

MEMORIAL CONCERT

Margaret Weber, former Epworth organist and long-time Toledo musician, teacher, composer, and writer of poetry, will be given a memorial concert by the Euterpean Music Club this Tuesday, **October 29** at 7pm in the Sanctuary. Much music will be what Margaret composed for voice, choral, and instruments plus organ pieces, and poetry. Come and share this remembrance of Margaret. Refreshments to follow.

CAN YOU HELP DRIVE?

Are you available during the day to occasionally assist other Epworth members with a ride to a doctor appointment? It's a simple way to show care within the congregation. If you can help, contact Pastor Beth at beth@epworth.com.

QUIET ROOM

The Special Needs Ministry recognized a need for those here at Epworth who may live with sensory-sensitivity. The Quiet Room has been created for children, youth, and adults with sensory-sensitivity; that need to find calm. There are comfortable places to sit, calming lights, and soft music for those who feel anxious around noise or crowds. If a child needs calming or to become centered again an adult will escort them to the Quiet Room. Our adult volunteers have been trained to assist those in need. We're looking for adults who are willing to volunteer Sunday mornings 9:30-11am to take turns supervising the Quiet Room. It could be one Sunday a month, or one month at a time – whatever works best for you. Contact any member of the Wellness/Special Needs Team: Pastor Beth at beth@epworth.com, Cindy Richard, and Kay Heinrichs.

EXTRA GREETING CARDS NEEDED

If you have extra greeting cards at home that you are not using, please consider donating them to the card ministry for our homebound members. Drop off in the church office, M-F, 9am-5pm.

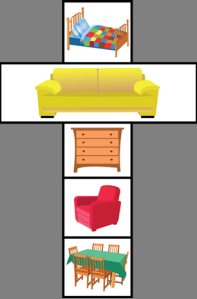
JOURNEYING THROUGH GRIEF BOOKS

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.

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.

FURNITURE MINISTRY



**BLESSINGS
ITEMS NEEDED:**

*large cooking pots,
pans and skillets*

STATISTICS	OCTOBER:	YTD:
# Furniture:	155	1362
# Families:	13	119
Adults:	16	145
Children:	14	151

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 27, 2019

TRUNK-OR-TREAT & SWAT BBQ: TODAY!



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!

Bringing A Decorated Trunk? 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.

Swat Youth Grilling will run during this event from 5-7:30pm. Youth 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!



THIS SATURDAY: 2019 ARTS & CRAFTS BAZAAR!

Join us this Saturday, **November 2** for the annual Epworth UMW Bazaar to raise money for missions. Help us spread the word about the Arts and Crafts Bazaar! Pick up a Bazaar flyer at the welcome desk in the lobby to post at your workplace, salon or gym. Invite your friends, neighbors and relatives too.

- Over 60 vendors offering hand-crafted items including jewelry, soaps and lotions, fused and blown glass, knit and sewn items, doll clothing, painted signs, pens, clothing and accessories, cards, religious items, wooden toys, paintings, herbs, gourmet popcorn, dip mixes and holiday items!
- A huge silent auction with items including dinners prepared by Epworth members, gift cards for services and restaurants, getaways, themed baskets, Symphony tickets, Mud Hens first-pitch opportunity with tickets, and items donated by vendors.
- A pantry stocked with Epworth's the best baked goods and casseroles! Bring some on Friday, buy some on Saturday!
- And a coffee bar with sandwiches and pastries

Raising money for missions requires a village--in this case, the congregation of Epworth. There is still time to donate a service, gift card or new item for the silent auction, bake something for the Pantry, or volunteer your time to assist with the event: silent auction, pantry, coffee bar or vendor set-up/tear-down! Sign up in the lobby on the volunteer board!



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.

BLOOD DRIVE: CANCELLED!

The **November 3** Blood Drive has been CANCELLED due to scheduling conflicts. We apologize for the inconvenience. Please visit redcrossblood.org to find another blood drive near you.

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.

SIGN UP FOR THE E-TOWER!

Over the past few years, we have had many members request to stop receiving the printed *Tower* in order to be better stewards of our resources. If you would rather not receive the printed version in the future, email Marla@epworth.com to be removed from the mailing list and added to our Thursday e-newsletter and e-tower e-mail lists. *Please keep in mind, this is not a full paperless transition. You will still receive important letters and announcements from the pastors and Ad Council at Epworth via the U.S. Postal Service.*

STAY CONNECTED TO SWAT

Stay connected and find out what is happening in S.W.A.T ministries for students in grades 6th-12th. If you would like to receive this weekly email please send Pastor Dave an email at dave@epworth.com. We are also on social media:

- Facebook at facebook.com/EpworthSWAT
- Instagram at instagram.com/epworth_swat

ALTAR FLOWERS

A donation was made to the altar flower fund by the Staelin family this Sunday in loving memory of Tiffany Staelin.

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 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.

GIRL SCOUTS/VETERANS EVENT

Girl Scout Troop 12168 is looking for Veterans from all branches to join for a fun evening of honor and community 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 janicefrenchm-ba@gmail.com. If you are a baker and would like to donate a baked good to this event please contact Janice.

PARENT CONNECTIONS

For November, we're keeping it simple. We're offering a night out to do whatever you want, with free childcare! On Saturday, **November 16**, plan to drop the kids off for free babysitting from 5:30pm-9pm. Pizza and snacks will be provided for the kids. Then, take 3 hours for yourself to do as you please! See a movie, go to a grown-up restaurant, see a friend, do some Christmas shopping, or TAKE A NAP! We know the holiday season can get crazy, so take some time to take care of you. RSVP to Cindy at cindyj222@bex.net by November 11.

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 Thursday, **November 7** at 10am - Game Day. (Hope UMC, 4069 W. Sylvania Ave.) Bring a sack lunch, no reservations needed. Then, Saturday, November 9 at 5:30pm - pizza party & games. (Judith's home, 5148 Brookfield Lane, Sylvania.) Cost \$5.

SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE STUDIES:

- **9:45am | Adult Bible Study | Rm 214**
Through Nov. 10 Irresistible... Reclaiming the NEW that Jesus Unleashed for the World. Each week we will have a DVD lesson with discussion, no book. Embrace the version of faith that against all odds initiated a chain of events resulting in the most significant transformation the world has ever seen... one we must embrace to be the salt and light in our world today.
- **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

- **9:30-11:30 | Women's AM Study | Rm 214**
Tuesdays through Oct. 29: 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.