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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

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, June 26. 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, please contact Pastor Beth at beth@epworth.com.

FEED YOUR NEIGHBOR

Hunger doesn't take a vacation!

The Feed Your Neighbor program is a unique network of food pantries in the most impoverished neighborhoods in the Toledo area, which serves those most vulnerable populations who, due to personal crisis, are experiencing food insecurity. FYN gathers and distributes a three day supply of nutritious, non-perishable food items to persons who otherwise would go without. They're currently asking for the items listed below. Find the wooden donation box on the floor inside the Central Avenue doors. If you have questions, contact Carol at cpb5538@gmail.com. Thank you so much for your generosity in helping our neighbors.

- canned potatoes
- canned carrots
- canned sweet peas
- brown paper bags
- shampoo
- deodorant

MISSING TOOLS

The Trustees have been working hard, (between raindrops), to get our campus in shape and keep our grounds beautiful, especially the colorful flowers and shrubs. While working on the grounds, we've discovered that a few tools are not in our garage at Epworth; wheelbarrow, post hole digger, etc. Please take a look around your house/garage and see if vou borrowed these items and accidentally forgot to return them. Thank you!

COFFEE CUPS & RECYCLING EFFORTS



The Coffee & Conversation Sunday School class members have recently been discussing the recycling efforts here at Epworth. While the Epworth staff made

the first step to begin using biodegradable cups, the coffee and conversation class suggests the following to those members and friends who are regular coffee drinkers: "Because we care about the earth, Epworth has gone to using biodegradable cups for coffee. But we feel we can do better! If you are a regular coffee drinker, please consider bringing your own cup with a lid. Together we can make a difference."

KID TO KID: LEARN TO SERVE

This summer, the Elementary children will be collecting money for Connecting Kids to Meals. This mission of Connecting Kids to Meals, Inc. is to provide hot, nutritious meals at no cost to children in low-income and underserved areas throughout the year in Northwest Ohio. In the summer months kids who normally only receive consistent nutritious meals at school would go without if it weren't for the programs offered by Connecting Kids to Meals. Last year they were able to feed over 7,000 meals daily at 135 partner sites around Northwest Ohio. Every \$10 we raise helps provide 50 meals to kids in need. Money can be brought in and placed in the grocery bag in the Kid-to-Kid kiosk each Sunday through August 31.

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, june 23, 2019



JUNIOR HIGH YOUTH MISSIONS:

June 23-28

Summer Impact in Cincinnati, Ohio



LOOK UP!

Watch the TV screens in the lobby areas for upcoming events and opportunities at Epworth in the coming few weeks!

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TODAY'S MUSICIANS

Thanks to Roger Short and Pete Vavrinek for providing brass music at today's service 8:30 and 9:45 worship services. Roger is the retired band director of Perrysburg High School and a substitute at Sylvania Southview and Northview. He plays in the Genoa Legion Band in the Perrysburg Symphony with Pete. Pete also plays French horn in the Academy Brass Quintet. The brass pieces today represent the English baroque period to recent American settings of hymn tunes, found in the hymnal as #155 and 371. Sub organist Barbara (Neff) Craig is a life-long Epworth member and retired from church organ positions. She is active in various area music groups and enjoys genealogy research and flower gardening.

HAWKINS SCHOOL PARTNERSHIP



Marsha Palmer's smiling face can be seen in many places around Hawkins. She assists in a kindergarten class, is active in the Garden Club, and helps at special events like Field Day. At Field Day this year, Marsha enjoyed working with parent volunteers to supervise outdoor games.

Her favorite activity? Garden Club. "I love being outdoors with the kids, and Judy Hanes, Master Gardener who leads the club, is a delight to work with. You don't have to know a lot about gardening, and the parents even help us identify weeds!" Want to know more about how you would fit in at Hawkins? Talk to Marsha next time you see her, or email Barb Machin at bmachin@bex.net.

APPLY FOR A STUDENT LOAN!

Epworth offers loans to students in any post-high school program. After the application is received, loans are approved up to \$1,000/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. To print the application visit epworth.com/studentloans. Applications are due by **June 30**.

YOUTH MISSIONS

Please be in prayer this summer as our Jr. High Students (Sun, June 23-Fri, June 28) and our Sr. High Students (Sun,



July 14-Fri, July 19) will be attending Summer Impact in Cincinnati, Ohio for "Rock of Ages: Exploring Faith Through Music".

Through this teaching theme, teens will be reminded that God is in all things, and that we can find the sacred in the ordinary. The teens will encounter transformation through serving, meaningful interactions, and individual/group reflections in order to see the work that God is already doing and how God is calling each of us to partner in that kingdom work. The hope is that this will not be a one-time emotional or spiritual experience, but that teens will return home with a renewed energy and sense of where God is leading them to serve in their local community throughout the year.

ALTAR FLOWERS

A donation was made to the Epworth Floral fund this Sunday by Susan and Ralph Smith in celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary.

NIGHT AT THE MUD HENS



Everyone is invited to our annual outing for Mud Hens baseball! Join us Sunday, **July 21** for the 6:05pm game against Syracuse. Your ticket includes admission to Muddy and Spike's Inflatable Theme Park, located at Hensville

Park, and fireworks after the game. General admission tickets are \$13. Children under 2 are free but need to sit on a parent's lap during the game. Ticket reservations will be taken in the church lobby today between worship services. You can also call the church office between 8am and 4pm, Monday through Friday. Tickets will be made available under individual names at the Will Call box and must be paid in full by July 10. Please contact Pastor Beth at beth@epworth.com if you have any questions.

POTLUCK DINNER & SPEAKER

Hosted By Adult Singles

Our guest speaker is Genevieve Geha Kirkbride, author of "Carmen." Genevieve is a post-World War II immigrant and participated in USAID projects supporting non-governmental organizations in Lebanon. She also helped develop the first Sister City relationship between Dearborn, MI. and Cana, Lebanon. Her book was inspired by a shoebox full of long forgotten, handwritten notes. Join us on Wednesday, **July 17** from 6-8pm in the lobby. Please bring a potluck dish to share: last names A-M, main dish; N-Z, dessert. Beverages will be provided. RSVP on the Connection Card today or to Sue, call 419.882.8826 or email suehartman63@hotmail.com.

SAVE-THE-DATE RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

- August 10 -9am-2pm | Gym

SUNDAY BIBLE STUDIES:

- 9:45am | Adult Bible Study | Rm 214
 Today: Guardrails by Andy Stanley: Guardrails along a highway keep us from harming ourselves, moral and ethical guardrails prevent us from harming our lives with God.
- **9:45am** | **Coffee & Conversation** | *Rm 213* This class discusses modern day issues and current events, and examines the teachings of Jesus in light of them; meets year-round.
- 9:45am | Connecting Point | Rm 205 Where faith and life connect for 18-25 year olds. A faith based group to connect with peers and discuss issues relevant to this stage of life.
- 9:45am | Donuts & The Bible | Rm 216/Deep End
 Enjoy donuts and time with other students as we look deeper into what it means to follow Jesus.
- 11 am | Sermon Notes | Rm 214
 Discussion around individuals understanding of the scriptures' relevance to their journey.

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. The next opportunities to join us are:

Saturday, June 29: 10am-5pm - Crosby Festival of the Arts at Toledo Botanical Gardens, 5400 Elmer Dr., Toledo. Admission:\$8.

Monday, July 1: 5pm - Dinner and Ice Cream - Charlie's Homemade Pizza, (6600 W. Sylvania Ave). Then, Handel's \$1 ice cream special.

FRIENDS IN FAITH

Book Club

We meet the 4th Tuesday of every month at 7pm and serve up lively discussion and dessert with every meeting! We meet at June Galvin's house, 3641 Christie Blvd, Toledo. RSVP to jargalvin@yahoo.com.

June 25: Lucia Lucia by Adriana Trigiani.