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MT. SYLVAN GRAPEVINE CHURCH NEWSLETTER

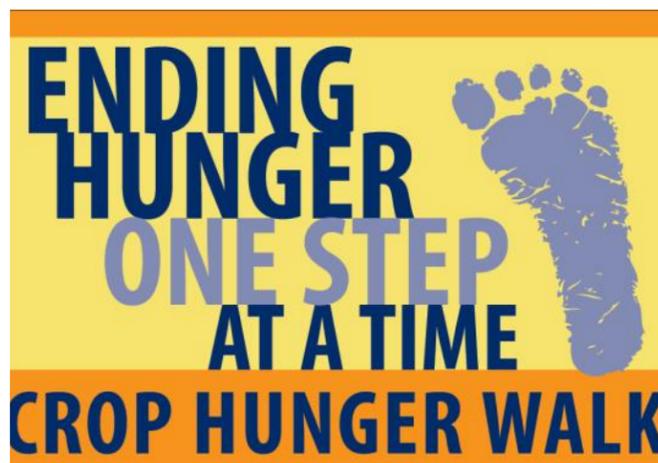
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Durham 2020 Crop Walk

April 5, 2020 at 2:30 pm

Duke Chapel



In just over a month, we will gather with others in our community to fight hunger both here and around the world. We need walkers and sponsors for the Durham 2020 Crop Walk. Help end hunger by signing up to walk on the "Mt. Sylvan UMC" Crop Walk team or you can also make a donation at www.crophungerwalk.org. The walk is at 2:30 pm on Sunday, April 5 at Duke Chapel. Please support this important cause to help end local and world hunger. Last year, we raised around \$4,100 and have raised over \$25,000 in the last ten years. Contact Doug and Kris Ferrell at (919) 620-9583 for more information. You can also email them at khall0828@hotmail.com.

In Service

Sunday, March 8th

8:30 Worship

Trustee to Lock/Unlock: Chandler Hair
Greeters: Roy & Katy MacDonald,
 Anne Young, and Deborah Goke
Acolyte: Kit Chappell
Cross Bearer: William Ferrell
Ushers: Richard & Sissel Jakobczyk and
 Randall & Bobbie Clark
8:30 Nursery: Lisa Garrett and Laurie Flintom
9:45 Nursery: Lisa Garrett and Kathy Powell
Sound Technician: Jim Davidson
Slide Operator: Chandler Hair

11:00 Worship

Acolytes: Madi White and Lyla York
Greeters: Jim & Cindy Knapp
Infants Nursery: Lisa Garrett and
 Annetta Andrews
Preschool Nursery: Katy MacDonald
Sound Technician: Tim Wilkinson
Slide Operator: Richard Armour

Sunday, March 15th

8:30 Worship

Trustee to Lock/Unlock: Fran Bororian
Greeters: Denise Rothman, Cooper Davidson,
 KitChappell, and Bennie Andrews
Acolyte: Faye Rodio
Cross Bearer: Kistler Hunt
Ushers: Mike Brooks, Louise Satterwhite,
 and Roy and Katy MacDonald
8:30 Nursery: Lisa Garrett and Ruth Booth
9:45 Nursery: Lisa Garrett and Lorri Givens
Sound Technician: Jim Davidson
Slide Operator: Chandler Hair

11:00 Worship

Acolytes: Ginny Vincent and Luke Rogers
Greeter: Susan White and Darlene Lumpkin
Infants Nursery: Lisa Garrett and Carolyn Jackson
Preschool Nursery: Kit Chappell
Sound Technician: Tim Wilkinson
Slide Operator: Richard Armour

Sunday, March 22nd

8:30 Worship

Trustee to Lock/Unlock: Allen Andrews
Greeters: Jane Watkins, Naida Upchurch,
 and Greg & Carolyn Jackson
Acolyte: TBA
Cross Bearer: William Ferrell
Ushers: Jennifer Morton, Kris Ferrell,
 Clif Flintom, and Kate Flintom
8:30 Nursery: Lisa Garrett and
 Priscilla Coleman
9:45 Nursery: Lisa Garrett and Joan Stubbs
Sound Technician: Jim Davidson
Slide Operator: Chandler Hair

11:00 Worship

Acolytes: Luke Rogers and Georgia Beck
Greeters: Jason & Carmen Harris
Infants Nursery: Lisa Garrett and
 Jane Watkins
Preschool Nursery: Sissel Jakobczyk
Sound Technician: Tim Wilkinson
Slide Operator: Richard Armour

Sunday, March 29th

8:30 Worship

Trustee to Lock/Unlock: Kris Ferrell
Greeters: Mary Ann Sellers, Cliff Flintom,
 and Kathy & Terry Rhodes
Acolyte: John Paul Rodio
Cross Bearer: Kistler Hunt
Ushers: Bob & Sandy Rowe and
 Kerry & Joan Stubbs
8:30 Nursery: Lisa Garrett and Nancy Smith
9:45 Nursery: Lisa Garrett and Yonica Rodio
Sound Technician: Jim Davidson
Slide Operator: Chandler Hair

11:00 Worship

Acolyte: Jordan Rogers and Landon Harris
Greeters: Jim & Cindy Knapp
Infants Nursery: Lisa Garrett and
 Annetta Andrews
Preschool Nursery: Linda Stevens
Sound Technician: Tim Wilkinson
Slide Operator: Richard Armour

Prayer Concerns

Remember the members of our congregation who are in rehab or assisted living, and those who still live at home but are not able to get out and participate in church activities the way they did in the past. For copies of the list of homebound members and their addresses to send cards, contact Kathie Wilkinson or the church office.

Brian Center

6000 Fayetteville Rd
Durham, NC 27713

Carla Coltrane

Brookdale Durham

4434 Ben Franklin Blvd.
Durham, NC 27704

Sylvia Venturini Room 204

Croasdaile Retirement Community

2600 Croasdaile Farms Parkway
Durham, NC 27705

Norma Clements A231 Homestead
Shirley Wollner Pavilion

Hillcrest Rehabilitation Center

1417 W Pettigrew St.
Durham, NC 27705

Sonja Bock Room 2303
Neda Hendrickson Room 1533

Treyburn Rehabilitation Center

2059 Torredge Road
Durham, NC 27712

Sue Van Rood Room 212

Pacifica Senior Living

1705 Skyland Dr.
Spartanburg SC 27712

Rev. Bess Hunnings Smith

Continued Prayers For:

Barbara Berry, Family of Betsy Bowden,
Doris Coltrane, Lou Corr, Rick Fisher,
Marvin Jones, Doris McBroom, Roger Minion,
Grace Moore, Marie Palmer,
Cindy Pendergraft, Don & Rowena Piper,
Colleen Poer, R. B. Poole, Gloria Rabon,
David & Frances Robertson,
George & Kaye Tilley, Susan Weldon



Please Also Remember in Prayer

Our Partners In Ministry

Pastor Leon Dorleans and the
Churches of Haiti Outreach Ministries

Serving Our Country

Dan Armour, Mike Armour,
Jonathan Lecky, Thomas Lecky,
Craig Taylor, Bryan Thompson,
and Madison Thompson

Connectional Ministry

The United Methodist Church
NCC Bishop Hope Morgan Ward
Corridor D.S. Rev. Mike Frese

Church Staff:

Jim Bock, Rev. Larry Bowden, Ann Dube,
Margaret Malone, Bobby Pettiford,
Lindsey Spain, EB Tester, Jeff Whicker,
Rev. Kathie Wilkinson, and Preschool Staff

From Pastor Larry

Dear Friends,

My family is so grateful for your support, your prayers, your expressions of care, and your faithfulness following my sister's wreck on January 12. She died Tuesday, February 25, of complications from the injuries suffered in that accident.

The phone calls, cards, prayer quilt, clinging cross, and the gorgeous, beautiful flower arrangement sent on behalf of Mt. Sylvan for her funeral have reminded us of God's care at times when we needed it most.

Please continue to be in prayer for my parents, her daughter, Catherine, for my brothers and sisters, and for me and Julia.

At the graveside, I shared briefly about the kinds of questions my family and many were asking. There were no easy or satisfying answers, and we live in hope that one day we will know. I also suggested that the questions were answered by other question: "If God is for us, who can be against us?" And, "What can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus?"

That love carried my sister into eternity, and holds us all in its embrace even now. So we are saddened, and grieved, but comforted. God's grace is sufficient. Again, thanks so much.

Blessings and peace,

Pastor Larry

United Methodist Men

Dear Mt. Sylvan Congregation,

We want to **thank** the Mt. Sylvan community for your patience, support and understanding of the UMM peanut missions project this past year. As most of you are aware, we were instructed by the Fire Marshal to install a fire suppression system in the Fellowship kitchen. After examining community input and all our options, a plan was submitted and approved by the Fire Marshal. The fire suppression installation was completed in late November. After careful consideration, it was decided that one, three-day cooking period would take place before the Christmas holiday. Due to the limited supply of cooked peanuts that were available, a fair distribution of peanuts was implemented within our community.

We realize the disappointment from the community not to have our normal yearly supply of cooked peanuts available last year. The **good news** is that the Fellowship kitchen contains a fire suppression system in compliance with the Fire Marshal's requirements to safe-guard our fryer and stove operations, and most importantly protect the people who operate these appliances. Additionally, peanut sales raised \$3,800 that will be distributed among a variety of missions. **Lastly**, we'll be back to our normal peanut cooking schedule this fall.

God Bless,

United Methodist Men

Receiving Information by Text

Some of us receive and respond to texts more quickly than email. The church now has a text number that can send and receive texts. If you would like to receive reminders and short announcements by text, please text your name to 919-335-4646. This will register your name and cell number and give us express permission to text your cell number.

If you wish to save this number, save it as Mt. Sylvan Church, not as a mobile number for any staff person, as it can be received by multiple persons in the office. Use the church office phone number or each staff person's personal cell phone number to reach each individual.

News from the Kinder Garden

CALLING ALL SPROUTS!! The first Plant Day for the Kinder Garden is scheduled for Saturday March 7 (Time-TBA). We will be planting our cold weather crops like broccoli, cauliflower, lettuce, carrots, etc. A snack and story time in the garden will follow our playtime in the dirt. Please let us know that you are coming so that we can plan accordingly by contacting Kathy Powell at kbpowell07@gmail.com. We ask that parents and/or grandparents stay with their kids for this special day. You do not have to be enrolled in the program to participate and everyone is included. Check our website at <http://www.mtsylvan.umckindergarden.com> for more information regarding times and possible cancellations.



IT'S ALWAYS A GOOD DAY TO PLANT A SEED INTO THE LIFE OF A CHILD.

From the Mt Sylvan Garden Shed

"...give us this day our daily bread..."

Spring is around the corner and the garden is perking up. We have lettuce that will be harvested shortly, and we have kale and spinach plants enjoying the sun. The weather has been a challenge for growing our vegetables this season. It makes us thankful for the provisions God sends us, and for those farmers that keep us all fed.

Our daffodils are bright yellow and welcoming and the tulip plants are poking through the dirt. Please stop by anytime and take a look at what we have growing.

Remember, everyone is welcome in the garden; no special skills or physical abilities are required to support the garden, and you do not need to be a member of Mt. Sylvan.

Please contact Barbara Peoples, Nancy Smith, or Naida Upchurch for more information.



Trustees Update

The Trustees have been busy over the last few months. The carpets were cleaned in the Sanctuary, and the water damaged area in the Children's Center has been scraped, painted and re-carpeted. There have been several changes in the Preschool. We've also had a fair amount of sewer issues that had to be dealt with (thank you, Gary!!!) In the coming weeks, the broken railings should be fixed, as well as some of the brickwork on the roadside of the Chapel and the entrance to the Children's Center.

We will have a Spring Campus Cleanup day on March 28, so be looking for that date to be finalized. We will publish a work list beforehand, and hope that it doesn't rain on us again this year!

Thank you all so much for your continued support and willingness to help! We really appreciate it!!

Finance Update

Dear Mt. Sylvan,

Thank you for your generous financial support for the ministries of Mt. Sylvan Church. Our general fund can seem like a mysterious black box, but it is vitally important to the work of our church. It allows us to compensate our staff members who teach, lead, and support us. This fund also pays our bills for energy, water and sewer service, grounds maintenance, insurance, and office supplies in addition to the many ministries and missions of the church.

New methods of making your donations have and will be made available to all of us, but checks and cash are still the mainstay of our treasury. In fact, my donation still comes from a traditional bank account, but through a monthly, recurring check I set up in my online banking. More information about "newer" methods of donating will be given in the next few months.

Again, thank you for your gifts,

Lynn Van Scoyoc, Finance Chair

More Finance News

Did you know...if you've reached the age where you need to make required minimum distributions (RMDs) from your traditional IRAs, you can avoid paying taxes on them by donating that money directly from your IRA to charity. This is called a Qualified Charitable Distribution or "QCD". Normally, a distribution from a traditional IRA incurs taxes since the account holder didn't pay taxes on the money when they put it into the IRA. But account holders 70 1/2 or older who make a contribution directly from a traditional IRA to a qualified charity can donate up to \$100,000 per year without it being considered a taxable distribution.

The amount that can be a direct IRA distribution to a charity is not limited to the amount of the RMD. The deduction effectively lowers the donor's adjusted gross income (AGI). This tax break does mean that the donor cannot also claim the donation as a deduction on Schedule A of their tax return. Other donations to charity that don't use IRA funds, however, can still be claimed as an itemized deduction. (Info taken from <http://www.investopedia.com>)

Questions?? Call the church office or email donations@mtsylvan.org.

Wednesday Night Dinners

Wednesday Night Fellowship Dinners at Mt. Sylvan

Join us every Wednesday night for our Mt. Sylvan Fellowship Dinners. The cost is \$6 per person or a max of \$20 per family. These dinners are a fun time of fellowship, good food, and provide an easy and inexpensive way for your family to dine out.

The Fellowship Hall makes for a laid back atmosphere for your kids to be themselves and for you to get to know other people from the congregation and community you've not yet gotten to know. Signup sheets to help with setup, greeter/sign-in, desserts, and cleanup are available in the Narthex.

Be sure to make your reservations on Wednesday night or on Sunday mornings in the Narthex or you can call or email the church office.



During the season of Lent, we will have a short time of meditation and prayer from 6:15—6:30 led by Pastor Larry, Rev. Ross Thompson, P.J. Gorman, Rev. Dr. Thad Austin, and Pastor Kathie.

Here are the upcoming menus:

March 11:

- Spaghetti and Meatballs
- Mixed Green Salad
- Fresh Fruit
- Garlic Bread

March 18:

- Roast Turkey Breast
- Cornbread Stuffing
- Baked sweet potatoes
- Rolls/Bread

February 29:

- Sirloin Beef Tips in Gravy
- Mashed Potatoes
- Corn
- Rolls/Bread

Available Chancel Area Flower Dates

- **March 15th, 2020**
- **March 29th, 2020**
- **April 26th, 2020**
- **May 3rd, 2020**
- **May 10th, 2020**
- **May 24th, 2020**

To reserve one of these or other available dates, please refer to the **UPDATED Flower Calendar Book on the bookshelf in the church Narthex**. For more details contact the church office at 919-471-0032.



Urban Ministries Information

COME MAKE BREAKFAST WITH US - Mt Sylvan UMC provides two Breakfast teams to UMD each month on the **SECOND FRIDAY**, and **THIRD TUESDAY** of every month. Fellowship and preparation begin at 7:00 AM at the UMD Café and we serve from 8:00 to 9:00 AM. Carpooling is always available for either breakfast. We regularly feed about 250 people with the joy, laughter, and sharing of Jesus Christ. For info contact Jim/Phyllis Polhamus, jpolhamus@nc.rr.com / H: 919-479-2021 **Each Team needs your help.**

FOOD OF THE MONTH - Urban Ministries Food Pantry

We are trying something different, rather than a donation laundry list, we are identifying "target" foods as '**FOOD OF THE MONTH**'. Mt. Sylvan has been a consistent source of donations for Urban Ministries' Food pantry. Lately, our donation barrels have been less than full. For the month of March we are asking for canned fruits and vegetables. With food bank donations down across the country, we should step up and have a heart to fill this need for those that have less than us.



Another Way to Support Your Favorite Charity -

AmazonSmile is a website operated by Amazon with the same products, prices, and shopping features as Amazon.com. The difference is that when you shop on AmazonSmile, the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price of eligible products to the charitable organization of your choice. You will see eligible products marked "Eligible for AmazonSmile donation" on their product detail pages. Some eligible partners are Urban Ministries Durham and United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR). For a list of eligible partners, go to the link <https://www.amazon.com/gp/clpf>. If you are an Amazon Prime shopper and not using Smile, you may want to use the opportunity to further support your favorite charity.



DRIVE-THRU FOOD DRIVE

-Sponsored by Mt. Sylvan's Community Garden Team to benefit Urban Ministries of Durham

Please help support Urban Ministries by filling a grocery bag of needed items and delivering it to Mt. Sylvan where volunteers will collect it right from your car! We will pass out bags on Sunday, March 8 with the list of items attached. Collections will be held Tuesday, March 17th and Saturday, March 21st in the garden parking lot from 10 am—12 pm. Of course your donations are welcome anytime and can be placed in the UMD barrels outside the fellowship hall or in the administrative hallway. Thank you in advance for your generous giving!!

—The Garden Team



Missions Ministry



FAMILIES MOVING FORWARD

Our next host week at Families Moving Forward (FMF), a homeless shelter in Durham, is the week of March 16-19, 2020. We will need 8 volunteers on Monday evening, March 16th, and 5 volunteers on Thursday evening, March 19th. If you would like to help for approximately 2.5 hours on one of those nights, please contact either Kit Chappell at 929-280-0379 or Susan White at 919-475-5648.

For the month of March, we will be collecting donations of new supplies for FMF. Please bring your items for the FMF Barrel of Joy located in the administrative hallway. See the request below from FMF:

In-Kind Donations Needed

You can probably imagine with 50-60 people living in our emergency shelter every day and the number of families being served in our aftercare program, that we go through the donations we receive pretty quickly. Our biggest needs this month are certain personal care items and cleaning supplies. What do we need? Paper towels, bleach powder, small dish soap, small hand soap, small laundry detergent, liquid hand soap, deodorant, toilet brushes, and Tupperware. Many of these items can be purchased in the dollar section, so please remember us the next time you're out and about. Thank you!!



Haiti 2020 Mission Team



July 8th -13th

School Maintenance

***** join the team*****

Haiti Outreach Ministries

Haitiom.org

Email: dclumpkin@aol.com

Help Needed in the Nursery!!



Each time we baptize a baby/child, we commit to "nurture this person/child in Christ's holy Church, that by our teaching and example they may be guided to accept God's grace for themselves, to profess their faith openly, and to lead a Christian life." How can we live out this commitment to the children of our church community?

We need more people to help in the church nursery during both services and during Sunday School. We also need assistance in the children's Sunday School classes.

Performing Arts Day Camp 2020

Mt. Sylvan United Methodist Church

Performing Arts Day Camp

For children who have completed grades K - 5

Sunday, June 21st, 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Monday, June 22nd - Friday, June 26th, 9:00 am - 12:30 pm

Performing Arts Day Camp includes a variety of activities including singing, choreography, practicing lines and solos, recreation, crafts, and refreshments.

\$45 per camper

Afternoon options at extra cost of \$15 per day - Includes lunch

Past years have included trips to Museum of Life and Science, Planetarium, Lemur Center, Swim Party, and Movie/Game Day

More information will be sent as details for this year are confirmed.

Registration forms are available in the narthex, church office, and online at mtsylvan.org

Performances will be Friday morning at 10:00 am and Friday night at 7:00 pm.

Preschool Music and Arts Camp

For Preschool children 2-5

Monday, June 22nd - Friday, June 26th

9:00 am - 12:30 pm



Caring Ministries Update

As part of our qualifying for Alzheimers/Dementia Education and Training, we need more written responses to the survey we sent out a few months ago. Responses to the survey and to the proposal are all positive, but we don't have enough written responses to qualify as sufficient sampling. Please pick up a copy of the survey in the narthex, fill it out (there are only 10 questions so it won't take long) and return it in the basket or to the office. Thanks for your assistance. This will help us move forward with scheduling training.

Constant Contact Changes

In the next few weeks, we will begin sending prayer concerns as separate emails from the announcements. While announcements are usually sent on Monday mornings, Wednesday afternoons, and Saturday mornings, prayer concerns may be sent as requested which could mean everyday or even multiple emails in the same day.

Most of you are on both email lists. In the coming days, we will send an email to each email list notifying you that you are on that email list. If you do not wish to remain on the

prayer concern list, respond to that email asking to be removed from that list. At the same time, we will send an email to the announcement list to confirm that you are on that list. If you don't receive BOTH emails, it will alert you that you are not receiving emails from the other email list.

We hope this will help you receive the emails you want and give you control of what you receive. If you have other suggestions about how we communicate by emails, please send your ideas to office@mtsylvan.org.

Glad and Generous Hearts

Last fall we held our annual Stewardship Campaign named Glad and Generous Hearts from Act 2:46 highlighting our membership vows; Prayers, Presence, Gifts, Service and Witness.

I wanted to take the opportunity to thank a couple of special people. Mike Hall, Sr. is always willing to use his talents for the church. I called him to build the hexagon and like magic he built the perfect design! Thank you Mike!

Secondly, I want to express our gratitude to Jennifer Rogers. She gathered and provided mission stories every day for six weeks! Never once did I even hear a sigh when we couldn't get a video to run! I know it was a lot more time consuming than any of us expected, however, the daily devotions were such a blessing!

Thirdly, thank you Mike Lumpkin for partnering with me and leading when I needed to be with my mom

unexpectedly. I can always count on you to step up and keep things moving forward,

And lastly, the entire team! Kathie Wilkinson, Joe Morgan, Jim Davidson, Naida Upchurch, and Nancy Smith. Everyone had helpful input.

Thank you to the members who returned a commitment card. If you have not returned one, they are available in the narthex. They can be found on the table by the hexagon sign and at the information stand. If you would like one mailed to you, please call the office. The card can also be completed electronically on our website: www.mtsylvanumc.org or you can email donations@mtsylvan.org. Don't miss the opportunity to make your commitment to the church.

God loves glad and generous hearts.
Acts 2:46

Peace, Darlene Lumpkin

Thank You Notes

Thank you

We would like to thank the United Methodist Men of Mt. Sylvan church for the loving, clinging cross. It is a wonderful sign of God's love and presence. We feel love, hope, and strength every time we hold it.

Sincerely, Nathan & Pat Osborne

Rev. Wilkinson,

On Thursday, we received a prayer shawl from Mt. Sylvan Church. We would like to thank everyone who was involved with this wonderful gift. Brenda will always treasure it and remember your generosity. God Bless!

Gary Hunt

We would like to thank the members of the Prayer Shawl and Prayer Quilts ministry for the beautiful prayer shawl we received. It is lovely and it means so much to know your congregation has prayed for us by name. Thanks for all your prayers and for spreading God's love.

Love, Nathan & Pat Osborne

I would like to extend my sincere gratitude for Mt. Sylvan's love, support and caring during Frank's illness and death. I am so thankful for all my dear friends at Mt. Sylvan.

With Thankfulness, Ellen Golladay

I just wanted to thank the people of Mt. Sylvan UMC for all of your prayers and thoughts during my trying times. The cross and the prayer blanket are very important to me and have been such a comfort to me. I have slept many nights with the cross and I take it with me when I visit the doctors or feel that I need help.

Thank you so much! Dan Fritz

Thank You for the clinging cross!!

Will Garrett is 16 years old and began military school this past January. We prayed over a clinging cross and a square and I mailed it to him. It arrived just about the time he was baptized. He opened the package with great enthusiasm because mail is a highlight at military school. He read my letter and the information that was enclosed with the cross. He then laid back with the cross on his chest and took a nap.

He wrote his mother explaining that he had an incredibly vivid dream, a dream like he has never experienced. God showed him every bad choice he had made and washed it all away. He awoke clinging to the cross held in his hand. He felt the true freedom that only God gives us at the cross.

I hope this warms your heart as much as it does mine! Thank you Mike Hall for being obedient to what God laid on your heart and thank you to all the men who help with this ministry and thank you for letting us share with the world!!

In Christ, Darlene Lumpkin

Announcements

Climate Change & Green Living Classes

There has been some interest in having a class on Climate Change and one on Green Living. If this is something that you would like to participate in please email the church office at office@mtsylvan.org or Rick Ebersohl at ebersohl@gmail.com.

Technology Class

Matt Stutts is offering to help anyone with computer or mobile phone questions. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall on March 21st from 10 am—12 pm. He will address issues for PCs and MAC products as well as all types of Smart Phones. Please submit questions beforehand to mtsylvan@mattstutts.com so that he can have an idea of what our needs might be. Please call the office and let Margaret know if you will be attending so that we will have an idea of how many will be attending. We will be providing coffee and donuts.



MT. SYLVAN CHURCH'S

4TH ANNUAL TOUCH A TRUCK EVENT



MAY 16TH 10 AM - 12 PM

COME JOIN US FOR MT. SYLVAN'S 4TH ANNUAL TOUCH A TRUCK! WE WILL BE HAVING MULTIPLE VEHICLES FOR YOUR CHILDREN TO EXPLORE INCLUDING UTILITY TRUCKS, TRACTORS, A FIRE TRUCK AND MORE! EVERYONE IS WELCOME AND IT'S ALL FREE!

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO PARTICIPATE: OFFICE@MTSYLVAN.ORG

Cemetery Spring Cleaning

The cemetery committee is asking everyone to please remove all Christmas and other winter decorations from the cemetery in preparation for the Easter season. If you need any assistance, please let the office know.

Save the Date for Durham Bulls

We have scheduled our annual church trip to go see the Durham Bulls on June 14th. You will be able to purchase tickets beginning the first week of April.



March 2020 at Mt. Sylvan Church

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed
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8 7:30a Breakfast 8:30a Traditional Worship 9:45a Sunday School 9:45a Confirmation Class 11a Contemporary Worship 4p Children's Church Council Meeting 4p Children's Choir 5p Youth Music 6p Youth Gather 6p Choir Practice	9 8a Serve at Urban Ministries 5:45p G.S. Troop 2010 6:30p Prayer Time—Chapel 7p Staff-Parish Meeting 7:30p Stephen Minister Meeting 8p AA Meeting - White House	10 9:45a Seniors Bible Study 11a Sylvan Seniors 6:30p AL-ANON Meeting	11 7:30a Habitat Building Crew 9a Food Bank 11a Preschool Chapel 4:30p Pack Backpacks 5:30p Weekly Fellowship Dinner 6:30p Mt. Sylvan Ringers 7:30p Praise Band Rehearsal 7:45p Lenten Bible Study
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Monthly Missions Calendar

Urban Ministries of Durham

2nd Friday of the month

Help serve breakfast 7 am - 9 am
Contact Terry Rhodes (919-477-8593)



3rd Tuesday of the month

Help serve breakfast 7 am - 9 am
Contact Jim & Phyllis Polhamus
(919-479-2021)

4th Sunday at 10 am

Youth Serve lunch
Contact Susan White at sbwhite04@yahoo.com

Habitat House Projects

Habitat work teams go out each Wednesday morning
Contact Herb Cimburke at (919-477-9298)



Backpack Program

Help pack or deliver backpacks Wednesday evenings or during the school year on Friday mornings. Contact Katy MacDonald (katymac0615@gmail.com) to volunteer

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Each Friday from 10 am-12 pm in the Children's Center
Contact Nancy Smith (ncsmith2155@gmail.com)



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Sylvan Seniors March Calendar

**March 10: Life and Song—Margaret Malone
Treyburn Visitation**

March 17: Slides of Maine Vacation—Pastor Larry

March 24: Sarah Jane Commander

March 31: Augustine Reading Program—Lori Easterlin