

COMING UP THIS WEEK...

Tuesday, August 28

- 5:15 p.m. Feeding Our Neighbors @ Rose Hill
- 6:30 p.m. AA Support Group Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. Youth Group Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. Reachers UMW Meeting

Wednesday, August 29

- 6:00 p.m. Supper
- 6:00 p.m. Worship Team Rehearsal
- 6:30 p.m. Bible Study-Adults & Children
- 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, August 30

- 12 noon Prayer Team Meeting

Sunday, September 2

- 9:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship
- 10:00 a.m. Sunday School
- 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship

Monday, September 3

Office Closed

- 10:00 a.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry

Tuesday, September 4

- 10:30 a.m. HIS Group UMW Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. AA Support Group Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. Youth Group Meeting

Sunday, September 9

- 11:00 a.m. Promotion Sunday

PASTORAL COUNSELING

Our church partners with The Pastoral Institute to offer counseling for individuals and families at deep discounts. Call the church for more information or give our church name when scheduling an appointment at 706-649-6500. Hours are Monday-Thursday, 8 a.m. - 9 p.m., Friday, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. The Pastoral Institute is located at 2022 15th Ave., Columbus.

OUR CHURCH STAFF

Epworth's members are our ministers.

The professional staff who assist us are:

Children's Ministry DirectorLindsey Fossa
Choir Director.....Lyn Pharris
Church Administrator Susan Snider
Contemporary Music Director Kayla Moss
CustodiansMartha Conklin & Barbie Webb
Interim Youth Minister.....Kristii Daniel
Media & CommunicationsDawn Wilson
Music DirectorBob Lee
Nursery Worker..... Martha Conklin
Pastor..... Tony G. Crosby

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CONTACTING YOU

Most of the church's communication now is through e-mail. We send two e-mails each week—a newsletter on Monday and a sermon preview on Friday. We also use e-mail to send important meeting reminders and other information. Help us contact you by making sure we have your current e-mail address.

The sanctuary flowers are given to the glory of God and in honor of Bill Pharris' birthday by Helen Pharris.

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August 26, 2018

Home

Happy are those who live in your house, ever singing your praise.

Psalm 84:4 (NRSV)

Home is a powerful word for most people. The idea conjures strong images, memories, and feelings in our hearts and minds. They can be positive or negative, current or nostalgic, and are usually the memories from our most formative childhood years.

Since we are a pastoral family in the United Methodist Church, my family has moved a few times. I have not done so, but I imagine their feelings of home are interspersed between the three houses and churches. For me, home is a mobile home in the country on 40 acres where my grandparents were within “shouting distance” and very much a part of our lives. Whether your experience of home is more nomadic or localized, powerful memories of certain things in our lives remain constant. Our families hold treasures and tragedies in tension. Our families are where the best and worst of our lives are experienced together. Although some people spend much of their energy trying to get away from something associated with home, we also find ourselves the products of the homes we grew up in and are a part of.

Psalm 84 is really a song about the joy of being at home with God. One of our well-known praise and worship choruses captures the idea directly from this scripture:

“Better is one day in your courts, better is one day in your house...than thousands elsewhere.”

If we allow God to be our source, our foundation, and our all in all, then it would only make sense to share all of the things with the family of God in the household of God and in the joy of the presence of God. One of the most exciting things I imagine about heaven is the glory and beauty of simply worshiping God forever.

So join me today in rejoicing in being at home with God in his courts with praise. It is where we will be in eternity, so let's make ourselves at home now in the joy of the presence of the Lord.

In Christ,



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

SUNDAY SCHOOL AT 10:00 AM

The Children's Class

Kindergarten - 5th Grade: Rosemary DiSimone
6th - 12th Grade: Kristii Daniel

The Friendship Class

Study: Practicing Justice
Teacher: Barbara Stubbs

The Genesis Class

Study: Have You Ever Seen a Hearse...
Teacher: Leslie Morris

The Joy Class

Study: O Say Can You See?
Teacher: Class

The Nathan Patterson/Wesley Class

Study: Genesis 33 & 34
Teacher: Bobby Smith

The New Connections Class

Study: 40 Days of Community
Teacher: James Johnson

The Questors Class

Study: Class Discussion
Teacher: Gary Tomlin

The Seekers Class

Study: Wired Word
Teacher: Donny Davis

THOSE WHO SERVE

AUGUST 26 2018

9:00 a.m. Worship Service

Greeter: Mary Lee Crews
Usher: Shawn Jandreau, Steve Sawyer
Acolyte: Usher
Children's Church: Lindsey Fossa

11:00 a.m. Worship Service

Greeter: Suzy Revell
Ushers: Janie Nellums, Jan Shackelford
Acolyte: Ema Cheraisi
Children's Church: Lindsey Fossa
Nursery Volunteer: Needed
Financial Secretary: Bryan Pruet
Turn Key: Baron Conklin

OUR STEWARDSHIP

August 19, 2018

Tithes & Offerings:	\$3,923.00
Received To Date:	\$176,327.23
Needed To Date:	\$215,759.92
Building Fund:	\$0.00

ATTENDANCE:

Sunday School	82
Worship: 9 a.m.	46
Worship: 11 a.m.	<u>66</u>
	112

MISSIONS

August Mission Focus - Wynnton

Neighborhood Network. We have collected 151 items; our goal is 300. Items needed: canned fruit, canned vegetables, canned meat, canned tomato products, macaroni and cheese, spaghetti sauce and noodles, jelly, peanut butter, soup, rice, toilet paper, bar soap, laundry detergent (powdered or pods). Monetary donations are always appreciated. Place your items on the Mission Cart.

Methodist Children's Home - needs the following items: body wash, bar soap, shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste, toothbrushes, combs/brushes and socks. We will collect items through Sunday, September 2. Place items in the blue bin beside the mission cart. Thank you!

Vintage Group Fundraiser - We are taking orders for T-shirts (short- and long-sleeve) and sweatshirts. See the leader of your UMW, UMM group, Sunday school class or the display in the Whitehurst Welcome Center to place your order. For questions, contact Marjean Waters or Janie Nellums.

Charity Reimagined - You are invited to lunch and conversation with Robert Lupton, author of *Toxic Charity* and *Charity Detox*, on Thursday, September 6, from 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m., Columbus Convention & Trade Center. Lunch \$10 per person. Purchase tickets at www.mercymedcolumbus.com.

Out of the Darkness Walk - The walk is Saturday, September 29, at Lakebottom Park, Columbus. To make donations or join the Epworth team, sign up online at <https://afsp.donordrive.com/Epworth> or on the information board. If you would like to get involved, see Suzy Revell or Donna Faircloth.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Pictures Needed - for Epworth's photo book for Homecoming. If you have any pictures of a 2017-18 Epworth event, please forward them to Michele Thurman or the church office by Sunday, August 26.

Upper Room Devotionals - September/October issue is available in the welcome center. Price as noted.

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

Wednesday Night Supper & Study - August 29, at 6 p.m. Make reservations by signing up on the information board, emailing or calling the church office. Menu: scrambled dogs with assorted sausages, salad and dessert. The study, *The Gathering*, begins at 6:30 p.m. Join us!

Prayer Team Meeting - Thursdays at noon, at Margaret Gosden's home.

Reachers UMW Meeting - Tuesday, August 28, at 7 p.m., in the fellowship hall.

HIS Group Meeting - Tuesday, September 4, at 10:30 a.m., in the fellowship hall.

Women's Thursday Bible Study - begins with an informational meeting on Thursday, September 6, from 9:30 - 11:30 a.m., in the Questors classroom. Anyone interested in participating is invited!

Promotion Sunday - September 9. If you have a child that is entering the 3rd grade, please contact the church.

Homecoming - Sunday, September 16, at both services. Make your plans to attend now! If you would like us to invite family or friends, please provide an address to the church office.

POSITION AVAILABLE AT OPEN DOOR

Open Door Community House is seeking a mature adult for a part-time position to coordinate the "Golden Agers" program, a ministry for senior adults. "Golden Agers" meet on Monday afternoons for a meal and program, and at least one other day per month is required for taking the seniors out to eat and for shopping. If interested, please call Marlon Sharpe, Director of Community Ministries, at Open Door Community House, 706-323-5518. The church office is unaware if the position is still available or not.

CHILDREN & YOUTH

Youth Group Meetings - Tuesday, August 28, at 6:30 p.m., in the youth room. You are welcome to invite a friend!

Volunteers Needed in the Children's Ministry

Children's Church 9 a.m. - 2nd and 4th Sundays
Children's Church 11 a.m. - 4th Sundays
Nursery 11 a.m. - 2nd and 4th Sundays
Contact Lindsey Fossa if interested.

Year-Round Wacky Wednesday to Begin

in September - New children's program on Wednesday night will include lessons, crafts, and songs. Come and invite your friends.

EPWORTH PRAYER LIST

Church Family

Fred & Emilie Carswell	Blount King	Gladys Plant	Trudy Harris
Vanessa Desoto	Ron & Betty Sawyer	Thrower Family	Kitty Crockett
Sibyl Wells	Keri McElvey	Jackie Chambers	Kernodle Family
Judy Scanling	Barbara Watson	Joe Flynn	Lillian Wooldridge
Elsie & Jim Spanogians	Andrea Carbaugh	Glenn Griffin	Daniel Family
Anne Wilson	Jimmy Bridges	Rabon Family	Annette Taff

Extended Church Family

Steve & Carol Guilbeault	Michael Taff	David Olson	Doyle Adams
Dotty Baker	Ricky Clark	Robbins Family	Andrew Wade
Laurie Osteen	Preston Silvernail	Dora Spires	Willie Ryles
Judy Patterson	Cassie Prochaska	Billy Hill	Kim Jordan
Kristy Stier	Dorothy Ogg	Bruce Chapman	Amanda Hay
Marilyn Buck	Danny Chidester	Beth Goodwin	Luby Family
Henry Dunn	Adams Family	Ellen Pilgreen	Jessica Kelley
Ralph & Sandy McGough	Diane Wiggins	Stephanie Bryan	Robin Grantham
McDaniel Family	Hattie Campbell	Mark Oliver	Charles Holmes
Dana Thurston	Stan Hames	Garnett Shackelford	

Assisted Living/Nursing Homes/Homebound

Covenant Woods - Linda Coleman	River Place - Betty Cummings, Elizabeth Harbert, Jane Sanders
Magnolia Manor - Doris Halouska, Cammie Van Over	River Towne Center - Jerry Williams
Phenix City Health Care - Anne Whitehurst	The Lodge - Lorene Carlisle
	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. Help us minister effectively by calling the church office about yourself or a family member. Thank you for your help.

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: _____