



Putting LOVE on their table for the holidays, not just food

Did you know that EAMC affiliates helped provide food, toys, and love to over 1,300 people during the holidays last year? Let's help provide for even more this year!

Benevolence Committee is currently collecting non-perishable food items for Thanksgiving and Christmas. Grocery store gift cards are also appreciated. **Please bring all items to the north wing of the Chapel by November 10th for Thanksgiving meals and December 8th for Christmas meals.**



The Angel Tree will be available after Thanksgiving. Choose a "gift" from the tree that you will purchase for a local child and make their Christmas truly merry!

EAMC along with county schools; outreach, civic, and military organizations; businesses, and other churches come together through the Community Holiday Assistance Program (CHAP) of Eastern Pender County to provide food and toys to make the holidays brighter for people in need.

If you'd like to volunteer sorting or distributing donations, contact Beth Holder (910-328-2562 or topsailbebe@yahoo.com).



Our talented Chapel Ringers will be among 300 participants at the 31st annual Capital Area Handbell Festival lead by illustrious guest conductor Fred Gramann, **November 8-10, at the Kerr Scott Building at the State Fairgrounds in Raleigh.** Five pieces including Christmas hymns and an original piece by Mr. Gramann will be rehearsed in preparation for **a free public concert on Saturday, November 9 at 4:00 p.m.**

Since 1976, Mr. Gramann has been Director of Music at the American Church in Paris where he is organist, conductor of the adult vocal choir and two adult handbell choirs, plus organizer of the weekly classical concerts.

This is the third time EAMC has participated in the Raleigh event. They also attended the handbell festival in Charlotte one year.

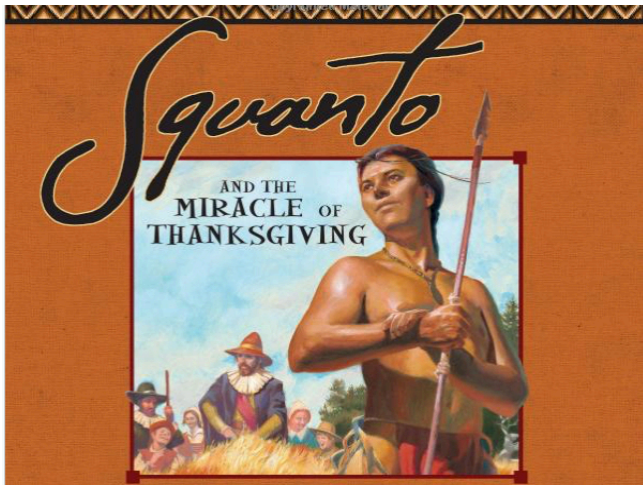
(Ed. note: If you plan on attending, please take photos of the event, especially of our Ringers, and email them to me at newsletter@eachapel.org. Thank you!)

THE MIRACLE OF THANKSGIVING

“Enter His gates with thanksgiving and into His courts with praise;

Give thanks to Him and praise His name. For the Lord is good and His love endures forever;

His faithfulness continues through all generations. (Psalm 100: 4-5)



In America the end of November is the beginning of feasting festivals that last for two months and end after the New Year. I'm talking about Thanksgiving and Christmas vacations, celebrations, and feasts with family and friends. But how or when did it all begin?

Not much is known about America's first Thanksgiving celebrated by those first European settlers at Plymouth Plantation with a few Native Americans. Only two people who were there wrote about it— Governor William Bradford in his journal **Of Plymouth Plantation**, and Edward Winslow in a publication entitled **Mourt's Relations**.

Among the 90 Wampanoag Indians who attended the first Thanksgiving was an "adopted" member from the Patuxet tribe whose name was Tisquantum. Most historians know him as Squanto.

Born sometime around 1585 near Plymouth, Massachusetts, Squanto was kidnapped by the English explorer Thomas Hunt who took him to Spain where he was sold into slavery. He later escaped and was taken in by Jesuit priests who introduced him to Christianity. He then traveled to England where he learned English.

When Squanto returned home to Plymouth in 1619 he discovered that his entire tribe was wiped out by an unknown epidemic and he was now alone in his native land. That's when the Wampanoag Indians "adopted" him.

After the Pilgrims arrived in the new world in November 1620, they settled on the very land where Squanto's tribe had lived. Of the 102 colonists, only 53 survived their first winter. The following year the Wampanoag chief, Massasoit, sent Squanto to become their interpreter and guide. If it were not for his advice, especially regarding how to cultivate the land and plant corn, beans, squash, and pumpkins, and where to hunt and fish, none of the Pilgrims would have survived in their new land.

Sadly, Squanto died from a mysterious illness in 1622 before the Pilgrims and Governor Bradford were able to establish their first official day of prayer of Thanksgiving on Thursday, November 29, 1623, in celebration of a successful harvest.

The miracle of that first Thanksgiving is how the Holy Spirit of God not only led the Pilgrims to seek a new life offering religious and civic freedom in a new land but also led Squanto, an English-speaking Christian to the Pilgrims to help them survive in their new home.

If you would like to learn more about Squanto and share with your children the story of how God protected him and guided him to the Pilgrims, I recommend the book **Squanto and The Miracle of Thanksgiving** by Eric Metaxas (1999). It's available in the EAMC library.

Happy Thanksgiving!

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 unable to lead us in Sunday worship.

Who are our 2020 Ministers?



We know you're curious about who will be preaching in 2020. Invitation letters are just going out. Once the ministers respond, we will notify their sponsors. Then we will be able to tell you.

Minister Selection Committee Co-chairs Hope and Dan Longest (ministerinquiry@eachapel.org) wish to thank the committee members for their diligent work last month reviewing nominations and scheduling ministers for 2020. The Committee also thanks EAMC affiliates for their overwhelming support of this important chapel ministry. We had 64 nominations to consider for 48 Sundays.

It's not too early to think ahead! 2021 Minister Applications will be available in the chapel by January 1, 2020, and can be submitted anytime.



The Worship Committee is looking for someone to chair the 2020 Lenten Luncheon Series. The committee consists of a very committed group of folks willing to help in any way. They just need a leader! The chairperson is responsible for coordinating the speakers, working with the caterers and overseeing the one-hour event for 5-6 consecutive Tuesdays in Lent leading up to Easter.

Please give this prayerful consideration and if you have any questions call Julia Sherron at 910-690-2595.

TIME TO GET PACKING!



Quality is important

"A child will probably only get one box ever and they deserve it to be a nice box full of good stuff. You can see their excitement when they are waiting to get their box. They deserve a box FULL of things that will last and not break right away." -Linda D. (Samaritan's Purse)



Do Not Include

Candy or gum; toothpaste; used or damaged items; war-related items such as guns, knives or military figures; chocolate or food; seeds; fruit rolls or other fruit snacks; drink mixes (powdered or liquid); liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items such as snow globes or glass containers; aerosol cans.



Consider paying for shipping and follow your box to its recipient!



Return your filled shoebox to the Chapel by November 17.



Serving God's Children in Need



What a beautiful display of items we blessed in the sanctuary on October 20! Kingdom Crafters hope everyone had a chance to see them. Among the Crafter's recent bequests include:

- 100 washcloths for Operation Christmas Child boxes.
- 10 stuffed animal toys to the Surf City and Topsail Beach police departments. North Topsail Beach P.D. was just added to their list.
- 30 fleece baby blankets for newborns to Life Line Pregnancy Center in Wilmington.
- 83 scarves, 17 blankets, 10 ponchos in bags, 40 hats, and 18 pairs of heavy mittens to NCWorks, a state online job seeker and workforce services system in Jacksonville offering outreach services to homeless veterans and others who have fallen through the cracks of social services. Many of the recipients are in wheelchairs and would appreciate lap blankets, so that's KC's next project. Fleece blankets can be made with a crocheted or tied edge. A Veterans Stand Down is scheduled in Jacksonville for February 2020, so the Crafters will keep knitting scarves, hats, and now making lap blankets for that event! Let Julia Pollock know if you would like to make a blanket (jawp2@me.com). The Crafters supply the fleece! Thank you for supporting this ministry. The Crafters say that the giveaways are always joyous!

A PRAYER FOR GOD'S CHILDREN IN NEED

Dear Lord Jesus,
We thank you for the opportunity to make things for your children in need:

We ask you to bless these dresses going to Haiti and the girls who will wear them. We pray for the Veterans who will wear these hats and gloves and scarves, especially those who are homeless.

We thank you for the ministry of Vigilant Hope and ask a blessing on those they serve with ponchos, scarves, hats and gloves. We pray for students in our local middle and elementary schools who will be taken to a foster care home that these Bags of Love will bring them comfort.

We pray for babies who who will receive these blankets from the Wilmington Pregnancy Center. We ask that you bless these little hats going to preemie babies at Wake Med Neonatal Intensive Care Unit.

We pray for disaster victims who will receive sweater, hats, gloves and blankets through Knit for Kids by way of World Vision. We ask that you comfort children and their families going through cancer treatment at Duke. Bring joy with toys and warmth with the blankets.

We pray for each of the children around the world receiving a Christmas Box, and we pray that these washcloths will be useful. We ask a blessing on the babies of Asia who will receive these sweaters. Watch over them.

We pray for our elderly affiliates who have had to move to Woodbury and Deerfield and others who are there, that they may feel our love for them with our lap blankets and walker bags.

Thank you for willing hands and creative spirits of the ladies who made these items. We offer these items to you and ask that you send a special blessing to each recipient.

In Jesus Name,
Amen



NOVEMBER MINISTERS

3 ALL SAINTS DAY (Daylight Savings Time ends),
Reverend David Canady, Baptist, Retired Pastor,
Chaplain, First Baptist Church, Fayetteville NC.
Sponsors: Mr. and Mrs. Tom Canady, Wilmington NC

10 Reverend Daniel Martin, Methodist, Senior Pastor,
West Market Street UMC, Greensboro NC. Sponsors:
Mr. and Mrs. Jac Reville, Topsail Beach NC

17 Reverend Dr. Chuck McGathy, Baptist, Pastor, First
Baptist Church, Madison NC. Sponsor: Mr. Royce
Richardson, Madison NC

24 CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY, **Reverend Robert
Lapp, Presbyterian**, Associate Pastor, St. Andrews
Covenant Presbyterian Church, Wilmington NC.
Sponsors: Mr. and Mrs. Jim Williams



NOVEMBER CALENDAR

- 3** DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS. "Fall back" 1 hr. 🕒
- 8** Committee reports due
- 9** Chapel Ringers perform at Festival in Raleigh, 4pm.
See article above. 📣
- 11** Veterans Day 🇺🇸
- 16** Board of Governors meeting, 9am; 2020
Committee budgets due 📄
- 17** Deadline to donate: OCC shoeboxes and
Thanksgiving food items
- 19** December newsletter articles due ✍️
- 27** Thanksgiving Eve service, 6pm, led by Reverend
Ashley Griffith
- 28** Thanksgiving 🍂🥂

BTW:

Movie Night on October 30 was well received by the 35 people who attended the showing of *I Can Only Imagine*. Not only was the movie inspirational but the recently renovated ground floor of the Youth Cottage was comfortable and inviting. We even had popcorn and candy! The Christian Education Committee is now thinking of offering movie nights more often!



CALL TO ME
and I will
ANSWER YOU,
and I will tell you
GREAT & MIGHTY
THINGS
which you do not know.

Jeremiah 33:3

From the Editor:

And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. Colossians 3:17



During this annual season of giving thanks, I want to send a big THANK YOU to everyone who makes our monthly newsletter possible. From making the news happen to writing about it, researching, proofreading, and even suggesting article ideas, you make our chapel and our news richer and fuller! ~L.D.

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 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. 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 ReVile (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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