

CHECK YOUR CALENDAR

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26th
 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)
 12:30 pm UMW Mission Study (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, Evensong Prayer (Chapel)
 6:00 pm Wesley Handbell Choir
 6:30 pm Youth Group (Bulla), Evensong Studies

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27th
 9:45 am Physical Fitness (357)
 11:00 am UMW Book Study (321)
 2:00 pm Disciple 4 (167)
 5:30 pm Girl Scouts (Bulla)
 6:00 pm Alpha (Kerr), New Testament History 3 (163)
 6:30 pm Financial Peace Univ. (164),
 7:00 pm Disciple 2 (167), Cub Scouts

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28th
 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 Lds (357)
 7:00 pm High School Choir Concert (Sanct.), Men's Study (Kerr), Young Adult BB (Bulla)

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 29th
 9:30 am Dwell Study (163)
 10:30 am Wednesday AM Bible Std(321)
 12:00 pm Lenten Noonday Worship and Lunch (Kerr), Intercessory Prayer (Prayer rm)
 3:30 pm Stephen Ministry Small Group (251)
 6:30 pm Final Words from the Cross (321)
 7:00 pm Boy Scouts (Bulla)

THURSDAY, MARCH 1st
 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
 7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

FRIDAY, MARCH 2nd
 7:00 am Youth Breakfast (offsite)

SATURDAY, MARCH 3rd
 8:30 am Love Wins (offsite)
 9:00 am Marriage Seminar (163)
 5:00 pm Red Rose Benefit for the Ruth Sheets Adult Care Center (Kerr)

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.

Edenton Street United Methodist Church
"Sharing Christ from the Heart of Raleigh"

The Communicator

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"God saved you by His grace when you believed."
 Ephesians 2:8



ESUMC Early Childhood Program Scholarship Fund Yard Sale
 Saturday, March 10th in the Bulla Gym
 7:00am - 11:00am
 Donations drop off: March 5-9th in the Bulla Gym

In March, your support means The ESUMC's Early Childhood Program, the church's part-time preschool ministry, can continue learning and growing.

Your support means some parents can worry a little less about finances knowing that their children have scholarships for our high-quality program.

Your support means our annual yard sale - funding scholarships covering a portion of our monthly fees - will be a great success!

Each year, our ECP board grants scholarships to families needing assistance. This school year, grants total around \$1,700 per month in scholarships. By doing so, we are embodying both meanings of the word scholarship: as "a subsidy or loan" and as "knowledge or skill."

For over 30 years, our program has focused on increasing children's knowledge and skills by supporting their social and emotional growth. We want our preschoolers to love coming to school, to develop skills for communicating in a group setting, to solve conflicts with their peers, and to learn through fun and play!

Your support, whether through donations of yard sale items or purchases at the sale (or both!), makes a significant impact on the lives of children and families in our area. We accept donations including clothes, furnishings, electronics, sporting goods, and toys. Donations are tax deductible, and receipts are available.

We give thanks for your partnership serving the children of Raleigh!

Melisa Welch
 Early Childhood Program
 919-831-1946
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Registration is open for our 2012-13 school year. ECP is open to children who are 2 months to 5 years old. ESUMC members get priority. Visit us at <http://www.esumc.org/partners/early-childhood-program.php> for more information and registration forms.

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Thoughts and Prayers

Births

...Shawn Jamison DeBord, Jan. 6th, son of Shawn DeBord and Monic and grandson of Karen DeBord

...Sarah MacGabhann, Feb. 1st, daughter of Caroline Coffey

MacGabhann and Daragh MacGabhann and the granddaughter of Diane

Snakenburg Rodger and great granddaughter of Marie Snakenburg.

Death

...stepfather of Ed Upchurch, Feb. 6th

Bicentennial History Book

The History Committee has copies of the ESUMC Bicentennial Book available. Written by author and ESUMC member, Sue McDowell, the book captures the church's rich history in both prose and pictures. The result is a treasure of the unforgettable people and times that have shaped Edenton Street's mission and ministry. Please contact Robin (ext. 212) to reserve a copy and send a check for \$25 made out to ESUMC – Bicentennial Book.

Monthly Food Collection

In February we are collecting mac and cheese/ pastas (dry and canned) for the Urban Ministries food pantry. Please consider picking up some the next time you're at the store and donating to the bins marked Food Drive on the first floor.

United Methodist Camp Sunday

Throughout the North Carolina Methodist Conference, Camp Sunday is celebrated on February 26th. Camp Don Lee, Camp Chestnut Ridge, and Camp Rockfish are strong camps and ministries providing boys and girls with a broad camping experience as they learn new skills and the love of the outdoors and God. Staff and counselors are committed to a Christian lifestyle and a desire to work with summer campers and retreat participants. Please remember to join all Methodists in celebrating the success and impact that these camps continue to have on so many young people and families. The webpage has complete information and ESUMC members, Beth Norris, Bill Adams, and Webb Harrison, are on the board if you need more details.

www.ncumcamps.org

Sunday Worship

February 26, 2012
First Sunday in Lent
8:40 and 10:55
Worship Service

Prelude

Psalm 30 McFadden

Postlude

Sortie for Organ Martinson

Hymns

89 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

191 Jesus Loves Me

267 O Love, How Deep

Worship in Music

Down to the River To Pray arr. Curry

** The Cherub Choir

My Jesus, I Love Thee arr. Page

* The Wesley Handbell Choir

Josh Dumbleton, director

Guide My Feet Spiritual

Scripture: Genesis 9:8-17, Mark 1:9-15

Sermon: Relentless:

God's First Love Letter

Rev. Edward F. Hill, II,

Senior Pastor

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Larry M. West by Jeanette West and familv.

Sunday Servants

Pianists: ** Betty Hansen
* Wilda Whitley

Greeters

8:40 Sean Threewitts, Frank and Lynda Bridger

10:55 Jerry Batchelor, Sandy Peele, Robert and Alice Sharpe

Ushers

8:40 Jeff Horton, Brian Camp, Bill Dowdy, Pat Funderburk, Stuart Matthews

10:55 David Clegg, Mark Edwards, Jim Garriss, Randy Johnson, Cary Fritter, Blair Isenhower, Jim Morgan, Jim Fulghum, Patrick Roberson, Robert Davis, Carl Turner, Caroline Davis

Nursery Coordinator: Stephanie Brandt, Billy and Julie Hampton, Tim and Catherine Otto, David and Laurie Houk

Van Driver: Matt Phillips

Reception Desk: Worship Committee

Parking Group: Sigmon

Sunday Dinner: pasta and marinara sauce, mixed salad, bread, fruit and cookies

** 8:40 * 10:55

The Contemporary Worship Service

9:30 and 11:11 am

Kerr Hall

Scripture: Genesis 9:8-17

Sermon: Relentless: God's First Love Letter

Rev. Lisa Yebuah

Broadcast Ministry

Sundays, 10:55 am service
TV: (one week delay) 12:00 pm on Raleigh CTV Channel 22

Radio: (live) WPTF 680 AM

Note: WQDR is off the air due to storms in 2011.

Internet: We stream live online each

Sunday morning. www.esumc.org:

Worship/Online & Broadcast

Stewardship Report

General Budget – February 12, 2012

Received yr.-to-date \$442,839.03

Received this week \$42,477.67

Attendance February 19

Sunday School 508

Worship 8:40 224

9:30 308

10:55 470

11:11 348

1,350

Interested in learning more about Methodism or Edenton Street?

Our winter session of Roots of Faith for members and guests has begun. Join us on Sundays for any or all classes. We meet in room 204 (the Parlor) at 9:45. The topic for the 26th will be Missions and Ministry – Putting Faith into Action. Please contact Joy Owen, Director of Welcoming Ministries, jowen@esumc.org or ext. 350. You may also visit our website: Learning and Growing/Sunday School/Visitors and New Members.

High School Choral Celebration

We invite you to attend the annual performance Tuesday, February 28th at 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary. Athens Drive, Broughton, Millbrook and Southeast Raleigh Magnet High Schools will perform. The NCSU Chorale and Men's Ensemble directed by Dr. Nathan Leaf will present the finale. The program is free and open to the public.

UMW Book Study

Monday, February 27th

11 am - 12:30 pm

Each year, Ed Coman's choice of book to read and review takes us in a new direction. CALEB'S CROSSING by Geraldine Brooks "takes a remarkable shard of history and brings it to vivid life." Please join us!

We welcome our former senior pastor, Dr. Roger Elliott, as the preacher for the first of our **Wednesday mid-day Lenten services on February 29th**. Worship is from noon-12:30 p.m. in Kerr Hall. Lunch will be served immediately following the service. Please worship with us and invite a friend or coworker to come with you!

Plan Ahead Dates

Feb. 29 – Lenten Noonday Service

Mar. 3 – Red Rose Benefit

Mar. 4 – Young Adult Lunch

Mar 7 - Lenten Noonday Service

Mar. 10 – ECP Yard Sale

Mar. 14 - Lenten Noonday Service

Mar. 18 – 25 – WIHN Host Week

Mar. 20 – EStreeters Fellowship

Mar. 21 - Lenten Noonday Service

Mar. 26 – UMW Book Study

UMW Mission Study

Sunday, Feb. 26th 1:00

The Journey: Forgiveness, Restorative Justice and Reconciliation is a spiritual growth study, being offered church-wide by United Methodist Women on Sunday in Kerr Hall. It includes a complimentary lunch by reservation. The study explores biblical examples from the Women at the Tomb to the Jerusalem Council: from the Prodigal to Jesus himself, whose forgiveness of the betrayal leading to his brutal death has left a road map for how we should live. Please call today to reserve your place at the table.

Lenten Study

Dr. Roger Elliott will be leading a 6 week Lenten study by Adam Hamilton entitled "Final Words from the Cross". This study will be on Wednesday evenings from 6:30-8:00 pm beginning on February 29th – April 4th. Limited copies of the book are available from the church office upon registration. Please come to class on February 29th ready to discuss Chapter 1. Registration for the class is online or by calling the church office.

RELENTLESS

"I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you." Jeremiah 31:3

What if someone walked to the ends of the earth to pursue you...promised to love you despite your mistakes...and gave up their life for you? Someone already did. It is a love story appearing too good to be true, but it's the story of God. God's love is constant, unending, relentless.

During our next sermon series, RELENTLESS: STORIES OF AN EVERLASTING LOVE, we invite you to hear and believe the greatest love story ever told as we share about God's desire to draw us into closer relationship with Him.

Join us and invite a guest each Sunday, February 26 through April 8.



Ruth Sheets Adult Care Center Presents
The Annual Red Rose Benefit
Saturday, March 3 at 5:00 pm
"Edenton Street Goes Big Band"

The event is \$45 per person if purchased by 2/26/12: \$20 from each ticket may be used as a tax deduction. The Benefit is a wonderful time for fellowship, great food, entertainment, purchasing homemade sweets, and for bidding on wonderful items in the silent and live auctions. There will be free child care and pizza dinner for children 2-12 years old. Tickets are available by calling the Sheets Center at (919) 832-7227, emailing a request to mfrazier@esumc.org, or on Sunday mornings in the Poindexter and Curtis Hall lobbies.

eStreet Youth

April 20- 22 – HS Beach Retreat & MS Great Wolf Lodge Trip

April 29 – Confirmation Sunday

June 3 – Youth Sunday

June 18-22 – Daytona Beach Camp - Register by Mar 18th

Join thousands of students for a powerful weekend of worship and ocean-side fun.

Registration flyer available online.

June 25- 29 – Camp Shalom

July 8-14 – Serving the South - Register by Feb 12th

Love God with all your strength this summer as eServes Chattanooga (MS) & Birmingham (HS) Registration flyer available online.

Children's News

2012 Vacation Bible School: July 16 - 20

Registration begins March 1 – 31.

E-Streeters Events

- **Tuesday, March 20**

Master Gardener, Bonnie Shackelford, will give a program on seasonal vegetables and flowers. Lunch Kerr Hall \$6 per person.

- **Thursday, March 29**

A fun springtime mystery trip to visit some new nearby attractions.

- **Tuesday April 17**

"God's world... the gift of music." Woman's Club Chorale under the direction of Lou Wells. Lunch at noon, musical program and "Stay to Play."

- **Friday, April 27**

Trip to the Morehead Planetarium and brunch at Mama Dip's in Chapel Hill.