

EMMA ANDERSON MEMORIAL CHAPEL NEWS

December 2016

MINISTERIAL SELECTION COMMITTEE The Committee held its annual meeting on Wednesday, October 26th with members Pat Braxton, Freddie King, Jeri Mills, Brenda Price, Michelle Reynolds, Jac ReVille, Julia Sherron, Mildred Wilson, and Hope and Dan Longest present. Members Jane Autry and Larry Combs were unable to attend. John Hauser, Chairman of the Board of Governors, and Frank Sherron, 2017 Chairman, attended.

Invitation letters for 2017 have been mailed to ministers and are being returned. Confirmation letters to sponsors will follow. Thanks to all who support EAMC's ministry by sponsoring a minister. 2018 Ministerial Applications will be available in the chapel the first of the year.

Ministers for December:

December 4: Rev. Russell Williams, Pastor, Union Cross Moravian, Winston- Salem, NC

December 11: Christmas Cantata

December 18: Rev. Tim Russell, Assistant to the Bishop, NC Conference of the UMC, Clayton, NC

December 25: Rev. Dr. Charles Hutchens, Senior Pastor, Centenary UMC, Mt. Ulla, NC

SOCIAL COMMITTEE The Christmas Cantata will be presented on Sunday December 11, 2016 at Emma Anderson Memorial Chapel. Immediately following a luncheon will be served at the Assembly Building. We will plan to eat at 11:30. Meats will be catered and drinks will be provided, but the social committee would like to request that everyone bring a side dish and/or dessert. The committee will be at the Assembly Building at 9:00 to receive food. This is a wonderful way to enhance your Christmas Spirit. Hope to see you on December 11th.

An exciting event in the life of Emma Anderson Memorial Chapel will happen on January 17, 2017. Our beloved Mildred P. Wilson will be 100 years young. Mildred is loved by all who have had the pleasure of her company. All it takes is one time meeting her and getting one of her lovely kisses.

To celebrate this momentous occasion an afternoon tea will be held in her honor. This event will take place at the Assembly Building on Saturday, January 14, 2017 from 2:00 until 4:30. Remarks and the cake cutting will be held at 3:00.

Please drop by and show Mildred your love and appreciation for her continued support of the Chapel for many years. She has served in numerous positions throughout these years and is a mighty prayer warrior for the Chapel and all of us. Help us spread the word and make this a joyous occasion for all.

Bettye Benton & Jeannie Daniels

WORSHIP COMMITTEE Happy New Year! No, I'm not a little early in celebrating the coming of a new year. Actually I'm a little belated by a week or two depending upon when you read this. Sunday, November 27 was the beginning of the new year, the church's new year that is. Advent is the beginning of the church year for most churches in the Western tradition.

The word "Advent" is a Latin word meaning "coming" or "arrival". It begins on the fourth Sunday before Christmas Day. The focus of the entire season is twofold: one, the preparation to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ as Savior in His first advent and two, the anticipation of His return as King in His second advent.

Advent also symbolizes our spiritual journey as individuals and as a congregation; we affirm that Christ has come in human form, that He is present in the world today through His Holy Spirit and that He will come again in power to establish His eternal kingdom.



This Advent symbol below is a combination of Hebrew and Greek letters identifying Jesus as the “first and the last” taken from Rev. 1:8 and 22:13 –

“‘I am the Alpha and the Omega (the first and the last, the beginning and the end)’ says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.”

The blue letter is the first letter of the Hebrew alphabet, aleph, and the purple is the last letter of the Greek alphabet, omega. Not only does this symbolize the One who has come and will come again, it also emphasizes the continuity of God’s work in human history throughout both the Hebrew (Old) and the Greek (New) Testaments.

A special thanks to all the readers who volunteered to light the advent candles each Sunday and lead us in a short time of Scripture readings and prayers at the beginning of our worship services during this Advent season.
Grace and peace to all, Rich Pollock, Chair of Worship Committee

MISSIONARY APARTMENT The history committee had the wonderful idea to install a framed world map in the missionary apartment. Michelle Reynolds took care of that and of placing colored pins in the regions where all of our missionary guests so far have been serving when they visited us. Pins have been left in the apartment for each new guest to continue the tradition. When you go in to see it, be sure to read the guest book. The appreciation for this opportunity is expressed so humbly and beautifully by each family.



BENEVOLENCE COMMITTEE We are so grateful for the support we have received for the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays. We provided food for 11 families for both holidays and we provided clothes and toys for 20 children in our community for Christmas. We are fortunate to have generous church members who donate the hams, the turkeys, and the sweet potatoes.

A special thanks goes to our committee members, our own "angels": Lee and Barney Bryan, Marie Bone, Laura Bloodworth, Louis and Susan Peele, Eddie and Patty Hatch, Tim and Gerry Horner, and Margaret and Butch Parrish.
Submitted by Lorraine Hayleck and Beth Holder

MUSIC MINISTRY After weeks of rehearsal, the chancel and bell choirs will present the Christmas cantata, “Go Sing It on the Mountain” on Sunday, December 11. The cantata will be followed by a potluck dinner at the Assembly Building. Both choirs will take a break from weekly rehearsals until late February after this performance

EVANGELISM/MISSIONS

Kingdom Crafters led by Julia Pollock Each Wednesday morning our group works on sewing, knitting, and crocheting projects together or at home and sends them to communities served by the missionaries we are in contact with and other agencies with needs. Since the last newsletter October 1, the members have been busy.

The Crafters folded 100 of the Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes and prepared 30 of fleece blankets along with toiletries for distribution by Faith Harbor UMC's work team to the Matthew flood victims.



12 more Bags of Love were donated to the Pender County Department of Social Services. These are hand crafted string backpacks that contain a security blanket, stuffed animal, bath towel, washcloth, and toiletries. The bags are for children, who are being removed from their homes.

In addition, 12 blankets have gone to Duke, 17 security blankets to local schools, 18 blankets to Faith Harbor's Share the Table, 3 dresses for an orphanage in Haiti And a box of knitted items was mailed to Knit for Kids.

The Crafters are creating 80 fleece ponchos with string carrying/storage bags. These are for distribution through Vigilant Hope, a ministry to the homeless in Wilmington. To date, 44 ponchos have been delivered to folks who are very appreciative of a little additional warmth this time of year. The

Crafters plan to take scarves and hats to Vigilant Hope at Christmas.

8TH YEAR OF EAMC'S OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD TRIP

53 EAMC affiliates are looking forward to our eighth trip to work with Samaritan's Purse at their Operation Christmas Child warehouses. This is a Boone year and we will be working a shift December 13 and a shift the next day. Look for pictures on the EAMC website after we return!

CONTACTS FOR ALL OTHER EAMC MISSIONS

Away Missions led by Freddie and Jim King--This group will identify, plan and organize trips that will be away from Topsail and require overnight stays.

Local Mission Projects led by Laura Bloodworth and Rich Pollock--This team is responsible for identifying, planning and organizing any projects not requiring an overnight stay.

Missionary Apartment Respite led by Sandra Davis and Josh Godwin--This group schedules the foreign missionaries who stay in the apartment, helps when there are projects to be accomplished in the apartment and sees to any needs when they are here.

Library Committee - Committee members are: Nancy Green, 328.1092, Gerry Horner, 328.7251, Nancy Howell, 328.0354, Frances Keir, 919.522.3934, Grayson ReVile, 328.1244 and Brenda Teachey, 910.200.8335.

FLOWER COMMITTEE - The sign-up calendar for donating flowers in 2017 is now posted on the bulletin board in the South Wing of the chapel. Please take the opportunity to reserve a date for an honorarium or memorial at your earliest convenience. When a Sunday date is not requested on the calendar, then the sponsor of the minister will be contacted by the flower committee regarding their desire to provide the altar flowers. The local florist will handle the selection and delivery of the flower arrangements.

We wish to thank all those who so generously supported the flower program in 2016. Macon Basinger will assume the chairmanship of this committee in 2017. She can be contacted 910-327-9689.

May all of our EAMC affiliates have a joyous Christmas and may you be richly blessed in the New Year.

Committee members: Judy Teachey, Macon Basinger, and Lynette Boyd

NEWSLETTER The editorial staff of the newsletter is changing hands. This will be the last issue the Howingtons publish. Laura Dillman will be taking on the newsletter duties in 2017.

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