

## COMING UP THIS WEEK...

**Sunday, December 30**

10:00 a.m. Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Combined Worship Service

**Tuesday, January 1**

New Year's Day/Office Closed

6:30 p.m. AA Group Meeting

**Wednesday, January 2**

6:00 p.m. Praise Team Rehearsal

7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

**Thursday, January 3**

12:00 noon Prayer Team Meeting

**Sunday, January 6**

9:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service

10:00 a.m. Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service

**Monday, January 7**

10:00 a.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry Meeting

**Tuesday, January 8**

10:30 a.m. HIS UMW Goup Meeting

## 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.

## 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 15<sup>th</sup> Ave., Columbus.

## OUR CHURCH STAFF

*Epworth's members are our ministers.*

*The professional staff who assist us are:*

Choir Director ..... Lyn Pharris

Church Administrator..... Susan Snider

Contemporary Music Director..... Kayla Moss

Custodians..... Martha Conklin & Barbie Webb

Music Director..... Bob Lee

Nursery Worker ..... Martha Conklin

Pastor ..... Tony G. Crosby

## CONTACT US

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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 and a sermon preview on Friday and texts during the week. We also use e-mail to send important meeting reminders and other information. Epworth has a free text messaging solution hosted by Remind. Sign up now by texting '@epworth1' to 81010. Help us contact you by making sure the church office has your current e-mail address.

*The sanctuary flowers are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Hank Guilbeault by Jeanne Guilbeault.*

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December 30, 2018

Wardrobe Malfunction

*<sup>12</sup> As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience... <sup>14</sup> Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.*  
Colossians 3:12,14 (NRSV)

A few years ago, a mishap on one of the most-watched live television events ended up introducing us to an all new vocabulary word. On February 1, 2004, Super Bowl XXXVIII went down in the history books for way more than football. I was watching it live and remember thinking to myself, "Wow! Was that what I thought it was?" Indeed, it wouldn't take long before everyone else and I realized it was EXACTLY what we thought it was.

Justin Timberlake and Janet Jackson ended the halftime show with—shall we say a “revealing” moment. At the very conclusion of the song, to which the lyrics had prophetically included, “I'm gonna have you naked by the end of this song,” Timberlake grabbed and removed a piece of Janet Jackson's top that left her exposed with only a small piece of jewelry hiding the most intimate of parts.

It was ugly. CBS issued apologies. MTV was banned from producing a half-time show for the Super Bowl again. But the apologies rang a little hollow. Many have since speculated that the entire thing was planned all along to provide media “exposure” (pun intended—sorry, I couldn't help it!). And it worked. Jackson said people made a big deal out of nothing. And then, in perhaps the most talked about line, Timberlake apologized for the “wardrobe malfunction.” He gave late night comedians fodder for days. And created a new word commonly used to describe any time celebrities have an accidental issue with their clothing that is more revealing than they intended.

Our scripture today is a great analogy. We are to be clothed with all of these good things—compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, patience, and above all, love. But as Christians, if we take an honest look at ourselves, we are having some wardrobe malfunctions! We are being exposed all the time for our naked and sinful selves when we should be wearing the garments of these Christ-like qualities. We are letting our “wardrobes” get torn apart by others because we are not carefully clothing ourselves with these right qualities.

So, how are you doing with these things? Are you wearing the ways of Jesus for clothing, or do you have some wardrobe malfunctions exposing some things that you aren't proud of?

Let's start making some new clothes that build us up in the way of the Spirit.

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 (K-5)**

Teacher: Whitney Weyeneth

### **The Friendship Class**

Study: Modeling God's Love

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: No class meeting

Teacher: Class

### **The New Connections Class**

Study: The Messenger

Teacher: Doug Franks

### **The Questors Class**

Study: No class meeting

Teacher: Class

### **The Seekers Class**

Study: Class Discussion

Teacher: Class

### **The Young Adult Class**

Study: Jesus & the Beanstalk

Teacher: Becky Britton

## THOSE WHO SERVE

December 30, 2018

### **9:00 a.m. Worship Service**

Greeter: UMW

Usher: UMW

Acolyte: Ushers

Children's Church: Whitney Weyeneth

### **11:00 a.m. Worship Service**

Greeter: UMW

Ushers: UMW

Acolyte: Jake DiSimone, C. S. DiSimone

Children's Church: Debra Johnson

Nursery Volunteer: Allison Jandreau

Financial Secretary: Steve Sawyer

Turn Key: Rev. Tony Crosby

## OUR STEWARDSHIP

December 23 & 24, 2018

Tithes & Offerings:	\$4,679.26
Received To Date:	\$295,260.26
Needed To Date:	\$323,639.88
Attendance:	
Sunday School	51
Worship: 9 a.m.	40
Worship: 11 a.m.	<u>58</u>
	<b>98</b>
Christmas Eve 4 p.m.	69
6 p.m.	63

## YOUTH & CHILDREN

**Youth Meeting Date Change** - The youth will begin meeting on Sundays. Tentative start date is January 13, at 5 p.m. Look for more information to follow.

**Wacky Wednesdays** - begins on January 16, at 6:30 p.m. The children's program includes lessons, crafts, and songs. For children Pre-K to 5<sup>th</sup> grade.

**Recycle Your Christmas Cards** - the children are collecting the fronts of used Christmas cards to use for a project. Donate yours by placing them in the box on the mission cart.

## 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). To date, we have only received about \$1,260. 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 through December 31.

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

**Epworth to Receive Donations from AmazonSmile** - You can donate a portion of your purchase amount 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!

**Feeding Our Neighbors at Rose Hill** - Tuesday, January 29. Preparations will begin at 5:15 p.m.; serving at 5:45 p.m. If you are interested in volunteering to serve or help to prepare the meal, contact Debra Johnson or Becky Britton.

## THANK YOU

Dear Church Family, Thank you so much for all the cards, calls, food, and prayers since my illness. You are such a kind and generous congregation, which I am proud to be a part. A special thanks to the Prayer Shawl Ministry for my shawl. With love, Barbara Stubbs

## WHAT'S HAPPENING

**Upper Room Devotionals** - January/February issue is available in the welcome center. Price as noted.

**Poinsettias & Christmas Cards** - Please pick up your poinsettias and/or Christmas cards. They will be disposed of after the first of the year.

**Prayer Shawl Ministry Meeting** - Monday, January 7, at 10 a.m., in the fellowship hall.

**HIS UMW Group Meeting** - Tuesday, January 8, at 10:30 a.m., in the fellowship hall. Our hostess will be Becky Britton, who will also present our program. Please remember your mission items for the Showering program at Open Door. As you are able, please bring the dish for which you signed up.

**Vintage Group Meeting** - Thursday, January 10, at 12 noon, at Cook's Hotdogs near Moon Rd. Sign up for lunch reservations on the information board.

**Dinner & Show** - Saturday, January 12, at 6 p.m., in the Fellowship Hall. Your donation of \$15 will go to augment our budget. The United Methodist Men want to give you an evening of good food and great music with pianist extraordinaire, Tony Crosby, as he serenades you with a variety of selections. Then, relive a moment in time as the king of Rock & Roll's 1973 Aloha from Hawaii concert is recreated. Limited seating. Purchase a ticket today! See Doug Franks

**Wednesday Night Supper & Study** - begins January 16, at 6 p.m. Make reservations by signing up on the information board, emailing or calling the church office. Menu: baked spaghetti, garlic toast, salad and dessert. A Bible study/devotion begins at 6:30 p.m., each week.

## SERVANTS NEEDED IN 2019

**9 a.m. Ushers:** 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays

**11 a.m. Ushers:** 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays

**Children's Sunday School Helper:** 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Sundays

**Children's Church:** 9 a.m.: 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Sundays  
11 a.m.: 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays

**Greeter 9 a.m.:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Sundays

**Turn Key:** 1<sup>st</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays

If you feel led to volunteer or would like more information, please contact the church office.

There are other ministries within and outside the church where you may feel led to volunteer. For more info on these ministries, contact someone from the Missions Committee.

**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	Barbara Stubbs	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	

**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	David Garner

**Assisted Living/Nursing Home**

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 (Bessemer, 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. 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*

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### Calendar of Events

**January Birthdays**  
Say a prayer and write a note...

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<b>1</b> New Years Day Office Closed 6:30p-AA Support Group Meeting	<b>2</b> 6:00p-Praise Team Rehearsal 7:00p-Choir Practice	<b>3</b> 12:00p-Prayer Team	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b> 9:00a-Contemporary Worship Service 10:00a-Sunday School 11:00a-Traditional Worship Service	<b>7</b> 10:00a-Prayer Shawl Ministry Meeting	<b>8</b> 10:30a-HIS Group UMW Meeting 6:30p-AA Support Group Meeting	<b>9</b> 6:00p-Praise Team Rehearsal 7:00p-Choir Practice	<b>10</b> 12:00p-Prayer Team 12:00p-Vintage Meeting	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 9:00a-Fellowship Hall Reserved 6:00p-Dinner & Show
<b>13</b> Social Second Sunday 9:00a-Contemporary Worship Service 10:00a-Sunday School 11:00a-Traditional Worship Service 4:00p-Youth Meeting	<b>14</b> 6:30p-UMM Meeting 6:30p-New Life UMW Meeting	<b>15</b> 6:30p-Growing Christians UMW Meeting 6:30p-AA Support Group Meeting	<b>16</b> 6:00p-Wednesday Night Supper 6:00p-Praise Team Rehearsal 6:30p-Study 6:30p-Wacky Wednesday 7:00p-Choir Practice	<b>17</b> 12:00p-Prayer Team	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b> 9:00a-Contemporary Worship Service 10:00a-Sunday School 11:00a-Traditional Worship Service 4:00p-Youth Meeting	<b>21</b> MLK Jr. B-day	<b>22</b> 6:30p-Church Council Meeting 6:30p-AA Support Group Meeting	<b>23</b> 6:00p-Wednesday Night Supper 6:00p-Praise Team Rehearsal 6:30p-Study 6:30p-Wacky Wednesday 7:00p-Choir Practice	<b>24</b> 12:00p-Prayer Team	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b> 9:00a-Contemporary Worship Service 10:00a-Sunday School 11:00a-Traditional Worship Service 4:00p-Youth Meeting	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> 3:00p-Reachers UMW Meeting 5:00p-Feeding Our Neighbors @ Rose Hill 6:30p-AA Support Group Meeting	<b>30</b> 6:00p-Wednesday Night Supper 6:00p-Praise Team Rehearsal 6:30p-Study 6:30p-Wacky Wednesday 7:00p-Choir Practice	<b>31</b> 12:00p-Prayer Team		

- 1 Matthew Conklin
- 2 Doris Halouska  
Charles Newton  
Whitney Weyeneth
- 7 Sidney Crews
- 8 David Hay
- 11 Teresa Sneddon
- 12 Pam Clark  
Vanessa DeSoto
- 16 Kittye Crockett
- 17 Ella Kate Conkle  
Cynthia Stolpa
- 18 Linda Lee
- 19 Scott Dunn  
Mason Morris
- 20 Patsy Ann Aspinwall  
Marguerite Hay  
Joyce Hickson
- 21 Kelli McManus
- 22 Daniel Carbaugh
- 24 Barbie Webb
- 25 Camden Fossa  
Hope Thrower  
Shea Spencer
- 29 Lorene Carlisle
- 30 Alton Henry  
Mina Johns

**A Birthday Prayer**  
May God bless you today and each day  
that follows,  
May you hear His voice and follow His  
footsteps,  
Be comforted by His care and live in  
His grace now and forever, Amen.