



COMING UP...

Sunday, March 28

- Palm Sunday
9:00 a.m. Lent Sunday School Study
9:15 a.m. Children's Sunday School via Zoom
10:30 a.m. In-person & Livestream Worship
5:00 p.m. AA Group Meeting
5:00 p.m. - Kickball Game at Britt David

Tuesday, March 30

- 3:00 p.m. Reachers UMW Group Meeting
6:30 p.m. AA Group Meeting

Wednesday, March 31

- 12 Noon Bible Study

Thursday, April 1

- 9:00 a.m. Nathan Patterson/Wesley Sunday School Class Meeting
10:00 a.m. Worship Committee Meeting
12 Noon Prayer Team Meeting
6:00 p.m. Grief & Caretaker Support Group

Friday, April 2

- Good Friday/Office Closed
6:00 p.m. Good Friday Service

Sunday, April 4

- Easter Sunday
9:00 a.m. Lent Sunday School Study
9:15 a.m. Children's Sunday School via Zoom
10:30 a.m. In-person & Livestream Worship
5:00 p.m. AA Group Meeting

2021 FLOWER CALENDAR

Sign up to purchase flowers for a worship service in honor or memory of loved ones. For available dates, see the calendar attached to the office window or call or email the church office. Arrangements are \$50 each and are tax deductible. See the Easter Lily on the inside of the bulletin.

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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, an email reminder of Sunday worship and texts during the week. We also use e-mail to send important meeting reminders and other information. Help us contact you by ensuring the church office has your current e-mail address.

OUR CHURCH STAFF

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

- Children's Director Whitney Weyeneth
Church Administrator..... Susan Snider
Custodians..... Martha Conklin & Barbie Webb
Music Director..... Bob Lee
Nursery Worker Martha Conklin
Pastor Rev. Earnestine Campbell

Greetings, in the name of Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

Mark 11:10: "Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David! Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

We celebrate Palm Sunday this Sunday, commemorating Jesus Christ's triumphal entry into Jerusalem. Palm Sunday enters us into the beginning of the Holy Week observances and progresses through Holy or Maundy Thursday and Good Friday. Ultimately, culminating with the Easter Sunday worship and celebrations. We encourage you to bring the children for worship — we have a safe space for them. I hope to see you in person this Sunday or via livestream if you are not able to attend in person. Let's be in worship in some way and not forsake the assembly of ourselves in the presence of the Lord.

I am encouraged and thankful for the many ways we are spiritually growing and stretching ourselves during this Lenten Season. You have engaged in one-on-one conversations, a small group during the Sunday School hour from the book, "In the Name of Jesus," and attached is a video with Margaret Gosden sharing about her lent experience. Thank you for your witness about God and your creativity!

Our sixth and final Lenten Season discipline is "worship" from the Journey To The Cross Lenten Calendar from the UMHEF. The narrative below is from the calendar and it expounds on the discipline:

WORSHIP. Palm Sunday ushers in the last days before Easter. This week, seek out in-person or virtual worship opportunities to experience the fullness of this important season in the life of the Church. Praise God for this time of fasting, prayer, giving, thankfulness, service, and reflection.



Kickball Fun, Epworth and other UM Churches will play against our Wesley Columbus State University Bible Study Group, Sunday, March 28, from 5 to 7 p.m. at Britt David Park. Contact me if you want to play or need more information. Not playing? Come out and cheer on Epworth! Bring a lawn chair.

Thank you for being "Alive Together in Christ," as we continue to Grow, Work and Witness for Christ!

Blessings,

Rev. Earnie



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.

THOSE WHO SERVE

March 28, 2021

Greeter & Usher: Regina & Jimmy Bridges

OUR STEWARDSHIP

March 21, 2021

Tithes & Offerings:	\$1,895.00
Received To Date:	\$53,349.21
Needed To Date:	\$64,525.32
Attendance:	
In-person	36
Live Online Viewers	66
Total	102

Sustained Giving Needed During These Times

- Please remember to continue your financial support to the church by mailing in your offering, bringing it by the church, or exploring our online giving at www.epworthumc.com/ donate if you are unable to be present for in-person worship. We are thankful for your faithfulness!

LILIES FOR EASTER

Order your Easter lilies in memory or honor of a loved one by calling or emailing the church office or see the sign-up sheet in the window by the church office door. Each lily is \$15. Order deadline is noon, Monday, March 29. The lilies can be picked up after the Easter service.

MEMORIAM

Given to the General Fund in memory of *Bill Dozier* by Sidney & Mary Lee Crews and Gary & Janice Tomlin.

Given to the General Fund in memory of *Bill Dozier* and *Janice Stanson* by Susan & Buddy Dunn.

Given to the Rose Hill Ministry in memory of *Bill Dozier* by the Questors Sunday School class and Robert & Maxine Willis.

STAY CONNECTED

In-Person Worship - Please join us each Sunday at 10:30 a.m. with social distancing, mask wearing required, blended service. See options below for worshipping by livestreaming the service.

Worship Livestream - We will continue to hold livestream worship every Sunday. You can view us at epworthumc.freeonlinechurch.com/live, Epworth's Facebook page at [facebook.com/epworthcolumbus](https://www.facebook.com/epworthcolumbus) or YouTube at [youtube.com/channel/UCZJhDYHDdeE-dnv5a5nQKjA](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCZJhDYHDdeE-dnv5a5nQKjA) as close to 10:30 a.m. as possible.

Facebook/Youtube Worship Online

Attendance - As we continue to keep attendance and be in connection with our Facebook/Youtube online members and worshippers, we are asking that you "check-in" your presence when online for worship. You can simply respond in the comment section with your name, I am here, watching, hello, etc.

Children's Sunday School via Zoom - Our children are meeting via Zoom each Sunday at 9:15 a.m. Use meeting ID 984 5243 5667, password, "jesusall" in the app. Click the link in the Children's weekly e-mail or on Facebook.

Nathan Patterson/Wesley Class Meeting - Next gathering is Thursday, April 1 at 9 a.m. in the Welcome Center

THANK YOU

The Dozier family would like to thank everyone for your prayers during Bill's illness and passing. Also, we want to thank the Prayer Shawl Ministry for the shawl, the Food Group for the food received and the comfort we received from Rev. Earnie. We felt the love of God through our loving, caring church. Ginny Dozier

MISSIONS

March Mission Focus - Donations to Open Door Community House. Accepting donations until March 31. Mark your offering envelope, "Open Door."

HIS UMW Group Mission to Congregation - The HIS Group has expanded the collection to the congregation for the Open Door Showering Program and the Fellowship at Rose Hill. A collection bin is in the Welcome Center. See the online bulletin or pick up a list from the Welcome Center. Deadline is March 31.

Vidalia Onion Sale - The Kiwanis Club of Greater Columbus is selling jumbo Vidalia onions again this year. Sign up on the bulletin board in the foyer to purchase a 10 or 25 lb. bag. Payment will be collected on delivery which is usually the first week of May.

April Mission Focus - Our mission opportunity is Wynnton Neighborhood Network. For persons wanting to practice extra-safe giving, we will have a drive-thru event on Saturday, April 24 from 10:00 a.m. - 12 noon. A list of needed items is on the mission cart and in this week's online bulletin.

EPWORTH VS. WESLEY CSU

Epworth and other local UM churches will participate in a kickball game against the Wesley CSU students this Sunday, March 28 from 5 - 7 p.m., at Britt David Park. Contact Rev. Earnie to play or for more information. Not playing? Come out and cheer on Epworth! Bring a lawn chair.

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

Christian sympathy is given to the family of Betty Cummings who passed away on Thursday, March 18.

UPCOMING EVENTS

All events listed will require all safety precautions.

Leadership Commitment - We are asking that all Committee Chairs/Leaders and their members meet with Debra and Rev. Earnie in March and no later than April 15. Email Rev. Earnie some preferred times to meet.

Reachers UMW Group Meeting - Tuesday, March 30, at 3 p.m., in the Fellowship Hall.

Wednesday Bible Study - Join us for Bible study with the Prayer & Listening book, LifeGuide Bible Studies series, on March 31 at 12 noon, in the Questors classroom.

The Grief and Caregiver Support Ministry - Our next meeting is Thursday, April 1 at 6 p.m., in the Questors classroom. If you have questions, contact Vonna Franks.

Good Friday Service - April 2, at 6 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Invite your neighbors, family and friends to worship with us whether it is in-person or live stream.

Church Office Closed - The church office will be closed Friday, April 2, for Good Friday.

Prayer Shawl Ministry Meeting - Monday, April 5 at 10 a.m., in the Seekers classroom.

New Life UMW Group Meeting - Monday, April 5 at 3 p.m., in the Woods.

HIS UMW Group Meeting - Tuesday, April 6 at 10:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Trustees Meeting - Tuesday, April 6 at 6 p.m., in the Fellowship Hall. Please plan to attend this important planning meeting.

Ruby Ladies Bible Study - Thursday, April 8 at 10 a.m., in The Woods.

EPWORTH PRAYER LIST

Church Family

Fred & Emilie Carswell	Bettie Davis	Annette Taff	Becky Britton
Ron & Betty Sawyer	Vanessa Desoto	Thrower Family	Barbara & Bill Stubbs
Kernodle Family	Daniel Family	Barbara Watson	Jeanne Guilbeault
James & Donna Faircloth	Susan Stark	Ann Smith	Mildred Rogers
Jane Grandon	Derek Hay	Smith Family	Dozier Family

Extended Church Family

Steve & Carol Guilbeault	Michael Taff	David Olson	Mark Oliver
Dotty Baker	Katie Leach	Patricia Waldo	Robbins Family
Kuester Family	Dora Spires	Willie Ryles	Judy Patterson
Cassie Prochaska	Billy Hill	Kim Jordan	Raine Hagan
Carol Hall	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	Cristina Mattocks	David Garner
Kathy Slane	Cummings Family	Dennis Griffin	

Independent/Assisted Living/Nursing Home

Covenant Woods - Helen Pharris	River Place - Anne Wilson
Kings Bridge (Atlanta, GA) - Blount King	The Gardens at Calvary - Judy Frantz
Magnolia Manor - Doris Halouska	The Lodge (Bessemer, AL) - Lorene Carlisle
Oaks @ Grove Park - Linda Coleman	Wesley Glen (Byron, GA) - Nancy Hiller

Please continue to pray for our homebound people. They would love a call or text!

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

ROSE HILL MINISTRY & OPEN DOOR SHOWERING PROGRAM

The HIS UMW Group is sponsoring the collection of needed items for Rose Hill Ministry and Open Door Showering Program from **January - March 2021**. The group is opening the collection up to the congregation to participate.

Needed Items:

Men's and ladies' underwear - all sizes
Toothpaste and toothbrushes
Bar soap
Shampoo
Men's and ladies' socks
Men's and ladies' deodorant
Disposable razors
White washcloths
White towels
Foot powder
Brushes and combs

Travel sizes are desired, but full sizes accepted. There is a bin in the Whitehurst Welcome Center to drop off your items. Monetary donations are also appreciated. Brenda Karastury will be happy to shop for you!



WYNNTON NEIGHBORHOOD - APRIL MISSION FOCUS

- Canned soup
- Canned fruit
- Canned meat
- Spaghetti sauce
- Noodles
- Jelly
- Toilet paper
- Laundry detergent (powder or pods)
- Mac & cheese
- Canned vegetables
- Canned tomato products
- Rice
- Instant Potatoes
- Peanut butter
- Bar soap
- Monetary donations

Bring items to the church and place them on the Mission Cart off of the foyer area. Monetary donations are always appreciated.

Calendar of Events

April Birthdays
Say a prayer and write a note...

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 9:00a-Nathan Patterson Sunday School 10:00a-Worship Committee Meeting 12:00p-Prayer Team 6:00p-Grief & Caregiver Support Group	2 Good Friday Office Closed 6:00p-Good Friday Service	3
4 Easter 9:15a-Children's Sunday School Via Zoom 10:30a-Worship Service 5:00p-AA Group Meeting	5 10:00a-Prayer Shawl Ministry Meeting 3:00p-New Life UMW Group	6 10:30a-HIS UMW Meeting 6:00p-Trustees Meeting 6:30p-AA Support Group Meeting	7 12:00p-Wednesday Bible Study	8 9:00a-Nathan Patterson Sunday School 10:00a-Ruby Ladies 12:00p-Prayer Team 6:00p-Grief & Caregiver Support Group	9	10
11 9:15a-Children's Sunday School Via Zoom 10:30a-Worship Service 5:00p-AA Group Meeting	12 6:30p-United Methodist Men Meeting	13 6:30p-AA Support Group Meeting	14 12:00p-Wednesday Bible Study	15 9:00a-Nathan Patterson Sunday School 12:00p-Prayer Team 6:00p-Grief & Caregiver Support Group	16	17
18 9:15a-Children's Sunday School Via Zoom 10:30a-Worship Service 5:00p-AA Group Meeting	19	20 6:30p-AA Support Group Meeting	21 12:00p-Wednesday Bible Study	22 9:00a-Nathan Patterson Sunday School 12:00p-Prayer Team 6:00p-Grief & Caregiver Support Group	23	24
25 9:15a-Children's Sunday School Via Zoom 10:30a-Worship Service 5:00p-AA Group Meeting	26	27 2:00p-Feeding Our Neighbors @ Rose Hill 3:00p-Reachers UMW Meeting 6:30p-AA Support Group Meeting	28 12:00p-Wednesday Bible Study 6:00p-Safe Sanctuary Training	29 9:00a-Nathan Patterson Sunday School 12:00p-Prayer Team 6:00p-Grief & Caregiver Support Group	30	

- 5 Cordelia DiSimone
- 6 Lyn Pharris
- 7 Isaac Weyeneth
- 8 Christi Chase
- 10 Merritt Friend
- 12 Evie Green
- 15 Chelsea Chase
Judson Patten
- 18 Elin McManus
- 19 Jim Spanogians
- 21 Helen Howard
- 23 Janet Cherai
- 24 Jason DiSimone
Julie Jackson
Carter McManus
Davis McManus
Reese Phillips
- 25 Donny Davis
- 29 Bret Vinson
- 30 Mike Friend
Christi Stephens

A Birthday Prayer
 May God bless you today and
 each day that follows,
 May you hear His voice and
 follow His footsteps,
 Be comforted by His care and
 live in His grace now and
 forever, Amen.