

GOOD WORKS TEAM PLANNING MEETING

Preparations are being finalized for the adult work team to assist Good Works, Inc., in Athens, Ohio the week of October 8-12. Join us on Tuesday, **September 10** at 6pm in the volunteer office. We hope you will join our team as we come together for a one-hour planning meeting where you will be briefed on Good Works, meet fellow team members, and learn how together our smiles and interactions bring hope to those struggling with issues of poverty and homelessness. A wide variety of skilled and unskilled talents are needed. Please sign-up on the connection card or phone Bob and Marilyn Town at 419.382.2325.

THE YOUTH NEED YOU!

As the old saying goes, "It takes a village to raise a child". For youth to grow as mature disciples of Jesus they need adults who are willing to invest in their lives. You can serve in one area or several. If you are interested, email Pastor Dave at dave@epworth.com or sign up on the connection card. We need adults who can:

- Teach an occasional youth Sunday school class
- Lead a small group discussion
- Attend a short term service project
- Go on a fun fellowship event
- Be an adult leader at a retreat or mission trip
- And much more!

KID TO KID: LEARN TO SERVE

The Elementary children are collecting money for Connecting Kids to Meals. The mission 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. 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 through August 31.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES DRIVE

The school bells are ringing! The Community Outreach committee continues to support our partnership with Hawkins STEMM Academy and Toledo Public Schools with our annual school supplies drive.



School began August 16 for Toledo Public School and there is a need to replenish the School Supply Pantry at Grace Church for the start of the school year. The pantry is open to teachers at Hawkins STEMM Academy, Keyser, McTigue and Reynolds Elementary Schools and Rogers High School. Teachers can visit the pantry to pick up supplies for classrooms or for individual students. Take advantage of "Back To School" sales on school supplies starting now! Please bring your purchases to Epworth through **September 1**. The teachers and students thank you! To assist in your shopping, below is a list of the 10 MOST NEEDED supplies:

- Crayola crayons, package of 24
- Expo dry erase markers - thick or thin, all colors, especially black
- Glue sticks/bottles
- Crayola markers, thick or thin, pack of 8 or 10
- Crayola colored pencils, pack of 12
- Plastic pencil boxes
- Child scissors
- Sharpie permanent markers, fine & ultra fine #2 pencils

FEED YOUR NEIGHBOR

The Feed Your Neighbor program 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.

- Toothpaste
- Shampoo
- Deodorant (M&F)
- Toilet Paper
- Canned Mixed Fruit

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 25, 2019



WE BELIEVE
WE LOVE
WE SERVE

EPWORTH'S 6 WEEK FOCUS

"I give you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, so you also must love each other. This is how everyone will know that you are my disciples, when you love each other."

These words spoken by Jesus (John 13:34-35) were offered as He and His disciples gathered to share the Passover meal just hours before his arrest and passion. *His dying wish for his Church was that his followers would deeply love one another with not only words but with their commitments.* Jesus was saying that love was the identifying marker of being part of his Body called the Church. Our deep love for each other is a living example of how Jesus loves all people. Join us for this important series as we invite all Epworth members and friends to become more fully engaged in the life of our local church.

Week 1 | September 8
I LOVE MY CHURCH

Week 2 | September 15
LOVE IN COMMUNITY

All morning Potluck Brunch! Bring brunchy food to share. Chef Les will provide eggs, bacon & drinks.

Week 3 | September 22
LOVE BY SERVING

Week 4 | September 29
LOVE BY GIVING

Week 5 | October 6
LOVE IN SHARING

Invite a friend to church Sunday.

Week 6 | October 13
LOVE BY COMMITTING

Commitment Sunday when we will offer fresh commitments around financial stewardship and expand our love for one another by committing to serve the community God gives us.

#WEAREPWORDHTOLEDO

Everyone's story is different, and we want the rest of the Toledo area to know that we embrace, everyone exactly as they are! So, we're going to be highlighting testimonials from our members to help spread awareness of our mission and to let people know that they can find friends of all different backgrounds here at Epworth.

In a few weeks, we will begin featuring these testimonials, one at a time, across our publications and social media platforms. If you're interested in participating and sharing your personal/family's story, go to epworth.com/mystory and answer the questions on the form (also below). We want to include as many stories as possible across all backgrounds and ages! If your story is chosen, we will ask you to sit down for a photograph (or family photo). We look forward to hearing your amazing journeys!

1. What brought you to Epworth?
2. What are your favorite ways to participate in the life of the church?
3. How has your faith grown or changed since coming to Epworth?

FALL FAITH PASSAGES

To kick off our new Sunday school program year, we have a few special days in which we recognize the milestones in the life of your children.

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

Who: Children who have completed 5th grade (entering 6th grade) and their parents. Students graduating 5th grade will have a chance to share favorite memories, receive a special gift, and get sent on to SWAT with style! Parents of incoming 6th graders, come join us the first 15 minutes of class in the children's church as we celebrate a major milestone in the life of your children, moving up to SWAT! Then, as you go to worship your kids will get a tour of the Jr High Room, the Deep End, and meet and greet with the other Jr High students. **Remember, tonight, Aug. 25 is the SWAT Kick-off at Sportway of Toledo!**

All remaining elementary children:

All current elementary children will continue to report to the blue elementary room at 9:45am until September 8, when we kick-off our new program year. On **September 8** we welcome our incoming kindergarteners, and all children report to their grade level small group classrooms for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year.

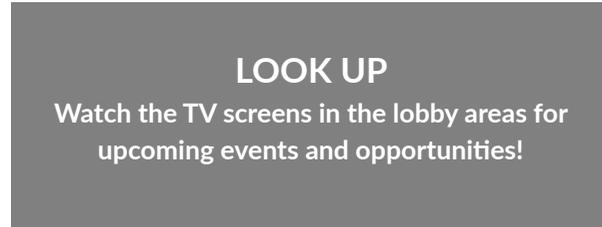
Labor Day: Family Worship Sunday

Sunday, **September 1** is Family Worship Sunday! On this Sunday 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.



ALTAR FLOWERS

A donation was made to the Epworth Floral fund this Sunday by Roger and Joanne Kennedy in loving memory of Karen Kennedy Binder.



LOOK UP

Watch the TV screens in the lobby areas for upcoming events and opportunities!

FRIENDS IN FAITH: BOOK CLUB

Join us the 4th Tuesday of every month at 7pm for lively discussion and dessert! See future book titles at epworth.com/fif. We meet at June Galvin's house, 3641 Christie Blvd, Toledo. RSVP to June at jargalvin@yahoo.com.

Tuesday, August 27: *A Gentleman in Moscow* by Amor Towles.

ADULT SINGLES

Single, divorced or widowed adults in the Toledo community are invited to join. RSVP to Nancy Hauer at hauer.nancy@yahoo.com or call 419.885.4595.

Thursday, August 29: 11am - Lourdes lifelong learning speaker & lunch (Lourdes University Franciscan Center, Convent Blvd, Sylvania.) Topic: Current Affairs with Congresswoman Marcy Kaptur. Free presentation, purchase lunch.

Monday, September 2: 1pm - Dinner & Ice Cream. (Dinner at Sidelines, 6060 Renaissance Place, Toledo. \$1 ice cream at Handel's.)

SPIRITUAL GIFTS CLASS - SAVE-THE-DATE

Everyone has unique gifts from the same Holy Spirit. Do you know yours? Spiritual gifts are not the same as skills or talents, but they can all work together for the Kingdom of God. Knowing your spiritual gifts can help you find a way to serve that energizes you and fulfills your calling. The next Spiritual Gifts class will take place Sunday evenings, **September 22 & 29 and October 6**, from 6:15-8:30pm in room 214. RSVP to Pastor Beth at beth@epworth.com.

EXPLORE EPWORTH



Join us **September 8** from 5pm-7pm in the lobby for an, one-time informal meeting called Explore Epworth!

You can expect to enjoy dinner and conversation with your pastors, & explore the possibility of membership. Those who choose to join will be received as members the following Sunday, September 15 in worship, but there's no obligation to join. Sign up on the connection card or email Marla@epworth.com to attend. Childcare can be provided if requested by Sept 1, please email us at childcare@epworth.com to make a request.

MUSIC REHEARSAL SCHEDULE 2019/2020

Join one of our many choirs and grow to love God through the power of music. You may find your friendships, emotional and physical health improve along the way. Upcoming rehearsal start dates are listed below. See all dates and learn more at epworth.com/music or email cecil@epworth.com.



CHOIRS:

Chancel Choir
Beginning September 5
Thursdays 7:30-9pm
Choir room
College age and up

Children's Choir
Beginning Sept. 25
Wednesdays 5:15-6pm
Room 207
Ages 3 -grade 5

BELL CHOIRS:
Wesleyan Ringers
Beginning September 5
Thursdays 6:15-7:15pm
Sanctuary
College age and up

Tower Ringers
Beginning September 8
Sundays 7-7:30pm
Sanctuary
Junior & Senior High students

Presented by Sylvania Northview Theatre

GODSPELL

Don't forget the show is today! Pre-purchased tickets will be at the theatre "will call" in your name. If you didn't pre-buy your tickets you can still join us there and purchase your ticket from the box office at the door.
Adults \$12, Students \$10.