

COMING UP...

JUNE 7 - JUNE 14

Sunday, June 7
9:00 a.m. Adult Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Sunday Worship
In-person & Online & Children's Church
Holy Communion

Monday, June 8
11:30 a.m. Monday Ministry Zumba
1:00 p.m. New Life Group Meeting

Tuesday, June 9
11:30 a.m. Grief/Caregiver Support Luncheon
@Longhorn Steakhouse, Whittlesey Blvd

Wednesday, June 10
All Bible Studies will resume after the Summer Break.

Thursday, June 11
Noon Prayer Team

Sunday, June 14
9:00 a.m. Adult Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Sunday Worship
Graduate Sunday Recognition



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

CONTACT US

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Instagram - EpworthUMC.com
Youtube - epworthumccolumbus1430

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 Tech.....Tristan Campbell
Music Director.....Bob Lee
Nursery WorkerMartha Conklin
Pastor Rev. Earnestine Campbell
Praise & Worship Director..... Mandi Battle



June 7, 2026

"THE POWER OF NOW AND GO"

SERMON RECAP: MAY 31, 2026 - TRINITY SUNDAY
EPWORTH'S CHILDREN & YOUTH SUNDAY
Matthew 28:16-20

What a powerful worship service we had on Sunday! Our sermon title was "The Power of Now and Go," and our scripture was Matthew 28:16-20, known as the "Great Commission." This passage calls us to recognize the urgency of our mission as followers of Christ. Here we find Jesus after His resurrection, instructing His disciples to meet Him in Galilee (gentile land)—a place symbolizing inclusivity and inviting all to receive Christ as their Savior. The power of "now and go" brings us to the present urgency to spread the gospel, urging us to move forward. It's a divine directive, inviting us to step out of our comfort zones, put our faith into action, and reach others for Christ. The time is now for whatever we may be called to, whatever we may be experiencing, and whatever we may need to release.

Taking a pastoral pause on this special Sunday of the Trinity, we also had the joy of celebrating our children and youth ministry, who helped lead us in worship. Under the leadership of our dedicated children's ministry director, Jasmine Vontoure, and assistant leader, Whitney Mennifee, they not only led specific elements of worship but also began the children and youth choir, uplifting us with their beautiful harmonies and energetic voices unto the Lord. This reminded us of the importance of nurturing our young ones in faith. We also acknowledged their accomplishments in school during the end-of-the-year recognition. The choir will sing every fourth or fifth Sunday and on fifth Sundays help to lead the service. We are grateful for the parents and grandparents who support them and our church, creating an environment where our children can grow in godliness and faith.

Returning to the sermon, we remember Mary Magdalene and the other Mary, who, upon discovering the empty tomb, are tasked with sharing the life-changing news of Jesus' resurrection. This connects us to worship—Matthew 28 shows us the interplay of worship and doubt as these followers respond to the resurrection and His call. Though they worshiped, some didn't and chose uncertainty—a reflection of our own faith journeys. Just like Thomas, who doubted, we see that God is a God of second chances. We must bring our doubts to Jesus, recognizing that even in our struggles, He invites us to grow and choose Him.

(See Insert for Continuation)

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 42 - 56

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

June 7, 2026

Ushers: David Hay

Financial Secretary: Donny Davis

Acolytes: Children/Youth Ministry/Ushers

OUR STEWARDSHIP

May 31, 2026

Tithes & Offerings: \$3,279.00

Received To Date: \$110,009.59

Needed To Date: \$100,762.08

Attendance:

Sunday School *10

In-person Sunday Worship 51

Online Viewers 103

Total 154

* Seekers Class did not meet.

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

3 Regina Bridges 27 Lori Aspinwall

7 James Faircloth 28 Natalie Kernodle

12 MacKenzie Morris

13 C.S. DiSimone 29 Blount King

14 Susan Yaksh 30 Lauren Campbell
Martha Conklin

19 Philip Kernodle Stephanie Clack

20 Alyssa Francisco Olive Propst

Amanda Morris

25 Aaron Jackson

STAY CONNECTED

In-Person & Livestreaming Worship -

Join us each Sunday at 10:30 a.m. Options for worshiping by livestream are: Put the name [epworthumc](https://www.epworthumc.org) first; [facebook.com/epworthcolumbus](https://www.facebook.com/epworthcolumbus) 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

Studies will resume after the Summer Break.

GRIEF/CAREGIVER MEETING

Grief / Caregiver Support Meeting - Our next Support Meeting is Tuesday, June 9. We will meet for a luncheon at 11:30 a.m. at Longhorn Steakhouse, located at 5435 Whittlesey Blvd. All Epworth members are invited and encouraged to extend the invitation to 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.

CELEBRATING OUR GRADS

Join us Sunday, June 14, 2026, as we honor and give recognition to our graduating members who submitted their graduation information.

FATHER'S DAY HERSHEY BARS

To honor this Father's Day on Sunday, June 21, Epworth's Worship Committee will be selling specially wrapped Hershey bars in honor and in memory of the fathers, grandfathers, and great-grandfathers in our lives. Please complete the insert form and submit it along with a \$5.00 donation, for each name to be listed, in the offering plate or to the church office by Wednesday, June 17. All proceeds will go to the church's General Fund.

What an amazing opportunity to honor and recognize Dad while rejoicing in God's glory!

MISSIONS & UPCOMING EVENTS

JUNE MISSION

June Mission Opportunity - Our June mission is Brown Bag of Columbus. Since July 1987, this nonprofit agency provides a 15 item bag of groceries once a month to low-income seniors. They have asked Epworth for two items: canned corn (15oz) & canned green beans (15oz). You are also welcome to make monetary donations to Brown Bag.

As always, your support is greatly appreciated!

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!

CONFIRMATION CLASSES

Confirmation classes will begin in July 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!

UPCOMING EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS) JULY 8 - JULY 11

- 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 11, 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 12, during the worship service.
-Further details to come on school supplies donations.

CHILDREN'S & 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!

A SPECIAL FUNDRAISER FOR VBS

Please support our children and youth by purchasing a VBS T-shirt for \$25. All proceeds will benefit the Children's & Youth Ministry.
- Contact Jas'Min Vontoure for purchase.

FELLOWSHIP HALL RESERVED

Tuesday, June 16 - All day - The Fellowship Hall is Reserved for General Election Runoff Voting.

Continuation...

In the Great Commission, we hear Jesus declare, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.” This foundational statement reassures us that we are not alone; we are empowered by Christ’s authority to make disciples of all nations. Our task extends beyond gathering numbers; we are called to develop a community rooted in faith. We must tell the world—in our homes, workplaces, and even in chance meetings throughout our day—about the ministry of Jesus, His goodness, and the salvation He offers for an ultimate quality of life on earth and into eternity through Him, transforming followers into true disciples who receive and live out His teachings.

The text leads us to the concept of the Trinity through verses 18-20. While the Trinity can be complex, I appreciate Augustine’s 4th-century analogy comparing it to wood—using a tree’s root, trunk, and branches—distinct but unified, all made of the same substance—wood. This captures the essence of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, who, though having different roles, are one in purpose. Wood is strong, as Exodus tells us about the acacia wood—the Trinity is our strength, supporting us with strength and love.

I used an illustration of three chairs, each made of different colors and fabrics, representing the distinct persons of the Trinity. While different in appearance, all serve the same purpose: to hold us up. Just as we confidently sit in these chairs, trusting they will support us, we can trust that the Father, the Creator; Jesus, the Redeemer; and the Holy Spirit, the Sustainer, will uphold us through challenges as we evangelize for Christ. This imagery reminds us that when we pray, we are speaking to one God representing these three distinct functions but one unified Person. The Father creates, Jesus redeems, and the Holy Spirit sustains—all working in harmony to support us. Whatever we go through, as long as we repent and turn to God, He will carry us through our trials.

As we reflect on the urgency of the moment, we realize this call is not just for the early disciples; it’s for us today. We are called to witness and share the transformative power of Christ in our lives and communities. The resurrection is not just a past event in our historic Christian faith, and it’s a present reality calling us to live out our faith boldly.

In this journey of faith, let’s acknowledge our diverse experiences. Each of us brings unique stories and backgrounds, yet we are united in our mission to spread the gospel. Just as the Trinity is united in diversity, so too can we as a church reflect that same spirit.

As we conclude, I urge each of you to embrace your "now." Take up the mantle of the Great Commission in your own lives. Whether through acts of service, sharing your testimony, or engaging in community outreach, let’s be the hands and feet of Christ. The “Power of Now and Go” is a divine calling for every believer.

Let us rise to the occasion, knowing that God walks with us every step of the way. As we “go” forth, carry the message of hope and transformation into our families, workplaces, churches, and communities, trusting in the authority of Christ and the guidance of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

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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

June 7, 2026 • 10:30 a.m.

2nd Sunday after Pentecost

*The * Denotes to please stand if able.*

PRELUDE

Bob Lee, Music Director

ENTER THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

Children/Youth Ministry/Ushers

WELCOME & OPENING PRAYER

Marguerite Hay, Worship Leader

*CONFESSION & PARDON

UMH No. 12

People: Merciful God,

We confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.

We have failed to be an obedient church.

We have not done your will,

we have broken your law,

we have rebelled against your love,

we have not loved our neighbors,

and we have not heard the cry of the needy.

Leader: Forgive us, we pray.

Free us for joyful obedience,

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hear the good news:

Christ died for us while we were yet sinners;

that proves God's love toward us.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

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

*PRAISE SONG

"I Am Thine, O Lord"

UMH 419 vv. 1, 2, & 4
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.

OFFERTORY SELECTION

"I Believe"

David Hay

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.

SPECIAL MISSION ANNOUNCEMENT

Bobby Smith

SHARING OF CONCERNS & CELEBRATIONS

Rev. Earnestine W. Campbell, Pastor

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

*SCRIPTURE

MATTHEW 9:9-13, 18-26

Patricia Bronson

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

People: Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Holy Forever"

Mandi Battle
Praise & Worship Director
CCLI # 2967303, Song # 7201044

SERMON

"Beyond Repair or No Limits?"

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.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Pastor & Congregation
(See Screen)

Invitation

The Great Thanksgiving

Liturgy

The Lord's Prayer

The Giving of the Bread and Cup

UMH No. 12
UMH No. 13-14

UMH No. 14-15

*CLOSING SONG

"It Is Well with My Soul"

UMH 377 vv. 1 & 3
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.