

COMING UP...

Sunday, April 21

Easter Sunday

Tuesday, April 23

6:30 p.m. AA Group Meeting

Wednesday, April 24

6:00 p.m. Praise Team Practice

6:00 p.m. Wednesday Night Supper

6:30 p.m. Bible Study - Guest pastor,
Rev. Dr. Buddy Cooper

6:30 p.m. Wacky Wednesday

7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, April 25

9:30 a.m. Ladies Bible Study

12 noon Prayer Team

Sunday, April 28

5:30 p.m. Youth Group Meeting

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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HE IS NOT HERE
HE IS RISEN
AS HE SAID



*Easter
Lilies*

In Memoray of...

Edd & Cara Vola Paulk

by Rev. & Mrs. Tim Paulk

Thomas Lamar Rodgers

by Rev. & Mrs. Tim Paulk

Mr. & Mrs. Harold Jordan

by Emily & Matt Green

Mr. Dewey Davis

by Emily & Matt Green

Mr. & Mrs. J. E. England and Mr. & Mrs. E. S. Patten

by Judson & Louise Patten

Wilson Family

by Anne Wilson

In Honor Of...

The Nursery

by Martha Conklin



SUNDAY SCHOOL AT 10:00 AM

The Children's Class (K-5)

Teacher: Margaret Gosden, Teresa Salter

The Youth Class (6-12)

Teacher: Rev. Tony Crosby

The Friendship Class

Study: Called to Proclaim the Resurrection

Teacher: Rev. Tim Paulk

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 17

Teacher: Bobby Smith

The New Connections Class

Study: Welcoming Church

Teacher: James Johnson

The Questors Class

Study: Called to Proclaim the Resurrection

Teacher: Class

The Seekers Class

Study: Wired Word

Teacher: Lillian Wooldridge

The Young Adult Class

Study: Jesus & the Beanstalk

Teacher: Becky Britton

MAY SERMON SERIES

May The Lord... - One of the most beautiful blessings in the Bible is given to Aaron the priest in the book of Numbers. Many who grew up in the Methodist Youth Fellowship will remember the blessing as the "MYF benediction". This beautiful blessing, beginning with the phrase "may the Lord bless you and keep you..." is one of the most well-known in the scripture. Join us for four weeks of exploration of what it means to receive this blessing in our lives by God and to know the grace and peace of our loving Creator.

THOSE WHO SERVE

April 21, 2019

9:00 a.m. Worship Service

Greeter: Debra Johnson, Anne Wilson

Usher: Volunteer

Acolyte: Usher

Children's Church: Whitney Weyeneth

11:00 a.m. Worship Service

Greeter: Bobby & Carolyn Knox, Maxine Willis

Usher: Doug Revell, Steve Whittington

Acolyte: Eva Cherai, C. S. DiSimone

Children's Church: Debra Johnson

Nursery Volunteer: Lillian Wooldridge

Financial Secretary: Lillian Wooldridge

Turn Key: James Johnson

OUR STEWARDSHIP

April 14, 2019

Tithes & Offerings:	\$3,468.00
Received To Date:	\$85,994.14
Needed To Date:	\$89,166.60

Attendance:	
Sunday School	28
Worship: 9 a.m.	25
Worship: 11 a.m.	<u>31</u>
Total	56

CHILDREN & YOUTH

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.

Youth Group - Youth group will not meet tonight (Easter). Watch your text messages for information about the April 28 meeting.

Youth & Children Sunday School Classes - For a great lesson, wonderful fellowship in a Safe Sanctuaries approved environment, classes are by age/grade beginning at 10 a.m.

MISSIONS

April Mission Focus - Our goal is to collect 300 food items for Wynnton Neighborhood Network. We have received 86 items so far. Items needed: canned soup, fruit, vegetables, meat, tomato products and mac & cheese. Place items on the mission cart near the youth room. A printed list is available on the mission cart.

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.

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.

Early Response Team (ERT) Training - a ministry of the South Georgia Conference, at Epworth on May 4, from 8:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., with lunch provided. This training will allow persons 18 and older to work on a disaster response team (usually 1 or 2 days) in our area. Training cost: \$25. To register, go to www.sgaumc.org, click on "Ministries," then "Disaster Response," then "ERT Training." Use Good Deed code "9x2r4eh" when applying for the volunteer background check.

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.

MEMORIAM

Given to the General Fund in memory of *Gladys Plant* by Bobby & Callie Clark.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Strawberry Patch Outing - The Vintage Group invites those interested to join them on a trip to the Strawberry Patch on Tuesday, April 23. Meet at the church at 10 a.m., to carpool to lunch at Justin's Place, then travel to pick/purchase strawberries and eat ice cream. Sign up on the information board.

Wednesday Supper - April 24, at 6 p.m. Sign up on the information board or contact the church office to make reservations. Menu: breaded pork chops, potato casserole, roasted veggies, rolls, salad and dessert.

Rev. Buddy Cooper to Bring Message Wednesday Evening - Our District Superintendent, the Rev. Dr. Buddy Cooper, will be our guest speaker for our Wednesday supper, April 24. It is our honor to welcome Buddy among us once more before he retires from active service in the United Methodist Church at our Annual Conference in June. After many years of dedicated service to our South Georgia churches, Buddy will begin a new chapter in his life as a corporate chaplain at Aflac.

UMW Sunday Set for April 28 - We will be celebrating the ministry of the United Methodist Women next Sunday, April 28. Becky Britton, our UMW president, will bring the message and will be reflecting about how we follow our role models in life and ministry. Women will take part in leading all of our worship on this special day. We are thankful for the devoted women in our congregation who give endlessly to further God's work in our world.

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

EPWORTH PRAYER LIST

Church Family

Fred & Emilie Carswell	Jimmy Bridges	Plant Family	J. T. Morgan
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	Janice Knox	David Garner

Assisted Living/Nursing Home

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

April Mission Focus

Wynnton Neighborhood Network Needs:

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

Place items on the Mission Cart

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



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: _____