

COMING UP THIS WEEK...

Sunday, December 9

Social Second Sunday

Monday, December 10

6:30 p.m. New Life UMW Meeting

6:30 p.m. UMM Meeting

Tuesday, December 11

10:30 a.m. HIS UMW Meeting

6:30 p.m. AA Support Group Meeting

Wednesday, December 12

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, December 13

12:00 noon Prayer Team Meeting

12:00 noon Vintage Group Meeting

Sunday, December 16

Music Sunday

9:00 a.m. Christmas Music Program

10:00 a.m. Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Christmas Music Program

4:00 p.m. Children's Christmas Program

SOCIAL SECOND SUNDAY

People of all ages are on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and more. We encourage everyone to share something from church, a ministry you participate in, any church activity today or an upcoming event. Let's let our friends and family know that we are excited about what God is doing at Epworth in us and through us. We can make a difference in the life of our church and those we want to connect with.

The Chrismon tree is given to the glory of God and in memory of James & Judy May by her sister, Connie McGuire and brother, Rev. Bud Carroll.

The sanctuary flowers are given to the glory of God and in honor of Annette Taff's birthday by Arlene Taff and Michael Taff.

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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Twitter - @EpworthColumbus

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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December 9, 2018

The Savior Reigns

Joy to the Earth, The Saviour reigns;

-Isaac Watts

When we commission Provisional Elders and Deacons for ministry in the church, the bishop gives them a charge as follows:

Pour out your Holy Spirit upon *Full Name*.

Send him/her now to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ,

to announce the reign of God,

and to equip the church for ministry,

in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

We are an interesting nation. We are a people whose DNA is built upon the rejection of rule by someone who was born into the right family. The idea of a royal sovereign is anathema to our founding democratic principles. It is also amazing the high regard that we have these days for the British royals. People love Queen Elizabeth and we have all watched with warm regard as her grandsons have married and are having children of their own. The royal weddings draw viewership world wide proving there is something of storybook magic that continues to draw the attention of billions around the world.

Perhaps it is the trappings of earthly royalty that leave us so enamored with the simplistic beginnings of Christ's royal birth. There are no cathedral choirs singing in Bethlehem, only angelic hosts. There are no palaces for the King of Kings, only the humble trappings of a stable. There was no mattress, but only a manger for Christ's cradle. These contrasts reveal something about who Christ is as king that points us toward who he is and how God intends to "reign" in this world.

So as we proclaim the joy of the reign of our Savior, Christ the King, we will look back a bit into our Old Testament history and see how Jesus is the culmination of the royal dynasty of David and how he is the pinnacle of the reign of God in the world. The good news is indeed joy to the earth! Jesus reigns.

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: Margaret Gosden

The Friendship Class

Study: Choose to Love and Serve God

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 49

Teacher: Bobby Smith

The New Connections Class

Study: The Promise of Messiah

Teacher: Doug Franks & Rev. Chuck Salter

The Questors Class

Study: Choose to Love and Serve God

Teacher: Rev. Tim Paulk

The Seekers Class

Study: Class Discussion

Teacher: Class

The Young Adult Class

Study: Jesus & the Beanstalk

Teacher: Becky Britton

HONORARIUM

Given to the General Fund in honor of our teachers, Gary Tomlin, Glenn Griffin and Rev. Tim Paulk by the Questors Sunday school class.

Given to the Christmas Offering in honor of our teachers, Becky Britton, Rev. Tim Paulk and Barbara Stubbs by the Friendship Sunday school class.

2019 FLOWER CALENDAR

Sign up to purchase flowers for the sanctuary in 2019. The 2019 flower calendar is located on the office window. The flower arrangements are \$50 each. Questions or to request a date, call the church office.

THOSE WHO SERVE

December 9, 2018

9:00 a.m. Worship Service

Greeter:

Usher: Randy Morris

Acolyte: Usher

Children's Church: Whitney Weyeneth

11:00 a.m. Worship Service

Greeter: Brenda Karastury, Lillian Wooldridge

Ushers: Steve Whittington

Acolyte: Ema Cheraisi

Children's Church: Gary & Janis Tomlin

Nursery Volunteer: Allison Jandreau

Financial Secretary: Shawn Jandreau

Turn Key: John Daniel

OUR STEWARDSHIP

December 2, 2018

Tithes & Offerings: \$9,999.00

Received To Date: \$269,871.00

Needed To Date: \$310,948.12

Building Fund: \$0.00

ATTENDANCE:

Sunday School 81

Worship: 9 a.m. 50

Worship: 11 a.m. 86

136

YOUTH & CHILDREN

Children's Christmas Program Rehearsal -

Saturday, December 15, at noon, at church.

Just A Little Christmas -

A children's Christmas program will be presented on Sunday, December 16, at 4 p.m. Please contact Whitney Weyeneth at whitneyweyenth@hotmail.com, if you would like to volunteer, or for more information. Thank you!

Wacky Wednesday -

Children's program at 6:30 p.m., which includes lessons, crafts, and songs. Come and invite your friends. For children Pre-K to 5th grade.

MISSIONS

December Mission Focus - Helping Our

Neighbors at Christmas Offering -

Our Missions Committee has set goals to support Open Door (\$1,000), Rose Hill UMC (\$1,000) and Brown Bag of Columbus (\$1,000). The total received will be shared among them. If you feel led to give beyond your regular contribution to Epworth, consider supporting this opportunity. Donations can be made in honor or memory of loved ones or you can receive a certificate through the church office to give as a gift now until December 31.

Epworth to Receive Donations from

AmazonSmile - This Christmas, we know you are doing some shopping online and we know Amazon is one of your favorites. You can donate a portion of your purchases by going to smile.amazon.com to make your purchases and by choosing "Epworth United Methodist Church of Columbus, GA" 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!

HIS Group Sock/Glove/Hat Drive - We are collecting men's, women's and children's socks, mittens/gloves and hats/toboggans for Open Door and Damascus Way for distribution to the needy. Place your items on the "sock tree" in the fellowship hall. Please donate by Sunday, December 16.

Gift Cards for Our House - If you would like to donate gift cards to the children of Carpenter's Way and Arabella Home, bring any denomination of \$25 or under and place them in the designated box on the mission cart by December 19. Suggested cards: Walmart, Amazon, Bath & Body Works, any fast food restaurants.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Church Office Hours - Susan Snider, our church administrator, will be on vacation from December 10-14. The office hours will be from 9 a.m. - 12, noon, during the week days. If you need assistance after noon, contact Tony.

New Life UMW Christmas Dinner - Monday, December 10, at 6:30 p.m., at the home of Michele Thurman. Bring a covered dish to share.

UMM Meeting - Monday, December 10, at 6:30 p.m., in the fellowship hall.

HIS UMW Meeting - *Change-of-date* - Tuesday, December 11, at 10:30 a.m., in the fellowship hall.

Wednesday Night Supper & Program - on December 12, at 6 p.m. Make reservations by signing up on the information board or call the church office. Menu: spaghetti, garlic bread, salad and dessert. A fun program and Wacky Wednesday, led by Whitney, begins at 6:30 p.m.

Vintage Group Christmas Meeting - Thursday, December 13, at noon, in the fellowship hall. Sign up on the information board as to what covered dish you will bring to share. Remember to bring three \$1 bills to play "Left, Center, Right" and two more \$1 bills for an optional donation.

Music Sunday - on December 16, the choir, praise team and others join together at both the 9 and 11 a.m. services.

Christmas Post Office - is open in the foyer, to mail your Christmas cards to your fellow members for 25¢ each. Money collected will go to the Helping Our Neighbors at Christmas Offering. This is a great way to connect and save money!

EPWORTH PRAYER LIST

Church Family

Fred & Emilie Carswell	Blount King	Gladys Plant	Trudy Harris
Vanessa Desoto	Ron & Betty Sawyer	Thrower Family	Kittye 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, Carol Osteen	River Place - Betty Cummings, Elizabeth
Magnolia Manor - Doris Halouska,	Harbert, Jane Sanders
Cammie Van Over	River Towne Center - Jerry Williams
Phenix City Health Care - Anne Whitehurst	The Lodge (Besse, 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.

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



