

# GROW & SERVE

## VEGETABLE SEED PACKETS NEEDED FOR GOOD WORKS, INC.

Epworth will be collecting donations of vegetable seed packets for shipment to Good Works in Athens, Ohio. The seeds will provide food for vulnerable Good Works neighbors, seniors and disabled who look to their vegetable garden as their "grocery" for nutritious and healthy food. As you place your seed packets in the Good Works box (located in the Lobby) know that you are empowering people to experience joy, health and dignity which comes from growing their own food. The packets will be mailed in mid-March. Many thanks for helping out!

## ADULT SINGLES

Single, divorced and widowed adults in the Toledo community are invited to join. RSVP to Nancy Hauer at [hauer.nancy@yahoo.com](mailto:hauer.nancy@yahoo.com) or call 419.885.4595. The next opportunity to join us is:

**FEBRUARY 25:** Lunch at 1pm - J. Alexander's Restaurant, 4315 Talmadge Rd, Toledo.

## FRIENDS IN FAITH: BOOK CLUB

Everyone is welcome to join us for the Book Club. We meet the 4th Tuesday of every month at 7pm and serve up lively discussion and dessert with every meeting!

**FEBRUARY 26:** *Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine* by Gail Honeyman at Pam Christensen's house, (4843 Skelly Road, Toledo, OH.) RSVP to Pam at [pamjchristensen@gmail.com](mailto:pamjchristensen@gmail.com).

## *An Invitation!*

**To:** All members and Friends  
**For:** Volunteers for the Funeral Luncheon Committee  
**When:** As needed  
**Time:** 2-2.5 hours  
**Duties:** Setting tables, preparing and serving food, cleanup  
**If you're interested, please contact Jo Champion at 419.724.1230.**

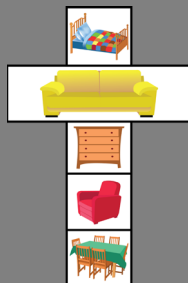
## SEEKING ARTISTS: STATIONS OF THE CROSS

On Good Friday, Epworth's sanctuary will once again host Stations of the Cross. It's an opportunity to reflect on Christ's sacrifice for us all and prepare for the Resurrection. Every year, artwork representing each station has been created by Epworth members and friends from the community. We're seeking creative individuals or groups to make a station inspired by scripture detailing Jesus' final moments. There are examples in Pastor Beth's office from previous years. Scriptures and more info are available by contacting Pastor Beth at [beth@epworth.com](mailto:beth@epworth.com).

## BOOKS! BOOKS! BOOKS!

Do you have old children's books collecting dust? Have your kids outgrown the books they read last year? If yes, please consider donating new or gently used books during the months of February and March to support the Elementary Kids Learn to Serve project. Donations can be dropped off outside the Children's Ministry area. Thank you!

## FURNITURE MINISTRY



### BLESSINGS ITEMS NEEDED:

can openers,  
twin, full, queen  
comforters &  
blankets

## MISSION

To embrace people exactly where they are and empower all to know, love, and serve God through Jesus Christ.



SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2019

EPWORTH UMC

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# WEEKLY REMINDERS



## WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE! *and we'd love for you to Explore Epworth*

When you're ready to learn more about Epworth, join us for a one-time informal meeting called Explore Epworth in the church lobby. Enjoy dinner & conversation with your pastors, & explore the possibility of membership. Those who choose to join will be received as members the following Sunday, March 17 in worship, but you're never obligated to join. Sign up on the connection card or contact Pastor of Welcome, Jennifer at [Jennifer@epworth.com](mailto:Jennifer@epworth.com) if you'd like to ask questions or find out more information on what to expect!

**March 10 | 5-7pm | Lobby**

## SUPPORT EPWORTH'S FLOWER FUND - SEE THE TABLE IN THE LOBBY, TODAY!

Contributing flowers for the Sunday altar is a special way to support Epworth and honor loved ones, past or present. Flowers enhance our experience of weekly worship while providing a beautiful tribute to the special people and events in our lives. Your support is much appreciated!

TODAY members of Epworth's Worship Committee will be available in the lobby after all three services to answer questions and reserve a Sunday for your floral remembrance. If you miss the Sunday sign-up, you may call the church office any time and speak with Lauren Boyles at 419.214.3777.



*"The flowers appear on the earth, the time of singing has come..." Song of Solomon 2:12*

## POST GENERAL CONFERENCE SIMULCAST

Saturday, March 2



Bishop Gregory V. Palmer will host a simulcast this Saturday, **March 2**, from 10-11am. YOU are invited to join us in the Epworth Sanctu-

ary where Bishop Palmer will review the actions of the special session of General Conference (Feb 23-26) where they are examining paragraphs in The Book of Discipline concerning human sexuality and exploring options to strengthen the unity of the church).

All interested West Ohioans are welcome to participate. During the event, participants will be able to email or text their questions to the Bishop. A recording of the simulcast will be available on the West Ohio website after the event. Contact Kay Panovec at [kpanovec@wocumc.org](mailto:kpanovec@wocumc.org) with any questions.

## CPR/AED CERTIFICATION SAVE-THE-DATE

Tuesday, March 12 | 6-9pm | Rooms 205 &amp; 207

The cost is \$65 (payable at the class) and the certification is good for two years. Please RSVP by March 7 to Pastor Beth at [beth@epworth.com](mailto:beth@epworth.com).

## THE RED CROSS NEEDS YOU

*You're the Type they Need!*

Epworth is hosting an American Red Cross Blood Drive on Saturday, **March 16** from 9am-2pm in the gym. Extreme cold, snow, and rain during January and February created an emergency need for blood of all types, and need is always there. Sign up at [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) for either whole blood or "Power Red" (double-red cell) donations. You can also ask for a donation time by signing up on the connection card, or email Pastor Beth at [beth@epworth.com](mailto:beth@epworth.com). Walk-ins the day of the drive are also welcome.

*It is with mixed emotions that we announce the retirement of Jane Bueche, our financial secretary.*

Jane has faithfully served Epworth in this position for 28 years, and her last day in the office will be Friday, April 26. We will be honoring and expressing our deep gratitude to Jane for all that she has done for Epworth with a Love Offering at our worship services on: Saturday, April 27 at 5pm and Sunday, April 28 at 9:45 and 11am. If you'd like to contribute to her love offering, please send your gifts to the church office, attention: Marla Kelsey by Wednesday, April 24.

## GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

For anyone who has experienced the death of a parent, spouse, child, or any beloved family member – whether recently or years ago – you are invited to come to a new Grief Support Group. The group meets on the fourth Wednesday of each month in the Deep End from 6:30-8pm. A counselor and a pastor will be on hand to help you navigate your feelings and take steps toward healing. Participants learn from each other as well. The next meeting is this Wednesday, **February 27**. It is open to the public, so if you have a friend or neighbor, who is struggling, please bring them along. We are here for everyone. For more information, contact Pastor Beth at [beth@epworth.com](mailto:beth@epworth.com).

## BAPTISM TODAY

**Congratulations to the Borer family on the baptism of Kelty Therese Borer at the 9:45am service today.**

## UPCOMING LENTEN STUDY:

- **Thursdays | 12-1:15pm | Lobby (Cafe)**  
Lead by Pastor Doug & Pastor Dave
  - **Sundays | 6:15-7:30pm | Children's Church**  
Lead by Pastor Beth & Pastor Jennifer
- Beginning March 7 & March 10:** Use your God-given gifts and talents to become part of God's miracles. This year, we are offering TWO opportunities for small group learning. Over six sessions, we will be examining author Mike Slaughter's book *Made for a Miracle: From Your Ordinary, to God's Extraordinary*. In this exploration you come to discover your unique gifts and how they may be used by God to make miracles happen. RSVP to [Marla@epworth.com](mailto:Marla@epworth.com) by Monday, March 4.

## CURRENT SUNDAY BIBLE STUDIES:

- **9:45am | Adult Bible Study | Rm 214**  
**Today:** What if your grandchild adamantly announces he or she is now an atheist? Discussion examples include atheist arguments and appropriate bible-based responses to them.
- **9:45am | Coffee & Conversation | Rm 213**  
Currently studying Adam Hamilton's book, *Simon Peter*: He was not rich or educated, but was familiar with hard work, and left everything to follow his teacher, yet still struggled with doubt.
- **9:45am | Connection Point | Rm 205**  
Geared towards post high school through mid-twenties, the goal is to provide a faith based place to connect with peers and discuss issues relevant to this stage of life. Lead by Chuck & Robin Campos.
- **11 am | Sermon Notes | Rm 214**  
Discussion around individuals understanding of the scriptures' relevance to their journey.

## CURRENT WEEKDAY STUDIES:

- **9:15am | Tuesday Women's Study | Rm 214**  
*It's Not Supposed To Be This Way* by author Lysa Terkeurst: Offers a safe place to share your disappointments and gives fresh biblical insight along with life-giving perspectives to get you through painful situations. Facilitated by Kris Martin and Dolli Darah.

## SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER

Be here on Tuesday, **March 5** from 5-7 pm for our annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper. We will be serving all-you-can-eat pancakes and sausage to support S.W.A.T. Student Ministries. Tickets can be purchased with cash or debit/credit at the door, but group table reservations are available, by emailing Pastor Dave at [dave@epworth.com](mailto:dave@epworth.com). Bring your family, friends, and neighbors, everyone is welcome! Carry-out is available at no extra charge. The cost is:

- \$8/adults
- Free, kids 3 & under
- \$4/kids 4-11
- \$20/household

## THE ILLINOIS WESLEYAN COLLEGIATE CHOIR

Our music department presents: The Illinois Wesleyan Collegiate Choir on Friday, **March 15**, 7:30pm in the Sanctuary. The Illinois Wesleyan University Collegiate Choir, approximately 50 students, is dedicated to the performance of the finest sacred and secular choral music of the past five centuries. Students are selected by audition and maintain a rigorous rehearsal schedule in preparation for their concert tours and other engagements throughout the year. The concert is free and open to the public. **Please email [cecil@epworth.com](mailto:cecil@epworth.com) or call 419.214.3768 if you are able to host 2 or so members of the choir in your home.**

## DINNER @ SHORTY'S BBQ



Join us for our next Parent's Night Out Event, Saturday, **March 16** for dinner at

Shorty's True American Roadhouse, (5111 Monroe St, Toledo). Drop your kids off at Epworth beginning at 5:30 for an evening of pizza and fun for them. Then meet us at Shorty's for dinner from 6-8 pm. Pick the kids back up by 8:30pm. Sign up on the connection card or RSVP to Amy via email at [akall@buckeye-express.com](mailto:akall@buckeye-express.com) by Monday, March 11 for dinner and childcare if needed. We are looking forward to a relaxing meal with old and new friends.