

COMING UP...

Sunday, April 18

- 9:00 a.m. New Connections Sunday School
- 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

Tuesday, April 20

- 6:30 p.m. AA Group Meeting

Wednesday, April 21

- 12 Noon Bible Study

Thursday, April 22

- 9:00 a.m. Nathan Patterson Class Meeting
- 12 Noon Prayer Team Meeting
- 6:00 p.m. Grief & Caretaker Support Group

Sunday, April 25

- 9:00 a.m. New Connections Sunday School
- 9:00 a.m. Seekers Sunday School
- 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

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.

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Instagram - EpworthUMC.com

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, 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 DirectorWhitney Weyeneth
- Church Administrator.....Susan Snider
- Communication/Social MediaAnna Phillips
- Custodians.....Martha Conklin & Barbie Webb
- Media TechTristan Campbell
- Music Director..... Bob Lee
- Nursery WorkerMartha Conklin
- Pastor Rev. Earnestine Campbell

*The sanctuary flowers are given to the Glory of God and
in memory of Raymond Taff by Arlene Taff.*

Greetings Sisters and Brothers in Christ!

God is doing something new at Epworth...What’s new? Well, I’m glad you asked! Epworth never had a three-phase plan for attending church, worshiping, and doing ministry, but we have navigated through Phase 1--back to in-person worship, gatherings, and now, we are in Phase 2 - 2.50. This is a soft roll-in to almost “normal,” a prelude to the pre-Covid-19 times: Remember John 20:19-31 BELIEVE!

Re-Entry Phase, 2.50:

Dynamic in-person Worship Service. Come out and worship!

Sunday School in-person. We encourage other Sunday School classes to begin opening and start small groups again.

Children’s Sunday School will re-open for in-person this Sunday and will continue with a virtual option.

Children’s Church will begin to meet soon. Update next week.

Mission Ministries that have continued throughout the pandemic in-person.

Seasonal Ministries in-person and virtual.

Other Ministries that have begun to meet for the first time since the pandemic: UMM had a great kick-off meeting on April 12!

How can we help you with getting re-started or started? I BELIEVE that in and after every storm or change in life, there is always an opportunity to look at our lives and ministries with fresh lenses of discernment and revelations to grow stronger and better. Let’s look to come back spiritually stronger than ever!

If you have not scheduled your Committee Leadership meeting, please do so no later than April 30 with Debra Johnson and Rev. Earnie. We are extending this deadline because it is important for us to meet with you, so we can plan and do fruitful ministry. “Where there is no vision, the people perish.” Proverbs 28:18

Sunday’s sermon was titled “Following Christ, Living the Resurrection.” In John 20:19-31, paraphrasing, Jesus appears to the Discipleship in their fearful and locked-in situation. However, he unlocks their fears and doubts by affirming his crucifixion, resurrection, and that he is alive by the evidence of his healed wounds. BELIEVE is the Key Word! Question to ponder: Do we believe without seeing the evidence of those things hoped for?

This Sunday’s text is from Luke 24:36b-48. We began a new Sermon Series called: Following Christ, Living the Resurrection: Sermon title, Look, Touch, See, and Tell! Let’s unpack this message together, so we can get the revelation of Christ, in person, if you are able — if not, tune in via livestream.

I look forward to seeing you Sunday! Invite someone to worship!
Rev. Earnie



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

THOSE WHO SERVE

April 18, 2021

Greeter & Usher: Doug & Suzy Revell

OUR STEWARDSHIP

April 11, 2021

Tithes & Offerings:	\$4,321.56
Received To Date:	\$75,807.64
Needed To Date:	\$80,656.65
Attendance:	
In-person	51
Live Online Viewers	66
Total	117

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.epworthmc.com/donate if you are unable to be present for in-person worship. We are thankful for your faithfulness!

UPDATING THE PRAYER LIST

If there are those you know who have had their prayers answered and can be removed from the list or someone who needs to be added, call, email, or leave a note with updates at the church office. See below for the current prayer list. Take a moment and pray for those listed.

ONLINE REVIEWS MATTER

Have you written one? Take a few minutes to write a review of your experience at Epworth through Facebook, Google, or Yelp. This is a way to let our community know about us. Use your social network to share events at our church with family and friends. You can follow the latest news updates from our church at www.facebook.com/epworthcolumbus. Let's spread the word of what God is doing at Epworth and in our community.

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 epworthmc.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.

New Connections Sunday School - Every Sunday at 9 a.m. in the Welcome Center. Our study is from *In the Name of Jesus*.

Seekers Sunday School - Beginning Sunday, April 25, 9 a.m., we will meet in our classroom. Please attend only if you have received your second Covid shot.

Children's Sunday School via Zoom and In-person - Our children are meeting via Zoom each Sunday at 9:15 a.m. Use meeting ID 984 5243 5667, password, "jesusyall" in the app. Or, bring the children to in-person Sunday school.

Nathan Patterson/Wesley Class Meeting - Each Thursday at 9 a.m. in the Welcome Center.

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 the online bulletin.

Vidalia Onion Sale - The Kiwanis Club of Greater Columbus is selling jumbo Vidalia onions. Sign up on the bulletin board in the foyer to purchase a 10 or 25 lb. bag. Payment will be collected on delivery which will be May 17 or after. Deadline to order is May 14.

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.

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.

Circles of Columbus has Volunteer Opportunities - Join Circles to become someone's ally. See the flyer posted on the front door and on the bulletin board in the foyer.

THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who sent cards, prayed for my family, extended sympathy and kindness and the meal during the death of my brother, David. I am so humbled by the love I received from Epworth. Blessings to you all, Susan Snider

UPCOMING EVENTS

All events listed will require all safety precautions.

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

Wednesday Bible Study - Join us for Bible study with the Prayer & Listening book, LifeGuide Bible Studies series, on April 21 at 12 noon, in the Questors classroom.

The Grief and Caregiver Support Ministry - Our next meeting is Thursday, April 22 at 6 p.m., in the Questors classroom. If you have questions, contact Vonna Franks.

Reachers UMW Group Meeting - Tuesday, April 27 at 3 p.m., in the Welcome Center. All ladies are invited.

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

Prayer Shawl Ministry Meeting - Monday, May 3 at 10 a.m., in the Seekers class. If you are interested, contact Jeanne Guilbeault.

New Life UMW Group Meeting - Monday, May 3 at 10 a.m., in The Woods. All ladies are invited.

MEMORIAM

Given to the Tree of Life Memorial in memory of *Betty Cummings* by the HIS UMW Group.

Given to Tree of Life Memorial in memory of *The Whitehurst Family* by Suzy & Doug Revell.

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	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 NETWORK

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.

DRIVE-THRU EVENT

Join us for a contactless drive-thru on Saturday, April 24 from 10:00 a.m. - 12 noon. Drive under the porte-cochere, pop your trunk and our volunteers will retrieve your items.

