

# Englewood United Methodist Church

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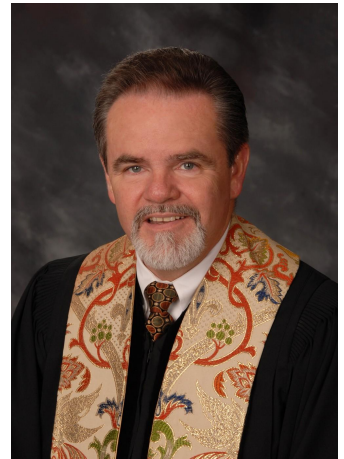
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## From Pastor David . . . .

We feel like we are coming home and we're excited to be here. It was 22 years ago that Cathy, Gerianne, and I came to Rocky Mount. At that time, I was appointed as Associate Minister of First UMC. I remember Englewood UMC which was (and still is) known as a very active and friendly congregation. Much has happened since 1987. Cathy and I have now been married 31 years. She has had a wonderful teaching career wherever we have served. Cathy is a Middle School Language Arts Teacher and is seeking employment in the Nash-Rocky Mount Public Schools. Gerianne is now married and teaches 9th grade English in Winston-Salem. Marianne is a rising Junior at Methodist University in Fayetteville. Also, we have been blessed to have served many churches throughout Eastern North Carolina.



I want you to know that Cathy and I have been praying for you as we make this transition "back home." Our prayer for you and for us as we partner with God is best found in Philippians 1:2-6. *"Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with you in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that he who began a good work in you is faithful to complete it by the day of Jesus Christ."*

It is my prayer, hope, and desire for us to spend many years together. This is very much like a marriage between Englewood and Pastor David. May we all fall deeper in love with Jesus and each other. May we always keep all lines of communication open. May we trust each other implicitly. When disagreements arise (and they will as in any family), may we forgive one another and show signs of reconciliation and peace to one another.

God is so good! May we do as John Wesley calls us all to do for the glory of God and the blessings of one another as found in the book by Rueben Job, **Three Simple Rules:**

- (1) Do No Harm
- (2) Do Good
- (3) Stay in Love With God

Blessings,

*David*

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## Our Newest Members



*Eugene, Jenny and Emily Tinklepaugh*  
3120 Ridgcrest Drive  
Rocky Mount, NC 27803  
252-714-0645

## *Thank You*

The Staff-Parish Relations Committee would like to thank Jeannie Gibbs and the UMW for the wonderful reception for Pastor John and Carol Wenberg. Jeannie said that over 70 people helped with the reception. Thanks again!



### Our Sympathy Is Expressed To:

*Isaac Smith and family upon the death of his sister, Annie S. Lewis, on June 1, 2009.*

*The family and friends of Emily Alice Morris Tye upon her death on June 21, 2009.*

### *In Memoriam*

**EMILY ALICE MORRIS TYE**

**June 21, 2009**



### *Birth*



*Congratulations to  
Will and Carrie Geanes  
on the birth of their daughter  
Katherine Meredith Geanes  
on June 23, 2009.*

### FIRST SUNDAY OFFERING

The First Sunday Offering for July will benefit the EUMC Van Fund. This "FUND" was started last year in anticipation of purchasing a van in the near future. Thank you for your continued support of the First Sunday Offerings. Remember you may contribute to these offerings throughout the month.

### **"ATTA BOY/ATTA GIRL", ENGLEWOOD!**

People go where they are invited and stay or go back where they are appreciated! Because of our "welcoming" and "friendly" spirit, during the past 12 months (July 2008-June 2009), EUMC has received 29 new members into our congregation as compared to 13 for the same period a year ago.

Also during this time, the "Keepers" young adult Sunday School class has grown to now having 28 members on its class roll. (No, you cannot request to transfer to this Sunday School class in order to be able to call yourself a "young adult" once again!)

Currently I am "in contact" with 29 "visitors" that are in various stages of establishing or strengthening their relationship with Christ through the ministries of EUMC. In categorizing these 29 on their fellowship activities, 6 have expressed an interest in joining our Church, 9 regularly attend both Sunday School and Church, 5 regularly attend Church and 9 attend Church periodically.

If you had to place yourself in one of these "categories", where would you be and why are you there? Don't worry, I would never ask you that question face-to-face. Yet, Scripture tells us one day all believers are going to have to answer these types of questions. It is important to check out what Scripture says in I Corinthians 4:1-5, Romans 14:8-12, and II Corinthians 5:5-10. (Sorry, I know this really goes from "preaching" to "meddling", but it is meant to inspire, not condemn.)

"Atta boy/girl" is the old saying that means, "way to go", "good job", "you done good", "it's a good thing"! Most of the visitors that I see do comment on how friendly our congregation is and how they do feel "welcome" when they attend. Let's keep the welcoming spirit going and growing!

The one area of Evangelism that we do need to improve is to "invite" to EUMC more people that you meet or cross paths with in your daily living. Also, you should not only invite "strangers" that you meet and friends, but consider also those whom you used to see that regularly attended EUMC that you haven't seen in a while. Invite them back and let them know that they have been missed and what they have been missing! Keep smiling, it's a great invitation!

Jim Dunn  
Lay Minister for Visitation and Evangelism



## “Hot Air” from Jim . . . . .

Happy July 4th! How do you plan on spending the day celebrating your freedom and independence? Probably you, like myself, will plan some activity to indulge yourself to make you happy which, for me, usually involves a large amount of FOOD!!

The 4th will not be spent remembering all the sacrifices made by others in the past and those sacrificing every day for us to have freedom and independence. That is just too depressing. But, we should remember and celebrate them, as well as appreciate and value their service, being thankful and happy for our blessings.

For EUMC, we also should thank and remember the “charter members” and those who worked hard and sacrificed in the early years building the foundations of our church where we now worship, fellowship, and are free to exercise our faith. We should also appreciate and thank those who serve EUMC today that help our ministries continue and grow.

If I asked you if you are “free”, what would you say? When I reflect on the question, I don’t remember ever being free since I’ve always had someone telling me what to do and how to do it! First, it was my parents and teachers, then the military officers and college professors, then.....well you know! But, I’m not going to put that in writing!!

So....maybe it is freedom along with responsibilities and obligations. Jesus said in John 8:31-32, “If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth and the truth will set you free.” FREE?! Feels like restrictions, if you follow the scriptures. Then Christ tells us His “yoke” is easy and His burden is light (Matthew 11:28-30). It’s the change of heart and change of attitude that really “frees” us up to want to do His will in joy!

It is God and the foundations of America that allow us to be truly free, to raise our voices in worship and free speech. Both are now under attack by the world. The old hymn that we don’t sing anymore tells of what we must do: “Onward Christian Soldiers” marching as to war, with the cross of Jesus going on before, says that in following Christ and being active in ministry, our freedoms will be protected.

The current army recruiting mottoes, “Be an Army of One”, and “Be the Best You Can Be”, can certainly be applied to what Christ wants for us, to obey His commands, to follow His orders, to protect the oppressed and to be “in victory” with Him. I Timothy 6:12 tells us to fight the “good fight” of faith. May it be, that when all our battles are over, we will be able to say, as in II Timothy 4:7, “I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.”

Hello, Welcome to Englewood United Methodist Church!



**Invite someone to Sunday School and Worship today!!**



KEEP SMILING!  
(It will drive your Drill Sergeant crazy!)

*Jim Dunn*

P.S. To help protect our freedoms, I’ve developed a plan to capture Bin Laden! My good friend “Bubba” really loves his dog and pickup truck. I’ve hidden them, given “Bubba” a picture of Bin Laden, a map and plane ticket to Afghanistan, and told “Bubba” that Bin Laden was the guy that stole his dog and truck! “Bubba” is now on the hunt! It won’t be long!

### Retirement Reception

Many thanks to all who participated in the reception for the Wenbergs. As my Uncle Dewey used to say at family reunions, “Everything was delicious and not a bit of trouble.” Of course, he never prepared anything at all so he went to no trouble.

Over 70 of you participated in some way, thus proving that many hands make light work. Feeding over 200 people was accomplished with little trouble for any one person. Thank you again. Together we do wonderful things!

Jeannie Gibbs

*DINNERS FOR 80  
Schedule for July*

**6:00 p.m.**

July 16 & July 30  
Set-up & Clean-up: Young at Heart  
and Keepers Classes



**Thank You to all of our  
WONDERFUL VBS volunteers!**

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|----------------------------|--|
| Administrative Help        | Christian Davenport<br>Nancy Porter  |
| Swamp Stomp Leader         | Allison Bullock  |
| Spotlight Drama            | Camden Holland<br>Marcie Rich<br>Sherry Edwards                                |
| Gator Games                | Brad Edwards   |
| Dockside Drive-In          | Beth Ezzell<br>Laurie Cooper   |
| Crawfish Crafts & Missions | Stacie Carr  |
| Bible Bayou                | Lindsey Lee<br>Thomas Carr   |
| Snack Shack                | Sharon Dunn<br>Janice Robertson<br>Betty Davis<br>Charlotte Redd<br>Lin Varney |
| Decorations                |  |
| Crew Leaders               |  |
| Lynn Bradley               | Melissa Barbour  |
| Grayson Hicks              | Nathan Barbour   |
| Debbie High                | Karen Sloop  |
| Lisa Buie                  | Brent Watkins  |
| Steven Buie                | Rebecca Watkins  |
| Martha Fogarty             | Jo Wilson  |
| Olivia Morehart            | Luanne Osborne   |
| Kelley Tyndall             | Brenda Bazemore  |
| Alene Hagwood              | Dan Fogarty  |
| Nursery Workers            |  |
| Debbie Robertson           | Nancy Mooring  |
| Susan Rackley              | Jeannie Gibbs  |
| Phyllis Woodley            | Kenan Woodley  |
| Extra Helpers              | Lauren Campbell<br>Tina Campbell<br>Lisa Hicks                                 |

Thanks also to all who donated food or money for VBS snack time.

Amy Quigley  
VBS Director



Thanks to Charlotte Redd and Lin Varney, this scenery in the Fellowship Hall made the children at VBS feel they were actually at Crocodile Dock and could catch fireflies!

**ENGLEWOOD UMC MUSIC CAMP  
"Donkey Tales"**

July 13—16

6:15 p.m. until 8:15 p.m.

Ages 3—12



A performance will be held  
on July 16 after Dinners for 80.

**HELP PLEASE!**

We need the following items for Music Camp  
(July 13—16):

- 14 pairs of old blue jeans
- 7 Dowels (3 ft.)

- 1 Roll Packaging String
- 6 Bags Poly Fill (the \$2.50 size)

- 12 Red Bandanas (Dollar Store or Wal-Mart)
- 12 Blue Bandanas (Dollar Store or Wal-Mart)

If you can help, please leave items in the church office by Friday, July 10! Thanks for helping. You will get to see and hear our work at Dinners for 80 on July 16. Plan now to attend!

**FAMILY FUN & PICNIC AT STONE PARK**

(AKA Englewood Park)

July 8 from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.



Pack your family's picnic basket and join us at Stone Park for fun, fellowship, and church family picnic! This is

meant to be laid back fun and a time to get to know other Christian families better.



United  
Methodist  
Women

**ATTENTION! MEMBERS OF  
THE UMW COMMITTEE ON  
NOMINATIONS:**

There will be an important meeting Saturday, July 18th at 10:00 a.m. in the church library. If you have any questions, please call Bobbie Miller at 442-0682.

*An Invitation  
To All EUMC  
Women*

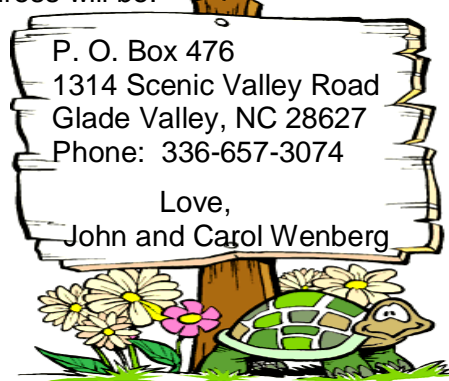


ALL WOMEN of the church are invited to an ice cream social on July 19, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Our speaker will be Sandra Farmer from Williford Elementary School. She will introduce us to a hands-on mission opportunity. Please bring school supplies for the needy children at Williford.

PS. You can donate even if you are unable to attend the social. Leave items in the Wesleyan Classroom any time before the 19th.

**W**e want to express our deep gratitude and appreciation to the church for the wonderful reception on Sunday, June 14, honoring John's retirement. Please know we are truly humbled by your generosity in the love gift that we received and the many additional gifts, cards, and expressions of love, affection, and care that have come our way. We love you all and will cherish the memories that are ours. Please continue to keep us in your prayers through the days ahead, even as you will be in ours.

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