

COMING UP...

Sunday, April 28

- 4:00 p.m. District Conference
- 5:30 p.m. Youth Group Meeting

Tuesday, April 30

- 3:00 p.m. Reachers UMW Meeting
- 5:15 p.m. Feeding Our Neighbors @ Rose Hill
- 6:30 p.m. AA Group Meeting

Wednesday, May 1

- 6:00 p.m. Praise Team Practice
- 6:00 p.m. Wednesday Night Supper
- 6:30 p.m. Bible Study
- 6:30 p.m. Wacky Wednesday
- 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, May 2

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

Saturday, May 4

- 8:30 p.m. ERT Training

Sunday, May 5

- 5:30 p.m. Youth Group Meeting

SERVANTS NEEDED IN 2019

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

11 a.m. Ushers: 2nd Sundays

11 a.m. Nursery Helper: 2nd and 4th 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

To volunteer or for more information, contact the church office.
Other ministries within and outside the church are in need of willing hearts and hands. Contact Becky Britton from the Missions Committee for more info on these ministries.

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

CONTACT US

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Facebook - EpworthUMC.com
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, 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.

April 28, 2019

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**Happy Birthday
United Methodist Women!**

On March 23 of this year, United Methodist Women celebrated their 150th Birthday! Since those early years, United Methodist Women have continued to be an advocate for Women, Children, and Youth here at home and around the world. As we celebrate today, let us keep in mind the PURPOSE of United Methodist Women and also honor those "role models" here at Epworth, in the Columbus/Northwest District, and in the South Georgia Conference.

The Purpose of United Methodist Women

The organized unit of United Methodist Women shall be a community of women whose purpose is to KNOW GOD and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative, supportive fellowship; and to experience concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church.



United
Methodist
Women

FAITH • HOPE • LOVE IN ACTION



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

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL AT 10:00 AM

The Children's Class (K-5)
Teacher: Rosemary DiSimone

The Youth Class (6-12)
Teacher: Sam Cherai

The Friendship Class
Study: Call and Commissioning
Teacher: Class

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 18
Teacher: Bobby Smith

The New Connections Class
Study: Class Discussion
Teacher: Class

The Questors Class
Study: Call and Commissioning
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 28, 2019

9:00 a.m. Worship Service

Greeter: Mary Lee Crews, Charles & Faith Newton
Usher: Leslie Morris, Melonie Phillips
Acolyte: Usher

Children's Church: Whitney Weyeneth

11:00 a.m. Worship Service

Greeter: Suzy Revell, John & Jane Grandon
Usher: Sandra Burns, Jan Shackelford
Acolyte: Ema Cherai

Children's Church: Volunteer

Nursery Volunteer: Volunteer

Financial Secretary: Bryan Pruet

Turn Key: Baron Conklin

OUR STEWARDSHIP

April 21, 2019

Tithes & Offerings:	\$4,904.00
Received To Date:	\$90,898.14
Needed To Date:	\$95,111.04

Attendance:	
Sunday School	68
Worship: 9 a.m.	61
Worship: 11 a.m.	<u>102</u>
Total	163

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

Mark Your Calendar for VBS - *To Mars and Beyond* from Monday-Friday, June 24-28, 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Make plans to join us! Register at www.epworthumc.com. Contact Whitney Weyeneth to volunteer.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

District Conference - Sunday, April 28, at 4 p.m., at St. Peter UMC on Moon Rd.

Sanctuary Reserved - Monday, April 29, from 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

"Like" Our Church on Facebook - Our church maintains an active Facebook presence. You can follow the latest news updates from our church at www.facebook.com/epworthcolumbus. Use your social network to share events at our church with family and friends you think might be interested.

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

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

Wednesday Supper - April 30, at 6 p.m. Sign up on the information board or contact the church office to make reservations. Menu: spaghetti, garlic bread, salad and dessert.

Ladies Bible Study - Every Thursday at 9:30 a.m., in the Questors classroom.

Prayer Team Meeting - Thursdays at noon. Contact Margaret Gosden if are interested in participating.

Prayer Shawl Ministry Meeting - Monday, May 6, at 10 a.m., in the fellowship hall.

HIS UMW Group Meeting - Tuesday, May 7, at 10:30 a.m., in the fellowship hall. Brenda Karastury and Ann Smith will be our hostesses. Jan Shackelford will present the program.

Vintage Group Outing - We will meet and have lunch at Miles-To-Go-Too, on Warm Springs Rd., Columbus, at noon, on Thursday, May 9.

Upper Room Devotional Sale - May/June issue is available in the welcome center.

Epworth Text Messaging Service - Epworth has a free text messaging solution hosted by Remind. Sign up now by texting '@epworth1' to 81010. After that, enter your name and disregard other questions about parent/teacher/student/etc. Contact Tony with questions.

Retirement Celebration for Rev. Dr. Buddy Cooper - Please join us as we honor Rev. Cooper at St. Paul UMC, Wildwood Ave., on Sunday, May 19; drop-in anytime from 4 p.m.-5:30 p.m.; remarks at 5 p.m.

Online Reviews Matter - Have You Written One? Take a few minutes to write a review of your experience at Epworth by going through Google, Facebook or Yelp business.

New Life UMW Meeting - Monday, May 13, at 6:30 p.m., at the church.

United Methodist Men's Meeting - Monday, May 13, at 6:30 p.m., in the fellowship hall.

Fellowship Hall Reserved - Saturday, May 18, from 11 a.m.-4 p.m.

2018/2019 Graduates - Contact the church if you are graduating from high school or college (winter 2018 or spring 2019).

THANK YOU

I would like to thank those who spoke words of condolences, sent cards, said prayers and made donations in Andrea's memory. I appreciate you all, Daniel Carbaugh

MEMORIAM

A Tree of Life Memorial leaf was given in memory of *Gladys Plant* by Hamp Stevens UMC friends.

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

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

April Mission Focus - Our goal is to collect 300 food items for Wynnton Neighborhood Network. We have received 86 items so far. See the list below of needed items. Place items on the mission cart near the youth room. A printed list is also available on the mission cart.

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

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. Deadline to order is this Sunday, April 28.

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. Monetary donations are always appreciated.

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.

Coffee & Calendaring - You're Invited!

Thursday, May 9, at 8 a.m., at Open Door Community House Auditorium on Second Ave. Come celebrate our Seniors Ministry with free breakfast and discover new opportunities to serve at-risk seniors.

Vintage Shirt Sale - Hurry and get your shirts!

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.

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.

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.

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.

Calendar of Events

May Birthdays

Say a prayer and write a note...

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 6:00p-Wednesday Night Supper 6:00p-Praise Team Rehearsal 6:30p-Bible Study 6:30p-Wacky Wednesday 7:00p-Choir Practice	2 12:00p-Prayer Team Meeting	3	4 8:30a-Early Response Team Training
5 9:00a-Contemporary Worship Service 10:00a-Sunday School 11:00a-Traditional Worship Service 5:30p-Youth Meeting	6 10:00a-Prayer Shawl Ministry Meeting	7 10:30a-HIS Group UMW Meeting 6:30p-AA Support Group Meeting	8 6:00p-Praise Team Rehearsal 7:00p-Choir Practice	9 12:00p-Prayer Team Meeting 12:00p-Vintage Outing	10	11
12 Mothers' Day Social Second Sunday 9:00a-Contemporary Worship Service 10:00a-Sunday School 11:00a-Traditional Worship Service 5:30p-Youth Meeting	13 6:30p-New Life UMW Meeting 6:30p-UMM Meeting	14 6:30p-AA Support Group Meeting	15 6:00p-Praise Team Rehearsal 7:00p-Choir Practice	16 12:00p-Prayer Team Meeting	17	18 11:00a-Fellowship Hall Reserved
19 Gideon Sunday 8:00a-Graduates Breakfast 9:00a-Contemporary Worship Service 10:00a-Sunday School 11:00a-Traditional Worship Service 12:15p-VBS Planning & Safe Sanctuary Training 5:30p-Youth Meeting	20	21 11:00a-GRSA Meeting 6:30p-Growing Christians UMW 6:30p-AA Support Group Meeting	22 6:00p-Praise Team Rehearsal 7:00p-Choir Practice	23 12:00p-Prayer Team Meeting	24	25
26 9:00a-Contemporary Worship Service 10:00a-Sunday School 11:00a-Traditional Worship Service 5:30p-Youth Meeting	27 Memorial Day Office Closed	28 3:00p-Reachers UMW Meeting 5:00p-Feeding Our Neighbors @ Rose Hill 6:30p-AA Support Group Meeting	29 6:00p-Praise Team Rehearsal 7:00p-Choir Practice	30 12:00p-Prayer Team Meeting	31	

- 1 Lauren Middleton
- 3 Pat Phillips
- 4 Vicky Griffin
- 6 Bill Thrower
- 8 Fred Carswell
- Rosemary DiSimone
- Madison Jackson
- Debra Ledbetter
- 10 Abby Knight
- 13 Anne Wilson
- 14 Carol Osteen
- 15 Jennifer Lawson
- 17 Sophie Aspinwall
- 19 Emma Knight
- 21 Mildred Rodgers
- 22 Lindsey Fossa
- Judy Frantz
- 24 Robert Willis
- 29 Corey Fossa
- 31 Nancy Hiller

A Birthday Prayer

May God bless you with peace and happiness on this unique day that you celebrate.

May that divine peace and happiness follow you the rest of your life.

May you feel His presence not only today, but all throughout the coming years of your life!

Have a blessed and fun birthday!

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: _____