

THE EPWORTH TOWER

NOVEMBER 2019

Epworth United Methodist Church

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Gingerbread House Workshop

Sunday, December 8 from 2 - 4pm

- 🌀 Held annually in our Gym
- 🌀 Houses are \$10 each
- 🌀 Must be reserved and paid for in advance
- 🌀 Bring extra decorations to share
- 🌀 Invite your family, friends, and neighbors - the more the merrier!

🌀 **We only have room for 100 houses, so don't delay!** Reservations are first come, first served. To reserve your house(s), e-mail Mary Roesti at mary@epworth.com.

🌀 **Help make frosting on:**

- 🌀 Dec. 3 at 11:30am or
- 🌀 Dec. 4 at 6:30pm

🌀 **Help with cleanup/teardown on Dec. 8** before/after the event.



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Sunday Worship Services

8:30 BLENDED

A mix of traditional and contemporary styles, with Holy Communion served every week. Also available during this hour:

Nursery, Toddler, and Preschool Childcare.

9:45 TRADITIONAL

Steeped in the warm-hearted Methodist tradition featuring choral and organ music. Also available during this hour:

Nursery Childcare and Sunday School Classes for Toddlers, Preschoolers, K-6, Jr. and Sr. High, and Adults.

11:00 CONTEMPORARY

Fast-paced with visuals to illustrate the Bible-based sermons, this service features our praise band. Also available during this hour: Nursery Childcare, and Sunday School Classes for Toddlers, Preschoolers, W.O.W. for K-3 (not during summer), and Adult Sunday School.

SERMONS ONLINE

Out of town or ill and not able to make it to worship on Sunday? View each week's sermon: epworth.com/series

Our Pastors:

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December Tower Deadline:

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8

E-mail articles & pictures to
communications@epworth.com

WEEKLY E-NEWSLETTER

Sign up for the weekly e-newsletters!

Go to: epworth.com/email

OBITUARY NOTIFICATIONS

Sign up to receive obituary notifications!

Go to: epworth.com/email

Our Mission & Vision

MISSION

To embrace people exactly where they are and empower all to know, love, and serve God through Jesus Christ.

VISION

- CARE for all of our members and friends with special emphasis upon senior adults.
- PARTNER within in our community to increase the number of positive on-property experiences for families with kids.
- GROW and actively invite and welcome all people into our community to grow in faith together.
- INVEST in the next neighborhood over in order to lower the poverty rate of Lucas County.

Sympathies recent deaths

- THE HIRSCHFELD FAMILY on the death of Jarrod (Erin) Hirschfeld's mom, Sheila.

Congratulations recent births

- THE SHEEHAN FAMILY on the birth of Avery Ann Engler, the proud grandparents are Pat & Elaine Sheehan, parents are Jason and Lauren Engler, big sister is Olivia.

INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

The Church building closes if there is a Level 3 Snow Emergency in Lucas county!

Activities, Classes & Volunteers:

- Canceled if Sylvania Schools close -- Will re-evaluate again at 3pm regarding evening activities. The staff person in charge of that activity will make the decision and will contact those persons involved.

Preschool (ECEC & CDO):

- Canceled if Ottawa Hills Schools close.*
- 1 hour delay: Preschool opens on time.
- 2 hour delay: Preschool morning classes canceled, afternoon classes will meet.

*The preschool reserves the right to cancel classes regardless of Ottawa Hills schedule, should extenuating circumstances arise.

BODY RECALL+:

- Canceled if Ottawa Hills schools close.

CHARGE CONFERENCE

Our annual Church Charge Conference is at Maumee UMC (405 Sackett St in Maumee) on **Nov.10** at 4pm. The charge 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 meet other area United Methodists we are hosting and plan to participate as a member of your local church.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANKS!

THANK YOU to our vendors, volunteers, donors, and shoppers. You all contributed to a successful Arts & Crafts Bazaar! UMW sincerely appreciates your help in raising funds to support local missions

-United Methodist Women

If you'd like a thank you printed in the next Tower, send your note in an e-mail to communications@epworth.com.

Dear Epworth, We are so grateful for all Epworth does for Epiphany's Food Pantry! And thank you for your donation(anonymous Epworth member) to our Holiday Gift program. You are welcome to visit us anytime. Especially the first three Wednesday in November to see our gifts being made. May Gods peace and Blessings be with you always.

-Epiphany Feed Your Neighbor

LOOKING AHEAD: INFO SESSION

About 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.



BOB KNOWLES T-SHIRT QUILT

On Sunday, **October 20** at 10:40am, a quilt was dedicated in loving memory of Bob Knowles, our former youth director. The quilt is made out of old SWAT mission trip t-shirts from his many years of ministry here at Epworth.



Please stop by the Deep End next time you have a free minute to check it out. Special thanks to his family and all those who made this tshirt-quilt happen.

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. We start at 6:30pm with dinner before we play.

Wednesday, November 6: Val Hendrick's (personal information has been removed).

Tuesday December 10: at Karen Wyckoff's (personal information has been removed) Bring an inexpensive gift if you wish to play the gift exchange game.

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! Meet at June Galvin's house (personal information has been removed). See future book titles at epworth.com/fif.

Tuesday, November 26: *Educated: A Memoir* by Tara Westover.

Tuesday, December 17: Christmas Party – No Book Discussion

[adult Singles]

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

Saturday, November 9: 5:30pm
- Pizza Party & Games at Judith Wilkinson's, (personal information has been removed) Cost is \$5.

Thursday, November 14: 12pm - All you can eat lunch buffet at Lourdes University, (6832 Convent Blvd, Sylvania.) Cost is \$9.

Thursday, November 7 & 21: 10am
- Game Day. (Hope UMC, 4069 W. Sylvania Ave, Toledo --across from Franklin Park Mall.) Bring a sack lunch.

Sunday, November 24: 12-2pm
Brunch at Reynolds Garden Cafe (1220 Reynolds Rd., Toledo). 2pm - tap dance variety show by Manhattan Dance Co. at Maumee Indoor Theatre.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT



Join us on **December 4** at 7pm in the sanctuary for our annual Christmas concert featuring the Epworth Chancel Choir and the Academy Brass Quintet. Hear your favorite carols performed by the choir and Academy Brass, and join in an audience sing-along.

This is a free community event so bring your friends, neighbors, and coworkers and ring in the beginning of the Christmas season. A freewill offering will be taken. The tea ladies will be providing a reception in the lobby following the concert.

LUNCH W/ OTTAWA HILLS CHORALERS!

What are you doing for lunch on Wednesday, **December 4**? Join us for a casual Christmas concert at 12 noon in the lobby! It's a fun, energetic way to sing in the Christmas season while enjoying a delicious meal cooked by Chef Les. The Ottawa Hills High School Choraliers (the Ottawa Hills audition chamber choir) will return to our lobby for an annual Christmas program! Bring friends and family for a break from your busy day. The cost of lunch is \$7. Please RSVP at shautau@epworth.com by Monday, December 2.

SUNDAY BIBLE STUDIES:

- **9:45am | Adult Bible Study | Rm 214**
Through Nov. 10 *Irresistible*...Reclaiming the NEW that Jesus Unleashed for the World. Each week is a DVD lesson and 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 and current events, and examines the teachings of Jesus in light of them; meets year-round.
- **9:45am | Connection Point | Rm 205**
Post high school through mid-twenties: provide a faith based place to connect with peers and discuss issues relevant to this stage of life.
- **9:45am | Donuts & The Bible | Rm 216/Deep End**
All Jr. and Sr. High School students are welcome. Come enjoy some donuts and time with others as we look deeper into what it means to follow Jesus.
- **11am | Sermon Notes | Rm 214**
Discussion around individuals understanding of the scriptures' relevance to their journey

WEEKDAY BIBLE STUDY

- **7-8:15pm | Study of the Psalms | Rm 213**
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 every situation in life, the psalmists pour out their souls to Almighty God. Come to one session, or come to all. Bring a Bible and a friend. Led by Pastor Jennifer. No cost. Please email Shautau at Shautau@epworth.com to register.

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 (personal information has been removed). If you are a baker and would like to donate a baked good please contact Janice for details.

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. Piz-za 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 (personal information has been removed) by Nov. 11.



HEALING SERVICES



On Tuesday, **November 19**, join us in the Sanctuary for this monthly service that provides an opportunity for prayer, reflection and meditation. Come and pray for your own needs, for those of loved ones, or for the community

and the world. The service includes music, scripture reading and anointing with intercessory prayer (if desired).

Then, on Tuesday, **December 17** we have the Longest Night service. This is a different kind of Christmas service, created for those who need a time of stillness amid the hectic pace of the holiday season. It is also a quiet, reflective service for those struggling to find the joy of Christmas because they are walking through a time of grief, financial difficulties or other uncertainties. It's a time to reconnect with God, peace, love and joy.

LOOK UP!

Watch the TV screens in the lobby areas for upcoming events and opportunities at Epworth in the coming few weeks!

BODY RECALL+

Fall Body Recall+ continues until just before Thanksgiving break, every Monday, Tuesday and Thursday at 9:15 here in our gym. First time guests are welcomed for a week, no charge. Make progress, not excuses!



NOVEMBER: DIABETES AWARENESS MONTH

Diabetes is a condition where your body does not respond normally to the hormone insulin, which allows your blood sugar to rise.

An estimated 84 million American adults, more than 1 in 3, have Prediabetes. Nearly 90% are unaware that they have it. Here are some signs of Prediabetes, from the Center for Disease Control and Prevention:

- Being overweight
- Being 45 years or older
- Having a parent, brother, or sister with type 2 diabetes
- Being physically active less than 3 times a week
- Ever having gestational diabetes (diabetes during pregnancy) or giving birth to a baby who weighed more than 9 pounds
- Having polycystic ovary syndrome

Per the CDC, Prediabetes can be reversed, through diet and exercise. For more information, please go to <https://www.cdc.gov/diabetes/basics/prediabetes.html> or speak to your health care provider.

STEPHEN MINISTRY



Loving others in Jesus' name is a challenge and an opportunity for all God's children. Christians need to be thankful that the Holy Spirit has given gifts to each of us to use in service to others and to build up the church (1 Corinthians

12:7-11). Stephen Ministers rely on those gifts to provide Christ-centered care to someone you know... a friend, neighbor, fellow church member, co-worker, or relative... who is going through a difficult time and who could benefit from the focused care, encouragement, and support of a Stephen Minister. Contact stephenministry@epworth.com or talk to a Stephen Minister (blue name tags) for details. It's a great way for you to show how much you care!

WHAT EPWORTH KIDS ARE EXPLORING IN NOVEMBER!



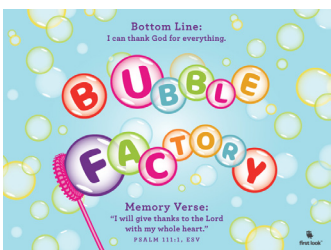
Elementary at 9:30:

Epworth's Elementary Kids will focus on the life app Honor—Letting someone know you see how valuable they really are. Americans love to honor famous achievements – we celebrate

music in Cleveland, baseball in Cooperstown, football in Canton, college football in Atlanta, or walk down the streets of Los Angeles to see the “Walk Of Fame” – all of these places honor people who are great at what they do. Not that these people shouldn't be honored, but could our culture be missing something really important about honor? If honor is only shown for what you do, we will raise a generation that forgets that what really matters is who (and whose) you are! Honor should be about more than getting a trophy – true honor celebrates each person for who God has created them to be! At its core, honor is seeing people the way God sees people. This month we will help your kids begin to look at honoring people for the way they reflect the image of God. The kids will work to memorize this month's memory verse: “Love one another deeply. Honor others more than yourselves.” (Romans 12:10) Our prayer, is that your child will learn to value people, not just because of what they do, but because they were created by God.

11:00 WOW: Epworth Elementary

Kids will embark on a 4 week study titled “God's Team: Why Doesn't Everyone Join?” This hands-on, multi-media series will explore what it means to be a Christian, that Jesus is the path to Heaven, and how to try to avoid temptation. They will learn that being on God's Team is a life-long journey and they can invite their friends to join God's team too!



Preschool & Toddler:

Epworth's Preschool and Toddler kids will learn all about saying thank you. In fact, we are going to be bubbling over with thankfulness! We will look at Bible stories that teach us to bubble over with thanks for our family,

our friends, our food, and to God for everything! Our prayer is that your preschoolers will learn to run to tell God “thank you for everything” and grow up knowing how to give thanks to the Lord with their whole heart! This hands-on, action packed large group/small group time will also help your early childhood children memorize this month's Bible Memory Verse: “I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart.” (Psalm 111:1).

22ND GINGERBREAD HOUSE WORKSHOP

You, your family, friends and neighbors are invited to join us on **Sunday, December 8** from 2-4pm in the Gym!

Houses are \$10 each. Keep in mind, they **must be reserved and paid for in advance**. Bring extra

decorations to share, white frosting and a few candies will be provided. Invite your family, friends, and neighbors- the more the merrier, but, we only have room for 100 houses, so don't delay! Contact Mary at 419.214.3776 or email her at Mary@epworth.com.



Make Gingerbread House Frosting

If you would like to help make frosting for the 22nd Annual Gingerbread House Workshop, please join us on:

- **Tuesday, December 3 @ 11:30am**
- **Wednesday, December 4 @ 6:30pm**

Help With Clean Up/Tear Down

We need strong helping hands to help us clean up and put tables, chairs, etc. away

- **Sunday, December 2, 3:30-4:30pm**

Sign up on the connection card in late November or e-mail mary@epworth.com to let us know you'll be there!

WE LOVE OUR PRESCHOOL



Bryn and Summer both began with the ECEC program in the CDO class, they then progressed to the preschool classes. As Bryn prepares to head

to kindergarten next year I truly believe that she will be 100% prepared for this transition because of the ECEC program. She has learned valuable skills like letters and numbers but more importantly she has gained self-confidence through in-class activities. Summer is currently participating in the 2 day a week program and I have noticed a growth in her social skills over the past several months. She greatly enjoys seeing her teachers and classmates on a regular basis and is excited to go to school. The staff at ECEC are caring, patient, and well organized. They make the school a very special place.

Jason and Brianna Smith

Parent Board Member Representative

HAWKINS STEM ACADEMY PARTNERSHIP

Epworth volunteers stepped up to the challenge of preparing Hawkins students for an important reading test in September. In response to a request from principal Beth Stretavski, 18 tutors devoted 60-plus hours over a two-week period working with 35 students. We were excited to learn from Ms. Stretavski that more than half of these student passed the test!



In the 2018-19 school year, Epworth volunteers logged more than 1,200 hours in a variety of activities:

- 25 tutors served an average of 51 students weekly, for a total of 512 tutoring hours; 5 kindergarten assistants each helped one day a week with a class of 23 students.
- 11 Book Initiative volunteers served a total of 115 students through the reader bag, book club, and kindergarten book day programs, for a total of 119 hours.
- 7 library volunteers served an average of 283 students every week, a total of 474 hours.
- 4 Garden Club volunteers worked with an average of 12 students monthly for a total of 33 hours.
- 19 volunteers helped with special events throughout the school year for a total of 117 hours. Nearly 600 students participated in these activities.

Find out how you can help at Hawkins! Contact Barb Machin at (personal info removed).

STAY CONNECTED TO S.W.A.T.



There are multiple ways for you to find out what is happening in S.W.A.T ministries for students in grades 6th-12th. One is to join the parent/youth email list.

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

Want to be on the leader team for S.W.A.T.? Email Pastor Dave at dave@epworth.com.



-STUDENT MINISTRIES -

Students With A Task | Service, Worship, Accountability, Teamwork

NOVEMBER

Friday, November 1-Sunday, November 3

Senior High Chicago Fall Retreat

Sunday, November 3

9:45am Donuts & The Bible (Jr. High) Deep End
No Sunday Night SWAT

Sunday, November 10

9:45am Donuts & The Bible (Jr. & Sr. High)
Deep End & 216
5:45-7pm SWAT (Jr. High) Deep End
7:30-9pm SWAT (Sr. High) Deep End

Sunday, November 17

9:45am Donuts & The Bible (Jr. & Sr. High)
Deep End & 216
11am- **Confirmation Information Class for Teens and Parents, Deep End**
5:45-7pm SWAT (Jr. High) Deep End
7:30-9pm SWAT (Sr. High) Deep End

Sunday, November 24

No Donuts & The Bible, Pastor Dave Preaching
5:45-7pm SWAT (Jr. High) Deep End
7:30-9pm SWAT (Sr. High) Deep End

Thursday, November 28

9am Turkey Bowl at Wildwood. Come join us for some flag football!

DECEMBER

Sunday, December 1

SWAT @ The Movies After church we will be meeting in the food court for lunch at Franklin Park Mall. Then, we'll watch the new Mr. Rogers movie starring Tom Hanks called, "A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood". Purchase tickets from Dave. Cost & deadline TBA, please bring money for lunch.
No Sunday Night SWAT

SERVE THIS ADVENT SEASON

"WE THREE TREES" ADVENT 2019

This project is inspired by the three magi who traveled to meet the baby Jesus with precious gifts to honor and worship him. The three giving trees will be located in the lobby hallway starting Sunday, **November 24** and will be decorated with tags to take home and shop for our neighbors that need assistance this winter.

- **OUR FIRST MAGI GIVING TREE** will be dedicated to providing new hats, socks, scarves, mittens, and gloves to provide warmth to many Toledo neighbors this winter season.
- **OUR SECOND MAGI GIVING TREE** will focus on collecting Advent Bags for three different community agencies: St. Paul's Community Center, YWCA Domestic Violence Shelter, and Lifeline Toledo. Simply grab a bag and a tag, which will contain a list of necessary items. You do not need to get all the items on the list, just fill the bag and return it by **December 15**.
- **OUR THIRD MAGI GIVING TREE** will provide opportunities to bless others with specific gifts and gift cards for families and children affiliated with the Hawkins Elementary Partnership and Leading Families Home. The tree will have tags available with more specific information.



If you are unable to shop and would like a Christmas elf to do it for you, we are gladly accepting monetary donations. Please mark them "Advent donations". Let's celebrate this wondrous Christmas season by bringing gifts to assist our local community as the three Magi did for baby Jesus so many years ago. Please contact Susan at (personal information has been removed) with questions.

OTHER ADVENT GIVING OPPORTUNITIES:

HEIFER INTERNATIONAL

Heifer international is a non-profit, humanitarian organization dedicated to ending world hunger and saving the earth by providing livestock, trees, training and other resources to help poor families in the USA and around the globe. A donation to Heifer International pays for livestock and technical training in animal management and care. You can purchase heifers, llamas, goats, tree seedlings, honey bees, pigs, chickens, and more! Make a donation in someone else's name and you will receive a card that can be sent as an acknowledgment of the donation. This is a great gift idea for those hard-to-buy for people on your list. The Heifer giving model also teaches a wonderful lesson to your children. Stop by the information table in the Lobby on Sundays, **December 1, 8, & 15**. If you have questions, email Rob at (personal info has been removed).

SALVATION ARMY BELL RINGERS

Epworth volunteers will be manning a kettle at Kroger (corner of Holland-Sylvania & Bancroft) on Thursday, December 12, Friday, December 13 and Saturday, December 14 from 9am-7pm, in one-hour shifts. This is a wonderful service opportunity for individuals, families, or small groups. Sign-up sheets are in the church lobby starting **November 24**. Thank you for helping! If you have questions, email Bob at (personal info has been removed).

ST. PAUL'S: DONATE HAMS FOR A CHRISTMAS DINNER

Thank you for helping St. Paul's Community Center as they prepare and serve a Christmas meal to people without homes in our community. Mark your ham (tradition or football style) and put it in the church refrigerator. Hams will be delivered to St. Pauls through Monday, **December 16**.

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. Contact us, stephenministry@epworth.com.

LEGACY ENDOWMENT FUND

What is Planned Giving?

Planned Giving through the Legacy Endowment Fund is different from offerings and pledges. It focuses on the future, providing a gift from your estate or investments. Planned Giving to Epworth UMC helps to ensure the continuation of ministries, the development of programs, and the improvement of church facilities.

Types of Planned Gifts

- Bequests pass directly from your will or trust to the church. They can come in any form, from stocks to personal property to cash.
- Charitable Gift Annuities pay the donor a guaranteed income for life and make a contribution to the church.
- Life Insurance can be a convenient way to leave a gift by naming the church as a beneficiary of a policy.
- There are several other types of trusts and other arrangements that can be used to carry out the donor's wishes, such as Pooled Income Funds and Charitable Lead Trusts.

What should I do first?

Contact the church Business Office at 419.214.3770. Designate your gift for a specific purpose or you can choose to entrust your gift to the trustees which will use the gift where and when the need arises. Legacy Fund gifts of any size or design are appreciated and will be utilized carefully for the growth of Epworth and its ministries. The final decisions, however, are entirely up to you and your estate planning, legal, or financial advisor.

ATTENTION COOKIE BAKERS!

It's almost time to start baking Christmas Cookies for our Homebound members. Thanksgiving is quickly approaching. The Christmas Holidays are right around the corner. As you are baking for the Holidays, please keep in mind our members who won't be baking. They look forward to the cookies our caring members bake and donate to share with them. A dozen or two made by you will be greatly appreciated. They can be frozen for distribution before Christmas. Watch for more information about when and where to drop off your cookies at the church. If you have any questions, contact Robin (personal information has been removed).

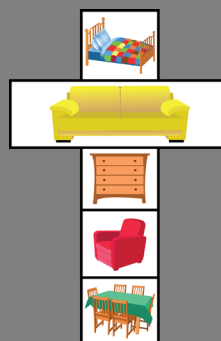
HELP DRIVE

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.

KAIROS OPEN HOUSE

A Kairos Open House will be held on Saturday, **November 16**, from 10am-12noon at Westgate Chapel, (2500 Wilford Drive, Toledo, OH 43615). This event will explain the Kairos Prison Ministry to potential new Kairos volunteers. Since 2003 Kairos has played a significant role in spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the inmates at Toledo Correctional Institution through 32 three-day weekends and monthly "prayer and share" meetings.

FURNITURE MINISTRY



BLESSINGS ITEMS NEEDED:

*large cooking pots,
pans and skillets*

STATISTICS

Furniture:
Families:
Adults:
Children:

OCTOBER:

155
13
16
14

YTD:

1362
119
145
151

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA ORDER & ARTIST SERIES

ADVENT POINSETTIAS

Decorating the church with flowers for the Christmas services is a project of the Worship Work Area. We are offering you two ways to participate in the Christmas celebration:



- If you would like to honor or memorialize a loved one, you may contribute to the **Christmas Display Flower Donation** and your commemoration will be listed.
- If you would like to contribute and be able to take home a plant, please check the appropriate line.

You may mail the form with your check to the church office or place in the offering plate on Sunday. Any over-subscription of flowers will be placed in a "floral fund" for use through the year. **If you have chosen to purchase a plant, please pick up the plant AFTER the 11pm Christmas Eve Service.** Thanks again for your support of this Epworth Ministry.

**ORDER DEADLINE IS
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18**

Indicate the number of flowers you want:

- _____ 4 ½" White Poinsettias (\$10.00)
 _____ 6 ½" White Poinsettias (\$15.00)
 _____ Christmas Flower Donation (\$25.00)

Donor: _____
 (Please Print Clearly - as you wish to be listed)

Telephone #: _____

In Memory/Honor (circle one) of : _____

(Will be listed in the bulletin on Sunday, December 22)

All contributions are tax deductible. Please include check payable to Epworth UMC with memo marked: Christmas Flowers.

EPWORTH ARTIST SERIES

The Artist Series is an important part of the programming ministry at Epworth. By presenting local and regional talent, we provide events filled with music for our members as well as our community. Epworth's Artist Series is proud to present the following concerts for the 2019-2020 season:

Christmas music for Brass Quintet And Choir Featuring

Join us for the Academy Brass Quintet and our Chancel Choir on Wednesday, **December 4** at 7pm.

The SonoNovo Chamber Ensemble

On Sunday, **January 12** at 3pm the SonoNovo Chamber Ensemble will be performing. The SonoNovo Chamber Ensemble is Toledo's equivalent to London's St. Martin's in the Field Orchestra. It is a cadre of 15-plus musicians from across northwest Ohio and southeast Michigan who come together for one simple purpose: the love of making music. SonoNovo is Latin for "new sound."

Cecil Baughman on our 1962 Schantz Pipe Organ

Come and hear our very own Cecil Baughman on Sunday, **April 26** at 3pm. Whether you think the organ is the king of instruments as Mozart allegedly said or the monster that never breathes as Stravinsky is often quoted as saying the organ still holds a lot of fascination for people. In this recital I'll play music from the 1700's through the 21st century from England, France and Germany.

Your contributions have kept this vital ministry alive and have kept this from becoming a burden on our operating budget and allow us to reach out into the community and bring new people into Epworth. I ask you to prayerfully consider giving again this year as we continue to bring quality musical programs to our church and community. Below is a pledge card. Please fill it out and return it to the church office. Again thank you for your support!

ARTIST SERIES PLEDGE CARD

I wish to support the performing arts by contributing to the '19-'20 season:

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7pm | Contemporary Candlelight

9pm | Traditional Candlelight

11pm | Traditional Candlelight