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Our ministry to ministers is the backbone of Emma Anderson and has been that way for almost 70 years. Ministers enjoy a weeklong respite in the parsonage with their families and we enjoy a variety of preaching styles and messages.

The selection committee will meet on October 23. Letters to invited ministers will be sent in November.

Forms are available in the brochure racks in the chapel or by contacting the Minister Selection Committee at [ministerinquiry@eachapel.org](mailto:ministerinquiry@eachapel.org).

## Hurricane Dorian Strikes: EAMC's Local Missions Committee Responds

Since Hurricanes Matthew (2016), Florence (2018), and now Dorian, our volunteers on the Local Missions committee have been getting a lot of experience in

storm restoration. Fortunately, Hurricane Dorian bypassed Topsail Island in September 2019. Unfortunately, Ocracoke Island, situated at the southern tip of the Outer Banks, was not so lucky. On the morning of September 6, Dorian made landfall on Cape Hatteras, just north of Ocracoke, as a Category 1 hurricane with one-minute sustained winds of 90 mph. Although Ocracoke escaped a direct hit, it was inundated with fast-rising flood waters from the Pamlico Sound. Trees were downed, roads washed out, vehicles ruined, houses flooded, and businesses damaged or destroyed. Everyone on the island was affected in one way or another. The community is in for a long and difficult recovery.



L. to r., Rick Benton, Rich Pollock, Joe Bell, Reggie Matthews (a college friend of David Barnes), and David Barnes take a break while cleaning up property of affiliate Rob Orr on Ocracoke Island after Hurricane Dorian caused major flooding there in early September. Also pictured is Deep, Rob's trusty Chesapeake Bay retriever. (Photo credit Rob Orr.)

Long-time affiliate Rob Orr, part owner and manager of The Berkley Manor, a wedding and special

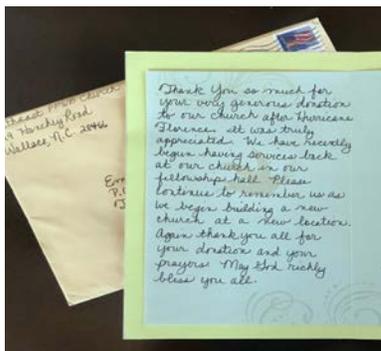
event venue in Ocracoke Village, rode out the storm, at one point swimming from the main house to the elevated barn to escape the rising waters. Thirty inches of floodwater penetrated the three buildings at The Berkley, especially the main house, which dates to the 1950s. Rob faces massive cleanup and restoration challenges.

Our Local Missions committee came forward to help. Early on the morning of September 10, affiliates Rick Benton, Rich Pollock, Joe Bell, David Barnes, and David's college classmate, Reggie Mathews caught one of the first ferries over to the island. Together with Rob, they spent the next three-and-a-half days moving out furniture and water-damaged debris, washing down warped hardwood floors, cutting out cypress wood paneling, and tearing out soggy insulation.

Much work remains to be done at the Berkley, and more trips are being planned. If you would like to lend a hand or help in any way, contact Rick Benton (rickbenton56@gmail.com) or David Barnes (dbarnes@bestincnc.com) to find out how and when.

We all know that storm recovery is a long and arduous task. But we are not without hope. As the Apostle Paul says in Romans 5:3, *"We rejoice in our sufferings, because we know suffering produces perseverance, perseverance, character; and character, hope."*

## One Year After Florence



After Hurricane Florence's rains flooded several churches in Western Pender County in September 2018, EAMC made donations to help five of them restore their buildings so they could worship together again. In August, we received this heartfelt thank you and optimistic update from Northeast PFWB Church in Wallace.

"Thank you so much for your very generous donation to our church after Hurricane Florence. It was truly appreciated. We have recently begun having services back at our church in our fellowship hall. Please continue to remember us as we begin building a new church at a new location. Again thank you all for your donation and your prayers. May God richly bless you all."

Sharon Baptist Church in Chinquapin celebrated a Homecoming in October 2018. Sand Hill AME Church in Burgaw had help rebuilding their dining hall and held a dedication service there this past March. It was their first time back together under that roof since Hurricane Florence severely damaged the church.

## A Welcome Back to Devin Wood. And a Farewell to Herb Ormond. . . well, not really



During worship on September 1, the Youth Committee was pleased to announce – and affiliates were glad to hear – that Devin Wood will be returning as the youth minister for a third summer in 2020. Devin will be pursuing a master's degree at UNC-Chapel Hill during the coming year. We wish you well, Devin, and look forward to your return!

The committee also presented a commemorative plaque to Herb Ormond in appreciation for his four decades of faithful service and loving leadership of the Chapel's Summer Youth Program.

Herb started the Youth Committee and has served on it since 1995. He was the Chapel's youth minister

## CHAIRMAN'S CORNER

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before moving to Raleigh to serve as the youth minister at Wilson Teachey's home church. Wilson says, "Herb made a lasting impact on my life as a youth leader, and I also credit him with teaching me how to water ski."

Herb says, "After having been closely involved in the Youth Program for over 40 years - as a youth, the youth minister, and working as the Youth Committee chairman with every youth minister since 1984 - I have been praying for several years for the Lord to bring the perfect person(s) to "pass the baton" to.



*Former Youth Committee Chair Herb Ormond proudly displays the plaque of appreciation presented to him during worship on September 1, 2019. L. to r. are Wilson Teachey, Nancy Teachey, Herb Ormond and Jim King. Sarah Stidley was also present. Hunter Bell is also on the committee.*

"WOW, how the Lord has answered my prayers!" Wilson & Nancy Teachey are awesome! The program could not be in better hands going forward! With Wilson as the Youth Committee Chair and Nancy as the "on the island, day-to-day contact", they are an excellent team and in a great position to lead the committee, which also includes Jim King, Sarah Stidley (Youth Minister 2014-15), and Hunter Bell (Youth Minister 2016-17).

"This has been a very deliberate process of transition. Wilson & Nancy "shadowed me" for all of 2018; I hung around to help out for 2019. Now they're ready to take the next steps with this ministry. Obviously I will miss "the action" I enjoyed these past years but I thank the Lord that He, once again, is showing His favor and blessing to the great Youth Program of Emma Anderson Memorial Chapel."

Congratulations from all of us, Herb. Your dedication and efforts over the many years at EAMC have assuredly brought many youth to Christ.

At the annual congregational meeting after worship on September 22, five new Board of Governors members and one new trustee were elected to serve beginning January 1, 2020. The new governors who will serve four-year terms are John Burke, Mark Daley, Gayla McMillan, Wilson Teachey and Danny Thompson. The new trustee is Rich Pollock who will serve a three-year term. Many thanks for their faithful service are extended to retiring governors Macon Basinger, Debo Bell, Tommy Daniels, Greg Miller and Pat Weyher, and retiring trustee John Hauser.



*Youth Minister Devin Wood and Youth Assistant Will Teachey are honored during worship at the end of the 2019 Summer Youth Program on August 11.*

I've heard many say the Chapel's 2019 Summer Youth Program was one of the best ever. Devin Wood and Will Teachey, with the support of the Youth Committee, took advantage of the enhancements to the ground floor of the youth cottage that were undertaken in the spring and delivered a tremendous summer program. And to top it off, the Youth Committee announced September 1, that Devin would be returning next year for a third summer as our youth minister. Great news and congrats to Devin!

Away Missions Committee Chair Jim King and affiliate Pat Gunter, on behalf of her home church in Raleigh, are planning a mission trip to Haiti in 2020 from Feb. 29 - Mar. 7 in partnership with Haiti Outreach

Ministries (HOM). Pastor Leon Dorleans, HOM founding director, was with us in May and shared a great deal about his work and missions in Haiti. The cost of the trip is approximately \$1500, which includes airfare plus room and board. Once we know the participants, we will determine the type of work we will do such as painting, repairing roofs, building a house, or other tasks. If you're interested in participating in the mission trip, please contact Pat Gunter at 919-724-9459.



*Vicky Faris carries Bibles back to the pews on September 7, 2019, to prepare the Chapel for the 10 a.m. worship service the next day. Vicky and 24 others made quick work of the task.*

Many thanks are due Rich Wood and a great number of volunteers who helped secure and safeguard valuable equipment and belongings in the Chapel and other properties in advance of Hurricane Dorian, and who also helped to restore the facilities immediately afterwards so that we could worship on that Sunday. I'm grateful we have so many dedicated affiliates who, every time our Chapel has a need, will step up to help, even putting their personal needs aside for the moment.

The year is fast moving along. I was looking at the church calendar recently and noticed the Worship Committee meeting in October will include planning for our Advent and Christmas season services. The Minister Selection Committee also meets in October to review and set the ministerial calendar for 2020. And it won't be long before we start preparing for Thanksgiving and receiving Christmas cards in the mail. Maybe we can make a conscious effort this year to slow down a little and enjoy the time leading up to the holiday seasons. Certainly, doing so can help us get in the right mindset for prayerful thought and anticipation in those special weeks leading to our celebration of the birth of Christ, our Savior.

God bless all of you! As always, please continue to reach out to me with your thoughts and ideas about our Chapel's future. I can be reached at 910-604-3835 or via email (rickbenton56@gmail.com).



Rick Benton, EAMC Board of Governors Chairman



**Benevolence Committee invites you to make people smile this holiday season**

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# ANNUAL HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE

to benefit food insecure families in our area

**OCT. 20 - DEC. 8**

- Nonperishable food items
- Grocery store gift cards so families can buy their own turkeys and hams

Please bring items to north wing of the Chapel. Thank you for your generosity!

Questions? Contact Beth Holder (topsailbebe@yahoo.com).

## Becoming Little Christs



On September 23, fall officially arrived. With the changing of the seasons, we now turn our attention from summer to early autumn activities. For us, it's the running of the spots, the NC Spot Festival, Autumn with Topsail, and Halloween, right? But there is something else in October, something that happened 502 years ago that we should also celebrate. In fact, it is a watershed moment in world history, second only to the coming of Christ into the world 2020 years ago. What am I talking about?

On October 31, 1517, a professor of moral theology at the University of Wittenberg nailed a paper outlining 95 theses to the Castle Church door. He intended them to be propositions to be argued in formal academic debate. Instead the Theses began a revolution within the Western Church that changed it forever. Today we call that revolution "The Reformation", and that professor's name was Martin Luther.

His original intent was to call into question some of the practices of the Roman Catholic Church— particularly the purchasing of "indulgences" from clergy in order to free souls from Purgatory— and call her back to faithfulness and obedience to the truths of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Perhaps we need another Martin Luther to do the same to Christ's Church today?

As Christian author, C.S. Lewis wrote in his book **Mere Christianity\*** (1952), The Church exists for nothing else but to draw people into Christ, to make them little Christs. ...God became a man for no other purpose. ...It says in the Bible that the whole universe was made for Christ and that everything is to be gathered together in Him.

We become "little Christs" only through the power of the Holy Spirit as we rediscover the Jesus of the New Testament, much like Martin Luther did more than 500 years ago, and learn to become His obedient followers. I think this is the biggest challenge that faces the Christian Church today.

As we enjoy Autumn with Topsail and all of our fall activities, let us not forget our ultimate goal, which is printed on the front of our Sunday bulletins as our mission statement— **To glorify God and to proclaim Jesus Christ is Lord and Savior of All!**

\*Available in the EAMC library, Fellowship House, 2nd floor. Open Sundays 8:50-9:30am or by appointment. Contact Nancy Green (910-581-4178).

*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 guest minister is unavailable to lead us in Sunday worship.*

"One thing in the box I won't forget was a picture of a girl and her letter: Heather Roberts from Eron, Ohio. We started writing letters and to this day, nearly 20 years later, we're friends."  
—Nanor, Middle East

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

# SHOEBOX IDEA OF THE MONTH

A personal letter from YOU, would brighten a child's day! There really is a person on the other end who loves me and cared enough to send me this gift!

## World Communion Sunday



October 6,  
2019

World Communion Sunday, observed annually on the first Sunday in October, is a day for remembering that around the globe—Christians of different languages, with different traditions and customs, and in various forms of liturgy—celebrate the Lord’s Supper.

The tradition began in 1933 at Shadyside Presbyterian Church in Pittsburgh, Penn., where the minister and his congregation sought to demonstrate the interconnectedness of Christian churches, regardless of denomination. It was adopted throughout the US Presbyterian Church in 1936 and subsequently spread to other denominations. In 1940, what is now called the National Council of Churches endorsed World Communion Sunday and began to promote it to Christian churches worldwide.

## SIGN UP TODAY!

Contact Debo Bell ([dtbell56@gmail.com](mailto:dtbell56@gmail.com))  
or Mary Eberhardt ([mdeberhardt@hotmail.com](mailto:mdeberhardt@hotmail.com)).

## Operation Christmas Child

### WAREHOUSE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Debo Bell and Mary Eberhardt will be on the phones early this month trying to get us as many volunteers slots as possible. Stay tuned for more info about location (Boone or Charlotte) and dates.

2019 marks EAMC's 11th year supporting this ministry of Samaritan's Purse. Last year, the organization shipped 10,623,776 Shoebox gifts to children in 112 countries and territories. Twenty six EAMC affiliates assisted with that effort at the warehouse in Boone.



*Dan Longest, Rick Benton, John Burke, Norma Carole McDonald, Rucker Eggleston, Marsha Lewis and Gerry Horner move boxes along an assembly line in 2018 at the warehouse in Boone after inspecting, taping and packing them for shipment. (Photo credit Sandra Davis.)*



2018 Dove Award Winner: Inspirational Film of the Year

Revealing the true story behind MercyMe's smash hit song, "*I Can Only Imagine*" details lead singer Bart Millard's abusive upbringing and path to reconciliation and forgiveness. This touching story of hope and redemption stars J. Michael Finley, Dennis Quaid, Madeline Carroll, Priscilla Shirer, Cloris Leachman, and country singer Trace Adkins. Rated PG. Approx. 110 minutes.

Questions? Julia Sherron (jbsherron@gmail.com) or Jean Bell (tpslbeach@gmail.com) are happy to help.



KINGDOM CRAFTERS ASK YOU TO

## WRAP A NEWBORN IN THE WARMTH OF WOOL

A quick short-term project Needed by Dec. 15

A new missionary will be taking the sweaters to a hospital in Southeast Asia. She was a student of Rich and Julia Pollock's at Black Forest Academy in Germany.

If you can knit or crochet, the Crafters have wool, patterns, and needles available, but will gladly accept donations of wool yarn.

Note: The sweaters **must** be made of wool because of its excellent wicking qualities.



If you'd like to lend your talents to this precious project, stop by the Crafters room in the Fellowship House on the ground floor any Wednesday, 10-11:30 a.m., or contact Julia Howington (julia\_bill\_howington@hotmail.com) (Photo credit Julia Pollock.)

## BE STRONG *and* COURAGEOUS!

DO NOT *be* AFRAID OR DISCOURAGED.

FOR THE LORD YOUR GOD IS WITH YOU WHEREVER YOU GO.

»»»»» *Joshua 1:9*

# #BTW

Ed. note: Starting this month, we offer a new feature with just snippets of news that, by the way, you might want to know. 😊

- Sign-up sheets to sponsor flowers in the chancel during 2020 are now posted on the bulletin board in the in the south wing of the chapel. Out of town? Contact Macon Basinger ncsu68@gmail.com to sign up.
- The Lord's Prayer is now available inside the back cover of our hymnal.
- Our Buildings and Grounds Committee has been busy sprucing up the chapel and parsonage landscaping with some new plantings and fresh pine straw.
- New durable, fade-resistant upholstery (below) was recently purchased for the living room furniture in the parsonage. A new area rug is in the works, too. (Photo credit Julia Sherron.)



## OCTOBER MINISTERS



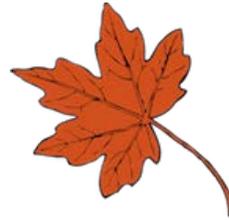
**6** WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY,  
**Reverend Tim Shaw**, Baptist,  
Executive Pastor/Administrative  
Pastor, Apex Baptist Church, Apex  
NC. Sponsors: Mr. and Mrs. Jim  
Hines, Apex NC

**13** **Reverend Holly Shoaf-O'Kula**, Presbyterian, Pastor  
of Compassionate Ministries, First Presbyterian Church,  
Aiken SC. Sponsors: Mr. and Mrs. Grier Fleischhauer,  
Topsail Beach, NC

**20** **Reverend Dr. Wendy Edwards**, Baptist, Interim  
Pastor, Hickory Baptist Church, Whitakers NC. Sponsors:  
Mr. and Mrs. Lanny Schlenz, Wake Forest NC

**27** **Reverend Jon Strother**, United Methodist, Lead  
Pastor, Jarvis Memorial UMC, Greenville NC. Sponsors:  
Mr. and Mrs. Lyman Ormond, Greenville NC

## OCTOBER CALENDAR



**14** Columbus Day

**16** DEADLINE: 2020 Guest minister  
nominations

**22** November newsletter articles  
due

**23** Minister Selection Committee  
annual meeting for committee members

**25** Planning Committee meeting, 11:30am, Fellowship  
House upper floor

**27** Reformation Sunday. See this month's Reflections  
column above.

**30** Movie Night "*I Can Only Imagine*", 7-9 p.m., Youth  
Cottage ground floor. See more info above.

## 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 or Sandra Davis.

**CHANCEL FLOWERS** Sign up on the calendar in the south wing of the chapel or contact Macon Basinger by email or phone 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](mailto: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](mailto: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. Read our brochure for more info.

**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 the coordinator Michelle Reynolds by email or phone.

**LIBRARY** Come and visit the Chapel's Library located in the Fellowship House, 2nd floor. (Elevator accessible.) We have 1400 holdings! Sundays 8:50 - 9:30 a.m. and by request. If you can't visit, a librarian will be happy to deliver a book locally. Librarians: Nancy Green (910-328-1092), Gerry Horner (910-328-7251), Nancy Howell (910-328-0354), Frances Keir (919-522-3934) and Grayson ReVille (910-328-1244).

**MINISTER SPONSORSHIP** Nominations are being accepted for guest ministers for 2020 until mid-October 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. For more information about the nominating process, [click here](#).

**NEWSLETTER** Current and previous issues are available here. Please let us know if you would like to receive our newsletter or if you stop receiving it. You can unsubscribe at any time. We will not share your email with anyone for any reason at any time.

**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.

**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.

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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