

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. Bible Camp will be 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 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! 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 at adam.schoesler@bex.net

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 (RAK) 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. Epworth's Kids will work to fill up our RAK bin - which will be located under the "Epworth Kids" sign in the lobby.

SCOUT SUNDAY & UPDATE

Calling all Scouts, Alumni, Professional Scouters and family to join us next 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.

PARENT CONNECTIONS: EUCHRE NIGHT

We'll get started on Friday, **February 21** about 6pm with some excellent food and move on to the games shortly thereafter. Dinner will be provided. This is a very laid-back evening - so don't be worried about being a professional Euchre player! You don't need a partner - but you do need to know how to play. You will play with lots of different partners and enjoy some fellowship along the way. No serious players allowed! Because this night tends to run a little late, usually until 10pm, no childcare will be provided for this event. Please RSVP to Cindy at cindyj222@bex.net or 419.215.8029 by Monday, February 17.

SITTER TRAINING

Epworth Children's Ministry is holding a sitter training on Sunday, **February 23** from 11am-Noon in the nursery for any youth junior high or older. Sitters will be trained on safe sanctuary protocol, basic infant and childcare practices, emergency procedures, as well as how to use the church's phone system. Once trained, these youth would join our paid childcare team to help provide a nurturing Christian environment where parents can feel safe leaving their children so they can fully participate in the life of the church. For more information, or to register to attend the training, email childcare@epworth.com.



TODAY IS CARING SUNDAY!

Our Care Ministries have an opportunity for YOU to sign personalized valentines to Epworth's homebound members and those in need of extra love. Special valentines designed by Epworth Children and pens are available at tables in the lobby today. All you need to do is write the message of love.

-Thank you!

FAREWELL TO PASTOR DOUG



Pastor Doug’s last Sunday with us here at Epworth is today, **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. Following all three services today, join us for a reception to say farewell to Pastor Doug and enjoy finger foods provided by Chef Les. Help us celebrate Pastor Doug and 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.

CO-ED GOLF LEAGUE

The Epworth CO-ED Golf League is getting ready for play this summer at Whiteford Valley Golf Club each Thursday beginning **May 7**. We will play 9 holes every Thursday night for 16 weeks - tee times starting at 4:07pm. Any skill level is invited for this co-ed league. If you wish to join us and need a partner, we will find one for you. Greens fees are \$208 and must be paid prior to first tee time on May 7. You can walk or rent a cart. Golf carts are available. To sign up or for more information, contact Adam at 419.351.0758 or email at adam.schoesler@bex.net.



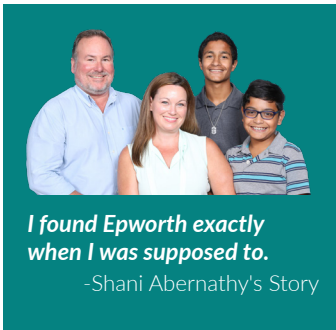
YOUTH MISSION TRIP DEPOSITS

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 **today**. If you are planning to go on the Mexico mission trip, please also make sure to turn in your application **today**.

#WEAREEPWORTH

It is often said the church is more than a building, it is the people. As we start a new year, we want to celebrate our Epworth family. We 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.

Look for the new #WeAreEpworth feature on our website and social media where testimonies of Epworth members will be shared. Our first #WeAreEpworth story is 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? Email tanorris2001@yahoo.com or visit weareepworth.com to submit your story online.



SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE STUDIES:

- **9:45am | Adult Bible Study | Rm 214**
No class today. 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. **Ends in March.** 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 required.
- **6:30pm | Men’s Bible Study | Rm 214**
Wide Angle: Framing Your World View. **Ends Mar. 11.** Everything you think about life is shaped by your worldview. They relate to the most important questions & issues of our day: truth, tolerance, terrorism, reconciliation, and the purpose of life. Participant book is \$10.
- **6:45-8pm | ‘Embracing the Prophets in Contemporary Culture’ | Rm TBD**
Wednesdays, Feb 19-April 1. Led by Pastor Jennifer. Walter Brueggeman is one of the world’s leading Old Testament scholars. Brueggeman brilliantly weaves Israel’s history and cultural into our reading of the Prophets, then draws connections between Israel and America today. Childcare provided by request.

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.

February 12: at Karen Wyckoff’s 1959 Pinedale, Toledo, OH RSVP to KarDav4@aol.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:

February 7: 7pm - Coffee, cake, & comedy night featuring Byron Trimble - Epworth UMC.

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.