

Alpha Invitation Dinner and Spring Course

Join us for the Alpha Invitation Dinner in Kerr Hall on Monday, February 6th at 6:00 pm. Alpha is an opportunity to explore the Christian faith in a really relaxed setting over ten thought-provoking weekly sessions, with a weekend away at the beach. Come to the dinner to register and to learn more. Childcare is provided. Visit www.esumc.org/learninggrowing/alpha-home.php to RSVP for the dinner or to register for Alpha. Contact Robin Ellison 832-7535 ext. 212 for questions.

Pray With Me Saturday, February 25, 2012

An event for all ages.

Refresh your conversations with God as Lent begins. Join us for a morning of praise and learning. Design your prayer time into your day. We have several sessions for all ages. You can enjoy the sessions with your family or on your own. Invite someone to join you! Please fill out the registration brochure and register by Feb. 13th. The form is available at church or on the webpage. This event is free, including the breakfast and lunch. Childcare is available by calling Robin Ellison ext 212.

WIHN In 2012

We will host families from the Wake Interfaith Hospitality Network (WIHN) during the week of March 18 - 25. WIHN is a ministry for temporarily homeless families. If you can help, please contact wihn@esumc.org or Crystal Knoke at 247-2018.

Sign-up for Camp Shalom: June 25-29, 2012!!

Applications are on the web! www.esumc.org Ministries>Children's Ministries>Camp Shalom Deadline: January 31, 2012

Church Calendar

Sunday, January 29th

8:40 am Traditional Worship Service (Sanct.)
9:30 am The Gathering Contemporary Worship Service (Kerr)
9:45 am Sunday School, Roots of Faith (Parlor)
10:55 am Traditional Worship Service
11:11 am The Gathering Contemporary Worship Service (Kerr)
4:00 pm Joyful Ringers Handbell Choir (357), Evensong Study Groups, Youth Handbell Choir, Daniel: Life of Integrity (164), Financial Peace Univ. (321)
4:30 pm Confirmation Class (163)
5:00 pm Youth Choir, Cherub Choir, Celtic Choir, Crusader Choir, Youth Praise Band (Bulla), Youth and Adult Dance (357)
5:30 pm Sunday Dinner (Kerr), Evensong Prayer (Chapel)
6:00 pm Wesley Handbell Choir
6:30 pm Evensong Studies, Youth Group (Bulla)

Monday, January 30th

9:45 am Physical Fitness (357)
2:00 pm Disciple 4 (167)
6:00 pm New Testament History 3 (163), Alpha New Leader Training (165)
6:30 pm Financial Peace Univ. (164)
7:00 pm Disciple 2 (167), Cub Scouts (Bulla)

Tuesday, January 31st

7:00 am Design for Discipleship (251)
9:00 am Christian Believer (321)
9:15 am Exodus to Deuteronomy (167)
5:00 pm Men's Bible Study Leaders (357)
7:00 pm Men's Study (Kerr), Young Adult BB (Bulla)

Wednesday, February 1st

9:30 am Dwell Study (163)
10:30 am Wednesday AM Bible Std (321)
12:00 pm Intercessory Prayer (Prayer rm)
6:00 pm Young Adult Council (165)
7:00 pm Staff Parish Relations Committee (251), Boy Scouts (Bulla), Boy Scouts Committee (Bulla)

Thursday, February 2nd

7:30 am Steering Committee (251)
9:00 am Mudsill of the Messiah (Chp Annex)
9:45 am Physical Fitness (357)
6:00pm The Gathering Praise Team (Kerr)
7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Friday, February 3rd

7:00 am Youth Breakfast (offsite)

Saturday, February 4th

8:30 am Love Wins (offsite)
9:00 am Baptism Class for Parents (251)

Edward F. "Ned" Hill, II, Senior Pastor
Lisa N. Yebuah, Pastor of Inviting Ministries
David J. Allen, Pastor of Caring Ministries
Leigh Holloway, Director of Preparing Ministries
Carlin Johnson, Director of Equipping and Sending Ministries
Nancy Gerst, Interim Director of Music
Josh Dumbleton, Associate Director of Music • Joy Owen, Welcoming Ministries
Susan C. McGuire, Director of Older Adult Ministries
Stefan Youngblood, Director of Contemporary Worship
Ruthie Jones, Director of Children's Ministries
Justin Morgan, Director of Youth Ministries
Renae Newmiller, Director of Missions
Ray Beale, Director of Young Adult and College Age Ministries
Wes Swan, Associate Director of Youth Ministries

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THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Fourth Sunday After the Epiphany

January 29, 2012

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	<i>Variations on the Hymntune AZMON</i>	arr. Bouman
The Greeting		Rev. Allen
The Announcements for the Morning		
The Introit	<i>Come and Find the Quiet Center</i>	Murray
+The Call to Worship		Rev. Allen
Minister:	Merciful God: How can your pardon reach and bless the unforgiving heart that broods on wrongs and will not let old bitterness depart?	
People:	In blazing light your cross reveals the truth we dimly knew: what trivial debts are owed to us, how great our debt to you!	
Minister:	Lord, cleanse the depths within our souls, and bid resentment cease; Then, bound to all in bonds of love, our lives will spread your peace.	
People:	Let us worship the most merciful God, our light and our salvation.	
	(from hymn 390, <i>Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive</i>)	
+The Presentation of the Cross and the Light of Christ		
+The Processional	Hymn 73 Tune: Lyons	<i>O Worship the King</i> Grant atr. Haydn
The Old Testament Lesson	Genesis 50:15-21	Pg.46 OT, Pew Bible
The Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon		Hymnal 890

The Anthem	<i>Dear Lord and Father</i>	Whittier/Wood
	** The Chancel Choir Ensemble E * The Chancel Choir	
	<i>Dear Lord and Father of mankind, forgive our foolish ways; re clothe us in our rightful mind, in purer lives thy service find, in deeper reverence, praise.</i>	
	<i>In simple trust like theirs who heard, beside the Syrian sea, the gracious calling of the Lord, let us, like them, without a word, rise up and follow thee.</i>	
	<i>O sabbath rest by Galilee, O calm of hills above, where Jesus knelt to share with thee the silence of eternity, interpreted by love!</i>	
	<i>Drop thy still dews of quietness, till all our strivings cease; take from our souls the strain and stress, and let our ordered lives confess the beauty of thy peace.</i>	
	<i>Breathe through the heats of our desire thy coolness and thy balm; let sense be dumb, let flesh retire; speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire, O still, small voice of calm.</i>	

The Pastoral Prayer Rev. Allen

The Offering of Our Gifts to God

The Offertory *Fantasy on the Doxology*
Mrs. Nancy Gerst, piano

*A reflection on God's blessings through all of life's seasons.
This setting is in the style of a theme and variation, with a
development that explores the tension of continuing to praise
God through life's crises. Near the end you will hear an echo of
the hymn from "To God Be the Glory."*

+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 389 *Freely, Freely* Owens
Tune: Freely, Freely Owens
All children may gather at the chancel rail during the singing of
the hymn for the Lesson for the Children. Afterward, fours and
fives may leave for Wiggler Worship in 206.

The Lesson for the Children Mrs. Holloway

+The Gospel Lesson Matthew 18:21-35 Pg.18 NT, Pew Bible

The Sermon BE FORGIVING Rev. Hill

The Response *The Lord's Prayer* Malotte
Dr. Sally Thomas, soloist

+The Affirmation of Faith 881 Rev. Hill

+ The Gloria Patri 71

+The Benediction Rev. Hill

+The Choral Response *Guide My Feet* Spiritual

+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 *Toccata in G Major* Dubois

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

Participating in the service today:

Acolytes: ** Eliza Krause, Sally Cummings, Lillian York
* Warren Grady, Alexis Barbieri, Anna Vassallo

Liturgists: David J. Allen
Preacher: Edward F. Hill, II
Interim Director of Music: Nancy Gerst
Director of Preparing Ministries: Leigh Holloway
Organist: Josh Dumbleton
Pianists: ** Ray Starling * Eric Hall

Welcome to all guests worshipping with us this morning! We are honored that you chose to worship at Edenton Street. Please let us know who you are by signing the Fellowship Pad found in the pew. Should you have questions or desire more information about ministries or membership, please stop by the Connection Point located at the entrance to the church. You may also contact Joy Owen, Director of Welcoming Ministries, at 919-832-7535, ext. 350, or jowen@esumc.org.

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving honor of our children and grandchildren by Bill and Linda Northcutt.

The rosebuds on the altar are in honor of the births of:
Ashton James Luther, son of Justin and Jamie Luther
Carter Ryan Saunders, son of Jeremy and Amanda Saunders

Exodus Interfaith Study Event Today: Join with other Christians and Jews from our community as we look at the narrative of Israel's deliverance in the book of Exodus. The program will include remarks by the pastors/rabbis of several congregations, including ESUMC, followed by a time of small-group study and conversation. This event is TODAY, Jan. 29, from 2 - 5 pm at Temple Beth-Or (5315 Creedmoor Rd).