



THE EPWORTH MESSENGER



REV. DR. C. ANTHONY HUNT

Senior Pastor

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www.newurbanministry.blogspot.com

The Pastor's Corner

Greetings in Christ,

Praise the Lord! This month, the Epworth Chapel family will take time to celebrate the ministry and accomplishments of our young people, as several will be graduating and going off to college or starting other new endeavors in their lives. Many of our young people have achieved distinctions in areas like music, sports, scouting and many other areas. A familiar African proverb intimates that "It takes a village to raise a child." I believe that this is an important adage for us at Epworth as we continue to encourage and support our young people. Each Sunday during worship, our youth are invited to gather at the front of the church for the "young people's moment." What a joy it always is to share in this time! I thank God for the ministry that we share, from the youngest to the oldest among us. May God continue to bless you and keep you during this summer and in all the days ahead.

Peace and Joy,

Rev. Dr. C. Anthony Hunt

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EPWORTH HAS A NEW WEBSITE:

For the latest information, weather messages, video of worship services and updated calendar, check out our new website:

www.epworthchapel.org

You will find all kinds of GREAT things on the new website!!

FATHER'S DAY PRAYER

God our Father, in your wisdom and love you made all things. Bless these men, that they may be strengthened as Christian fathers. Let the example of their faith and love shine forth. Grant that we, their sons and daughters, may honor them always with a spirit of profound respect. Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



FATHER'S DAY BLESSINGS

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STUDENT RECOGNITION SERVICE

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NEWS FROM THE PEWS



CELEBRATION OF MINISTRY FOR
REV. DR. C. ANTHONY HUNT @
Catonsville United Methodist Church

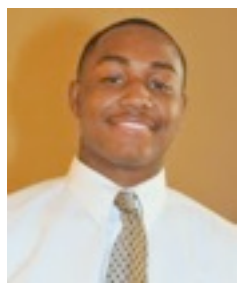
Reverend Hunt will be leaving his
position as District
Superintendent for the Baltimore
Washington Conference and
becoming the full time
Senior Pastor here!

SUNDAY, JUNE 10, 2012
THREE O'CLOCK P.M.



The Youth and Graduates of Epworth Chapel invite you to the exciting Worship Service celebrating the Young People and Graduates of Epworth Chapel on June 10, 2012 at 9:30am. It will be an exciting and uplifting worship service! Our guest preacher is: Minister Christopher Allen of the John Wesley UMC in Baltimore! After the service, the Epworth

family & friends are invited to a reception to congratulate the Graduates and Young People who have faithfully served the church and the community! You won't want to miss THIS!!!



Christopher Steven Aaron
Conway
2012 Dulane H.S. Graduate
Will major in business
administration at York
College



Both Charles Robinson and Brianna
Hopkins, cousins and active members
of Epworth's youth activities
(acolytes, liturgical dancer, musician)
will both attend Frostburg State in
the Fall.



Saturday, June 23, 2012

"The Devil on Trial"

(Performed by the Diaconate Ministry of First Baptist Church of South Richmond, VA)

Epworth UMC, 12:00 Noon Play with lunch to follow

Adults: Play Only - \$10; Play & Luncheon - \$20

Children Under 10: Play Only - \$5; Play & Luncheon - \$10

Tickets: Edna Kenner, Chairperson; 410-448-2468
Joyce Lofton, Co-Chair; 410-233-4522

HIGHLIGHTS FOR

JUNE 2012

Don't Miss...



HOLISTIC HEALTH SEMINAR

Randallstown Recreation Center
June 2, 2012

Saturday, June 9, 2012
UMM Meeting 9:00 am

Children & Youth Recognition Sunday
Sunday, June 10, 2012; 9:30 am

Jazz Vespers
July 15, 2012; 4:00 pm

Liturgist Quarterly Meeting
Fellowship Hall
June 16, 2012; 12:30 p.m.



Sunday,
June 17,
2012

FATHER'S DAY

Usher's Sunday Worship Service
June 24, 2012; 3:00 p.m.

Guest Speaker: Rev. Eugene Matthews

Noontime Devotions - Every Wednesday

Line Dance Class - Tuesday's 6:30 p.m.

Prayer Meetings Thursdays

6 pm - 7 pm

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Contact person: Mrs. Carolyn Newsome

YOUTH NEWZ from Associate Pastor, Rev. Kelly Grimes

Greetings Epworth!

Attention YOUNG ADULTS! We had a GREAT first meeting! And it's time to do it again!! We will meet on Sunday, June 3, 2012 at 10:15 am - 10:45 am in the Wallace Center! We're gearing up for an exciting summer of mission and fun! Got questions: revklg@hotmail.com, hit me up on facebook or twitter! See you on June 3rd!!!

Want a great way to get to know other youth at Epworth?! SING IN THE CHOIR!!...just come with a great attitude! We are rehearsing the first and third Sunday's after Sunday School at 10:30 a.m. For more information see Ms. Bessie Conway.

VOLUNTEERS & DONATIONS are needed for
Flyers are in the Narthex!



Vacation Bible School.



On May 27, 2012 Epworth Chapel celebrated our **NEW CONFIRMANDS!** Welcome them into the life of Epworth! Did you know confirmed members of the UMC can serve in ministries at the church? They are ready and eager to be in service! We are VERY proud of them!!



**Joshua Hood
Brianna Powell
Ryan Conway
Deneshia Odum**



*Blessings,
Pastor Kelly Grimes
Associate Pastor*



DENESHA MARIE ODUM

Each year, two recipients per school are selected by the schools' Art Department to have their work presented in a museum. Denesha Marie Odum, (mother, Denise Jackson, father, Verdine Odum and granddaughter to Vance and Veronica Odum), has had the honor of being selected "three" times for her art work. As a representative of Logan Elementary School in Dundalk, in 2009/2010, Denesha's work appeared each year for Youth Art at The Walters Art Museum. Her work is currently appearing in the "Art Is For Everyone Exhibit" at The Baltimore Museum Of Art. Her goal is to work in the art world. *We congratulate and support Denesha Marie.*

ONE ROOM SUNDAY SCHOOL

One Room Sunday School will run through August 26th for ALL the children who are attending Sunday School during the regular session (September - June);

ALL ages/grades will be combined during the summer months. Ages 3-12

Teachers, teen helpers and supporters are needed!

Stories*Dramas*Coloring Pictures*Crosswords*Crafts*Puzzles*Mazes & SNACKS!



July 9, 2012-July 20, 2012

Morning Session

(Children: 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.)

Evening Sessions

(Adults: 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.)

Eric Conway, son of Bessie and Dr. Eric Conway, has successfully completed his first year at Yale University. Epworth members were happy to see him and provided hugs and words of encouragement as he continues to pursue his degree.



Young People and Student Recognition Sunday
June 10, 2012
9:30 am (One service only)



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

SENIOR PASTOR:
REV. DR. CHARLES
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REV. KELLY GRIMES
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FATHER'S DAY BLESSINGS

"Tea With My Father" by Latrice Pace

The most meaningful moments in a daughter's life is spent with her father. I remember my mother telling me the story of her and my Daddy sitting up in the dining room late one night around the heater talking. I was playing around in his lap for hours and was suddenly at his feet. He then asked her what I was doing; I was sleep.

Daddy had been working all day, just as he did every day of my life. When he finally got home I just wanted to be around him. I'm sure my bed was more comfortable than that hard wood floor, but I was comforted and at peace knowing that I was at the feet of my Daddy.

In losing my Daddy in November of 2008 his purpose in my life became all the more clearer. Fathers play an essential role in their daughter's lives. Many things are learned and many things are taught. I learned to be assertive without being aggressive. I learned that some men are only capable of communicating their love with provision and security (Note: I didn't generalize). I was taught that a man should be willing to dig ditches if he had to in order to provide for his family. Just a few of the invaluable lessons I will cherish.

As a little girl I sought acceptance, validation, and the approval of my Daddy, as every little girl does. Sometimes wishing I were an only child so I could get it all and get it all of the time. After his homegoing I didn't only mourn his death, I also mourned the void that the absence of his presence left. As well as those things I felt I was deprived of. I thought, "How in the world am I going to get them now?"

Well, a few weeks later I had a dream about him. He was sitting at a table having tea and I was invited. Now, I have personally experienced in the European culture that for years they honored their tea time. Not only for its health benefits, but to relax, unwind and spend time with their friends. Their businesses would cease to operate in honor of afternoon tea. Purposely to relax, unwind and spend time with friends. My Daddy wanted to relax, unwind and spend time with me, his daughter and friend.

Playing on a black and white television behind the table where he was sitting was footage of my mother in her younger years. He then apologized to me and wished things could have been better, different. He wished he could have left a greater inheritance. He then wished he could simply take me to dinner.

Now, I'm not here to debate whether the dream I had about my deceased father was of God or scriptural. I'm simply sharing my experience. Even after his death he had a desire to provide for me. He wanted me to want for nothing. As our tea time came to an end I then assured him that I was going to be ok and that our heavenly Father had it covered.

Many have lost their natural father, but just as it is in the natural, it is in the spiritual. Our spiritual Father is waiting for His time to fill your void and validate. His time to relax, unwind and talk to you, his friend.

Scripture Of The Day: "Our fathers trusted in You; They trusted, and You delivered them." - Psalm 22:4 (NKJV) - StreamingFaith.com



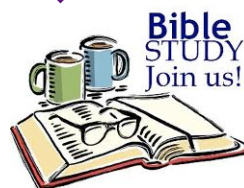
Rev. Hunt & Epworth Family,

Words cannot express how grateful I am for your overwhelming support at the death

of my Mom. Your many cards, calls and gifts were deeply appreciated. As you know my Mom was ninety-five years; I feel so blessed to have had so long.

Thank you! Thank you! Thank God. Bless you all!

- Doris Cooke-



Congratulations to the Thursday morning Bible class for completing six weeks of devoted study. Nine individuals met Thursday morning for 2 hours to participate in "Foundations For Faith" (Design for Discipleship)

Bible Study. In addition, to the lessons, participants were challenged each week to acquaint themselves with "The Address,"exploring the sources of various Bible verses. In response to the group's request another 6-week Thursday morning Bible study is planned. For more information, please a contact, Marshall Nock (410-265-5169) or the Church Office (410-944-1070)!

