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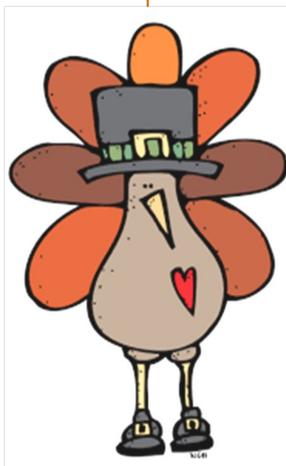
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WISHFUL THINKING

It's funny, isn't it? How is it we've just started the month of November and our stores have completely skipped over Thanksgiving and jumped to Christmas? I know that if we look hard enough, we can find a cutout of a turkey dressed as a pilgrim and see that Food Lion has a special on pumpkin pie filling, but the Christmas decorations were the ones that replaced the Halloween costumes back on October 31st. Why would they skip over Thanksgiving!?!?

You know what I think it is? It's hard for stores to profit from a holiday that encourages us to be thankful for what we have. Christmas, on the other hand, has become a time in which we make sure our wish lists have found their way into the right hands. We need those lists taken care of! Christmas, a time to celebrate the return of our Lord through remembrance of His birth, has become a time to remember what you don't have:



Flat screen TV's, video game systems, toys, clothes, a clock radio, or numerous other items that we haven't had the money for or cared to buy before. If you ask me, that just doesn't seem right! In fact, I think the appreciation for what

we have that comes with Thanksgiving MUST be carried with us into our time of Advent and Christmas. 'Tis the season to remember what has been given to us already...Jesus Christ our Lord.

So slow down as the world speeds past this season of giving thanks. Let us count our blessings before filling out those lists of wants. After all, who would want to skip over Thanksgiving, a time of family, food, and some football, too? Let's carve the turkey and recognize God is good. For God's promises endure forever and scripture declares that we have everything we need as long as we have God.

Pastor Nathan

Happy Thanksgiving



EUMC Charge Conference will be held on Monday, November 15th at 7:30 p.m. at First United Methodist Church. We encourage every member to participate as we reflect on the current year and look forward to the future of EUMC.



Our Sympathy Is Expressed To:

Rev. Elaine Lilliston and family upon the death of her husband, **Andrew (Andy) Wilson Lilliston, Jr.** on September 28, 2022.

Linda Armstrong and family upon the death of her brother, **Johnnie Mack Ruffin** on October 12, 2022.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

01	Caleb Boyd	17	Betty House
01	Carson Boyd	17	Harold Winstead
01	Richard Ladd II	18	Nathan Barbour
01	Beverly Williams	18	Janice Roberson
05	Steve High	19	Carolyn Crumpler
05	Leo Miller	21	Jimmy Carter, Jr.
07	Meredith Holt Shaw	22	Nancy Mooring
09	Llewellyn Edmondson	22	Shyla Schafer
09	Sue McMillan	23	Jacob Ezzell
10	Noah Toffton	23	Joe Hearne, Jr.
10	Rita Vickers	24	Jack Karshner
12	Joan Godwin	25	Lib Dawes
13	Susan Hayes	26	Dave Hopewell
13	Sharon Roth	28	Dot Honeycutt
14	Dessie Clark	29	Tykesha Owens
15	Embra Pullen	30	David Earp
16	James (J. C.) McKita		
16	Olivia Morehart		

Birth

Congratulations to

*Justin & Mallory Holomon
upon the birth of their son,*

*Hudson Everett Holoman
on October 16, 2022.*

Grandparents are Michael & Arlene Holomon.

Great-grandparents are Randolph & Marie Holomon.

This is Randolph & Marie's 9th great-grandchild.

Thank You

Thank you (Betty Poplin) very much for the prayer shawls you and your group donated to us for our Comfort Room clients. That was a very thoughtful gesture and we appreciate that. Please thank the other members of your group for us.

Sincerely,

The Coats Veterinary Hospital Team

Thank You

Being selected as the 2022 recipient of the Special Recognition Pin from EUMC's Women of Faith, the words 'thank you' (uttered thru tear-filled eyes and a heart overflowing with humility and gratitude) seem too small. Hope you know that 'thank-you' is much more than a polite response. Truly, it is me 'thanking' each woman [that's ever been a part of EUMC] for her walk - her witness - her modeling Jesus' love and all that being a follower of Jesus means. What a joy it is to be a piece of the puzzle, a piece of the completed picture that will one day be seen. With much love and genuine gratitude.

Beth Ezzell

Caring Card Ministry

The Caring Card Committee reminds you that an assortment of cards are available in the narthex and on the table in the hallway outside the church office. We invite our entire church family to take some cards and send them to someone who needs to hear from a friend!



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.

EUMC FLOWER MINISTRY

When you place flowers in the sanctuary or narthex, if you would like to donate them to the Flower Ministry, please contact **Sharon Dunn** at 252-443-1920 (during the months of January, April, July, October), **Jo Wilson** at 252-937-4848 (during the months of February, May, August, November), and **Barbara Batts** at 252-450-5000 (during the months of March, June, September, December). They will be delivered to our sick and shut-ins on Monday.



On those Sundays when no one has signed up to place flowers in the sanctuary, the Flower Ministry Fund is used to place flowers in the sanctuary so that flowers will be available for the shut-ins that week. If you would like to make a contribution to this fund, please make your check payable to EUMC and mark Flower Ministry on the memo line.

OUR YEAR-TO-DATE RECORD

(Thru October 24, 2022)

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Ministry Needs

	Monthly Actual	YTD
Receipts	\$28,105.99	\$334,629.58
Goal	\$35,260.00	\$352,600.00

Our 2022 General Budget includes our Missional Giving



Attention Ladies of Englewood United Methodist Church

The Methodist Men will be hosting Ladies Night this year on Sunday, December 4th at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The celebration of Ladies Night is a long standing tradition for us. This year, we will come together again 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 community around us.

We will have poinsettias for all of our guests. Dan Fogarty's band, The Highway Ramblers, will provide musical entertainment this year.

So mark your calendar and plan to join us for Ladies Night, Sunday evening December 4th.

(Sign up sheets will be available in the Sunday Worship Bulletins or you may call the church office.)



United
Women
in Faith

United Women in Faith News

November 15	10:00 a.m.	Women of the Way Circle - Aldersgate Classroom
November 15	6:00 p.m.	Lydia's Sisters' Circle - Fellowship Hall Program: Friendsgiving: Games and Fun! Hostesses: Brenda Bazemore, Brenda Ellis and Nancy Mooring Dessert and drinks will be provided. Bring your own bag supper.



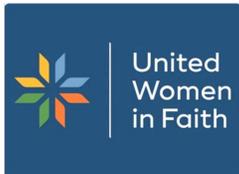
PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Tuesday, November 1	10:00 am - 12:00 pm	Fellowship Hall (Blankets)
Tuesday, November 8	10:00 am - 12:00 pm	Church Parlor (Shawls)

Shawls and Blankets will be placed on the altar rail for blessing on Sunday, November 13th.



*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

On October 18th, the Women of the Way Circle met in the Aldersgate Classroom with Pastor Nathan joining us. Sharon Roth gave the devotion on "The Parable of the Pencil" which gave us five things to remember in order to be the best persons we can be. Prayers were asked for circle member, Wilma Rundell and Peggy McKita's son.

We were reminded that Rada Cutlery is still available thru Glenda Hortman and dishcloths thru Terrie Buckner. Due to the cost increase to obtain the dishcloths, it was decided to increase the cost to purchase to \$3 for a dishcloth and \$4 for a dishcloth animal.

Pastor Nathan announced a Bible Study that will be held during Advent on John the Baptist. More information on this study will be forthcoming. *(Editor's note: See article in this newsletter and in This Week at EUMC.)* The Brunswick Stew sale will be Saturday, October 22nd and circle members signed up to stir. Backpack Buddies is almost ready to be restarted and it was announced we would be packing the backpacks on Tuesday, October 25th and a signup sheet circulated. The holiday dinner for the women at The Lighthouse is scheduled for November 14th at 5:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. A sign-up sheet was circulated for food to be served with the chicken.

The program today was a hands-on event. We packed health kits for the MERCI Center. Items from the MERCI Center had been brought to the church and members brought hand towels and nail clippers/files. After a brief training demonstration, circle members and Pastor Nathan packed 55 health kits to be taken to the MERCI Center. These will be distributed to disaster/those in need victims as needed.

The next circle meeting will be Tuesday, November 15th at 10:00 a.m. in the Aldersgate Classroom. All women are invited to attend. If you are not involved with a circle, please come join us.



ENGLEWOOD UNITED METHODIST MEN

The Englewood United Methodist Men will meet **Thursday, November 10th** at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. *(Note change in meeting date...we would normally meet on Tuesday, November 8th but the Fellowship Hall is a polling place for the election that day. Please note this change on your calendars.)*

Our speaker will be Ken Hunter who will speak on the state and local economy, economic development, the labor market, and concerns over interest rates, fuel prices, housing costs, and other matters that affect our area.

Tom Bazemore will have a great meal prepared for us very reasonably priced at \$5.00. We serve dinner at 6:00 p.m., receive a brief devotion, and then hear from our speaker.

Mark your calendar and come out and join us.

Peter Varney

AND THE WINNERS ARE:

We had a great time at our EUMC Chili Cookoff on Saturday, October 15th! We had 12 entries into the competition, and they were all delicious!! Thank you to everyone who participated and came out to join in the fun. We can't wait for our next fun fellowship event! Congratulations to our Chili Cookoff winners:

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|-----------------------|---------------|
| 1 st Prize | Lin Varney |
| 2 nd Place | Terry Woodley |
| 3 rd Place | Dale Sneed |



SENIOR ADULT FELLOWSHIP

The Senior Adult Fellowship will meet in the Fellowship Hall for Bingo at 12:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 2nd and at 12:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 16th.



The deadline for receiving information to be included in the **DECEMBER** Newsletter is **Thursday, November 17th**!

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 6th, 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.

AGAPE Christmas Boxes

The Outreach Committee would like to thank everyone who participated in the Agape Christmas Shoeboxes for the children of Armenia. We have delivered 141 boxes so far to The MERCY Center. We partnered with our friends at The Mills Church and Saint Paul UMC and still have theirs to deliver. This is a wonderful way to show the children of Armenia, who have so little, "The Love of Christ". Just think of the smiles those boxes will bring the children! Again, thank you for participating in this wonderful ministry.



The Outreach Committee

Autism Group

Our EUMC Autism Support Group will meet on Friday, November 4th from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall! Our second group will meet in Bailey on Friday, November 18th at 6:00 p.m. We are certainly meeting the needs of many families. We provide an opportunity to share family stories, and we provide informational programs.

Children and youth attending will have time for activities and youth attending will have time for activities and to meet new friends. Meals and childcare are provided. We always need help...please call or text Barbara Batts at 252-450-5000 to volunteer.





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
 Jack Karshner
 John D. Langley
 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
 Dan Vaughan
 John Vickers
 Harold Winstead

DO YOU WEAR A HEARING AID?

Do you use a Size 312 battery
 in your hearing aid?

We have been given some batteries
 by a church member who no longer
 needs them. Call or stop by the church
 office if you can use these batteries!

They are free!
First come, first serve!

PLEASE NOTE:

On Sunday, November 6th
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.



HAPPY
 thanksgiving



2023 FLOWER CALENDAR

The 2023 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 2023 Flower Calendar
 is now online on the church website (www.inglewood-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.

ACT OF REMEMBRANCE

On All Saints Day, November 6th, 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.

Donald Ray Barnes, Sr.
Jennings Lee Bellamy
Jo Lynn "Jody" Hicks Brake
Irene Cockrell Brantley
Patricia "Patsy" Ann Pullen Dickens
Cecil Harold "Hal" Dorton
Robert "Hassel" James, Sr.
Rosemary Marshall
Margaret "Peggy" Louise Lamb McKita
Gerald "Gerry" Niece
Blanche Quigley Wallace

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.**

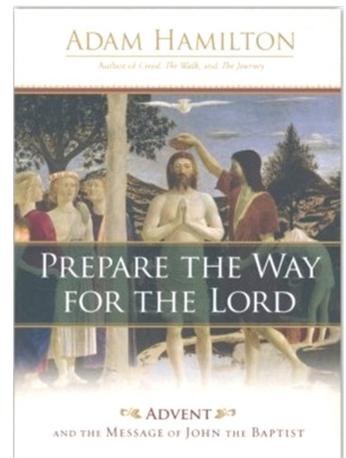
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Advent Bible Study

Join us for a 4-week study leading up to Advent to discuss the book ***Prepare The Way For The Lord*** by Adam Hamilton. Together we'll explore the biblical texts and the Message of John the Baptist. The study will be led by Pastor Nathan.

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

Copies of the book are available for \$12.99 at Christianbook.com or you may order through the church office. Please sign up using the form below.



Name: _____

Telephone No. _____

Email Address: _____

Do you need a book? Yes _____ No _____



ARMENIAN CATTLE / CHICKEN PROJECT

This year, the EUM 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 27th, December 4th, and December 11th 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 12th. 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 & CHRISTMAS EVE

The Worship Committee has decided to place four (4) red poinsettias at the altar railing each Sunday in Advent, beginning November 27th for the “Hanging of the Greens” and on Christmas Eve. 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 (November 27th, December 4th, 11th, 18th or 24th) 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 Nashville, NC. The cost of one poinsettia is \$20, which includes delivery to our church. **The deadline to order is Monday, November 21st.** You may make your check payable to EUMC, and note “Poinsettia” on the memo line. We appreciate your participation in this Advent season observance.



Hanging of the Greens

On Sunday, November 27th, 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

A Service of

Lessons & Carols

at 10:30 a.m. on

Sunday, December 11, 2022.



Women of the Way

The Women of the Way Circle invites everyone to donate paper towels, toilet paper, tissues, etc. to The Lighthouse. They are also requesting cleaning supplies. You may bring them to the church on Sunday or during the week. Please contact Jeannie Gibbs for more information. Thank You!



ANGEL TREE MINISTRY



Angel Tree Ministry is a ministry that supports children of persons incarcerated in our prisons. We have chosen to participate in this program for the fourth year now and have opted to take 15 children with the virtual participation method. The gifts will be purchased and sent by Angel Tree to each child. So we just need 15 people to contribute \$25 toward the gift purchase. Just think of the joy you will provide for these children come Christmas morning. Please contact Patsy Smith for more information or send your donation to the church office. Please make checks payable to EUMC and note “Angel Tree” on the memo line. The deadline for participating is November 30th. Once again, thank you for being the Arms of Jesus in providing Outreach to others in need.

Patsy Smith 252-937-8984 or dlsmith123@suddenlink.net

Jingle Mingle

On Sunday, November 27th from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. our youth will join with those from other area churches for our Jingle Mingle event! First UMC will host this year and together we will have a meal, play fun games, share a devotion, and work on a service project to benefit others. All middle school and high school students are invited to participate. We will meet at our church at 4:45 p.m. for those who want to ride over together.



♥ **The Stewardship campaign for 2023 reveals God's continuing to grow hearts here at EUMC** ♥

We grew from 2022's giving estimate of \$391,796 to 2023's giving estimate of \$413,250 – an increase of \$21,454. Thankful for all the gifts each of you bring in so many ways to accomplish the ministries that God's purposed for this church.

The Finance Team met in late October and we're reaching out because we need help from you to finish 2022 with a positive position in the General Fund account. Each month, in our newsletter, the monthly and year-to-date actual giving received is stated and the 'goal'. The goal represents what it **actually costs** EUMC to operate the General Fund for the year. We anticipate our spending this year will exceed 2022's giving by \$20,900.

We read in Matthew 5:41 where Jesus encourages His followers to live by a different standard and go the second mile when needed. 2nd Mile Generosity means not only doing what is expected (going the first mile) but also doing more than what is expected.

The 2023 stewardship campaign resulted in 68 'giving units'. If we divided the need of \$20,900 among these 'giving units'; and then, if each unit provided a one-time gift of \$307 for 2022 – we could cover this projected deficit.

Our prayer: Dear Lord, help us to serve others joyfully. You have given us so much! We often take your gifts for granted. Help us show our love and our appreciation for you and for others in our lives by going the second mile. The Gospel is the catalyst for our greatest generosity. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen

CHRISTMAS CARD FUNDRAISER

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 10 Christmas cards with 5 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 \$12.00, and this will go toward our Children's Ministry programming (VBS, Saturday Morning CAFE, Easter Egg Hunt, 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!



PEACEMAKERS CHRISTMAS TOY STORE

The Peacemaker Christmas Toy Store will be held on Friday, December 2nd and Saturday, December 3rd this year.

The times are:

Friday (December 2 nd):	9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. <i>(be there by 8:30 a.m.)</i> 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. <i>(be there by 12:30 p.m.)</i>
Saturday (December 3 rd):	9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. <i>(be there by 8:30 a.m.)</i> 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. <i>(be there by 12:30 p.m.)</i>

If you are interested and would like to volunteer, please contact Donna Clifton at Peacemakers at (252)-212-5044. 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.

The Outreach Committee





TRUNK-OR-TREAT - OCTOBER 30TH

Get in on the fun this Halloween with our Trunk-or-Treat!! On Sunday, October 30th from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. our parking lot will be filled with vehicles decorated for Halloween. Families will be invited to bring their children around to collect candy, vote on their favorite trunk, and receive information about our church. It's going to be a great time!

Here's how you can help:

- Donate candy! If you can't help with the event but want to help make it fun, you can donate candy for us to hand out to the children. Bring donations to the church office or give them to Savanna.
- Invite the children and families you know to come and participate!

UMW Brunswick Stew Sale



We have Brunswick Stew for sale! It is \$10 / qt. and can be picked up during the week at the church. Please call the church office if you would like to purchase more stew. It is frozen and will certainly taste good on the cool days in November!

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. Despite happening the same weekend as a hurricane, we still made over \$1,700 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 6, 2023.



AFTER-SCHOOL BEARS CLUB

We have a great group of 10 students in our Bears Program this year, and they are all SO excited to be part of this program - and so are we!! The Bears Program meets on Thursday afternoons from 3:00 -5:45 p.m. for a snack, homework help, other educational and fun activities, and a Bible lesson.

We could use some additional adult helpers during the 4:00-5:00 p.m. hour. If you are interested in volunteering with the Bears Program, please contact Savanna Becker.



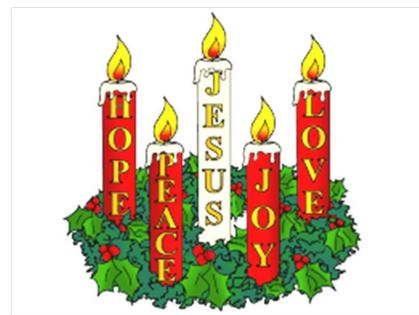
BEARS CHRISTMAS SHOP

On Thursday, December 15th, our After-School Bears Club will have our annual Christmas party! On this day we'll invite the children to choose and wrap gifts for their family members and teachers, with the help of our volunteers. It is so special for the children to have a chance to give presents to their loved ones! If you have any of the following items that you would like to donate for the Bears Christmas gifting, please bring them by the church before December 15th:

- ◆ Gently used or regifted items that could be gifts for parents, siblings, and teachers (we especially struggle to find gifts for male relatives)
- ◆ Gift bags and tissue paper
- ◆ Gift boxes
- ◆ Wrapping paper
- ◆ Gift tags

Additionally, if you would like to help with our Christmas wrapping party on December 15th, please contact Savanna.

We can always use extra adult helpers!



Advent Wreaths for Middle Schoolers

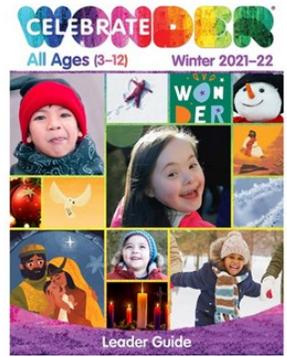
On Sunday, November 20th our Middle School youth will join the youth from Saint Andrew's Episcopal Church to make Advent Wreaths! We'll use real evergreen branches to make our own wreaths, add candles, and then take them home to enjoy for the Advent season. We will meet in the EUMC youth room at 12:00 p.m. (or right after church) and then walk over to Saint Andrew's together. This should last from 12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m., and lunch will be provided. We'd love for our Middle School parents or grandparents to join us too! Please let Savanna know if you are able to participate.

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

Date	Topic	Helper
November 6	Elijah and the Ravens (1 Kings 17:1-7)	Brenda Bazemore
November 13	Elisha and the Widow's Jars (2 Kings 4:1-7)	Nancy Mooring
November 20	Isaiah Is Called (Isaiah 6:1-8)	Brenda Ellis
November 27	A Time Is Coming (Jeremiah 23:5)	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-3rd Grade, and Tween Church for our 4th-6th Graders.

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! During November we will continue focusing on "Kids of the Bible" - each week we'll learn about how God used a young person in the Bible (someone just like us) to do great things!

Date	Topic	Leader
November 6	Kids of the Bible: David	Beth Ezzell
November 13	Kids of the Bible: Josiah	Phyllis Woodley & Kenan Mills
November 20	Kids of the Bible: Jesus	Savanna Becker
November 27	Kids of the Bible: YOU!	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 5th grade and younger, and is designed for grownups to stay and enjoy the activities with us.

Our next CAFE will be on Saturday, November 19th at 10:00 a.m. We had so much fun at our last CAFE making Christmas paintings for our Christmas Card fundraiser...We decided to do it again for our November CAFE! This time, each family will choose the designs they like best to make using their children's hand and footprints. And you'll get to take them home!! We'll also have snacks and other activities that focus on being thankful. We hope we'll see all of our children and families there!



Children's Christmas Program

Our Children's Ministry (with some help from our youth) are so excited to present this year's Christmas program: *'Twas the Night Before Christ's Birth!* As our children tell and reenact the story of Christ's birth, we'll all be reminded of the true meaning of this season. We can't wait to share it with you! Join us in the EUMC Fellowship Hall on Sunday, December 11th at 5:00 p.m. and be ready to experience Christmas through the eyes of a child!

For children in 6th grade and younger who would like to be part of this very special program: We will have our first practice on Sunday, November 6th at 3:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. This is when we will assign parts, work on costumes, and begin practicing our songs.

Let Savanna know if you have any questions!





UMYF NOVEMBER SCHEDULE

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>November 6</i>	9:30 am 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Sunday School & Worship Youth Group - Saints Study Trivia!
<i>Friday - Sunday</i>	<i>November 11-13</i>		Pilgrimage
<i>Sunday</i>	<i>November 13</i>	9:30 am	Sunday School & Worship No Youth Group Meeting
<i>Sunday</i>	<i>November 20</i>	9:30 am 12:00 pm 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Sunday School & Worship Advent Wreath Making for Middle Schoolers Youth Group: Hanging of the Greens Practice
<i>Sunday</i>	<i>November 27</i>	9:30 am 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Sunday School & Worship Jingle Mingle @ First United Methodist Church
<i>Sunday</i>	<i>December 4</i>	9:30 am 5:00 pm	Sunday School & Worship United Methodist Men's 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 6	Sandwiches	_____
November 20	Pasta	_____

PILGRIMAGE: NOVEMBER 11-13



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 11-13.

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!!

Christmas Eve Luminaries



The UMYF is having their luminary sale again this year. A form will be included in the worship bulletin on November 27th, December 4th and December 11th. 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.

The deadline for placing orders is December 12th.