

COMING UP THIS WEEK...

Tuesday, September 18

- 6:30 p.m. AA Support Group Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. Growing Christians UMW Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. Youth Group Meeting

Wednesday, September 19

- 6:00 p.m. Supper
- 6:00 p.m. Worship Team Rehearsal
- 6:30 p.m. Devotional
- 6:30 p.m. Wacky Wednesday
- 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, September 20

- 12 noon Prayer Team Meeting

Sunday, September 23

- 9:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship
- 10:00 a.m. Sunday School
- 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship
- 12:15 p.m. Children's Volunteer Meeting

Tuesday, September 25

- 3:00 p.m. Reachers UMW Meeting
- 5:15 p.m. Fellowship @ Rose Hill UMC
- 6:30 p.m. AA Support Group Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. Youth Group Meeting

Wednesday, September 26

- 6:00 p.m. Supper - sign up!

Friday & Saturday, September 28 & 29

- 9:00 a.m. Fellowship Hall Reserved for Fall Festival & Vendor Sale- Sponsored by an outside group

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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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. 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.

*The sanctuary flowers are given to the glory of God and in honor of Steve Pharris' birthday by Lyn Pharris.
The welcome center flowers are given in memory of Curtis Combs, Sarah Combs and Kathy Combs by Lee Rogers.*

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September 16, 2018

Welcome Rev. Mark Sasser

Welcome friends to our 58th Homecoming Celebration at Epworth United Methodist Church! As we gather to celebrate today, we are also taking time to remember the wonderful people and ministry of the Hamp Stevens United Methodist Church. Founded in 1902, Hamp Stevens has left a lasting impact in our community and in the greater Columbus area. Originally named the North Highland Methodist Church, the name was changed in 1926 to Hamp Stevens, the namesake of an early pastor.

One of Hamp Stevens UMC's greatest legacies was left in the founding of the Open Door Community House which continues to serve those in need in the Columbus community today. Open Door is on the leading edge of innovation as it seeks, not only to assist those in need, but to offer educational programs and mentoring that truly helps restore dignity and move people from poverty into financial independence. The heart of Hamp Stevens began with a day nursery and expanded into a well baby clinic, a soup kitchen, and a clothing distribution center, has become a critical partner in ministry with our community.

Another legacy of Hamp Stevens has been sending people into the pastoral ministry. One of their own, the Rev. Mark Sasser, is our guest preacher today. Mark not only had the privilege of being raised in the Hamp Stevens church, but he also served his first pastoral appointment in the United Methodist Church as their pastor from 1996-2003. Mark is a native of Columbus and has spent most of his life here. A recent graduate of Asbury Theological Seminary, he is a gifted preacher and a talented musician. He was immersed in music from an early age and is as easily at home with gospel and country music as he is with big band, blues, and rock. A self-taught guitarist, he has been singing and playing professionally since the early 90s. Mark has been married to his lovely wife, Paula, for 30 years. They have four grown children (Eric, Allen, Paige, and Katie) and eight grandchildren (Ezra, Logan, Landon, Jacob, Abel, Noah, LuLu, and Livi) and one on the way (Carter Grace).



Beyond all of Mark's professional qualifications, I have found in him one of my best friends. Mark and I have breakfast almost weekly and I have discovered him to be a person of great authenticity, kindness, and a close follower of Jesus Christ in all he does. It is my honor to welcome not only my friend, but also a man formed in faith and pastoral ministry at Hamp Stevens UMC. It is not only appropriate, but it is our joy to welcome him on this special day.

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: Margaret Gosden
6th - 12th Grade: Kristii Daniel

The Friendship Class

Study: No Class Meeting
Teacher: Class

The Genesis Class

Study: If You Are Going the Wrong Way...
Teacher: Leslie Morris

The Joy Class

Study: O Say Can You See?
Teacher: Class

The Nathan Patterson/Wesley Class

Study: Genesis 36
Teacher: Bobby Smith

The New Connections Class

Study: 40 Days of Community
Teacher: Doug Franks

The Questors Class

Study: God Created People
Teacher: Glenn Griffin

The Seekers Class

Study: Wired Word
Teacher: Lillian Wooldridge

GPS GROUPS FORMING FOR FALL SERMONS ON DISCIPLESHIP

We will be forming GPS Groups (Grow, Pray, Study) that will meet weekly as a part of our fall sermon series on the foundations of Christian discipleship beginning October 7 through Thanksgiving. Each group will have 2-5 people and will meet once a week (at a time and place of their choosing) to delve deeper into how we can apply the teaching from the sermon to our own faith journey. Please see the display in the foyer area to sign up with a group and for more information on participating.

THOSE WHO SERVE SEPTEMBER 16, 2018

9:00 a.m. Worship Service

Greeter: Debra Johnson, Anne Wilson
Usher: Jimmy Bridges
Acolyte: Usher
Children's Church: Becky Britton

11:00 a.m. Worship Service

Greeter: Bobby & Carolyn Knox, Maxine Willis
Ushers: David Hay, Fraser Wooldridge
Acolyte: Eva Cherai, C. S. DiSimone
Children's Church: Becky Britton
Nursery Volunteer: Lillian Wooldridge
Financial Secretary: Lillian Wooldridge
Turn Key: James Johnson

OUR STEWARDSHIP

September 9, 2018

Tithes & Offerings:	\$4,888.00
Received To Date:	\$193,344.23
Needed To Date:	\$234,797.56
Building Fund:	\$0.00

ATTENDANCE:

Sunday School	78
Worship: 9 a.m.	47
Worship: 11 a.m.	78
	125

CHILDREN & YOUTH

Youth Group Meeting - Tuesday, September 18, at 6:30 p.m., in the youth room.

Wacky Wednesday - Children's program at 6:30 p.m. which includes lessons, crafts, and songs. Come and invite your friends. For children Pre-K to 5th grade. Join us at 6 p.m. for supper and an adult Bible study at 6:30 p.m.

Children's Volunteer Meeting - Sunday, September 23, at 12:15 p.m., in the fellowship hall. Please notify Whitney Weyeneth at whitneyweyenth@hotmail.com if you are able to attend or if you have questions.

MISSIONS

September Mission Focus - *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 giving through the church, mark your offering envelope, "Walk". If you would like to get involved, see Suzy Revell or Donna Faircloth.

Feeding Our Neighbors at Rose Hill UMC - on Tuesday, September 25. Preparations will begin at 5:00 p.m.; serving at 5:45 p.m. If you want more information about serving or helping to prepare the meal, contact Debra Johnson or Becky Britton.

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.

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. Place your order by Sunday, September 30.

A Taste of Epworth Cookbooks - Pick up your copy(s) from the welcome center for \$5 each. Proceeds support missions. They make great gifts for any occasion!

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.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Wireless internet - Log on to the server Epworthchurch; Password - jesusyall.

Growing Christian UMW Meeting - Tuesday, September 18, 6:30 p.m., in the fellowship hall.

Wednesday Night Supper & Study - on September 19, at 6 p.m. Make reservations by signing up on the information board, emailing or calling the church office. Menu: bone-in pork chops, O'Brien potatoes, green beans, corn bread, salad and dessert. Doug Franks, our Lay Speaker, will lead us in some Bible trivia.

The Northwest District Annual Meeting for United Methodist Women - Saturday, September 22, at Pierce Chapel United Methodist Church. Registration at 9:30 a.m., meeting at 10:00 a.m. and lunch following. The speaker is Allison Lindsey from Connectional Ministries of the UMC. Free event, but we will collect an offering to Mission Giving. Contact Becky Britton or Lillian Wooldridge if attending. Marquerite Hay, Epworth's Quiet Disciple, will be honored at this meeting.

Reachers UMW Meeting - Tuesday, September 25, in the fellowship hall.

Upper Room Devotionals - there are a few issues still available in the welcome center.

Fall Festival & Vendor Sale - Sponsored by an outside group. Saturday, September 29, from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., in the fellowship hall and on the front grounds. There will be shopping, food, popcorn, cotton candy, games and prizes for the kids. Join them for an old fashioned fall festival.

CONGRATULATIONS

Epworth United Methodist Women's Quiet Disciple for 2018 is Marquerite Hay.

EPWORTH PRAYER LIST

Church Family

Fred & Emilie Carswell	Blount King	Gladys Plant	Trudy Harris
Vanessa Desoto	Ron & Betty Sawyer	Thrower Family	Kittye 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
Barbara Stubbs	Helen Batastini		

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.

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*

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