

# NEWS & NOTES

**Driving Kindness Bags Are in the Atrium Today!** These bags for the homeless were sponsored and packed by the church staff this month. If you or your group is interested in sponsoring the Driving Kindness bags, please contact Kathy Aspenwall (kathya@nrumc.org or 919.847.1536 x125). The Music Ministry does all the shopping; your commitment involves a \$150 donation and about 15 minutes of assembly time for 100 bags.

**Lenten Study Books are Available!** See Jo Hardy in the Atrium today to purchase your copy of *40 Days of Decrease* and join us for this churchwide study starting on March 2. Every day offers a meaningful consideration of Jesus' journey and then invites readers into a daily fast of heart-clutter, the stuff that sticks to our souls and weighs us down. **For a more casual small-group study setting, sign up for a Family Group at nrumc.org/2017-lenten-study/.**

**Wake Up and Read Annual Book Drive February 5-26** Help us support Wake Up and Read by donating books for children in need! Wake Up and Read takes new and gently-used books for children ages birth-12. They have a goal to distribute books to ten schools, as well as community centers and childcare facilities. Collection bins will be in the Youth Center, the Education Building, and the Atrium.

**Churchwide Spaghetti Supper** Join us tonight from 5:00-6:30 p.m. for a delicious spaghetti dinner sponsored and prepared by the United Methodist Men! Dinner is free, but any donations received will be used for the UMM's holiday food-box ministry. And you are invited to stay for Pastor Eric's *On the Edge with Eric* series at 6:30 p.m.

**Community Garden Ministry Kick-Off Meeting** Time to start planning our Nrumc community vegetable garden again! We deliver our produce to the Inter-Faith Food Shuttle whose mission is to end hunger in our community. A limited number of beds are available to individuals or groups for the spring season. If you would like to be a part of this amazing ministry, please contact Julie Barnes (jbarnes3@nc.rr.com or 919-624-8256) or Pam Hartigan (pamhartigan@att.net or 919-847-9930) or visit our website at nrumcgarden.wix.com/nrumcgarden. Our kick-off meeting for any new and veteran gardeners will be Sunday, February 19, at 3:00 p.m. in Room S2.

**Daddy-Daughter Dance Saturday, February 25** Calling all daddies and father figures! Bring your daughter to our annual Daddy-Daughter Dance in the Youth Center from 5:30-7:30 p.m. on Saturday, February 25. Pizza will be served and portraits will be taken! Tickets are \$20/couple and \$5 for each additional daughter and can be purchased in the Atrium today & next week. Contact Cassidy Plunkett (familyministry@nrumc.org or 919.847.1536 x103) for more information.

**Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper** Come celebrate Shrove Tuesday on February 28, from 5:00-7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. All-you-can-eat pancakes, sausage, fruit, and beverage for just \$5 (\$20 max per family). Reservations are not needed, but encouraged! Sign up in the Atrium today. For more info, contact Pat Kosak (prkatabsi@yahoo or 919.847.3088).

**Ash Wednesday Services March 1** Join us in the Sanctuary on Wednesday, March 1, for services at 12:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. This first day of Lent reminds us of the beginning of Jesus' 40 days in the desert and our mortality and need to repent. The order of worship will include hymns, meditation, and imposition of ashes.

**Seafood Festival to Aid Hurricane Matthew Response** Join the Capital District United Methodist Men at their annual All-You-Can-Eat Seafood Festival on Saturday, February 18, from 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. at 3200 Wellington Court #113. Lunch is \$25 and all proceeds go to Hurricane Matthew recovery efforts. For more info, contact Wally (919.868.3338).

**Souljourn Seeking Greeters & Communion Servers** If you are interested in volunteering for the Souljourn contemporary service, please contact Karen McWilliams (919.710.4631 or kmcwilliams@nc.rr.com). This is a very flexible opportunity that requires little extra time.

**New Member Discovery Class February 26** For those interested in becoming members of North Raleigh, our next class will be February 26 from 12:30 to 2:30. We will meet for a light lunch in the Fellowship Hall for a time to chat with our pastors and to learn a little more about our church and our heritage as Methodists.

**Interested in Playing Softball?** The season starts first week of April. Games are Tuesday and Thursday nights with a tournament at the end of the season. For more info, please contact Terry Godown (919.673.5090 or terry.godown@globalfoundries.com).

## THIS WEEK'S OPPORTUNITIES

For more information, visit one of our blue information carts or contact the church office (919.847.1536).

### Sun 2/12

**FAMILY PROMISE WEEK ENDS**  
12:30 p.m. Sound System Training (Fellowship Hall)  
1:00 p.m. Children's Ministry Search Committee (Conference Room)  
3:30 p.m. Illuminate (Youth Center)  
4:30 p.m. Yahweh Sisterhood Study: A Look at *Philippians* (E26)  
4:45 p.m. Alleluia Choir (Music Room)  
5:00 p.m. Cherub Choir (S4) • Jubilation Choir (S1) • Bells of Joy (Sanctuary)  
Partners in Prayer (Conference Room)  
Women's Study: *The Best Yes* (S2)  
UMM Spaghetti Dinner (Fellowship Hall)  
5:30 p.m. S.O.U.L. Puppets (Y4) • Belleplates (S3) • KidChimes (Music Room)  
5:45 p.m. 8501 B.C. Youth Bells (Sanctuary)  
6:30 p.m. Exaltation! Rehearsal-Full Band (Fellowship Hall)  
Study-*On the Edge with Eric* (S2)  
High School UMYF-Refuge (Youth Center)

### Mon 2/13

9:30 a.m. Women's Study-*Stronger: Finding Hope in Fragile Places* (S4)  
10:00 a.m. Study-*The New Testament from Scratch* (S3)  
7:00 p.m. Outreach Committee (E26)  
United Methodist Women Footprints Circle (S3)

### Tues 2/14

9:30 a.m. Journey Moms' Group Study-*Finding Balance* (E25)  
10:00 a.m. Study-*On the Edge with Eric* (S2)  
11:15 a.m. Emmaus Group (Conference Room)  
6:30 p.m. Study-*Mystical Hope* (S1)  
7:00 p.m. Board of Trustees (Conference Room)  
United Methodist Women Circle of Joy (S4)  
7:30 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous (S3)

### Wed 2/15

7:00 a.m. Wednesday Morning Bible Study & Prayer Fellowship (Y1)  
9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting (S4)  
10:00 a.m. Silver Chords Seniors' Choir (Sanctuary)  
11:00 a.m. JOY Senior Adult Fellowship (Fellowship Hall)  
1:00 p.m. Silver Bells (Sanctuary)  
5:30 p.m. Impact Singers (Music Room) • Handful of Praise (Youth Center)  
6:00 p.m. Yokefellow Ministry to Polk Correctional Institute (Off Campus)  
6:30 p.m. Rainbow Ringers (Sanctuary) • Finance Committee (Conf. Room)  
Middle School UMYF-Impact (Youth Center) • Al-Anon (S2)  
7:00 p.m. Study-*The New Testament from Scratch* (S3)  
7:45 p.m. Revelation Ringers (Sanctuary)

### Thurs 2/16

9:30 a.m. United Methodist Women Koinonia Circle (Off Campus)  
10:00 a.m. United Methodist Women Reflections Circle (S4)  
6:00 p.m. Youth Band Rehearsal (Youth Center)  
6:15 p.m. North Raleigh Ringers (Sanctuary)  
7:00 p.m. Stewardship Team (Conference Room)  
7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir (Sanctuary) • Smart Recovery Group (S4)  
9:00 p.m. High Notes Chamber Choir (Sanctuary)

### Fri 2/17

9:00 a.m. Partners in Prayer (Sanctuary)

### Sat 2/18

10:00 a.m. *All God's Children Super Saturday* (Youth Center)

### Sun 2/19

12:30 p.m. Confirmation Class (Youth Center)  
Church Council Meeting (Fellowship Hall)  
3:00 p.m. Community Garden Ministry Kick-Off Meeting (S2)  
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