

## COMING UP...

**Sunday, June 9**

Social Second Sunday

**Monday, June 10**

6:30 p.m. New Life UMW Group

**Tuesday, June 11**

6:30 p.m. AA Group Meeting

**Wednesday, June 12**

6:00 p.m. Praise Team Practice

7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

**Thursday, June 13**

12 noon Prayer Team

12 noon Vintage Group Meeting

**Friday-Saturday, June 14-15**

Fellowship Hall Reserved

**Sunday, June 16**

Father's Day

## 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.

## SERVANTS NEEDED IN 2019

**9 a.m. Ushers:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays

**11 a.m. Ushers:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Sundays

**Children's Church:** 9 a.m.: 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Sundays

11 a.m.: 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays

*(See the sign-up sheet on the information board)*

**Turn Key:** 1<sup>st</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays

To volunteer or for more information, contact the church office. Other ministries within and outside the church need 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 Director ..... Lyn Pharris

Church Administrator..... Susan Snider

Contemporary Music Director..... Kayla Moss

Custodians..... Martha Conklin & Barbie Webb

Music Director..... Bob Lee

Nursery Worker ..... Martha Conklin

Pastor ..... Tony G. Crosby

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## 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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June 9, 2019

**Powerful Passionate Prayers:  
The Lord's Prayer**

<sup>7</sup> "When you are praying, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do; for they think that they will be heard because of their many words. <sup>8</sup> Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.

-Matthew 6:7-8 (NRSV)

The Lord's Prayer appears in the scripture in both Matthew and Luke. Each of the two is presented in different contexts. This leads me to believe Jesus probably taught this more than once, maybe often. It wouldn't surprise me. Other than regularly reading scripture, I can't think of a single thing more important to our discipleship journey than prayer. If we become a people of prayer, it is highly likely that all of the other disciplines will come more easily.

In Luke, the Lord's Prayer is given as a response to the disciples asking Jesus about how to pray. But in Matthew, the prayer is given in the well-known Sermon on the Mount. Jesus prefaces the actual text of the prayer with a more important lesson.

This past week at the Annual Conference, as the appointments were read for each district, a lay person from that district offered a prayer. When people are called to speak in front of the Annual Conference, it is not unusual for people who regularly pray extemporaneously to write out prayers for that setting. Even I wrote out the remarks I made when I addressed the clergy session when I do not normally read things word for word. I wanted to make sure I didn't stumble over my words in that setting.

However, I must confess my favorite prayer of the conference was one in which a district lay representative prayed for the pastors as they moved. He prayed for the simple yet real things families face when they relocate. Specifically, he prayed that people would help them find out who teaches piano and "where to buy pork chops." I love that! I think many clergy families appreciated the lofty words and sentiments offered by others, but people moving to a new location will meet very practical concerns as well as the larger challenges of the faith. They are all worthy of prayer.

Jesus' instructions against lofty and empty phrases should strike us. Many are afraid of prayer because they think they can't speak properly. We have chosen the wrong role models for our prayers. I think I like the guy praying about where to find pork chops. That is real and that is urgent and specific.

I look forward to learning much about how to pray from the prayers of the Bible during these summer months. I want you and me to learn to pray authentically and passionately from these great stories of prayer in the scripture. Join us each week as you can.

In Christ,  
*TG*



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

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

## 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: Jesus Seals the New Covenant

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 21

Teacher: Bobby Smith

### **The New Connections Class**

Study: Class Discussion

Teacher: Class

### **The Questors Class**

Study: Jesus Seals the New Covenant

Teacher: Class

### **The Seekers Class**

Study: The Wired Word

Teacher: Lillian Wooldridge

### **The Young Adult Class**

Study: Jesus & the Beanstalk

Teacher: Becky Britton

## THOSE WHO SERVE

June 9, 2019

### **9:00 a.m. Worship Service**

Greeter: Jeanne Guilbeault, Bobby Smith

Usher: Randy Morris

Children's Church: Whitney Weyeneth

### **11:00 a.m. Worship Service**

Greeter: Brenda Karastury, Lillian Wooldridge

Ushers: Doug Revell, Steve Whittington

Children's Church: Gary & Janice Tomlin

Nursery Volunteer: Volunteer

Financial Secretary: Shawn Jandreau

Turn Key: John Daniel

## OUR STEWARDSHIP

June 2, 2019

Tithes & Offerings: \$7,684.00

Received To Date: \$126,386.09

Needed To Date: \$130,777.68

Attendance:

Sunday School 50

Worship: 9 a.m. 34

Worship: 11 a.m. 63

Total 97

## CHILDREN & YOUTH

**Summer Volunteers Needed for Children's Ministry** - Please prayerfully consider volunteering to teach Sunday School or Children's Church one or more Sundays during the summer, June 2-August 25. See the sign-up sheet on the information board in the foyer area for available dates and times. Contact Whitney Weyeneth or the church office for more information.

**Vacation Bible School** - *To Mars and Beyond*, Monday-Friday, June 24-28, from 9 a.m.-12 noon. For contact information, to register a child or to volunteer, go to [www.epworthumc.com](http://www.epworthumc.com).

**VBS Needs** - paper towel and toilet paper rolls. Place items in the marked, green cylinder container in the foyer.

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

## MISSIONS

**June Mission Focus** - Join us as we work to end hunger and poverty through Heifer International. For more info on Heifer, see the insert in this week's bulletin. We are collecting monetary donations to make a difference that will last for years to come. Mark your offering envelope "Heifer" and donate today!

**Medical Equipment Needed** - We collect medical equipment for Epworth folks who may need such items. If you have any equipment, please consider donating. If you need to borrow any items, don't hesitate to give us a call. Our biggest need is shower chairs.

**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.

**Bench Project** - Collect clean and free-of-metal caps and lids to obtain a bench for the playground. Place the caps in the green cylinder container beside the Mission Cart.

**Can Recycling** - Leave aluminum cans outside the back kitchen door. They will be picked up and recycled by the HIS UMW Group. Money collected will go toward various missions.

**Feeding Our Neighbors at Rose Hill** - Tuesday, June 25. 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.

**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, price and color options.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING

**Social Second Sundays** - 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.

**Doug Franks Testimonial on Sunday, June 16**  
Doug Franks will bring a message and testimony at the 11 a.m. service. Recently, Doug has experienced quite a challenge in the hope that he might receive a heart pump assist device. When he learned he was not medically fit for the device, it was devastating. But his hope has not waned in his faith in Christ. Come and hear Doug share his story and a word from the Lord.

**New Life UMW Group Meeting** - Monday, June 10, at 6:30 p.m., at the church.

**Vintage Group Outing/Meeting** - Thursday, June 13, at noon, at Rose Hill Seafood on Hamilton Rd. Sign up on the information board to attend.

**Fellowship Hall Reserved** - Friday-Saturday, June 14-15.

**Fellowship Hall Closed** - Friday-Saturday, June 21-22, for VBS decorating. Want to volunteer? See Whitney Weyeneth.

## SERMON SERIES ON PRAYER

This summer, we will focus on some of the most powerful, passionate prayers in the scripture. We will hear David's plea for forgiveness for his sins. We will read of Moses' bold intercession for the Israelites. We will also look at two of the most powerful prayers of Jesus with The Lord's Prayer and the prayer in Gethsemane. An authentic prayer life is not as far away as you imagine. Join us for worship this summer.

## EPWORTH PRAYER LIST

### Church Family

Fred & Emilie Carswell	Jimmy Bridges	Doug Franks	Annette Taff
Vanessa Desoto	Ron & Betty Sawyer	Thrower Family	Sibyl Wells
Keri McElvey	Barbara Stubbs	Kernodle Family	Daniel Family
Helen Batastini	Morgan Family	Anne Wilson	

### 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
Cristina Mattocks	Evie Green	Katie Leach	

### Assisted Living/Nursing Home

Covenant Woods - Linda Coleman, Carol Osteen	River Place - Betty Cummings, Elizabeth Harbert, Jane Sanders
Kings Bridge (Atlanta, GA) - Blount King	River Towne Center - Jerry Williams
Magnolia Manor - Doris Halouska 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.*

## JUNE MISSION FOCUS HEIFER INTERNATIONAL



**PASSING ON THE GIFT®** is the heart of our sustainable community development philosophy. Every family who receives an animal must pass on one or more of the animal's offspring, along with other inputs, training and skills, to other families in need. This unique approach creates a ripple effect that transforms lives and communities. Recipients build new levels of self-confidence and fulfillment as they become donors themselves. **Luke 3:11**

**EMPOWERING WOMEN** is top priority for Heifer and faith communities. We support the formation of community groups and work to ensure women develop skills to take on leadership roles at group and community levels. With this, girls receive equal educational opportunities, women become leaders and entire communities thrive. **1 Timothy 3:11a**

**CARING FOR THE EARTH** remains at the root of each of our projects, as we believe it is vital to ending hunger and poverty. Because we are called to be good stewards of the environment, we emphasize sustainability throughout our projects. Planting trees and practicing farming methods that enrich, rather than deplete, the soil is integral to our project activities around the world. **Psalm 24:1**

**Paired with these fundamentals, the gifts of livestock are able to transform entire communities, making the Heifer Ark a true rainbow of hope to the communities we reach.**

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