

Fall Planning for the Bicentennial Events

As we prepare for the celebration of our church's bicentennial, we want to ensure that our former members, who are part of our heritage, are aware of the events that will take place in the fall to commemorate this milestone. We invite church members to submit the names and addresses of former members who you believe would appreciate an invitation to our bicentennial celebration events that will take place in October and November. You may submit names and addresses to Anna Giuli in the church office by September 15th, and we will see that they receive invitations.

Fall Studies and Fellowship

Edenton Street is offering several weekday Bible Studies this fall. Disciple 2 with Alice Arledge will be offered on Monday evenings as well as History of the New Testament 3: Understanding our Christian Faith . Disciple 2 with Ann Faust will be offered on Thursday evenings. This We Believe with Dr. Conrad Glass will take place on Thursday evenings as well. For those available for a Thursday morning study, consider Dr. Vernon Tyson's class on The Journeys and Journals of Paul from 9:15-11:30. We will also offer Financial Peace University twice a week. One course is on Monday evenings and the other is on Wednesday evenings. Go to our website for a complete and up to date listing as well as to register or call the church office.

Alpha Invitation Dinner and Fall Course

Join us for the Alpha Invitation Dinner in Kerr Hall on Monday, September 19th 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 in the mountains. Come to the dinner to register and to learn more. Childcare is provided. Visit www.esumc.org/learning-growing/alpha to RSVP for the dinner or to register for Alpha. Contact Robin Ellison 832-7535 ext. 212 for questions.

Charge Conference - A special charge conference will be held at ESUMC on Monday, September 12th, for the purpose of acting upon the recommendation of the Staff-Parish Relations Committee that Justin Morgan be certified as a candidate for ordained ministry. The Charge Conference will be held in conjunction with the regular meeting of the Administrative Board.

3rd Annual Great Day of Service Saturday, September 24th You may register online at esumc.org/missions or pick-up a registration form at the first floor reception desk. Childcare is available for those under 3. We have details online and a list of all the items we are collecting in advance. In addition, this year we will have a worship service on Fri., Sept. 23rd at 7:00 pm in Kerr Hall to give thanks and praise for the day ahead.

Quiet Sanctuary Activities for Children - We have a basket of quiet sanctuary activities for children to borrow. We ask that you please return them to the basket at the end of the service.

Church Calendar

Sunday, September 4th

8:40 am Sunday Worship (Sanctuary)
9:30 am The Gathering Contemporary Worship Service (Kerr)
9:45 am Sunday School
10:45 am Sermon Discussion (164)
10:55 am Sunday Worship (Sanctuary)
11:11 am The Gathering Contemporary Worship Service (Kerr)
12:00 pm WIHN Set up
4:00 pm Mayview Vespers (offsite)

Monday, September 5th

Church Office Closed

Tuesday, September 6th

9:00 am Christian Believer (167)
12:00 pm Emmie Rogers Wade Fellowship (251)
5:00 pm Men's Study Leaders Training (Kerr)
7:00 pm Young Adult BB (Bulla)
Wednesday, September 7th
11:15 am Intercessory Prayer (318)
6:30 pm Prayer committee (162)
7:00 pm Boy Scouts (Bulla), Troop 100 Committee (Bulla), Staff Parish Relations Committee (Library)

Thursday, September 8th

6:00 pm The Gathering Worship Team (Kerr)
6:30 pm This We Believe Study (321)
7:00 pm The Chancel Choir

Friday, September 9th

Saturday, September 10th

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
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THE WORSHIP OF GOD

10:55 Service

Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost

September 4, 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 *If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee* arr. Phillips

The Greeting Rev. Hill

The Announcements for the Morning

The Introit *This Is the Day* Chapin

+The Call to Worship Rev. Hill

Minister: I will call upon the Lord,

People: **Who is worthy to be praised!**

Minister: Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth.

People: **His name shall be called wonderful counselor, prince of peace.**

Minister: Let the name of God be ever upon our lips;

People: **Hallowed be thy name, O God of the ages.**

+The Presentation of the Cross and the Light of Christ

+The Processional Hymn 327 *Crown Him with Many Crowns* Bridges
Tune: Diademata Elvey

The Prayer of Confession Rev. Hill

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. And so we make our confession before you, that we are a sinful people in need of forgiveness. You asked for contrite hearts, but we gave you empty words. You asked for honest prayer, but still we put on our happiest faces to come to worship. You asked for our whole selves, and we gave you only part. Forgive us, renew us, and help us to trust that your grace spans the depth of our sin and the expanse of our need. This we pray through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

The Time of Silent Confession

The Words of Assurance

Minister: To all who turn from sin in sorrow, to all who turn to God in hope, this is God's Word of grace: We are accepted, we are forgiven, we are loved. This gift we have from God.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Anthem *What A Friend We Have in Jesus* Converse
The Chancel Choir

What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear! What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer! O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear, all because we do not carry everything to God in prayer. Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere? We should never be discouraged; take it to the Lord in prayer. Can we find a friend so faithful who will all our sorrows share? Jesus knows our every weakness; take it to the Lord in prayer. Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care? Precious Savior, still our refuge, take it to the Lord in prayer. Do your friends despise, forsake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer! In His arms He'll take and shield you; you will find a solace there.

The Pastoral Prayer and Personal Prayer Rev. Allen

The Lord's Prayer

The Offering of Our Gifts to God

The Offertory *Come My Way, My Truth, My Life* Herbert/Williams
The Chancel Choir

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life: Such a way as gives us breath; Such a truth as ends all strife, such a life as killeth death. Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength: Such a light as shows a feast, such a feast as mends in length, such a strength as makes his guest. Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart: Such a joy as none can move, such a love as none can part, such a heart as joys in love.

+The Doxology 94

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

There is no Children's Lesson or Wiggler Worship this morning.

+The Hymn 171 *There's Something About That Name* Gaither
Tune: That Name Gaither

The Mission Moment Mr. Mozart Adevu

+The Scripture Lesson Mark 7:24-37 Pg. 40 NT, Pew Bible

The Sermon TALKING BACK TO GOD Rev. Allen

+The Hymn 102 *Now Thank We All Our God* Rinkart
Tune: Nun Danket Crüger

+The Affirmation of Faith 881

+The Gloria Patri 71

+The Benediction Rev. Allen

+The Choral Response *Bring Forth the Kingdom* Haugen

+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 *Out of the Depths I Cry to You (Psalm 130)* Bach

+ Please stand, if able.

Participating in the service today:

Acolytes: ** Kate Dittmann, Ben Kungery

Liturgist: Edward F. Hill

Preacher: David J. Allen

Interim Director of Music: Nancy Gerst

Director of Preparing Ministries: Leigh Holloway

Organist: Josh Dumbleton

Pianist: Eleanor Winegardner

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. In addition, materials that may be of interest can be found on the welcome cart in the Poindexter Lobby.

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in honor of the marriage of Brooke Lewis and Matt Holmes by Mike and Jenny Holmes and Harry and Marion Eberly, parents and grandparents of the groom.

The flowers in the narthex are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Rev. Joe Bostick by his family.

The rosebud on the altar is honor of the birth of Aiden Thomas High, son of Thomas and Erika High.