

COMING UP THIS WEEK...

Tuesday, November 27

- 3:00 p.m. Reachers UMW Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. AA Support Group Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. Youth Group Meeting

Wednesday, November 28

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

Thursday, November 29

- 12:00 noon Prayer Team Meeting

Saturday, December 1

Fellowship Hall Reserved

Sunday, December 2

- 9:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship
- 10:00 a.m. Sunday School
- 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship
- 4:00 p.m. Children's Advent Workshop

2019 FLOWER CALENDAR

The 2019 flower calendar is on the office window. The flower arrangements are \$50. Questions or to request a date, call the office.

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 give our church name when scheduling an appointment at 706-649-6500. Hours are Monday-Thursday, 8 a.m. - 9 p.m., Friday, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. The Pastoral Institute is located at 2022 15th Ave., Columbus.

The sanctuary flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of Jean Morris by Harold Morris & family.

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
Media & CommunicationsDawn Wilson
Music DirectorBob Lee
Nursery Worker..... Martha Conklin
Pastor.....Tony G. Crosby

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CONTACTING YOU

Most of the church's communication now is through e-mail. We send two e-mails each week—a newsletter on Monday and a sermon preview on Friday. We also use e-mail to send important meeting reminders and other information. Help us contact you by making sure we have your current e-mail address.

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November 25, 2018

Enough

Therefore, do not worry...

Matthew 6:31a (NRSV)

This seems easy enough for Jesus to say. Don't worry? Seriously? Jesus doesn't know everything I have going on!

- I am not sure about my job because my boss doesn't like me and it seems like he or she is trying to find something in order to get rid of me.
- I am not sure about being able to pay all of my bills this month because the bonus I was counting on didn't come through.
- I don't know if my son/daughter's marriage is going to make it. They have already split up once, but it seems they are hanging on by a thread.
- My husband/wife has cheated on me once and he/she has started coming home late from work again several days a week. I think it's happening again, but I have no proof yet.
- I am working as hard as I can in school and trying to hold down my job, but my grades are slipping and if I lose my HOPE scholarship I won't be able to keep going. I need more hours in the day, but I can't find them.
- I have no health insurance and this pain in my side is getting worse. I am scared to go to the doctor because what if it is something serious and I won't have the money to pay to deal with it. Maybe it will be better tomorrow.
- The church is doing a financial campaign and they want me to give more! How can I give any more? I am already doing all I can and I feel like it isn't enough.

I am putting in all the hours, but it isn't enough!

I am working as hard as I can, but it isn't enough!

I am saving every spare dime, but it isn't enough!

It is NEVER ENOUGH!

I am not always the most incessant worrier in my household, but I know how to worry. I may not have PERSONALLY experienced every one of those scenarios above, but I have known the feeling that I believe we all know at some point... that we are doing our best, but it doesn't seem like it is enough.

The scripture lesson today that tells us not to worry doesn't leave us without a plan. The plan is to strive first for the kingdom of God. In other words, Jesus is telling us to get the most important things first. And then everything else will fall into place. We are worrying about the lesser things when God is asking us to be concerned about the more important things. This is the only way we'll find peace and order in our lives.

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: Rosemary

The Friendship Class

Study: God Blesses Jacob and Rachel
Teacher: Class

The Genesis Class

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

The Joy Class

Study: Class Discussion
Teacher: Class

The Nathan Patterson/Wesley Class

Study: Genesis 47
Teacher: Bobby Smith

The New Connections Class

Study: The Keys to a Life Changing Group
Teacher: Doug Franks

The Questors Class

Study: Class Discussion
Teacher: Gary Tomlin

The Seekers Class

Study: Wired Word
Teacher: Lillian Wooldridge

The Young Adult Class

Study: Jesus & the Beanstalk
Teacher: Becky Britton

THOSE WHO SERVE

November 25, 2018

9:00 a.m. Worship Service

Greeter: Mary Lee Crews, Charles & Faith Newton
Usher: Shawn Jandreau, Steve Sawyer
Acolyte: Usher
Children's Church: Whitney Weyeneth

11:00 a.m. Worship Service

Greeter: Suzy Revell, John & Jane Grandon
Ushers: Janie Nellums, Jan Shackelford
Acolyte: Ema Cherai
Children's Church:
Nursery Volunteer: Allison Jandreau
Financial Secretary: Bryan Pruet
Turn Key: Baron Conklin

OUR STEWARDSHIP

November 18, 2018

Tithes & Offerings:	\$5,578.00
Received To Date:	\$256,894.00
Needed To Date:	\$298,256.36
Building Fund:	\$0.00

ATTENDANCE:

Sunday School	80
Worship: 9 a.m.	39
Worship: 11 a.m.	67
	106

YOUTH & CHILDREN

Youth Group Meeting - Tuesday, November 27, at 6:30 p.m., in the youth room.

Advent Workshop - A children's program Sunday, December 2, from 4-7 p.m., in the fellowship hall. There will be games, crafts, sing-a-longs and hot dog supper. For ages 3 years to teens. Parents may drop off children and use the time to go Christmas shopping.

Volunteers Needed for Children's Advent Workshop - The bah-hum-bug got you down? Come volunteer at the Advent Workshop and help a little pair of hands make crafts and gifts. Guaranteed to make you feel better and put you in the Christmas spirit. Contact Margaret Gosden or Whitney Weyeneth with questions or to volunteer.

Just A Little Christmas - A children's Christmas program will be presented on Sunday, December 16, at 4 p.m. We are calling all children to participate! Please contact Whitney Weyeneth at whitneyweyenth@hotmail.com, if your child can be a part of the program, if you would like to volunteer, or for more information. Thank you!

MISSIONS

November Mission Focus- Love Lights - We will celebrate Love Light Sunday on December 2, in our worship services. See the form in this week's bulletin, online or in the welcome center for more information. Forms are due by Thursday, November 29.

Epworth to Receive Donations from AmazonSmile - This Christmas, we know you are shopping online and we know Amazon is one of your favorites. You can donate a portion of your purchases to Epworth by going to smile.amazon.com to make your purchases and by choosing "Epworth (Columbus) United Methodist Church" as your charity to support. Especially remember us when making large purchases. 0.5% of the purchase price of most items will be donated. Every dollar counts!

Vintage Shirt Sale - Some shirts are still available and sweatshirts can be ordered individually. See the sign-up sheet on the information board.

Wynnton Neighborhood Network October 2018 Report - The Network served 1,694 bags of food to 411 families which included 523 children. We helped 42 families with utilities spending \$2,795. Thank you for your generosity in giving time, money and food.

Opportunities to Serve - Communion homebound servers, Helping Hands Ministry, aluminum can recycling, purchase of Epworth cookbooks, Feeding Our Neighbors at Rose Hill, Open Door Showering Program, Prayer Shawl Ministry, collection of aluminum can tabs for Ronald McDonald House, Box Tops for Education, medical equipment and plastic caps and lids. Direct questions to Becky Britton, Barbara Stubbs or the church office.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Reachers UMW Group Meeting - Tuesday, November 27, at 3 p.m., in the fellowship hall.

Wednesday Night Supper & Study - on November 28, at 6 p.m. Make reservations by signing up on the information board or email or call the church office. Menu: breaded pork chops, potato casserole, corn or black eyed peas, rolls, salad and dessert. Bible study, led by Tony, and Wacky Wednesday, led by Whitney, begin at 6:30 p.m.

Prayer Team Meeting - Thursdays at noon, at Margaret Gosden's home.

Prayer Shawl Ministry Meeting - Monday, December 3, at 10 a.m., in the fellowship hall.

Blue Christmas for Advent - Devotional book of light in a season of darkness. Available in the Whitehurst Welcome Center for \$10 each.

Poinsettias for Christmas - To purchase a red poinsettia for \$15 each in memory or honor of a loved one, see the sign-up sheet in the church office window. The plants will be placed in the sanctuary through Christmas Eve. You are encouraged to pick up your poinsettias after one of the services. Deadline to order is Wednesday, December 5.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Lindsey & Corey Fossa and big brother, Camden, on the birth of Collins Ann Fossa born on Friday, November 16, weighing 7 lbs, 3 ozs. and 19¼ inches long.

THANK YOU

Tony Crosby & Friends in concert was a huge success. Thanks to all who attended. We had a blast making music for you. We raised over \$600 for Open Door's children's orchestra program.

EPWORTH PRAYER LIST

Church Family

Fred & Emilie Carswell	Blount King	Gladys Plant	Trudy Harris
Vanessa Desoto	Ron & Betty Sawyer	Thrower Family	Kitty Crockett
Sibyl Wells	Keri McElvey	Jackie Chambers	Kernodle Family
Fred Scanling	Barbara Watson	Helen Batastini	Lillian Wooldridge
Elsie & Jim Spanogians	Andrea Carbaugh	Glenn Griffin	Daniel Family
Anne Wilson	Jimmy Bridges	Annette Taff	Barbara Stubbs

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
Dorothy Ogg	Bruce Chapman	Charles Holmes	Marilyn Buck
Danny Chidester	Beth Goodwin	Luby Family	Garnett Shackelford
Adams Family	Ellen Pilgreen	Jessica Kelley	Dana Thurston
Ralph & Sandy McGough	Diane Wiggins	Stephanie Bryan	Robin Grantham
McDaniel Family	Hattie Campbell	Mark Oliver	

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 (Besserman, AL) - 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.

Love Lights for Loved Ones

On December 2, we will celebrate Love Light Sunday in our worship services. On that day, we will have the traditional lighting of the love light tree, as we remember and honor our loved ones. This tradition coincides with the start of the season of Advent, as we prepare for God's gift to us at Christmas.

For a \$5 donation, a white light can be lit in memory of a loved one. One light may also be turned on for 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 Thursday, November 29.

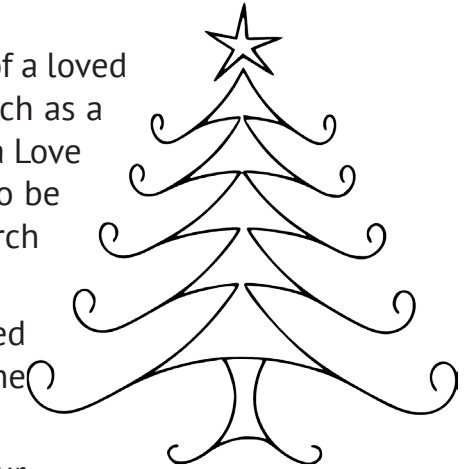
Love Light contributions this year are being combined with a Christmas Offering to serve our Neighbors in the month of December.

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.

The Fellowship of Rose Hill UMC - provides meals, clothes and shares the gospel with those in need within the community.



Name of Giver: _____

In Memory of: _____

In Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____

In Honor of: _____

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



Helping Hands Ministry

Sponsored by Epworth UMW

Are you living alone? Do you need someone to help you with replacing light bulbs? AC filters? Batteries in a smoke detector? Have you given up driving? Do you need a ride to the doctor? Grocery store? The local drug store?

Helping Hands Ministry just may be for YOU! Epworth's UMW will connect you with volunteers at Epworth to help you with these tasks. If you have questions, feel free to ask Becky Britton or Barbara Stubbs more about this new ministry for those who live alone.

Complete one of the forms at the bottom of this sheet if you want to be part of this ministry. Put the form in the collection plate, give it to Becky Britton or Barbara Stubbs personally or to Susan Snider in the church office.

Those who need HELP:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Home phone: _____ Cell phone: _____

Those who will VOLUNTEER to help:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Home phone: _____ Cell phone: _____