

# NEWS & NOTES



**Our next "First Wednesday" is actually on Shrove Tuesday!** Join us on FEBRUARY 13 from 5:00-6:30 p.m. for pancakes, sausage, and fruit, provided by the United Methodist Women. Afterward, we will have a ceremony for the burning of palms for Ash Wednesday. Our mission projects will be writing care cards for our students through the College Connections group and decorating Lenten prayer boxes. RSVP online at [nrumc.org/first-wednesday](http://nrumc.org/first-wednesday), or scan the QR code to the left.

**Snacks for Baileywick** Part of our partnership with Baileywick Elementary is providing teachers with bulk snacks to give to kids that don't have them (about 25-33%). NRUMC will be sponsoring a snack drive from February 4-March 4. The snacks should be purchased in bulk packaging and be free of nuts, nut by-products, and excessive sugar. The following items are suggested: plain Cheerios, packaged (popped) popcorn, pretzels, animal crackers, Goldfish/Cheez-Its, oyster crackers, and dried fruit. Collection bins will be in the lobby, Atrium, and outside the church office. For more info, contact G.G. Dexter ([ggdexter@nc.rr.com](mailto:ggdexter@nc.rr.com) or 919.870.8228).

**Upcoming Studies for Lent & Eastertide** Purchase books in the Atrium today for the upcoming Lent study, *Forgiveness*, starting February 18. Also, the upcoming Eastertide book study, *John: The Gospel of Light & Life*, begins April 10. Both study groups will meet on Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m. or 6:30 p.m. in Room S2. For more information, see Jo Hardy in the Atrium today or February 11 or contact the office ([info@nrumc.org](mailto:info@nrumc.org) or 919.847.1536).

**Ash Wednesday Services February 14** Join us in the Sanctuary on Wednesday, February 14, 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 return to God. The order of worship will include hymns, meditation, special music, and imposition of ashes. Child care will be provided for the 12:30 p.m. service only.

**Spiritual Gifts Workshop "Discovering God's Vision For Your Life"** We are empowered by God to do God's work in the world through our unique sets of gifts, interests, and skills. Join us for a 2-day spiritual gifts workshop on Saturday, February 17 and Saturday, February 24, 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m., in the Fellowship Hall. Register and purchase materials (\$20) in the Atrium today. **Please visit [nrumc.org/spiritual-gifts-workshop](http://nrumc.org/spiritual-gifts-workshop) to RSVP.** Contact Ashley Will ([associatepastor@nrumc.org](mailto:associatepastor@nrumc.org) or 919.847.1536 x114) with questions.

**Impact Lives with Family Promise of Wake County.** Help families who are homeless and trying to get back on their feet! Volunteers are needed for the week of February 25-March 4. Visit [nrumc.org/family-promise-shelter-from-the-storm](http://nrumc.org/family-promise-shelter-from-the-storm) to sign up. Contact Patricia Salter ([posalter@gmail.com](mailto:posalter@gmail.com) or 919.491.0145).

**Job Opening: Program Assistant** NRUMC is seeking a full-time Program Assistant to Children, Family and Discipleship Ministries. Qualified candidates will be skilled in project management and organization, the use of social media platforms, databases such as ACS, and a passion for tending to a growing ministry for children and families in our community. This position requires a presence on Sunday mornings, as well as at various ministry events throughout the year. A letter of interest and resume should be submitted to [jobs@nrumc.org](mailto:jobs@nrumc.org) no later than February 28, 2018.

**Driving Kindness Bags are Available in the Atrium Today!** They were sponsored and packed by the Groom family this month. If your group is interested in sponsoring these bags for homeless outreach, please contact Michael Glasgow ([michaelg@nrumc.org](mailto:michaelg@nrumc.org) or 919.847.1536 x105).

**NRUMC Welcomes New Staff Member** The Staff-Parish Relations Committee is pleased to announce that Mary Honeycutt has been hired as Program Assistant for Membership Care and Connections; she begins work on March 5th. Mary comes to us with a career in both the corporate world and church ministry. She is currently working in a local church where she oversees and trains volunteers, and administers various office responsibilities including database management and assisting in developing church communications. We look forward to having Mary as a part of our church staff and will formally introduce her to the congregation in March. Please be in prayer for her as she makes her transition to NRUMC.

**Community Garden Planning Meeting February 18** Spring is almost here! If you're interested in growing vegetables to help NRUMC and the Inter-Faith Food Shuttle end hunger in our community, then join us at our organizational meeting on Sunday, February 18 at 4:00 p.m. in Room S1. Since 2013, the garden has donated close to 30,000 lbs. of fresh produce to the Shuttle. Ways to help include growing, watering, picking, or delivering produce throughout the season. For more information, contact Julie Barnes ([jbarnes3@nc.rr.com](mailto:jbarnes3@nc.rr.com) or 919.624.8256) or Pam Hartigan ([pamhartigan@att.net](mailto:pamhartigan@att.net) or 919.740.5241).

## THIS WEEK'S OPPORTUNITIES

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

### Sun 2/11

#### SCOUT SUNDAY

- 12:30 p.m. New Member Class (Fellowship Hall)
- Children & Family Discipleship Committee (Conference Room)
- 3:30 p.m. Youth Band Rehearsal (Youth Center)
- 4:45 p.m. Alleluia Choir (Music Room)
- 5:00 p.m. Cherub Choir (S4) • Partners in Prayer (Conference Room)
- It's Good to Be Queen Women's Study* (S2) • *Illuminate* (Youth Ctr.)
- 5:30 p.m. Belleplates (Sanctuary) • KidChimes (Music Room)
- 6:15 p.m. Exaltation! Rehearsal-Full Band (Fellowship Hall)
- 6:30 p.m. High School UMYF: Refuge (Youth Center)

### Mon 2/12

- 9:30 a.m. Nehemiah Women's Study (S4)
- 5:45 p.m. 8501 B.C. Youth Bells Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
- 6:30 p.m. Youth Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary) • Endowment Committee (S3)
- 7:00 p.m. Outreach Committee (E26) • Stephen Ministry (S2)

### Tues 2/13

- 9:30 a.m. Journey Mom's Group (E25)
- 10:00 a.m. Connecting to God Epiphany Study (S2)
- 11:15 a.m. Emmaus Group (Conference Room)
- 11:30 a.m. Disciple I: New Testament Study (S3)
- 5:00 p.m. "1st Wednesday"/Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper (Fellowship Hall)
- 7:00 p.m. United Methodist Women Circle of Joy (S4)
- 7:30 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous (S3)

### Wed 2/14

#### ASH WEDNESDAY

- 7:00 a.m. Wednesday Morning Bible Study & Prayer Fellowship (Y1)
- 10:00 a.m. Silver Chords Seniors' Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
- 11:00 a.m. JOY (Just Older Youth) Senior Adult Fellowship (Fellowship Hall)
- 12:30 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service (Sanctuary)
- 1:30 p.m. Silver Bells (Sanctuary)
- 5:30 p.m. S.O.U.L. Puppets (Y4) • Handful of Praise (Youth Center)
- 6:00 p.m. Yokefellow Ministry to Polk Correctional Institute (Off Campus)
- 6:30 p.m. Middle School UMYF: Impact (Youth Center) • AI-Anon (S2)
- The Divine Dance Study* (S1)
- 7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service (Sanctuary)
- 8:00 p.m. Revelation Ringers (Sanctuary)

### Thurs 2/15

- 9:30 a.m. United Methodist Women's Koinonia Circle (S4)
- 10:00 a.m. United Methodist Women's Reflections Circle (S2)
- 6:15 p.m. North Raleigh Ringers (Sanctuary)
- 6:30 p.m. Board of Trustees (Conference Room) • Cancer Support Group (S2)
- 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir (Sanctuary) • Smart Recovery Group (S4)
- 9:00 p.m. High Notes Chamber Choir (Sanctuary)

### Fri 2/16

- 9:00 a.m. Partners in Prayer (Sanctuary)
- 4:00 p.m. Senior High Youth Retreat (Off Campus)

### Sat 2/17

- ALL DAY: Senior High Youth Retreat (Off Campus)
- 7:30 a.m. Spiritual Gifts Class (Fellowship Hall)
- 5:00 p.m. Daddy-Daughter Dance (Fellowship Hall)

### Sun 2/18

- ALL DAY: Senior High Youth Retreat (Off Campus - ETA, 4:00 p.m.)
- 12:30 p.m. Confirmation Class (Youth Center)
- 2:00 p.m. Acolyte Training (Sanctuary)
- 4:00 p.m. Community Garden Organizational Meeting (S1)
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