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THE EPWORTH MESSENGER



Greetings in Christ,

It's amazing to know that we serve an extravagantly generous God! Fall is the season when we take time to give thanks to God for the generous blessings bestowed upon us. This is a season of reflecting on the goodness of God for health, family, friends, material and spiritual gifts that have come our way. It is also an opportunity for each of us as a part of our faith journey to reflect upon our response to God's goodness as we offer ourselves

The Pastor's Corner

and some of what we have in service to others. At Epworth, we have been blessed throughout this year to not only receive, but to give of ourselves. What an exciting opportunity it was for us to gather together in the middle of October for our "Change the World" community mission day. Over 220 households - including over 780 - family members were blessed by our collective efforts. During the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays, we look forward again to being in mission with our neighbors. Let us always keep in mind that we are blessed to be a blessing. In the days ahead, my prayer is that each of us will continue to experience the extravagant blessings of God in our lives.

Peace and Joy, Rev. Dr. C. Anthony Hunt

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



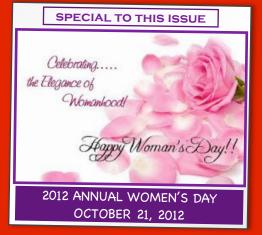
Unprecedented Numbers at Change the World Day!

- 222 families were served; 150 volunteers from 3 churches and Boy Scouts & Girl Scouts participated Distributed goods from the
 - Maryland Food Bank Conducted Voter Registration &
- Blood Pressure Screenings Distributed dental kits, health
- information, new and gently used clothing, and books



FEATURE STORY





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YOUTH NEWZ from Associate Pastor, Rev. Kelly Grimes

Greetings Epworth!

The school year has begun and we are in HIGH GEAR! Let's give thanks to God for **Mrs. Angela Mason Elbert** for spearheading our youth and children ministries and **Min. Wilbur Willis** as our Sunday School Superintendent! They are doing a phenomenal job!

We are gearing up for The Holiday Season, ROCK 2013, Confirmation class and beyond. The children's Christmas Play is on December 23rd after the Christmas Cantata! Come enjoy a lovely reception and be blessed by our children in the arts! Please contact the church for more information on practice schedules!

Let us keep in special prayers our COLLEGE STUDENTS!! They are doing well and need our love and support. We are preparing to send care packages and cards to them. If you would like to participate, please email Rev. Grimes and/or bring in your cards of support and encouragement.

Be sure to check out our website: <u>WWW.EPWORTHCHAPEL.ORG</u> for all the events happening in the life of our congregation and in the community! If you have any questions, please email me, facebook me, tweet me! Rev. Grimes: <u>klgrimes@epworthchapel.org</u>

Blessings, Pastor Kelly Grímes Associate Pastor 2012 - 2013 DATES TO REMEMBER

December 23, 2012 – Children's Christmas Play

January 5, 2013 – Safe Sanctuaries Policy Meeting

January 11 - 13, 2013-*ROCK YOUTH RETREAT (Ocean City, MD)

The Epworth Dance Ministry is recruiting new members 8 years and older. If interested please contact Robbie Robinson @ 410-265-5973/<u>radrobinson3133@gmail.com</u>

 FEB 2013 - Confirmation Class Begins and SO MUCH MORE!!!
** Fair Exchange Fundraiser will be set up in the Fellowship Hall after each service to benefit the Youth planning to attend ROCK.



REGGIE DABBS

ROCK 2013 is around the corner. ROCK 2013 is a weekend (January 11-13, 2013) of music & fun with teenagers from all over Maryland and DC to hang out in Ocean City.

Theme for ROCK 2013: Transformed from the inside out. Romans 12:2 "Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is - his good, pleasing and perfect will."

2012 Annual Women's Day (cont'd)







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The Mission Outreach and Faith in Action Team (MOFAT)

is requesting your help in providing traditional Thanksgiving Baskets for 60 families with children in need of food assistance. Following items are needed: Green beans, sauerkraut, sweet potatoes, cranberry sauce, stuffing, and macaroni and cheese. Food may be left in the rear of the Wallace Center. Monetary donations also accepted. Your help is also needed in sorting and packing which will be November 12-15. While this mission outreach is under MOFAT, it is being spearheaded by the United Methodist Women. Questions: Church office (410-944-1070) or Marshall Nock (410-265-5169

The Response Team is looking for volunteers! This ministry assists members and their families with a repast after a funeral. The food is donated by volunteers and meats are

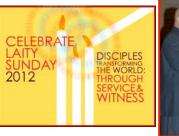
supplemented by the Church. To be placed on the On-Call list for donations or help cook or serve the family call the Church Office



Celebrate Recovery: A Christ Centered Recovery Program

The program helps those struggling with hurts, hang-ups and habits by showing them the loving power of Jesus Christ through the recovery process. If you feel a need to help establish this ministry at Epworth, an overview of the process giving us wisdom and courage as we face the will be held at Mt. Olivet UMC, 823 Edmondson challenges in life. In love we invoke your help Ave., Catonsville. Please contact Zenea Nelson and guidance during these difficult days of

(410-655-5725), Cynthia Brown (410-265-5048), Cynthia Taylor (443-394-840) or Yvonne Pitts (410-265-8042)





Epworth Welcomes New Membership

The Membership/Orientation Committee of Epworth United Methodist Chapel conducted its quarterly membership class on Sunday, September 30, 2012. This class was composed of eight new members, the largest class yet to be inducted into membership at Epworth.

On Sunday, October 7, 2012, these eight new members were read-in at the 8:15 am worship service and were enthusiastically received by the Epworth Family. Each of the following new members received a certificate of appreciation for class completion:

Khayla Carter	Gloria Mayfield	Huallen Holland
Carla Powell	Anne Janifer	Adrienne Sutton
Hazel Kimbrow	Levon Sutton	

We welcome each new member into the Epworth Family and spiritually support them as they join the ever-growing disciples in helping Epworth to successfully will and for our own spiritual good and growth. Epworth Family in "Making Disciples and Making a Difference." Congratulations to each of you!!

The Evangelist & Faith Sharing Team, James E. Melton



Orientation Class Schedule

(Immediately following the 10:45 am worship service in the Wallace Center)

Sun., March, 2013 12-2 pm Sun., June, 2013 12-2 pm Sun., Sept. 2013 12-2 pm Sun., Dec. 2013 12-2 pm

We take great pride and dedication in our continued effort to provide the necessary Orientation classes for membership at Epworth United Methodist Chapel. Such with others. classes will enhance your knowledge of the Inspire more people to be men and women for history and origin of Methodism, the United Methodist Church, History of Epworth, its mission, administrative components, and accomplish its stated mission goals, thus helping to build the body of Christ, the Church.

THANKSGIVING

Oh, God our Father:

In faith we acknowledge your paternal care over us, your sons, daughters and children. Ir hope we trust in your divine providence of death and destruction in our dear country.

Ours is a prayer of thanksgiving for once again reminding us that ours is an imperfect world that heaven is not on earth and that nature every now and then tells us not to abuse her Ours too is a prayer of repentance for calling upon you when we are in need and desperation but forgetting you in favorable times and pleasing occasions. Ours as well is a prayer of petition as we say:

Grant eternal peace to those who lost their lives. Embrace the children who died in their innocence. Help those who are hurt and cure those who are sick.

Encourage those who suffer the destruction of their homes and properties, and to once agair stand up and rebuild their future.

Bless all those who extend their helping hands to those in need of food, shelter and clothing who share their time, talents and resources

their neighbors, convinced that the more they are for others, the taller they stand before you

ministries. It is our hope that all attendees Spare us please from other natural disasters will become dedicated and effective and devastations if this be according to Your

[Amen.]

-- marcusapollo