

HAWKINS STEM ACADEMY PARTNERSHIP

The Hawkins Partnership team is looking for individuals with marketing experience to help us redesign and enhance our marketing strategy. As Hawkins becomes a STEMM Academy, we want to reflect the school’s new focus and reach more volunteers. If you could serve as a consultant on a short term basis, please contact Pat at holmpb@sbcglobal.net.

LANDSCAPING HELP

Several Epworth members have had the pleasure of assisting in landscape tasks, edging, weed eating, and other tasks for a couple hours during the week. This is not an official group that meets on a regular basis, only when our help is needed. Once we see the need, Marla will send an email with the time and date to meet – that’s it – no need to reply, just show up if you can. If you’re interested in being a part of this group, please email marla@epworth.com stating you’d like to be a part of the informal landscape group or ask Wes Johnson for more info.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES DRIVE

School starts **August 16** for TPS and there is a need to replenish the School Supply Pantry at Grace Church. The pantry is open to teachers at Hawkins STEMM Academy, Keyser, McTigue and Reynolds Elementary Schools and Rogers High School. Take advantage of “Back To School” sales on school supplies starting now! Please bring your purchases starting through **Sept. 1**. The teachers and students thank you! To assist in your shopping, below is a list of the 10 MOST NEEDED supplies:

- Crayola crayons, thick or thin, package of 24
- Expo dry erase markers - thick or thin, all colors, especially black
- Glue sticks
- Glue bottles
- Crayola markers,
- Crayola colored pencils, package of 12
- Plastic pencil boxes
- Child scissors
- Sharpie permanent markers, fine and ultra fine #2 pencils

WE NEED YOU TO LEAD EPWORTH'S KIDS!

The Children’s Discipleship Team would ask all of you to prayerfully consider how you might serve Epworth’s Kids in the 2019-2020 school year and live into your commitment to serve within the walls of your church. The children will be looking to you to be small group leaders, classroom teachers, serve on the Sunday School A/V team, or to help lead our Large Group Bible Story time. We will be making phone calls on **August 8** with the goal of filling all the leadership needs for the year. If you would like to be on their call list, please contact Mary Roesti in the church office or email her at mary@epworth.com.




ADULT MISSION TRIP TEAM

Epworth’s adult mission team needs your Helping Hands...to touch the lives of vulnerable people of rural Athens. Join the team assisting Good Works, Inc., **October 8-12**. Your smile and interaction will bring hope to nice folks struggling with issues of poverty and homelessness. A variety of skilled and unskilled talents are needed for the trip. Help us plan our best trip yet! Please phone Bob and Marilyn Town at 419.382.2325 with interest in joining the team or with any questions.

FURNITURE MINISTRY

Thank you Furniture Ministry volunteers for all your time, talents and dedication to recycling used furniture to our neighbors who are in need. This team effort utilizes 85 people and starts with the volunteers who answer the donation pickup calls, to the free loaders who pickup the furniture to the sorters who separate the blessings, and to the shoppers, packers and loaders who help at Selection Saturday. The Epworth congregation provides the critical funding to support the mission, the Isaac Family provides warehouse space and the Epworth membership provides a constant source of furniture and blessings. To each of you, THANK YOU for enabling the furniture ministry to be God’s hands helping over 1,370 families since 2008. Contact Ed at ejb5538@gmail.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, august 4, 2019

FAITH PASSAGES

NURSERY	3 YRS	KINDERGARTEN	3RD GRADE	5TH GRADE
LOVE	WORSHIP	PRAYER	BIBLE	CROSS

FALL FAITH PASSAGES

Mark your calendars and have your children plan to join us as we celebrate moving up into new classrooms this Fall! To kick off our new program year in Sunday school, we have a few special days to recognize important milestones in the life of your children. We hope to see you all as we celebrate the faith passages of your children! **September 8** children will report to their new rooms. More specific info on other age groups in the coming weeks. Or see specific information for the all age groups online, and in the Tower.

Preschool Families: Sunday, August 11 at 9:45

Who: All children age 3 (Parents should plan to attend) Come join us as we celebrate a major milestone in the life of your children known as Preschool. For many children, (and parents), this is the a year of firsts – first time leaving mom and dad for school, making first friends, and, here at Epworth, first learning about Jesus! Children just beginning preschool will get to see their new room and even enjoy a sneak peek at what they will do each week in preschool Sunday school! The morning will conclude with a fun celebration as we “jump” into this new phase of life together!

Kindergarten Families: Sunday, August 18 at 9:45

Who: All children beginning Kindergarten this Fall (Parents should plan to attend).

Incoming 6th Grade Families: Sunday, August 25 at 9:45: 5th Grade Farewell

Who: Children who have completed 5th grade (entering 6th grade) and their parents.

All remaining elementary children: All current elementary children will continue to report to the blue elementary room at 9:45 until September 8th when we will kick-off our new program year.

LAY LEADERSHIP SELF NOMINATION

One of the ways you can fulfill your commitment to Epworth is by serving on one of our teams/committees that direct the overall mission and ministry of the church. Traditionally, the Nominations Committee has discerned who is to be invited into Epworth's leadership life for the upcoming year. They still care for this work, but in a spirit of open-ended invitation, we humbly ask you to prayerfully consider making yourself available to serve. Below are the teams/committees eligible for this open nominations process. Please email Marla at marla@epworth.com indicating your interest in one or more areas by **August 18**. The Committee will prayerfully consider every request. Please keep in mind, most likely not all requests for assignments can be fulfilled. If this is the case you will be contacted by the nominations committee to talk about other possibilities for your service. Thank you for considering offering yourself up for service for Christ through the life of your local church. If you have a question, don't hesitate to contact Pastor Doug at doug@epworth.com.

- Board of Trustees
- Children's
- Discipleship team
- Communications
- Communion
- Stewards
- Community Outreach
- Fellowship
- Finance
- Kitchen
- Legacy Endowment Fund
- Memorial Garden
- Missions
- Music
- Nominations & Personnel
- Outdoor Beautification
- Parent Connection
- Preschool Board
- Welcome Team
- Wellness/ Special Needs
- Worship

ALTAR FLOWERS

A donation was made to the Epworth Floral fund this Sunday by Carol and Michael Reithmiller in honor of their 50th wedding anniversary.

ST. JUDE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL GARAGE SALE

Epworth is sponsoring a garage sale to benefit St. Jude Children's Hospital. With your help, Epworth can make this a great success. We need salable items, new or gently used, please drop it off in the Epworth Gym. Volunteers are needed to receive and price donations, organize tables, cashier & bag at the garage sale, and at the end of the sale to prepare remaining items for donation to the Salvation Army. See the sign up sheet in the lobby. Have questions? Email Anna at annamariewilkinson22@yahoo.com.

DROPOFF **SALE**
August 7 & 8 | 9am-4pm **August 9 | 9am-3pm**

FRIENDLY CENTER GIANT GARAGE SALE

Dropoff At Epworth: August 5, 9am-4pm
Donate items here at Epworth for the Friendly Center Garage sale! Look for someone to help you in the Central Ave. lot to help you.
Sale Maumee UMC: Aug. 8 & 9, 9am-5pm and Aug. 10, 9am-12noon

SAFETY AT EPWORTH: KEEPING YOU SAFE

The health and security of our members while they are on church premises is of primary concern to us. You may have noticed this button mounted on the north wall of the lobby adjacent to the defibrillator. When pushed, this "EMERGENCY BUTTON" will automatically contact our security service, Habitec Security, who will in turn immediately dispatch the police department. You have may have also noticed our DEFIBRILLATOR Box adjacent to the Emergency Button located on the north wall of the Lobby. When the door is opened, a signal is automatically sent to our security service, Habitec Security, who will automatically call for medical help. In case of a possible heart attack, the defibrillator kit should be removed from the box, opened and the simple-to-use instructions followed. By using this emergency defibrillator, you may be able to help save a life!

BODY RECALL+

Summer Body Recall+ schedule continues with two weeks of classes in August before fall session begins in September. Join us in the air conditioned gym on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays at 9:15am for the weeks of **August 12 & 26**.

THE MIX

The Mix Social Group will meet up at El Camino Real at Sylvania and Douglas on Tuesday, **August 13** at 6:30pm. It's Taco Tuesday and Epworth's own Steve Wolfe is the house DJ that night! Come on out, enjoy food and music, and make new friends. There is no childcare available this night. RSVP on the connection card or to Janice at janicefrenchmba@gmail.com. We're saving seats on the patio!

DEBORAH CIRCLE AUGUST EVENT

Mark your calendar! Thursday, **August 15** from 6:30-8:30pm, \$10, Crosby Gardens Jazz Concert, Quick Trio, full moon at no charge. Bring appetizer to share, drinks, folding chair or blanket. RSVP to Martha at marthakreuz@aol.com.

GIRL SCOUT TROOP 12168

Epworth Community Girl Scout Troop 12168 has openings for new Girl Scouts for grades K-12. Our troop is focused on leadership, confidence building, money management, positive values, meaningful relationships and community service. If your daughter is interested in joining this dynamic group please email Janice for more info, janicefrenchmba@gmail.com.

FIF BOOK CLUB

Everyone is welcome to join us **August 27: A Gentleman in Moscow** by Amor Towles. RSVP to jargalvin@yahoo.com.

HOW DO WE GROW OUR CHURCH?

We want to be present in the community we serve! As part of our evangelism efforts and our passion for reaching new people with the good news of Jesus Christ, the Communications Committee invites any member to submit a formal request for Epworth UMC to have an official presence at a community event, parade, festival, etc. The committee will determine if the event is in line with the mission, vision and values of our congregation, as well as the social principles of the UMC. Once approved, the person(s) bringing the request is responsible for the design and implementation of the ministry. Contact committee chair, Tami at tanorris2001@yahoo.com with questions.

JOIN US DOWNTOWN!

You are welcome to help represent Epworth at the first community event which stemmed from our newly adopted Evangelism policy of being intentionally present within the community we serve! On **August 17** at 12 noon, Epworth members will be marching alongside other UM Churches at the Toledo Pride Parade, downtown. Be the hands and feet of Christ and meet and embrace the people of Toledo where they are. Following the parade, from 1-7pm, we will have a booth at the Community Connection event at Toledo Pride, located at Promenade Park. If you are interested in participating or would like to learn more, please contact Cheri at cheriholdridge@gmail.com or 419.297.8031. To order a t-shirt to wear in the parade, use the following link: <https://bit.ly/2YVElwm>; deadline to pay is Aug. 5. We hope this will be the first of many opportunities for Epworth folks to participate in community festivals. Let's show our community everything that Epworth has to offer!

WOMEN'S TUESDAY AM BIBLE STUDY

9:30 - 11:30am | August 6 Epworth women are invited to a two-week, come-as-you-are, relaxed-format Bible study. Look at the spiritual lessons learned from twelve biblical women and their implications in life today in a deeper study of the Bible's most empowered and iconic women. Order the book *Twelve Women of the Bible: Life-Changing Stories for Women Today* (not required) at amazon.com, christianbook.com, or barnesandnoble.com.