

COMING UP...

Sunday, November 21

9:00 a.m. Sunday School In-person Only
10:30 a.m. Worship In-person & Livestream
11:45 a.m. Youth Meeting & Lunch
5:00 p.m. AA Group Meeting

Monday, November 22

11 a.m. Fellowship Hall Reserved

Tuesday, November 23

10:00 a.m. Worship Committee Meeting
6:30 p.m. AA Group Meeting

Wednesday, November 24

12 noon Office Closes

Thursday, November 25 - Office Closed

11:00 a.m. Fellowship Hall Reserved

Friday, November 26 - Office Closed

Sunday, November 28

9:00 a.m. Sunday School In-person Only
10:30 a.m. Worship In-person & Livestream
11:45 a.m. Youth Fellowship
5:00 p.m. AA Group Meeting

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 call the Pastoral Institute at 706-649-6500 to schedule a telehealth or in-person appointment. PI is located at 2022 15th Ave., Columbus, GA.

2021 FLOWER CALENDAR

Sign up to purchase flowers for a worship service in honor or memory of loved ones. For available dates, see the calendar attached to the office window or call or email the church office. Arrangements are \$50 each and are tax deductible.

The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in honor of Annette Taff's birthday by Arlene Taff.

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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

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November 21, 2021

Greetings, Epworth family and friends!

WORSHIP

Praise God for a beautiful worship experience on Sunday. Our Scripture Lesson came from Nehemiah 4:1-9. Sermon title, "What's in a Mindset?" We find Nehemiah challenged with adapting to the right mindset to deal with the God-sized problem of rebuilding the broken down wall of Jerusalem. Here's the story: there is a remnant of the people left in the land from the destruction of the Babylonian captivity. Even though the remaining citizens have made the best out of their situation and rebuilt the temple, their condition is not fully restored, because the wall is not rebuilt. They are unprotected, the land and the temple, and vulnerable to destruction again. In other words, things were a foundational mess. Like our lives can be when we are not guarded with God.

Nehemiah knows how to handle this God-sized situation by doing what often faith people and faith leaders do when faced with challenges. What is that? It is to develop the right mindset: He went to God in prayer. Oh, he even fasted. Through these moments of getting closer to God, he is led with instructions to handle rebuilding the destroyed wall. He asked for resources, materials, and the cooperation of people. These elements led to victory, even though there were some oppositions from the naysayers – the haters – the opposers. Regardless of those that opposed him and ridiculed them, the wall was rebuilt, and our "walls" can be, too, where we are broken! Nehemiah had a mindset of prayer, fasting, requesting, executing, organizing, and the people worked! I believe this will preach to our conditions, situations, and circumstances in life when we put God first. There is nothing too hard for God. Let's look for God-sized solutions to God-sized problems. We can't do it without him. Mark 10:27. If you missed the service or would like to see it again, go to Epworth FB or the website.

Responding to the Message, Holistic Stewardship

Let's respond to the message with a faith-based and prayerful response before God, like Nehemiah. Serving not only in hands-on stewardship, but serving in our financial stewardship with a giving heart. **Nehemiah 4:6: So we rebuilt the wall till all of it reached half its height, for the people worked with all their heart.** Always remembering to give thanks to God for all that we have. The Stewardship Committee asks that you remember to complete your Stewardship Pledge card for 2022. Thank you for all you have done in so many ways. God bless you!

In Christ,
Rev. Earnie



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

SUNDAY SCHOOL AT 9:00 AM

The Children's Classes

K-4 - 5th Grade

Teacher: Debra Johnson

The Nathan Patterson/Wesley Class

Study: Joshua 10

Teacher: Bobby Smith

The New Connections Class

Study: Awake

Teacher: James Johnson

The Seekers Class

Study: The Wired Word

Teacher: Lillian Wooldridge

THOSE WHO SERVE

November 21, 2021

Ushers: Doug Revell & Fraser Wooldridge

Financial Secretary: Lillian Wooldridge

OUR STEWARDSHIP

November 14, 2021

Tithes & Offerings: \$1,170.00

Received To Date: \$236,074.62

Needed To Date: \$247,347.06

Attendance:

Sunday School 15

In-person 53

Online Viewers 29

Total 82

THE AMAZON APP

When you shop for Christmas gifts or any items at smile.amazon.com/ch/58-1301364, AmazonSmile will donate a portion of your eligible purchases to Epworth UMC at no cost to you! Simply select "Epworth United Methodist Church of Columbus, GA" as your charity and activate AmazonSmile in the app. Need help selecting the charity in the app? Email the church office for instructions.

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/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. Consider watching Epworth's service during the live broadcast.

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.

Helping Hands Ministry - Do you need help with little things around the house or do you need a ride? Are you able to help with this ministry? Pick up a 2-sided form from the Information rack, the offering table in the Fellowship Hall or in the online bulletin. Return the form to Debra Johnson or Bobby Smith.

MISSIONS

Love Light Tree - We will celebrate Love Light Sunday on December 12, in our worship service. See the form online or in the welcome center for more information. Forms are due by Wednesday, December 9. Mark your offering envelope with "Love Lights." Funds collected will go towards the Helping Our Neighbors at Christmas Offering. This year's tree will be a decorated tree outside under the porte cochere as we share the light of Christ in the community.

Holistically Giving, Living for God - The Finance Committee will begin their work on Epworth's 2022 budget soon and needs your help. If you plan to make a pledge to the general budget for 2022, please return your pledge card to the church office. If you need a pledge card, they are located in the Information Rack in the foyer, on the offering table in the Fellowship Hall or contact the church office and we will be happy to mail one to you.

Magnolia Manor Christmas Fundraiser

To help provide a Christmas gift for each of the residents of Magnolia Manor, send your donation directly to them by donating online at www.magnoliamanor.com, choose "Resident Christmas Gift" or by mail to Magnolia Manor Development Office, ATTN: Resident Christmas Gifts, 2001 S. Lee St., Americus, GA 31709.

Feeding Our Neighbors at Rose Hill - We will slice cooked turkeys on Tuesday, November 30 beginning at noon. Monetary donations are always appreciated.

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

Christian sympathy is given to Jan Shackelford and family on the loss of Jan's husband, Garnet, who passed on Monday, November 15.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Youth Fellowship - Sunday, November 21, following the service, in the Fellowship Hall. Lunch is provided.

Worship Committee Meeting - Tuesday, November 23, 10 a.m., Fellowship Hall.

Fellowship Hall Reserved - November 25 and December 4, times vary.

Liturgical Dance - Calling anyone ages 12-18, interested in being a part of Epworth's Liturgical Dance team! Please contact Whitney Weyeneth to sign up at whitney@epworthumc.com.

Office Closed for Thanksgiving Holidays - Beginning at noon Wednesday, November 24 through Friday, November 26.

Reachers UMW Group Meeting - Tuesday, November 30, 2 p.m., in the Welcome Center.

Children's Christmas Pageant - This year's Children's Christmas Pageant will be held on Christmas Eve at 4 p.m. If your child(ren) would like to participate, contact Whitney Weyeneth, whitney@epworthumc.com or Ann Flynn, nateye@aol.com.

Wednesday Bible Study - Join us for Bible study with the *Prayer & Listening* LifeGuide Bible Studies on Wednesday, December 1, 12 noon, in the Questors classroom.

Prayer Team Meeting - Contact Margaret Gosden to share your prayer request.

MEMORIAM

Given to Home for Good in memory of *Douglas Williams* by Sidney & Mary Lee Crews.
Given to The Fellowship of Rose Hill in memory of *Douglas Williams* by Robert & Maxine Willis.

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
Susan Stark	Ann Smith	Mildred Rodgers	Lillie Pope
Joe Flynn	Carolyn Gambill	Jan Shackelford	Jack Phillips
Buddy & Susan Dunn	Campbell Family	Lias Family	Janis Day

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	Grier Family
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
James & Sue Flowers	Scott Semon		

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!

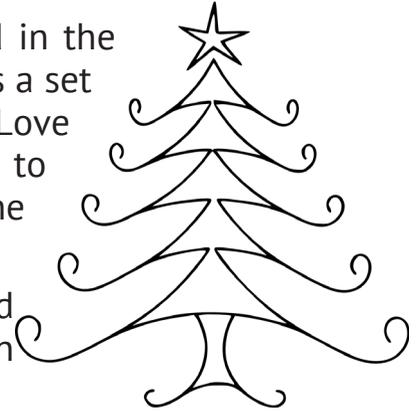
If the prayer list needs to be updated, please call, email, or leave a note with updates at the church office. Thank you for your help!

Love Lights for Loved Ones

On December 12, we will celebrate Love Light Sunday in our worship service. On that day, we will remember and honor our loved ones.

For a \$5 donation, your loved one will be honored in the December 12 bulletin. You may list a couple, such as a set of parents. Complete the form below to purchase a Love Light. Submit it, along with a \$5 gift for each name to be listed, in the offering plate or deliver them to the church office by Wednesday, December 8.

Love Light contributions this year are being combined with a Christmas Offering to serve our neighbors in the month of December.



Our Missions Committee has selected three of our partners in ministry to receive our offering this year:

Open Door Community House - started out of the Hamp Stevens Methodist church in 1935, still serving children and women with great love.

Brown Bag of Columbus - provides groceries to low-income elderly individuals in Columbus and Phenix City.

Wynnton Neighborhood Network - provides emergency food and utilities assistance to our neighbors in need within the local community.

Name of Giver: _____

In Memory of: _____

In Memory of: _____

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In Honor of: _____

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

November 21, 2021 • 10:30 a.m.

Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

**Please stand as you are able.*

PRELUDE Bob Lee, Music Director

ENTER THE LIGHT OF CHRIST Acolytes, Jaleah Lias, Junior Lias

WELCOME & OPENING PRAYER Rev. Earnie Campbell, Pastor

***PRAISE SONG** “Lead On, O King Eternal” UMH No. 580
James Johnson, Song Leader

THIRD GRADE BIBLE and PRAYER SHAWL PRESENTATION PRESENTED TO Pastor & Children’s Director
Jawan Lias, Jr.

Leader: Receive the Word of God.

Learn its stories and study its words.

Its stories belong to us all and these words speak to us all.

They tell us who we are.

They tell us that we belong to one another, for we are the people of God.

People: We rejoice in this step in your journey with God.

We pray God will guide you, your family, and us

as you use this Holy Bible in your home,

in your church school classes, and in our worship.

We will learn together and grow in our love for God’s Word.

Leader: The word of God is a lamp to our feet, and a light to our path.

Thanks be to God!

CHILDREN’S BLESSING Whitney Weyeneth, Children’s Minister

CONGREGATIONAL MUSIC “Come, Ye Thankful People, Come” UMH No. 694

OFFERTORY PRAYER Pastor

After the worship service, please place your offering in the collection plates on the table at the back doors. For our Online Worshippers, you can give as part of your worship by going to epworthumc.com and select “donate.”

SHARING OF CONCERNS & CELEBRATIONS Pastor

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD’S PRAYER

Pastor & Congregation

Our Father who art in Heaven, hallowed be thy Name.

Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in Heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those that trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

***SCRIPTURE LESSON** Acts 17:16-25 Becky Britton

Leader: This is the Word of God for the People of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON Sermon Title: “Unknown...” 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.

CLOSING SONG “You Are God Alone” See Screen

CCLI License # 2967303, Song #4243463

LIGHT OF CHRIST BROUGHT OUT INTO THE WORLD Acolytes

***BENEDICTION** Pastor

***POSTLUDE/OFFERING** Bob Lee

Ongoing...COVID-19 Pandemic Protocol and RE-ENTRY PHASE, 2.9 of 3.0 --

Progress continues to happen...Coffee Bar is Open

Children’s church in-person continues. Invite a family with children or grandchildren.

Mask Option: For worship, large group gatherings and, meetings, wearing a mask is required.

We will continue to have food, meetings, gatherings, and all other events in person. It is only a temporary and minor change based on the current state of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Unfortunately, we have no control over this deadly disease, but are working to respond responsibly and with love and care for ourselves and our neighbors. Thank you for your flexibility and understanding. Masks are available in the Welcome Center for those who didn’t bring one.

Sanitizing: We continue to sanitize the church and provide hand sanitizer as a part of the safety protocol.

Be Comfortable: Cushioned chairs are provided in the Fellowship Hall for worship. You may bring your cushion for the plastic chairs or your comfortable, portable chair.

Coffee Bar in the Whitehurst Welcome Center: Enjoy coffee and refreshments for the Sunday School and Worship Service hours every Sunday. Donations are appreciated.