

Saturday, April 3 at 4:30pm
Dr. Stephen Lowell Swisher



Dr. Swisher is the Senior Pastor of Epworth United Methodist Church located in the heart of Toledo, Ohio. He is a fourth generation United Methodist leader and has served as the Senior Pastor of Churches of all sizes including small, new Church start, County Seat, Suburban and Large Church appointments. His Churches have ranged in size from under 100 to more than 6,000 members. Prior to his current appointment he led Etna United Methodist Church in East Columbus, Ohio which became the fastest growing Church in the West Ohio Conference for three years in a row. He is the recipient of the prestigious Harry Denman Award from the Foundation of Evangelism

of the United Methodist Church and the West Ohio Conference and was selected as Alumni of the Year from his alma mater United Theological Seminary. He is often a guest author in Christian periodicals and writes a popular weekly Column in the Toledo Blade Newspaper. He is the author of "God's Way to Good Health" published by the Martin Luther King, Jr. Press, NY.

***FREE* Easter Sunrise Service at The Toledo Zoo Amphitheater at 6:30am**



Join us at 6:30am at the Toledo Zoo amphitheater for a Easter morning special message from Dr. Swisher. Parking and admission to worship is FREE! Please use the Broadway entrance to attend worship. During worship, you can expect to enjoy complimentary hot chocolate, coffee, pastries, and popcorn. As a special treat and thank you, discounted tickets to The Toledo Zoo and Aquarium (for that day only) are available to those attending the sunrise service. If you are planning to attend, discounted tickets

must be requested and purchased in the church office M-F, 9am-4pm in advance of the Sunrise service. Please call 419.531.4236 or stop in during those times to purchase and pickup tickets.



Easter Worship in Epworth's Main Sanctuary at 8:30, 9:45 and 11am

Dr. Swisher's message '*Let Easter Happen to You*'

Easter Morning for Families:

Children are encouraged to worship with their families during all of our worship services. There will even be a special Children's message during our 9:45 and 11:00 worship services. For those worshipping In-Person: Plan

to come a little early or stay after worship for fun family events including: Between services, families are invited to participate in an Easter Egg scavenger hunt in the children's wing. The Easter Bunny will be available in the Children's Church throughout the morning for family photos. For those worshipping Online or tuning in to our CBS WTOL Channel 11 Weekly 11:30am broadcast: Email mary@epworth.com to request an Easter At-Home family kit.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES 2021

*a week of special guest preachers
and worship services*

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Palm Sunday - 8:30, 9:45 & 11am
Bishop Will Willimon



Bishop Willimon is Professor of the Practice of Christian Ministry and Dean of the Doctor of Ministry Department at Duke University. He served as Bishop of the North Alabama Conference of the United Methodist Church for Eight years and prior to that time was the Dean of the Chapel at Duke University. His books have sold millions of copies worldwide and he is the Editor-at-large of The Christian Century magazine. His newest book entitled, "Preacher's Dare: Speaking for God" is already a Best-Seller. Bishop Willimon was named in a Baylor University survey as one of the 12 Best Preachers in the English speaking world.

Monday, March 29 at 7pm
Dr. Robert Schuller



Dr. Robert Schuller was born in Blue Island, Illinois and is the only son of Crystal Cathedral founders Dr. Robert H. Schuller and Mrs. Arvella Schuller. He is a graduate of Hope College in Holland, Michigan and Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena, California. Dr. Schuller was raised in Southern California and throughout his childhood and adolescent years actively participated in the Garden Grove Community Church, later known as the Crystal Cathedral. Following his Ordination, he was the Founding and Senior Pastor of the Rancho Capistrano Community Church in San Juan Capistrano, California. He appeared weekly on the Internationally broadcast Hour of Power Television Program for 32 years. On January 22, 2006, Dr. Schuller succeeded his father as the second Senior Pastor of the Crystal Cathedral Ministries and Host of the Hour Of Power. An accomplished author, he has written 12 books including the New York Times Best-Selling Dump Your Hang Ups, Without Dumping Them On Other People, Possibility Living: Adding Years to Your Life and Life to Those Years, and Walking In Your Own Shoes: Discover God's Direction For Your Life.

Tuesday, March 30 at 7pm
Bishop Ruben Saenz, Jr.



Bishop Ruben Saenz, Jr. is currently the Resident Bishop of the Great Plains Area, which includes the Great Plains Conference in the South Central Jurisdiction of the United Methodist Church. Bishop Saenz has served Churches in Dallas, El Paso and Edinburg, Texas. In his congregations he developed many innovative programs including the Levantate—Get UP computer literacy program, targeting single mothers who were unemployed because of factory shutdowns so they could enter the job market at a sustainable wage level. Bishop Saenz and his wife, Maye have four children and reside in Topeka, Kansas.

Wednesday, March 31 at 7pm
Bishop Sudarshana Devadhar



Bishop Sudarshana Devadhar is the Resident Bishop of the Boston Area which includes the New England Conference in the Northeastern Jurisdiction of the United Methodist Church. He was born into a family of clergypersons and has been a follower of God all of his life. The name "Devadhar" means "follower of God." He holds multiple graduate degrees including the Bachelor of Divinity, Master of Theology, Master of Philosophy and Ph.D. Prior to being elected Bishop he served as the District Superintendent for the Ontario District of the North Central New York Annual Conference.

Bishop Devadhar was elected to the Episcopacy in 2004. He began his assignment as the leader of the New Jersey Episcopal Area on September 1, 2004. After serving for 8 years he was assigned to the Boston Area where he serves to this day. He states, "I envision a Church of the Pentecost in which the Holy Spirit is igniting, gifting and empowering God's children of all ages, backgrounds, colors and personalities to glorify their Creator as passionate witnesses for Jesus Christ."

Thursday, April 1 at 7pm
Bishop Al Gwinn



Bishop Gwinn has served Churches ranging from rural, inner city and suburban congregations. For ten years he served as the Senior Pastor of the Centenary United Methodist Church in Lexington, Kentucky, which under his leadership became the largest Church in that Conference. He also served as the Senior Pastor of the First United Methodist Church in Lexington and as the District Superintendent of the Lexington District. He was elected to the Episcopacy in 2004 and served as the Bishop of the North Carolina Conference based in Raleigh.

Friday, April 2
The Stations of The Cross 12-4pm

From Gethsemane to the Tomb, walk with Jesus through the Stations of the Cross. This self-directed worship experience takes place in our Sanctuary and is portrayed through artwork created by Epworth members & friends inspired by scripture.

Dr. Lawrence L. Welborn 7pm



Dr. Welborn is Professor of New Testament and Early Christianity at Fordham University in New York City. He is a world-renowned New Testament scholar and is in great demand as a speaker and lecturer worldwide. He holds the Ph.D. in Theology from Vanderbilt University and the Master of Arts in Religion from Yale University. Dr. Welborn has written several best-selling books including; Politics and Rhetoric in the Corinthian Epistles, Paul: the Fool for Christ, An End to Emnity and Paul's Summons to Messianic Life. Dr. Welborn's topic will be "The Early Christian Response to Disease Epidemics."