

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.

TOUCH-A-TRUCK PLANNING TEAM



The snow is flying, but Epworth's 9th Annual Touch-A-Truck Event will be here before you know it; and we need your HELP! Last year we had estimated more than 2,000 adults and children visited the Epworth Campus - making Touch-A-Truck one of the largest outreach events of the year. We are in need of individuals willing to give their time and talent by joining the Touch-A-Truck planning team.

There is a short 12 - 15 week commitment that starts in February and ends with the event on **May 9**. If you are interested in joining the team or have a cool vehicle you'd like to show off, please contact Adam Schoesler at 419.351.0758 or email him at adam.schoesler@bex.net

LOOK UP

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

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.

KID-TO-KID MISSIONS: LEARNING TO SERVE



Our project this February is a bit different from our previous service projects. Since we are talking about love, kindness, and friendship all month long in our large and small group settings, we decided to challenge the kids to put

what they're learning into action! Specifically, we are encouraging the kids to take part in a Random Act of Kindness Challenge. We will discuss simple ways they can show kindness throughout the week, and then each Sunday they will report back to us what awesome acts of kindness they carried out each day.

For every act of kindness performed, Epworth's Kids will work to fill up our RAK bin - which will be located under the "Epworth Kids" sign in the lobby. Be sure to take a moment each Sunday to ask a child about this RAK challenge, and to notice the bin filling up as their love pours out into our community!

WEEKLY REMINDERS

Sunday, January 26, 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 weareepworth.com. Are you interested in providing a testimonial? Contact Tami Norris, at tanorris2001@yahoo.com or visit weareepworth.com to submit your story online.



I found Epworth exactly when I was supposed to.

-Shani Abernathy's Story

EXPLORE EPWORTH



If you're ready to learn more about Epworth, join us **tonight** from 5-7pm in the lobby for a one-time informal meeting called *Explore Epworth*. Enjoy dinner and conversation with your pastors, and explore the possibility of membership.

Those who choose to join will be received as members on Sunday, February 9 in worship, but you're never obligated to join. To sign up, find pastor Jennifer in the lobby before or after worship to let her know you'd like to be there.

FAREWELL TO PASTOR DOUG



As you may have already heard, Pastor Doug’s last Sunday with us here at Epworth will be next Sunday, **February 2**. Doug has received an interim appointment in the Cincinnati area, which will allow him to share the love of Christ with the people there, and to pursue his broader search for his next permanent appointment. Next Sunday, we will present Pastor Doug with our Love Offering thanking him for his dedication. If you would like to contribute to Doug’s Love Offering, please send a check to Epworth UMC c/o Ashly Gramling with “Doug’s Love Offering” in the memo line. You may also place your check in the offering plate, or bring to the church office from 9am-5pm, M-F.

Also next Sunday, February 2, following all three services, we will be hosting a reception to say farewell with finger foods provided by Chef Les. Please join us as we celebrate Pastor Doug and help us to wish him the best in all his future endeavors.

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.



DIRECTOR OF
COMMUNITY
OUTREACH & 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.



YOUTH MISSION TRIP DEPOSITS

This summer, our youth are going on mission trips to Cincinnati, OH (Sr. High), Parkersburg, WV (Jr. High), and Tijuana, Mexico (Sr. High). To secure your spot for any of these three trips, you must turn in your \$100 deposit by next Sunday, **February 2**. If you are planning to go on the Mexico mission trip, please also make sure to turn in your application on **February 2**.



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. Through 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.

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.

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 26:** 12 noon - Lunch at Hot Sizzling Wok (2333 W. Laskey Rd, Toledo).

A NIGHT OF COFFEE, CAKE AND COMEDY



You can have a fun night out and support our music ministry on Friday, **February 7** at 7pm in the Sanctuary, featuring comedian Byron Trimble. The middle of three sons born to a pastor and his wife, Byron has traveled the world doing

comedy for churches, schools, and corporate events. He’s been seen on the Dan Patrick Show, Dry Bar Comedy, NBC, and ABC. His hilarious blend of music and comedy in his live shows has also generated a national following on YouTube.

Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for children 12 and under, with a family maximum of \$30. That includes sweets and drinks after the show, and a chance to meet Byron. Tickets are on sale in the lobby after each service on Sundays leading up to the performance. For children 12 and under, we’ll have a movie night in the Children’s Church and other appropriate activities in the education wing, so the whole family can have a fun evening.