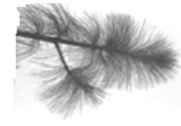




The Evergreen Bough



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A monthly newsletter for the congregation and friends of Evergreen UMC

“People will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will *never* forget how you made them feel”—*Maya Angelou*

EASTER (An abstract from Pastor Jeff's Blog on the Evergreen site---try it, you'll like it)

As I reflect upon our past season of lent, I am glad we have 50 days of Easter. It is downright uncomfortable to look seriously at our sinfulness and chosen separation from God for six weeks [*during Lent*]. Yet because we took that seriously, Easter was a tremendous celebration. Thank you to all who worked so diligently to create an environment of worship and celebration for the greatest day of the year!!

One more note. Evergreen has the special opportunity to develop some community building skills through the "Plow Point Ministry" project. (<http://www.plowpoint.org>) I ask you to pray for our discernment. I believe this is an important step for our church and, more importantly for the growth of the Kingdom of God. Please consider participating. If you have more questions feel free to speak with me or Kevin Powell or Trish Gardner.

Now may the grace and peace of our risen Lord be with you all. *Pastor Jeff*

MUSICAL APPRECIATION TIME

Every Spring, the choir gets together in a time of fellowship to plan for the coming year and to celebrate the triumphs and pratfalls of the previous year. We have a wonderfully creative party. This year we will be planning a secular musical event to help raise funds for the Lila Ryan Piano Fund (to purchase a digital piano for the Sanctuary). EVERYONE in all of

Evergreen's musical groups and ALL THOSE WHO WOULD LIKE TO BE PART OF THESE GROUPS (has anyone noticed the incredible graying of the hair and beards in the bass section of the choir?) are invited to attend the party to enjoy the fellowship and share in the planning.

WHEN: Saturday, May 19, 11am till ???

WHERE: Mary Kay & Herman's digs (directions available)

WHAT TO BRING: IDEAS, lunch and your favorite dish, casserole, dessert, or snack for the early evening meal. There will be some beverages (including some beer and wine) available but bring your favorites if you wish.

Y'ALL COME, Y'HEAR!!!!!!

Sunday Worship Schedule:

9-10 am Contemporary Worship

10-10:45am Sunday School

11-12noon Traditional Worship

6-7 pm *Connection Service*

HELP WANTED

Evergreen is looking for a volunteer(s) to fill the staff position of Administrative Assistant to the Pastor. Responsibilities would include answering the telephone, sorting mail, printing bulletins, making copies, assisting Sunday School teachers, monitoring office supplies, etc. For additional details, please contact Walton Haywood, 919-933-3869.

Knitting/Crocheting Ministry

Holy Hookers, Evergreen's Fiber Artists meet the second Tuesday of the month at 6pm at Evergreen. Bring your knit, crochet or

needlework project and enjoy the fellowship.
Anna Nicholson

Finances

The year-to-date budget shortfall has made it impossible to pay any of our share of the district work fund or conference apportionments (*Missions*).

Robbie Dircks

We have made our commitment. We need to honor that commitment.

Relay for Life:

a very inspiring event. It gives hope for those now in treatment and for those who may have the disease in the future. As government funding for cancer research declines, hope for finding a cure declines. By being part of the Relay, you can replace the hope. The luminary ceremony which takes place as night falls symbolizes that hope in the darkness of this disease. Come to the Relay!

The Pittsboro Relay for Life will take place on May 18th at Northwood High School. The Evergreen team is made up of a few members of the congregation, but the team is EVERGREEN. As you can see by the "thermometer" in the narthex,

Team Evergreen is way behind the \$\$ goal - is there anything YOU can do about that? You can also participate as part of this team by: signing up for a time to walk around the track (we will have someone walking on the track from 6 pm until 8 am); support our contestant in the Miss Relay contest; cheer for our folks in the Boxcar race; come to our site at the event to purchase a cup of Starbuck's, a homemade ham biscuit or a Breuggar's bagel; buy a ticket for the unique garden stepping stones or the bird feeder.

Luminaries will be accepted at any time before the lighting ceremony begins. To have your loved ones names printed in the program, please turn them in or mail them to the address on the bottom of the luminary form prior to May 7th. Forms are available in the narthex.

BE PART OF THE RELAY, PLEASE.

Racers Needed for the Relay for Life "Race to Recovery"

The Evergreen Team would like to have some willing volunteers to participate in the Race to Recovery, a "box car" race on the track. The boxcar is made from a cardboard box that is decorated at the track before the race begins. The single driver team consists of one driver and one pit crew member. The double driver team consists of a driver, a backseat driver and a pit crew member.

The idea is to run around the track with the car, make a pit stop for fuel (drink a bottle of water) and another pit stop for a tire change (put the right shoe on the left foot and left shoe on the right foot).

A \$50 gas card will be awarded to each member of the first team to cross the finish line.

The race is held at 3am, so we need a few energetic volunteers. You do not have to be a registered Relay participant to be eligible. ANYONE can be on the team.

Please contact Anna Nicholson before May 11. Thanks for helping Evergreen support the Relay for Life and the American Cancer Society.

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Evergreen website:

www.evergreen-umc.org.

You'll really love it!!!

Bible Question for May

Where was Saul when the Bible begins calling him Paul?

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