





## THE EPWORTH MESSENGER



**Senior Pastor** 

Advent Greetings,

# The Pastor's Corner

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

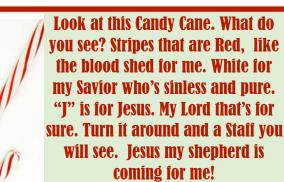


The United Methodist Women will pack food bags for distribution @ 9AM on Monday, December 17th! Volunteers needed!

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









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### NEWS FROM THE PEWS



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

FIFTH ANNUAL HOLIDAY JAZZ VESPERS

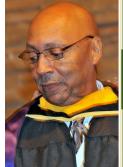
featuring **The Marsha Meekins Project Jazz Band**It will be a Joyous Celebration! This is a free concert.
Please give Marsha a call for information at 410-292-8611
For any information, please call the church office at
(410) 944-8388 or (410) 944-1070

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















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!

# J'H 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



**Girl Scout Annual Rededication Ceremony** Fellowship Hall 7 pm

Girls Scouts from Troop 1468 (Juniors to DECEMBER 12, 2012 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. Maythis 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.

# 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, 2011; 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 Methodist & Family,

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

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 ANTHONY HUNT

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**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE** 

JANUARY ISSUE DEADLINE: 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)



### 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 jidmason@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.

http://www.2heartsnetwork.org/