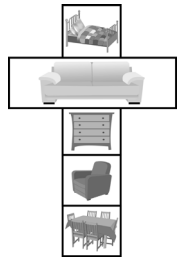


SERVE

FREE LOADERS NEEDED



The Furniture Ministry needs 6-8 additional volunteers to staff our Saturday and special pickup crews. The free loaders provide the critical first step in gathering donated furniture to be re-gifted to those in need. Please help us attract new free loaders by asking your friends, relatives, neighbors, and co-workers to volunteer to pick up furniture.

The Free Loader qualifications are simple:

- A desire to help those who need,
- Available one Saturday per month (8a-12p),
- Capable of lifting furniture with the help of 2-3 other volunteers
- Age is not a limitation (we have many who are in their 70's)

The free loaders receive many benefits from knowing what they do is helping someone who is in need. In addition, the volunteers have a great deal of fun being God's helping hands. Interested? Sign up on the connection card today!

HELP AT TOUCH-A-TRUCK

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! Are you willing to help? Please contact Adam at adam.schoesler@bex.net or sign up on the connection card, today!

FEED YOUR NEIGHBOR

Thank you for your continued generosity. For the month of April, the Feed Your Neighbor program is asking for the following donations: canned potatoes, canned carrots, canned sweet peas, brown paper bags, shampoo and deodorant.

HELP AT VACATION BIBLE CAMP

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 **April 24** from 6-8pm in room 207. May dates TBD. 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!

How Else Can You Help?

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:

- 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*

SPRING CLEANUP

The annual spring cleanup is scheduled for **April 27** from 9am-12 noon with a rain date of May 4. Everyone is invited to pitch in to help beautify the Epworth grounds. Bring your gloves, and extra rakes and shovels are appreciated. And remember, many hands make light work!

KID TO KID MISSIONS: LEARN TO SERVE

For the months of April and May the Elementary Kids will be collecting coins in their very own rice bowls! We are partnering with the not-for-profit rice bowls to help purchase food for children in 55 faith-based children's homes in eight different countries. The rice bowls will be distributed during Sunday School and we are asking children to return their filled bowls at the end of May.

mission statement:

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

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SUNDAY, APRIL 21, 2019

HAPPY EASTER!

Children and students are encouraged to worship with their family on Easter Sunday. Infant and Toddler care will be available throughout the morning in the children's wing. Between services, families are invited to participate in an Easter Egg scavenger hunt in the children's wing. The Easter Bunny will also be in the Children's Church throughout the morning for you and your family to take photos!

REGISTER FOR VACATION BIBLE CAMP 2019

June 10-14 from 9am-12pm FREE VBC is open to any child 4 years old by June 1, 2019 (and is potty trained) through 5th grade. 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. 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!

Learn more and register today at Epworth.com/vbc.



GRACE BEFORE THE RACE



28 we are changing up our worship service times (for this one weekend).

Saturday, April 27:
Worship held at 5pm
We will offer a blessing to anyone in our community running, volunteering or attending the Marathon. You are also welcome to support a friend or family member! Holy Communion will be shared, a children’s moment will be included and the attire is casual. Please invite your friends and loved ones who are participating in the Sunday races, ALL are welcome.

APPLY FOR A STUDENT LOAN!

Each year, Epworth offers loans to students in any post-high school program. After the application is received and an interview and review by the committee is complete, loans are approved up to \$1,000 per year and sent to the school in the student’s name. Students may receive up to \$4,000 total during their schooling. Payments do not begin until seven months after graduation. If payments are made on time, there is no interest charged.

Visit epworth.com/studentloans to print the application. To pick up a hard copy, visit the church office. Applications are due by **June 30**.



April 28 is the Glass City Marathon. In the past, worshippers have had some difficulty getting to the 8:30am service due to local road closure. So, on the weekend of April 27-

REMINDER:
Next weekend, on Saturday, April 27 at 5pm and Sunday, April 28 at 9:45 & 11am we will be honoring Jane Bueche, our financial secretary of 28 years.

YOUTH SUNDAY/GRADUATION SUNDAY

On Sunday, **May 19** we will be celebrating Youth Sunday, when our students lead all aspects of our three worship services. On the same Sunday, we will be recognizing our High School and College Graduates! ALL members and friends who are graduating, please submit the following information to Pastor Dave at dave@epworth.com by next Sunday, **April 28**:

- A picture of you
- High School/College you are graduating from
- College grads - your degree
- Future plans (more school, job, internship,etc.)

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 join our 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, **April 24**.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS:
If you have contributed to the flowers today, please pick them up **AFTER** the 11am service. Thank you again for your support of this ministry!

SUNDAY BIBLE STUDIES:

- **9:45am | Adult Bible Study | Rm 214**
Not meeting today.
- **9:45am | Coffee & Conversation | Rm 213**
Not meeting today.
- **9:45am | Connection Point | Rm 205**
Not meeting today.
- **9:45am | Donuts & The Bible | 216/Deep End**
Not meeting today.
- **11am | Sermon Notes | Rm 214**
Not meeting today.
- **6pm | The Mystical Holy Spirit | Lobby**
April 28–May 19: The Holy Spirit is not just mystical, uncontainable, and unpredictable, It is the essence of God. God’s Spirit desires to live in each of us, and work through us. We study the Holy Spirit to come to a deeper sense of awe, respect, and even worship of the Holy Spirit. Lead by Pastor Jennifer, sign up on the connection card.

WEEKDAY BIBLE STUDIES:

- **6:30pm | Men’s Bible Study | Rm 214**
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.

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. The next meeting is **April 23: A Higher Call** by Adam Makos. Meet at June Galvin’s house, (3641 Christie Blvd, Toledo.) RSVP to jargalvin@yahoo.com.

GOLF LEAGUE

The Epworth CO-ED Golf League is getting ready for play this summer at Spuyten Duyval onThursdays beginning **May 9** for 16 weeks. To sign up, contact Adam 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.**

TOUCH -A-TRUCK

Our parking lot will be filled with vehicles of all shapes and sizes from 10am-2pm (sensory friendly times from 11-11:30am and 12:30-1pm) on Saturday, **May 11!** Kids of all ages can climb aboard, honk horns, and pretend to drive anything that rolls. We’ll have popcorn, concessions, and lots of family fun. Bring your family and friends to this FREE event!



PRISCILLA CIRCLE

We meet the 2nd and 4th Thursday each month, our next meeting is **April 25** at 9:30am. Now that we are moved, we are beginning to work on many projects including sensory pads for nursing home patients, baby quilts for our newest members, and some new ideas for the Bazaar. We welcome non-sewers as well as those who have a love of sewing experience. For more information about our circle please call Kay Hitchner at 419.841.1760.

UNIVERSAL WORSHIP

At a time when faith traditions are challenged to offer solidarity to one another in the face of hate, The Multifaith Council of NW Ohio feels it is important that we find ways to pray together, not to sacrifice the beauty of our own traditions, but to unite them in love for all. Join us on Monday, **April 29** at 6pm in the sanctuary. Many denominations and friends of the community will be in attendance. Expect: candle lighting, followed by readings from the sacred texts of the traditions represented, and music. The theme this month is: Elements of Nature.

ADULT SINGLES

Single, divorced and widowed adults in the Toledo community are invited to join. RSVP to Nancy Hauer at hauer.nancy@yahoo.com. The next opportunity to join us is **May 4** at 7:30pm for Nine 10-minute plays followed by refreshments.