

COMING UP...

MAY 24 - MAY 31

Sunday, May 24

9:00 a.m. Adult Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship In-person & Online & Children's Church

Monday, May 25

The church office will be closed in observance of Memorial Day.

Tuesday, May 26

1 p.m. Grief Ministry

Wednesday, May 27

Noon Bible Study
6:30 p.m. Zoom (EPEC) Bible Study

Thursday, May 28

Noon Prayer Team

Sunday, May 31

9:00 a.m. Adult Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Sunday Worship
In-person & Online & Children's Church
Tshirt Sunday



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CONTACTING YOU

Most of the church's communication is through e-mail. We send three e-mails each week—a newsletter on Monday, an email from the pastor and an email reminder of Sunday worship. 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:*

Administrator Assistant.....Toni Thomas
Children's Ministry Director.....Jas'min Vontoure
Children's Ministry AssistantWhitney Mennifee
Custodians.....Martha Conklin
Barbie Webb
Media TechTristan Campbell
Music Director..... Bob Lee
Nursery WorkerMartha Conklin
Pastor Rev. Earnestine Campbell
Praise & Worship Director Mandi Battle

The mission of the United Methodist Church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

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May 24, 2026

SPIRIT UNBOUND

GOD Poured OUT

PENTECOST SUNDAY; HERITAGE SUNDAY; ALDERSGATE DAY

Focus text: Numbers 11:24-30, Acts 2:1-2

Poured out. What image or feeling does that phrase evoke for you? Does it remind you of seasons of overwhelming exhaustion from pouring out of an empty cup of energy? Does it call to mind the abundance of water poured out at the baptismal font as a baby is presented for initiation into the family of God? Do you recall evenings with family and friends around a table, sipping on never-ending glasses of tea or mugs of coffee as stories and memories flow from person to person? Do you remember moments when you worked with others to serve your neighborhood, receiving as much as you poured out in service with others?

This idea of "God poured out," which we're circling around in this two-week series, can bring up many images and feelings from our own lives. Yet, God pours out differently than we do. God is infinite; we are finite. God operates in abundance; we struggle with a fear of scarcity. God's love is unlimited; too often, our love is limited by our biases and preconceived notions about who does and doesn't belong.

So, on this Pentecost Sunday, find ways to emphasize the abundance of God, the unbounded Spirit being poured out among us. Fill the space with red, gold, orange, and yellow. Sing your hearts out. Share the goodness of God's work among you. Dream God's dream of abundant life together. Pray for the flourishing of your neighbors. Send one another out encouraged and empowered to follow the unbounded Spirit wherever God may lead. Pentecost is both a celebration and an invitation. We celebrate and remember God's mighty and continuing act of sending the Holy Spirit to dwell among us, to guide us and nurture us on the journey of faith. We also receive and remember the invitation to follow the Spirit, to cooperate with God's work in the world. Just as God pours out abundantly, God invites us continually. The unbounded Spirit is here among us, always working for the flourishing of God's creation and always inviting us to participate. Will we join in?

In Christ,
Pastor Earnie



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

SUNDAY SCHOOL AT 9:00 AM

The Nathan Patterson Class

Study: Psalms 1-18
Teacher: Bobby Smith

The New Connections Class

Study: Life Lessons From ACTS
Teacher: Glenn Griffin

The Seekers Class

Study: Wired Word
Teacher: Donny Davis

THOSE WHO SERVE

May 24, 2026

Ushers: David Hay
Financial Secretary: Steve Sawyer
Acolytes: Children/Youth Ministry/Ushers

OUR STEWARDSHIP

May 17, 2026

Tithes & Offerings:	\$2,054.00
Received To Date:	\$105,748.59
Needed To Date:	\$91,602.08

Attendance:	
Sunday School	17
In-person Sunday Worship	48
Online Viewers	145
Total	193

MAY BIRTHDAYS

3 Pat Phillips	17 Sophie Aspinwall
4 Vicky Griffin	19 Emma Knight
6 Bill Thrower	21 Mildred Rogers
8 Rosemary DiSimone	
Madison Jackson	22 Lindsey Fossa
Debra Ledbetter	24 Robert Willis
10 Abby Knight	29 Corey Fossa
13 Anne Wilson	31 Nancy Hiller
15 Jennifer Lawson	

BLESSED MEMORIAL DAY

On Monday, May 25, we remember those who have given their lives in service to our country and their families in prayer as they remember their loved ones. Amen.

STAY CONNECTED

In-Person & Livestreaming Worship -

Join us each Sunday at 10:30 a.m. Options for worshipping by livestream are: Put the name [epworthumc](https://www.facebook.com/epworthumc) first: [facebook.com/epworthumc](https://www.facebook.com/epworthumc) or [youtube.com/channel/UCZJhDYHDeeE-dnv5a5nQKjA](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCZJhDYHDeeE-dnv5a5nQKjA) as close to 10:30 a.m. as possible or as close to the time of other livestream services.

BIBLE STUDIES

Wednesday, May 27

- Noon Bible Study, in Questors Classroom. New Study, Book of Philippians.
- 6:30 p.m. Online Zoom, EPEC, Bible Study class. The book of Exodus, lessons 15 & 16.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES

Confirmation classes will begin in May 2026 for youth ages 12 to 17! Confirmation is a journey where young people deepen their understanding of faith, learn about the teachings of UMC, and become professing members of our church through their baptized faith and baptism preparation. Parents are encouraged to bring their children to this spiritually enriching experience, developing their growth and commitment to God and the church. Don't miss this opportunity to support your child's faith journey!

A SPECIAL FUNDRAISER OPPORTUNITY FOR OUR CHURCH

- We are excited to announce a special opportunity to support our church through the book, *The Journey of Abraham and Sarah: Faith, Failure, Fulfillment*, authored by Pastor Earnestine Campbell. This inspiring book grew out of our Noonday and Zoom Bible study classes and offers a wonderful opportunity for personal growth and spiritual deepening within our faith.

- With a donation of \$20 or more, you can join this transformative journey through the lives of Abraham and Sarah, exploring their struggles and the grace of God.

Thank you for your continued support!

MISSIONS & UPCOMING EVENTS

MAY MISSION

May Mission Opportunity -

Consider these facts:

- Every 10 seconds, a child dies of malnutrition
- 45% of all deaths in children under five are caused by malnutrition
- Nearly one third of children under five suffer from malnutrition globally

MANA (Mother Administered Nutritive Aid) Nutrition, a non-profit based in Fitzgerald, GA, uses 2 million pounds of Georgia peanuts per month to produce RUTF (Ready to Use Therapeutic Food), a formula of milk, multivitamins, and peanut butter. This shelf staple product requires no preparation and treats acute severe malnutrition. Our goal is to purchase 1/2 pallet (22 boxes) of RUTF at \$40 per box. Each box contains 150 packets. Perhaps each family or church group can sponsor a box. Remember to mark your gift "Mana!"

As always, thank you for your continued support. Blessings!

GRIEF/CAREGIVER MEETING

Grief / Caregiver Support Meeting - Our next Support Meeting is Tuesday, May 26, at 1:00 p.m. All Epworth members are invited and encouraged to invite friends to come out for support and encouragement. For more information, contact Martha Conklin at 706-329-0629 or Vonna Franks at 423-902-6134.

CHILDREN'S & YOUTH SUNDAY

Sunday, May 31—during the Worship Service is Children's and Youth Sunday, which will also be held every 5th Sunday. This ministry of young people will participate in various elements of worship, with their talents and gifts and growing in spiritual discipleship and leadership.

We'll also celebrate their end-of-year grade advancements and achievements. Come support and uplift our future leaders in the faith!

UPCOMING EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

SOUTH GEORGIA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

- Our 2026 South Georgia Annual Conference Session is set for May 31 - June 02, 2026, at Vineville UMC, Macon, GA.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS) JULY 8TH - JULY 11TH

- Vacation Bible School schedule:
 - Wednesday, July 8 – Friday, July 10, from 5:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. at the church.
 - Volunteers are needed. The signup sheet is on the church office window.
 - You can register online using this VBS registration link: <https://www.jotform.com/build/251553961689067>.
- Annual Outing Adventure on Saturday, July 11th at Launch Trampoline Park from noon - 4 p.m.: 7607 Veterans Pkwy, Columbus, GA 31909

- We will conclude VBS and enter into Back to School ministry with a Back to School Giveaway on Sunday, July 12th, during the worship service.
- Further details to come on school supplies donations.

CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRY

Reach out to parents, grandparents, and guardians you know to invite their children and youth to be part of the transformative ministry at Epworth! Here, they can participate in the Word and engaging activities, grow in their biblical understanding, and experience the unique culture of the Southeast—faith, fun, and fellowship!

T-SHIRT SUNDAY

Each last Sunday of the month, you are invited to wear a spiritual T-shirt, your favorite team's T-shirt, etc. – a T-shirt that brings you joy in the Lord! Our next T-shirt Sunday is May 31.

EPWORTH PRAYER LIST

Church Family

Lloyd Britton	Cheryl Jandreau	Annette Taff
Rebecca Britton	Natalie Kernodle	Michael Taff
Deborah Cooper	Bob Lee	Marjean Waters
Buddy Dunn	Linda Lee	Lillian Wooldridge
Susan Dunn	Mildred Rodgers	
John Grandon	Ann Smith	
Jeanne Guilbeault	Susan Stark	
Chester Jakes		

Mary Lee Crews & Family
 James and Donna Faircloth & Family
 Frank Karastury & Family
 Earl & Melonie Phillips & Family
 Family of Harold Morris

Ron Sawyer & Family
 Ann Smith & Family
 Barre' and Steve Whittington & Family
 Family of Myra Tucker

Extended Church Family

Patricia Waldo	Steve Guilbeault	Robbins Family	Kuester Family
Dora Spires	Willie Ryles	Judy Patterson	Cassie Prochaska
Billy Hill	Kim Jordan	Grier Family	Bruce Chapman
Carol Hall	Charles Holmes	Marilyn Buck	Danny Chidester
Beth Goodwin	McDaniel Family	Stephanie Bryan	Adams Family
Hattie Campbell	Robin Grantham	Dana Thurston	Diane Wiggins
Cristina Mattocks	David Garner	Kathy McClintock	Amanda Kinsman Vines
Ann Mitchell	Patricia Jefferson	Susan Land	Aundre Smith
James & Sue Flowers	Robert Wagers	Sarah Browder	Mary Kennedy
Maggie Smith	Hazel Dullin	Family of Neil Gergun	Janna Family
Roger Buterbaugh	Diane Propst	Ralph & Sandy McGough	
George Bowen	Martha Bone	Danny Snider & Family	Davis/Osborne Family
Tammy White	Sam Wilson	Michelle Slappy	Linda Walker
Bertha Robinson	Nona Robinson	Rev. Tim Paulk	

Independent/Assisted Living/Nursing Home

Oaks @ Maple Ridge - Helen Pharris	The Lodge (Bessemer, AL) - Lorene Carlisle
Kings Bridge (Atlanta, GA) - Blount King	Wesley Glen (Byron, GA) - Nancy Hiller
River Place - Anne Wilson	
Oaks @ Grove Park - Ron Sawyer	

*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!*

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

**Sebastian
 Williamson**

Jim & Jean
 Williamson
 & Family

ORDER OF WORSHIP

May 24, 2026 • 10:30 a.m.
Pentecost, Heritage Sunday
*The * Denotes to please stand if able.*

PRELUDE Bob Lee, Music Director

ENTER THE LIGHT OF CHRIST Children/Youth Ministry/Ushers

WELCOME & OPENING PRAYER Worship Leader

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** Apostles' Creed UMH No. 881

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
the third day he rose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

***PRAISE SONG** "Great Things He Has Done" CH 54 - 56
Led by Susan Dunn, Song Leader

OFFERTORY APPEAL/PRAYER Worship Leader

*During the offering, please place your offering in the collection plates as they are passed or text the word "GIVE" to (706) 655-6768. For our Online Worshippers, text or go to epworthumc.com and select "Donate."
On Communion Sunday, please place your Communion Offering in the basket near the altar.*

RESPONSE Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

SHARING OF CONCERNS & CELEBRATIONS Rev. Earnestine W. Campbell, Pastor

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

***SCRIPTURE** NUMBERS 11:24-30 Margaret Gosden

Leader: This is the Word of God for the People of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC "What a Beautiful Name" Mandi Battle
Praise & Worship Director
CCLI # 2967303, Song # 7068424

SERMON "The Depths of Disruption" Pastor

***INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP** Pastor

You can become a member of Epworth by either professing your Christian faith for the first time or by transferring your existing membership from another Christian church.

***CLOSING SONG** "Amazing Grace" CH 343 vv. 1, 2, 4, & 5
Praise & Worship Director

***LIGHT OF CHRIST BROUGHT OUT INTO THE WORLD** Acolytes

***BENEDICTION** Pastor

***POSTLUDE** Music Director

COFFEE BAR ON SUNDAYS

Coffee Bar in the Welcome Center:

Enjoy coffee and refreshments for the Sunday School and Worship Service hours every Sunday.
~Donations are appreciated.