

COMING UP...

Sunday, December 13

Third Sunday of Advent

- 9:00 a.m. New Connections Sunday School
- 9:15 a.m. Children's Sunday School via Zoom
- 10:30 a.m. In-person & Livestream Worship
- 5:00 p.m. AA Group Meeting

Monday, December 14

3:00 p.m. New Life UMW Meeting

Tuesday, December 15

6:30 p.m. AA Group Meeting

Thursday, December 17

12 Noon Prayer Team Meeting

Sunday, December 20

Fourth Sunday of Advent

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- 9:15 a.m. Children's Sunday School via Zoom
- 10:30 a.m. In-person & Livestream Worship
- 5:00 p.m. AA Group Meeting
- 5:30 p.m. Children's Christmas Pageant

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.

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, call, email, or leave a note with updates at the church office. See below for the current prayer list. Take a moment and pray for those listed.

OUR CHURCH STAFF

Epworth's members are our ministers.

The professional staff who assist us are:

Children's Director Whitney Weyeneth
Choir Director Lyn Pharris
Church Administrator..... Susan Snider
Custodians..... Martha Conklin & Barbie Webb
Media Tech Deonte Fortson
Music Director..... Bob Lee
Nursery Worker Martha Conklin
Pastor Rev. Earnestine Campbell

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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.

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

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December 13, 2020



THIRD SUNDAY
OF
Advent



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

THOSE WHO SERVE

December 13, 2020

Greeters: Steve & Barré Whittington

OUR STEWARDSHIP

December 6, 2020

Tithes & Offerings:	\$8,640.00
Received To Date:	\$249,626.77
Needed To Date:	\$286,447.14

Attendance:	
Live Online Viewers	64
In-person	29
Total	93

Facebook Worship Online Attendance - We can count only the number of viewers who are watching the service live during the 10:30 a.m. broadcast. **As we continue to keep attendance and be in connection with our Facebook/online members and worshippers, we are asking that you “check-in” your presence when online for worship. You can simply respond in the comment section with your name, I am here, watching, hello, etc.** For questions, contact Margaret Gosden. Thank you for your help.

MEMORIAM

Given to the Discretionary Fund in memory of *Carol Osteen* by Robert & Maxine Willis.

Given to the General Fund in memory of *Jud Mullican* and *Carol Osteen* by Lee Rogers and Bobby Smith.

Given to the General Fund in memory of *Jud Mullican*, *Jane Sanders* and *Carol Osteen* by Sandra Burns.

Given to the General Fund in memory of *Jane Sanders* and *Carol Osteen* by Buddy & Susan Dunn.

Given to the Rose Hill fund in memory of *Carol Osteen* by the Questors Class.

STAY CONNECTED

In-person and Online Worship - Worship time is Sundays at 10:30 a.m. We continue to take all required precautions for everyone’s safety; social distancing, touchless temperature taking, and mask wearing are required.

No In-person Worship - There will be no in-person worship on Sunday, December 27 and January 3. Please join us for our livestream worship at 10:30 a.m. See instructions below.

Worship Livestream - We will continue to hold livestream every Sunday. You can view us by going to freeonlinechurch.com/live/Epworth or on Epworth’s Facebook page at facebook.com/epworthcolumbus as close to 10:30 a.m. as possible.

Encouraging Small Group Gatherings - We encourage small group gatherings, i.e., Sunday School classes, Bible studies, and other groups to begin and continue meeting with physical distancing practices in place. Contact the church office for available times and spaces.

New Connections Sunday School Class - We meet every Sunday at 9:00 a.m., outside, with safe distancing and mask wearing required. We are studying *The Blue Book*, by Jim Branch, as a guide for studying scripture. Join us!

Children’s Sunday School via Zoom - Our children are meeting via Zoom each Sunday at 9:15 a.m. Use meeting ID 984 5243 5667, password, “jesusyall” in the app. Click on the link in Whitney’s weekly e-mail or on Facebook.

Nathan Patterson/Wesley Class Meeting - Next meeting date is Thursday, December 17, at 9 a.m. with safe distancing and mask wearing required.

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS UPCOMING EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

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 Wynnton Neighborhood Network (\$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.

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 Fellowship Hall through Christmas Eve. The deadline to order is this Sunday, December 13.

Sock/Glove/Hat Drive – The HIS UMW group is sponsoring a drive to collect men’s, women’s and children’s socks, mittens/gloves and hats/toboggans for Open Door and Damascus Way. Place your items in the “sock container” in the Whitehurst Welcome Center. Donations need to be received by this Sunday, December 13.

Children’s Christmas Pageant - Plan to join us on Sunday, December 20, at 6 p.m., via livestream on facebook. The children will make this year’s pageant a special Christmas experience through our new virtual world. To participate in the pageant or for more information, contact Whitney Weyeneth or Lyn Pharris.

Amazon Shopping - Make a difference this holiday. Shop for gifts at smile.amazon.com/ch/58-1301364 to generate donations for Epworth UMC. Thank you for your support.

Christmas Eve Services - Join us for our annual Christmas Eve candlelight services on Thursday, December 24, at 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. This is a wonderful way to celebrate the true meaning of Christmas. Please reserve your attendance with the church office due to the COVID-19 Social Distancing Guidelines to ensure proper space accommodations.

Christmas Post Office Available - The post office will be open for symbolic card donations in the Whitehurst Welcome Center. Because we are limiting the physical contact of handling items, we are asking in lieu of Christmas cards and mailing them to your fellow members for 25¢ each to give the 25¢ in donation for those in need in the box designated “Christmas Post Office.” Funds collected will go towards the Helping Our Neighbors at Christmas Offering.

A Taste of Epworth Cookbooks - Need a Christmas gift? Purchase a copy(s) from the Whitehurst Welcome Center for \$5 each.

End-of-Year Gifts - The church office will be open through Thursday, December 31, to receive in-person gifts. Contributions made in worship on December 27 will be credited toward your 2020 statement as will any mailed contributions post-marked by December 31. We thank you for your generosity in ministry and to others. Help us finish up strong in 2020 with a special end-of-the-year gift.

THANK YOU EPWORTH

Linda Laye, Deaconess, from Fellowship at Rose Hill/Safehouse thanks Epworth for the prepared turkeys, handmade masks, pillows and blankets that were donated during their *Still Thankful* meal. Without generous congregations, we wouldn’t be able to do all that we do!

J. B. & Mamie Byrd
Betty Byrd Bruno
Homer & Alzada Stubbs
Mary Glynn Lancaster
C. D. Lancaster
Susan Davis
Charles & Marion Davis
Jerry Davis
Larry Davis
James Palmer
Derrell Palmer
Jill Palmer
Jack Palmer
Aldas Mackey
Clara Mackey
James & Judy May
Mr. & Mrs. William D. Jacobs
Tommy Mayton
Lucille Willis
James & Estelle Davis
Doris Francis
Maurice and Bobby Joe Davis
Ben Burns
Mr. & Mrs. J. S. Hardegree
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Burns
Jean Morris
Laura & Henry Ledbetter
Tommy Mayton
Trish Clark
Bailey Grace Cheek
Jean Morris
Joel Spencer
Hugh & Hazel Breland
Virginia Faircloth
Bill Pharris
Sanford & Bobbie Brown
Ray & Zana Johnson

Barbara & Bill Stubbs
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Michele Thurman
Michele Thurman
Donny Davis
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Claire, Brooks, Susan & John
Darlene Shirley
Susan Snider
Robert & Maxine Willis
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Sandra Burns
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Gary, Debra, Matthew & Elizabeth Ledbetter
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Debra Ledbetter
Debra Ledbetter
Harold Morris
James & Donna Faircloth
James & Donna Faircloth
James & Donna Faircloth
Steve & Lyn Pharris
James & Debra Johnson
James & Debra Johnson

In Honor Of:
Steve & Carol Guilbeault
Ron & Glenn Guilbeault
Rev. Earnie & Family
Jackie Jenrette
Office Volunteers
Lillie Pope
Bob Lee, Music Director
Crosby, Sara Kate, Hollis & Jackson Revell
Ronnie Champagne
Becky Britton
Sandra Burns
Jeanne Guilbeault
Debra & Jamie Johnson
Bobby Smith
Sue Vining
Maxine & Robert Willis
Brenda & Frank Karastury
Rev. Earnie
Rev. Campbell, Robert, Tristan & Lauren
Our Church Staff – Bob, Lyn, Susan, Martha,
Whitney, Deonte, Barbie
Healthcare & Essential Worker
Suzy Revell (Mask Ministry)
Steve & Maridale Goff
Lucas & Davis Goff
John & Kim Runyon
John & Anna Runyon
Danny & Karen Davis
Kayla Davis
Cynthia & Jeff Stolpa
Our Children
Our Grandchildren
Helen Pharris
Bill & Janet Rocker
Rigby & Jack Duncan

Given By:
Jeanne Guilbeault
Jeanne Guilbeault
Jeanne Guilbeault
Susan Snider
Susan Snider
James & Marjean Waters
Robert C. Smith, Jr.
Doug & Suzy Revell
Walter & Diane Champagne
Barbara & Bill Stubbs
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Michele Thurman
James & Debra Johnson
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Rose Hill Group
Robert & Maxine Willis
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Sandra Burns
James & Donna Faircloth
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