

COMING UP...

Sunday, March 10

Daylight Saving Time Begins
Social Second Sunday

5:30 p.m. Youth Group Meeting

Monday, March 11

6:30 p.m. New Life UMW Meeting

6:30 p.m. UMM Meeting

Tuesday, March 12

6:30 p.m. AA Group Meeting

Wednesday, March 13

6:00 p.m. Praise Team Practice

6:30 p.m. Lenten Bible Study & Supper

6:30 p.m. Wacky Wednesday

7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, March 14

9:00 a.m. AAA Safe Driving Course

9:30 a.m. Adult Ladies Bible Study

Friday, March 15

11:30 a.m. Brown Bag Bible Study

Sunday, March 17

5:30 p.m. Youth Group Meeting

PASTORAL COUNSELING

Our church partners with The Pastoral Institute to offer counseling for individuals and families at deep discounts. Call the church for more information or give our church name when scheduling an appointment at 706-649-6500. The Pastoral Institute is located at 2022 15th Ave., Columbus.

2019 FLOWER CALENDAR

Sign up to purchase flowers for the sanctuary. The calendar is attached to the office window. Arrangements are \$50 each. To request a date, contact the church office. Most March-April Sundays are available.

OUR CHURCH STAFF

*Epworth's members are our ministers.
The professional staff who assist us are:*

Choir DirectorLyn Pharris
Church Administrator.....Susan Snider
Contemporary Music Director..... Kayla Moss
Custodians.....Martha Conklin & Barbie Webb
Music Director..... Bob Lee
Nursery WorkerMartha Conklin
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Twitter - @EpworthColumbus

CONTACTING YOU

Most of the church's communication is through e-mail and texting. We send two e-mails each week—a newsletter on Monday and a sermon preview on Friday and texts during the week. We also use e-mail to send important meeting reminders and other information. Epworth has a free text messaging solution hosted by Remind. Sign up now by texting '@epworth1' to 81010. Help us contact you by ensuring the church office has your current e-mail address.

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Beginnings

The beginning of the good news about Jesus Christ, God's Son, happened just as it was written...

-Mark 1:1-2a (CEB)

It has been some time since I have felt such a keen sense that God is trying to do something special. I believe that is happening right now in our church. I believe we are on the threshold of a powerful experience with the story of Jesus. And everything starts somewhere.

As we begin this journey through the Gospel of Mark during these forty days of Lent, we read the first sentence of the gospel and we realize that the beginning of Jesus's story doesn't come out of nowhere. The beginning of the good news of Jesus was predicted hundreds of years earlier. This story of Jesus's life, death, and resurrection has been a part of God's plan from the very beginning. Even as the Genesis author says, "in the beginning, God created," Mark tells us that the good news of Jesus is also God's work from the very beginning. And it is good news.

Today will seem a little bit like a rewind to Advent because we are reviewing the coming of Jesus into the world. But more than that, I am praying for the story of Jesus to become a part of us in a new and fresh way as we read through this gospel during Lent. I am confident that the word of God never returns void. When we open our hearts, spirits, and lives to hear a word from the Lord, I am confident that God has something to say.

So let's open ourselves to the story of Jesus and his mighty power during this season. Let us open the word of God and listen for a fresh and relevant word for us today. Let us do the holy reading and listening that we have been learning about and see if God isn't trying to teach us something new for our time and place.

The grass withers and the flower fades, but the word of the Lord will last forever.

Blessed be the name of the Lord!

In Christ,



Epworth connects and equips all kinds of people
to SEEK, SERVE, and SHARE Christ.

*The mission of the United Methodist Church is to make disciples of
Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.*

SUNDAY SCHOOL AT 10:00 AM

The Children's Class (K-5)

Teacher: Margaret Gosdon and Terresa Salter

The Youth Class (6-12)

Teacher: Jason or Rosemary DiSimone

The Friendship Class

Study: A Costly Call

Teacher: Class

The Genesis Class

Study: The Wired Word

Teacher: Leslie Morris

The Joy Class

Study: Class Discussion

Teacher: Class

The Nathan Patterson/Wesley Class

Study: Exodus 12

Teacher: Bobby Smith

The New Connections Class

Study: Class Discussion

Teacher: Class

The Questors Class

Study: A Costly Call

Teacher: Glenn Griffin

The Seekers Class

Study: Wired Word

Teacher: Lillian Wooldridge

The Young Adult Class

Study: Class Discussion

Teacher: Becky Britton

LENTEN STUDY GROUP OPTIONS

We are encouraging everyone to gather in small groups as we journey through our Lenten study of the Gospel of Mark using, *40 Days with the Gospel of Mark* by Chris Barbieri. Sign up in the welcome center to join a small group that will meet from Ash Wednesday to Easter. We have a small number of books available in the welcome center. For those who cannot participate in a small group, online discussion is available via Facebook. Contact Tony if you have any questions about joining the church's Facebook group.

THOSE WHO SERVE

March 10, 2019

9:00 a.m. Worship Service

Greeter: Jeanne Guilbeault, Bobby Smith

Usher: Randy Morris

Acolyte: Usher

Children's Church: Whitney Weyeneth

11:00 a.m. Worship Service

Greeter: Brenda Karastury, Lillian Wooldridge

Usher: Steve Whittington

Acolyte: Ema Cheraisi

Children's Church: Gary & Janice Tomlin

Nursery Volunteer: Allison Jandreau

Financial Secretary: Shawn Jandreau

Turn Key: John Daniel

OUR STEWARDSHIP

March 3, 2019

Tithes & Offerings: \$11,399.00

Received To Date: \$58,024.50

Needed To Date: \$53,499.96

Attendance:

Sunday School 55

Worship: 9 a.m. 39

Worship: 11 a.m. 72

Total 111

CHILDREN & YOUTH

Youth Group - We meet Sunday evenings at 5:30 p.m. in the youth room.

Children's Ministry Meeting - Sunday, March 31, following the 11 a.m. service. Sign up for lunch reservations on the information board. The meeting is for anyone interested in helping or volunteering in the children's ministry in anyway.

Easter Pageant - Sunday, April 14, at 4 p.m. All children are encouraged to participate in the pageant. Contact Whitney if your child will be participating.

MISSIONS

March Mission Focus - Casseroles for a Cause for Rose Hill Ministry. Pick up the provided recipe and pan from the narthex. Make the casserole and return it by Easter Sunday, April 21. Place the casserole in the freezer in the kitchen.

Donations Needed for Easter Egg Hunt - The children's ministry is asking for donations of plastic eggs, individually wrapped candy (no chocolate) and small toys that will fit into plastic eggs.

Save Your Yogurt Cups - The children are collecting empty, clean cups for an upcoming project. Place them in the marked container in the Orange room of the children's wing.

Wynnton Neighborhood Network February 2019 Report - The Network served 1,970 bags of food to 496 families which included 524 children. We helped 47 families with utilities spending \$3,262.40. Thank you for your generosity in giving time, money and food. Thank you to those who recently helped with much needed food items.

Volunteers Needed for Annual Conference in June 2019 - The Northwest District is hosting this year's conference. We need your help in serving at Annual Conference, June 2-4. Let us know how and when you can volunteer. Contact the church office. Thank you!

THANK YOU

To all those who came out to support our United Methodist Men fund raiser, you were a fantastic audience! If you have pictures or especially videos, Baron Conklin would appreciate it if you emailed them to him at lgtkd@knology.net. Over \$660 was raised from the event to go towards the budget.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Social Second Sundays - People of all ages are on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and more. We encourage everyone to share something from church, a ministry you participate in or any church activity today.

New Life UMW Meeting - Monday, March 11, at 6:30 p.m., in the Questor's classroom.

United Methodist Men's Meeting - Monday, March 11, at 6:30 p.m., in the fellowship hall.

Upper Room Devotional Sale - March/April issue is available in the welcome center.

Wednesday Supper & Study - March 13, beginning at 6 p.m. Sign up on the information board or contact the church office to make reservations. Menu: baked potato bar, salad and dessert. Join us for our Bible study which begins at 6:30 p.m.

Safe Driving Course - The Vintage Group and AAA are offering a safe driving course on Thursday, March 14, from 9:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m., in the fellowship hall. The minimum age to participate is 25. The cost is \$20 and payable on the day of the class. Bring your lunch; sodas and tea will be provided. Register on the sign-up sheet on the information board. The course is open to everyone, including family and friends.

Ladies Bible Study - Every Thursday at 9:30 a.m. in the Questors classroom. Contact Debra Johnson if interested in attending.

Brown Bag Bible Study - The pastor is leading a weekly small group on Fridays at 11:30 a.m. on our Gospel of Mark study. Bring your own lunch as we fellowship and study together.

Epworth Shirt Recognition Sunday - March 31.

EPWORTH PRAYER LIST

Church Family

Fred & Emilie Carswell	Jimmy Bridges	Gladys Plant	Andrea Carbaugh
Vanessa Desoto	Ron & Betty Sawyer	Thrower Family	Sibyl Wells
Keri McElvey	Barbara Stubbs	Kernodle Family	Daniel Family
Elsie & Jim Spanogians	Helen Batastini	Annette Taff	Doug Franks
Billy Bullock			

Extended Church Family

Steve & Carol Guilbeault	Michael Taff	David Olson	Mark Oliver
Dotty Baker	Ricky Clark	Robbins Family	Andrew Wade
Laurie Osteen	Preston Silvernail	Dora Spires	Willie Ryles
Judy Patterson	Cassie Prochaska	Billy Hill	Kim Jordan
Dorothy Ogg	Bruce Chapman	Charles Holmes	Marilyn Buck
Danny Chidester	Beth Goodwin	McDaniel Family	Stephanie Bryan
Adams Family	Hattie Campbell	Robin Grantham	Dana Thurston
Ralph & Sandy McGough	Diane Wiggins		

Assisted Living/Nursing Home

Covenant Woods - Linda Coleman, Carol Osteen	River Place - Betty Cummings, Elizabeth
Kings Bridge (Atlanta, GA) - Blount King	Harbert, Jane Sanders
Magnolia Manor - Doris Halouska	River Towne Center - Jerry Williams
Cammie Van Over	The Landings - Gladys Plant
Phenix City Health Care - Anne Whitehurst	The Lodge (Bessemer, AL) - Lorene Carlisle
	Wesley Glen (Byron, GA) - Nancy Hiller

Please continue to pray for our homebound people. They would love a visit!

If the prayer list needs to be updated, please call, email the church office, or leave a note with updates. Thank you for your help.

Tree of Life Memorial
for Epworth UMC and Hamp Stevens UMC

**Given by The Friendship Class in memory of Jean F. Morris
whose generosity and caring spirit made this world a better place.**

You may remember a family member or friend, now deceased, on the lasting Tree of Life Memorial that graces the entrance of our Sanctuary. Consider commemorating their life with a leaf placed on this handcrafted piece of art.

Memorials can be made for members of the Epworth United Methodist or Hamp Stevens United Methodist churches. Initiated by the Friendship Sunday School to honor Jean’s life, it is carried forward by Epworth’s Board of Trustees.

Complete the section below and return it with your gift made out to Epworth UMC. With limited space, we will only be able to include names on the leaf-no other messages. The minimum donation for an engraved leaf is \$50.

Name of Donor: _____
 Address: _____
 Phone Number: _____
 Email Address: _____
 Donation Amount: _____

Names to be Engraved: *5 rows of up to approximately 12 characters on each row*

SAMPLE


