



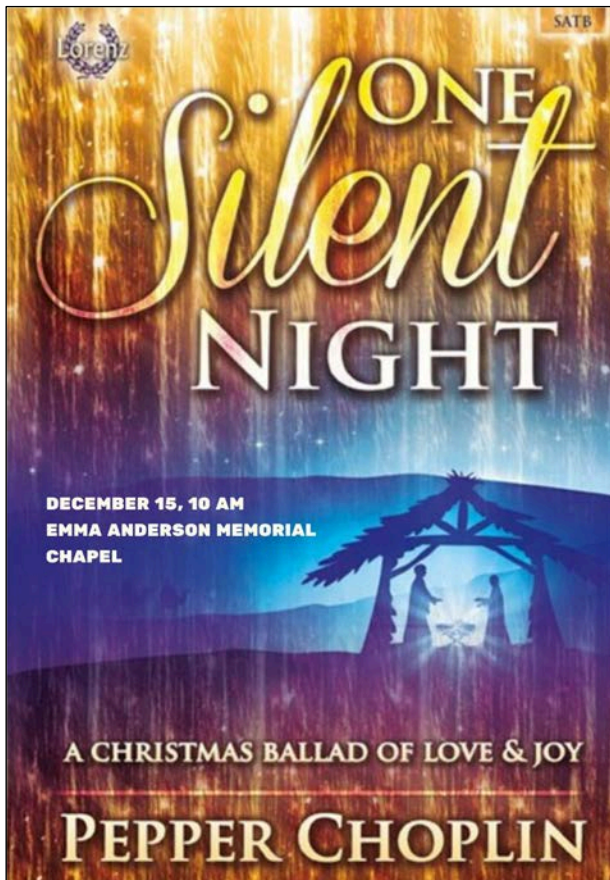
NEWSLETTER

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Join us for our annual CHRISTMAS CANTATA

On **December 15 at 10:00 a.m.**, our Chancel Choir and Chapel Ringers will present Pepper Choplin's **One Silent Night**, a Christmas ballad of love and joy.

Again this year, Music Director Merle has chosen to delight us with one of her favorite composer's works in a musical retelling of the Christmas story featuring solos and duets.



From the publisher:

"One Silent Night long ago, a birth story began that forever changed the world. Lying in a crude manger was a newborn babe, who would become the Source of our Christian faith and our abiding presents each of the familiar elements of that

story through ballad-like recitatives of scripture, surrounded by anthems ranging from outbursts of unbridled joy to moving moments of introspection and gentleness. Weaving familiar carols and songs throughout original music, this timeless tale emerges in a deeply moving presentation that will lift one's faith and deepen one's understanding of the profound significance of that One Silent Night."

The Chancel Choir and Handbell Ringers have been rehearsing since September. Those performing in the Cantata include:

SOPRANO

Laura Bageant
Pam Burke
Debo Bell
Lynn Blue
Pat Braxton
Rucker Eggleston
Vicki Faris
Kay Grady
Gerry Horner
Julia Pollock
Linda Stipe

ALTO

Sue Ferber
Terry Hall
Julia Howington
Joanne Hughes
Betsy Johnson
Denise Sanderson
Judy Teachey

PIANIST

Carolyn Kugatow

TENOR

Dutch Bageant
JR Howell
Bill Howington
Scott Hughes
Ken Miller
Stuart Sanderson

BASS

Howard Braxton
Larry Combs
Dale Fixin
Mike Hendricks
Tim Horner
Fritz Lenker

RINGERS

Jane Autry
Debo Bell
Pam Burke
Kristin Fleischhauer
Vicki Faris
Kay Grady
Nancy Green
Debbie Hill
Freddie King
Barry Taylor
Dave Miller

Join us for this joyous, uplifting worship experience during one of the most important seasons of the liturgical calendar. You won't be disappointed!

And after the Cantata, join us for LUNCH

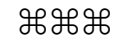


EAMC affiliates enjoy a smorgasbord of delectable dishes at the potluck luncheon following the Christmas Cantata in 2018.

Join us for EAMC's annual **Christmas Potluck Luncheon** at **11:30 p.m. in the Assembly Building, 720 Channel Blvd.** Meats and drinks will be provided. The Social Committee asks that everyone bring a side dish or dessert. Committee members will be at the Assembly Building at 9:00 a.m. to receive food.

This is a wonderful way to enjoy fellowship and spread Christmas cheer with friends. We hope to see you there! Any questions? Contact Bettye Benton at (252-532-0762).

*It's also a wonderful way to pick up a special Christmas gift for a special someone. Our newest history book *God's Grace on a Little White Chapel and Beyond* will be available to purchase at the luncheon See page 5 for more info.*



CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE,
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24, 5:00 p.m.

Our Moravian Christmas Eve Candles

By Janie Hauser



Worshippers hold trimmed Moravian candles during the Christmas Eve service in 2018.

For more than 15 years, Emma Anderson has shared in a portion of the Moravian Church's Lovefeast tradition. While we do not serve its cardamom-spiced buns nor sweetened coffee, we do celebrate Jesus Christ with its lighted candles.

This tradition originated in 1747 on the European continent at Marienborn, Germany. Until the end of the 19th century, only children received candles. At the conclusion of the service, after the pastor had told the Christmas Story, each child in the Moravian Church was given a hand-dipped beeswax candle trimmed with a red ribbon with the intent that they would go throughout the community singing Christmas carols and sharing in the moving story that they had been told. So stirring was the service that the tradition spread throughout the Moravian world.

The tradition was continued in North Carolina when, in 1762, the candles were used for the first time in the Christmas Lovefeast of Bethabara and Bethania (near Winston-Salem). Every person at the service was given a lighted candle as a reminder that Christ said, *"I am the light of the world"* (John 8:12). Christ then told his disciples to *"let your light so shine before people that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father in heaven"* (Matthew 5:16).

Giving candles to the whole congregation has become an accepted and beautiful part of this Christmas Eve vigil. Now grownups share in the childlike joy of the Savior's birth so they, too, become children again.

The hand-dipped beeswax candles used at Emma Anderson's Christmas Eve service are made by the Mary Ann Fogle Service League in Winston-Salem.

Join us to learn the special skill of trimming the candles with red bows on December 4. If you'd like to join in that activity, please call Janie at 910-620-8720.

Chairman's Corner

December 2019

*A new Chapel year,
a new Chapel website,
a new Chapel anniversary celebration,
and remembering the reason for the season.*




Rick Benton, Board of Governors Chairman, 2019-2021

The EAMC Board of Governors held its final meeting of the year on November 16. As most of you know, the Chapel's governing body is comprised of 20 board members and three trustees elected by the congregation. Board members serve four-year terms, and each year five board members rotate off and are replaced by five new members. One trustee is elected annually and one retires. We are deeply appreciative of the service of all of those affiliates who have served and will continue to serve the Chapel as board members and trustees, and I look forward to having the newly elected members with us at our first meeting of 2020 in January. I acknowledged all of them in my October Chairman's Corner.

As I've noted before, our Chapel is unique in that it is managed and operated by volunteer affiliate committees. It's really amazing how this model works so effectively as an organization, as well as in spreading the gospel to our community and beyond, even globally. It works so well because of the dedication and commitment of our affiliates, but also because of the Holy Spirit directing the Chapel's ministries. Please pray often that we may discern God's will and direction for our Chapel.

As you may have heard, the members of our Communications Committee have been working over the past 18 months to update the Chapel's website. The Committee reported at the recent board meeting they are endeavoring to have the new website go live by year end.

The Reason for the Season



JESUS CHRIST
the only Son of God,
God from God, Light from Light

Through him all things were made.


For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven and was made man.

+ *For our sake
he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.*

**ON THE THIRD DAY
HE ROSE AGAIN**
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

*He will come again in glory to judge the living
and the dead.*

**AND HIS KINGDOM
will have no end!**



The new site will not only sport a refreshing new look, but will allow for many new features. One of the more "hands-on" features will be an ability for online giving via donation processor Tithe.ly. Online giving will also be available via the Tithe.ly app for phones and tablets. The committee members have been researching other churches' practices, online giving trends, and various options for online giving for over a year. They collaborated with the Finance Committee to bring this capability to EAMC.

Online giving will provide more options for affiliates to give to the Chapel, will help facilitate giving for those who don't use checks anymore (like millennials), and will potentially increase overall giving to the Chapel, thus increasing our ability to do God's will. Online giving via the new website will be available when the website goes live. Treasurer Greg Miller advised the Board that online giving through the Tithe.ly app for both iOS and Android is available to use immediately. Just download the app and search for Emma Anderson to get started.

Members of the Chapel's Social Committee have recently researched the history of the Chapel so that they could recommend to the Board a definitive cycle for future Homecoming celebrations. After discussing various options based on historical events when the Chapel formed, the Board voted to schedule Homecoming celebrations every five years in the spring beginning with the 70th anniversary next year. Mark your calendars for June 14, 2020, and stay tuned for information about special events throughout the year.

I have to admit I'm human and haven't yet gotten in the proper mindset for the Thanksgiving holidays, much less the soon-to-follow Christmas season. Nevertheless, immediately after Thanksgiving this year, on December 1, Advent begins and continues through the next four weeks until Christmas. Our Worship Committee is ahead of most of the rest of us, and has already been planning for our Advent services.

As you know, Advent is a time of anticipating and celebrating the coming of our Lord Jesus, including the birth of Jesus, his coming into our lives, and his return to establish his eternal Kingdom. I trust in Jesus that as the Advent season nears, with solemn prayer, my mind and heart will be prepared so that I might be able to devotedly anticipate and celebrate Christ's coming. I know all of us as Christians desire the same, so let's pray and ask for God's blessings upon our Chapel, our community, and our world as we

anticipate, celebrate and worship together during Advent at EAMC as brothers and sisters in Christ.

As always, please continue to reach out to me with your thoughts and ideas about our Chapel's future. I can be reached at rickbenton56@gmail.com or 910-604-3835.

In Christ's Service,
Rick Benton



Bringing Smiles to Our Community at Christmas



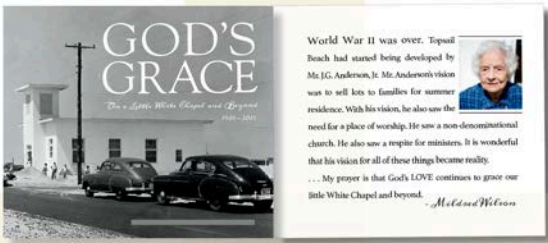
The Benevolence Committee has the Angel Tree set up in the north wing of the Chapel. Select an "ornament" from the tree suggesting a toy to buy for a child in our community. Gift cards are an option. The committee is also collecting food for Christmas meals. Grocery store gift cards are also welcome.

Please bring unwrapped toys and food donations to the north wing of the Chapel by December 8.

The committee thanks everyone for their generous donation of food items for the Thanksgiving holidays. In conjunction with others in the CHAP program, we prepared 247 boxes that provided Thanksgiving meals to 454 adults and 578 children— fewer boxes than last year but serving 48 more adults and 158 more children. Thank you for supporting this vital ministry to our community!

Volunteers are needed starting at 1:00 p.m. on December 15 at All Saints Catholic Church in Hampstead to wrap presents, serve refreshments, assist with children's crafts, and help parents select toys. If you are interested or have any questions, contact Beth Holder (910-328-2562).


Need a Special Christmas Gift Idea?



World War II was over. Topsoil Beach had started being developed by Mr. G. Anderson, Jr. Mr. Anderson's vision was to sell lots to families for summer residence. With his vision, he also saw the need for a place of worship. He saw a non-denominational church. He also saw a respite for ministers. It is wonderful that his vision for all of these things became reality. ... My prayer is that God's LOVE continues to grace our little White Chapel and beyond. *Melissa Wilson*

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GOD'S GRACE
On a Little White Chapel and Beyond,
the second EAMC history book, picks up where the first history book, *The Diary of Emma Anderson Memorial Chapel*, ends. The limited edition 200-page hard cover book documents the Chapel's growth from 1986-2015.



Reprints of *The Diary of Emma Anderson Memorial Chapel 1949-1985* are also available for purchase.

We have it! EAMC's newest history book, **GOD'S GRACE on a Little White Chapel and Beyond.**

This 200-page, hardcover volume covering 1986-2015 will not be reprinted. Cost is \$50 (plus s&h for mail orders).

We also have reprints of our first history book, *The Diary of Emma Anderson Memorial Chapel.* This 166-page, softcover, b/w book covers the years 1949-1985. Cost is \$10 (plus s&h for mail orders).

Shipping is available for orders placed by December 15. We can ship with an enclosed gift card. Contact Janie Hauser (910-620-8720) to purchase either of these keepsakes.

Books will also be available for purchase at our Potluck Luncheon in the Assembly Building, 720 Carolina Blvd., on December 15 beginning at 11:30 a.m.

Operation Christmas Child Update

By Debo Bell, OCC Committee



Say a prayer for the child who will receive your shoebox

Operation Christmas Child is in full swing! We delivered more than 120 shoeboxes to the local drop-off locations in Sneads Ferry and Wilmington last month! Thank you for supporting this ministry of EAMC.

Forty-eight affiliates and friends of the Chapel will be volunteering at the Samaritan's Purse Processing Center in Boone, N.C., December 9-10. We will join tens of thousands of volunteers who will work in the eight processing centers located across the United States. The millions of shoeboxes collected will be carefully inspected before being placed in cartons and sent around the world.

Samaritan's Purse uses these shoeboxes to bring joy and the Good News of the Lord Jesus Christ to children, their families and their communities. It doesn't just end with the shoebox gift. Millions of boys and girls will participate in a 12-lesson, follow-up discipleship program for shoebox recipients where they can learn to follow Christ and share Him with others.

One last suggestion for what to pack in your shoebox comes from Franklin Graham, president of Samaritan's Purse- *"The most important thing you can send with a box is prayer."*

If you still have a shoebox to return, please bring it to the Chapel by December 8 and we will take it with us to Boone.

2020 Minister Update



Every year our Minister Selection Committee undertakes the challenging task of scheduling ministers for 50 Sundays during the following year. (We have two Music Sundays that don't require a minister.) So far for 2020, 47 Sundays have been scheduled with only three to be determined.

Below is a snapshot of our guest ministers for next year:

- Male 41, Female 6
- New 17, Returning 30
- Geographic areas: DC, FL (3), IL, NC (35), SC, TN, TX, VA (2), WV, Haiti
- Denominations: Baptist and Southern Baptist 17, Christian Church 2, Episcopal/Anglican 1, Lutheran 2, Methodist and United Methodist 16, Nondenominational 2, Pentecostal Holiness 1, Presbyterian and Presbyterian USA 6
- Retired 10, Active (Pastor, Senior Pastor or Lead Pastor) 23, Active (Other) 14

Many thanks to everyone who nominated a minister for the committee's consideration and to the committee for prayerfully selecting these nominees, thus ensuring that we are fulfilling our ministry to ministers as intended by Mr. J.G. Anderson, founder of EAMC.

The list of ministers for January can be found on our website. The full list of ministers for 2020 will be posted online some time in December.

A MEMORIAL GIFT TO THE MUSIC COMMITTEE



*EAMC Music Director Merle Morris (r.) and Handbell Ringer Debo Bell check out the new **Bell Tree**, a memorial gift to EAMC from the family of longtime affiliate Anne Kerr who died in 2016. Anne was one of the first ringers when the handbell choir began in 2000. The stand consists of a base with casters, an adjustable height pole and three arms from which multiple strings of bells can be hung. Many thanks to the Kerr family for this generous gift!*



#BTW



Sponsor Chancel flowers for 2020. Please reserve your dates as soon as possible. When a date has not been reserved, the Flower committee will contact the sponsors of that week's minister about their desire to provide the flowers. Cost is \$85 for two vases.

Flowers are chosen and delivered by a local florist. Contact Macon Basinger by email or phone (910-327-9689) if you have any questions or are not in the local area and would like to order flowers.



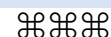
Rather than throw away any leftover communion pieces, Kimry Gardner, chair of the Communion Committee, feeds them to God's creatures. . . who apparently have discerning palates. Grackles and seagulls eat the little squares but want nothing to do with the wafers; fish eagerly gobble the wafers up.

The communion pieces are made of nothing but flour and water so why the preference is a mystery. Of course, God has the answer.



The pocket-sized **Our Daily Bread** devotional booklet is perfect for having on hand to read when you're sitting in a **waiting room!** Pick up your copy of the Dec.-Feb. issue from the brochure rack in the narthex or south wing of the chapel.

"Now, our God, we give you thanks and praise your glorious name." 1 Chronicles 29:13



Merry Christmas!



For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. (Isaiah 9:6)



The fully lit Advent wreath adorns the sanctuary during worship on Christmas Eve, 2018.

DECEMBER MINISTERS & ADVENT READERS

Sunday School, 8:50am, Fellowship House

Sunday worship, 10am, Chapel

Nursery Care for up to age 4, 8:35-11:15am, north wing of the Chapel

1 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT Reverend Ashley

Griffith, Methodist, Pastor, Edenton Street UMC, Raleigh NC. Sponsors: Mr. and Mrs. Rob Lee, Warsaw NC

- Advent readers - Gayla and Dee McMillan

8 Reverend Dr. Jerry Bron, Presbyterian, Retired

Pastor, Wilmington NC. Sponsor: Mrs. Nancy Thomason, Topsail Beach NC

- Advent readers - Robin and Robert Jackson Family

15 CHRISTMAS CANTATA. Choirs perform.

- Advent readers - Renee Pegram and Nancy Howell

22 Reverend Curtis Campbell, United Methodist,

Minister of Music, Retired Pastor, Harbor United Methodist Church, Wilmington NC. Sponsors: Mr. and Mrs. Robert Barnett, Raleigh NC

- Advent readers - Jean and Lee Chartier

24 CHRISTMAS EVE, Reverend Matt Willis (see Dec. 29)

- Advent readers - Julia and Rich Pollock Family

29 Reverend Matt Willis, Southern Baptist Convention,

Missions Pastor, Calvary Baptist Church, Winston-Salem NC. Sponsors: Mr. and Mrs. Scott Butler, Winston-Salem NC



Christmas Eve worshippers at EAMC celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ in 2018 with lighted Moravian candles.

DECEMBER CALENDAR

1 First Sunday of Advent; Angel Tree opens

8 Deadline for Christmas food drive and Angel Tree gifts

9-10 Affiliates volunteer at Samaritan's Purse warehouse in Boone to pack OCC shoeboxes into cartons for shipment to children around the world

14 Cantata rehearsal, 9am, Chapel

15 CHRISTMAS CANTATA, 10am; luncheon, 11:30, Assembly Building

17 January newsletter articles due

22 Winter Solstice (and we start having more daylight!)

24 Christmas Eve Svc, 5pm

25 Christmas Day, Unto us, a Child is born!

31 New Year's Eve



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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