

COMING UP...

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 Worship Service
Pierce Chapel UMC
- 5:00 p.m. AA Group Meeting

Monday, October 4

- 11:30 a.m. New Life UMW Group Meeting

Tuesday, October 5

- 10:30 a.m. HIS UMW Group Meeting
- 11:00 a.m. Worship Committee Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. AA Group Meeting

Wednesday, October 6

- 12 noon Bible Study

Thursday, October 7

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

Friday, October 8

- 9:30 a.m. Freedom Homeschool Group

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!

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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, 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



October 3, 2021

Hello, Epworth family and friends!

All Praise unto God for His spirit in our Worship Service. Sunday's Sermon Series: Doers of the Word. Sermon Title: "No Stumbling Blocks." Our text continued in the Gospel of Mark, Chapter 9:38-50. Jesus had a lot to say to his Disciples about not being a stumbling block. The correction was because the disciples had a problem with a man healing in Jesus' name. Jesus tells them if the person is healing in his name, he is with him and them. He emphasizes by telling the disciples if the person is with "us," how can he be against them. Let's unpack that.

Jesus is saying if a person is about His business, then there is no reason to oppose at that moment. Let's be clear, some can sing Jesus' praises by word and actions, and in the next instance can fall back and be against Christianly principles. When those actions occur, then they should oppose. Looking at the disciples' emotions, it appears the disciples could've been cliquish, jealous, and hating on this person -- possibly a disciple (follower of Christ), but not the inner circle of the twelve. They had just failed at healing (Mark 9:17-18). It seems with their cliquish behavior, the "marginalized," these disciples, not part of the small elite group of Jewish religious leaders -- were acting like an elite group. However, Jesus reeled these fishermen (some disciples) back in by giving them examples of what happens spiritually to those who cause stumbling blocks to those doing the will of God. Let's encourage each other, instead of discouraging each other, when we are doing what's right, showing Christianly love. We need each other to survive. If you missed the service or want to see it again, go to the Epworth 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 read **Romans 15:1-5**: "We who are strong ought to bear with the failings of the weak and not to please ourselves. Each of us should please our neighbors for their good, to build them up. For even Christ did not please himself but, as it is written: "The insults of those who insult you have fallen on me." For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through the endurance taught in the Scriptures and the encouragement they provide we might have hope. May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you the same attitude of mind toward each other that Christ Jesus had."

In Christ,
Rev. Earnie



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

*The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in honor of
Bettie Davis' 95th birthday by the Flynn family.*

SUNDAY SCHOOL AT 9:00 AM

The Children's Classes

K-4 - 5th Grade

Teacher: Whitney Weyeneth

The Nathan Patterson/Wesley Class

Study: Joshua 3

Teacher: Bobby Smith

The New Connections Class

Study: Grasping

Teacher: James Johnson

The Seekers Class

Study: The Wired Word

Teacher: Lillian Wooldridge

THOSE WHO SERVE

October 3, 2021

Greeter & Usher: Walter Champagne

Financial Secretary: Suzy Revell

OUR STEWARDSHIP

September 26, 2021

Tithes & Offerings: \$10,032.00

Received To Date: \$198,918.06

Needed To Date: \$209,707.29

Attendance:

Sunday School 24

In-person 51

Live Online Viewers 48

Total 99

UPDATING THE PRAYER LIST

If there are those you know who have had their prayers answered and can be removed from the list or someone who needs to be added, please call, email, or leave a note with updates with the church office. You can see an updated list in the online bulletin each week on our website. Click "Welcome," "Current bulletin," scroll down the bulletin to find the list. Take a moment and pray for those listed.

STAY CONNECTED

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, facebook.com/epworthcolumbus or youtube.com/channel/UCZJhDYHDeeE-dnv5a5nQKjA as close to 10:30 a.m. as possible.

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.

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.

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.

MISSIONS

October Mission Focus - A partnership with locally-owned North Columbus Pharmacy. Donations collected during the month will be given to eliminate/reduce/defray prescription costs for indigent/uninsured/underinsured persons. North Columbus Pharmacy supplies pharmaceutical needs to Columbus Hospice patients. The pharmacy will be responsible for identification of need and prescriptive financial support.

Fall Festival Needs - The Children's Ministry is asking for donations of small toys and individual-wrapped candy and snacks. Place your items in the green collection bucket in the Welcome Center.

Tree of Life Memorial - Memorials can be made for members of the Epworth UM or Hamp Stevens UM Churches. The minimum donation for an engraved leaf is \$50. Forms are in the information rack in the foyer. The tree is displayed in the narthex. Money received helps supplement the budget.

Amazon Smiles Shopping - Make a difference. Shop at smile.amazon.com/ch/58-1301364 or activate Amazon Smiles in the Amazon App to generate donations for Epworth. Need help selecting the charity in the app? Email the church office for detailed instructions. Thank you for supporting Epworth!

A Taste of Epworth Cookbooks - Need a gift to give? Purchase a copy(ies) from the Welcome Center for \$5 each. Proceeds support missions.

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

Christian sympathy is given to Joy Shellnut on the passing of her father, Paul Shellnut, on September 17, 2021.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Annual Charge Conference Service - Sunday, October 3 at 2 p.m. at Pierce Chapel UMC. Everyone is encouraged and invited to attend.

New Life UMW Group Meeting - Monday, October 4, 11:30 a.m., in the Questors classroom.

HIS UMW Group Meeting - Tuesday, October 5, at 10:30 a.m., in the Fellowship Hall.

Worship Committee Meeting - Tuesday, October 5, at 11 a.m., in the Welcome Center.

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.

The Grief and Caregiver Support Ministry - Every Thursday at 6 p.m., in the Questors classroom.

Church Reserved - Every Friday from October 8 - November 12, 9:30 a.m.-1 p.m. for the Freedom Homeschool group.

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*

SAMPLE



Calendar of Events

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS
Say a prayer and write a note...

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 9:30a-Freedom Homeschool Group	2
3 9:00a-Sunday School 10:30a-Worship Service 2:00p-Charge Conference Service 5:00p-AA Group Meeting	4 3:00p-New Life UMW Group	5 10:30a-HIS UMW Group Meeting 11:00a-Worship Committee Meeting 6:30p-AA Support Group Meeting	6 12:00p-Wednesday Bible Study	7 10:00a-Ruby Ladies Bible Study 12:00p-Prayer Team 6:00p-Grief & Caregiver Support Group	8 9:30a-Freedom Homeschool Group	9
10 9:00a-Sunday School 10:30a-Worship Service 5:00p-AA Group Meeting	11 Columbus Day 10:00a-Prayer Shawl Ministry Meeting 6:30p-United Methodist Men Meeting	12 6:30p-AA Support Group Meeting	13 12:00p-Wednesday Bible Study	14 10:00a-Ruby Ladies Bible Study 12:00p-Prayer Team 6:00p-Grief & Caregiver Support Group	15 9:30a-Freedom Homeschool Group	16 11:30a-COVID Vaccination Site
17 9:00a-Sunday School 10:30a-Worship Service 5:00p-AA Group Meeting	18	19 6:30p-AA Support Group Meeting	20 12:00p-Wednesday Bible Study	21 10:00a-Ruby Ladies Bible Study 12:00p-Prayer Team 6:00p-Grief & Caregiver Support Group	22 9:30a-Freedom Homeschool Group	23
24 9:00a-Sunday School 10:30a-Worship Service 5:00p-AA Group Meeting	25	26 3:00p-Reachers UMW Meeting 3:30p-Feeding Our Neighbors @ Rose Hill 6:30p-AA Support Group Meeting	27 12:00p-Wednesday Bible Study	28 10:00a-Ruby Ladies Bible Study 12:00p-Prayer Team 6:00p-Grief & Caregiver Support Group	29 9:30a-Freedom Homeschool Group	30 11:00a-Fall Festival
31 9:00a-Sunday School 10:30a-Worship Service 5:00p-AA Group Meeting						

- 1 Debra Johnson
- Darlene Shirley
- 4 Leslie Morris
- 5 Blaire Willis
- 6 Charlotte Bentley
- 7 Bettie Davis
- 10 Austin Kernodle
- 11 Deborah Cooper
- 12 Alexzandra Gordon
- 14 Kristii Daniel
- 17 Cora Buchanan
- 19 Ginny Dozier
- Brittni George
- Scott Stokes
- 21 Bob Lee
- Eric Middleton
- 23 Ann Smith
- 26 Bruce Etter
- Steve Sawyer
- 27 Conover Swofford
- 30 Julie Friend

Birthday Prayer

May God bless you with His boundless love, calming peace, and heavenly joy throughout the coming year. Happy birthday, child of God!