the planning the new protocol for serving our church families in their time of the loss of a loved one, please come and meet with us. All ideas are welcome! This is such a meaningful witness to our mission and we want anyone who would like to join this committee to come. The meeting date and time will be in This Week at EUMC. Please contact Barbara Batts with questions, 252-450-5000 or [bbatts2910@aol.com](mailto:bbatts2910@aol.com).



## UNITED METHODIST MEN

The Englewood United Methodist Men will meet Tuesday, January 11, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Our speaker will be Robert Hassell, Chief of Police for the City of Rocky Mount. With 25 years experience in the field of public safety and law enforcement, Chief Hassell came here in May to lead our Police Department. He is the first chief in the history of our department to have earned a doctorate degree.

I know you will want to meet him, welcome him to our community, and hear his discussion on the challenges of law enforcement here in Rocky Mount. So mark your calendar right now! We will have a meal very reasonably priced at \$5.00 (free for first time visitors). We will serve dinner at 6:00 p.m. and, after a brief devotion, introduce Chief Hassell.

We plan to have a short business session during which we plan to present a budget for fiscal year 2022. Hope to see you there!

Peter Varney

## OUTREACH CHRISTMAS PROJECTS

The Outreach Committee would like to thank everyone for helping make our Christmas Mission Projects a success. As a congregation working together, we were able to provide love and hope to a lot of people.

First, with help from our neighbors at St. Andrews Church and The Mill Church, we were able to provide 200 Christmas shoe boxes to the children of Armenia. Just think of all the joy that will provide to those children who have so little. A special thank you to Mike and Beverly Williams for heading up this project and getting the shoeboxes delivered to the MERCI Center.

Second, we partnered once again with Peacemakers of Rocky Mount to provide Toys for their annual Toy Store. This gave parents a chance to purchase Christmas gifts for their children at a reduced price so they could have a happy Christmas. We provided 75 plus gifts to the children of our own community. Our thanks to Margie Holt for overseeing this project for us and getting all the toys delivered to The Toy Store.

Also, we participated in the Angel Tree Ministry thru Prison Fellowship which provides Christmas gifts to children whose parents will not be spending the Holidays with them. We more than doubled our original commitment of 10 and provided for 28 children. Thank you Christian for taking care of the paperwork and getting the funds delivered.

And our final project – “Undie Sunday”. This was a new project for us this year. We partnered with The Bassett Center to provide underwear, socks and bath towels to Children living in their homeless shelter. We were able to assist 16 children with the bare necessities of everyday living. Such a simple mission that means so much to those without. We want to thank Nancy and Robert Johnston for sharing this idea for mission work with us.

So you see we have accomplished a lot of wonderful work this holiday season. We have definitely been the hands of Jesus in providing love and hope for our neighbors at home and abroad. Again, thank you for helping us make these mission projects a success.

The Outreach Committee

## 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](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.**

## CONFERENCE-WIDE LEADERSHIP TRAINING

### JANUARY LAITY LEADERSHIP TRAINING

The January Laity Leadership training will be January 9<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

It will virtual again this year and the following areas will be covered:  
Finance, S/PPRC, Trustee, and Lay Leader.

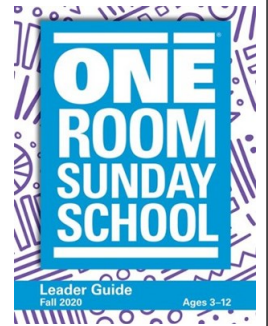
Please use the following link to register for the training:  
<https://nccuc.org/leadership/training/>

## 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! Our younger children will have a special lesson and activity in our nursery, while our older children journey through the Bible one week at a time. Sunday School will meet from 9:30-10:15 a.m.

Our theme for January is JOURNEY.

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



Date	Topic	Helper
• January 2	Jesus in the Temple [Luke 2:41-52]	Gary & Linda Green
• January 9	Jesus' Baptism [Luke 3:1-22]	Rita Vickers
• January 16	Temptation in the Desert [Luke 4:1-13]	Jeannie Gibbs
• January 23	Jesus in the Synagogue [Luke 4:14-30]	Debbie High
• January 30	Jesus Heals [Luke 4:38-44]	TBA

## 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!

January 2	Creation [Genesis 1:1-31]	Beth Ezzell
January 9	Adam and Eve [Genesis 2:7-3:24]	Phyllis Woodley & Kenan Mills
January 16	Noah's Ark [Genesis 6:9-11, 8:15-17, 9:12-15]	Savanna Becker
January 23	Tower of Babel [Genesis 10:8-12, 11:1-9]	Jessica Ezzell
January 30	Abraham and Isaac [Genesis 18:1-15, 21:1-5]	Savanna Becker

## Saturday Morning CAFE (Children And Families @ Englewood)

Our next Saturday Morning CAFE will be on January 15<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall! Our theme for January is "Do You Want to Build a Snowman?" What can a snowman teach us about God? Come find out at our January CAFE! We'll have snowman-themed games, snack, crafts, and Bible lesson for the whole family to enjoy together. We hope all our EUMC families with children will join us!







## UMYF JANUARY SCHEDULE

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>January 2</i>	9:30 am 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Sunday School & Worship Youth Group
<i>Sunday</i>	<i>January 9</i>	9:30 am 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Sunday School & Worship Youth Group
<i>Sunday</i>	<i>January 16</i>	9:30 am 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Sunday School & Worship Youth Group
<i>Sunday</i>	<i>January 23</i>	9:30 am 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Sunday School & Worship Youth Group
<i>Sunday</i>	<i>January 30</i>	9:30 am 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Sunday School & Worship 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>
January 2	Mexican Food	_____
January 9	Comfort Food	_____
January 16	Breakfast for Dinner	_____
January 23	Sandwiches	_____
January 30	Pasta	_____

### Bears Thank You

Thank you to everyone who donated items for our Bears Club Christmas gifting! Our Bears students had a wonderful time selecting and wrapping gifts for their family members, and they had a lot of great items to choose from! Our Children's Hall was truly filled with the Christmas Spirit, and we can only imagine the joy that filled their homes on Christmas when they shared the gifts with their family members!

### Confirmation Class Starting Soon

We are beginning a new Confirmation class for our youth starting on February 6<sup>th</sup>. 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, which will also include a Confirmation retreat. The participants will be confirmed on Easter Sunday, April 17<sup>th</sup>. Contact Savanna to sign up!

