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SOUL PURPOSE - MARCH 2021

During Lent we've been addressing our faith practices through a series titled, *"Enhancing Our Spiritual Habits."* Already we've learned more about prayer and scripture. Now, leading into Easter, we'll add Fasting, Confession, Worship, Silence, and Gratitude to the list of topics. Why, perhaps you've wondered, are our spiritual disciplines so important? And, why now?

Let's get the "why now" out of the way first...

I've mentioned several times how this has been a year of great challenge for us all, clergy and parishioner. Not only have we been faced with a worldwide pandemic and the need to adjust our schedules (and lives) to stay healthy, but we also faced a heated political climate that polarized our nation.

For me, the challenge I faced each week was one of sensitive balance. Knowing I'm appointed in a diverse setting, I lived on edge; I dreaded saying the wrong buzz word or mentioning a topic that bordered on a particular political ideology, fearing I might offend someone. I would never do that intentionally, but I will always attempt to challenge you from the pulpit to live lives that mirror that of Christ and that we love God and love neighbor. My convictions demand that of myself. I don't fear speaking to biblical justice for all people.

It was with that in mind that I thought how interesting it could be to have a refresher on how we might enhance our spiritual disciplines and rededicate ourselves to practicing these habits every day.

Newsflash! We're not perfect. I love the scripture I recently read that said, *"My dear children, for whom I am again in the pains of childbirth until Christ is formed in you . . ."* (Gal. 4:19).

Perhaps the pain that has gone with the challenges of the past twelve months might be worth it. Until Christ is formed IN YOU! What a powerful message is wrapped up in that singular verse. Our goal is and always should be to have our lives become more like that of Jesus. Not lives that are tied to any one political ideology, but lives that are found tied securely to our Savior.

Enhancing our spiritual disciplines in a manner that engages us daily allows us to grow closer with God and in becoming conformed to Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit.

It's no secret that I love sports. There is something admirable about how athletes train their bodies to perform at peak level for a game that consists of 60 minutes.

The choices an athlete makes require that they say "no" when they want to eat a Pop Tart, or "no" when someone wants them to hang out at Buffalo Wild Wings 'til 1:00 a.m. Because their sport requires them to improve their skills, athletes workout and properly balance their diet with healthy choices.

To be the best in living our lives as Christians, we too need to train ourselves to be the best we can be. That's why having good habits surrounding our spiritual practices is so vital.

And the timing of this series is important.

As we prepare to move forward with new leadership in Washington, and as we see an exit strategy to the pandemic with schools reopening and life (hopefully) getting back to a more normal pace in the weeks and months ahead, our churches will begin to fill up again. Our programming will begin to look less Zoomie and more fellowship meals and reacquainting ourselves with each other will take place. Music, oh the glorious music will raise the rafters and I'll actually be able to greet you after the service.

It may be after spring / summer before we're totally there but we need to be ready for those days when they come, so we begin to plan now. Let's enhance our practices of our spiritual disciplines so that when the day comes, we will have moved ourselves beyond anything that separates us from the love of Christ and find ourselves strengthened as the Body of Christ.

Shalom...

Pastor Terry





Our Sympathy Is Expressed To:

*Evelyn Glover and family upon the death of her husband, **Robert Alton Glover** on January 29, 2021.*

*John & Rita Vickers, Carolyn Mobley, Robin Tank & Tracy Tank and their families upon the death of John & Carolyn's brother and Robin & Tracy's uncle, **Joseph Edward Vickers** on February 6, 2021.*

*The family and friends of **Edna Ruth Jones** upon her death on February 10, 2021.*

In Memoriam

ROBERT ALTON GLOVER

January 29, 2021

In Memoriam

EDNA RUTH JONES

February 10, 2021



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

02	Laurel Currie	19	Laura Earp
02	Samuel High	19	Bill Stephens
02	James Horan	19	Sharon Stephens
02	Ralph O'Donnell	20	Glenda Hortman
03	Joshua Lee	20	John Wilson
05	Deborah High	21	Theresa Nettnin
05	Alex Trull	21	Terry Williams
06	Amy Quigley	22	Jane Seeger
07	Kathryn Wright	23	Brad Dunn
08	Sawyer Mills	23	Kevin Holt
08	Ryan Nichols	23	Mary K. Landis
08	Lindsay Stanislaw	23	John Vickers
10	Jack Watson-Batts	24	Nancy Johnston
11	Brooklyn Batts	24	Douglas Lynch
13	Robert Coats	24	Mauguerite Wilson
14	Cameron Fueston	26	Michael Bunn
15	Jay Quigley	27	Jessica Boyd
17	Brian Collins	27	Everette Stanislaw
17	Patsy Smith	27	Seth Varney
18	Rick Cline	29	Gus Kanai
18	Shelton Meade	31	Harriett Dobbins
18	Lee Pullen	31	Stan Harwood

Thank You

Englewood UMC,

We would like to thank our church family for the many cards and condolences received after the passing our brother. We also thank Jeannie Gibbs, Embra Pullen, Jo Lynn Wilson and the Wesleyan Friendship Class for the delicious food delivered and Jeannie Gibbs for the beautiful flowers provided by the Flower Ministry. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

God bless.

John & Rita Vickers
Carolyn Mobley
Robin and Tracy Tank

Thank You

Englewood United Methodist Church,

I would like to thank the Flower Ministry for the beautiful flowers delivered to me by Jo Lynn Wilson after the passing of my brother. It is so great to enjoy a bouquet of fresh flowers in the heart of winter.

Thanks again for the wonderful surprise.

Carolyn Mobley

Thank You

Englewood United Methodist Church,

I want to thank all of my church family for your prayers, cards, gifts, phone calls and the many ways of caring shown to me for the loss of my mother on December 24, 2020.

She would always ask about the folks she knew at EUMC and Rocky Mount. She treasured your friendship. Thanks for your friendship towards my mom, and the love shown toward our family at this time.

In Christ,
Rod Buckner

Thank You

To Our EUMC Family,

Our heartfelt thanks to everyone who sent cards, said prayers and always asked about Robert while he was a resident at Richland Place Memory Care. And we are deeply grateful for all the loving care we were given: prayers, cards, calls, food, flowers, donations to EUMC, VFW and American Legion; when Robert passed away from not from Parkinson's or Lewy Body Dementia but complications caused by COVID. Pastor Terry, Savanna, Sharon, Melissa, Bobbi Jo Bone, Christian, Nancy, Rod and the ushers all did an outstanding job for Robert's funeral and we Thank all of them. I don't know how we would have gotten through it without our EUMC family.

Our love and blessing to all,
Pat Bunn and Family

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE



Maundy Thursday: April 1

7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Worship -
Englewood UMC and Saint Paul UMC
(*More info to come.*)



Good Friday: April 2

7:00 p.m. Good Friday Worship
Englewood UMC and Saint Paul UMC
(*More info to come.*)



Easter Sunday, April 4

7:00 a.m. Sunrise Worship at EUMC Bell Tower
10:30 a.m. Worship

**Remember
to bring
live
flowers to place on
the cross on
Easter Sunday,
April 4 at
10:30 a.m.**

**Please arrive early
to allow time to place
the flowers on the
cross before the
service starts.**

Celebrating 20 Years!

On February 12th, our beloved Church Secretary, Nancy Porter, celebrated 20 years of service to Englewood UMC! Nancy makes such a positive impact on our church family through her loving service and Christ-like attitude. We don't know what we would do without her!

We recognized Nancy for her dedicated service during worship on Sunday, February 14th. We also invited church members to flood Nancy with cards of appreciation, letting her know how much we love and appreciate her and all she does! To view our video tribute to Nancy, visit www.Englewood-umc.com/view-worship-service and go to the week of February 14, 2021.

Thank you, Nancy, for 20 amazing years at Englewood UMC – and for all the wonderful years to come!!



2021 FLOWER CALENDAR

The 2021 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 2021 Flower Calendar is now online on the church website (www.Englewood-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 e mail 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.



EUMC Book Club

Our EUMC Book Club will meet again on Monday, March 22nd at 7:00 p.m. to discuss our second reading selection of the year: ***The Walk: Five Essential Practices of the Christian Life*** by Adam Hamilton. This book will help guide us into the season of Lent.

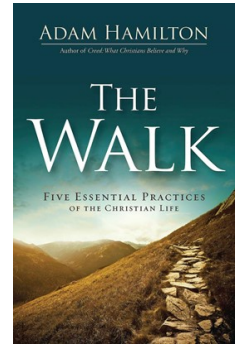
There are three copies of each of our books for 2021 in the church library on the UMW shelf. Feel free to check them out to read and return them when finished. You can also purchase your own copy (the books are all available on Amazon).

Everyone is welcome to participate! Our March meeting will be on Zoom. Here is the meeting link and information:

Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86105197170?pwd=LoF2eTZoMVlpb1RxWmt2VUV3dXVldz09>

Meeting ID: 861 0519 7170

Passcode: 204722



Women of the Way

The Women of the Way Circle invites everyone to donate paper towels, toilet paper, tissues, etc. to The Lighthouse. You may bring them to the church on Sunday or during the week.



Please contact
Jeannie Gibbs for
more information.

Thank You!

Lydia's Sisters Circle

Lydia's Sisters will meet March 16th at 6:00 p.m.
for a business meeting in the Fellowship Hall.
We will be socially distanced and masked.

Thank You

To the Flower Ministry,

Thank you so much for the beautiful flowers delivered to us by
Jeannie Gibbs. It really brightened our day. God bless.

Rita & John Vickers

Thank You

Dear Ladies of the Flower Ministry,

Thank you for the beautiful flowers. I continue to enjoy them
daily. Thanks to Janice (Roberson) for delivering them.

Sincerely,

Barbara Langley

Thank You

I want to thank Jo Wilson and the flower Ministry. That
was such a thoughtful gift to us during this trying time.
I know she wondered why I was so standoffish but, until
we get our COVID shots we are being as careful as
possible. I haven't seen my children and grandchildren
since last March, when this all started. These are very
difficult and trying times and its wonderful to see what
Englewood United Methodist Church is doing for its
members. I would like to make a contribution to the
Flower Ministry so they can continue this uplifting and
cheerful work. I know you will brighten some more
days for others. Thank you again.

M. Connie Honeycutt



To My EUMC Family,

When I picked up my iPad and tuned in to the morning
worship at EUMC on Sunday, February 14th, I was really
OVERWHELMED! I had glanced away for just a second
and when I looked back at the screen and my picture
was there, I was totally surprised! You did manage
to keep it a secret!!! Thank all of you for honoring me
in such a wonderful way. I do feel so loved and
appreciated! The flowers were beautiful and all the
remarks made by Terry and Savanna were very special.
And then Sunday afternoon there was another surprise
with the video on our website. Thank you to all who
participated in it (Terry, Savanna, Christian, David and
Amy) and to Savanna for putting it together.

I really appreciate all the beautiful cards with very
loving messages, gifts, flowers, food, and phone calls!
All of you are very special to me. Being a part of the staff
at EUMC has never been a job for me—I have always felt
that it is a ministry. Thank you for affirming this. I love
you all!

God bless,
Nancy Porter

Thank You

Dear Prayer Shawl Ministry,

Thank you so very much for the beautiful crocheted
baby blanket made for my first grandchild, Adelaide
Morgan Tolston. I knew it was made with love and
prayers were lifted for the blanket to swaddle our sweet
baby girl in its warmth and God's love. We are so
honored to be given this special gift!

I also want to say how much I appreciate your love and
support for my mother, Glenda Hortman! Her church
family has lifted her spirits so much!

Again, I thank you all!

Karla (Hortman) Willcox



Englewood United Methodist Men

The Englewood United Methodist Men leadership team met January 21 to review the year-end financial report and consider a budget for 2021.

We ended the year 2020 with peanut sales totaling \$79,269. This is 14% less than the average of the preceding three years' sales. Because we have been operating with three peanut cooking crews instead of the normal five crews, we were surprised that the 2020 sales total was this close to the three year average. It should be remembered that the price increase placed in effect in mid 2019 helped.

We contributed to the local non-profit agencies as shown below:

Christ CAN	\$1,000	Salvation Army	\$5,000
St. Andrews Society	1,000	United Community Ministries	3,000
Meals-on-Wheels	2,000	My Sisters House	2,000
W.A.R.M.	4,000	Stop Hunger Now	1,500
Agapé Village	500	The Lighthouse	500
Peacemakers	1,000	Methodist Home for Children	1,000

Among the disruptive challenges posed for all of us during 2020, we experienced some problems with supply and shipment of jars and lids but were able to overcome and carry on. Cooking crew members followed the mask wearing regiment carefully.

We adopted a budget for 2021 that assumes peanut sales based on three cooking crews. We are projecting sales and expenditures that are similar to our actual experience for 2020.

We concluded that we would continue the suspension of our monthly meetings until September. We pray that we will be able to resume monthly meetings for September, October, and November concluding the year with Ladies Night on December 5, 2021. We are hoping that we will see the return of two additional cooking crews to help us meet the 2021 Christmas season demand for our ever popular, very reasonably priced, delicious, nationally renowned, and widely acclaimed peanuts.

The leadership team very much appreciates the contribution of time and labor of the men of the church in support of the peanut production ministry, the support of our church members and staff, and that of the community.

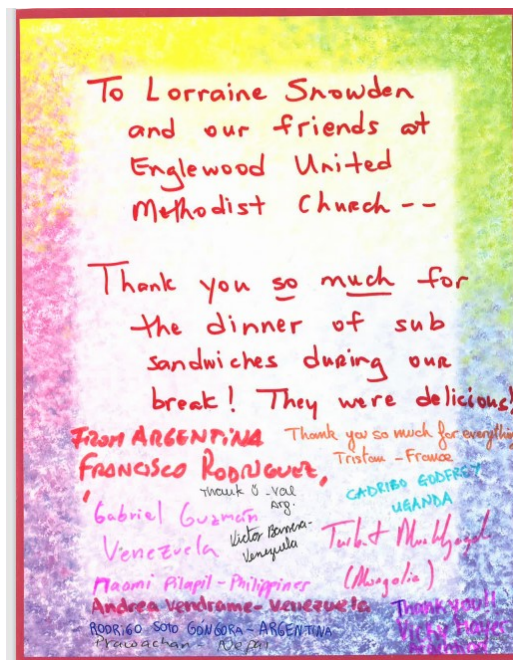
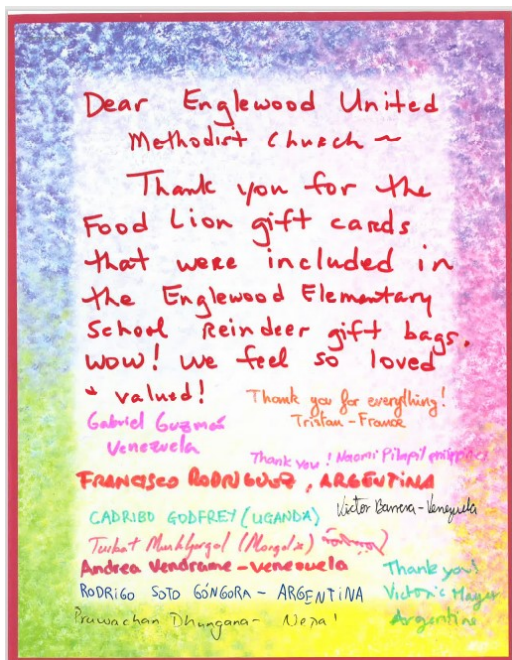
Peter Varney



FAITH CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES OF NASH COUNTY - MARCH NEEDS

Thank you for continuing to support this mission project by donating food to feed the hungry in Nash County. We are sending 2 to 2½ boxes to Faith Christian Ministries of Nash County monthly. Won't you please consider adding more food to our donation boxes? This agency supports all of Nash County, not just Nashville.

Starting Sunday, March 7th, the "Meals of the Month" donation will be **Tuna and Tuna Helper**. There is a tub and two yellow boxes 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 March. This is another wonderful opportunity for this generous congregation to help others who can't help themselves.



We have an opportunity from the North Carolina Conference to help the people of Armenia. In the past month they have been hit by several earthquakes along with all the destruction from the military conflict. Families have left their homes with what they could carry with them and are in need of basic household items. We would like to collect the following items during the first 3 weeks of March. They will be taken to the MERCI Center in Goldsboro for shipment by March 26th. The items we would like to concentrate on are:

- Boxed cookware items (they will ship easy)
- Blankets
- Shoes

All items need to be NEW.

This will be a great way for us to help others in need. Also, we all know Pastor Terry's affection for the people of Armenia and since he has a birthday coming up March 21st, let's shower him with blankets, pots, pans, and shoes for his big day!

Thank you for always being willing to help when the need arises.

Patsy Smith and the Outreach Committee



SOUPER BOWL OF CARING 2021

What a great time we had this year completing our Souper Bowl of Caring. I'm sure you all know the end results but I'm gonna recap anyway because I'm so proud of how this congregation got behind this year's Outreach mission to purchase 3 bullet and stab resistant vests for the Nash County Sheriff's Office K9 program. I heard so many, many positive comments about where our money was going. We reached our goal before that end of the SBC but **YOU** kept on giving!! It is fantastic to be able to purchase 3 protective vests for the newest K9 deputies, Maya, Sneak, and Kieser at a cost of \$2,880 and then donate the remaining \$1,774.95 to their special K9 fund which will be used solely for future K9 needs. I hope you all enjoyed meeting two of the K9 deputies, Sgt. Ricks and K9 Pebbles and Deputy Mooring and K9 Kieser during our Sunday services. Some of us even got to pet the K9s!!! The men and women in the NCSO along with the K9 deputies put in long hours serving and protecting this community which has been made more difficult for them during this pandemic. The vests that we will purchase are made in the USA with NIJ certified ballistic panels so that they are certified body armor. Each vest will have ***Gifted by Englewood United Methodist Church*** embroidered on them. Purchasing these vests to protect the K9s plus the extra fund donation helps show the men and women of the NCSO how much we appreciate and value what they do for us 24/7. I'm sure Kieser, Maya, and Sneak, if they could, would say **THANK YOU** for your support as their human counterparts have done.

So thank you all for your wonderful support of the 2021 Souper Bowl of Caring.

Sharon Roth and the Outreach Committee



Youth News

UMYF MARCH SCHEDULE

Sunday	March 7	5:00 pm - 7:00 pm	UMYF
Sunday	March 14	5:00 pm - 7:00 pm	UMYF
Sunday	March 21	5:00 pm - 7:00 pm	UMYF
Sunday	March 28	5:00 pm - 7:00 pm	UMYF

UMYF Dinners

Our UMYF is continuing to meet on Sundays from 5:00 to 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. Thank you for your ongoing support of our UMYF!

Youth Pancake Supper Fundraiser

Thank you to everyone who participated in our Drive-Thru Pancake Supper fundraiser for our EUMC Youth, as well as to those who made donations!! Our church family is always so supportive of our youth program, and that really makes a difference in the lives of our students (especially this year). We hope you enjoyed your pancakes!



The deadline for receiving information to be included in the **APRIL Newsletter** is March 18th

OUR YEAR-TO-DATE RECORD

(Thru February 25, 2021)

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

	<u>Ministry Needs</u>	
	<i>Monthly Actual</i>	<i>YTD</i>
Receipts	\$30,157.63	\$74,640.15
Goal	\$35,260.00	\$70,520.00

Our 2021 General Budget includes our Missional Giving

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! Our nursery, which is open to our youngest children, as well as Children's Church (for children in Pre-K through 5th Grade) are meeting in the Fellowship Hall.

Our theme for March is "Holy Week". Here's what we'll be learning about each week:

- March 7 Last Supper (Matthew 28:17-30)
- March 14 Praying in the Garden (Matthew 26:31-58)
- March 21 Peter's Denial (Matthew 26:69-75)
- March 28 Palm Sunday/The Passion (Matthew 21:1-11, 27:32-66)



Saturday Morning CAFE

Children And Families @ Englewood

Saturday Morning CAFE (Children And Families @ Englewood)

Our next Saturday Morning CAFE will be on **March 27th at 10:00 a.m.** in the Fellowship Hall!! Our theme for March is "Jesus Is Risen" and we'll celebrate with an Easter Egg Hunt!! Together we'll learn how Jesus died on the cross and was raised to new life - all because he loves us SO much! We hope all of our EUMC families with children will join us!

In addition to our music, crafts, and Bible story, we'll also hunt Easter eggs at this month's CAFE! We won't advertise this event as an outreach in the community like we normally would; however, our families are always welcome to invite friends to our gatherings! Please just let Savanna know if additional people will be coming so that we can prepare.

The Saturday Morning CAFE is designed for children to participate with their family, whether that is parents, a grandparent, or any adult who wants to share this special time with them! We will gather in the Fellowship Hall, which gives us plenty of space to spread out and allows each family to have their own space. To help us prepare, please let Savanna know if you are planning to participate ahead of time.