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HAWKINS SCHOOL PARTNERSHIP



Would you like to learn more about volunteer opportunities at Hawkins School? Come to the Hawkins Volunteer Recognition brunch on **May 17** from 9:30-11:30am. Hawkins Assistant Principal, Beth Stretavski, will present info about student demographics and community needs. You'll also enjoy a delicious free meal and talk to volunteers about their experiences. Prospective volunteers are welcome at this year's brunch, RSVP to June at mamalatshaw@gmail.com.

BE A SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER

Can you help lead your child's class for one Sunday, a few Sundays, or even all Summer?

All the lesson plans and supplies are provided for you, all that's missing is YOU! For more information, or to sign up to teach please email Mary Roesti at mary@epworth.com.



KROGER PLUS CARDS

Every year, each Kroger Plus Card holder must re-register their Kroger Plus Card to continue earning money for our Student Ministries (#81972). Keep in mind that your purchases do NOT create any rewards for our Student Ministries until it has been registered. To register, visit their website at: www.kroger.com/communityrewards and select Epworth Student Ministries, organization #81972.

FURNITURE MINISTRY

Blessings Items Needed:

toasters, crockpots, coffee pots, microwaves and vacuums

SWAT ADULT LEADERS NEEDED

Do you love God? Do you like teenagers? Are you interested in helping teens grow in their faith and become disciples who go and make other disciples? Then SWAT Youth Ministries may be the perfect fit for you! You do not have to know all the lingo teens use, have multiple social media accounts, be young, and know all the answers to their questions. We are especially in need of some adult male leadership, but we invite anyone interested in learning more to email dave@epworth.com.



DONATE TO EPWORTH ON AMAZON

Now, you can support Epworth every single time you purchase something on Amazon! When you sign up for AmazonSmile and select Epworth as your charitable organization, Amazon donates 0.5% of the purchase price to Epworth. AmazonSmile is exactly the same as regular Amazon, it has the same products, prices & services, only now you're supporting Epworth at the same time! To sign up, go to: **smile.amazon.com/ch/34-4428652**, search for Epworth, select "Epworth Methodist Church Ottawa Hill OH" as your charitable organization then start shopping! If you have any questions, or would like a direct link, contact Laura at laura@epworth.com.

FEED YOUR NEIGHBOR

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

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Sunday, May 5, 2019



TOUCH-a-TRUCK

Saturday, May 11

10am - 2pm*

Our parking lot will be filled with:

Trucks,
Motorcycles,
Emergency
Vehicles &
Transportation
Vehicles!

*Sensory Friendly Event Times:
11-11:30am and 12:30-1pm.

Kids of all ages can climb aboard, honk the horns, and pretend to drive anything that rolls. We'll have FREE ice cream & popcorn, concessions, and LOTS of family fun!

Bring your family and friends to this FREE event!

HELP OUT AT TOUCH-A-TRUCK ON SATURDAY

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! Please contact Adam at adam.schoesler@bex.net or sign up on the connection card!

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY IS TODAY

Epworth's 2019 confirmands are professing their faith in Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior, as well as becoming full adult members in Epworth today! All confirmands will be introduced at the 8:30 and 11am worship gatherings, and will be honorably confirmed during our 9:45 worship. Remember to sign our confirmands certificates in the Lobby and help us to celebrate this major milestone in our confirmands faith journeys.

PLEASE WELCOME, ASHLY!



We are very pleased to announce our new Financial Secretary, Ashly Gramling. Ashly has been in the office training with Jane since April 1. She comes to us from Butler Capital Advisors in Perrysburg where she was an account

manager. Ashly has been married to her husband, Zach for 6 years and together they have a 4 year old son, Thane and a German shepherd, Scout. Please join us in welcoming Ashly to the team!

SUPPORT THE FLOWER FUND

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! Call the church office any time and speak with Lauren Boyles at 419.214.3777.



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, **May 22**.

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 info, contact Pastor Beth at beth@epworth.com.

THANK YOU, ACOLYTES

A shout out to the following youth who have served as acolytes this season. We appreciate your participation in Sunday morning worship:

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| • Eden Foster | • Logan Kall |
| • Killeen French-Hill | • Mason Kall |
| • Ronan French-Hill | • Elaina Roesti |
| • Scarlet Holton | • Griffin Wilson |

GOOD SAMARITAN FUND

Epworth's Good Samaritan Fund helps members make ends meet when they are experiencing financial difficulties. Support for this fund comes from the United Methodist Women and proceeds from the Harvest Bazaar. It can help with utilities, rent, or other bills. Since the beginning of 2019, there has been a deep need for Good Samaritan Fund resources.

Please prayerfully consider a contribution to the Good Samaritan Fund to help other members in crisis. Checks can be made out to Epworth with "Good Samaritan Fund" in the memo line and brought (or mailed) to Ashly in the church office or placed in the offertory plate on Sunday.

HEALING & WHOLENESS SERVICE



Join us in the Sanctuary at 7pm on **May 21**. This service will provide an opportunity for prayer, reflection and meditation. Come and rest in the Word of God, hymns, and seek healing.

Renew your focus on your connection with God, forgiveness of self and others, and strength for the journey ahead – wherever it may take you.

Bring neighbors or colleagues who you feel could use reassurance and comfort. If you have questions or would like to join the team, please email Pastor Beth at Beth@epworth.com.

SUNDAY BIBLE STUDIES:

- **9:45am | Adult Bible Study | Rm 214**
May 5, May 19, June 2, June 9, June 23
Guardrails by Andy Stanley: Uses the symbolism of how guardrails along a highway keep us from harming ourselves and others to show how moral and ethical guardrails can prevent us from harming our lives with God.
- **9:45am | Coffee & Conversation | Rm 213**
What Makes a Hero? By Matt Rawle offers us an image of what it looks like to be victorious over trials and temptations. Looking at pop culture heroes and others through the lens of faith, he shows how Jesus turned the concept of hero on its head. It tells a quite different victory story—one obtained through humility, obedience to the cross, and an empty tomb.
- **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.
- **9:45am | 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. **(Next Sunday we're not meeting due to Mother's Day family worship.)**
- **11 am | Sermon Notes | Rm 214**
Discussion around individuals understanding of the scriptures' relevance to their journey.
- **6pm | The Mystical Holy Spirit | Rm 214**
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.

FRIENDS IN FAITH

BUNCO

Once a month, Friends in Faith hosts a women's Bunco night at one of our homes. All women are welcome, even if you have never played before. Bunco is a simple game, but it is more about the Christian fellowship. Bring a side dish, appetizer or dessert to share. We start at 6:30pm with dinner before we play.

May 14: at Sue Ball's 1021 Garden Trail (this is a club house). Call or text Sue to RSVP at 419.234.5380.

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 opportunities to join us are:

May 6: Dinner & Ice Cream - 5pm - Dinner at Barry Bagel's, Holland-Sylvania Road and Sylvania Avenue followed by Handel's \$1 special.

May 23: Walk At Toledo Botanical Gardens (5403 Elmer Drive, Toledo). View gardens, sculptures and ponds. Pie & Coffee at 3:30pm, Schmucker's, (2103 N. Reynolds Road).

NEW SINGLES GROUP!

First meeting: May 21, 6-9pm in the Deep End

If you're single and daytime gatherings are difficult to attend, this group is for you! Open to singles from college age and up, join us for Taco Tuesday and a casual evening of getting to know other Epworth members and invite your friends! You can help set the direction for the next gathering and future events. Single parent? No worries! Childcare can be arranged. Just let us know by May 12 how many children you have. Look for RSVP opportunities on the Connection Card (please indicate the number of children needed for childcare and their ages), or RSVP to Janice French at janicefrenchmba@gmail.com.