

COMING UP...

Sunday, May 12

Mother's Day

Social Second Sunday

5:30 p.m. Youth Group Meeting

Monday, May 13

6:30 p.m. New Life UMW Group Meeting

6:30 p.m. UMM Meeting

Tuesday, May 14

6:30 p.m. AA Group Meeting

Wednesday, May 15

6:00 p.m. Praise Team Practice

7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, May 16

12 noon Prayer Team

Sunday, May 19

Gideon Sunday

8:00 a.m. Graduates Breakfast

12 noon Safe Sanctuary Training &
VBS Planning

5:30 p.m. Youth Group Meeting

Monday, May 20

6:30 p.m. Church Council Meeting

SOCIAL SECOND SUNDAY

People of all ages are on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and more. We encourage everyone to share something from church, a ministry you participate in or any church activity today. Let your friends and family know we are excited about what God is doing at Epworth.

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.

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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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.

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May the Lord...
Make His Face to Shine Upon You

*Restore us, O God of hosts;
let your face shine, that we may be saved.*

Psalms 80:3 (NRSV)

Oh, but to know that the shining face of God is upon me. That is the plea of the psalmist. There is something utterly reassuring and calming, knowing that God's face is shining upon us.

It is said in the book of Exodus that Moses spoke to God "face to face." Indeed, Moses was a special prophet and the scripture is clear that he is unique and holds a place of high esteem. He met God on the mountain and spoke with God directly in the thunderous cloud as he received the law written in God's own hand on the stone tablets. Deuteronomy ends with an epitaph over Moses that, "Never since has there arisen a prophet in Israel like Moses, whom the Lord knew face to face."

But despite all of this "face time" with God, there is still a fascinating story in the Old Testament where Moses wanted to come even closer to God than he had. When God asked for Moses to get people on the move once again from Sinai, Moses got a little disgruntled with God—and it was not the first time. Moses said, in essence, "you are asking for all of this stuff from me, now let me ask something from you." So Moses asks God, "show me your glory."

Now it is hard to tell what all that means, but God's response is clear. God says, "you cannot see my face; for no one shall see me and live." God promises to pass by Moses with all of his goodness and glory, but that he will hide his face from Moses with his hand and that Moses will be able to see the back of God.

This week, as we think of what it means to be blessed by the Lord making his "face to shine upon you," I am reminded that even though we might not be able to look upon the face of God, God is certainly able, willing, and constantly looking upon us. As children, there is nothing quite like the longing to see the face and to make eye contact with our mother or father. The loving gaze of the parent looking back upon the child has to be one of the most reassuring and confidence building nonverbal communications that happen between people. When we are on the edge of accomplishment, whether it is taking those first steps, playing that first ball game, dancing that first recital, or walking across the stage of the graduation, the loving gaze of the proud parent is so valuable. It is one of the best ways we might understand the blessing of a face shining upon us.

God has invested so much in us. There is nothing more beautiful than to imagine a day when God would look down upon us and say "well done, thou good and faithful servant." In that moment of eternity, we will see face to face in all God's glory the goodness of one who has loved us from the moment we were created and stands ready to love us for all eternity.

In Christ,



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

*The sanctuary flowers are to the Glory of God and in honor of all mothers
and in memory of Mary Conklin by the Conklins.*

SUNDAY SCHOOL AT 10:00 AM

The Children's Class (K-5)

Teacher: Margaret Gosden

The Youth Class (6-12)

Teacher: Rev. Tony Crosby

The Friendship Class

Study: Missionary Presentation

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: Missionary Presentation

Teacher: Class

The New Connections Class

Study: Missionary Presentation

Teacher: Class

The Questors Class

Study: Class Discussion

Teacher: Gary Tomlin

The Seekers Class

Study: Wired Word

Teacher: Lillian Wooldridge

The Young Adult Class

Study: Jesus & the Beanstalk

Teacher: Becky Britton

WELCOME NEW MEMBER

Welcome Sharon Harkness, who joined Epworth on Sunday, May 5, at the 11:00 service. She comes to us from Jodeco Road UMC in Stockbridge, GA.

THANK YOU

Thank you EUMC for all the volunteers, donations of eggs, money, candy, and toys! Thanks to our UMW and UMM, without your support, the Spring Fling couldn't have been so successful. Thank you to everyone who stuffed eggs, cooked hot dogs, baked cookies, and prayed for our Spring Fling event!

THOSE WHO SERVE

May 12, 2019

9:00 a.m. Worship Service

Greeter: Jeanne Guilbeault, Bobby Smith

Usher: Randy Morris

Acolyte: Usher

Children's Church: Whitney Weyeneth

11:00 a.m. Worship Service

Greeter: Brenda Karastury, Lillian Wooldridge

Usher: Doug Revell, Steve Whittington

Acolyte: Ema Cherai

Children's Church: Gary & Janice Tomlin

Nursery Volunteer: Volunteer

Financial Secretary: Shawn Jandrea

Turn Key: John Daniel

OUR STEWARDSHIP

May 5, 2019

Tithes & Offerings:	\$10,253.00
Received To Date:	\$104,754.09
Needed To Date:	\$106,999.92

Attendance:	
Sunday School	56
Worship: 9 a.m.	40
Worship: 11 a.m.	47
Total	87

CHILDREN & YOUTH

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

VBS Planning & Safe Sanctuary Training - Sunday, May 19, following the 11:00 service. Lunch will be provided. Sign up for lunch reservations on the information board.

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

MISSIONS

May Mission Focus - We are collecting monetary donations for Magnolia Manor's, *The League of the Good Samaritan*, a benevolent fund that covers the cost of care when residents are unable to pay. See the insert/envelope in this Sunday's bulletin. You may send donations directly with the enclosed envelope or place "Magnolia Manor" on your offering envelope to give through the church. If you would like to volunteer, contact Rev. Scott at 706-324-0987.

Vintage Group 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 to order.

Wynnton Neighborhood Network April 2019 Report - In April, we served 1,492 bags of groceries to 369 families containing 1,005 persons, including 482 children. This beats our previous busiest April by more than 30 families. We also assisted 47 families in keeping their lights on, spending \$3,334. We are seeing great need and we need everyone's help in meeting it. May God bless all our congregations for their giving of their time, food and money.

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.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

2018/2019 Graduates - Contact the church office by tomorrow, May 13, if you are graduating from high school or college (winter 2018 or spring 2019), so we can celebrate with you. Graduates' breakfast is Sunday, May 19, beginning at 8 a.m.

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

Epworth Host Methodist Missionary This Morning - Several churches in the Columbus area are hosting United Methodist missionaries today. These are new missionaries in training who are learning how to tell their story and connect with local churches for support. Cristian Mauricio Shclick Saldiato (from Chile) will be sharing his story during the Sunday School hour in the fellowship hall. All Sunday School classes are invited to join us during this time.

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 through Google, Facebook or Yelp.

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.

Church Council Meeting - Monday, May 20, at 6:30 p.m., in the fellowship hall.

