

E-vites...A Four-week Sermon Series Starting January 9th

A recent study found that **82** percent of people who don't go to church would be somewhat likely to go if invited; however, only **2** percent of people who do go to church have actually ever invited someone. In what percentage are you? In our upcoming January sermon series entitled ***E-vites***, we are challenging this church family to be radically invitational in inviting others. Most of us know what it's like to have our lives transformed from pointless to purpose-filled, and from vagueness to value because of an encounter with the Risen Lord. So maybe the new year is a perfect time for us to invite others to encounter a God who'll do the same for them? Whether you know folks who are restless or hurting, lonely or lost, full of questions or looking for a home, let a friend know there's a place for them at Edenton Street.

Parents, Students, and Leaders are invited to attend Experience

eStreet Youth 2011 on January 9th, from 6:30-8 pm in Kerr Hall. Dinner will be provided. Spring and summer dates will be announced and registration opens. Don't miss the most important youth meeting of the next 6 months!

Its never too late to join the Music and Worship Arts Ministries

Team. With opportunities in music, choirs, dance, instruments, and handbells for all ages of ***Children, Youth, and Adults***. Make this one of your 2011 New Year's resolutions. All music programs will start back on Sunday, January 9th. Please call Bill Weisser or Josh Dumbleton to find out how ***YOU*** can get involved.

Altar Flowers - If you would like to donate the altar flowers for January 16th or February 7th, please contact Virginia Murray at 836-1292.

UMW Book Study News for January 24th

- A book by Bruce Feiler, popular author of eight books including ABRAHAM and WALKING THE BIBLE (which was made into a television special) will be reviewed and discussed with our senior minister, Ned Hill, leading. THE COUNCIL OF DADS is a beautiful book about life and death and what one person does to plan for his family when he dies. Join us whether you have read the book or not. This event is special in and of itself, and a special component is added which involves luncheon and a special invitation to make this a general membership meeting. All the women of the church are members of United Methodist Women. The Book Study is one arm of our work that we would like more women to experience. Call the church reception desk to make a reservation for lunch. Time: 11:00 until 12:30 in Foundry Fellowship Classroom. Cost: \$6.00.

UMW Program VP- Ida Warden UMW Book Study Chair -Doris Litchfield

Church Calendar

Sunday, January 2nd

8:40 am Sunday Worship (Sanctuary)

9:30 am The Gathering Contemporary Worship Service (Kerr)

9:45 am Sunday School

10:55 am Sunday Worship (Sanctuary)

11:11 am The Gathering Contemporary Worship Service (Kerr)

12:00 pm WIHN Set-up

Monday, January 3rd

12:00 pm Emmie Rogers Wade Fellowship (251)

Tuesday, January 4th

7:00 am Design for Discipleship (251)

12:00 pm Methodist Home for Children Friends (Parlor)

2:00 pm Disciple III (167)

5:30 pm Men's Bible Study Leaders Mtg (357)

7:00 pm Men's Bible Study (Kerr), Young Adult Basketball (Bulla)

Wednesday, January 5th

8:00 am Walking Club (offsite)

7:00 pm Staff Parish Relations Committee (Library) Boy Scouts (Bulla), Boy Scout Committee (Bulla)

Thursday, January 6th

7:30 am Church Steering Committee (251)

9:00 am Cast of Characters Study (168), Invitation to Psalms (Chp Annex)

6:00 pm

7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Friday, January 7th

7:00 am HS Breakfast (offsite)

3:15 pm HS Lunch (offsite)

Saturday, January 8th

8:30 am COM Orientation (Kerr)

2:00 pm Education Orientation (Chapel)

3:30 pm youth Praise Band Rehearsal (Kerr)

Edward F. "Ned" Hill, II, Senior Pastor
Matthew R. Ashburn, Pastor of Caring Ministries
Lisa N. Yebuah, Pastor of Inviting Ministries
William J. Weisser, Minister of Music
Leigh Holloway, Director of Preparing Ministries

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THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Epiphany Sunday

January 2, 2011

As the community gathers, we respectfully request that you enter into a time of silent preparation for worship. May the music of the prelude draw your hearts and minds to God. The chancel area is open for prayer before the service and during the last hymn.

The Prelude *Variations on the Moravian Carol "Morning Star"*
arr. Burkhardt

The Greeting Rev. Yebuah
The Announcements for the Morning

The Introit *The Word Became Flesh* Weisser

The Call to Worship Rev. Yebuah

Minister: We meet to worship God and to remember, tell, and show God's love.

People: Like a bright star in the night sky, Christ's light brightens our time of worship.

Minister: The star of hope shines in us, and no darkness will overcome it.

People: The light of Christ shows us who we are and what we can be, where we have been and where we should go.

Minister: Let us walk in the light and give thanks to God,

People: Because of the joy that we have received through Christ.

+The Presentation of the Cross and the Light of Christ

+The Processional
Hymn 234 *O Come, All Ye Faithful* Wade
Tune: Adeste Fideles (Stz. 1-4) Wade

The Invitation

The Prayer of Confession Rev. Ashburn

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Words of Assurance and Pardon Rev. Ashburn

Minister: We have waited for God, but God first waited for us. We have sought God, but God first sought us. We have found God, because God first found us, forgave us, and redeemed us. And so I proclaim to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven of your sin.

Glory to God in the highest heaven! Alleluia! Amen.

The Offering of Our Gifts to God

The Offertory *Carol of the Magi* Rutter

** Chancel Choir Ensemble A* Chancel Choir

We rode all night through fields of darkness, our guiding light the Eastern star; we came to Bethlehem, we all were weary: we'd traveled far that night, we'd traveled far. We heard that here we'd find Messiah, foretold by seers from days of old; we looked for palaces: and found a stable: could it be here, so bare and cold? We entered in and there we saw him; it seemed we'd known him from long before: a child like any child, yet somehow different: the face of every child in him we saw. We'd brought gifts, and now we offered them; we knelt down low in silent prayer. With eyes that seemed to know both joy and sadness the child looked down as we knelt there. So long ago, yet I remember that child who lay at Mary's knee; how strange that every child seems so much like him: his is the face I seem to see.

+The Doxology 95

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

+The Hymn 254 *We Three Kings* Hopkins
Tune: Kings of Orient (stz. 1-2) Hopkins

+The Scripture Lesson Matthew 2:1-12 Pg. 1 NT, Pew Bible

+The Hymn 254 *We Three Kings* Hopkins
Tune: Kings of Orient (stz. 3-5) Hopkins

There is no Lesson for the Children or Wiggler Worship today.

The Sermon THE FIRST TO LEAVE Rev. Ashburn

+The Great Thanksgiving Pg 15, Hymnal, Rev. Ashburn

During the serving of the sacraments, the congregation is asked to sing the first and last stanzas of 219, 220, 221, 249 and 251. You may leave an offering at the chancel for the Door Step Ministry Fund. Persons in the congregation who are unable to come to the communion rail may notify an usher or clergy and you will be served communion in your pew.

The Lord's Prayer
Breaking of the Bread
Giving of the Bread and Cup

The Prayer After Communion

O God, you have so greatly loved us, long sought us, and mercifully redeemed us. Give us grace that in everything we may yield ourselves, our wills and our works, as a continual thank-offering to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

+The Hymn 254 *The First Noel* Trad. English Carol
Tune: The First Noel Trad. English Carol

+The Benediction Rev. Ashburn
+The Choral Response *Almighty God* Elmore

The Sending Forth of the Cross and the Light of Christ into the World
The Chimes - In the Name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit

+The Postlude *Fugue on "O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright"* Reger

+ Please stand, if able. ** 8:40 * 10:55

Participating in the service today:

Acolytes: **

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Liturgists: Lisa N. Yebuah

Preacher: Matthew R. Ashburn

Minister of Music: William J. Weisser

Director of Christian Programming: Leigh Holloway

Organist: Josh Dumbleton Pianists: ** Ray Starling * Jeanette West

Welcome to all guests worshipping with us this morning! We are honored that you chose to worship at Edenton Street. Let us know who you are by signing our Fellowship Pad found in the pew. Please receive your gift on the Information Table in the belltower after the service. For information concerning membership or ministries, please contact Joy Owen, Director of Welcoming Ministries, at 832-7535 ext. 350 or jowen@esumc.org.

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