SPWORTH TOWER

Youth Missions

PRAYING PELICAN MISSIONS

YOUTH MISSION TRIP

JUNE 2026



2-3	+Worship Opportunities +Birthdays
4-6	+Grow Families
7	+SWAT
8-9	+Grow Adults
10	+Serve
11	+Announcements

If you have any Pastoral Care needs please call. During office hours, Monday - Friday, 9-5 call 419-531-4236. If you have an urgent need after hours Pastor Liz can be reached at 419-346-3559







WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

8:30 AM | WORSHIP WITH WEEKLY HOLY COMMUNION Music includes traditional hymns and instrumental pieces. Communion (which is open to ALL) is offered every week. This is a great service for those who also like to attend a 9:45 am Sunday School Class.

9:45 AM |TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE

This is our service that features traditional hymns accompanied by both the Epworth choir and the pipe organ.

11:00 AM | MODERN WORSHIP SERVICE

This service features lively music and an inspirational message. Come as you are to this casual, inviting, and uplifting opportunity to express your faith.

7:00 PM | HEALING & WHOLENESS SERVICE EPWORTH CHAPEL

(second Monday of the month)

We gather to reconnect to our source of strength, faith, hope and love using prayer, hymns, a time of reflection, a time of sharing our joys and concerns with God and people who care. At this service we offer oil anointing and hands on prayer for any who wish to receive it.

CHILDCARE IS AVAILABLE DURING OUR SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP SERVICES

Stay Connected

LIVESTREAM WORSHIP Website & Facebook:
Watch our worship online at epworth.com/live or on our Facebook page at facebook.com/epworthtoledo Sunday at 8:30 am & 9:45 am live

~WEEKLY E- NEWSLETTER:
Sign up for the weekly e-newsletters

~OBITUARY NOTIFICATIONS:
Sign up to receive obituary notifications
e-mail darlene@epworth.com

SOCIAL MEDIA: facebook.com/epworthtoledo

July Tower Deadline:

Thursday, June 25, 2026

Have an idea for next month's Tower? Please e-mail all requested article copy and pictures to darlene@epworth.com



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!

JUNE 1 Chad Hutchinson

JUNE 2 John Juvinall
Austen Lehto

JUNE 3 Sharon Hamman

JUNE 4 Erin Hirschfeld

JUNE 6 Barbara Muir
Martie Reed
Julie Cook

JUNE 7 Joe Mosch
Kenneth Fulk
Hope Roth
Lily Roth
Barbara Phibbs

JUNE 8 Richard Alleshouse
Kira Kline
Rebecca Brown

JUNE 10 Dick Ketteman
Neeraj Kanwal

JUNE 11 Lynne Hayes
Ann Koffman
Alan Lepard
Gretchen Seeger
Spencer Rogers

JUNE 12 Kathy Fulk

JUNE 13 Bonnie Thrailkill
William H. Covert II
Tami Norris
Peter Shawaker

JUNE 14 Bruce Schoenberger

JUNE 16 Robert Wilson
Jane Leatherman
Garth Phibbs

JUNE 17 Sharon Eich
Mary Lou Bollin
Patricia Dunzweiler

JUNE 18 Sharon Morgan
Dave White
Matt Koster

JUNE 20 Margaret Danziger
Debra Starbird

JUNE 21 Gary Barricklow
Wes Johnson

JUNE 22 Melinda Gillette

JUNE 23 Patrick Johnson

JUNE 24 Genie Campbell
Kathleen Brunt
Gary Norris
Kirk Keaffaber
Gary Hinkson
Heather Thurston

JUNE 25 June Rose Galvin
Gordy Krueger
Alana Malik

JUNE 26 Jodi Stacy

JUNE 28 Maxwell Schmieder

JUNE 30 Ellen Hurd
Don Beeman
Jennie Vancil
Matthew Netter
Weston Caldwell

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY UPDATE



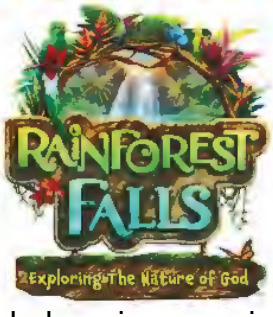
Preschool and Toddler: This month we will continue to gather during all Sunday morning worship services with hands-on large and small group time. Epworth's Preschool and Toddler children will learn that they can be a part of God's Kingdom. They will listen to four stories about Jesus; the Story of the Mustard Seed, the Story of the Lost Coin, the Story of the Prodigal Son and the Stories of the Hidden Treasure and Pearl. It is through these stories that the children will come to understand that God's Kingdom grows and grows as more people follow Jesus. During their bible story time, they will learn this month's Bible Memory Verse: "Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven." (Matthew 6:10 NIV)



Elementary: This month, Epworth's Elementary kids will meet at 9:45 in the children's wing and will step into Kingdom Quest—a grand and joyful adventure where they will learn about the greatest treasure ever known: the Kingdom of God. They will discover when we follow in Jesus' footsteps, we can know more about God and grow closer to Him. Through the Story of the Lost Son, the Story of the Lost Sheep and others, the children will be reminded that God wants everyone to be a part of His kingdom and Jesus made a way for them to be part of that kingdom. During their large group worship and small group discussion time, the children will focus on this Memory Verse: "May your kingdom come. May what you want to happen be done on earth as it is done in heaven." (Matthew 6:10 NIrV)



2026 VACATION BIBLE CAMP REGISTRATION IS OPEN!



This year's theme is Rainforest Falls where kids plunge into a lifelong adventure of discovering the nature of God. Rainforest Falls is filled with incredible Bible-learning experiences where kids can see, hear, touch, and even taste! Sciency-Fun Gizmos™, team-building games, cool Bible songs, and tasty treats are just a few of the standout activities that help faith flow into real life. Plus, we'll help kids discover how to see evidence of God in everyday life!

VBC will be June 8-12 from 9am-12pm and is free to Epworth members and the community. Rainforest Falls VBC is guaranteed to be the best week of summer! Bible Camp is open to 3 year old children through children who have completed 5th grade. For more information contact Cindy at 419-214-3779, or email her at cindy@epworth.com, or register online using the QR Code included. *All Registrations will be completed online. The deadline for registration is June 7 or when the camp is full.

Help us make Epworth VBC the best week of our children's summer. The main reason VBC is such a success is our volunteers! There are so many fun ways you can help, and don't worry, all training and materials will be provided. We just need you!



Hello Epworth Families,

Even though our classrooms are quiet for the summer, we are already preparing for the year ahead with intention. June is a great time to highlight the foundation of our program, starting with our **Children's Day Out (CDO) classroom.**

The CDO room is where so much of a child's school experience begins. For many children, this is their first time separating from family, learning group routines, and building relationships in a structured environment. That transition is significant, and we approach it with care, patience, and purpose.

In this classroom, the focus is not on pushing early academics. It is on building the skills that make learning possible. We prioritize social-emotional development, communication, and independence. Children are learning how to express their needs, follow routines, engage in play with others, and begin to understand what it means to be part of a classroom community. Our environment is designed to support exploration and comfort at the same time. Predictable routines help children feel secure, while open-ended materials invite curiosity and engagement. You will see children participating in sensory play, music and movement, early language experiences, and simple problem-solving activities. These are not just activities. They are the building blocks for future learning.

We also intentionally incorporate outdoor time as part of the daily experience. Whether children are observing nature, developing physical skills, or simply having the space to move freely, these moments support growth across all developmental areas. Our approach remains grounded in play-based, developmentally appropriate practice, allowing children to learn at their own pace while feeling supported and capable. What makes the CDO room unique is the balance between structure and flexibility. We guide children through routines while also allowing space for their individual needs, interests, and personalities to shape their experience. This is where confidence starts to grow.

Summer is also a great time to support these same skills at home. Simple routines, opportunities for independence, and time to play and explore all help prepare children for a successful start to the school year.

Important Dates to Remember



- June: Office Hours by Appointment Only
- June 19: Juneteenth

Looking Ahead

We are excited to welcome you back soon and begin another year of learning, growth, and connection.

Books to Enjoy



- The Watermelon Seed by Greg Pizzoli
- Llama Llama Sand and Sun by Anna Dewdney
- Summer Color! by Diana Murray
- Pete the Cat: Play Ball! by James Dean
- All Are Welcome by Alexandra Penfold (nice tie to inclusivity/Juneteenth conversations)
- The Night Before Freedom: A Juneteenth Story by Glenda Armand

Let's Stay Connected!

If you have questions as we approach the start of the year, we are here to support you every step of the way. Via email at jessica@epworth.com or call us at 419-531-7632.

With love,

The Epworth Early Learning Center Team

visit our website: https://www.epworth.com/grow/early-learning-center or email us at jessica@epworth.com





Claire's Day – Epworth's Impact

On Saturday, May 2 the annual Claire's Day event was hosted at the main branch of the Toledo Public Library. Claire's Day, sponsored by Read for Literacy, is a celebration designed to identify and showcase the MOST IMPROVED READER in each class, kindergarten through 8th grade in all TPS elementary schools. Teachers are asked to identify the student that most improved over the 2025-26 academic year. Of the 18 Hawkins STEAM Academy students identified and acknowledged at this year's Claire's Day Celebration, nine were tutored by Epworth Partnership tutors including Jamie Aubrey, Lindsey Burmeister, Harry Lehwald (2), John Juvinall (2), Jo Champion, Elaine Sheehan and Paul Jednak. In addition to these tutors, other Epworth reading initiatives (Book Club, Book Café, Kindergarten Book Initiatives and Library helpers) have contributed to this reading success.

EPWORTH THEATRE MINISTRY PRESENTS: CAMP ENCORE

Camp Encore begins Sunday June 7th and ends on Thursday June 11th. Camp begins at 6pm and ends at 8:30 pm each day. Students who will be in 5th-12th grade in the fall are welcome to join us at Camp Encore. Campers will enjoy theatre games, snacks and will get an opportunity to "Unpack their Adjectives" as we learn a number from our next musical, School House Rock! All are welcome as we unpack this fun adventure! Registration paperwork will need to be completed the first day you drop off your camper, but there are no fees. Space is limited so use the QR Code to register now:

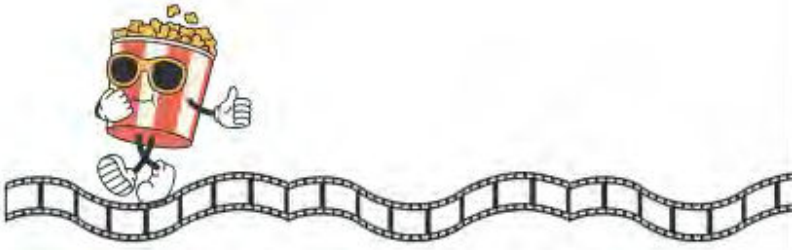
Drama Club:sponsored by Epworth Theatre Ministry
The Drama Club will offer local youth the opportunity to play theatre games, fellowship with others interested in the theater, and enjoy snacks. Each month, will also feature a different aspect of bringing a production to the stage. Next Class: June 6, 2-4:30 in the Deep End.

Become a ETM Patron
Our patrons make it possible for us to offer a summer theatre camp and a monthly drama club free of charge. Thanks to our past patrons we have been able to provide snacks at show rehearsals, meals during tech week, participation fees for cast members who needed financial assistance, and we were able to provide tickets to a community member who would have not had the opportunity to enjoy live theatre otherwise.THANK YOU

Scan now to join our list of patrons and receive tickets to our next show.



Join us Friday June 12, after VBC and Camp Encore for a Family Movie Night at 6:00 pm in the Deep End. Enjoy family, fellowship, popcorn, pizza and a free movie to end the fabulous week of camp.



JUNE

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JULY

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AUGUST

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- **Cedar Point Days: 9am-8pm**
- **Hang Outs: 2pm-4pm**
- **Game Nights: 6pm-9pm**
- **Rainforest Falls VBS**
  June 8-12, @9am-12pm
- **Youth Mission Trip**
  July 18th-24th, Lost Creek KY

Prayer Walks, Hacky-Sack, Jackbox Games, and so much more to come! Pay attention to our Band app to stay up to date through the summer!

- **Movie Night**
  @Franklin Park, showtime TBD
- **Dodgeball Night**
  @gym, 6pm-8pm
- **Fall Kick-Off**
  @6pm-8pm



MISSION TRIP!

WHERE?
-LOST CREEK, KY
WHEN?
-JULY 18TH-24TH
COST?
-$549

OPEN TO ALL STUDENTS GRADES 6TH-12TH

PLEASE CONTACT MICHAEL AUTHENREITH TO SIGN UP AT:
330-205-5123
OR EMAIL
MICHAEL@EPWORTH.COM

PRAYING PELICAN MISSIONS

11:00 Adult Sunday School Class, Room 213 The Devotions, Discipleship and Discussions Group We will meet through June 7, followed by summer break until August. For more information, contact Robin Jacob (robinj662@yahoo.com).

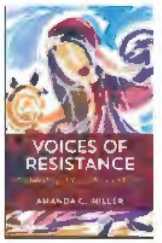
The 9:45 Adult Bible Study has started its' Spring Study entitled: Lament, Confession, Rebirth.
They meet in room 214.

9:45 am Room 205 - Join the Coffee and Conversation Class!
We are a welcoming, diverse community of believers who value shared leadership and the power of open conversation Here, every voice matters and every perspective enriches our journey We are dedicated to supporting one another through life's ups and downs, and we're always excited to pull up another chair at the table. We'd love for you to join us as we learn, share, and grow in faith together. This Spring, we are exploring the intersection of faith and modern society through John Fugelsang's *Separation of Church and Hate*.



BIBLE STUDIES

MONDAY NIGHT WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY



The Monday Evening Women's Bible study completed "Saints" on June 1, and begins a new study on June 8. "Voices of Resistance", by Amanda Miller, is a 6-week study of music and poetry in the Old and New Testaments. Join us as we explore the songs of Miriam and Deborah, laments of Jeremiah, psalms, Mary's Magnificat, a Christian hymn from Philippians, and visions in Revelation. This study includes a book and short weekly videos; the book can be ordered from Cokesbury ($16.99 plus shipping) or Amazon ($18.99, free shipping with Prime or a $35 purchase). Questions? Contact Lynn Bachelor (lynn.bachelor@gmail.com)

Thanks to all of the Tuesday Bible study women who studied Psalms together in April and May. The Tuesday groups will be taking the summer off and will start up again in September. May your summers be blessed with green pastures and still waters!
Thank you, Linda

DID YOU KNOW-?
There are 14 Million Single Parent Households in The U.S.? This means that approximately 23% of children live in single parent households - compared to a worldwide Average of 7%.

SUMMERTIME: A TIME TO CARE

June and July are great times to meet with a Stephen Minister to talk about anything on your heart--emotional, spiritual, or relational--that is causing you to experience a difficult time in your life. If you or someone you know is hurting please contact us at ssavory19@gmail.com to learn how Stephen Ministry may be of help to you or a friend.

STEPHEN MINISTRY

Looking for a Few Good Men and Women

Jump in and join our Good Works mission team! We need 2 cooks and several other people ready to meet and serve folks in Athens, Ohio...September 29 - October 3. Questions?
Contact Sandra O'Phelan (419-346-6088), Dave Richardson (419-343-8282), or Polly Richardson (419-908-0590)

ADULT SINGLES

Single, divorced and widowed adults in the Toledo community are invited to attend.
RSVP to Sue at suehartman63@hotmail.com.

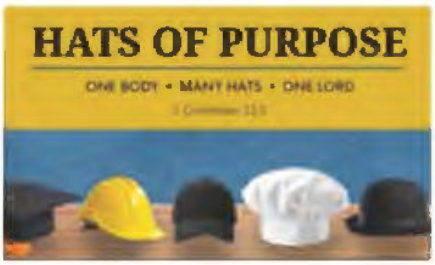
SUNDAY, JUNE 7 - WILDWOOD PARK WALK & ICE CREAM SOCIAL
Location: Wildwood Preserve Metropark, 5100 W. Central Avenue, Toledo. Meet at 3:00 p.m. and take the boardwalk trail to the Manor House lawn area for the entertainment and ice cream social.

SUNDAY, JUNE 14- MUSIC PROGRAM
This special Artist Series program featuring Grace Wipfli will be held at 4:00 p.m. in the Epworth church sanctuary. Free Admission.

SATURDAY, JUNE 20 - WOMEN'S WALK AT WILDWOOD
Open to all women at Epworth and in the Toledo area community. Meet in the Ward Pavilion at 10 a.m.

NOTICE --
NEEDED a man and woman to work with Singles Coordinator to learn about this rewarding, fun fellowship for divorced, widowed and never married adults all ages 30+. Please call 419-882-8826 for information.

Virtual Laity Gathering Offers Fellowship & Learning



United Methodist Laity across Ohio are invited to "Hats of Purpose," on Tuesday, June 9, from 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM via Zoom. This virtual event is a time of fellowship, learning, collaboration, and support for laity serving in key roles in churches across the East and West Ohio Conferences.

Being called by God to serve your church and community can be rewarding, yet the laity can encounter distinct challenges living out that call. If you serve on any committee or in any ministry, "Hats of Purpose" is for you. We hope you leave this event feeling supported, inspired, and energized to continue in your ministry service.

Registration is free. Click here to register. Deadline is June 5, 2026

Habitat for Humanity Faith Build 2026



Epworth volunteers can work side by side with Rachel on the following dates; Friday, June 12, Saturday June 13, Tuesday, June 16.
Look for sign up sheets in the lobby to volunteer. No time to volunteer for the build, volunteer to provide lunch for 15 working volunteers. For extra information, e-mail or call June Latshaw, mamalatshaw@gmail.com, 419.344.4127, or Sandra O'Phelan, sophelan@bex.net, 419.346.6088.

WOMEN'S WALK

On June 20th at 9:00 am, join Pastor Liz and the women of Epworth, at Wildwood Metro Park. Meet at Ward's Pavilion for Devotions & Donuts (plus coffee) Then let's Walk & Talk



Healing and Wholeness

On the second Monday of each month at 7:00pm the laity team of the Healing and Wholeness service welcomes everyone to this meditative service. We provide an uplifting service of scripture, hymns, prayers, a homily, and oil anointing with hands on prayers for those who wish to participate. In this service we invite the Holy Spirit into our service and our lives, we offer the opportunity to open our hearts and our eyes to God's presence as he is faithful to His promise to be with us. The June service is on June 8th at 7:00pm held in the chapel across from the Sanctuary. The laity team prayerfully invites you. Take time from your busy schedule to reconnect with God and open your hearts to his presence and blessings.

Epworth Arts & Crafts Bazaar: November 7, 2026

Vendor applications are now available at Epworth.com/bazaar for the 2026 church bazaar. Vendors are required to sell handcrafted items. Completed applications must be returned to the church by June 15, 2026. Since there are usually more applicants than available spaces, vendors will receive notification of their status by July 15. Questions can be directed to Karen Fraker at karenlfraker@gmail.com or 419-367-1055. Please share this information with anyone who might be interested in participating as a vendor.



Looking for all those people who like to be outside. The Outdoor Beautification Team is looking for anyone willing and able to spend time once a week checking the garden areas of the Church. You can set your own time, you can work by yourself or bring a friend. You will be assigned a specific zone to weed, water and tidy up. Please join us in making Epworth a beautiful space inside and out. If interested contact Kay Heinrichs at 419-654-1113 or call the church at 419-531-4236.

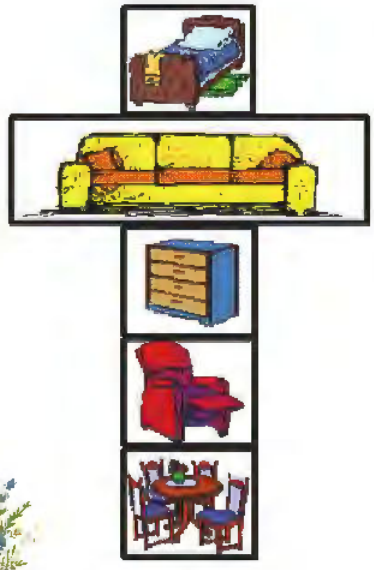
Hello!
Our shelves are slowly refilling! Because of the generous donations from the congregation and those from the community we were able to serve 13 families this month!
These families included 16 adults and 13 children who received 114 furniture items! Box trucks abounded once again! The rain held off until later in the morning when we served several clients with pick up trucks. Thankfully, it was a light rain that didn't dampen the furniture.
It was a good day!
Grace & Peace,
Holly Bolenbaugh

Epworth Furniture: Items in High Need

- Crock Pots
- Towels
- Coffee Makers

May		YTD
13	Families	40
16	Adults	49
13	Children	42
114	Furniture Items	360

Call: 567-694-3710
Email: furnitureministry@epworth.com



Feed Your Neighbor needs for June

Rice
Cereal
Cans of diced tomatoes
Sloppy Joe sauce
Crackers- any kind
Canned meat
Ravioli
Shampoo
Deodorant







Epworth Artist Series
Presents
Grace Wipfli, Soprano

Sunday June 14, 2026, 4:00 p.m.
In the church sanctuary

Born and raised in Toledo, Ohio, Grace Wipfli has proven to be an impressive, charming and promising young soprano and stage director. She served as the Soprano Resident Artist for two seasons with Toledo Opera, where she appeared as Inez in Il Trovatore. Her performance highlights include: Donna Anna (Don Giovanni), The Governess (The Turn of the Screw), Fiordiligi (Cosi fan tutte), Ann Truelove (The Rake's Progress), and The Beggar Woman (Sweeney Todd). Through the Laffont Competition, she was chosen as a District Winner two years in a row. During the 2021 Sewanee Summer Music Festival, Ms. Wipfli was chosen as a winner of the Jacqueline Avent Concerto Competition. Ms. Wipfli is currently the Theatre Arts Director at Ottawa Hills High School. Her directing credits include: Guys and Dolls, Mean Girls, Mamma Mia, Chicago, Little Mermaid, Jr. Hadestown: Teen Edition, and Little Shop of Horrors. She continues to be inspired by her fantastic students. This concert is free and open to the public.



circa 1915

DID YOU KNOW?

The past, the future, the now,



EPWORTH EARLIER



Did you know that ***Marcia Eggleston*** *is one of the original founders of the Toledo Ronald McDonald House? Marcia lives in The Woodlands and absolutely loves it there. Marcia has two kids; David, who lives in NY, and Julie (with the two grands) who lives in Colorado Springs. Sadly, a third child, Karen, passed away long ago. She has wonderful childhood memories of her early teens spending time at the family's boat cottage. She wishes Drive-in movie theaters and roller skating on the sidewalks would make a comeback. Funny story: Marcia once made Date Nut Cookies and ground the dates with the pits still inside! Definitely a way to get some extra fiber, but alas, they were not edible.*

EPWORTH NOW



Did you know that ***Clyde Kunkel*** *created our beautiful Memorial Garden? He also maintains it and counsels' people on internment options. In addition to that, he has been ushering for 50+ years, he's been part of Staff Parish, and he has painted, and continues to paint the walls of many rooms on our Epworth campus. Clyde has 2 daughters, Judy is in Columbus and Laura is in Colorado, Plus 4 granddaughters! His favorite vacation is renewing memories in Ocean City, NJ with his girls. Some fun things to know about Clyde is that his favorite character in the Bible is Peter (as they are both a little crazy), he feels Frank Sinatra would play him well in Clyde's biopic movie, and a talent he is proud of is cutting garden edges using only a butcher knife. Lastly, he is a music major and plays the clarinet. But you also might ask him about the accordion. He's got a really good story about that!*

EPWORTH FUTURE



Did you know there is a good chance you will see ***Joey Schoesler*** *singing in church? Joey's favorite thing to do at Epworth is singing and acting-most recently for the musical The S.A.L.T Company. He also LOVED participating in the Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe. But perhaps an even bigger favorite is swimming, especially at water parks! Joey is 10 years old and attends the 5th grade in Perrysburg. If Joey could travel anywhere, he would go to a bamboo forest to see Panda Bears. And if you'd like to get on Joey's good side, he'd never turn down some Welche's Fruit Snacks!*

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