

The rosebud and cradle cross on the altar are in honor of the birth of Alice Katherine Laws, daughter of Buddy and Mary Beth Laws.

The ESUMC Bicentennial Book will be available for presale each Sunday in Advent in the Poindexter lobby. The book of ESUMC History will be printed in 2011 and available in the fall. They are \$25.00.

Thank you for your gifts of medical supplies today. Each Sunday in Advent we have collected various items for our community:

For more hands-on opportunities please visit us at www.esumc.org/missions.

Advent Noonday Worship Services and Lunch

There will be no noonday service on Wednesday, December 22nd.

The Marriage Course is coming again this January! This is a 8-week course held at ESUMC beginning January 12th at 6:30pm. The course is \$150 per couple and is limited to 24 couples. Expect a romantic table for 2 each night of the course, great music and food, childcare, practical talks, and time provided to discuss various topics with your spouse. Registration is available on the website under ESUMC for Couples.

Door Step Ministry Fund - The Door Step Ministry Fund is in need of contributions at this time of year. If you can give to this fund that is used daily at the church, please do, and mark your donation Door Step Ministry.

WIHN In January

ESUMC will host families from the Wake Interfaith Hospitality Network (WIHN) during the week of January 2 – 9, 2011. WIHN is a ministry for temporarily homeless families. A detailed brochure is available on the ESUMC website under Missions. If you can help, please contact wihn@esumc.org or Crystal Knoke at 247-2018. Many thanks and God bless.

Church Calendar

Sunday, December 19th

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)

12:15 pm Rehearsal for Family Christmas Eve (Sanct.)

2:30 pm Africa Sub-committee (165)

4:00 pm Wesley Handbell Choir Christmas Program (Sanctuary)

4:45 pm Youth Council Mtg (163)

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5:00 pm Youth Praise Band Reh. (Bulla)

6:00 pm Youth Small Group Leaders Mtg (Bulla)

6:30 pm Youth Group (Bulla)

Monday, December 20th

7:00 pm Cub Scouts (Bulla)

Tuesday, December 21st

9:30 am UMW Circle #4 (Parlor)

10:30 am UMW Circle #9 (offsite)

5:30 pm Sheets Center Family Dinner (Kerr)

6:30 pm Stephen Ministries (321)

7:00 pm UMW Circle #3 (Parlor), Young Adult Basketball (Bulla)

8:00 pm Youth Lock-In (Bulla)

Wednesday, December 22nd

8:00 am Walking Club (offsite)

11:15 am Intercessory Prayer Group (Prayer)

4:00 pm Sheets Center Support Care Group (Parlor)

6:30 pm Sisters of Grace (164)

7:00 pm Worship Committee (Library)

Thursday, December 23rd

6:00 pm The Gathering Worship Team Rehearsal (Kerr)

7:00 pm Chancel Choir

Friday, December 24th

5:00 pm Family Christmas Eve Worship Service (Sanctuary)

7:00 pm The Gathering Christmas Eve Worship Service (Kerr)

8:30 pm Christmas Eve Worship Service (Sanctuary)

11:00 pm Christmas Eve Worship Service (Sanctuary)

Saturday, December 25th

Merry Christmas!

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

Carlin Johnson, Director of Equipping and Sending Ministries

Josh Dumbleton, Associate Director of Music • Joy Owen, Welcoming Ministries

Susan C. McGuire, Older Adult Ministries

Stefan Youngblood, Contemporary Worship • Ruthie Jones, Children’s Ministries

Justin Morgan, Youth Ministries • Renae Newmiller, Missions

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THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 19, 2010

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 *In Thee Is Gladness* arr. Wood

The Greeting Rev. Yebuah
The Announcements for the Morning
The Introit *Savior of the Nations Come* arr. Ferguson

The Lighting of the Advent Candle (Please remain seated)
** Frank and Lynda Bridger
* Edward, Elizabeth, Kathryn and Caroline Upchurch
**Response: Risen Christ, Light of the World,
shine in our lives and shine among us now.**

+The Presentation of the Cross and the Light of Christ
+The Processional
Hymn 238 *Angels We Have Heard on High* Trad. French Carol
Tune: Gloria French Melody

+The Gospel Lesson John 1:5-20 Pg. 87 NT, Pew Bible

The Collect Rev. Ashburn
**Light of Light, Very God of Very God, you have given us
Jesus, light of the world, but we choose night and cling
tenaciously to behaviors that negate the brightness of your
love and prevent its illumination of our world. We are afraid;
your light is too bright and we resent its penetration of our
private lives and secret thoughts. But we know how
self-delusion harms us. Help us submit to scrutiny by the
light that streams from Jesus' cross. Expose our guilt and
convince us of your forgiving love. Amen.**

The Time of Silent Prayer

The Words of Assurance and Pardon

Minister: The Beloved, the One whose light illuminates our defects and flaws is the same One who died regardless of them. "While we were yet sinners, Christ died for us," offering forever the gift of forgiveness. It is the God who said, "Let light shine!" who makes of us what no striving, no system can. It is God's light, shining on our hearts that makes us children of light. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Amen.

The Anthem *The First Noel* Pachelbel/arr. Clawson
** Chancel Choir Ensemble C * Chancel Choir
Kim Hagan, violin, Heidi Ross, flute, and Susanna Branyon, cello
The first Noel, the angel did say, was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay. In fields where they lay keeping their sheep, on a cold winter's night that was so deep. Noel, Noel, born is the King of Israel. For all to see there was a star shining in the east beyond them far. And to the earth it gave great light, and it continued both day and night. Noel, Noel, born is the King of Israel.

* The Sacrament of Holy Baptism Rev. Hill, Rev. Ashburn, Pg. 39, Hymnal
Miles Jernigan Maynard, son of Kyle and Sarah Maynard

Reception into the Church Rev. Hill and Mrs. Owen
**We rejoice and bid you welcome to Edenton Street United
Methodist Church. With you, we renew our vows to uphold
it by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and
our witness.**

Call to Prayer *I Want to Walk As a Child of the Light* Thomerson
Hymn 206
I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to follow Jesus. God set the stars to give light to the world. The star of my life is Jesus. In him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike. The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

The Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

The Offering of Our Gifts to God

The Offertory *Do You Hear What I Hear?* arr. Simeone
** Chancel Choir Ensemble C * Chancel Choir
Heidi Ross, flute; Kim Hagan, violin; Susanna Branyon, cello;
Wilda Whitley, finger cymbals; Thorne James, percussion
Said the night wind to the little lamb, "Do you see what I see?" Way up in the sky, little lamb. Do you see what I see? A star, a star, dancing in the night, with a tail as big as a kite." Said the little lamb to the shepherd boy, "Do you hear what I hear? Ringing through the sky, shepherd boy, do you hear what I hear? A song, a song, high above the trees, with a voice as big as the sea." Said the shepherd boy to the mighty king, "Do you know what I know? In your palace warm, mighty king, do you know what I know? A Child, a Child, shivers in the cold, let us bring him silver and gold." Said the king to the people everywhere, "Listen to what I say: Pray for peace, people everywhere! Listen to what I say: the Child, the Child, sleeping in the night, he will bring us goodness and light."

+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 221 *In the Bleak Midwinter* Rossetti
Tune: Cranham Holst
The children may gather at the chancel rail during the singing of the hymn for the Children's Lesson. Afterward, they may leave for Wiggler Worship in room 206.

The Lesson for the Children Mrs. Holloway

+The Gospel Lesson Luke 1:57 - 64 Pg. 54 NT, Pew Bible
+The Hymn 208 The Canticle of Zechariah (Luke 1:68-79)

The Sermon DOUBT: THE ANTS IN THE PANTS OF FAITH Rev. Hill

+The Hymn 240 *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing* Wesley
Tune: Mendelssohn arr. Cummings
You may bring your gifts to the altar.

+The Affirmation of Faith 881 Rev. Ashburn

+The Gloria Patri 71
+The Benediction Rev. Hill
+The Choral Response *Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light*
Lutheran Chorale/Bach

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 *Angels We Have Heard On High* Trad. French Carol
Jack Phillips, bagpipe and William Weisser, organ

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

Participating in the service today:

Acolytes: ** Chase Leslie, Parker York, Jack Holloway
* Cameron Reese, Warren Grady, Colbourne Whitley
Liturgists: Lisa N. Yebuah, Matthew R. Ashburn
Preacher: Edward F. Hill, II
Minister of Music: William J. Weisser
Director of Christian Programming: Leigh Holloway
Organist: Josh Dumbleton
Pianists: ** Michael Clinkscales * Ellen Kaehler, piano and Brittany Kaehler, flute

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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