

COMING UP...
OCTOBER 05 - OCTOBER 12

Sunday, October 05

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

Monday, October 06

11:30 a.m. Monday Ministry Zumba

Wednesday, October 08

Noon Bible Study
7:00 p.m. EPEC Zoom Bible Study

Thursday, October 09

Noon Prayer Team

Sunday, October 12

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



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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.....Danielle Lamb
Children's Ministry DirectorJas'min Vontoure
Children's Ministry Assistant.....Whitney Mennifee
Custodians.....Martha Conklin
Barbie Webb
Media TechTristan Campbell
Music Director.....Bob Lee
Nursery Worker.....Martha Conklin
Pastor.....Rev. Earnestine Campbell
Praise & Worship DirectorMandi Battle

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



October 05, 2025

"WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY"

An Open Table: How United Methodists Understand Communion

(<https://www.umc.org/en/content/an-open-table-how-united-methodists-understand-communion>)

During a confirmation class, the pastor asked a group of mostly 13- and 14-year-old students to name some things Christians — and specifically United Methodists — do that most other people do not. One of the girls raised her hand and said with a smile, "We dunk our bread in grape juice."

Yes, that is different.

The sacrament of Holy Communion is such a common occurrence in the landscape of our worship that its uncommon richness sometimes gets lost.

One sacrament, several names

The Lord's Supper, Holy Communion and the Eucharist are all names for this sacrament celebrated by United Methodists. Each of these names highlights an aspect of this act of worship.

According to This Holy Mystery, The United Methodist Church's official document on communion, "The Lord's Supper reminds us that Jesus Christ is the host and that we participate at Christ's invitation." Jesus invites us to take part in the special meal he ate with his disciples the night before his crucifixion, and other meals he shared in homes and on hillsides.

"The term Holy Communion invites us to focus on the self-giving of the Holy God which makes the sacrament an occasion of grace, and on the holiness of our communion with God and one another," This Holy Mystery continues.

Finally, "Eucharist, from the Greek word for thanksgiving, reminds us that the sacrament is thanksgiving to God for the gifts of creation and salvation."

Regular communion

The vast majority of United Methodist congregations in the United States (97% in the most recent study) now celebrate the Lord's Supper at least once per month. This Holy Mystery and The United Methodist Book of Worship encourage weekly communion.

The Services of Word and Table in the front of The United Methodist Hymnal lead us in celebrating the fullness of the sacrament.

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: Esther 9, 10
Teacher: Bobby Smith

The New Connections Class
Study: Lessons From Luke
Teacher: Glenn Griffin

The Seekers Class
Study: Wired Word
Teacher: Donny Davis

THOSE WHO SERVE

October 05, 2025

Usher: David Hay
Financial Secretary: Donny Davis
Acolytes: Children/Youth Ministry/Ushers

OUR STEWARDSHIP

September 28, 2025

Tithes & Offerings:	\$1,215.00
Received To Date:	\$130,627.63
Needed To Date:	\$178,416.00

Attendance:	
Sunday School	13
In-person Sunday Worship	91
Online Viewers	136
Total	227

2025 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN PLEDGE

Ephesians 6:17-18: “Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.” And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests.” Commitment to Tithing- As we embark on our stewardship journey, we recognize the importance of our giving and how it connects us to God and our church community. Here are three essential points to consider: 1. The Word of God: Our giving is rooted in Scripture. By honoring God with our wealth, we align ourselves with His purpose and provision. 2. The Power of Prayer: Every pledge begins with prayer. Seeking God’s guidance allows us to make informed and faithful decisions about our contributions. 3. A Step of Faith: Pledging requires us to trust in God’s provision. When we step out in faith, we open ourselves to His blessings and the work He can accomplish through us. Amen.

STAY CONNECTED

THANK YOU HOMECOMING TEAM

To the 65th Homecoming team and everyone who helped with serving, decorating, setting up, cleaning up, ground/building care, administrative support, and so much more: thank you! We also appreciate all who attended to celebrate this special occasion and worship with us. The decor was beautiful, and the food was delicious. All the preparation, hard work, and prayers were evident! A special thanks to Becky Britton, 65th Homecoming Chair, for your leadership and service, along with the team of people who worked alongside you! God bless you all!

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Debra Johnson
- Darlene Shirley
- 4 Leslie Morris
- 5 Blaire Willis
- 11 Deborah Cooper
- 12 Alexzandra Mobayyeni Gordon
- 14 Kristii Daniel
- 17 Cora Buchanan
- 19 Ginny Dozier
- Brittni George
- Scott Stokes
- 21 Bob Lee
- 23 Ann Smith
- 26 Steve Sawyer
- 27 Conover Swofford
- 30 Julie Friend

A Birthday Prayer

May God bless you today and each day that follows, May you hear His voice and follow His footsteps, Be comforted by His care and live in His Grace now and forever, Amen.

*Please fill out your connection card so we don't miss your special day!

MISSIONS & UPCOMING EVENTS OCTOBER/NOVEMBER MISSION

October/November Mission Opportunity - Our October/November Mission is the Thanksgiving-themed dinner grocery bag for Wynnton Neighborhood Network. This family-oriented mission gift will provide an entire Thanksgiving meal (minus the turkey) for a food-insecure family. Each paper bag contains a list of needed items, as well as a coloring page. The bags are available in the Whitehurst Welcome Center and need to be returned no later than Sunday, November 16! Monetary donations are also appreciated; mark your pew envelopes 'Thanksgiving'. Thank you for your support of this worthy cause!

CHILDREN & YOUTH GAME NIGHT AND UPCOMING YOUTH EVENTS

Attention all Epworth members, there will not be a game night in October due to the Fall Festival. Game nights will resume in November with scheduling information to be announced.

ANNUAL FALL FESTIVAL

Kick off the Fall Season with Loads of Fall Fun! Our Annual Fall Festival will be on Saturday, October 25, from 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

We'll have fun, food, and Trunk or Treating! Candy donations and volunteers are needed for this event, please see sign-up sheets located on the window of the church office. Inflatables, games, face painting, popcorn/cotton candy and more!

Fall Festival t-shirts are available to order (\$25), please see sign-up sheet located on the window of the church office. Deadline October 5th.

FELLOWSHIP HALL RESERVED

- Saturday, October 25, from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
- Tuesday, November 04, from 7 a.m. - 9 p.m.
- Saturday, November 08, from 12 p.m. - 3 p.m.
- Tuesday, November 18, from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

UPCOMING EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES CHARGE CONFERENCE

Charge Conference-Sunday, October 26, directly following 10:30 a.m. worship service. Presiding, Reverend Jeff Cook, Northwest District Superintendent. All church council members and leaders are asked to attend and any interested persons.

PLASTICWARE NEEDED

Epworth needs plasticware packets (with napkin) for use in our Rosehill Ministry. A collection box will be available in the Whitehurst Welcome Center. Thanks and God bless you all!

NEW MEMBERS CLASS

Attention all new members!

You are asked to join the New Members' Class on Sunday, October 19, at 9:15 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. If you became a member of Epworth in 2024 or 2025, this class is specifically for you and for all other interested persons. It’s a great opportunity to deepen your understanding of our Christian faith through Biblical principles and the United Methodist Church’s practice and application of the interpretation of the Biblical texts and spiritual disciplines. This class will help you continue developing and maturing in your faith journey. Also, if you have not returned your new member’s packet, please do so as soon as possible. If you haven’t received one, please notify the church office. We look forward to seeing you there!

PODCAST: INTERNSHIP & SOCIAL MEDIA - COMING SOON!

We are excited to introduce the Epworth Podcast, a platform designed to not only evangelize but also to engage in meaningful dialogue around holistic well-being, spirituality, societal issues, justice causes, and ministry and mission work. The podcast will feature relevant subject matter experts and special guests—creating space for individuals to inform and share. If you're interested in helping create the podcast room or know someone who would like to intern for the podcast, setup, etc., and digital marketing specialist, please contact the pastor at earnestine@epworthhumc.com.

EPWORTH PRAYER LIST

Church Family

Annette Taff	Lillian Wooldridge	Jeanne Guilbeault	Cheryl Jandreau
Mildred Rodgers	Betty Paulk	Susan Stark	Michael Taff
John Grandon	Linda Lee	Lloyd Britton	Susan Dunn
Bob Lee	Marjean Waters	Deborah Cooper	Buddy Dunn
Ann Smith	Natalie Kernodle	Chester Jakes	

James and Donna Faircloth & Family	Family of Myra Tucker
Mary Lee Crews & Family	Earl & Melonie Phillips & Family
Ann Smith & Family	Frank Karastury & Family
Ron Sawyer & Family	Barre' and Steve Whittington and Family

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	Ralph & Sandy McGough
Diane Wiggins	Cristina Mattocks	David Garner	Kathy McClintock
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	Amanda Kinsman Vines	
George Bowen	Martha Bone	Danny Snider & Family	Davis/Osborne Family
Tammy White	Sam Wilson		

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	

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

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!

ORDER OF WORSHIP

October 05, 2025 • 10:30 a.m.
Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost
*The * Denotes to please stand if able.*

PRELUDE Bob Lee, Music Director

ENTER THE LIGHT OF CHRIST Children/Youth Ministry

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 Will Sing of My Redeemer" CH 517 vv. 1, 4
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.

*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.

MISSION APPEAL Bobby Smith, Missions Chair

SHARING OF CONCERNS & CELEBRATIONS Pastor

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

*SCRIPTURE LESSON LUKE 16:1-13 Patricia Bronson

Leader: This is the Word of God for the People of God.
People: Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC "He Sees You" Mandi Battle
Praise & Worship Director
CCLI # 2967303, Song #7133616

SERMON SERIES "When the Dust Settles" Pastor

SERMON "I'm Confused about the Shrewd!" 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 UMH No. 12
The Great Thanksgiving UMH No. 13-14
Liturgy
The Lord's Prayer
The Giving of the Bread and Cup UMH No. 14-15

*CLOSING SONG "The Blood Will Never Lose Its Power" CH 334 vv. 1, 2
Led by 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.