

**ARTS & CRAFTS BAZAAR**

- **Silent Auction** more items and services than you can imagine! Have you made your contribution? Contact Jennifer Church at [jhchurch@sienaheights.edu](mailto:jhchurch@sienaheights.edu) or call 734.854.5125.
- **Pantry** stocked with baked goods and casseroles for your freezer. Did you sign up?
- **Over 60 vendors** selling hand crafted items and 2 local authors with their books!



This event raises money for UMW's support of missions and charities. 100% of proceeds go to support these efforts! Be part of the success—donate, volunteer, purchase!

**FALL CLEANUP**

The Epworth annual fall cleanup is scheduled for **November 9** from 9am-12noon. Everyone is invited to pitch in to help beautify the Epworth grounds. Bring your gloves and extra rakes and shovels are appreciated.

**JOURNEYING THROUGH GRIEF BOOKS**

*Journeying through Grief* is a set of four short books sent to people grieving the loss of a loved one at four crucial times during the first year after the loss. Epworth sends these books to members who have lost close family members. Each book is sent individually with a handwritten note.



Help is needed to write those notes! Join us on the first Tuesday of each month in the volunteer office, next being Tuesday, **November 5** at 10am. Everything you need will be there, so just show up and be ready to put your pen to paper. It could be fun and a way to meet someone new, as we serve our Lord together. Please contact [stephenministry@epworth.com](mailto:stephenministry@epworth.com).

**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.
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? Call 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. 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 and text 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!

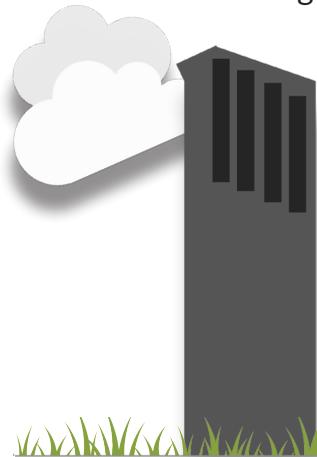
**KID-TO-KID: LEARN TO SERVE**

We are taking donations of gently used or new toys for Hawkins STEMM Academy. School children earn "Hawkeyes" for good behavior and can exchange "Hawkeyes" for toys at the Hut. Hawkins Hut needs are mini action figures, McDonald's like toys, Play Doh, stuffed animals, dolls, play jewelry, children's wallet/purses, uno cards, markers/crayons/colored pencils, etc. Donate outside the Children's Church.

**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, October 20, 2019

**TRUNK-OR-TREAT & SWAT BBQ: OCTOBER 27!**

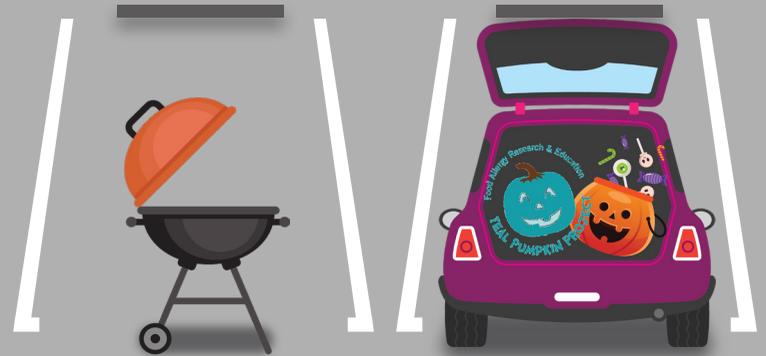
**Trunk-Or-Treat** will go from 5-7pm and is FREE to the entire community! Be sure to wear your costumes and be ready to Trunk-or-Treat for candy. After visiting all our amazing trunks you will be guided inside for more Trunk or Treat fun in our new children and youth spaces featuring the Spooky Deep End (New Youth Space) and decorated Classrooms. Bring your friends!

**Teal Pumpkin Project!** This year we will have a select number of trunks with non-food "treats" to include children with dietary and medical restrictions.

**Bringing A Decorated Trunk?** Sign up by emailing us at [trunkortreat@epworth.com](mailto:trunkortreat@epworth.com) or call Debby Iott at 419.276.1091 to let us know! We need dozens of trunks to make this event a success. Each year we have several thousand visitors from our neighboring communities join us for this safe trick-or-treating alternative.

**Can You Donate Candy?** If you can't attend the event but would still like to lend your support consider donating a few bags of candy. Candy donations of store bought, individually wrapped pieces of candy may be dropped off in the church office during regular business hours.

**Swat Youth Grilling** will run during this event from 5-7:30pm. Epworth Grill Masters will offer hot dogs and hamburgers for \$1.50 each or meals including chips and a beverage for \$3. Come support our youth!



**LOOKING AHEAD**  
to the *United Methodist Church's General Conference (May 5-15, Minneapolis, Minnesota)*



The deadline for submitting legislation for General Conference was September 18. We currently have information on some of the proposed plans the General Conference will receive seeking a way for the denomination to bring to a conclusion the on-going debate around the questions of the ordination of gay and lesbian persons as clergy and the ability for gay and lesbian persons to be married within a local church.

Join us for one of two opportunities to learn more on Sunday, **November 3** at 12:15pm in the Children's Church or Wednesday, **November 6** at 6:30pm in the Deep End. If you have questions please see Pastor Doug, Wes Johnson, Gary Wilson or Clyde Kunkel.

**I LOVE MY CHURCH: THANK YOU!**



Thanks to all who submitted their stewardship pledge for 2020! If you have not done so, please prayerfully consider submitting your pledge as soon as feasible. A gentle reminder as we head into

2020 that we are now servicing our mortgage for our new ministry space. Any increase in your pledge will enable us to surmount these challenges. You can drop your commitment card in the offering plate, mail it, or drop by the church office Monday-Friday 9 am-5 pm. Commitment cards can be found in the pew racks, at the welcome desk, or with the ushers.

**THE RED CROSS NEEDS YOU!**

Epworth is hosting an American Red Cross Blood Drive on Sunday, **November 3** from 9am to 2pm in the gym. Sign up at [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) or contact Pastor Beth at [beth@epworth.com](mailto:beth@epworth.com). Walk-ins the day of the drive are also welcome.

**DYSLEXIA SIMULATION**  
Today from 2-4pm in the Children's Church.  
Questions? Contact Linda at [lindafrey5@gmail.com](mailto:lindafrey5@gmail.com).

**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.

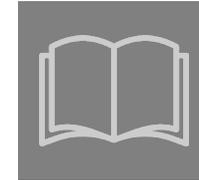
If you are a Veteran and would like to join us for this special event please RSVP to Janice French at [janicefrenchmba@gmail.com](mailto:janicefrenchmba@gmail.com). If you are a baker and would like to donate a baked good to the Girl Scout Veteran's Day event please contact Janice for details.

**ANNUAL CHARGE CONFERENCE**

Our annual Church Charge Conference is at Maumee UMC (405 Sackett St in Maumee) on **November 10** at 4pm. The Church Conference deals with membership matters, lay leadership nominations, clergy compensation, and membership matters. All Epworth members have a voice and vote at the Church Conference. Come to hear an inspiring message by our District Superintendent, meet other area United Methodists we are hosting and plan to participate as a member of your local church.

**ALTAR FLOWERS**  
Today's altar flower arrangement is in honor of Jessica Figy & Lance Brown's wedding, yesterday, **October 19**.

**3RD GRADE BIBLE PRESENTATION**



Today is Bible Sunday for our third graders. Do you remember getting your first "real" Bible? Please place the bookmark from today's bulletin in your Bible and pray for these children and their families. Pray that God's Word will enter their hearts as they explore this wonderful book together.

**PICKLEBALL HAS COME TO EPWORTH!**

If you already know how to play, come join us on Monday evenings from 7-9pm, we have already begun meeting! If you are interested in learning the game through a beginner's clinic, please email Lisa at [lisa.baker@bex.net](mailto:lisa.baker@bex.net) so she can gauge interest and schedule a date! What is pickleball? A fun sport that combines many elements of tennis, badminton and ping-pong. It's played on a badminton-sized court with a modified tennis net using a paddle and a plastic ball with holes. It can be played as either doubles or singles.

**FRIENDS IN FAITH**

**Bunco:** All women are welcome, even if you have never played before. Bunco is a simple game, but it is more about the Christian fellowship. Bring a side dish, appetizer or dessert to share at 6:30pm on Tuesday, **October 22** at Sue Ball's house 1021 Garden Trail (this is a club house). RSVP to 419.234.5380 (call or text).

**Book Club:** Everyone is welcome to join us for the Book Club! Join us at 7pm for lively discussion and dessert! Meet at June Galvin's house (3641 Christie Blvd, Toledo.) RSVP to [jargalvin@yahoo.com](mailto:jargalvin@yahoo.com). Tuesday, **October 22: Where the Crawdads Sing** by Delia Owens. See future books at [epworth.com/fif](http://epworth.com/fif).

**SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE STUDIES:**

- **9:45am | Adult Bible Study | Rm 214**  
There will be no class today. The class will resume the study by Andy Stanley *Irresistible* next Sunday, 10.27.
- **9:45am | Coffee & Conversation | Rm 213**  
This class discusses modern day issues & current events, and examines the teachings of Jesus in light of them.
- **9:45am | Connecting 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**  
Discussion around individuals understanding of the scriptures' relevance to their journey

**WEEKDAY ADULT BIBLE STUDIES**

- **6:30-8pm | Men's Bible Study | Rm 213**  
**Wednesdays Through 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!
- **9:30-11:30 | Women's AM Bible Study | Rm 214**  
**Tuesdays through Oct. 27:** Andy Stanley's, *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. No book, come when you can!
- **7-8:15pm | Study of the Psalms | Rm 213**  
**Tuesdays through Nov. 5:** The Psalms are at once God's Word to humanity and humanity's word to God. In them, we find glorious praise, deep rage, utter desperation, and quiet reflection. In what seems the psalmists pour out their souls to Almighty God. Come to one or all. Bring a Bible & a friend. Led by Pastor Jennifer.

**U.T. FOOTBALL GAME**  
For those who previously purchased tickets, we'll see you this Saturday, Oct. 26.