

B.Y.O. COFFEE MUGS WITH LIDS



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 & 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." A lost and found for coffee mugs & lids will be located in the cabinets underneath the coffee. Look for a sign! ***"The Lord God took man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it." -Genesis 2:15***

HELP AT FREEDOM SCHOOL

The Freedom School at the Monroe Street Neighborhood Center began June 17 & continues through July 26. Volunteers are still needed for the following times and activities:

- Help Chef Les with breakfast, Tuesdays, **July 16** and **July 23**, 7-9:15am
- Read to a child and join them for lunch, **July 11, 15, 16, 18, and 25**, 11:40am-1pm
- Chaperones for field trips:
 - **July 12**, 12:30-3:30pm, Wildwood MetroPark
 - **July 26**, 8-3:30pm, Michigan Science Museum

If you can help, please contact Lynn Bachelor at lynn.bachelor@gmail.com or call her at 419.410.0866.



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 you borrowed these items and accidentally forgot to return them. Thank you!




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.

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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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.

TODAY'S MUSICIAN

Today, we thank soprano Susan Short, wife of trumpeter Roger Short, for providing the vocal solos. Susan is retired from teaching vocal music, mostly grades 5-8, at St. Joseph School in Sylvania. She has performed in various shows at Toledo Rep and elsewhere, and at Monday Musicale concerts.

YOUTH MISSIONS

Please be in prayer this summer as our Sr. High Students will be attending Summer Impact in Cincinnati, Ohio from **Sunday, July 14 - Friday, July 19** for "Rock of Ages: Exploring Faith Through Music". Teens will be reminded that God is in all things, and that we can find the sacred in the ordinary. They 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 EPWORTH TOWER

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- 5. Less clutter sitting around your house and less to recycle after you've finished reading.

Many members have requested to stop receiving the printed *Tower* in order to be better stewards of our resources. If you also would rather receive the e-version, email Marla@epworth.com to be removed from the mailing list and added to our Thursday e-newsletter and e-tower e-mail lists. ***This is not a full paperless transition-- you will still receive letters from the pastors and Ad Council at Epworth via the U.S. Postal Service.***

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**.

ALTAR FLOWERS

A donation was made to the Epworth Floral fund this Sunday by Kay Hitchner in loving memory of Curt Hitchner. "May the Lord watch between me and thee, when we are absent one from another." (Genesis 31:49).

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 or to Sue, call 419.882.8826 or email suehartman63@hotmail.com.

S.W.A.T. - SERVE AT ST. PAUL'S

Students With A Task (students grades 6-12) will be serving at St. Paul's on



Saturday, **July 6**. Sign ups and additional information are located on the SWAT bulletin board by Deep End. Please contact Pastor Dave at Dave@epworth.com with any questions.

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:

- Monday, July 1:** 5pm - Dinner and Ice Cream - Charlie's Homemade Pizza,(6600 W. Sylvania Ave). Then, Handel's \$1 ice cream special.
- Thursday, July 4:** 10am - Hope UMC, (4069 W. Sylvania Ave, Toledo.) Game Day! Use the back church entrance and bring a sack lunch. No RSVP needed.

HAWKINS STEMM ACADEMY PARTNERSHIP

Hawkins volunteer Paul Jednak tutored math to 5 students in 6th - 8th grade this year. "If you've helped a child with math homework at the 6th grade level or lower" he says, "you can tutor math." The teacher was always well organized, and prepared a backpack of materials for him to pick up. Paul appreciated the opportunity to work one-on-one with students, improving their confidence as well as their academic skills. That improvement may take time: he recently was excited to learn that a student he had tutored a few years ago is now an honor student! Want to find out more about tutoring at Hawkins? Talk to Paul, or email Barb Machin at bmachin@bex.net.



DEBORAH CIRLCE: JULY

Holly Bolenbaugh is hosting a day at beautiful Clark's Lake in Xenia, OH on **July 18**, beginning at 10am. Please bring a salad or dish to pass, Holly will supply beverages. Anyone interested may contact Holly Bolenbaugh at schoolot2004@yahoo.com. We hope you can make it!

CURRENT SUNDAY BIBLE STUDIES:

- 9:45am | Coffee & Conversation | Rm 213**
Discusses modern day issues/current events and examines the teachings of Jesus in light of them.
- 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.