

COMING UP...

Sunday, December 27

9:15 a.m. Children's Sunday School via Zoom

10:30 a.m. Livestream Worship

5:00 p.m. AA Group Meeting

Tuesday, December 29

6:30 p.m. AA Group Meeting

Thursday, December 31

New Year's Eve

12 Noon Prayer Team Meeting

Friday, January 1

New Year's Day/Office Closed

Sunday, January 3

9:15 a.m. Children's Sunday School via Zoom

10:30 a.m. Livestream Worship Only

5:00 p.m. AA Group Meeting

Monday & Tuesday, January 4 - 5

Voting Site - Fellowship Hall Closed

Tuesday, January 5

5:30 p.m. Board of Trustees 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.

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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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 27, 2020

MAY YOU SHINE
THE LIGHT OF
CHRIST IN THE
NEW YEAR!



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

OUR STEWARDSHIP

December 20, 2020

Tithes & Offerings:	\$14,007.37
Received To Date:	\$266,649.14
Needed To Date:	\$303,984.72

Attendance:

Live Online Viewers	100
In-person	27
Total	127

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.

2021 FLOWER CALENDAR

Sign up to purchase flowers for the 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 office. Arrangements are \$55 each.

MEMORIAM

Given to the Christmas Offering in memory of *Judson Mullican, Carol Osteen and Jane Sanders* by Jeanne Guilbeault.

Given to the General Fund in memory of *Dot Ogg and Judson Mullican* by Marguerite Hay.

Given to the General Fund in memory of *Dot Ogg* by Buddy & Susan Dunn.

Given to the Rose Hill Ministry in memory of *Carol Osteen* by Barbara & Bill Stubbs.

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. Join us! We will not meet this Sunday or Sunday, January 3.

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, January 7 at 9 a.m. with safe distancing and mask wearing required.

MISSIONS

December Mission Focus - Helping Our Neighbors at Christmas Offering - Our Missions Committee has set goals to support Open Door Community House (\$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.

Christmas Post Office Available - The post office will be open for symbolic card donations in the Whitehurst Welcome Center. Funds collected will go towards the Helping Our Neighbors at Christmas Offering.

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

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 delivered or post-marked by December 31 will be credited toward your 2020 statement unless otherwise stated. Help us finish up strong in 2020 with a special end-of-the-year gift.

January Mission Focus - Wesley Glen Ministries in Macon. Look for more info coming next week.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Prayer Shawl Ministry Meeting - Monday, January 4 at 10 a.m.

Election Day - Epworth is a voting poll. The Fellowship Hall will be unavailable Monday and Tuesday, January 4-5.

New Life UMW Meeting - Monday, January 4 at 3 p.m., in The Woods. Contact Debra Johnson for more information.

Trustee Meeting - Tuesday, January 12 at 5:30 p.m., in the Seekers classroom.

AA Group - The AA Group will meet on Sundays at 5 p.m. and Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m., in the Questors classroom.

Prayer Team Meets via Zoom - The Team meets each Thursday at noon. Contact Margaret Gosden to share your prayer request.

The Grief and Caregiver Support Ministry - The support ministry will begin anew on Thursday, January 7 at 6 p.m. The support group will be open to all experiencing grief from the loss of a loved one or giving care to a loved one. The ministry will be supported by a curriculum (no pre-study needed), and for a time to share and listen, encouragement and hope. It will be a confidential, non-judgmental group and safe space to share. If you have questions, contact Vonna Franks or Rev. Earnie.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Mark your calendars for these meetings.

SPRC: January 14 at 5:30 p.m.

Finance: January 14 at 6:30 p.m.

Church Council: January 21 at 6 p.m.

More details to follow. Contact the church office with questions.

EPWORTH PRAYER LIST

Church Family

Fred & Emilie Carswell	Jimmy Bridges	Bettie Davis	Annette Taff
Ron & Betty Sawyer	Vanessa Desoto	Thrower Family	Barbara & Bill Stubbs
Kernodle Family	Daniel Family	Helen Batastini	Jeanne Guilbeault
Barbara Watson	Susan Stark	Ann Smith	Mildred Rogers
Becky Britton	Jane Grandon	Sara Rice	Crews Family
James & Donna Faircloth			

Extended Church Family

Steve & Carol Guilbeault	Michael Taff	David Olson	Mark Oliver
Dotty Baker	Katie Leach	Patricia Waldo	Robbins Family
Kuester Family	Preston Silvernail	Dora Spires	Willie Ryles
Judy Patterson	Cassie Prochaska	Billy Hill	Kim Jordan
Jimmy & Carol Chapman	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

Independent/Assisted Living/Nursing Home

Covenant Woods - Linda Coleman, Helen Pharris	The Gardens at Calvary - Judy Frantz
Kings Bridge (Atlanta, GA) - Blount King	The Lodge (Bessemer, AL) - Lorene Carlisle
Magnolia Manor - Doris Halouska, Fred Carswell	Wesley Glen (Byron, GA) - Nancy Hiller
River Place - Betty Cummings, 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



