

## COMING UP...

### Sunday, September 26

- 9:00 a.m. Sunday School In-person Only
- 10:30 a.m. Worship In-person & Livestream
- 5:00 p.m. AA Group Meeting

### Tuesday, September 28

- 1:00 p.m. Preparing Casseroles for a Cause
- 2:00 p.m. Reachers UMW Group Meeting
- 3:30 p.m. Feeding Our Neighbors-Rose Hill
- 6:30 p.m. AA Group Meeting

### Wednesday, September 29

- 12 noon Bible Study

### Thursday, September 30

- 10:00 a.m. Ruby Ladies Bible Study
- 12 noon Prayer Team Meeting
- 6:00 p.m. Grief & Caretaker Support Group

### Sunday, October 3

- 9:00 a.m. Sunday School In-person Only
- 10:30 a.m. Worship In-person & Livestream
- 2:00 p.m. Charge Conference
- 5:00 p.m. AA Group Meeting

## WAYS TO SERVE

Ways to serve: Aluminum can collecting, purchase of Epworth cookbooks, volunteer with Feeding Our Neighbors at Rose Hill group, participate in the monthly Mission Focus (a different organization each month), donate to the Showering Program @ Open Door Community House, join the Prayer Shawl Ministry making shawls, collect tabs for Ronald McDonald House, reach out to our homebound and nursing home folks, greet, usher, just to name a few. Let us help you connect! Direct questions to Bobby Smith or the church office. We will be happy to help!

## CONTACT US

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Facebook - EpworthUMC.com  
Instagram - EpworthUMC.com  
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, an email reminder of Sunday worship and texts during the week. 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:*

Children's Director ..... Whitney Weyeneth  
Church Administrator..... Susan Snider  
Custodians..... Martha Conklin & Barbie Webb  
Media Tech ..... Tristan Campbell  
Music Director..... Bob Lee  
Nursery Worker ..... Martha Conklin  
Pastor ..... Rev. Earnestine Campbell

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

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September 26, 2021

Greetings, Epworth family and friends!

## WORSHIP

**Rejoicing! What an Awesome 61<sup>st</sup> Homecoming Sunday Worship with Guest Preacher, Rev. Ronnie Culpepper!** Didn't our hearts burn through the message from the Scripture lesson, Mark 4:35-41? "When the Storms of Life Are Raging!" A profound message on life's challenges—the disciples felt that Jesus didn't care about their lives because he was asleep during the storm with waters overtaking their boat. The professional fishermen were losing faith during the storm.

Rev. Culpepper preached that these storms come in all kinds of ways, such as through marital relationships, the sorrow of the loss of a loved one, the COVID-19 crisis, our personal failures, or not being valued, and the hurt it brings. These are serious issues we face; even though God may not calm the storm always, he will calm us. We need only to weather the storm and keep the faith. We know that Jesus calmed the storm for the disciples, allowing the disciples to see Jesus' healing power at work. If you missed the service or want to see it again, go to Epworth's Facebook page or website.

## Responding to Sunday's Message

**Devotion for the Week: Growing in Faith and Word and practicing biblical truths daily:** As a response to Sunday's sermon, let's reflect and dig deep this week through Jesus' teachings, **Mark 10:27:** "Jesus looked at them and said, "With man this is impossible, but not with God; all things are possible with God."

## Thank you to all of you who made the 61<sup>st</sup> Homecoming a great success!

Many thanks to all who helped to make the 61st Homecoming a great success, especially during the COVID-19 Pandemic. Special thanks to Becky Britton for leading in this event. The food was delicious and we enjoyed careful, great fellowship. God bless!

In Christ,  
Rev. Earnie

*I Thank  
My God  
EVERY TIME  
I Remember  
You*  
PHIL. 1:3



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

## SUNDAY SCHOOL AT 9:00 AM

### **The Nathan Patterson/Wesley Class**

Study: Joshua 2

Teacher: Bobby Smith

### **The New Connections Class**

Study: Naked

Teacher: Debra Johnson

### **The Seekers Class**

Study: The Wired Word

Teacher: Lillian Wooldridge

## THOSE WHO SERVE

September 26, 2021

Greeter & Usher: Donny Davis

Financial Secretary: Steve Sawyer

## OUR STEWARDSHIP

September 19, 2021

Tithes & Offerings:	\$1,859.00
Received To Date:	\$188,886.06
Needed To Date:	\$204,330.18
Attendance:	
Sunday School	20
In-person	66
Live Online Viewers	<u>42</u>
Total	108

**Financially Speaking** - As holistic believers of Christ, let's remember to give of our time, talents, and gifts—this includes our financial givings as we remember our pledges. Our church remains in a deficit and wants to make sure you have the opportunity to give: during Worship, by mail or drop off at the office, or log on to Epworth's Website—select "donate" and "give." We are always thankful for your givings (Ephesians 1:16). I appreciate the Stewardship letters from our Stewardship Campaign team that scripturally describe "holistically" giving. I hope you have had an opportunity to read those letters that were mailed to you.

## STAY CONNECTED

**Children's Sunday School In-person** - At 9:00 a.m., in The Woods. Mask wearing and social distancing are required. Join us!

**In-Person & Livestreaming Worship** - Join us each Sunday at 10:30 a.m. for a social distancing, mask wearing, blended service. Options for worshipping by livestream are: [epworthumc.freeonlinechurch.com/live](http://epworthumc.freeonlinechurch.com/live), [facebook.com/epworthcolumbus](https://facebook.com/epworthcolumbus) or [youtube.com/channel/UCZJhDYHDDeE-dnv5a5nQKjA](https://youtube.com/channel/UCZJhDYHDDeE-dnv5a5nQKjA) as close to 10:30 a.m. as possible.

### **Facebook/Youtube Worship Online**

**Attendance** - As we continue to keep attendance and be in connection with our Facebook/Youtube online members and worshippers, we are asking that you "check-in" when online for worship. You can simply respond in the comment section with *your name, I am here, watching, hello, etc.* We count only the number of viewers who are watching the service live during the 10:30 a.m. broadcast. If you are watching multiple online services, consider watching Epworth's service during the live broadcast and watching others later.

**Online Reviews Matter** - Take a few minutes to write a review of your experience at Epworth through Facebook, Google, or Yelp. This is a way to let our community know about us. Use your social network to share events at our church with family and friends.

**Prayer List** - We continue to update our prayer list each week. Take a few minutes and pray for those requests on our website at [www.epworthumc.com](http://www.epworthumc.com). Click on "Welcome," "Current bulletin," scroll down the bulletin to find the list. Many are in need of your prayers!

## MISSIONS

**September Mission Focus** - Casseroles for a Cause Building Party. Needed items: butter, sour cream, cooked chicken (diced or shredded), monetary donations. On Tuesday, September 28, at 1 p.m., we will have a casserole-building party, with social distancing, to prepare and freeze the casseroles. These casseroles are used in a variety of ways: to welcome new members to the church, support the food insecurity concerns at Rose Hill, and provide a ready-made dinner to persons after an illness, surgery, or passing of a loved one.

**Feeding Our Neighbors at Rose Hill** - We will prepare and package the meals at Epworth at 3:30 p.m. and transport them to Rose Hill to be distributed on Tuesday, September 28 at 5 p.m. Monetary donations are always appreciated. Thank you to all those who continue to participate by volunteering, contributing and serving.

**Paint Day Sponsored by the UMM** - Saturday, October 2 from 9 a.m. - noon. We will be painting the outside railings. Call the church office to participate or with questions.

**October Mission Focus** - A partnership with locally-owned North Columbus Pharmacy. More info to follow.

**Children's Ministry Needs** - Volunteers, prayers, suggestions, ideas or conversations about any of the fall and winter upcoming activities. Contact Whitney at [whitney@epworthumc.com](mailto:whitney@epworthumc.com).

## THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who made Homecoming 2021 a great success. I couldn't have done it without all of you. Love all of you, Becky Britton

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Wednesday Bible Study** - Join us for Bible study with the *Prayer & Listening* LifeGuide Bible Studies each Wednesday, 12 noon, in the Questors classroom.

**Prayer Team Meeting** - Each Thursday at 12 noon. Contact Margaret Gosden to share your prayer request. All requests are kept confidential unless sharing is stated.

**The Grief and Caregiver Support Ministry** - Every Thursday at 6 p.m., in the Questors classroom. Contact Vonna Franks for more information or pick up a flyer from the Information Center rack.

**Reachers UMW Group Meeting** - Tuesday, September 28, at 2 p.m., in the Whitehurst Welcome Center.

**Fellowship Hall Reserved** - Every Friday from October 1 - November 12, 9:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. for the Freedom Homeschool group.

**Annual Charge Conference Service**- Sunday, October 3 at 2 p.m., at Pierce Chapel UMC. All Epworth members are invited to attend.

**M. L. Harris UMC Fall Revival** - Monday - Wednesday, October 11 -13, 7 p.m. nightly at M. L. Harris UMC. Our own Rev. Earnie will be the guest preacher on Wednesday, October 13 and the congregation is invited to attend.

**Epworth COVID-19 Vaccination Site** - The Pfizer vaccination will be administered on Saturday, October 16, from 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m. by the GA Health Department here at Epworth. This is a community event for anyone who would like to take advantage of this opportunity. A date for the second vaccination to be administered will be forthcoming.

## EPWORTH PRAYER LIST

### Church Family

Fred & Emilie Carswell	Bettie Davis	Annette Taff	Becky Britton
Ron & Betty Sawyer	Vanessa Desoto	Thrower Family	Barbara & Bill Stubbs
Kernodle Family	Daniel Family	Barbara Watson	Jeanne Guilbeault
James Faircloth	Susan Stark	Ann Smith	Mildred Rodgers
Jane Grandon	Lillie Pope	Joe Flynn	Carolyn Gambill
Jan Shackelford	Anne Wilson	Joy Shellnut	Jack Phillips
Buddy & Susan Dunn			

### Extended Church Family

Steve & Carol Guilbeault	Michael Taff	Noland Barefield	Mark Oliver
Dotty Baker	Kane Family	Patricia Waldo	Robbins Family
Kuester Family	Dora Spires	Willie Ryles	Judy Patterson
Cassie Prochaska	Billy Hill	Kim Jordan	Raine Hagan
Carol Hall	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	Cristina Mattocks	David Garner
Grier Family	Kathy McClintock	James & Sue Flowers	

### Independent/Assisted Living/Nursing Home

Covenant Woods - Helen Pharris	The Green House at Calvary - Judy Frantz
Kings Bridge (Atlanta, GA) - Blount King	The Lodge (Bessemer, AL) - Lorene Carlisle
Oaks @ Grove Park - Linda Coleman	Wesley Glen (Byron, GA) - Nancy Hiller
River Place - Anne Wilson	

*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*

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