



# Epworth News

*God's Love in Action - Growing Disciples through Compassionate Relationships*

**April  
2013**

***Celebrating the  
Risen Lord***

**Sunday Worship**

**8:30 a.m. Worship**

**9:30 a.m. Sunday School**

**10:30 a.m. Worship**

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## **IT'S ALL RIGHT**

Raise your hand if you meet yourself coming and going. Raise your hand if you wake up with a list and go to bed with a list of things to do that never quite seemed to get accomplished. Raise your hand if you still have Christmas decorations to put away. Raise your hand if you are still waiting to begin that exercise and dieting regimen prescribed to you by your doctor or made as a part of your New Year's resolution. Raise your hand if you haven't yet started your Spring Cleaning. (Raise your hand if that last question has just pushed you over the edge.) Raise your hand if you just haven't made it to church for a while nor set aside time to work on your spiritual life or your relationships with other faith-filled friends. Raise your hand if your relationship with God has become just another thing left undone on your list. If you are still not yet raising your hand, I am sure that there is something that you are struggling with or something that is stressing you out. If you haven't already completely shut down, and have stopped reading this article, I invite you to read the following story...



*"One day a man came home after a long day at work. I suppose you could say that it had been a pretty normal day. He had awakened that morning with the usual mixture of anticipation and dread, excitement and boredom, satisfaction and regret – and a host of other emotions and attitudes not so easily labeled. His life didn't leave him feeling entirely whole, but he couldn't find anything that needed immediate attention either. Somewhere along the way, he had come to accept his own ambivalence as the way things were meant to be.*

*He walked into his house, closed the door, and locked it behind him. He didn't plan on going out again that night. Almost immediately, he regretted locking himself in. A light was on in the kitchen, and he heard a noise as if someone were in there. Before he could react, one way or another or even say anything, the kitchen door opened, and he stood face to face with . . . himself! At least that's who it looked like. Not only was it like looking in a mirror, but the intruder was eating what he had planned to eat for dinner and was wearing the clothes that should have been upstairs in his closet!*

*The effect the two of them had on each other was pure paralysis. They simply stared at each other, too surprised to move. But while there was little movement going on between them, lots of things were happening around them. A key turned in the door and in walked another image of himself. This one stopped half in and half out of the door when he saw the two of them. Another one came down the stairs dressed in his gym shorts, wearing his sneakers, and toting his tennis racquet.*

*Over and over again it happened. One image after another, differing only in slight variations of dress and purpose, walked through the door or came up from the basement or walked down the stairs. When they saw one another, they all stood there full of disbelief, confusion, and – if he were any measure of the rest of them – immense fear.*

*Suddenly One was in the room who was not one of them. He moved slowly and deliberately from image to image. He approached each one, placed his hands over the ears, looked the image straight in the face, said something, and moved on. As he moved throughout the room and touched one after the other, it seemed that the house was becoming less and less crowded. Finally he came to the man we started with, cupped his hands over our friend's ears, looked him straight in the face, and spoke carefully and distinctly, 'It's all right.'*

*As the words blew across his face, the man suddenly found himself alone in the room. Despite the unusual events of the past few minutes, he felt a sense of wholeness and peace that was unlike anything he had ever felt before. And he couldn't wait to see what was going to happen next!"\**

God works through our relationships, through our worship, through our service, through our attempts at faithfulness to put us back together. God takes our brokenness, our fragmented-ness, and gently works in our daily lives to heal us and bring us to wholeness -- even when -- especially when -- we raise our hands and admit that we can't do it alone and that we need help. We all need to be reminded of God's love and care for us. See you in worship!

God's peace! David

\*"It's All Right" from "The Carpenter and the Unbuilder" by David M. Griebner



## Children in Ministry

With the lilies of Easter, and daffodils pushing their way through the hardened winter soil, comes the promise of Spring and the count-down to Summer. Epworth's children are already excitedly making plans to go to Camp Wesley for Ga-Ga ball, swimming, archery, praise music, and vespers in the woods. For the first time in a few years, we'll have children going to camp for a full week. The West Ohio Conference has provided additional funding for the camps, making camp more affordable in order to increase participation. With this support from the conference and the faithful support of the Epworth congregation and Epworth's *Sausage for Summer Camp* sponsor, Randy Brown, our families will pay no more than \$100 per child to attend camp this year. As the children learn about TXT Message From God, two way communication with the Creator, they will go to Camp Wesley with the prayers of parents, grandparents and the congregation. In so many ways you have lived the words of Jesus *"Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs."* Thank you for your faithfulness, Sharon

### FRIDAY NIGHT FRIENDS

April 12, 6 - 9 p.m., grades 1-6  
Bring a friend - Bring \$2 for food.

Most of our kids have experienced some form of bullying at school or in other kids activities. Friday Night Friends will be an event to focus on fun with friends, and what to do when bullying barges into your world. Games, fun-food, and some real strategies to take to the real world. Please sign up for this event by texting Sharon at 740-360-3819 or calling 387-8344 x 12.



### EVERYWHERE FUN FAIR VBS - JUNE 17-21

At Epworth's Vacation Bible School, children will:

- Explore how children of all cultures can be friends and neighbors to one another
- Discover God at work in their lives

- Experience the welcoming, transforming love of God that empowers growth in faith and ongoing decisions to love and serve God and neighbor
- Remember that Jesus welcomes everyone
- Sing, do crafts, participate in missions, hear and see stories, play games, do science experiments and learn about being good neighbors

Everywhere Fun Fair will help the children learn about God while they experience a new place each day - all in the theme of a kid-friendly fair. We'll do registration in the Atrium on Sunday, June 2. Now is the time to mark your calendars, talk it up with your friends, invite your grandchildren, and begin to imagine just what puppet Godwin Merrifeather might look like! And if you'd like to volunteer, speak with Sharon or VBS Director Heather Harper.

## CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

### Little Blessings, room 201

Alycia Orcena & Joy Boyer

### Godly Play, room 206

April 7

◇ The Easter Egg Story - Linda Foos

April 14

◇ Parable of the Mustard Seed-Elizabeth Claborn

April 21

◇ Parable of the Sower - Doug Warne

April 28

◇ Parable of the Good Samaritan - Andy Harper

### Acolyte Fellowship, room 204

April 7

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## CALENDAR NOTES FOR BUSY PARENTS

### Wednesday, April 10

- ◇ Camp scholarship & registration forms due

### Friday, April 12

- ◇ Friday Night Friends - 6:00-9:00 p.m. Grades 1-6, Youth Lounge

### Sunday, April 28

- ◇ Children's Choir will sing with the Chancel Bells

### Monday, April 22

- ◇ Last day to turn in prepaid *Sausage for Summer Camp* orders

### Wednesday, April 24

- ◇ Vacation Bible School planning session, 6:30-8:00

### Sunday, April 28

- ◇ *Sausage for Summer Camp* product pick-up (parent help needed)

### Sunday, May 5

- ◇ Children's Choir will sing at Primrose, 2 p.m.

### Sunday, May 12

- ◇ Mother's Day, Children's Choir will sing with the Chancel Choir

### Sunday, June 2

- ◇ Vacation Bible School registration in the Atrium - popcorn to go!

### Mon.-Fri., June 17-21

- ◇ Everywhere Fun Fair VBS, Heather Harper, director

**DC4K Fast Fact:** Over half of the children of divorce think they're to blame for their parents divorce. Epworth's Divorce Care for Kids ministry is helping kids to understand that divorce is an adult matter, and that kids did not cause the break up of their family.

## FAMILY LENT EVENT

Thank you to all who helped with the Family Lent Event. Special thanks to those who donated candy for the Easter Egg Hunt.



## Sausage for Summer Camp!

Grilling time is almost here! Makin Bacon Farms has made it possible for Children's Council to take orders for bulk sausage, bratwurst patties, and bratwurst links. Your frozen sausage and brats will be ready for pick up in the church kitchen on Sunday, April 28th

Place all orders, with payment, by Monday, April 22nd.

\_\_\_\_\_ package (s) frozen bulk sausage, approx. 1 lb. @ \$2.50 = \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ package (s) frozen bratwurst links, approx. 2 lbs. @ \$6.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ package (s) frozen bratwurst patties, approx 2 lbs. @ \$6.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

Total = \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Proceeds will support children's church camp scholarships.  
Please make checks payable to Epworth UMC - Children's Council

## Epworth Women



### UNITED METHODIST WOMEN WOMEN-IN-ACTION

A special service to highlight the mission outreach of United Methodist Women has long held a place in the life of Epworth. Each year, a

group of women meet and plan the service around the theme of missions. Sunday, March 17th, Epworth Women in Action came together to share their many talents. The opening skit ... gave us the gift of laughter; the Women's Chorus ... the gift of music ... Mission Impossible ... the gift of teaching; many smiling faces ... the gift of friendship; AND the homemade goodies to enjoy later ... the gift of loving hands. If your name fits into any of these categories ... Thank You ... Thank You ... Thank You. If you participated by being in worship with us and supporting mission work ... Thank You ... Thank You ... Thank You.

Our mission is not IMPOSIBLE ... and we choose to accept it!

Remember these dates: April 19.20 for the Women's Retreat. The weekend begins with a great day out for those who are free for the day. Also, this is an opportunity for anyone who wishes to enjoy a day out with friends. A visit to Rutherford B. Hayes' home in Fremont; lunch a stroll around the grounds of the beautiful Pines Retreat Center. If you are interested in this day only event, contact Sharon Gilbert or Joy Boyer to coordinate car-pooling.

May 2nd is our Spring Fling event ... watch Sunday bulletins for more information.

Our next meeting is Monday, April 8th at 6:30 pm in the Church Parlor (Rm. 205) with a social time following with AMI. The Evelyn Kendal Circle will meet on Tuesday, April 9th at Perkins Restaurant for lunch at 1:00 pm

Hope to see you soon at these gatherings.

Joy Boyer  
President, UMW

A mission thought: The first School of Christian Mission held in Africa had as its theme "Together at the Table." Held in Freetown, Sierra Leone, the studies included

"Jesus and the Courageous Women" and "Ethnicity." Courageous United Methodist women are now equipped to help put an end to ethnic divisions, which breeds unrest.

Elmira Sellu, UMW regional missionary  
for East and West Africa



White roses were placed on the altar in celebration of the life of:

◇ Reed Merwine who died March 2, 2013

◇ Beverly Severns who died March 5, 2013

◇ Joan Milner who died March 14, 2013

◇ John Cook who died March 17, 2013

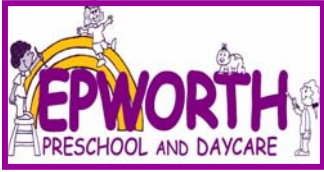
Our love, support, and sympathy surround these families.



A red rose was placed on the altar, as we celebrate the arrival of:

◇ Annette Walker Kumpf, born February 22, 2013. Daughter of Abbie & Arthur Kumpf. Proud grandparents are Steve & Marilyn Simpson.

◇ Samuel Galloway, born March 5, 2013, great-grandson to Alice Galloway



"Early Years are Learning Years" is the theme for the month of the young child. The month of April is

an annual celebration of early childhood and a tribute to all those people in our community who teach and support young children. It is a time to recommit ourselves to ensuring that each and every child receives the type of early environment at home, at childcare, at school, and in the community that will promote their early learning. We will be celebrating the month of the young child in several different ways. Sunday, April 7th will be our biggest event. We have invited the children enrolled in the preschool and daycare program and their families to the 10:30am worship service. The children will be singing songs that they have learned in Music and Motion with Miss Connie and our annual art show will be displayed in the parlor. A reception will be provided in the parlor after church. We hope that you will join us in welcoming these young families to our worship service.

A heartfelt thank you to the congregation of Epworth Church for your fifty years of support of the preschool and daycare. Epworth is known as a church that is responsive to the needs of children and their families. This is a safe sanctuary for all of God's children.

When you are doing your Spring-cleaning think of us because we want your unwanted items. The garage sale date is Saturday, May 4 from 9:00am-4:00pm. The sale will be at the same great sites: the home of Jack & Bea Kellogg, 890 Vernon Heights Blvd; and the home of John McDaniel, 900 Vernon Heights Blvd. Beginning Wednesday, May 1st, you can begin bringing your unwanted items directly to the garage sale sites. If you have large items or would like us to pick up your donations call 387-1062.

Yeah Spring!



## CRAFTING WITH PHYLLIS

Every Thursday, from 10:00 am until 2:00 pm - a group of people get together in Room 111 for crafting. We welcome anyone who likes to do hand work: quilting, scrapbooking, knitting, crocheting, painting, etc. Bring your craft with you, and enjoy the fellowship you have while working with others. We LOVE the fellowship! You may come for an hour or come for all day - it's up to you. If you stay the whole time, bring a sack lunch.

## PRAYER QUILTS WERE MADE FOR



◇ Reed Merwine for healing and patience

## HELP WANTED

Wanted: Building Superintendent to oversee maintenance of large church facility. Experience with facility maintenance preferred. Position requires approximately 20 hours/week. Send a statement of experience and skills to: Epworth United Methodist Church, 249 E. Center St., Marion, OH 43302. Accepting applicants immediately until the position is filled. Call the church at (740) 387-8344 to make inquiries.

We wish Bob Houston well in his new full-time employment.



# April 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1</p> <p>EASTER HOLIDAY - OFFICE CLOSED</p> <p>6:30pm Reggio Study Group (Rm. 111)</p> <p>7:00pm Spiritual Formation (Rm. 210)</p> <p>7:00pm Boy Scouts (Rm. 106)</p>	<p>2</p> <p>7:30am Men's Breakfast</p> <p>8:00am DivorceCare (Rm. 205)</p> <p>11:00am Staff Meeting</p> <p>5:00pm Getting Ahead (Rm. 109)</p> <p>5:30pm Cub Scouts (Rms. 301 &amp; 303)</p> <p>5:30pm Yoga (Rm. 112)</p> <p>6:30pm DivorceCare-Children (Rms. 204 &amp; 206)</p> <p>6:30pm DivorceCare-Child Care (Rm. 201)</p> <p>6:30pm DivorceCare-Adults (Rm. 205)</p>	<p>3</p> <p>PSDC Art Show (Rm. 205)</p> <p>1:15pm PSDC Teachers meeting (Rm. 111)</p> <p>6:00pm Bells</p> <p>6:30pm Bible Study (Rm. 210)</p> <p>7:00pm Choir</p> <p>7:00pm Nar-Anon (Rm. 106)</p>	<p>4</p> <p>PSDC Art Show (Rm. 205)</p> <p>10:00am Phyllis' Craft Class (Rm. 111)</p> <p>10:00am Disciple Bible Study (Rm. 106)</p> <p>5:15pm Membership &amp; Nurture at Panera Bread</p> <p>5:30pm Cub Scouts (Rms. 301 &amp; 303)</p> <p>5:30pm Yoga (Rm. 112)</p> <p>7:00pm PSDC Search (Rm. 205)</p>	<p>5</p> <p>PSDC Art Show (Rm. 205)</p>	<p>6</p> <p>PSDC Art Show (Rm. 205)</p> <p>11:00am Prayer Quilt Ministry (Rm. 111)</p>	
<p>7</p> <p>Children's Council Sausage/Bratwurst Sale through April 28</p> <p>PSDC Art Show (Rm. 205)</p> <p>PSDC Sunday</p>	<p>8</p> <p>PSDC Art Show (Rm. 205)</p> <p>6:30pm UMW / Pastor's Office</p> <p>7:00pm Boy Scouts (Rm. 106)</p> <p>7:30pm AMI Circle (Pastor's Office)</p>	<p>9</p> <p>PSDC Art Show (Rm. 205)</p> <p>7:30am Men's Breakfast</p> <p>8:00am DivorceCare (Rm. 205)</p> <p>11:00am Staff Meeting</p> <p>1:00pm Evelyn Kendall Circle - Perkins</p> <p>4:00pm Quilt Class (Rm. 111)</p> <p>5:30pm Cub Scouts (Rms. 301 &amp; 303)</p> <p>5:30pm Yoga (Rm. 112)</p> <p>6:30pm DivorceCare-Children (Rms. 204 &amp; 206)</p> <p>6:30pm DivorceCare-Adults (Rm. 205)</p> <p>6:30pm DivorceCare-Child Care (Rm. 201)</p> <p>7:00pm SPRC (Rm. 111)</p>	<p>10</p> <p>6:00pm Bells</p> <p>6:30pm Bible Study (Rm. 205)</p> <p>7:00pm Nar-Anon (Rm. 106)</p> <p>7:00pm Choir</p>	<p>11</p> <p>10:00am Phyllis' Craft Class (Rm. 111)</p> <p>10:00am Disciple Bible Study (Rm. 106)</p> <p>5:30pm Circles: Allies &amp; Families (Rms. 109 &amp; 106)</p> <p>5:30pm Cub Scouts (Rms. 301 &amp; 303)</p> <p>5:30pm Yoga (Rm. 112)</p> <p>6:00pm Quilt Class (Rm. 111)</p> <p>7:00pm Trustees (Rm. 210)</p>	<p>12</p> <p>6:00pm Friday Night Friends (Rm. 303)</p>	<p>13</p> <p>9:30am Trustees touring the Church</p>
<p>14</p> <p>11:30am Worship Committee</p>	<p>15</p> <p>6:00pm Lay Leadership (Rm. 210)</p> <p>7:00pm Boy Scouts (Rm. 106)</p> <p>7:00pm PSDC Board (Rm. 111)</p>	<p>16</p> <p>7:30am Men's Breakfast</p> <p>8:00am DivorceCare (Rm. 205)</p> <p>11:00am Staff Meeting</p> <p>11:30am Cents for Children (Rm. 111)</p> <p>5:30pm Cub Scouts (Rms. 301 &amp; 303)</p> <p>5:30pm Yoga (Rm. 112)</p> <p>6:30pm Finance Committee (Rm. 210)</p> <p>6:30pm DivorceCare-Child Care (Rm. 201)</p> <p>6:30pm DivorceCare-Adults (Rm. 205)</p> <p>6:30pm DivorceCare-Children (Rms. 204 &amp; 206)</p>	<p>17</p> <p>6:00pm Bells</p> <p>6:30pm Bible Study (Rm. 205)</p> <p>7:00pm Choir</p> <p>7:00pm Nar-Anon (Rm. 106)</p> <p>7:00pm Scholarship Meeting (Rm. 111)</p>	<p>18</p> <p>10:00am Phyllis' Craft Class (Rm. 111)</p> <p>5:30pm Cub Scouts (Rms. 301 &amp; 303)</p> <p>5:30pm Yoga (Rm. 112)</p> <p>6:30pm Wings of the Morning Dinner (Rm. 109)</p> <p>7:30 pm Wings of the Morning Presentation (Rm. 109)</p> <p>No Administrative Council</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Women's Retreat</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Women's Retreat</p> <p>9:00am Women's Morning Out at Panera Bread</p> <p>10:00am Stewardship Committee - Columbus - Generous Giving Training</p>
<p>21</p> <p>4:00pm New Member Class (Rm. 205)</p>	<p>22</p> <p>6:30pm Missions (Rm. 111)</p> <p>7:00pm Boy Scouts (Rm. 106)</p>	<p>23</p> <p>No Staff Meeting</p> <p>7:30am Men's Breakfast</p> <p>4:00pm Quilt Class (Rm. 111)</p> <p>5:30pm Cub Scouts (Rms. 301 &amp; 303)</p> <p>5:30pm Yoga (Rm. 112)</p> <p>6:00pm Stewardship Committee (Rm. 210)</p> <p>6:30pm DivorceCare &amp; DC4K Celebration (Rm. 205)</p>	<p>24</p> <p>6:00pm Bells</p> <p>6:30pm VBS Teachers meeting (Rm. 111)</p> <p>6:30pm Bible Study (Rm. 205)</p> <p>7:00pm Choir</p> <p>7:00pm Nar-Anon (Rm. 106)</p>	<p>25</p> <p>10:00am Phyllis' Craft Class (Rm. 111)</p> <p>5:30pm Cub Scouts (Rms. 301 &amp; 303)</p> <p>5:30pm Yoga (Rm. 112)</p> <p>6:00pm Quilt Class (Rm. 111)</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>
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## SUNDAY OPPORTUNITIES FOR WORSHIP AT EPWORTH UMC

*Common Grounds Coffee Shop opens at 9:15 am.  
Stop by for a cup of coffee or tea and fellowship (Rm. 106)*

8:30 am	Nursery care available until 11:45 am (Rm. 202)
8:30 am	Worship Service
9:00 am	Children's Choir (Rm.203)
	Open Door Class (Rm. 305)
9:15 am	Come Join Us Class (Rm. 205)
9:30 am	The Little Blessings, ages 2 ½ -3 (Rm. 201)
	Godly Play (ages 4–2 <sup>nd</sup> grade) (Rm. 206)
	Acolyte Fellowship SS Class (grades 3-5 <sup>th</sup> ) (Rm. 204)
	Jr. High Youth Class (Rm. 303)
	Sr. High Youth Class (Rm. 301)
	Faith & Family Class (Rm. 210)
	Messengers Class (Rm. 111)
	Common Grounds (Coffee Shop - Rm. 106)
10:30 am	Worship Service