

VACATION BIBLE CAMP 2019!



VBC Preview Party

Sunday, **April 7**, from 11am-1pm. Registration opens at the Preview Party where we will have special music, crafts, games, and lunch. Families will receive a FREE Roar CD when registering at the Preview Party.

Decorating Workshops

It's time to start making our decorations to transform our church into an African Safari for the best Bible Camp ever! If you can trace, cut cardboard, paint by number, or cut with

scissors, we can use your help. Decorating workshops will be held on Tuesday, **April 2** and **April 23** from 6-8pm in room 207. Call or email Tammy at VBS@epworth.com or 419.214.3779 if you are planning on helping so she can have plenty of supplies ready for you. Don't forget to wear your painting clothes!

This Year's Theme: Roar

Kids will discover even though life gets wild, God is good. Roar is filled with incredible Bible-learning experiences kids 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!

Due to the generosity of our congregation, Epworth is again offering FREE VBC. It is open to any child who will be 4 years old by June 1, 2019 (and is potty trained) through the 5th grade. VBC will be **June 10-14** from **9am-12pm** and is guaranteed to be the best week of summer! All Registrations will be completed online this year. The deadline for registration is May 23 (or when the camp is full).

This year we are excited to welcome our 5th grade campers to a brand new 5th grade program! They will join us for our normal opening and closing celebrations then get to spend the morning with our Youth Pastor, Dave Pettingill for a special VBC experience!

How Can You Help?

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

Leaders Teach Short Sessions In Preschool Or Elementary:

- Like cool crafts?
- Like to cook or host dinner parties?
- Rather Play?
- Enjoy telling Bible Stories or acting?
- LOVE hanging out with kids?

- Be an Imagination station or craft leader.
- Help prepare snacks in the kitchen.
- Lead games in the Stampede Sports.
- Join us in Wild Bible Adventures.
- Be a crew leader for 5 children.

*6th graders can be assistant crew leaders

WHAT'S UP ZAK?

Children's Choir Musical

Join us on Wednesday, **April 10** at 6:30pm in the Children's Church! Come and lift up your hearts with *What's Up, Zak?*, a fun exploration of the story about Zacchaeus. Funny, lively songs introduce a town preparing for a visit from a V.I.P.: Very Important Prophet. Enjoy a wonderful evening of music, drama, and a great meal prepared by Chef Les. This is free and open to the public so bring your family and friends.

CAMP SUNDAY

Going to summer camp is a rite of passage in the life of a child, On Camp Sunday, **April 14**, the Widewater staff will be here to lead a children's message at 9:45 & 11am and then a program in the children's church titled "The Good, The Bad and the Bugly". Everyone has gifts and a God given purpose - even using the tiniest of things for good. The kids will do a fun activity and play a few camp games! We hope to see your family at this year's Camp Sunday!

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



SUNDAY, MARCH 31, 2019
EPWORTH CHURCH
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HOLY WEEK & EASTER

HEALING SERVICE TUES., APRIL 16 Service at 7pm

Pastor Beth and lay members of our congregation are offering a special service of healing for those within our church and wider community hurt by the decisions made at the Special Session of General Conference, or any other instance. Rest in the Word of God, hymns, prayer, reflection, meditation, and seek healing.

MAUNDY THURSDAY THURS., APRIL 18 Service at 7pm

Join the Chancel Choir, orchestra and members of the drama team in the Sanctuary as they present this powerful offering from Mark Hayes, *The Power Of The Cross*.

We will journey with Christ through Holy Week, experiencing momentous events that changed history for all of humankind. All are welcome, invite a friend to join you!

GOOD FRIDAY FRI., APRIL 19 Stations of the Cross from 12 noon - 6pm

Walk, reflect, and pray. This is a self-directed worship experience, in our sanctuary. Each of the stations focuses on moments leading to Jesus' death on the cross. They're portrayed in artwork created by members and friends, and inspired by scripture. A guidebook will be available. The Stations of the Cross are open to the public. Invite a friend.

EASTER SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

SUNDAY, APRIL 21
8:30 | Traditional
9:45 | Traditional Family
11:00 | Contemporary

LOOKING FOR A FEW GOOD MEN/DISCIPLES

We are looking for men to be in the Maundy Thursday drama this year. There are no speaking parts, so it's just a small amount of acting. We need men to play the roles of the 12 disciples. The time commitment is small we will meet only 3 times, on: **April 9, 15 and 18**. If you are interested please contact Jeff Boze at 419.340.8282 or jboze1@bex.net.

ADULT SINGLES

Single, divorced and widowed adults in the Toledo community are invited to join. RSVP to Nancy Hauer at hauer.nancy@yahoo.com or call 419.885.4595. Join us **today** for lunch and a concert - 12:30pm at Bravo's Restaurant (Franklin Park Mall). Concert at 3pm - U of M Men's Glee Club at Epworth.

TOUCH-A-TRUCK

May 11 from 10am-2pm. More details, soon!

Looking for a way to serve in an outreach project?

We need lots of help the day of this event to show RADICAL hospitality to all of our guests. Possible jobs include: helping direct traffic and parking, serving lunch to the truck drivers, giving tours of the church facility, helping with set-up and tear down. Whether you can give an hour or two or stay for the whole event, we would love to have you be a part of the fun! Do you have a cool vehicle you would like to show off? Please contact Adam at adam.schoesler@bex.net or 419.351.0758.

BE AN S4:19 LEADER!

Would you consider serving on the Serving 4:19 leadership team? We invite you to step up to lead and implement our next day of service, or better yet, ask a friend to co-lead with you. Our next service day will be held in **June or July** and it is time to plan now. Our current leadership team is ready to mentor you and in turn you will be asked to help mentor the subsequent leader(s). Please contact Ronnie or Doug Gorsuch at gorsuch2@bex.net or Julie Wood at juliewood@danberry.com.

THE EPWORTH TOWER THIS APRIL

This month, *The Epworth Tower* is being distributed differently than we are used to. Unfortunately, in preparation for *The Tower* to be mailed out, the office staff ran into technological issues relating to bulk mailing and the printing of labels. We are still in the midst of addressing the problem but were unable to find a resolution in time to mail *The Tower*. We still want you and your family to be informed and up-to-date on all Epworth matters though, so for the month of April we sent *The Tower* electronically. This past Wednesday, March 27, an email was sent to the most recent email address we've been given for all members and guests. For those members without an email address, we have plenty of hard copies available in the lobby at the welcome desk. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause and thank you for your understanding.

Over the past few years, we have had many members request to stop receiving the printed *Tower* in order to be better stewards of our resources. If you feel the same way and would rather not receive the printed version in the future, email Marla@epworth.com to be removed from the mailing list and added to our Thursday E-newsletter.

FRIENDS IN FAITH BUNCO

Once a month, Friends in Faith hosts a women's Bunco night at one of our homes. Bring a side dish, appetizer or dessert to share. We start at 6:30pm with dinner before we play. Join us on **April 9** at Christina Nishiki's house, (2514 Secor Road, Toledo). RSVP to cnnishiki@sbcglobal.net.



ALTAR FLOWERS

A donation was made to the Epworth Floral fund this Sunday by Tom Marek in memory of his wife, Dottie's birthday.

SUNDAY BIBLE STUDIES:

- **9:45am | Adult Bible Study | Rm 214**
Simon Peter by Adam Hamilton: 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 | Coffee & Conversation | Rm 213**
Guardrails by Andy Stanley: explores the areas where we tend to "flirt with disaster" in our lives and how to prevent from taking those final steps that lead to trouble.
- **9:45am | Connection Point | Rm 205**
Post high school through mid-twenties: provide a faith based place to connect with peers and discuss issues relevant to this stage of life.
- **9:45a | Donuts & The Bible | Rm 216/Deep End**
Come enjoy some donuts and time with others as we look deeper into what it means to follow Jesus. Junior High meet in the Upper Gym Classroom (216) and Senior High in the Deep End.
- **11 am | Sermon Notes | Rm 214**
Discussion around individuals understanding of the scriptures' relevance to their journey.
- **6:15pm | Lenten Study | 3/31 Chapel 4/7 Lobby**
Made For a Miracle: discover your unique gifts and how they may be used by God to make miracles happen. Lead by Pastors Beth and Jennifer.

WEEKDAY BIBLE STUDIES:

- **9:15am | Tuesday Women's Study | Rm 214**
The Bad Boys of Easter by Andy Stanley: three men found their way into the Easter story, refusing to abandon their quest for control and surrender to the Savior of the world.
- **12 noon | Lenten Study | Deep End**
Made For a Miracle: discover your unique gifts and how they may be used by God to make miracles happen. Lead by Pastors Dave and Doug.
- **6:30pm | Men's Bible Study | Rm 214**
Beginning April 3: Shaken by Tim Tebow: we all experience ups and downs, but don't have to ride the roller coaster of life. Learn how to be grounded in who you are. Led by Paul Schroeder. To register, email Lauren@epworth.com. Cost is \$10. Q's? Paul.schroeder@accesstoledo.com.

TODAY AT EPWORTH

Mental Wellness: Health Fair

Join us **today** through 12:30pm in the gym and help us raise awareness, reduce stigma, and promote preventive mental health practices!

University of Michigan Men's Glee Club

Epworth's Artist Series presents the University of Michigan Men's Glee Club **today** at 3pm in the Sanctuary.

WESLEY GROUP TEST DRIVE

Are you looking for authentic fellowship, accountability, and trusting relationships? Being a part of a Wesley Group family will allow you to deepen your connection with your church family and also with God. Groups consist of a maximum of 12 individuals who meet at least once a month to share in true spiritual community regardless of where you are in your faith journey. Plan to join on Wednesday, **April 10** from 6:30-8:30pm for dinner at Karen Knowles' house. You don't need to bring a thing, contact Karen for directions at karenjeanneknowles@gmail.com or 419. 290.4844.

EMMAUS AND CHRYSALIS

If you have been on Emmaus or Chrysalis, there will be a community gathering at Epworth on **April 13**. Join us at 5:30pm for a reunion of the men's and women's walk and boy's flight. Potluck dinner begins at 6pm, then praise & worship at 7pm.

GOLF LEAGUE

The Epworth CO-ED Golf League is getting ready for play this summer at Spuyten Duyval on Thursdays beginning **May 9** for 16 weeks. To sign up, contact Adam at 419.351.0758 or email him, at adam.schoesler@bex.net. Send your check made out to Epworth to Adam Schoesler 14531 Olde Trail Dr. Perrysburg, OH 43551. **Pay by April 30 to get a free cart for the 1st and 2nd weeks of play.**