



Epworth News

God's Love in Action

Growing Disciples through Compassionate Relationships

July 2017

Building Bridges

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

Molly Levings

Youth Ministry Coordinator

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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

Page Gustin

Preschool/Daycare Director

We can't wait for anyone else to start. We have to be proactive. We have to take the first steps. We can do this! We have to stop doing and saying those things that lead to, cause, and perpetuate the disunity that exists among us, around us, and throughout our world. We have to be the first to act. We forget that Jesus calls us -- demands from us -- that we get along.

We often forget that unity is not determined by whether we agree with each other about every interpretation of scripture or doctrine or form of church government. Christian unity IS determined by whether we love one another, and whether we reflect the love of God in Christ for the world. There will always be that which separates Christians from Christians and denomination from denomination. But we can still affirm and celebrate God's love for us all and our love for one another. In the ways of love; the ways of mutual respect; understanding; and acceptance; we can be "one" in Christ. We're called to demonstrate our unity in Christ through love. It has to start with us.

Once upon a time, two brothers who lived on adjoining farms fell into conflict. It was the first serious rift in 40 years of farming side by side. They had been sharing machinery, trading labor and goods, as needed, without a hitch. Then the long collaboration fell apart. It began with a small misunderstanding, and it grew into a major difference which exploded into an exchange of bitter words followed by weeks of silence.

One morning, there was a knock on the elder brother's door. He opened it to find a man with a carpenter's toolbox. "I am looking for a few days of work", he said. "Perhaps you would have a few small jobs here and there. Could I help you?"

"Yes!" said the elder brother. "I do have a job for you. Look across the creek at that farm. That's my neighbor; in fact, it's my younger brother, and we don't get along. Last week he dug a wider passage for water to flow into his farm. But he ended up creating a very wide creek in between our two farms, and I am sure he did it just to annoy me. I want you to build me something so that we don't have to stand and see each other's face from across the banks of the creek."

The carpenter said, "I think I understand the situation. I will be able to do a job that will please you." The elder brother had to go to town for supplies, so he helped the carpenter get the materials ready, and then he was off for the day. The carpenter worked hard all that day measuring, sawing, and nailing.

At sunset when the elder brother returned, the carpenter had just finished his job. The elder brother's eyes opened wide and his jaw dropped. It was not what he had even thought of or imagined. It was a bridge stretching from one side of the creek to the other! A fine piece of work with beautiful handrails. And to his surprise, his younger brother across the creek was coming to meet him with a big smile and arms wide open to hug him.

"You are really kind and humble, my brother! After all I had done and said to you, you still showed that bonds of family can never be broken! I am truly sorry for my behavior", the younger brother said, as he hugged his elder brother. They turned to see the carpenter hoist his toolbox on his shoulder. "No, wait! Stay a few days. I have a lot of other projects for you," said the older brother.

"I'd love to stay on", the carpenter said, "but, I have many more bridges to build!"
And so do we!

May we all be one in Christ, David

Red Roses

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

- Easton Cole Lackey, the son of Cassie Hosp and Winton Lackey, who was born on May 31st. The proud grandparents are Ken and Angela Hosp.

White Roses

A white rose was placed on the altar during worship in celebration of the life of the following individuals:

- Martin Kirkendall, the brother of Cheryl (Rev. Bernie) Gillespie, who died on May 30, 2017
- Louise Coldwell, the mother of Don (Ruth) Coldwell, who died on June 5, 2017
- Gary Jackson, the brother of Linda (Joe) Blue, who died on June 5, 2017
- Mary Ann Hickman, who died on June 16, 2017

We remember their families in our thoughts and prayers.

Prayer Quilts

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

- Emmett Cooper Wood for good health and happiness.
- Lyla Elizabeth Soule for healthy growth and development.
- Millie Kay Soule for healthy growth and lung development.
- Julie for healing after surgery and to be cancer free.
- Howard Klehm for strength and healing.

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



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.)

Pastoral Visits and Holy Communion

Rev. Hoffman visits regularly with persons who cannot always make it to church and 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.

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

Thank You

Dear Chancel Choir Members,

Thank you very much for the potted rosebush and for the surprise gift of hats. Don't be surprised if I am late to church, as it takes me a long time to decide which hat to wear. Your support means so much to me. You are the best!

Kathy Walczak

Thank you so much for the \$500 grant! It takes so much stress off of my back to pay for textbooks using this! It is always a wonderful surprise to get a package, as well. I truly appreciate everything the CCC has done for me.

Thank you so much!
Evan Hoffman

Dear Scholarship Committee,

Thank you for the generous grant to help support my college education. I am continuing my studies to become an Early Childhood Educator. This grant will help me achieve my goal to become a teacher. I am very appreciative to receive this grant.

Thank you again,
Kaitlyn Spaide

Preschool/Daycare

Summer has begun! Epworth Daycare classes are enjoying summer programming already! We kicked off the season with Picnic Day! Students and staff in the whole school got to eat lunch out on the playground. Our kitchen staff, Ms. Mary Jo and Ms. Rachel, packed up lunches so that we could sit on blankets and eat together in fellowship. Everyone had a great time listening to music, talking, and dancing over the lunch hour.

Students of the Daycare also got to enjoy Vacation Bible School! This year, we learned all about heroes of the Bible at Hero Central. Pre-school aged classes enjoyed stories, music, crafts, and snacks with messages of God's hope, courage, and strength in all of us! Teachers got into the spirit of VBS by decorating their classroom doors to go along with the super-hero theme.

Students in all classes are beating the heat with pool time. Infants and toddlers use baby pools and blow up pools out on the playground each week, while the Lions and Foxes classes get transported to the Lincoln Pool & Aquatic Center. All of the students love to splash and play during these hot summer days!

Again this year, students also get to visit the Marion Public Library. Pre-school aged classes walk with their teachers to the library in order to check out a new book or two each week. If you would like to volunteer as a guest reader and meet our students at the library, please contact the Director, Page Gustin, for volunteering opportunities! pgustin@epworthumc.org or 740-387-1062.

****SUMMER CLEANING**** We are working on clearing out some classrooms and storage spaces on the 3rd floor of the education building. If you are an educator, and would like to come take a look to see if you can use anything we have, please schedule a time with the Director, Page Gustin. (See above for contact info.) We have elementary school age books & toys that we do not use any longer. We also have extra furniture and manipulatives. If you are interested, please come take a look. We just ask for a small donation in return 😊 Thanks!

Congregation of Epworth,

Thank you so much for thinking of me during this hard time and making me the wonderful prayer quilt. I feel so honored to have received this quilt. I greatly appreciate all of your prayers and support during all of this. Knowing that I have that support means a lot to me. Thank you again for the prayer quilt and the constant prayers.

Emilee Lester

Quilt Team,

Just to drop a note to let you know that I appreciated very much this beautiful hand crafted prayer blanket and the ladies that made it.

I received many compliments, but most important—your prayers and support for this operation.

I am doing fine, ahead of my restrictions, thanks to prayers.

Dan Ulmer



WisdomKeepers

WisdomKeepers will meet August 3, 2017 at 11:30 A.M. in Fellowship Hall. Please join us for devotions, hymns, communion, lunch, and social time.

The theme for this month is "School Days". Do you remember your favorite elementary teacher? Or your favorite teacher throughout your school days who had an impact on your life? We invite anyone to share a brief story if you choose.

In keeping with the "School Days" theme, we will be accepting donations of school supplies for the Festival of Sharing school kits. Any item is appreciated. You may purchase everything for one complete kit or just one or two items. The School Kit items needed are as follows:

1. one pair of blunt metal scissors (rounded tip)
2. three 70 count spiral notebooks or notebooks totaling 200-210 pages, No loose-leaf paper
3. one 30 centimeter ruler (12")
4. one hand-held pencil sharpener
5. one large eraser
6. six new pencils with erasers.
7. one box of 24 crayons
8. one 12" x 14" to 14" x 17" finished size cotton or lightweight canvas bag with cloth handles

Anyone willing to sew some of the bags would be greatly appreciated. We have material suitable for the bags available. Please call Linda Middleton at 740-389-3250 for additional info.

If you are in need of transportation, please call the church office at 740-387-8344. The elevator doors will be open after 10:30 A.M.

"Be patient; God isn't finished with us, yet."

VBS Hero Central Thank You

Thank you to everyone who helped with Epworth's VBS 2017 - Hero Central. What a wonderful week we had sharing God's love with the children from Epworth, Daycare, and the community. We averaged about 85 children each day and about 40 volunteers and helpers. Children and adults were able to be in fellowship with one another throughout the morning. Children enjoyed bible stories, songs, games, science activities, crafts, snacks, and so much more. Thank you to Sarah Daum for chairing VBS this year and for all of the volunteers that gave of their time and energy serving in roles during the week, including those who helped to make decorations, donations, and all of the little pieces needed to put the whole VBS puzzle together.

VBS t-shirts from this year and from past years are available for a donation in the church office. Thank you for your continued support.

-- Alicia Orcena



Tecumseh!

OUTDOOR HISTORICAL DRAMA

Friday, August 4th, 2017

Trip price includes:

- Reserved seat for Tecumseh
- Roundtrip transportation via luxury coach
 - Buffet dinner
 - Backstage tour
 - Program
 - Rain Insurance
 - Service fees
 - \$84.00 adults
 - \$66.00 children (10 and under)

*Departing Marion Epworth UMC by 2:00pm, returning approximately midnight.
(show begins at 8p in Chillicothe)*

If the minimum number of participants is not reached by Monday, July 17th, the trip may be cancelled. Book early and share the invitation with family and friends.

Tecumseh! Trip Package

Total Amount Enclosed: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Please make checks payable to Epworth UMC with Epworth Travelers in the subject line

Return registration form and payment to Alicia Orcena, Epworth UMC, 249 E. Center Street, Marion, Ohio 43302
Questions: Call 740.387.8344 or email: aorcena@epworthumc.org

Epworth Travelers



"When you rise in the morning, give thanks for the light, for your life, for your strength. Give thanks for your food and for the joy of living. If you see no reason to give thanks, the fault lies in yourself."

Tecumseh

Join the Epworth Travelers and Friends as we journey to Chillicothe on Friday, August 4, to see Tecumseh! We will leave Epworth at 2:00pm and travel to the outdoor theatre for a back stage tour to see 'how do they do that?'. We will have time to look through the displays and historical information. Dinner will be served buffet style in the dining room, followed by a reserved seat for the show. Program and other souvenirs of your evening will be included, as well as ticket/rain insurance. We will arrive back to Epworth about midnight or slightly after. While this is a long evening, it is a trip for which we have had many requests to do, and we hope you will chose to join us. Tickets are \$84.00. Please contact the church office at 740-387-8344 to reserve your seat.

News from UMC Missions

Greetings from the Epworth Mission Committee!

We first would like to thank you for the food donations you have made this year. If you have any extra produce from your garden you can take it to St Paul's every Wednesday 9 am to 11 am.

On Sunday, August 13, we will have another Leapin' Clothing Collection at the church. Trucks will be here around 9:30 am and the last trip will be made after the 10:30 am worship service. This is a great opportunity to get your closets cleaned out! New items are also accepted. Watch your bulletin for an updated list of items needed.

Volunteers are needed! We are serving a meal at the Ronald McDonald House at Nationwide Children's Hospital on August 20, 2017 at 5:30 pm. Food will be prepared here at the church and then we will carpool to Columbus to serve the meal. If you are interested in helping, let me know! It is a short commitment of your time, but I will guarantee it will be a rewarding experience. If you cannot help that day, we will have a list of items you can donate. (See list below)

-- Sue Cunningham

Donation List for Nationwide Children's Hospital Ronald McDonald House

Food Items

Microwave popcorn (no butter); Granola bars (individually wrapped); Breakfast bars; Trail mix (individual bags) Crackers – Peanut Butter or Cheese; Chips (individual bags); Juice boxes or cans; Tea; Coffee – regular or decaf; Coffee filters (size 18 cup); Hot chocolate; Individual boxes of raisins; Peanut butter; Jam; Instant oatmeal packs; Cooking oil; Pancake mix; Pancake syrup; Cans of soup; Microwaveable Mac & Cheese

Household Items

Dish cloths; Dish towels; Pot holders; Dish soap; Napkins; Paper towels; Toilet paper; Plastic food storage containers (new); Ziploc baggies – all sizes; Liquid hand soap; Latex gloves (size M and L); Large bottles of hand soap for refills; Small garbage bags (4 gallon); Magic eraser; Tall kitchen garbage bags (Strong); Tissues; Lysol bathroom disinfectant spray; Fabric softener; Soft scrub; Scrubbing bubbles bathroom cleaner; Pledge; Hand sanitizer; Lysol bathroom cleaner; Light bulbs (60 and 75 watt); Lysol wipes; Batteries (all kinds); 409 Cleaner; Drano/Liquid Plumber

Miscellaneous Items

White copy paper (20lb 8.5x11); Post it notes; Legal pads of paper; White wash cloths; White standard pillow cases; Flashlights with extra batteries; Full size white flat and fitted sheets; NEW infant clothing; NEW Preemie clothing; Laundry baskets; Gas and grocery gift cards.



G1 Youth Group !

Greetings from G1!

Mark your calendars!

Upcoming Dates:

(Activities to be announced at a later date)

July 2, July 16, July 30

Columbus Clippers Game with Epworth Family and Friends

When: Sunday, July 9th at 1:00 pm

Where: Huntington Park, Columbus, Ohio

Family of two adults and up to 4 children/youth can attend for \$15 plus \$2 service charge on a family pack of tickets.

Three options for reservations:

- Reserve your tickets and pay \$17 cash or check to Epworth UMC (given to church office or Alycia Orcena, Director of Ministries with Children and Families);
- Reserve tickets on your own for \$17 by calling the Huntington Park ticket office [614-462-2757](tel:614-462-2757) and ask for section 30;
- Purchase your ticket package for \$15 at the gate on game day. Choose from other seats if section 30 is not available.

Asthma

Asthma is a chronic disease of the airways due to inflammation and narrowing of the tubes leading to the lungs. Asthma may cause wheezing, breathlessness, chest tightness, and night time or early morning coughing episodes that are usually associated with wide-spread, but variable, airflow obstruction within the lung. Asthma episodes are often reversible either spontaneously or with treatment. Asthma can develop at any time in life and may lessen later in life for children with early onset asthma. Asthma affects approximately 25.7 million people in the United States including 7 million children under 18 and is a significant health and economic burden to patients, their families, and society. In 2010, 1.8 million people visited an emergency room for asthma related care and 439,000 people were hospitalized because of asthma. Left untreated, a severe asthma attack can be fatal.

Risk factors for developing asthma:

- Family history of asthma
- Allergies to airborne allergens such as pollens, mold and mildew, pet dander, exposure to house dust mites and cockroaches, and tobacco or wood smoke

Symptoms of asthma include:

- Troublesome cough, particularly at night, and/or being awakened by coughing
- Coughing or wheezing after physical activity
- Breathing problems during particular seasons, coughing, wheezing or chest tightness after allergen exposure
- Colds that last more than 10 days and relief when medication is administered
- **Indicators of a severe asthma attack** include breathlessness at rest, hunching forward to breathe more easily, speaking in words rather than complete sentences, and agitation and changing levels of responsiveness due to lack of sufficient oxygen

What to do for an asthma attack:

- If the victim does not know he or she has asthma or does not have emergency medication, call 911 immediately
- Help the victim use his or her medication (usually an inhaler)
- Help the victim rest and sit in a position for easiest breathing
- The victim may use the inhaler in 5 to 10 minutes if needed
- Be prepared to administer CPR or call 911 if needed

What you can do to decrease episodes of asthma attacks for those with asthma:

- Eliminate carpets or vacuum frequently
- Vacuum mattresses or use mattress encasements to decrease exposure to dust mites
- Wash bed linens weekly and avoid down fillings
- Limit stuffed animals to those that can be washed
- Maintain house humidity to between 30 and 50% and do not smoke in the house or car
- Remove as many water and food sources as possible to avoid cockroaches
- Eliminate mold and the moist conditions that permit mold growth
- Do not have pets in the house or at a minimum do not allow pets in the bedroom

Sources: American Lung Association, CDC, National Surveillance of Asthma, National Safety Council

-- Jeannine Caudill



Festival of Sharing

There have been some changes to our Festival of Sharing items. Please use the lists of kit items shown below. There will be a display table in the hallway outside of the church office with baskets and containers to collect the supplies that you are willing to donate. This display will be in place from August through September 17, 2017, and we will assemble the kits on September 19th. If you are interested in purchasing items for the school kits, many of the supplies go on sale in July at local retail and drug stores.

Thank you for your continued support,
Linda Middleton



ASSEMBLING KITS

All items must be new.

No additional items should be added to the kits.

Do not include personal notes, artwork, checks, or cash.

Do not decorate kits and components with religious or governmental symbols.

View kit assembly videos at cwskits.org.

Emergency Cleanup Buckets enable people to manage the overwhelming job of cleaning up after a flood, hurricane, tornado, or other disaster here in the United States.

Supplies needed:

- One five gallon bucket with re-sealable lid (if bucket has been used, clean well but do not use if it has held chemicals of any kind)
- Four scouring pads
- Seven sponges, including one large
- One scrub brush
- Eighteen reusable cleaning towels (e.g. Easy Wipes)
- One 50 oz or two 25 oz bottle(s) only—liquid laundry detergent
- One 16-28 oz bottle of liquid disinfectant dish soap
- One 12-16 oz bottle of liquid household cleaner that can be mixed with water (no spray bottles)
- One package of 48-50 clothespins
- Clothesline, two 50 ft or one 100 ft
- Five dust masks
- Two pairs non surgical latex gloves
- One pair work gloves-cotton with leather palm or all leather
- 24-28 heavy duty or contractor type 30-45 gallon trash bags on a roll and removed from carton
- One 6 to 9 oz bottle of non aerosol insect repellent

All cleaning items must be new; all liquid items must be capped and securely tightened. Place all items into the bucket, making sure they are packed securely to avoid damage during shipment. Snap the lid on tightly and seal with packing tape.

Value: \$75 Processing cost \$3 per Kit

Hygiene Kits make all the difference between sickness and health for struggling families.

Supplies needed:

- One hand towel measuring approximately 15x28 to 16x32 (no fingertip, bath, dish towel, or microfiber)
- One washcloth
- One wide-tooth comb removed from the package
- One fingernail or toenail clipper removed from the package
- One bath size bar of soap in the wrapper
- One toothbrush in the package
- Ten standard size Band-aids

All items need to fit inside a one-gallon plastic zipper closure bag. Remove the excess air from the bag and seal before boxing. Do not add any extra items or toothpaste. A tube of extended expiration date toothpaste will be added to each Hygiene Kit just prior to its journey.

Value: \$15 Processing cost: \$2 per Kit

Refugee Welcome Baskets provide a step up for recently arrived refugees to the area. These Welcome Baskets will stay right here in Ohio!

1) Work Essentials Basket

- One messenger bag with straps-new or like-new (place following contents inside)
- Lunch bag or box
- One travel mug - for hot and cold liquids, 16-20 oz.
- Refillable water bottle, 16-20 oz.
- Three to five spiral notepads
- Six pens
- One travel size hand sanitizer
- Packages of pocket tissues
- Hand-held umbrella

CWS Kit Collection

The United Methodist Women and the Missions Committee invite us to gather items and assemble kits for the annual Church World Service Festival of Sharing. You may work individually, as a family, with co-workers, or with a small group to gather and assemble kits. **Completed kits may be brought to the church on or before Sunday, September 17, 2017.**

Church World Service Festival of Sharing
September 23, 2017 9:00 AM-12:00 PM
Otterbein University, 33 Collegeview Road
Westerville, OH 43081

School Kits give children in impoverished communities and refugee camps some of the basic tools for learning.

Supplies needed:

- One pair of blunt scissors removed from the package (rounded tip only)
- Three 70-count bound notebooks totaling 200 -210 pages (no loose-leaf or filler paper)
- One 30-centimeter/12" ruler
- One hand-held pencil sharpener removed from the package
- One large eraser (no pencil cap erasers)
- Six new, unsharpened pencils with erasers (remove from the package)
- One box of 24 crayons
- One 12"x14" to 14"x17" finished size cotton or lightweight, kid-friendly or solid colored (no logos) canvas bag with cloth handles (no reusable shopping bags or backpacks)
- All items must be packed inside of the cloth bag. The website myshopangel.com has affordable bag options for purchase.

Value: \$15 Processing cost: \$2 per Kit

2) Child Care Basket

- One diaper bag-new or like new (place following contents inside)
- One to two no-spill snack containers (e.g. "Take and Toss" brand)
- Two sippy-cups
- Small toy-from newborn to 6 months
- Bibs
- Baby books or board books
- Baby formula/food (e.g. GoGo Squeeze)
- Two to three cloth diapers and diaper covers
- One burp cloth
- One travel size hand sanitizer

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