

BIBLE CAMP PLANNING TEAM

Did you love attending Bible Camp as a kid? Or, have you loved helping lead at Bible Camp here at Epworth? If so, this is a perfect way for you to serve your church while helping provide a fun, evangelism experience for the children in our community.

Epworth’s annual Bible Camp will be held Monday, **June 15** - Friday, **June 19** 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** 4 month implementation team that will meet to coordinate Bible Camp prior to the week of June 15. This is **NOT** a yearlong committee!

If you are interested in serving, please contact Mary at 419.214.3776 or email her at mary@epworth.com.

SCOUT SUNDAY

Calling all Scouts, Alumni, Professional Scouters and family to join us on Sunday, **February 9** for Scout Sunday. We need scripture readers, acolytes, greeters and ushers at all 3 services. This is a significant year as we celebrate 100 years of the partnership between BSA and the Methodist church. Contact Tami Norris tanorris2001@yahoo.com to sign up.

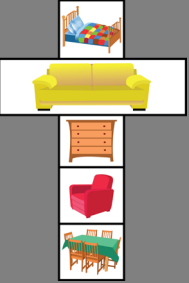


Troop 2 is holding a "Chuck a Puck" fundraiser at the **February 9 & March 14** Walleye games. Pucks to "chuck" are purchased at the games, so to participate you have to be there! You may purchase game tickets from Troop 2 by contacting Steve Detmer, Committee Chair, at detmers@gmail.com.

LOOK UP

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

FURNITURE MINISTRY



**BLESSINGS
ITEMS NEEDED:**

*toasters, crock
pots, white
washcloths and
white hand towels*

STATISTICS	DECEMBER:	2019:
# Furniture:	117	1,592
# Families:	12	140
Adults:	16	170
Children:	9	169

STEPHEN MINISTRY

Joy of Christmas Gone?

In this New Year 2020 the joy of Christmas time can turn into a time of emptiness and maybe painful loneliness for those who are going through a difficult time or suffered a loss. But help is available. Our Stephen Ministers are ready to provide confidential, one-to-one Christian care. They will listen, care, encourage, pray with and for you, and support you through the first days of the new year and as long as your need persists.

If you or someone you know is hurting, find out more about Stephen Ministry by talking with one of our Stephen Leaders or Stephen Ministers (they wear blue name tags), or email us at stephenministry@epworth.com. Our Stephen Ministers are there to care!



WEEKLY REMINDERS

Sunday, January 19, 2020

#WeAreEpworth

It is often said the church is more than a building, it is the people. As we start into a new year we want to celebrate our Epworth family. Many of you are active on social media and we would like to encourage you to share your pictures taken here at Epworth, or of your Epworth family/friends with the social media hashtag #WeAreEpworth. Whether you are on Facebook, Instagram or Twitter, feel free to use this hashtag as you post. Also, look for the new #WeAreEpworth feature on our website and social media where testimonies of various Epworth members will be shared. Our first #WeAreEpworth story is being shared by Shani Abernathy. To read Shani's story, please visit our social media pages or epworth.com/weareepworth. Are you interested in providing a testimonial? Contact Communications Committee Chairperson, Tami, at tanorris2001@yahoo.com for more information.



I found Epworth exactly when I was supposed to.

-Shani Abernathy's Story



DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND MISSION

We are pleased to announce Jennie Vancil joins Epworth's staff in an unpaid role as the new Director of Community Outreach and Mission. Jennie retired last year from O-I as Community Relations Manager, Director of O-I Charities Foundation. She also serves on a number of non-profit boards in our community, including the Erie Shores Council of the Boy Scouts of America. Jennie has a long history of leadership as an active lay person in the life of Epworth. Jennie will be working closely with the Community Outreach and Missions Committees, and the congregation as a whole, as we seek to expand God's Kingdom in our city and globally.

PARENT CONNECTIONS: FAMILY MOVIE DAY



Join us this Saturday, **January 25** at 1:30pm! Parent Connections will be hosting our annual Family Movie Day in the Deep End here at Church. Our Presentation will be the original *Toy Story* by Disney Pixar. Bring your sleeping bag or camping chair and enjoy a movie with all the comforts of home. Bring a friend and get a prize - we'll have a small gift for anyone who brings a "New to Epworth" friend to our Movie Day event. For more info or to RSVP, contact Adam at 419.351.0758 or at adam.schoesler@bex.net.

EPWORTH PRESCHOOL: ECEC & CDO OPEN HOUSE & REGISTRATION

Preschool Registration For Epworth Families Begins On February 3!

ECEC: Early Childhood Education Center is a half day preschool program for children 3-5 years old. Classes are offered 2, 3 or 4 half days am or pm. CDO: Children's Day Out is a one day early preschool program for children who are 2 or 3. Children cannot turn 4 during the school year, potty training not necessary.

Registration for the public begins at the Open House on Sunday, **February 9**. Check out our new facility, meet the teachers and other prospective parents! Or, schedule a visit with our Preschool Director, Jane Lyon, email her at jlyon@epworth.com.



EXPLORE EPWORTH

If you're ready to learn more about Epworth, join us next Sunday, **January 26** from 5-7pm in the lobby for a one-time informal meeting called *Explore Epworth* in the church lobby. Enjoy dinner and conversation with your pastors, and explore the possibility of membership. Those who choose to join will be received as members Sunday, February 9 in worship, but you're never obligated to join. To sign up, email Jennifer@epworth.com. Childcare can be provided if requested at least one week in advance, email us at childcare@epworth.com to make a request.



PICKLEBALL

Looking for a new way to work off some of those holiday goodies? Come try Pickleball. It's a great way to get some exercise while having fun! We play on **Mondays** from 7-9pm in the gym. Interested in learning how to play? Please contact Lisa Baker at lisa.baker6666@gmail.com.

FRIENDS IN FAITH: 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 (3641 Christie Blvd, Toledo.) RSVP to jargalvin@yahoo.com. See future book titles at epworth.com/fif.

Tuesday, January 28: The Magic Strings of Frankie Presto by Mitch Albom.

SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE STUDIES:

- **9:45am | Adult Bible Study | Rm 214**
Adam Hamilton's *The Walk* focuses on practicing five spiritual disciplines that draw us closer to God: worship and prayer, study, serving, giving and sharing. It promises to be a very interesting study. All are welcome.
- **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 that provides a 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:

- **9:15am | Women's Bible Study | Rm 214**
Twelve Women of the Bible: Life Changing Stories for Women Today. Jan. 21-March. Through this study you will get a fresh look at these women of the Bible and, hopefully, discover new insights for your faith journey. Meet women who provide a powerful witness to God's gracious love, leaving you feeling challenged, encouraged, deeply valued, and empowered to face trials in your own lives. No book.
- **6:30pm | Men's Bible Study | Rm 214**
Wide Angle: Framing Your World View. Jan. 29-Mar. 11. Everything you think about life is shaped by your worldview. It determines your view on God, yourself and other people, and how you think about relationships, your time, and your money. Examine worldviews as they relate to the most important questions & issues of our day: truth, tolerance, terrorism, reconciliation, and the purpose of life. Participant book is \$10. Please RSVP to Marla@epworth.com. Questions, paul.schroeder@accesstoledo.com or call 419.292.1486.

HEALING & WHOLENESS SERVICE

Join us in the Sanctuary at 7pm on **January 21**. This service will provide an opportunity for prayer, reflection and meditation. Come and rest in the Word of God, hymns, and seek healing. Renew your focus on your connection with God, forgiveness of self and others, and strength for the journey ahead - wherever it may take you. Bring neighbors or colleagues who you feel could use reassurance and comfort. If you have questions or would like to join the team, please email Pastor Beth at Beth@epworth.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 opportunities to join us are:

Sunday, January 27: 12 noon - Lunch at Hot Sizzling Wok (2333 W. Laskey Rd, Toledo).

AN EVENING OF COMEDY AND MUSIC



with Bryon Trimble
The Epworth music program presents an evening of comedy and music with Bryon Trimble and his *Love In the Air* Tour. Join us on Friday, **February 7** at 7pm in the Sanctuary. You can expect to a hilarious blend

of music and comedy. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for children under 12, with a \$30 maximum for a family. Tickets can be purchased on Sundays between services or during the week in the office. Tickets purchased at the door will be \$12.

Byron Trimble grew up in Detroit, MI, the middle of 3 boys to a pastor and has yet--so far--never been arrested. He married his childhood sweetheart, Hannah, and have three young children. After beginning his comedy career in Tulsa, OK, Byron now lives back home in the snow capped mountains of Detroit, MI.

ALTAR FLOWERS

A donation was made to the altar flower fund this Sunday by Nick, Jon, and Rachel Loch in loving memory of Janis Dae Beaver Loch.