



THE EPWORTH MESSENGER



REV. DR. C. ANTHONY HUNT
Senior Pastor

The Pastor's Corner

Advent Greetings,

One of the ways that I have come to understand the season of Advent is that it is a time of great expectations. During Advent, we renew yet again our hope that God in Christ will enter into our lives a new, and bring forth new possibilities for each of us in the living of our days. Indeed, God is a God of great expectations, desiring for each of us – individually, relationally, as churches and communities - the very best. God expects the very best of and for us. At Epworth Chapel, we are a church that continues to live into these great expectations. We experience God's blessings on a daily basis as God is at work through our worship, fellowship and service. We witness it in all of us – from the youngest to the oldest among us. In one of our Advent readings for this year, Pastor Mike Slaughter lifts up the prospect that each of us should be expecting a miracle, expecting God to do something miraculous – something great – in our lives. I pray that we will all discover what that something is for us. May God richly bless and keep you during this Holy season.

Peace and Joy,

Continued Blessings,

Rev. Dr. C. Anthony Hunt

Senior Pastor

Please remember to view & download excerpts of each week's sermon by going to my blog at www.newurbanministry.blogspot.com

WE LOVE
OUR VOLUNTEERS

The United Methodist Women will pack food bags for distribution @ 9AM on Monday, December 17th! Volunteers needed!

Female Mentoring Program will be preparing kits (toiletries) to send to victims of Super Storm Sandy. Donations will be appreciated. More questions? Barbara Cooper (410-277-0317)

Cynthia Brown will be working with the Arlington West Nursing Home Christmas Project

Look at this Candy Cane. What do you see? Stripes that are Red, like the blood shed for me. White for my Savior who's sinless and pure. "J" is for Jesus. My Lord that's for sure. Turn it around and a Staff you will see. Jesus my shepherd is coming for me!



ESCLL GRADUATION PG. 2

MARK YOUR CALENDAR



Children's
Christmas Program

EPWORTH UNITED METHODIST CHAPEL
DECEMBER 23, 2012 12:30 P.M.

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NEWS FROM THE PEWS



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2012 - 4:00 P.M.

FIFTH ANNUAL HOLIDAY JAZZ VESPERS

featuring **The Marsha Meekins Project Jazz Band**
It will be a Joyous Celebration! This is a free concert.

Please give Marsha a call for information at 410-292-8611

For any information, please call the church office at
 (410) 944-8388 or (410) 944-1070

**DVDs of this performance will go on sale
 starting December 9th for \$10**

Epworth School of Christian Life and Learning (ESCLL) Second Commencement Exercises, November 18, 2012



HIGHLIGHTS FOR

DECEMBER 2012

Don't Miss...

UMM'S BREAKFAST
DECEMBER 2, 2012
9:30 AM



Advent Bible Study: Wednesday Nights @7:00pm

"Christmas is Not Your Birthday: Experience the Joy of
 Living and Giving Like Jesus" by Mike Slaughter

Tuesday, December 18, 2012 @ 6:30 p.m.

Woodmoor Association Holiday Celebration
Fellowship Hall

Sunday, December 23, 2012; 12:30 p.m.

Children's Christmas Program



Sunday,
December 23, 2012

9:30 a.m.

service only
Christmas Cantata



Kwanzaa Meal

after 9:30 am service

Please bring donations
of your favorite foods.
Sign up in office!



Candlelight
Worship Service
December 24, 2012

7:00 p.m.



Tuesday,
December 25, 2012

Christmas
Day

Monday, December 31, 2012 @ 7 pm
NEW YEAR'S EVE WORSHIP SERVICE

December: Every Wednesday
 @ 12 Noon - Noontime Devotions

Prayer Meetings Thursdays

6pm - 7pm

ALL ARE WELCOME!

YOUTH NEWZ from Associate Pastor, Rev. Kelly Grimes

Greetings Epworth!

ROCK 2013 is ALMOST here!! Please contact Rev. Kelly Grimes for more information. This is an opportunity for the youth to get closer to Christ! Keep them in prayer as they listen, learn, grow, worship, praise, and pray! We're looking to have fun but most importantly, we are looking for the youth to have an encounter with Jesus Christ that will leave an indelible mark on their lives!



The Epworth Dance Ministry is recruiting new members 8 yrs. and older. If you are interested in joining, please contact Robbie Robinson @ 410-265-5973 or radrobinson3133@gmail.com. Dance rehearsals will be held each Saturday.



Youth in Middle & High School Advent Bible Study "Christmas is Not Your Birthday"

Sundays, December 2nd, 9th, and 16th
in place of regular Sunday School classes

Blessings,
Pastor Kelly Grimes



DECEMBER 12, 2012

Girl Scout Annual
Rededication Ceremony
Fellowship Hall
7 pm

Girls Scouts from Troop 1468 (Juniors to Seniors, grades 4th through 9th) located at Epworth Chapel UMC are collecting Coats, Hats and Gloves and financial donations which we plan to deliver on December 15th to the American Red Cross. Please share this information. Contact person for this event is Johnna Johnson, jonredesigns@yahoo.com.

Lord
our God,
the heavens are
the work of your hands,
the moon and the stars you
made;

the earth and the sea, and every
living creature came into being
by your word. And all of us, too.

May this tree bring cheer to this house
though Jesus Christ your good and holy Son,
who
brings life
and beauty to us
and to our world.

Lighting this tree, we hope in his promise.

JOIN US FOR FUN!



LINE DANCING CLASS
EVERY MONDAY 6:30 P.M.

REMINDER:

Please remember to pick up your
tithing envelopes in the Narthex

PLANNING MEETINGS

Saturday, December 8, 2012; 9:00 a.m. UMM's Mtg.

Tuesday, December 11, 2012; 7:00 pm
Strategic Planning Meeting

Saturday, December 15, 2012; 10:00 a.m. UMW Mtg.

REMINDER:

Angel Tree gifts should be returned to church by
Sunday December 16th. If you still need to choose a
name, Angels of various ages will on the Angel Tree
in the Walbrook Hall. Forgotten angels are children
of a parent who is incarcerated.

Please see Pat Williams for more questions



Dear Epworth Family,

Thank you so much for your kindness
and words of comfort during our time
of bereavement for our niece and cousin.

Denise & Thurman Pugh

Dear Epworth Family,

I would like to thank my Epworth Family
for their prayers, many cards, visits and
monetary gifts during my recovery from
knee surgery. When you know that others
care, it makes your day so much brighter,
and recovery much easier. I'm recovering
very well. God is always in charge. I'm so
Blessed.

Shirley M. Holley

Dear Epworth Methodist & Family,

Thank you for your generous Scholarship to help me celebrate my recent graduation from Dulaney Senior High School. Your Scholarship/Gift was sincerely appreciated. As I transition to my next stage in my life, I will remember the gift that you gave me in support of my future endeavors. Thank you very much.

Christopher Conway

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**Sunday
Worship**
8:15 a.m.
10:45 a.m.
Sunday School
9:30 a.m.

SENIOR PASTOR:
**REV. DR. CHARLES
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DECEMBER 15, 2012

WESTSIDE MEN'S SHELTER DINNER **December 21, 2012 @ 6:00 pm**



Help us Support the Westside Men's Shelter

The facility, open 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, houses 120-135 men per night and is dependent upon donations from churches, businesses and other organizations to operate. Epworth seeks to provide meals (Friday dinners and Saturday bag lunches for the second week of each month) **Please help by donating food, making monetary donations, donating a SHARE Food Package, assisting with food purchase and preparations and donating toiletry items.** Please contact Zenea Nelson (410-655-5725), Cynthia Brown (410-265-5048), Cynthia Taylor (443-394-840) or Yvonne Pitts (410-265-8042)

Volunteers!



Please Help the United Methodist Women Support the Church Community

Epworth family and friends, thank you very much for participating in this Outreach Ministry. As of September 2011, we have delivered 179 food bags to 21 families of our church community. **Please help by donating food or feel free to make a monetary contribution made out to Epworth Chapel UMW for food distribution.**

Cake mix*Apple sauce*Peanut
Butter*Jelly*Spaghetti (box)*Pasta
sauce*Spaghetti O's*Macaroni &
Cheese*Pancake mix* Syrup*Hamburger
Helper*Oodles of Noodles*Canned
Vegetables*Rice-a-Roni*Cold or Hot
cereal*Baked Beans*Elbow
Macaroni*Pasta*Canned

Meats*Canned

tuna/salmon*Fruit snacks*Pudding/
Jello*Crackers*Hugs*Rice Krispies Treats

Please contact Janice D. Mason, Coordinator
(410-944-2022 or jjdmason@aol.com)

CHRISTMAS THOUGHTS



Gifts You Can Give Year Round

The Gift of Praise

Appropriate mention, right in front of the other fellow, of superior qualities or of a job or deeds well done.

The Gift of Consideration

Putting yourself in the other's shoes and thus providing your genuine understanding of his side of the case.

The Gift of Concession

Humbly saying at just the right point, "I am sorry, you are right and I am wrong."

The Gift of Gratitude

Never forgetting to say "Thank You" and never failing to mean it.

The Gift of Attention

When the other fellow speaks, listen attentively.
If his words are directed to you personally, meet his eye squarely.

The Gift of Inspiration

Plant seeds of courage and action in the other person's heart.

The Gift of Personal Presence

In sickness, in trouble, or in great joy, there is nothing quite equal to your personal expression of sympathy or congratulations. Resolve to give these gifts each day. You will be pleasantly surprised at what you will receive in return.