



Epworth News

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June 2018

Welcome, Savannah!

Epworth United Methodist Church

249 E. Center Street
Marion, Ohio 43302
740-387-8344
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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

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

Page Gustin

Preschool/Daycare Director

I am pleased and excited to announce that Epworth United Methodist Church has been awarded a summer intern with the West Ohio Conference Next Generation Leadership Program.

Savannah Hinde is currently a student at Bowling Green State University studying Political Science, Organizational Communication, and Entrepreneurship and is a President's Leadership Academy scholar. She has a heart for social justice and believes that through helping others to become servant leaders, the world will become a better place. She has been involved in Leadership Toledo, leading their youth philanthropy group and has been a keynote speaker at their fundraisers. She has also helped run a local entrepreneurship networking group, Code City, and has interned with LaunchPad business incubator and the City of Toledo as a public policy intern.

At Maumee United Methodist Church, her home church, she has taught confirmation, worked with middle school ministries, preached at soup kitchen ministries and other spaces, has served on the NWO Chrysalis board, is on the Laity committee for the Maumee Watershed District, and is a Traction Tracts coach for Community Engagement with the district as well.

In her free time, Savannah enjoys the French horn, discovering the coolest local coffee shops, and exploring nature on horseback.

Our summer ministry intern will spend 7 of her 10 weeks here on staff at Epworth exploring her call for ordained ministry. In addition to serving at Epworth, she will have an opportunity to attend Annual Conference, work with conference staff, and visit many of the thirteen United Methodist seminaries. As her mentor and as a host congregation, we will play a critical role in helping her to discern her next steps in ministry. The Next Generation Leadership Program is funded by the West Ohio Annual Conference.

You are invited to welcome her on Sunday, June 10 during worship. An Old Fashioned Ice Cream Social will be held following worship, as we will continue to welcome Savannah and prepare for Vacation Bible School Week. Epworth has a strong history of mentoring youth and young adults into ordained ministry and it is great that we have been awarded this opportunity.

Please help me welcome Savannah to our church family!

Blessings, Rev. David Hoffman



White Rose

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

- Gini Swanger died on April 23, 2018. She was the mother of Kathy Swanger and Misty Swanger.

We remember her family in our thoughts and prayers.

Prayer Quilts

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

- Norma Doyle for healing and comfort
- Olivia Lindsey for healing and comfort
- Rich Gist (Mason Markle's Stepfather) (for healing and strength)
- Nellie Berry for peace and comfort
- Clarence (Bud) Smith for strength and healing from cancer

Those wishing to request a prayer quilt for themselves, a family member, a friend, or a neighbor, may contact the Church Office at 740-387-8344.

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

Membership Class

Join us for our next series of membership classes to be held on Sundays, August 5 and 12 from 9:15am until 10:00am in the Pastor's Office. Whether you are new to the church or have been attending for a while, you are invited to be with us. Those participating in the class will be received into membership on Sunday, August 19 at the 10:30am worship service. If you would like to sign up for the class, would like more information, or have questions, please contact the church office at 740-387-8344 or at churchoffice@epworthumc.org



WisdomKeepers

WisdomKeepers will meet on Thursday, June 7, 2018 at 11:30am in Fellowship Hall. Join us for devotions, communion, and hymns, followed by lunch. We will celebrate the Red, White, and Blue. If you would like to wear the colors, feel free to do so. Please come for fun and fellowship, and consider inviting a friend. The elevator will be open at 10:30am. If you would like transportation to this event, please call the church office at 740-387-8344. Be patient, God isn't finished with us, yet!

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.

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.)

LEAPIN' OUTREACH MINISTRY June 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 **June** is **body wash**. Place items in the basket outside the church office near the food pantry items. Thanks for making a difference!

Thank You

Epworth United Methodist Church,

Thank you so much for the prayer quilt you made for me. The prayers are greatly appreciated. Thanks to everyone's prayers, I am getting better. I'm sure I will get a lot of use out of the quilt, as I get chilly at night.

Thanks again and God Bless,
Clarence Smith

Many thanks to the children who have shared their talents in worship this year. Also thanks to the parents for getting them to practice each Sunday morning at 9:00 am. It is through your dedication that the children will learn how important it is to be committed to a group that works together. Thanks for a wonderful year!

We would also like to thank Kathy Walczak for hemming 3 of our new robes to fit some of our youngest members.

Many thanks to these children and their families:

Ashlyn Beaver	Kylee Brown
Ava Claborn	Devin Claborn
Addison Clevenger	Britton Dunn
Cason Dunn	Alys Flesher
Emery Gorenflo	Macey Harper
Ryan Harper	Logan Levings
Evan Pfeiffer	Carter Rawlins
Hillary Rawlins	Madeleine Rawlins
Haley Webb	McKinley Webb
Alex Weichenthal	Avery West
Hank West	Lauren West
Nolen West	

See you this fall!!
Miss Melissa and Miss Ruth

Dear Congregation of Epworth UMC,

Thank you in humbleness and gratitude for the prayer shawl and the many prayers for my recovery from brain surgery. The doctors in Marion and at The James are amazed at my recovery. God be praised! My prayer shawl is beautiful.

Praying that God brings you many blessings for your kindness. (Anonymous)

Thank you SO MUCH to Sue Cunningham and Annie Joseph for putting together an amazing brunch following Preschool & Daycare Sunday. The food was delicious and it was a wonderful way for Epworth UMC members to share in fellowship with our Preschool & Daycare families. Thank you also to everyone who helped cook, serve, set up, and clean up. What a wonderful mission, ladies!

Thank you!
Page Gustin, PS/DC Director

Thank you to all of the volunteers who have worked tirelessly with Epworth's Ministry for Children and Families. From Vacation Bible School to Sunday School, Children's Worship to Advent Day, Dinner and a Movie nights to special outings, and everything in between—thank you from the bottom of our hearts!

Children's Council

Thank you Epworth UMC for honoring me for the 2018-2019 school year with an Epworth Scholarship. I am enjoying my classes and feel I am able to enrich our children on their faith journey more than I could just a year ago.

Thank you for your prayers and your support. One year down...a few more to go!

Alycia

Membership and Nurture

The Membership and Nurture Committee has a very singular focus this year. We are committed to providing opportunities for our church family and friends to be in CONNECTED RELATIONSHIPS. To this end we hope you will all take notice of and participate in these upcoming events!

JUNE: A new, updated church directory Pictures will be taken for the directory by **Lifetouch**. You may schedule your photo time online or on paper at church. The dates for pictures are: June 21, 22, 23, 25, and 26. Please take advantage of these opportunities. The directory is a wonderful tool to help us identify and contact members and friends for various church events. If you need more information about this, please contact the church office at 740-387-8344.

JUNE and JULY: Epworth apparel You may purchase Epworth apparel. Brochures of various shirts with the Epworth Logo will be available in the bulletin and the church office!

OCTOBER and NOVEMBER: Around the Table We will be asking folks to host Around the Table evenings again. This activity was very well received last fall and we'd like to have another round this year. Hosts are asked to provide a location and a meal for 6-10 church friends. This is a wonderful way to get to know our church family in a new setting. There will be more information as the time approaches.



HAPPY
FATHER'S DAY



Epworth UMC VBS

June 11—15

9:00 am—11:45 am

Grades:

Preschool—6th Graders

All are welcome!

Register online at:

<https://rrr.cokesburyvbs.com/epworth2018/>

or

complete the form below

Mark your calendars for Sunday, June 10th, following the 10:30am worship, after you have had lunch at the ice cream social, come up to the sanctuary to decorate for VBS. Pictures and easy instructions provided - creativity welcome, but not necessary!

It is time to think about VBS!!! As you begin your spring/summer cleaning, please keep an eye out in your garage, garden shed, or basement (or wherever) for some of these things to donate or lend (if lending, please mark with your name and phone number):

- Tent
- Camping chairs
- Coolers (the older the better!)
- Fishing nets, poles, fish bucket, tackle box
- Picnic tables – small or lightweight
- Inflatable rafts, boats, or kayak (think river rafting), oars
- Christmas trees (no decorations) – any size
- Materials: Shades of blue – plastic table cloths, table runner, paper, tulle, fabric
- Rolls of brown wrapping paper
- Stuffed forest animals: raccoon, squirrel, fish, big bears – brown, black, etc.
- Food: mini marshmallows, Golden Graham cereal, chocolate chips, Teddy Grahams, fruit snacks, mini pretzel sticks, Goldfish crackers, potato sticks, candy corn, snack size Ziploc bags, sandwich size Ziploc bags

We also need YOU! Please consider joining us for a morning or the entire week during VBS (June 11-15). We will need adults and youth to lead small groups of children from one activity station to another.

Epworth UMC VBS
(register online or fill out this form)

<https://rrr.cokesburyvbs.com/epworth2018/>

Child's Name: _____

Date of Birth: / / Age: _____ Grade Completed: _____

Gender: Male Female

Parent's Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Emergency Contact Name: _____

Emergency Contact Phone: _____

Special Needs/Allergies: _____

Person responsible for picking up at VBS: _____

Phone number: _____

Relationship to child: _____

T-shirt size: XS S M L XL Adult S Adult M Adult L Adult XL
(\$7.00 each)

Do you agree to allow photos of your children to be used in church presentations or promotional materials?

Yes No



Preschool/Daycare

Summer Session for the Preschool & Daycare begins on June 4th! This is when we relax our curriculum a bit, and focus on summer topics. Classes will spend lots of time outside, creating summer crafts, completing science projects, going to the pool, and playing in our own sprinklers here at Epworth!

We are looking for guest READERS this summer! Would you be able to come visit Epworth PSDC and share your favorite children's picture book with a class or two? We'd love to have you! We need readers every Friday from June 8th – August 10th. If you are willing to come read to us, please contact Page Gustin via phone at 740-387-1062 or by email at pgustin@epworthumc.org. Thank you!

Fall Enrollment is happening NOW! We are full for the summer, but have spots available for the fall. Please contact the Director, Page Gustin, to schedule a tour of the Center and to pick up registration information. We have VERY limited spots in our 4/5 year old Preschool and 4/5 year old Daycare classes. Call today!



Camping Updates!

We are pleased to announce camp scholarship opportunities for Epworth children, youth, and families. We are able to offer up to a \$125.00 scholarship to any person interested in attending one of the West Ohio United Methodist church summer camps. Camp Otterbein offers a special weekend family camp on June 22-24, and we will offer a scholarship of \$250.00 to each Epworth family who wishes to attend. (Please contact Alycia for your Epworth camping code.)

There are a variety of other camps including a one-day (non overnight) camp, a week-long themed camp, a week-long 'traditional' church camp, as well as family camping opportunities. We hope that you will consider registering for one of these fun camps. Please contact Alycia Orcena, Director of Ministries with Children and Families at aorcena@epworthumc.org or call the church office at 740.387.8344 for more information.



United Methodist Women- Women in Action

May was a busy and fun month for United Methodist Women - Women in Action! Monday, May 7th was our annual Spring Fling. It was a very well-attended event with delicious food and a wonderful presentation by our own published author, Shary Williamson. "The Woodland Elves" were everywhere in our midst and we were reminded to spread the joy in our lives. Special thanks go to Shary Williamson, Judy Steele, and Aaron Breece for helping to transport all the Woodland Elves and some of their habitats. We could not have held this event without the help of many others, including the men (and young men) who served the meal and cleaned up the kitchen! Thanks to all who helped!

May 11-12 was our Women's Retreat held at Our Lady of the Pines in Fremont, Ohio. Twenty-four women gathered to learn more about ourselves, our SHAPE, and how we relate to others. It was a fun time, in spite of the chilly weather. Special thanks to Kathy Swanger for being our fearless leader!

Sunday, May 13th, was United Methodist Women Sunday. Women served as greeters and ushers, Women's Chorus sang, Wendy Weichenthal served as our Liturgist, and Melissa Hoffman delivered an appropriate and moving sermon. Thanks to all who helped with this service!

United Methodist Women will take the summer off from regular gatherings, but watch your bulletins for notice of a picnic or cookout to be held sometime this summer, with date and location still to be determined.

Save the Date:

The Fall Stamp, Scrap, and Craft event is scheduled for October 13th, so mark your calendars and plan to join us!

-- Carole Agler, UMW President

News from UMC Missions

The Missions Committee of Epworth would like the congregation to know about the following opportunities to serve in our community. Epworth currently has members and friends volunteering at both of these organizations:

Mobile Meals, located at the Ohio Heartland Community Action Center, is seeking volunteer drivers to assist in this vital community service. Mobile Meals delivers hot meals prepared by Ohio Health Marion General Hospital. Since reopening in March 2018, Mobile Meals has delivered 2,247 meals serving 59 clients. Meals are delivered Monday through Friday (excluding Holidays) and include a hot entrée and vegetable, fruit, bread or dinner roll w/butter, milk or fruit juice, and snack. Meal delivery can start within 24 hours of a request, as Mobile Meals does not have a "wait list". Mobile Meals is the only local meal delivery serving Marion and surrounding communities. Meal pricing is \$6.50 per day. To volunteer or if you would like more information about the program, please contact 740-382-1818.

Meals-on-Wheels, a ministry of Life Care Alliance, needs your help! Meals-on-Wheels is a rewarding and easy volunteer opportunity. You will see it the moment our clients greet you with a warm and grateful smile. Join us in making a lasting impression in the life of a homebound older adult! You may adopt a route one day a week, five days each week, or any number of days in between. A few hours of your time can make all the difference in someone's life. It is a lunch hour you will feel good about all day long! For more information about the program or to volunteer for the program, please call 614-444-MEAL (6312).

2018 Church Directory

Lifetouch

It's time for us to update our photo directory and we don't want anyone left out! (You don't have to be a member to be included! EVERYONE IS WELCOME!) We will

be photographing all individuals and families June 21, 22, 23, 25, and 26 right here at Epworth UMC. Our directory won't be complete without you. There will be a sign-up table after Sunday services. For those who can't wait or would like to get their first choice of days and times, you can sign-up on line at <https://booknow-lifetouch.appointment-plus.com/ycttrs62/>.

Epworth UMC Apparel Sale

The Membership and Nurture Committee of Epworth UMC has partnered with **Hessler's Screen Printing and More** (one of our neighbors) to offer Epworth branded apparel. This is not a fundraiser, it is simply a way for us to get our name out into the community. You can order online at <https://hesslersllc.com/collections/epworth-umc> or you can order by using the flyer located in the bulletin or in the June newsletter. Orders are due by June 15. Please make checks out to Epworth UMC.



Epworth Travelers

The Wilds! - Thursday, June 21st

Join us for a WILD adventure as we visit **The Wilds**. We will tour **The Wilds** and hopefully see the animals, if they are not too hot. A stop for lunch and of course a mystery stop will help to round out our day. The cost is \$70.00 per person (\$25.00 deposit holds your spot on any tour, with the remainder due on the departure date). We will depart at 9:00am and return at approximately 5:30pm. All tours will depart from and return to Epworth UMC. Tour price includes transportation via private coach, admissions, taxes, and driver gratuity.

Space is limited. Each tour must have a minimum of 24 people two weeks before departure in order to take place. Please book early. For any questions, call 740-387-8344 or email Alycia at aorcena@epworthumc.org



Severe weather can occur at any time of the year, but occurs more often in the spring and summer months. There are 16 million thunderstorms worldwide each year and 100,000 in the United States. Thunderstorms are produced by cumulonimbus clouds, usually producing gusty winds, heavy rain, and sometimes hail. Ingredients needed are moisture, unstable air, and lift. Lightning killed an average of 31 people a year between 2006 and 2015 and injured 279 in the U.S. The estimated odds of being struck in an 80-year lifespan are 1 in 13,000. And yes, those are higher odds than winning a fortune in the lottery. So you need to protect yourself, family, and home from the dangers of lightning storms.

Severe Thunderstorm Watch – conditions are favorable for the development of severe thunderstorms.

Severe Thunderstorm Warning –severe thunderstorms have been detected by national weather service

Preparation for severe storms:

- Develop an emergency plan for all family members
- Remove dead or overhanging tree branches that could fall on your house if struck by lightning
- Put your entire house on a surge protection system if possible
- Unplug appliances and electronic equipment when not in use
- Postpone or cancel outdoor activities if storms are in the forecast
- If there is time, secure loose objects outside as they can become flying debris in high winds

During thunderstorms, if you are indoors:

- Avoid using corded phones (except in emergencies) and electronics such as computers or power tools; electrical wire can conduct lightning
- Do not use a cell phone unless it is an emergency
- Do not wash your hands, shower, wash dishes, or do laundry; metal pipes in the plumbing can also conduct electricity
- Stay away from windows, skylights, and doors as high winds and hail can shatter glass
- Keep drapes and blinds closed to prevent shattered glass from blowing in or flying around
- Bring animals inside – dog houses are not lightning or hail proof

During thunderstorms, if you are outdoors:

- Take shelter quickly when you see dark clouds or lightning, hear thunder, or feel hail
- Avoid open areas like hilltops, fields, golf courses, beaches, and open water
- Head for an enclosed building, rather than a carport or open garage, or if no building is available, get inside a hardtop, all metal car, truck, or SUV; avoid leaning against vehicles
- If you are in the water or in a small boat, head for shore and shelter
- Do not seek shelter under a tall tree as they act as lightning rods; if in the woods, seek shelter in a cluster of small trees or a low area; be cautious of flooding in low areas
- Avoid: tractors, metal farm equipment, motorcycles, golf carts, bicycles, golf clubs, wire fences, clotheslines, metal pipes or poles, rails or other metallic items which could carry lightning to you

Remember tornadoes can and do occasionally accompany thunderstorms, so take extreme caution.

Sources: National Weather Service, Ohio Insurance Institute, Nationwide Insurance

Jeannine Caudill

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