



**COMING UP...**

- 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
- Monday, April 5**  
10:00 a.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry Meeting  
3:00 p.m. New Life Group UMW Meeting
- Tuesday, April 6**  
10:30 a.m. HIS Group UMW Meeting  
6:00 p.m. Trustees Meeting  
6:30 p.m. AA Group Meeting
- Wednesday, April 7**  
12 Noon Bible Study
- Thursday, April 8**  
10:00 a.m. Ruby Ladies Bible Study  
12 Noon Prayer Team Meeting  
6:00 p.m. Grief & Caretaker Support Group

**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 call the Pastoral Institute at 706-649-6500 to schedule a telehealth or in-person appointment. PI is located at 2022 15th Ave., Columbus, GA.

**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 \$55 each and are tax deductible.

**CONTACT US**

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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

*The Easter Lilies are given to the Glory of God.  
See the list on the back of the order of Worship.*

Blessed Holy Week and Resurrection Sunday!

**What an inspiring time to be the Body of the Church and personally to seek Christ during this special week.** Yet, we are reminded not to hurry through Holy Week to get to Resurrection Sunday. I implore you to journey through the Holy Week experience reverently of God and patiently:

**We Celebrated the last week of Lent, Our Journey to the Cross**

**We ended our sixth and final Lenten Season discipline last week with “worship”** from the Journey To The Cross Lenten Calendar from the UMHEF. The narrative below shared from the calendar expounded on the discipline:

WORSHIP. Palm Sunday ushered 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.

**I pray that you have experienced God in a new and refreshing way and have aimed to grow spiritually and draw closer to Him** through those disciplines of “Pray, Serve, Thank, Give, Reflect and Worship.” The act of Worship is such an appropriate way to end our Lenten Journey to the Cross as we engage in our personal worship and prepare for communal worship on Good Friday and Resurrection Sunday.

**Good Friday Worship**

**We celebrated Good Friday** and were reminded of the sacrifice Jesus made for us, our sins and for the fulfillment of abundant and imperishable life offered through following him. Let us continue to look to Jesus, our Savior, who made the ultimate sacrifice for our sins so that we may not perish but have eternal life, but most of all, dying on the cross because he loves us! No greater love than this sacrifice. John 3:16

**Resurrection Sunday Worship**

**Easter Sunday is a special time to be in worship for many reasons.** I can think of a few: Because he lives, we can face all things in life. Because he lives, we have hope. Because he lives, all sin is gone. Because he lives, we are living a resurrected legacy. Because he lives, we know that he loves us forever. Come out and be in communal worship Sunday and bring the children. They will have a safe space to gather.

**It was one year ago that the COVID-19 pandemic caused the unprecedented shutdown of in-person worship and gatherings.** I am thankful that for months now we have been back to in-person worship and gatherings. Many of you have stayed away because of the pandemic but have now gotten your COVID-19 vaccinations. Please be encouraged to come back to in-person worship with social distancing. Good Friday was one of our special services during Holy Week. Easter Sunday is a special worship experience and a time to gather. Let’s make our presence a way to honor and worship Christ and Rejoice together!

**Leadership Commitment**

**Reminder:** If you are a committee chair or leader and have not made your committee meeting time to meet with Debra, the Council Chair, and me, please do so no later than April 15. We are looking forward to meeting and planning together!

Enjoy the Holy Week celebrations and wait joyfully and expectantly for Resurrection Sunday!

In Christ,

Rev. Earnie

## THOSE WHO SERVE

April 4, 2021

Greeter & Usher: David & Margurite Hay

## OUR STEWARDSHIP

March 28, 2021

Tithes & Offerings:	\$3,509.00
Received To Date:	\$56,858.21
Needed To Date:	\$69,902.43
Attendance:	
In-person	36
Live Online Viewers	<u>61</u>
Total	97

### **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/](http://www.epworthumc.com/) donate if you are unable to be present for in-person worship. We are thankful for your faithfulness!

## WAYS TO SERVE IN 2020

Don't let the pandemic stop you from serving! Ways to serve: Aluminum can recycling, purchase of Epworth cookbooks, volunteer with Feeding Our Neighbors at Rose Hill, participate in the monthly Mission Focus (a different organization each month), donate to the Showering Program @ Open Door Community House, join the Prayer Shawl Ministry, collect tabs for Ronald McDonald House, reach out to our homebound and nursing home folks, greet, and usher just to name a few. Let us help you connect! Direct questions to Bobby Smith, Barbara Stubbs or the church office. *Greeters and Ushers:* someone from the church will be reaching out to you soon to see if you will continue to serve if you will be attending church in person.

## 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](http://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.

**Lenten Sunday School Study** - Every Sunday at 9 a.m. under the porte cochere or in the Welcome Center. Join us!

**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, "jesusyall" 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 15 at 9 a.m. in the Welcome Center.

**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.

## MISSIONS

**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 bulletin.

**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.

**Feeding Our Neighbors at Rose Hill** - Contact Debra Johnson to volunteer. We will prepare and package the meals at Epworth at 3 p.m. and transport them to Rose Hill to be distributed on Tuesday, April 27 at 5 p.m. Monetary donations are always appreciated.

**Amazon Smiles Shopping** - Make a difference. Shop for gifts or for yourself at [smile.amazon.com/ch/58-1301364](https://www.amazon.com/ch/58-1301364) to generate donations for Epworth UMC. Thank you for your support.

**A Taste of Epworth Cookbooks** - Need a gift to give? Purchase a copy(s) from the Welcome Center for \$5 each. Proceeds support missions.

**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. The tree is displayed in the narthex. Money received helps supplement the budget.

## MEMORIAM

Given to the General Fund in memory of *Betty Cummings* by Sue Vining.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

*All events listed will require all safety precautions.*

**Wednesday Bible Study** - Join us for Bible study with the Prayer & Listening book, LifeGuide Bible Studies series, on April 7 at 12 noon, in the Questors classroom.

**The Grief and Caregiver Support Ministry** - Our next meeting is Thursday, April 8 at 6 p.m., in the Questors classroom. If you have questions, contact Vonna Franks.

**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.

**UMM Meeting** - All men are invited to attend the United Methodist Men's meeting on Monday, April 12 at 6:30 p.m., in the Fellowship Hall. Light refreshments will be served. Direct questions to John Grandon.

**Contactless Shred Day** - Saturday, April 17, 8:30 - 11 a.m., Columbus Tech., Manchester Exp. Limit to 3 trash bags per consumer. See flyer on the front door for more info.

**Safe Sanctuary Meeting & Training** - Wednesday, April 28, 6 p.m., in the Fellowship Hall. See Suzy Revell for more information or with questions.



## 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
Griffin Family			

### Extended Church Family

Steve & Carol Guilbeault	Michael Taff	Kathy Slane	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
Cummings Family	Olson Family		

### 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!***

## 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.



Food Pantry  
Donations Needed



# Easter Lilies

*In Memoray of...*

Doug Franks  
by Vonna Franks

Earl Marchbanks  
by Vonna Franks

Lloyd C. Britton  
by Becky Britton

Irene H. Britton  
by Becky Britton

Hank Guilbeault  
by Jeanne Guilbeault

*In Honor Of...*

Epworth UMC  
by Martha Conklin

Office Volunteers  
by Susan Snider

Bettie Davis  
by the Family

Rev. Earnie  
Marguerite & David Hay