

THE BIGGEST DAY IN UMW FUNDRAISING!

Yes, the annual Arts and Crafts Bazaar on **November 2** is the major fundraiser for the United Methodist Women's efforts to support missions! Its success depends on all of us. Attend on November 2 and purchase hand-crafted items and books from over 60 vendors/authors, AND bid on silent auction items! What will you do to support it?

- Volunteer? There are many opportunities on both Friday, Nov. 1 and Saturday, Nov. 2. Contact Polly at polly1231@bex.net or 419.908.0590.
- Donate an item, gift card, service or dinner for the silent auction? Come and bid on an item on November 2! To donate, contact Jennifer at jhchurch@sienaheights.edu or 734.854.5125.
- Bake your favorite pie, cake, cookies or casserole for the pantry? Deliver Nov. 1 by 2pm.

TRUNK OR TREAT PLANNING TEAM

Do you love Halloween decorations and passing out candy to all the adorably dressed children? Or, do you love to plan fun parties or community events? If so, this is a perfect way for you to serve your church while helping provide a fun and safe trick-or-treating alternative for our community. Epworth's 13th annual Trunk-or-Treat is scheduled for **October 27** and it is time to begin planning. We are in need of several people to serve on the planning team to help make this fun event happen. This is a **SHORT** commitment that will only meet a few times to coordinate this event. If you are interested in serving, contact Mary at mary@epworth.com.

EPWORTH-HAWKINS PARTNERSHIP

Volunteering for the Reader Bag program is one of Luann Alleman's favorite activities at Hawkins STEMM Academy. She enjoys "seeing how excited the students are to receive the books." Through the Reader Bag program, students in grades 1 and 2 can borrow two books for a week. When the books are returned the student can borrow two different books. Luann has been involved in the Reader Bag program since it began in fall 2018, and helped assemble the more than 50 bags for each grade. She has also tutored at Hawkins for more than five years, and is looking forward to getting to know a new group of students this fall. There are many ways of getting involved at Hawkins – to find out more, contact Barb Machin at bmachin@bex.net.

OCTOBER S419: IT'S YOUR SERVE!

And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, Hebrews 10:24. Are you willing to accept the **October S4:19** challenge? Here's how it works. Gather your friends, small group, Sunday school class – any group you want – and go out into the community to serve in any way you want. Just follow these steps:

1. Assemble a group of volunteers and decide upon the kind of good deed you would like to pursue. (Hint, you could clean a yard, paint a room, visit a senior living center, serve a meal, etc.)
2. Find the need in the community. This would be a great time to lend a hand to an Epworth home-bound individual or re-kindle a relationship with some of the agencies we have served through S4:19 in the past. Questions can be directed to Doug or Ronnie Gorsuch at 419.367.9549 if you need advice on planning your project.
3. Contact the person or agency and arrange the date, time and details of the project. Be sure the details are clearly understood between all parties, such as who is providing materials, supplies, tools etc. If space at Epworth is needed, be sure to clear it with the church office to reserve your space.
4. Communicate the details to your group so you can all show up as arranged. Take a group picture during the event if possible. Print it out (professional printing not required) or text it to 419.367.9549. If you wish, post on social media using #ServingThe419.
5. After completion of your project/good deed visit the S4:19 table in the lobby on any Sunday in October to register your good deed, post your picture and put a ping pong ball in the jar for every volunteer who participated. Let's see if we can fill the bottle!

The ball is in your court! How will you serve?

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, September 29, 2019



we believe
we love
we serve

FOCUS THROUGH OCT. 13

"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 were spoken by Jesus in John 13:34-35 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 said that love is 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 series as we invite all Epworth members and friends to become more fully engaged in the life of our local church.

I LOVE MY CHURCH! RESOURCE TABLE

Please plan to stop by the table in the lobby to pick up resources for this series and to lend your thoughts and creativity to this all church focus.

PICK UP ITEMS: Small group/family guide, leader guide, invitation to invite a friend for Sunday, October 6th, stickers and candy.

SHOW YOUR LOVE FOR YOUR CHURCH:

Fill out a bubble sharing why you love your church, take a photo using a frame to display on social media.

INVITE A FRIEND SUNDAY

October 6

Please pick up an invitation or two at the table in the lobby and give to a friend, family member, or neighbor! ALL are welcome, exactly as they are.

If you have a question about this all church focus please see Pastor Doug, or our Stewardship Lay Leaders, Lynne Davis and Paul Wannemacher.

GIRL SCOUTS/VETERANS EVENT

Epworth Community Girl Scout Troop 12168 is looking for Veterans from all branches to join the troop for a fun evening of honor, community and surprises on Tuesday, **November 5** at 6pm in the Deep End. Veterans, please wear something that represents your branch. Dessert and beverages will be served during this event. If you are a Veteran and would like to join us for this special event please RSVP to Janice at janicefrenchmba@gmail.com. Please note that space is limited. If you are a baker and would like to donate a baked good to the Girl Scout Veteran's Day event please contact Janice for details. Thank you for your support!

PLEASE HELP OUR PRESCHOOL

Join Epworth friends & family at Shorty's as we host our annual Shorty's Day. Plan to make a lunch date with friends, pick up carry out or join us for dinner at Shorty's on Monroe St. on Monday, October, 7. Please present your special "Shorty's Coupon" to ensure our school will get 15% of the sales. Coupons will be in the 10/6 bulletin.



SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE STUDIES:

- **9:45am | Adult Bible Study | Rm 214**
We're studying the book of Matthew, aided by extensive commentary and thought-provoking questions. Get to know Jesus our Lord in fresh new ways. Add your voice to the conversation as the class connects the gospel text to our everyday lives. This study will help you learn, make a difference, and may change your life. Invite a friend as we grow together.
- **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.
- **9:45am | Connection Point | Rm 205**
A group for post high school through mid-twenties. This class provides a faith based place to connect with peers and discuss issues relevant to this stage of life.
- **11am | Sermon Notes | Rm 214**
This group will be participating in the all-church study, *I Love My Church* through October 13. Join us!

WEEKDAY ADULT BIBLE STUDIES

- **6:30-8pm | Men's Bible Study | Rm 213**
Sept. 25-Oct.23: *Days In the Word* guides participants through what it means to not just be "hearers" of the Word, but also "doers" of the Word! Reignite and strengthen your passion for God's Word. This study will inspire every participant to Love the Word, Learn the Word, and Live the Word. Email Shautau@epworth.com to register; cost is \$10. Questions? paul.schroeder@accesstoledo.com.
- **9:30-11:30 | Tuesday AM Bible Study | Rm 214**
Through Oct. 27: Come together as we jump into Andy Stanley's study, "Christian: It's not What You Think." Explore the characteristics Jesus used to define those who follow him and what that implies for us today. 'Christian' was a label used by outsiders. Jesus used 'disciple.' Disciples would be known for their love – a novel concept then and now. What if believers today embodied these traits? No book required & no worries if you can't make all the sessions!
- **6:30-9pm | Caregiving Bible Study | Rm 213**
Oct. 8-Dec. 10: *Christian Caregiving—a Way of Life*, by Dr. Kenneth Haugk. Explore ways you can confidently talk about your faith; listen carefully to another person; speak words of comfort, encouragement, forgiveness, and hope; pray with another person; and share from the Bible naturally and comfortably during a caring conversation—while remembering that God is the caregiver. The study will help Caring Hearts and homebound visits volunteers reach out to others with Christ-like compassion. RSVP to Shautau at Shautau@epworth.com.

ARE YOU READY FOR ROCKET FOOTBALL?



The Epworth Fellowship Committee is coordinating an outing to the **October 26** University of Toledo football game versus Eastern Michigan University. The event will include a tailgate potluck before the game. Bring food to share with your Epworth family and invite friends! Tickets need to be reserved and paid for by **October 6**. For more info, contact Gary at Hinkson.gary@gmail.com.

FLU SHOT CLINIC

Epworth's annual flu shot clinic, with vaccines provided by the Lucas County Health Department, will be Sunday, **October 6** from 8am - 12:30pm in the gym. All insurances are accepted and documentation will be filed for you. If you plan to self-pay, the cost is \$40. Please wear short-sleeved shirts to help expedite the administering of the vaccination. Allow plenty of time (about 30 minutes) if you plan to come before your worship service. Lucas County Health Department will be providing the regular quadrivalent vaccine, NOT the "high dose" vaccine for those over 65 as it will not be available yet.

KID-TO-KID: LEARN TO SERVE

We are taking donations of gently used or new toys for Hawkins STEMM Academy. Epworth volunteers help staff the Hawkins Hut, which provides awards for the Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports program. School children earn "Hawkeyes" for good behavior. Periodically these children can exchange "Hawkeyes" for toys at the Hut. Hawkins Hut needs are mini action figures, McDonald's like toys, Play Doh, stuffed animals, Barbie/baby dolls, play jewelry, stress balls, children's wallet/purses, uno cards, markers, crayons, colored pencils, and similar items. Donations will be collected outside the Children's Church during the months of September and October.

BOOK CLUB

Everyone is welcome to join us for the 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.

Tuesday, September 24: *The Woman in the Photo* by Mary Hogan - Bitty Lehman's house (5667 Breezy Porch, Sylvania). Please RSVP to rbinav27@gmail.com.

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 opportunity to join us is:

Tuesday, October 1: 12:15pm - Downton Abby Movie at Franklin Park Mall. Cost is \$5.50. Late lunch following the movie showing.

Monday, October 7: Dinner at Barry Bagel's, Holland-Sylvania Rd. and Sylvania Ave. followed by Handel's \$1 ice cream special.

BABY BOOMERS

Do you consider yourself a BABY BOOMER, or wish you were? Then join us at the beautiful Maumee Bay State Park. What: Fellowship, cookout and Campfire When: October 19, 2019 Where: Maumee Bay State Park, Site 92 Time: Anytime after 3:00 PM. We will eat about 5:00PM Provided: Hot dogs, condiments, water, table service and cups Please bring a dish to pass and a beverage of your choice and your chair. For RSVP: Ruth Ann 419-344-7349 call or text