

COMING UP...

Sunday, March 31

- 12:15 p.m. Children's Ministry Meeting
- 5:30 p.m. Youth Group Meeting

Monday, April 1

- 10:00 a.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry Meeting

Tuesday, April 2

- 10:30 p.m. HIS UMW Group Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. AA Group Meeting

Tuesday afternoon- Friday, April 2 - 5

Fellowship Hall Closed for Yard Sale Set-Up

Wednesday, April 3

- 6:00 p.m. Praise Team Practice
- 6:00 p.m. General Conference Update Session
Questors Classroom
- 6:30 p.m. Wacky Wednesday
- 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, April 4

- 9:30 a.m. Ladies Bible Study
- 12 noon Prayer Team

Friday, April 5

- 11:30 a.m. Brown Bag Bible Study

Saturday, April 6

- 8:00 a.m. Yard Sale until 2 p.m.

Sunday, April 7

- 5:30 p.m. Youth Group Meeting

REV. STEVE PATTON TO BE APPOINTED SUPERINTENDENT

Bishop Lawson Bryan has announced that the Rev. Steve Patton will be appointed to succeed the Rev. Dr. Buddy Cooper as the Northwest District Superintendent in June following the South GA Annual Conference. Rev. Patton is a gifted leader and a humble servant of God who will surely be a fine leader for us in our district.

The sanctuary flowers are given to the Glory of God and in honor of Lyn & Steve Pharris' 18th Anniversary.

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
Pastor Tony G. Crosby

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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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March 31, 2019

Who Is Jesus and Who Are We?

He asked them, "And what about you? Who do you say that I am?"

-Mark 8:29a (CEB)

The words of a popular Chris Tomlin song have become very familiar to almost any church using contemporary music in their worship:


*You're a good, good father
It's who you are, it's who you are, it's who you are
And I'm loved by you
It's who I am, it's who I am, it's who I am*

It seemed very obvious to me what the most important scripture from this week was for the sermon. Belief in Christ and his resurrection is the critical foundation to the life of faith. It was a crucial moment for the disciples for Jesus to ask them to make an affirmation about who they believe he is.

This is one of the most critical things asked of us in our faith journey. We must affirm that Jesus is the Christ, the messiah, the son of the living God. Belief in Christ as our savior is foundational to the beginning of a life of discipleship.

But the other part of this affirmation of Christ as Savior is the human confession of our need for a savior. We are sinners and in need of Christ's redemption. God is a good father and we are loved by him. That's who God is and that is who we are.

Who do we say that Christ is? How does that look in our lives every day?

In Christ,




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

SUNDAY SCHOOL AT 10:00 AM

The Children's Class (K-5)
Teacher: Whitney Weyeneth

The Youth Class (6-12)
Teacher: Kristii Daniel

The Friendship Class
Study: Called to Discipleship
Teacher: Class

The Genesis Class
Study: The Wired Word
Teacher: Leslie Morris

The Joy Class
Study: Meeting with New Connections Class
Teacher: Class

The Nathan Patterson/Wesley Class
Study: Exodus 15
Teacher: Bobby Smith

The New Connections Class
Study: Connecting and Engaging People
Teacher: James Johnson

The Questors Class
Study: Called to Discipleship
Teacher: Glenn Griffin

The Seekers Class
Study: Wired Word
Teacher: Lillian Wooldridge

The Young Adult Class
Study: Jesus & the Beanstalk
Teacher: Becky Britton

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; located at 2022 15th Ave., Columbus.

2019 FLOWER CALENDAR

Sign up to purchase flowers for the sanctuary in honor or memory of loved ones. The calendar is attached to the office window with available dates. Arrangements are \$50 each.

THOSE WHO SERVE

March 31, 2019

9:00 a.m. Worship Service

Greeter: UMW
Usher: UMW
Acolyte: Usher
Children's Church: Whitney Weyeneth

11:00 a.m. Worship Service

Greeter: UMW
Usher: UMW
Acolyte: Jake DiSimone, C. S. DiSimone
Children's Church: Debra Johnson
Nursery Volunteer: Lillian Wooldridge
Financial Secretary: Steve Sawyer
Turn Key: Rev. Tony G. Crosby

OUR STEWARDSHIP

March 24, 2019

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| Tithes & Offerings: | \$2,102.00 |
| Received To Date: | \$67,895.50 |
| Needed To Date: | \$71,333.28 |

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| Attendance: | |
| Sunday School | 53 |
| Worship: 9 a.m. | 25 |
| Worship: 11 a.m. | 65 |
| Total | 90 |

MEMORIAM

Given to the Children's Fund in memory of *Andrea Carbaugh* by Bobby Smith.

Given to the Children's Fund in memory of *Andrea Carbaugh* and *Tim Cox* by Doug & Suzy Revell.

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

Christian sympathy is given to Aaron Jackson, brother of Gladys Plant, and their families, on the loss of Mrs. Plant who passed away on Sunday, March 24.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Children's Ministry Meeting - Sunday, March 31, after the 11 a.m. service. The meeting is for anyone interested in volunteering for the children's ministry in any way. We will discuss plans for upcoming children's events.

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

Prayer Shawl Ministry Meeting - Monday, April 1, at 10 a.m., in the fellowship hall.

HIS UMW Group Meeting - Tuesday, April 2, at 10:30 a.m., in the fellowship hall.

Fellowship Hall Reserved - for yard sale prep on Tuesday afternoon, April 2 to Friday, April 5.

AA Support Group Meeting - every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m., in the Questors classroom.

General Conference Update Session - Now that the special called 2019 General Conference is complete and the South Georgia Conference has shared detailed information about how our conference will be responding, the pastor will share information on Wednesday, April 3, at 6 p.m., in the Questors classroom. There will be no supper. There will be a time for questions and answers.

Wacky Wednesday - each week at 6:30 p.m., in the Woods. The children's program includes lessons, crafts, and songs and is for children Pre-K to 5th grade.

Ladies Bible Study - Every Thursday at 9:30 a.m., in the Questors classroom. Currently studying the Gospel of Mark.

Prayer Team Meeting - Thursdays at noon. Contact Margaret Gosden for more information and location.

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.

Yard Sale - Saturday, April 6, from 8 a.m.-2 p.m., in the fellowship hall. Household, decor, clothing, and the sweet shop are some of the items available. Profits will benefit Epworth's building maintenance and UMW mission giving. There is still time to bring in items to donate for the sale. Contact Marguerite Hay or Debra Johnson for more info.

New Life UMW Group Meeting - Monday, April 8, at 6:30 p.m., in the Questors classroom.

United Methodist Men Meeting - Monday, April 8, at 6:30 p.m., in the fellowship hall.

Lilies for Easter - Order your Easter lilies now on the information board. Each lily is \$13. Order deadline is Wednesday, April 10.

Vintage Group Meeting - Thursday, April 11, at noon, in the fellowship hall; covered dish.

Spring Fling & Community Easter Egg Hunt
Our church family is partnering with a house church in our neighborhood for a celebration of Easter together with our Spring Fling on April 13, from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. The event will include an Easter egg hunt, pictures with the Easter bunny, cookie decorating, and a hot dog lunch. Easter egg hunts will begin at 11:15 a.m., with the youngest children and then every 10 minutes or so after for each older group. Please bring plastic eggs, candy, and toys (that fit in Easter eggs), and spread the word to your friends and family to join the celebration.

Growing Christians UMW Group - Tuesday, April 16, at 6:30 p.m., in the fellowship hall.

EPWORTH PRAYER LIST

Church Family

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|------------------------|--------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Fred & Emilie Carswell | Jimmy Bridges | Plant Family | Carbaugh Family |
| 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 | Crosby Family | | |

Extended Church Family

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|--------------------------|--------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| 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 | Janice Knox | |

Assisted Living/Nursing Home

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

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 **large** plastic eggs, individually wrapped candy (no chocolate) and small toys that will fit into plastic eggs.

April Mission Focus - Our goal is to collect 300 food items for Wynnton Neighborhood Network. Items needed: canned soup, fruit, vegetables, meat, tomato products and mac & cheese. Place items on the mission cart in the hallway near the youth room. A printed list is available on the information rack.

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. Mark your connection card or contact the church office. Thank you!

Tree of Life Memorial - Memorials can be made for members of the Epworth UM or Hamp Stevens UM churches. The minimum donation for an engraved leaf is \$50. Forms are in the information rack in the foyer or on our website. The tree is displayed in the narthex. Money received helps supplement the budget.

A Taste of Epworth Cookbooks - Purchase your copy(s) from the welcome center for \$5 each. Proceeds support missions. The books make great gifts.

Vintage Shirt Sale - A few are still available and sweatshirts can be ordered individually. See the sign-up sheet on the information board or any Vintage member to order.

Vidalia Onion Sale to Benefit Open Door's Children Ministry - See the sign-up sheet to place an order for 10 lb. or 25 lb. bags of onions. The onions will be delivered by the second week in May. Make checks payable to Kiwanis Club of Greater Columbus.

Bench Project - Collect clean and free-of-metal caps and lids to obtain a bench for the playground. Place the caps in the green cylinder container beside the Mission Cart.

Can Recycling - Leave aluminum cans outside the back kitchen door. They will be picked up and recycled by the HIS UMW Group. Money collected will go toward various missions.

Feeding Our Neighbors at Rose Hill - Tuesday, April 30. Preparations begin at 5:15 p.m.; serving at 5:45 p.m. Contact Debra Johnson or Becky Britton to volunteer to serve or help with meal preparation.

Box Tops for Allen Elementary - We continue to collect Box Tops for Education for Allen elementary school. Place the Box Tops in the yellow folder on the mission cart.

SERVANTS NEEDED IN 2019

9 a.m. Ushers: 1st-3rd Sundays

11 a.m. Ushers: 2nd Sundays

Children's Sunday School Helper: 2nd-5th Sundays

Children's Church: 9 a.m.: 2nd-5th Sundays
11 a.m.: 4th Sundays

Turn Key: 1st and 5th Sundays

Calendar of Events

April Birthdays

Say a prayer and write a note...

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | 1 10:00a-Prayer Shawl Ministry Meeting | 2 10:30a-HIS Group UMW Meeting 2:00p-Fellowship Hall Reserved 6:30p-AA Support Group Meeting | 3 Fellowship Hall Reserved-Yard Sale 6:00p-Wednesday Night Supper 6:00p-Praise Team Rehearsal 6:30p-Lenten Bible Study 6:30p-Wacky Wednesday 7:00p-Choir Practice | 4 Fellowship Hall Reserved-Yard Sale 9:30a-Ladies Bible Study 12:00p-Prayer Team Meeting | 5 Fellowship Hall Reserved-Yard Sale 11:30a-Brown Bag Study | 6 8:00a-Yard Sale |
| 7 9:00a-Contemporary Worship Service 10:00a-Sunday School 11:00a-Traditional Worship Service 5:30p-Youth Meeting | 8 6:30p-UMM Meeting 6:30p-New Life UMW Meeting | 9 6:30p-AA Support Group Meeting | 10 6:00p-Wednesday Night Supper 6:00p-Praise Team Rehearsal 6:30p-Lenten Bible Study 6:30p-Wacky Wednesday 7:00p-Choir Practice | 11 9:30a-Ladies Bible Study 12:00p-Prayer Team Meeting 12:00p-Vintage Meeting | 12 11:30a-Brown Bag Study | 13 11:00a-Spring Fling |
| 14 Social Second Sunday Palm Sunday 9:00a-Contemporary Worship Service 10:00a-Sunday School 11:00a-Traditional Worship Service 5:30p-Youth Meeting | 15 | 16 6:30p-Growing Christians UMW 6:30p-AA Support Group Meeting | 17 6:00p-Wednesday Night Supper 6:00p-Praise Team Rehearsal 6:30p-Bible Study 6:30p-Wacky Wednesday 7:00p-Choir Practice | 18 9:30a-Ladies Bible Study 12:00p-Prayer Team Meeting 7:00p-Maundy Thursday Service | 19 Good Friday Office Closed 11:30a-Brown Bag Study | 20 |
| 21 Easter 9:00a-Contemporary Worship Service 10:00a-Sunday School 11:00a-Traditional Worship Service 5:30p-Youth Meeting | 22 | 23 6:30p-AA Support Group Meeting | 24 6:00p-Wednesday Night Supper 6:00p-Praise Team Rehearsal 6:30p-Bible Study 6:30p-Wacky Wednesday 7:00p-Choir Practice | 25 9:30a-Ladies Bible Study 12:00p-Prayer Team Meeting | 26 | 27 |
| 28 9:00a-Contemporary Worship Service 10:00a-Sunday School 11:00a-Traditional Worship Service 5:30p-Youth Meeting | 29 | 30 3:00p-Reachers UMW Meeting 5:00p-Feeding Our Neighbors @ Rose Hill 6:30p-AA Support Group Meeting | | | | |

- 5 Cordelia DiSimone
- 6 Lyn Pharris
- 7 Isaac Weyeneth
- 8 Christi Chase
- 10 Merritt Friend
- 15 Chelsea Chase
Judson Patten
- 18 Elin McManus
- 19 Jim Spanogians
- 20 Jamie Spencer
- 21 Helen Howard
- 23 Janet Cheraisi
- 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.



**Saturday, April 6
8 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Epworth UMC's
Fellowship Hall**

Profits from sale will go towards Epworth's building maintenance fund and UMW missions giving.

Want to know how you can help?

Donate Items

Bake a Goodie for the Sweet Shop

Spread the Word

Please bring your items for donation any time between Tuesday, April 2, at 2 p.m. through Friday, April 5, at 6 p.m., in the fellowship hall. Baked goods need to be brought on Friday afternoon or early Saturday morning.

Help us, help the church. Thank you! For more information, contact Marguerite Hay, Debra Johnson or the church office. Sponsored by New Life UMW Group.



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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



Helping Hands Ministry

Sponsored by Epworth UMW

Are you living alone? Do you need someone to help you with replacing light bulbs? AC filters? Batteries in a smoke detector? Have you given up driving? Do you need a ride to the doctor? Grocery store? The local drug store?

Helping Hands Ministry just may be for YOU! Epworth's UMW will connect you with volunteers at Epworth to help you with these tasks. If you have questions, feel free to ask Becky Britton or Barbara Stubbs more about this new ministry for those who live alone.

Complete one of the forms at the bottom of this sheet if you want to be part of this ministry. Put the form in the collection plate, give it to Becky Britton or Barbara Stubbs personally or to Susan Snider in the church office.

Those who need HELP:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Home phone: _____ Cell phone: _____

Those who will VOLUNTEER to help:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Home phone: _____ Cell phone: _____