



Epworthy News

God's Love in Action
Growing Disciples through Compassionate Relationships

January 2019

Epworth United Methodist Church

249 E. Center Street

Marion, Ohio 43302

740-387-8344

churchoffice@epworthumc.org

Church Office Hours:

Monday through Friday 9:30 am—3:30 pm

Sunday Worship

8:30 am Worship

9:30 am Sunday School

10:30 am Worship

Rev. David L. Hoffman

Pastor

Alycia Orcena

Director of Ministries
with Children and Families

Lisa West

Youth Ministry Coordinator

Paula Aparis

Financial Secretary

Paula Dunn

Church Secretary

Pat Murphy

Director of Chancel
and Bell Choirs

Kathy Walczak

Organist

Connie Slob

Head Custodian

Aaron Breece

Part-Time Custodian

Dessiree Thomas

Preschool/Daycare Director

Using Our Resources

In Nome, Alaska, elementary school teachers receive the same professional magazines and publications as teachers in other states. One year, there was a 4th grade teacher who was a newcomer to Nome. She had just received her latest curriculum resource and was discussing with the class suggestions for a Christmas production. The instruction manual read: "For the children playing Santa's reindeer, there should be brown outfits and improvised reindeer horns which can be made of bare branches, trimmed into the proper shapes, and painted." The teacher looked out at the barren, treeless, snow-covered tundra and sighed. "Well, kids," she said, "I guess we'll have to do something else. We can't make horns of branches because there isn't a tree for miles." The children looked disappointed until one little boy spoke up. "We haven't any trees, teacher", he said, "but we do have lots of reindeer horns... will they do?"

As we enter the New Year, it is a good time for us to take a look around and recognize what it is we have and what we have done this past year. We have used our resources of time, gifts, and financial resources. We are blessed! Together, we have made a real difference in the lives of others from helping them to rebuild their lives following a disaster, to sharing the love of Christ to youth and young adults in the village of Kamina, Democratic Republic of the Congo. Our generosity has led us to meet the needs and build relationships with folks locally through the Summer Lunch Program, Hot Dog Wednesdays, Marion Matters, and many other ways. We have put together kits, knitted items, and collected countless personal needs items and groceries, reminding people that they are worthy of God's love. We have helped to make a difference in the lives of families through the Ronald McDonald House, Buckeye Ridge Habitat for Humanity, and Chapel Hill House. Together, we have done this by looking around and recognizing the many ways in which God has blessed us. Thank you for your generosity and continued commitment to Christ through Epworth UMC.

— Rev. David Hoffman



January brings with it our annual Leadership Planning Day on Saturday, January 12. All the leadership and members of the church are invited to attend. The day will begin at 8:30am and conclude by 12:30pm. Please RSVP to the church office, churchoffice@epworthumc.org; 740-387-8344.

Red Rose

A red rose was placed on the altar during worship to celebrate the birth of the following individual:

- Kensley Grace Landon, daughter of Michael and Abbi Landon, was born on November 21. The proud brother is Hunter Landon.

Wedding

Congratulations to Chad Garvin and Kate Bruck, who were married on Saturday, December 8, 2018. Chad is the son of Charlie and Lynn Garvin.

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Prayer Quilts

The following members and friends of Epworth UMC have received a prayer quilt and our prayers:

- Kensley Grace Landon for a happy and healthy life

Those wishing to request a prayer quilt for themselves, a family member, a friend, or a neighbor, may contact the Church Office.

Prayer Quilt Ministry

The Prayer Quilt Ministry is an important part of Epworth's Outreach Ministry, giving hope and love to persons in a time of need or praise for special events. You are invited to join in the fellowship and creative art of quilt making. The joy happens when someone receives a quilt. Often, stories return of how it changed, or gave comfort to the receivers by knowing they are not alone during a hard time. Our days and times are as follows:

- 1st Saturday of the month
11:00 am—2:00 pm
- 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month
4:00 pm—6:00 pm
- 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month
4:00 pm—6:00 pm

Undecorating the Church

Come and help us to undecorate the church on Saturday, January 5th. We will begin at 9:00 am.



Leadership Day

The Church Leadership Day will take place on Saturday, January 12 from 8:30 am – 12:30 pm at the church. Everyone who serves on a committee of the church is invited to attend. This will serve as your committee's first meeting of 2019. Thank you for your faithful service!

LEAPIN' OUTREACH MINISTRY January Focus

This important ministry helps people in need in the Marion area. All personal needs items donated by Epworth members support this ministry. The focus item for January is **deodorant**. Place items in the basket outside the church office near the food pantry items. Thanks for making a difference!

Spaghetti Dinner to benefit Chapel Hill House

You are invited to a Spaghetti Dinner on Saturday, January 12th from 5:00pm until 7:30pm at the Prospect American Legion Post, 308 S. Main Street, Prospect, Ohio. It is all the spaghetti, salad, garlic bread, and cookies you can eat for a donation to Chapel Hill House. Carry out is also available.

Hospitalized? Having Surgery? Need Pastoral Care? Please contact the church office at 740-387-8344 or call Rev. Hoffman directly at 614-949-7570 so that we may be attentive to your needs. (**NOTE:** The hospitals are no longer allowed to notify the church when anyone is admitted; therefore, it is up to the family to let us know if this happens.)

Godly Play

There will be a Godly Play meeting on Sunday, January 6, in Alycia's Office.

Children's Council

There will be a Children's Council Meeting on Sunday, January 20th at 9:30am.

Pastoral Visits and Holy Communion

Rev. Hoffman visits regularly with persons who cannot always make it to church, as well as those who are residents at assisted living and extended care facilities. Often these requests come from individuals themselves and sometimes from family members. If you would like Rev. Hoffman to visit and to bring Holy Communion, please call the Church Office, and a visit will be scheduled.

Thank You

To the Congregation of Epworth,

The Marion Civic Chorus is so grateful to be able to do our 77th performance of the Messiah in such a beautiful, welcoming church. What an inspiration to the chorus, orchestra, soloists, and our director to gather once more in the church that first hosted the Messiah 70 or more years ago. There is something to be said about the tradition!

Thank you Epworth.

The Marion Civic Chorus
Ednita Vaflor, President

Dear Epworth Family,

Thank you so much for my prayer quilt I received before my recent surgery. It was on my hospital bed so I was able to see it daily. The quilt was very much appreciated!

Thank you again,
Dick Spaide

Epworth Friends,

The prayer quilt for Mrs. Brady has been a true blessing. When she received it, she wanted to hang it up on her headboard so she could read the verse. She had not been able to walk, but upon receiving the quilt, she was walking the next day. She is still very ill, but the quilt has brought hope and positive feelings. Your quilts are beautiful and bring comfort in many ways!

Thank you so much,
Tonnia Howard

To the members of the Congregation at Epworth,

I want to express my thanks for the lovely prayer quilt and the card. The quilt is absolutely beautiful. It truly was quite a surprise and is a most thoughtful gesture.

My deepest gratitude,
Bette Brady

United Methodist Women- Women in Action

United Methodist Women have had another busy month, with a card class and our fun annual Christmas Party. Following are our events for January, and all events are open to ALL women:

January 7th, Card-Making Ministry 2:00-4:00pm

January 14th, Gathering 6:30pm

January 17th, Volunteer at Leapin Ministries, 5:15-7:30pm. Meet at 5:00pm in church parking lot or meet us there at 5:15pm, 150 Court Street.

As we begin a new year, I want UMW at Epworth to focus more on education and mission work of the Global UMW organization. If you would like to know more about UMW as a whole, sign up for news from United Methodist Women at unitedmethodistwomen.org/getemails to get connected to the work of women organized for mission and social justice. You will be amazed at what all this organization does!

Carole Agler, UMW President

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Scholarship Application

Recognizing the importance of higher education, Epworth United Methodist Church will award scholarships to church members for the pursuit of their first undergraduate degree at a 2 or 4 year college or university. Any person who is a member of Epworth United Methodist Church may apply. The Scholarship Committee will choose recipients based on the following criteria: Church Involvement, Financial Need, Personal Statement, and Family Involvement at Epworth. Scholarship amounts are determined each year by the number of qualified applicants and the funds available. Applications are available online at <https://goo.gl/forms/u2vdZlqnSqvAaMHE3>

APPLICATIONS MUST BE RETURNED BY FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2019.



Paint Night! Open Studio!

Calling all adults, youth, and children who like to paint! If you like to paint or know absolutely nothing about painting and have always thought those 'paint along classes' look fun, please consider joining us on Wednesday, January 2nd anytime between 5:00pm and 9:00pm (feel free to bring snacks or dinner) at Crooked Door Studio, 125 N Main St, Marysville, OH 43040. Shawnna, the artist/owner, will be available if anyone wants some tips and techniques for painting something specific OR you can let your creative side run wild with the studios supplies. The cost is \$20 per person for the painting. Please RSVP to Alycia Orcena at 740-387-8344, ext. 12 or at aorcena@epworthumc.org.



G1 Youth Group News

I just wanted to thank everyone for the overwhelming support you have showed me in this new adventure. I am excited to start the new year. We will be having G1 January 13th and 27th from 5:00-7:00pm. More information to come. If anyone has any questions or concerns, please feel free to let me know. This is a faith journey for me, as well, and I look forward to that amazing journey. Also, please sign up on the bulletin board in the hallway to help feed and help chaperone our youth.

Thank you.

-- Lisa West

February G1 dates:

February 10—5:00-7:00pm

February 24—5:00-7:00pm

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Altar Flower Sign-Up 2019

The 2019 Flower Calendar is posted outside the Church Office. Sign-ups are on a first-come, first-serve basis. You are encouraged to choose flowers that accompany the liturgical season. It is expected that two vases be provided. You are encouraged to take the arrangements from church and enjoy their beauty. Those wishing to have their arrangements donated to our homebound or nursing home residents may contact the Church Office. You will receive a reminder from the Church Office at least one week prior to the Sunday that you have signed up to provide Altar Flowers. At that time, you will be asked the name(s) of the individual(s) that you would like to memorialize or honor.

New Year Holiday – Church Office Hours

The Church Office will be closed on Tuesday, January 1 and reopen on Wednesday, January 2 at 9:30 am.

Snow Emergency Information

Regarding Snow Level Emergencies, the following are the determinations for Epworth UMC and all activities at the church.

Level 2 - all evening activities are cancelled. If Level 2 falls on a Sunday, the 8:30 am worship service will be cancelled.

Level 3 - all activities are cancelled. The Church Office will be closed; and if it falls on a Sunday, all worship services will be cancelled.

