

ADULT TEAM BEING FORMED
to assist Good Works, in Athens, Ohio

Epworth's adult mission team needs your Helping Hands...to touch the lives of vulnerable people of rural Athens. Join the team assisting Good Works, Inc., **October 8-12**. Your smile and interaction will bring hope to nice folks struggling with issues of poverty and homelessness. A variety of skilled and unskilled talents are needed. Please indicate your interest on the connection card or phone Bob and Marilyn Town at 419.382.2325.

CONTRIBUTE TO OUR MORTGAGE

There have been a number of inquiries by members and friends interested in contributing to the reduction of our church's new mortgage. In June, the Administrative Council chose to defer a formal debt retirement campaign until a future date to focus upon the work of congregational growth. However, the business office is happy to receive tax deductible gifts, of any size, to be directed towards debt reduction. Please designate your "Mortgage Reduction" in the memo line if you prayerfully choose to offer a gift this year. If you have questions, please contact our Treasurer/ Director of Operations, Peter Machin at peter@epworth.com or our Financial Secretary Ashly Gramling at ashly@epworth.com.

HAWKINS PARTNERSHIP
Needs Help Marketing

The Hawkins Partnership team is looking for individuals with marketing experience to help us redesign and enhance our marketing strategy. As Hawkins becomes a STEMM Academy, we want to reflect the school's new focus and reach more volunteers. If you have a background in marketing and could serve as a consultant on a short term basis, please contact Pat Holmberg at holmpb@sbcglobal.net or 630.390.0882.



BACK TO SCHOOL = WE NEED YOU TO HELP LEAD EPWORTH'S KIDS!



The Children's Discipleship Team would ask all of you to prayerfully consider how you might serve Epworth's Kids in the 2019-2020 school year and live into your commitment to serve within the walls of your church. The children will be looking to you to be small group leaders, classroom teachers, serve on the Sunday School A/V team, or to help lead our Large Group Bible Story time.

We will be making phone calls on **August 8** with the goal of filling all the leadership needs for the year. If you would like to be on their call list, please contact Mary Roesti in the church office or email her at mary@epworth.com. While we don't take the summer off from Sunday school, Fall is still the traditional start of the new year for the Children's Ministry programs. As your family returns from vacations and settle back into the routine of school and weekly church attendance, there are many ways you can impact the faith of children this school year. We'd love to help you use your talents and passion for Christ to make an impact on the lives of the kids God sends to Epworth this year.

PRISCILLA CIRCLE

Are you new to Epworth and looking to meet people and become involved in a fun way to serve our community? Our circle is the place for you! We are a group of sewers, non-sewers and crafters meeting twice a month for fellowship, working on projects for Epworth and presently focusing on getting ready for the Bazaar in November. We are also able to put together project kits that can be done at home if you are unable to attend our meeting. We meet on the second and fourth Thursdays in Room 206 at 9:30am. For more information, please call Kay Hitchner 419.841.1760.

mission statement:

To embrace people exactly where they are and empower all to know, love, and serve God through Jesus Christ.

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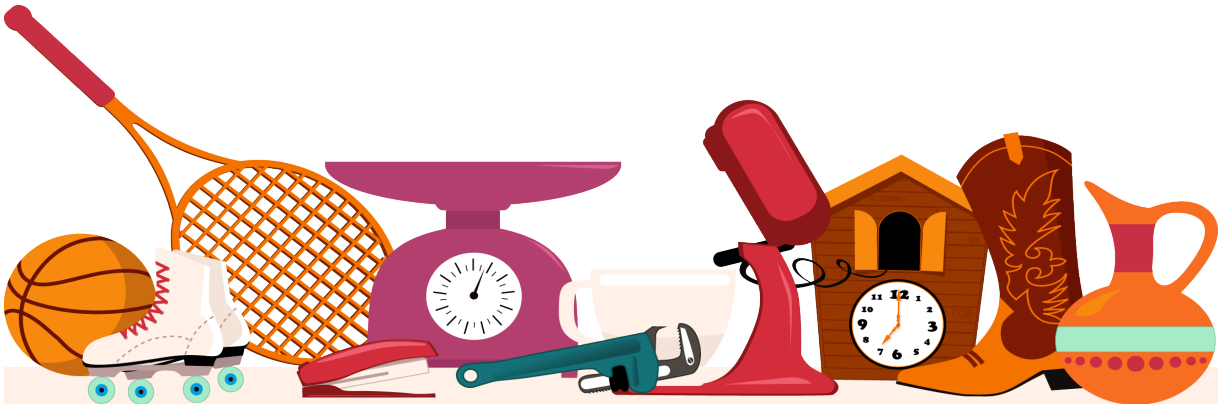
WEEKLY REMINDERS

ST. JUDE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL GARAGE SALE

Epworth is sponsoring a garage sale to benefit St. Jude Children's Cancer Research Hospital. With your help, Epworth can make this a great success. We need salable items: new or gently used. If you have anything you'd like to donate for this worthy cause, please drop it off in the Epworth Gym on **August 7 & 8**. Volunteers are needed to receive and price donations, and organize tables on **Wednesday and Thursday**. We will also need cashiers and baggers for the garage sale. Anything not sold will be donated to the Salvation Army. Volunteers will be needed at the end of the sale to prepare any remaining items for the Salvation Army. See the Sign up sheet in the lobby. Questions? Email: annamariwilkinson22@yahoo.com.

DROPOFF
August 7 & 8 | 9am-4pm

SALE
August 9 | 9am-3pm



FRIENDLY CENTER GIANT GARAGE SALE

DROPOFF

Donate items for the Friendly Center Garage sale! The sale will take place at Maumee UMC, but you can donate items here at Epworth. Look for someone to help you in the Central Ave. lot
Aug. 5 | 9am-4pm.

SALE

Maumee UMC:
405 Sackett St. Maumee
August 8 & 9 | 9am-5pm & August 10 | 9am-12noon

EPWORTH PRESCHOOL IS HIRING!

Epworth Preschool is in need of a caring and dedicated teacher to teach in the Early Childhood Education Center (ECEC) starting at the beginning of the 2019-20 school year. This is a part time position for 4 afternoons per week (Monday-Thursday). Qualifications include love for children, ability to plan and teach collaboratively with other coworkers. Education degree preferred but not required. The teacher will co-teach and have a class size of 18 students. Planning responsibilities will be shared amongst all of the ECEC teachers. If you are interested, please submit resume, cover letter, references and copies of any valid certification to Preschool Director, Jane Lyon at jl Lyon@epworth.com.

SAFETY AT EPWORTH: KEEPING YOU SAFE

The health and security of our members while they are on church premises is of primary concern to us.



You may have noticed this button mounted on the north wall of the lobby adjacent to the defibrillator. When pushed, this “EMERGENCY BUTTON” will automatically contact our security service, Habitec Security, who will in turn immediately dispatch the police department.

You may have also noticed our DEFIBRILLATOR Box adjacent to the Emergency Button located on the north wall of the Lobby. When the door is opened, a signal is automatically sent to our security service, Habitec Security, who will automatically call for medical help. In case of a possible heart attack, the defibrillator kit should be removed from the box, opened and the simple-to-use instructions followed. By using this emergency defibrillator, you may be able to help save a life!



MUD HENS GAME: TONIGHT

Today, Sunday, July 21 at 6:05pm. Tickets will be available at Fifth Third Field for those who pre-ordered. There will be a table set up along the St. Clair Ave. side of the ball field. Tickets will be grouped by last name. If you haven't ordered tickets, there are still some left! Come and support the Hens and hear members of the Epworth Choir sing the National Anthem!

HOW DO WE GROW OUR CHURCH?

Epworth's mission: To embrace people exactly where they are and empower all to know, love, and serve God through Jesus Christ.

We want to be present in the community we serve! As part of our evangelism efforts and our passion for reaching new people with the good news of Jesus Christ, the Communications Committee invites any member to submit a formal request for Epworth UMC to have an official presence at a community event, parade, festival, etc. The Communications Committee will determine if the event is in line with the mission, vision and values of our congregation, as well as the social principles of the United Methodist Church. Once approved, the person(s) bringing the request is responsible for the design and implementation of the ministry. Please feel free to contact the Communications Committee Chair, Tami Norris at tanorris2001@yahoo.com or our Director of Communications, Laura Seaman at Laura@epworth.com with any questions regarding this new policy.

ALTAR FLOWERS

A donation was made to the Epworth Floral fund this Sunday by Janet and Steve Foster in honor of their 30th wedding anniversary.

FRIENDS IN FAITH

Book Club

We meet the 4th Tuesday of every month at 7pm and serve up lively discussion and dessert with every meeting! We meet at June Galvin's house, 3641 Christie Blvd, Toledo. RSVP to jargalvin@yahoo.com.

July 23: *Magic Hour* by Kristin Hannah.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

For anyone who has experienced the death of a parent, spouse, child, or any beloved family member – whether recently or years ago – you are invited to come to a grief support group. The group meets on the fourth Wednesday of each month in the Deep End from 6:30-8pm. A counselor and a pastor will be on hand to help you navigate your feelings and take steps toward healing. Participants learn from each other as well. The next meeting is this Wednesday, **July 24**. It is open to the public, so if you have a friend or neighbor, who is struggling, please bring them along. We are here for everyone. For more information, please contact Pastor Beth at beth@epworth.com.



RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE



As people travel and take vacations, the number of blood donations at the Red Cross often drops. The need for blood never goes away. Accident and burn victims, cancer patients, and emergency surgeries all require your donations. The next Red Cross blood drive at Epworth is Saturday, **August 3** from 9am-2pm in the gym. Check your calendar, and log on to redcrossblood.org to choose your donation type (whole blood or Power Red) and your time. Do you need help? Contact Pastor Beth at beth@epworth.com.

S.W.A.T. NEWS



Students With A Task (students grades 6-12) is going to Cedar Point on Tuesday, **July 23**. Sign ups are closed for this event. For those who have already paid and forms submitted, we will meet at Epworth at 8am and we will return by 11:30pm.

ADULT SINGLES

Single, divorced and widowed adults in the Toledo community are invited to join. RSVP to Nancy Hauer at hauer.nancy@yahoo.com. The next opportunity to join us is:

Sunday, July 28: 6pm - Music Under the Stars at the Toledo Zoo Amphitheatre. Free concerts by Toledo Symphony Concert Band.

BODY RECALL+

Body Recall+ classes will meet next week **July 29** -- same days and times (Monday, Tuesday and Thursday at 9:15am). Be good to yourself -- come join us.



THE MIX



The Mix Social Group will meet up at El Camino Real at Sylvania and Douglas on Tuesday, **August 13** at 6:30pm. It's Taco Tuesday and Epworth's own Steve Wolfe is the house DJ that night! Come on out, enjoy food and music, and make new friends. There is no childcare available this night.

Please email your RSVP to Janice French at janicefrenchmba@gmail.com or Pastor Beth at beth@epworth.com. We're saving seats on the patio!