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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 mamatshaw@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 or sign up on the connection card.



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.

THE ART OF COMMUNITY

Save the Date!

S4:19 invites you to our next service opportunity on **June 15** from 9am-12 noon. We will be inviting the neighborhood surrounding the Friendly Center to join us for a morning of community service. We will be assembling shelves and preparing an art studio for community use. This event will be followed by a cookout with live entertainment. Look for sign-ups and more info in the next few weeks.



BE A SWAT LEADER

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.



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.

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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weekly reminders

Sunday, May 12, 2019

Happy Mother's Day!

VACATION BIBLE CAMP 2019: 'ROAR'

June 10-14 from 9am-12pm FREE VBC is open to preschoolers (age 4 by June 1, 2019 and potty trained). **Registration is now closed for grades K-4.** 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. *Learn more and register your preschooler at epworth.com/vbc.*

HOW CAN YOU HELP AT ROAR BIBLE CAMP?

All training and materials will be provided -- we just need you! Help teach short sessions in Preschool or Elementary. **We need 34 more crew leaders and 10 room leaders.**

- 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*



FAMILY WORSHIP DAY

Today, next Sunday, **May 19** (Youth Sunday), and the following Sunday, **May 26** (Memorial Day) are Family Worship Sundays! On Family Worship Sundays, we encourage children and youth to worship in the Sanctuary with their families as it is an important aspect of their spiritual growth and enriches the worship experience for our entire Epworth congregation. For more info, please contact our Director of Children and Family Ministries at Mary@epworth.com or our Pastor of Student and Family Ministries at Dave@epworth.com.

BAPTISM TODAY
Congratulations to the Gupta family on
the baptism of Meera Anjali Gupta
at the 9:45am service today.

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!

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**.



THE EPWORTH TOWER

Are you sick of paper/mail stacks piling up around your house? Do you love to save money? Help Epworth reduce costs and our environmental impact by going paperless with *The Epworth Tower*!

Why go paperless? There are so many reasons!

1. For each household that opts out of receiving the printed *Tower*, Epworth will have a substantial cost reduction on paper, ink, and postage.
2. You will receive current, (up-to-date), information sooner than the post office can get it to you, and more often.
3. If you use a smart phone, you will have access to Epworth info at your fingertips, anytime, anywhere.
4. You can easily share Epworth info with family and friends with a click of the "forward" button. (No more waiting to tell them in person!)
5. Less clutter sitting around your house and less to recycle after you've finished reading.

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 also 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 and e-tower e-mail lists.

Please keep in mind, this is not a full paperless transition. You will still receive important letters and announcements from the pastors and Ad Council at Epworth via the U.S. Postal Service.

ALTAR FLOWERS

A donation was made to the Epworth Floral fund this Sunday by John and Carolyn Kaminski in honor of all our mothers.

SUNDAY BIBLE STUDIES:

- **9:45am | Adult Bible Study | Rm 214**
Summer Meeting: 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**
 Not meeting today due to 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**
Through 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.

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. RSVP on the Connection Card (please indicate the number of children needed for childcare and their ages), or to Janice French at janicefrenchmba@gmail.com.

EXPLORER CAMP

Kids age 6-5th grade are invited to "Explorer Camp" at camp Widewater, **June 5-7**. Expect 3 days, (2 nights), of fun on the pond, at the archery range, on a wagon ride, in a mud pit, around the campfire, and so much more. Thanks to the Legacy Endowment Fund, Epworth's Kids are able to attend Explorer Camp at ½ the regular \$170 rate. The Legacy Endowment Fund and the Children's Team don't want cost to prohibit any child from attending, so if your family is in need of scholarship money, please see Mary Roesti. All requests will be strictly confidential. Pick up your forms at the Children's Lobby counter and register your children by **May 12**.

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. 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 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).