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REVIVAL

"But I have this against you: you have let go of the love you had at first." Revelation 2:4

Revival. I can imagine what images that word invokes. We think guest preachers and altar calls. We think community services and saved souls. But at its core, revival is an answer to the problem the church in Ephesus struggled with in Revelation. It's all about recovering our first love.

It's returning to our roots as Christians and reclaiming the history and motivation we've lost or forgotten. All of this, of course, so that we can regain the passion for ministry we once had.

Starting on October 23rd, we will be starting a new sermon series and revival

will be our focus. Using Adam Hamilton's book *Revival* as a template, we will take a journey through the history of Methodism and how John Wesley's search for holiness propelled it.

Together we'll examine where this movement began, who John Wesley is and how the reason we are United Methodists today is because he viewed the Church of England like the church in Ephesus. They needed to reclaim their first love.

Do you remember why you fell in love with Christ? Do you remember how you fell in love with the church? Maybe, like Wesley, we're afraid we're only going through the motions these days. If you struggle to answer those questions or feel like Wesley once did, fear not! It's never too late to

fall in love with Christ again. It's never too late for revival.









Ministry is an amazing call, full of great joys and significant moments in people's lives: officiating weddings, presiding over funerals, seeing first-hand how lives are changed for Christ.

But it's also full of tension: intense conflict, unrealistic expectations, relational strain, and, at times, soul-aching loneliness.

October is Pastor Appreciation Month and we have a wonderful pastoral staff with **Rev. Nathan Wittman** serving as our Senior Pastor and **Rev. Savanna Becker** as our Minister of Christian Education. Please take time to offer them thanks this month with a kind word or gesture. We appreciate all they do!!!





Our Sympathy Is Expressed To:

Lois Barnes and family upon the death of her brother, **Bobby Campbell** on September 2, 2022.



Birth

Congratulations to



Hunter & Anna V. Williams upon the birth of their daughter,

Blake Elizabeth Williams on August 14, 2022.

Grandparents are John & Beth Vaughan, Jr. Great-grandparents are Dan and Beverly Vaughan. This is Dan & Beverly's 11th great-grandchild.

Thank You

To My EUMC Family,

Thank you for your prayers, cards, calls and errands run during the past 2 months while I dealt with sciatica pain and physical limitations. I am still going to Physical Therapy and mending slowly. I hope to join you in Worship soon. Thanks again for your love and concern.

Nancy Johnston

Thank You

Flower Ministry,

Many thanks for the flowers that Terri Buckner delivered to me, after my recent fall. They were lovely. Knowing that you were thinking of me, not only brightened my day, but made me feel loved.

> Blessings, Brenda Ellis

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.



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

01	Caroline Howell	15	Jamison Langley
02	Sydney Hodges	16	Allen Mooring
03	Nancy Geeting	17	Betty Benson
04	Lynn Nettnin	18	Grayson Hicks Dye
04	Ta'reasure Owens	23	Clyde Gallop
05	Betty Alford	23	Jerry Rodwell
08	Rex Honeycutt	25	Faye Ames
08	Carol Ludwig	26	Denise Conrad
08	Jeff Smith	29	Alene Hagwood
12	Keith Collins	29	Chris Miller
13	Dan Fogarty	31	Nichole Ayers
13	Shannon Fogarty	31	Hayden Glenn
14	Carole Coats	31	Mark Lee
14	Christopher Mooring		

Please note...If your name does not appear on the birthday list, it is because we do not have this information in our records. We ask that you let the church office know the month and date of your birth so our list will be complete. Thank you for your help in updating our records!

Thank You

Thank you for the prayers, cards, phone calls and flowers during my recent hospitalization and for my birthday!

I love you all!

Nancy Porter

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

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.

OUR YEAR-TO-DATE RECORD

(Thru September 29, 2022)

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

needs to hear from a friend!

Ministry Needs

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Our 2022 General Budget includes our Missional Giving



The deadline for receiving information to be included in the NOVEMBER Newsletter is Thursday, October 20th!



United Women in Faith News

October 18 10:00 a.m.

Women of the Way Circle -Aldersgate Classroom

October 18 6:00 p.m.

Lydia's Sisters' Circle - Fellowship Hall Program: Getting to know Pastor Nathan

Hostesses: Martha Fogarty & Robin Tank

Lydia's Sisters Circle Casserole Sale



If you purchased a Casserole from the Lydia's Sisters Circle, the casseroles will be ready for pick up on Sunday, October 2nd in the church kitchen after worship.



PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Tuesday, October 4 10:00 am - 12:00 pm Fellowship Hall (Blankets)

Tuesday, October 11 10:00 am - 12:00 pm Church Parlor (Shawls)

Shawls and Blankets will be placed on the altar rail for blessing on Sunday, October 9th.



Women of The Way Circle



After a summer recess, the Women of the Way resumed their meetings on September 20th in the Aldersgate Classroom. We were glad to welcome Betty Poplin and Susan Jackson to our Circle today.

We were informed that United Methodist Women has had a name change and we will now be United Women in Faith.

Sharon Roth gave the devotion on "The Inviting Colors of Fall" with the take away being "our colors do matter: how we act and behave is how or if people see Christ when they look at us".

The Circle continues to support Faith Christian Ministries with food products and The Lighthouse with paper products. Members are asked to bring these products to each meeting. Rada knives are not actively being sold but orders can be placed at any time with Glenda Hortman. Terrie Buckner can be contacted to purchase dishcloths at any time. It was time to nominate a church member for the Special Recognition Pin given by the UWF. Requirements were reviewed and nomination forms were distributed to the group.

The annual Brunswick Stew cooking will be October 22nd. Women of the Way members, Glenda Hortman and Sharon Roth will be in the church lobby (area next to the narthex) on Sunday, October 2nd to take orders. Orders will also be taken on the following two Sundays or members can call the church office to place an order. The cost of the stew is now \$10.

Upcoming events will be Cattle/Chicken Project in November and a dinner for the Lighthouse women between Thanksgiving and Christmas. These will be discussed in more detail next meeting.

The program today was interactive and twofold: questions and answers on *Who Am I in the Bible* which was followed by *Bible Trivia*.

The United Women of Faith is open to all women of the church and we invite you to come join us in the Aldersgate classroom at our next meeting on October 18th at 10:00 a.m.

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.



SENIOR ADULT FELLOWSHIP

The Senior Adult Fellowship will meet in the Fellowship Hall for Bingo at 12:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 5th and at 12:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 19th.

FAITH CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES OF NASH COUNTY - OCTOBER NEEDS

Thank you for continuing to support this mission project by donating food to feed the hungry in Nash County. But the Love Can was pretty lonely this past month...it wasn't even filled to the top!



Starting Sunday, October 2nd, the "Meals of the Month" donation will be Canned Ravioli, Spaghettios, etc. Just pick up an extra item or three when you shop and drop them in the Love Can located in the area beneath the name tags in the church lobby, labeled "FCM MEALS OF THE MONTH". It's such a small thing for you to do that will mean so

much to others. These food items will help stock their food pantry throughout the month of October. This is another wonderful opportunity for this generous congregation to help others who can't help themselves.

UNITED METHODIST MEN

ENGLEWOOD UNITED METHODIST MEN

The Englewood United Methodist Men will meet Tuesday, October 11th at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Our speaker will be Celeste Beatty, founder of Harlem Brewing Company. She is the first black woman in the country to offer a commercially distributed brand - Harlem Sugar Hill Golden Ale. She is leasing space at the former China American

Tobacco Plant on Grace Street and will begin brewing beer there soon. Sound interesting? Then come out and join us for a good meal reasonably priced and great fellowship. See you then.

Peter Varney

EUMC CHILI COOKOFF

We "C" you, and we know you LOVE spending time together and having fun as a church family. So that's what we're doing!!! Join us on Saturday, October 15th at 5:00 p.m. for a CHILI COOKOFF with COOKIES, COMEDY, and CONVERSATION! You'll enjoy some delicious chili cooked by fellow EUMC folks and vote on



your favorite. We'll also have some other food, drinks, and dessert. Add in some Christian comedians and good conversations with church friends and it's bound to be a good night! There's no cost - just bring your appetite and be ready to have some fun. We hope we'll "C" you here!!

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



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Autism Group

We are back! Reaching adults, teens, children!

Our EUMC Autism Support Group is making plans to begin Friday, October 7th from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.! Our second group will meet in Bailey on October 21st. We are certainly meeting the needs of many families. We

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 is provided. Call or text Barbara Batts at 252-450-5000 to volunteer.

We always need help and here is a brief list to help you decide if you can be a part of our Support Group:

- Assist in greeting families
- Serve food (pizza, drinks)
- Give riding toys, outside games, and any activities that we could use in our church courtyard.

Our families will appreciate all you can do to serve the needs of our families.

Our Bailey Family Group will meet at La Hermosa Church. Pastor Palacious is very excited along with our core leadership to serve the families in our Southern Nash County area. Traveling to Rocky Mount was very hard for some families and we are grateful that this church answered our request.

Please contact Barbara if you would like to help in Bailey, especially if you speak Spanish! We also need materials for our Bailey group to use for our children.

This is a wonderful sister church to join with in serving our Lord and Adults, Teens and Children with Autism.

Find us at our Facebook page and website, Twin County Autism Family Support Group and our church website.



Church-Wide Clean-Up Day

Thank you to everyone who came to work on our Church-Wide Clean-Up Day on September 17th! We had a dedicated group of people in attendance, and we worked hard that morning to clean, organize, declutter, and check for updates needed in our church building. It's always fun to spend time together as a church family, and it's amazing what we can accomplish when we all work together! We're looking forward to another great clean-up day next fall!



AGAPE Christmas Boxes

Remember to bring your filled Christmas Boxes on Sunday, October 2nd (or before) and place them on the Chancel railing for a blessing from Pastor Nathan and the congregation during worship on Sunday, October 2nd before they are taken to the MERCI Center.

Thank you for participating in this wonderful Christmas Shoebox Program for the children of Armenia.

The Outreach Committee

UMW Brunswick Stew Sale

The Englewood UMW (under the leadership of Jay Quigley) will be cooking their fabulous Brunswick Stew on Saturday, October 22nd. As usual, pre-sales will be conducted in the church lobby for three weeks prior to the cooking date (October 2nd, October 9th and October 16th). The cost of the stew is \$10.00 per quart. You may also place your order through the church office by phone or email. So mark your calendars to participate in this annual event and plan to purchase lots of stew.



Remember this is the one primary fund raiser for UMW and we appreciate your support. Plus your stomachs get a great reward!!

Fifth Sunday Fellowship

Our next Fifth Sunday Fellowship is Sunday, October 30th at 9:30 a.m. in the Sunday Fellowship Hall. Bring your favorite breakfast food and join us for breakfast and fellowship.

Christmas in July

Thank you to all who donated toys and money to our "Christmas in July", Peacemaker Toy Store. Patsy Smith, David and Wilma Rundell delivered 40 toys and \$90 was collected in cash donations. Again thank you to all who donated.

Trunk or Treat

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:

- Sign up to decorate your trunk or hand out candy! The form and all information you need is available at www.englewood-umc.com/trunk-or-treat.
- Volunteer to work at a table representing our church greet families, give instruction, and hand out flyers. We need at least 2-3 people to run this very important booth.
- 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 or give them to Savanna.
- Invite the children and families you know to come and participate!







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.

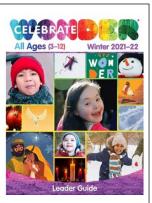
It's going to be an awesome weekend!! Youth in grades 6-12 who wish to participate need to sign up by Sunday, October 2nd, to participate. If you need a form, please contact Savanna.

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 October is SEEKING! Here's what we'll be learning about each week:

Date	Topic	Helper
October 2	David Plays Music (1 Samuel 16:14-23)	Gary & Linda Green
October 9	David and Goliath (1 Samuel 17:1-51a)	Jeannie Gibbs
October 16	David and Jonathan (1 Samuel 18:1-5; 20:1-42)	Rita Vickers
October 23	Solomon Prayers for Wisdom (1 Kings 2:1-4; 3:1-15)	Debbie High
October 30	Solomon Builds the Temple (1 Kings 6:1-8:66)	Savanna Becker





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 October and November, we're 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	Торіс	Leader
October 2	John the Baptist	Beth Ezzell
October 9	Joseph	Phyllis Woodley & Kenan Mills
October 16	Miriam	Savanna Becker
October 23	Samuel	Jessica Ezzell
October 30	Pop-Tarts & PJs Party	Savanna Becker

Saturday Morning CAFE (Children And Families @ Englewood)

Our Saturday Morning CAFÉ (Children And Families @ Englewood) is an opportunity for our children and their families to get together and explore our faith in fresh ways. The CAFÉ is for families with children in 5^{th} grade and younger, and is designed for grownups to stay and enjoy the activities with us.





LAITY SUNDAY AT EUMC

Mark your calendars. . .



We will be observing
Laity Sunday on
October 16th.
More information will follow in
This Week at EUMC.



AFTER-SCHOOL BEARS CLUB

We welcomed our After-School Bears students back on Thursday, September 8th! We have a great group of 10 students 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 hour. If you are interested in volunteering with the Bears Program, please contact Savanna Becker.



UMYF OCTOBER SCHEDULE

Saturday	October 1	6:30 am - Noon	Yard Sale Fundraiser
Sunday	October 2	9:30 am 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Sunday School & Worship Youth Group - Saints Study begins!
Sunday	October 9	9:30 am 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Sunday School & Worship Youth Group
Sunday	October 16	9:30 am 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Sunday School & Worship Youth Group
Sunday	October 23	9:30 am 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Sunday School & Worship Youth Group
Sunday	October 30	9:30 am 5:00 pm - 6:30 pm	Sunday School & Worship Trunk-or-Treat

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>	Provided By
October 2	Pizza	Barbara Batts
October 9	Mexican Food	The Geetings
October 16	Comfort Food	
October 23	Breakfast Food	
October 30	No Meal (Trunk-or-Treat)	



New Youth Leadership

Congratulations to our new Youth President, Travis Pate (11th grade) and Vice President, Andrew Schafer (10th grade)!! Travis and Andrew have both been faithful members of our youth group for many years and are so excited to have this opportunity. Because they already serve as wonderful leaders and examples within the group, we know they'll do an awesome job in these new roles. If you see Travis or Andrew around, be sure to congratulate them!



Youth Pancake Supper Fundraiser - Thank You

Thank you to everyone who supported our youth group on September 7th! This was our most successful Pancake Supper Fundraiser ever - we raised almost \$1,100 for the Youth Mission Fund!! All of those funds will go to our Youth Mission Fund, and this fundraiser will pay for almost 3 students' mission trip costs for next summer. Thank you for your faithful support of our Youth Ministry!

Our Fall Yard Sale is coming up on Saturday, October 1st from 7:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. You can donate items for the youth group to sell. Please bring your donations to the room behind the Fellowship Hall (furniture and large items) or Room 5



across the hall. If you're able to sort your items into categories we have organized in there, that would be a great help! All proceeds from the yard sale benefit our Youth Mission Fund.

In addition to the yard sale, our children are accepting donations of baked goods for a bake sale on that day! If you are able to bake cakes, cookies, muffins, brownies, or any other goodies, please bring your items to the church kitchen by Friday, September 30th. Thank you for your support!