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Join us for a short Prayer Service at Noon in the Chapel.

★ PRAY FOR AMERICA ★

LOVE ONE ANOTHER

LOVE ONE ANOTHER. JUST AS I HAVE LOVED YOU JOHN 13:34



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Meet Our Guest Minister for May 5: PASTOR LEON DORLEANS



On May 5, we will have the pleasure of welcoming Pastor Leon Dorleans (pronounces DOR-lens) as our guest minister. Pastor Leon is the founder and head of Haiti Outreach Ministries (HOM) in Port-au-Prince, Haiti. Through HOM, he has lead efforts to build churches, schools and clinics as well as develop the leaders in Haiti needed to sustain the ministry. Several of our affiliates have been on mission trips to Haiti or have made dresses and gathered clothing for the school children there.

Meet Pastor Leon and learn about his work in Haiti at 10:30 a.m. on May 3 in the upper room of the Fellowship House.

CHOIR SUNDAY, MAY 12, and Happy Mother's Day!

From calming to majestic, the music selections for worship on Choir Sunday, May 12, 10:00 a.m., are sure to move you. The service is music-centered and led by the laity of the chapel. This year our Chancel Choir will perform seven songs; our Handbell Ringers Choir will perform one.

Music Director Merle Morris says her favorite piece is *Who Shall Separate Us?* written by Pepper Choplin and taken from Romans 8:35, 37-39:

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.



This annual spring event is one of two music Sundays during the year when we do not host a guest minister. The other one occurs in December and features our Christmas Cantata.

Meet Youth Ministry Assistant: WILL TEACHEY



The Youth Committee is extremely pleased to announce that Will Teachey is joining our Summer Youth Program leadership team this year. Will is a rising sophomore at North Carolina State University. He has enjoyed coming to Topsail his whole life and has fond memories of summers spent as a participant in EAMC youth events. His strong Bible-based activities in college with a community of Christian believers and enthusiasm for Topsail and EAMC make him imminently qualified to work with our youth.

Will joins Devin Wood, who we announced in March as our returning youth minister. She will graduate from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill this month.

We are very excited about this leadership team, and Devin and Will are very excited to be working together. They will arrive toward the end of May and begin preparing for the opening of our Summer Youth Program on June 10. Stay tuned for more details! Learn more about Devin and Will on our website at www.eachapel.org/youthldrs2019.

Join us! Summer Potluck Suppers begin May 22



You know that when the weather heats up it's time for summer fun, food and fellowship at our covered dish suppers! Please bring a dish large enough to feed your family plus two more people. Don't worry about what you bring. Somehow we always manage to have an amazing variety of offerings, including delectable desserts!

Suppers will be held May 22, June 26, July 24 and August 28 at the Assembly Building, 720 Channel Blvd., Topsail Beach. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. Dinner is at 6:30 p.m. See you there!

Reflections May 2019

Love One Another

by Rich Pollock



There are many events in the life of our chapel happening in May: Mother's Day, our bi-monthly Board of Governors meeting, Choir Sunday, our first covered dish fellowship meal of the summer, our first 8 a.m. summer service, and Memorial Day. But before all these is our **National Day of Prayer service at noon on May 2 in the Chapel.** What an appropriate way to start the month and our summer season— in prayer.

The theme this year is ***Love One Another*** based on the words of Jesus in the upper room during the Last Supper that are recorded in John 13:34, which says, **"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another."**

Dr. Ronnie Floyd, President of the National Day of Prayer, said in announcing the theme, "Love can change America." And we certainly know— America needs changing! Dr. Floyd added, "From the church house to the state house and all the way to the White House, we need to learn to love one another."

So if you are on the island during the first week of May, I invite you to come to the chapel on May 2 for a brief service of prayer for our nation starting at noon. **We will be asking God to empower us and our fellow Americans with His love.** A love that is patient and kind. A love that does not envy or boast. That is not proud or self-seeking. A love that is not easily angered or quick to keep a record of wrongs. A love that does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. That always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. (1 Cor. 13:4-7)

Indeed prayer is a powerful agent for change. So perhaps now more than ever in our nation's history, we need to follow Jesus' command to love one another. As the Apostle Peter wrote, "Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers a multitude of sins". (1 Peter 4:8)

Rich Pollock is a retired Presbyterian minister. He lives in Topsail Beach with his wife Julia. Both are active affiliates of Emma Anderson Memorial Chapel. Rich happily fills in at the pulpit when a weekly guest minister is unavailable to lead us in Sunday worship.

Local Missions takes on a project in our own front yard: THE YOUTH COTTAGE



The Chapel's summer youth program has been a pillar of EAMC's ministries since the 1950s. And the youth cottage – central to all things youth – is a blessing to that ministry. It provides a place for summer program participants to gather, as well as housing for the youth ministers.

Unfortunately, Hurricane Florence's three days of wind and rain pounded the cottage

resulting in water intrusion to the ground

floor. After removing the flooring and exposing the waterlogged walls, it was decided that a nearly total gutting and rebuilding of the space was necessary. It was obvious that water damage to the structure had been going on for years and had to be arrested immediately.

At the same time, the Chapel's building committee was also dealing with damage and repairs to the other properties including the respite apartment in the Fellowship House. Time was of the essence in getting the apartment ready for guests in early June, but the youth program is also beginning in early June. So the decision was made to let the contractor focus on renovating the respite apartment, and to recruit affiliate volunteers to focus on the youth cottage restoration.

Demolition at the cottage began in earnest on April 3. Exterior siding and sheathing were removed, exposing even more damage than originally thought. Volunteers have since rebuilt damaged walls, installed new sheathing and weatherproofing, put up new siding, and undertaken a variety of carpentry and other tasks to ready the downstairs for the next steps. The rough-in electrical has been completed, and installation of insulation and sheetrock will be done by professional contractors, which is necessary to expedite the project. As of the writing of this article, volunteers are ready to complete inside carpentry, finishing and painting over the next few weeks.



The restoration project is expected to be completed well before the youth program starts in early June. The youth committee has been involved in providing input all along the way, not only regarding building materials, but also in improving lighting and overall function and use of the space.

Everyone is looking forward to having the downstairs area restored to a condition much better than it was prior to Florence. The storm was a blessing in disguise in that it allowed us to stop the advancing water damage and completely restore that area making it a more usable and comfortable environment for youth programs for years to come.

Many thanks are due to all the volunteers that have helped in this restoration project. More than 400 volunteer hours have been devoted to the project, with significantly more on the way before completion.

David Barnes and Rich Wood have served dutifully as project leaders and facilitators, and are due a special gratitude for their leadership and devotion to managing this intensive undertaking.

Work will continue on May 1. Plans are to complete the siding installation (one wall left), and caulk all of the battens. If you are interested in assisting with the restoration, please bring a caulk gun, if possible. The exterior will then be ready for painting. We will complete the inside work once the insulation and sheetrock is installed and finished, hopefully by mid-May.

See more photos of the project on our website at www.eachapel.org/youthcottage restoration. Contact me if you have any questions or would like to have your name added to our volunteer team.



Rick Benton

A joyful noise and a really grand piano

By Laura Dillman and Nancy Green

May 2019

In an island town on the Pacific Ocean, loggerhead sea turtles make their way on shore to lay their eggs in the sand dunes every year between May and August. The average high temperature in January is a comfortable 50°F and in July, 85°F. Here in Hamamatsu, Japan, a town of almost 800,000 people, world-renowned Yamaha pianos are made.



The 7141-mile journey of a really grand piano.

On the other side of the globe, 7141 miles away, sits our little white chapel beside the sea. In 2004—four years after we transitioned from summer-only to year round worship services—our loyal Baldwin upright piano was just not doing justice to our voices on high. It was sounding a bit tinny, more suited for honky-tonk music than songs from our hymnal. So the search for a replacement began.



Merle Morris, EAMC Music Director, makes beautiful music on our Yamaha conservatory grand piano.

The piano couldn't be too big, must be capable of being played softly while still being heard by people in the back pews, and had to complement the interior finishes and furnishings of the chapel.

The shopping team—Ann Suther, then music director; Mike Harris, then organist; and Merle Morris, current music director—sampled several models at Piano & Organ Distributors (now closed) in Wilmington. They ultimately chose a Yamaha conservatory grand piano, known as a C2.

They liked the C2's lovely tone, excellent dynamics and sound, and its versatility as a stand-alone musical instrument or accompaniment to the organ and choir. They also liked its excellent dynamic range from loud to soft. If we needed loud and resonant sound, we could prop open the lid. For softer sound, we could simply set the lid lower.

The case of a grand piano is often painted a striking, glossy ebony. Luckily, the C2 was available in a warm, rich, satin-finished solid walnut that would better complement the character of the chapel.

To top it off, at 5 ft. 8 in. long from tail to keys— about two-thirds the size of a concert grand piano— it was the perfect size to fit in the "hole" where it would sit in the chancel, according to Merle.

The piano's solid walnut case in a satin finish is the perfect complement to the chapel's interior.



Sold! The Emma Anderson Memorial Chapel Board of Governors unanimously approved the choice and we purchased our new piano on May 11, 2004, at a discounted price of \$18,185 vs. the list price of \$28,395. It was a remarkable decision for a church that was only four years into full-time operations and having difficulty making ends meet at the time.

Merle takes exceptional care of the piano having it serviced twice per year. Since its purchase, the same technician, Terry Dean of Myrtle Beach, has tuned and maintained it just before Easter and just before Christmas so it will be in top playing condition during these two very important seasons in our Christian calendar.



The sound from our world-renowned Yamaha piano easily reaches to the back pews of the chapel.

An interesting feature of the C2 is its built-in humidifier. Lights on the left-hand side of the keyboard indicate when water and felt pad conditioner should be added. The humidifier is designed to increase the serviceable life of the piano and keep it playing and sounding its best between its regular servicing by Terry.

After every use, members of the choir gently close the lid and place a heavy-duty, waterproof, form-fitting cover on the piano.

Now, after 15 years of worship services, choir Sundays, Christmas cantatas and weekly rehearsals, our C2 is still going strong, enhancing our music ministry beyond expectations, and sparking joy in our congregation. Guest ministers frequently compliment the quality of our music program. We are blessed to have a choir and musicians that inspire us so!



Emma Anderson Memorial Chapel, our little white chapel by the sea.

In an island town on the Atlantic Ocean, loggerhead sea turtles make their way on shore to lay their eggs in the sand dunes every year between May and August. The average high temperature in January is a comfortable 50°F and in July, 85°F. Here in Topsail Beach, North Carolina, population less than 500, a small congregation makes a “joyful noise unto the Lord” every Sunday– with the help of a really grand piano.

The old upright was retired to the choir room where it still sits. Merle doesn’t even like to use it for practice anymore.

What should we give a homeless person?

What do you give a homeless person? How about blessings in a bag, filled with items that the homeless will find very helpful! The idea was shared with the Kingdom Crafters by an affiliate whose home church members passed them out from their cars to very appreciative recipients.

The project was approved at EAMC’s March Board of Governors meeting for the Crafters to pursue.

Our busy Crafters shopped for items and prepared 80 Blessings Bags, which affiliates were able to pick up from the north wing of the chapel on Sundays in April for distribution.

Here’s a suggested list of items to make your own Blessings Bag – gallon-sized with a zipper closure– to keep in your car for blessing a homeless person:

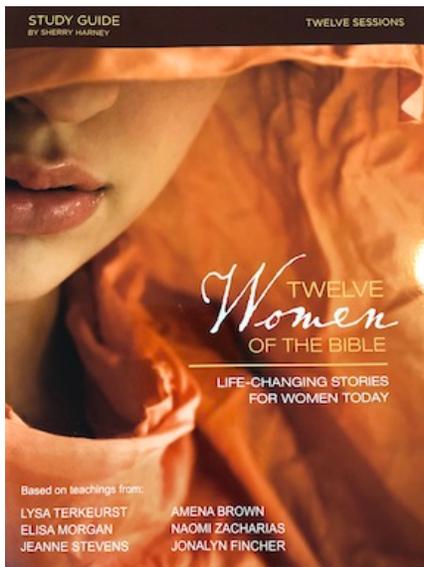
- FOOD: peanut butter packs, tuna cracker packs, other snack packs, granola bar, raisins, Vienna sausages, Gatorade®, bottle of water.
- TOILETRIES: wet wipes, toothbrush/toothpaste, lip balm moisturizer, soap bar, shampoo, nail clippers, tissues.



- FIRST AID: large bandages, first aid kit, hand sanitizer.
- TOOLS/Other: can opener, flashlight, sewing kit, eating utensils.
- COLD WEATHER ITEMS: hand warmers, gloves, wool caps/socks, especially socks.
- QUARTERS for laundry.
- HANDWRITTEN note.
- YOUR OWN ideas.

Julia Pollock, chair of Kingdom Crafters, happily relates, “This project is now complete, but has spurred us on to keep it going ourselves. If you have stories from giving away Blessings Bags, we’d love to hear them!” Julia can be reached at jawp2@me.com.

Women's Summer Bible Study: Meet These Incredible Women



Come meet Eve, Rebekah, Leah, Hannah, Abigail and Gomer!

Women’s Summer Bible Study will begin Part I of a two-part study of women of the Bible on Tuesdays from June 18 to July 30 (except July 2) from 9:30-11:30 a.m. in the upper room of the Fellowship House. This year, we meet six incredible women from the Old Testament, listed above. Next summer, in Part II, we will meet six incredible women from the New Testament.

“They are real women with real faith. They will teach us lessons that are deeply practical, holding up a mirror to our lives and souls that can help us better understand our own story.”

Our study book—*Twelve Women of the Bible, Life-Changing Stories for Women Today*—will be available for purchase at the meetings. The course will include video lectures from six phenomenal Christian women starting with Lisa Terkeurst, author,

speaker, and president of Proverbs 31 Ministries. EAMC discussion leaders will be Judy Brock and Patti Hatch. Come and bring a friend! For more information, contact Julia Sherron (jbsherron@gmail.com) or Jean Bell (tps1beach@gmail.com).



for our Respite Apartment Guests

Would you like to put your name on a list of potential sponsors when we have guests in the Fellowship House Respite Apartment? Usually, the family has a home church connection with one of our affiliates, but sometimes they get our contact information from another source so a sponsor needs to be matched with them. Having a list of willing sponsors would shorten the time required for this matching process.

There are no guidelines or responsibilities other than visiting with them if you are here. Please let Sandra Davis (sandraholderdavis@gmail.com) know if you are interested.

EAMC'S spirited Lenten Luncheon "Ukuladies"



Our talented Lenten Luncheon Uku-Ladies, (L. to R.) Lynn Blue, Merle Morris, Julia Pollock and Julia Sherron, lead us in the moving hymn The Family of God before each luncheon.

Sharing just like a "Real Easter Bunny"



After they listened to our story about how we can spread the Good News of Jesus by being like a “Real Easter Bunny”, roughly 100 children dashed off to find 1600 filled plastic eggs scattered around the church grounds. One boy was more interested in eating the Easter Bunny’s carrots, and generously shared them.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD: shoebox item of the month



Hygiene Items

May

What value would you put on a washcloth? In some parts of the world, it’s priceless. On the Samaritan’s Purse website, this boy’s words say it all:

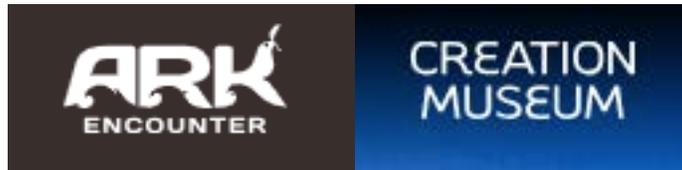
“I absolutely loved the washcloth. As an orphan I had to share a towel with about 20 kids. So when I got the washcloth I actually thought it was my own personal towel.” –Vladimir, Russia

This month, watch for sales on washcloths or pick up a 10-pack at one of the discount stores. Keep your eye out for specials on other hygiene products, too. Often, our shoebox recipients don’t have access to these items and greatly appreciate them as expressed by this girl:

#OCCitemofthemoth 

“The toothbrush meant a lot because before I had to share my toothbrush with 25 other girls.” –Yuri, Honduras

Take a Trip Back in Time



From September 23 - 26, join other chapel affiliates on a trip by deluxe motorcoach to The Creation Museum (Petersburg, Ky.) and The Ark Encounter (Williamstown, Ky.) with stops at Big Walker Lookout (Wytheville, Va.), Tamarack (Beckley, W.V.), Western N.C. Farmer's Market (Asheville, N.C.), and Stargazer's Planetarium (Petersburg, Ky.).

For more information, contact Bettye Benton (bentonr@charter.net).



MAY MINISTERS

5 Reverend Leon Dorleans, *Nondenominational*, Pastor and Founder, Haiti Outreach Ministries Christian Church, Port-Au-Prince Haiti. Sponsors: Mr. and Mrs. John Gunter, Chapel Hill NC

12 CHOIR SUNDAY, Worship lead by choirs and laity

19 Reverend Amy Andrews, *Baptist*, Minister of Youth and College, Oakmont Baptist Church, Greenville, NC. Sponsor: Ms. Frances Keir, Topsail Beach NC

26 Reverend Jim Baldwin, *Baptist*, Pastor, Newton Grove Baptist Church, Newton Grove NC. Sponsor: Mrs. Loretta Barefoot, Faison NC

MAY CALENDAR

- 2 National Day of Prayer service, 12-12:30pm, Chapel
- 3 Meet May 5 guest minister Leon Dorleans, 10:30am, Fellowship House
- 10 Committee Reports due
- 12 Mother's Day & Choir Sunday
- 18 BOG meeting, 9am, Fellowship House
- 22 Covered Dish Supper, 6:30pm, Assembly Building
- 26 Services, 8am AND 10am
- 27 Memorial Day

SUMMER IS ALMOST HERE!
Note our summer worship hours:

For early birds
8:00 a.m.
Memorial Day weekend to Labor Day weekend

For sleepyheads
10:00 a.m.
The choir performs at this service.

See you in church!

RESOURCES

BEREAVEMENT NOTICES If you are a chapel affiliate (you've attended services at least once) and would like to have an announcement sent to affiliates regarding a death in your family, please contact Rick Benton (rickbenton56@gmail.com) or Sandra Davis (secretary@eachapel.org).

CHANCEL FLOWERS Sign up on the calendar in the south wing of the chapel or contact Macon Basinger (ncsu68@gmail.com) to sponsor Sunday flowers. Cost is \$85. A local florist selects and delivers the flowers for you.

CHURCH DIRECTORY You can be included in our online directory at any time. Contact directory@eachapel.org with name(s), home/beach address (plus 2nd address, if you have one), email address(es), home/beach phone number(s), cell phone number(s), and a photo. Copies of the printed directory are available at no charge for new affiliates. A supplement with updates is periodically emailed (or mailed via USPS, if necessary) to those who are listed. If you are in the directory and your information changes, don't forget to login and update it!

EAMC EMAILS To continue receiving our newsletter and other email announcements, remember to notify us if you change your email address. To prevent our emails from being snagged by your spam folder, add newsletter@eachapel.org to your address book.

FELLOWSHIP HOUSE RESPITE APARTMENT If you know of a missionary who is on assignment abroad and will be coming stateside on furlough then returning to his or her assignment, please let him or her know about our Missionary Ministry. A family of six (max.) can enjoy a respite for six nights at no charge in our Respite Apartment. We especially welcome referrals from affiliates who know of missionaries associated with their home churches. Spread the word! Any questions? Contact Sandra Davis (sandraholderdavis@gmail.com). Our brochure is located in the racks at the Chapel.

GIFTS OF SECURITIES If you'd like to make a gift to EAMC of appreciated stocks or mutual funds, contact Dee MacMillan at 910-340-1237 or Herb Ormond's office at 877-343-3576.

HOME COMMUNION If you or someone you know is unable to attend Communion service at the chapel on the first Sunday of any month or on special holidays, but would like to receive Communion at home that day, please contact inquiry@eachapel.org.

LIBRARY The library will be closed until July 1 for renovations due to Hurricane Florence.

MINISTER SPONSORSHIP Nominations are being accepted for guest ministers for 2020 until October 16, 2019. Any affiliate-- someone who has worshipped at EAMC at least once-- is eligible to nominate a guest minister. Pick up an application in the vestibule of the chapel or request one via email

from Hope or Dan Longest. (ministerinquiry@eachapel.org) For more information, go to www.eachapel.org/MinisterSponsorship.

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OUTREACH If you would like the chapel to send a note of encouragement or sympathy to an affiliate of the chapel who needs uplifting, please let Connie Taylor know.(cwtaylor2@gmail.com)

SUNDAY SCHOOL Three-year course of study from Sept. 2018-2021: "Bible Studies for Life". Learn how to connect God's Word to your life in an intentional way. Join us anytime for great teaching and fellowship, 8:50-9:45 a.m., Fellowship House. ADULTS: top floor; CHILDREN: ground floor. For more information, contact Jean Bell (tpsbeach@gmail.com) or Julia Sherron (jbsherron@gmail.com).

Emma Anderson Memorial Chapel is a nondenominational church that gathers for worship, the preaching and teaching of God's Word, and Christian fellowship.

Our mission is to glorify God and to proclaim Jesus Christ is Lord and Savior of all.

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