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2019 LENTEN LUNCHEON SERIES



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Come hear these speakers bear witness!

"What the Cross Means to Me"

Tuesdays, March 12 – April 9 ♦ 12p.m. – 1p.m.

Assembly Building, 720 Channel Blvd, Topsail Beach, NC

Lunch \$7

Catered lunch and homemade desserts by talented chapel bakers.
Reservations requested 910-690-2595

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See more information on our website or pick up a brochure in church.

Hammers and Laughter Revive a Home

Volunteers representing the Chapel's Local Missions committee have continued to work diligently since the first of the year renovating a local home damaged by Hurricane Florence last September. Homeowner Brenda Garrison and her two granddaughters were displaced after three solid days of rain totaling 30 inches made their home between Surf City and Hampstead unlivable.



With \$25,000 in funding from the Chapel's Board of Governors upon recommendation of the Benevolence committee, volunteers have gathered at Brenda's house every Wednesday since January to complete a long list of renovation tasks. Twelve to 15 men and women have brought their

talents and tools, as well as humor and indefatigable spirits, to remove damaged materials, replace damaged base flooring, install and finish sheetrock, and repair the roof and siding. Recent work has been focused on installing trim, painting, replacing damaged light and other fixtures, and finishing up the little things in anticipation of new floor coverings being installed during the week of February 25.

Over 750 volunteer hours by more than 30 Chapel affiliates have been devoted to this project since January. David Barnes has done a fabulous job leading the renovation by planning the tasks, gathering the materials and supplies, and doling out the weekly assignments. Joe Bell deserves a special pat on the back for directing the efforts during David's recent vacation. And all the volunteers deserve a special salute for their dutiful presence and work each and every Wednesday, including those who have been providing onsite lunches for the workers on many of the workdays.

The original project completion date goal was March 30 and it appears certain that the repairs will be wrapped up well before then. Brenda has expressed great joy in the work and passion of the volunteers. She and her granddaughters are eagerly looking forward to moving back home very soon!



“In like a lion, out like a lamb.” That’s the way we used to describe the weather in springtime. It meant that March brought stormy weather and May gave us warm gentle breezes.

Well, you could say just the opposite for the seasons of the church. We begin with Ash Wednesday and the season of Lent where we focus on Jesus as a lamb being led to the slaughter and end with the triumph of Easter morn where Jesus conquers death like a lion!

Our Lenten journey this year begins with a self-directed time of reflection and repentance on Ash Wednesday, March 6, at the chapel. You may come any time between 9 and 10 a.m. and begin your own journey of repentance and faith by having the “ashes of death” placed on your forehead in the form of a cross. There will be a bulletin to guide you through a time of reading and prayer and then when you’re ready for the imposition, I will be at the communion table with the ashes. This is a reminder for us that we must be willing to die to our old self– to turn around, to change direction, to repent– in order to receive the newness of life in Jesus. We acknowledge that it is through the Cross of

Christ that we receive forgiveness of our sins and newness of life (Acts 26:18).

Again this year to help us reflect on the meaning of the Cross, we have the opportunity to hear from five individuals what the Cross means to them during our Lenten Lunches every Tuesday beginning March 12 from 12 - 1 p.m. at the Assembly Building in Topsail Beach. You can find more info in flyers at church and around town, in this newsletter, and on our website.

Jean Bell and Julia Sherron have done a great job preparing us for Lent this year with our weekly study of Adam Hamilton’s book, ***24 Hours that Changed the World***. I highly recommend this book. One of the many new perspectives it gave me about the Cross is the possibility that Jesus may have meditated on the Psalms to gain strength during his agonizing death. See especially Psalm 22, which he quotes while dying. This has challenged me to read and meditate on the Psalms more often in my own devotional time. This might be a good activity especially during Lent, don’t you agree?

In like a Lamb, out like a Lion. The Lamb of God, the Lion of Judah.

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 for Sunday worship.



Children at Casa Bernabé, an orphanage in Guatemala, try on shoes sent by Kingdom Crafters.

Kingdom Crafters ships shoes for kids

Last summer, Kingdom Crafters sent seven boxes of clothing and shoes to a church in Ohio. Why?

“Hidden on the side of a mountain, outside Guatemala City, Casa Bernabé (House of Comfort) is home to over 100 children” as it states on the website for Friends of Children Everywhere (FOCE), a U.S. nonprofit that supports the facility. CB, as it’s called, is near and dear to the hearts of affiliates Julia and Rich Pollock for it is from this orphanage that they adopted their son Sergio.

One of the Pollock’s contacts at CB is Ashley Cunningham, the development director for FOCE, which provides 80% of the funding necessary to care for the children. The

group’s mission is to bring the hope of Christ to the children who call Casa Bernabé home.

Ashley’s church in Ohio deploys mission teams to both the orphanage and Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in South Dakota. The items donated by our Crafters were divided between the orphanage and the reservation. What follows is a thank you note from Ashley:

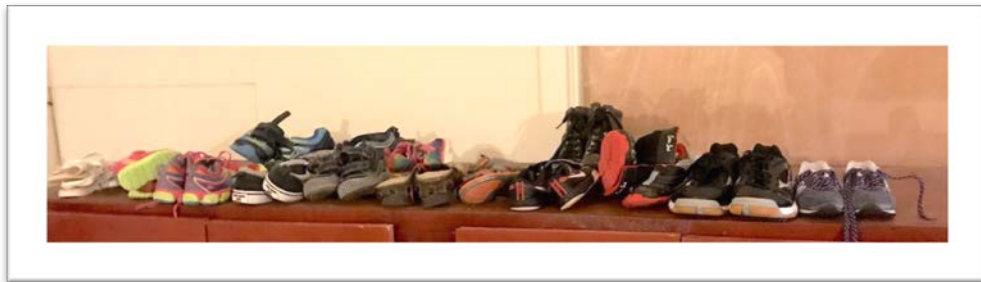
Hi Julia! The distributions went really well. The shoes all went to Casa Bernabé and I have attached some photos of that (including one where a little girl wanted to try on a pair of our shoes when we were distributing them!).



The clothing was donated but not distributed while our (church) team was at Pine Ridge in South Dakota so I don't have any photos of that to share.

Thank you so much for being such a blessing!

*Ashley Cunningham
Development Director
Friends of Children Everywhere*





FILL THIS BOWL, PLEASE.

Our community food pantry, Share the Table in Surf City, is low on food. The Benevolence committee knows our generous EAMC affiliates will help refill it! Please bring any donation of **ce-
real** or **canned soup** to the north wing of the Chapel **by March 17**. Your help is greatly appreciated, as always!

ORDER YOUR LILY

Honor or remember a loved one with a lily and listing in a special bulletin insert on Easter Sunday. Cost, \$12.50 per lily. Deadline, **March 24**. An order form is at the end of this newsletter or get one up at the Chapel. Pick up your lily or lilies after the 10 a.m. service on Easter.



PLAN YOUR OCC SHOEBOX

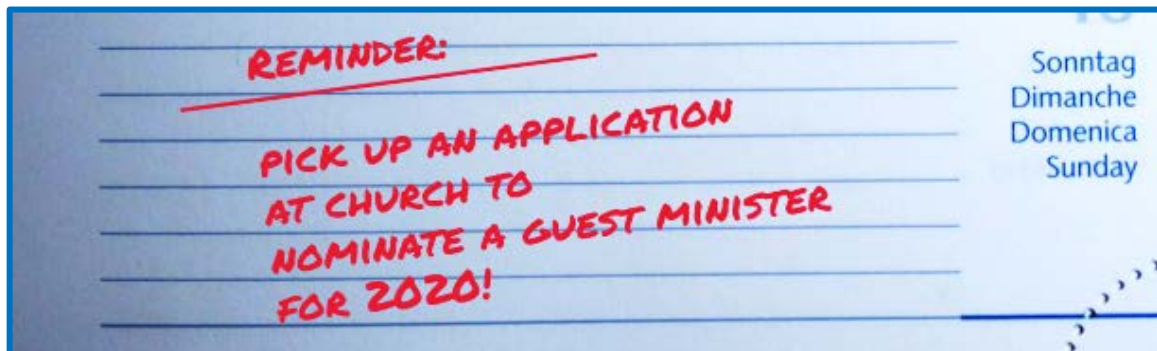
This month we're talking **crafts** for your Operation Christmas Child 2019 shoeboxes. Find creative ideas for crocheting, knitting, sewing or NO sewing at www.samaritanspurse.org. Finger or hand puppets are great gifts for both boys and girls!

It's more than a church directory . . .

Our EAMC online directory also lists members of our Board of Governors, committees and other chapel groups. Want to know who is on the Board and when their terms expire? Click on the Board of Governors tab to find out. Need prayers offered? Click on the Groups tab and you'll find info on who to contact under Prayer Chain. The Groups tab also lists all of our committees.

Only people listed in the online directory have access to the directory. Want in? Let us know!

Note: The directory is password protected and we do not share your information with anyone for any reason at any time.



FEBRUARY MINISTERS

3 **Reverend Paul Shields**, Presbyterian USA, Parish Associate, Kirk of Kildaire Presbyterian, Cary NC, Sponsor: Mrs. Til Herring, Clinton NC.

10 1st SUNDAY OF LENT, **Reverend Dale Riddle**, Baptist, Retired Evangelist, Pilot Mountain, NC, Sponsors: Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Reynolds, Topsail Beach NC. (Reminder: Daylight Savings Time begins. Spring ahead one hour!)

17 2nd SUNDAY OF LENT, **Reverend Timmy Blair Sr.**, Southern Baptist, Senior Pastor, Piney Grove Chapel, Lillington NC, Sponsor: Mrs. Mildred Wilson, Topsail Beach NC.

24 3rd SUNDAY OF LENT, **Reverend Margaret Hockett**, Methodist, Retired Pastor, Castle Hayne NC, Sponsor: Mrs. Pat Weyher, Topsail Beach NC.

31 4th SUNDAY OF LENT, **Reverend Dr. David Hosick**, Presbyterian, Retired Minister, Tryon NC, Sponsors: Mr. and Mrs. Richard Ferguson, Wilmington NC.

MARCH CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

Sunday worship: 10am, year round, Chapel.

Sunday School: All ages, 8:45am year round, Fellowship House

- 6** **Ash Wednesday**, open time of reflection and repentance with receiving of ashes, 9-10am, Chapel
- 10 Daylight Savings Time begins. Spring ahead one hour!
- 12, 19, 26** **Lenten Luncheon Series**, 12-1pm, Assembly Building, 720 Channel Blvd, Topsail Beach
- 16** **Board of Governors meeting**, 9am, Fellowship House. All are welcome.
- 20 First Day of Spring!! 🌸
- 24** **Easter lily orders due**

See our website for info about all our events.

RESOURCES

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

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

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 distributed.

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 at sandraholderdavis@gmail.com. Read our brochure online 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 at mereynolds58@gmail.com.

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 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 at ministerinquiry@eachapel.org. Check our website for more information about the nominating process.

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

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 at 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.

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 as Lord and Savior of all.

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