



# Epworth News

*The mission of our church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.*

**AUGUST  
2012**

***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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**Rev. David L. Hoffman**  
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**Sharon Gilbert**  
Dir. Children and Families

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Financial Secretary

**Pat Murphy**  
Choral & Bell Director

**Kathy Walczak**  
Organist

**Connie Slob**  
Custodian

**Bob Houston**  
Building Superintendent

**Robin Rick**  
PS/DC Director

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## The Invitation

"...On that day, when evening had come, Jesus said to them, 'Let us go across to the other side'...." (Mark 4:35-41)

There is an invitation. And isn't that where it always begins? An invitation, a suggestion, a calling, an asking by someone to go with, to journey beside, to try something new, to risk taking that next step. That's how the over-sea voyage started for the disciples that evening.

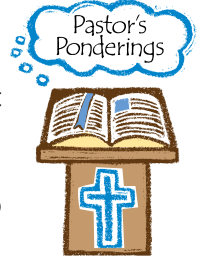
The invitation from Jesus came out of the blue. "Let us go to the other side." But, it shouldn't have been completely unexpected, they were on a journey and they were at the shoreline. They quickly accepted the invitation and found themselves together in the same boat – I am sure most were secretly wishing for an after dinner cruise around the shoreline – you can just faintly over hear and make out the theme song beginning softly in the background,

*"Just sit right back and you'll hear a tale, a tale of a fateful trip, that started from this tropic port, aboard this tiny ship. The mate was a mighty sailing man; the skipper brave and sure. Five passengers set sail that day; for a three hour tour, a three hour tour. The weather started getting rough. The tiny ship was tossed, if not for the courage of the fearless crew, the Minnow would be lost; the Minnow would be lost."*<sup>1</sup> 98 episodes later, their journey on Gilligan's Island was over. (I invite you to read the rest of the Mark text, Mark 4:35-41, to find out what happened to the disciples.)

The invitation is our beginning. It is always the beginning. The invitation of faith and our acceptance of that invitation, even if it is at the prompting or threats from loving parents – we do believe in prevenient grace, puts all of us together in the same boat. There is no distinction – we are all in it together. And being in the boat gives us rights and responsibilities – but probably more responsibilities than rights, especially when we choose to follow Jesus. Most of the time, we have no idea where that invitation will lead us. That can be exhilarating and exciting, and yet cause us to be a bit overwhelmed and fearful. We are asked to do new things and to go where we have never gone before; we are asked to use the gifts we have been given, (those gifts that are apparent to us and those yet to be discovered); we are asked to use our gifts sometimes in new and unexpected ways; we are asked to give more, more than we ever thought that we had to give; and we are asked to tell others about our journey and ask them to follow and join us. We agree to all of this when we accept the invitation that God has placed upon our lives. God never stops inviting us, regardless of whether or not we think that we have arrived at our final destination.

We are invited to continue the journey knowing that the Church, Christ's hands and feet, never stops inviting us into deeper waters – into deeper commitment. We are never alone – we are in the same boat together! Christ journeys with us!

Journeying Together,  
David



<sup>1</sup>Theme from Gilligan's Island, late 1960's TV show

## Did you know?

First impressions are lasting ones, people make up their minds about our church within the first ten minutes of contact with the congregation. Long before the pastor preaches, people most often will have decided if they plan to return.

### Here are some suggestions to make our church more welcoming to visitors...

**Circle of 10:** Greet anyone, member or guest, who comes within ten feet of you. Make a special effort to greet the people you don't already know within your Circle of 10. It's as simple as, "Hi, my name is ———. I don't think we've met. What's your name?"

**Rule of 3:** Try not to talk to other members for the first three minutes after the service. Talk only to those you don't know and to people that you know are guests. It takes guests about three minutes to exit the church after worship so it's important to make sure someone has made contact with them before they leave.

## MUSIC MINISTRY – MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!!

- ◇ **Chancel Choir:** will begin rehearsing for the upcoming season on Wednesday evening, **August 22 at 7:00 p.m.** in the choir room. Rehearsals are held at this time and place each week throughout the year, and any adult or high school aged singers who would like to participate are welcome to join us at that time. Our first Sunday back in the loft will be September 11 at the 10:30 service. Pat Murphy is the Chancel Choir Director.
- ◇ **Chancel Bells:** meet Wednesday evenings in the East Balcony from **6:15 to 7:00 beginning August 22nd.** The Chancel Bells ring once a month and on Easter and Christmas Eve. Pat Murphy is our Chancel Bell Director.
- ◇ **Women's Chorus:** directed by Pat Murphy. Open to all who love to sing! They augment our Chancel Choir participation. Rehearsals and performance times will be announced.
- ◇ **Men's Chorus:** directed by Pat Murphy. Open to all who love to sing! They augment our Chancel Choir participation. Rehearsals and performance times will be announced.
  - ◇ **The Church Orchestra:** will play for Special Services and Rehearsals will be announced.
  - ◇ **The Epworth Big Band:** will play for Special Services and Rehearsals will be announced.
  - ◇ **Children's Choir:** directed by Ruth Coldwell will practice on Sunday mornings from 9 – 9:30 a.m., for 4 years to 5<sup>th</sup> grade, beginning **September 9th.**

**Attention Instrumentalists:** *Any instrumentalist (youth through mature) wishing to participate in worship to accompany hymns, special music, etc., please call Pat Murphy (419-563-5298).*

## ***Staff Parish Relations Committee (SPRC)***

The Staff Parish Relations Committee (SPRC) met recently to discuss and consider how to prioritize Pastor David's time to best serve the needs of Epworth UMC. Using a tool provided in the "Starting Well" seminar, hosted by the Capitol Area North District, members of the committee considered twelve areas that comprise a pastor's time serving the church and its people. Considering the unique needs of our congregation, the size of our church, and feedback from the recent congregational survey, the SPRC prioritized the areas into three categories: 1. Where most of the pastor's time should be spent, 2. Where some of the pastor's time should be spent, and 3. Where little of the pastor's time should be spent. After much discussion, the SPRC members determined that to best serve the needs of Epworth, the majority of Pastor David's time should be spent in the following areas:

- ◇ **Leading Worship and Preaching** - planning and conducting worship services, including sermon preparation and working with others who lead and participate in worship.
- ◇ **Leading** - serving as the leader of leaders in the congregation, the person who articulates the vision and focuses the work of the whole congregation on that vision.
- ◇ **Teaching** - planning and/or teaching classes for church school teachers, teaching short term classes, teaching the confirmation classes, training laity in evangelism, leadership, etc.
- ◇ **Administration** - serving as the "executive" to the congregation, working with the committees, helping to plan the financial program of the church, working with committees on the planning and implementing of programs.

While we believe that these are the most important areas of focus, these are not the only areas where Pastor David will spend his time. These areas are simply meant to represent a majority of the pastor's time serving the church. We feel that focusing on these areas will allow us to prosper and grow as a congregation and to continue to serve our community and the Kingdom of God.

Should you have any questions regarding SPRC's work on this issue, please feel free to contact Committee Chair, Angie Osborne, or any other member of the committee.

## **STAFF ANNOUNCEMENT**

The Staff Parish Relations Committee is pleased to announce that Pat Murphy has accepted the position of Choir Director at Epworth UMC. Pat has been, and will continue to be, the director of the Bell Choir, Women's Choir and Men's Choir. Pat is very excited to begin her new role as Director of the Chancel Choir.

The Staff Parish Relations Committee is pleased to announce the hiring of Bob Houston for the position of Building Superintendent for Epworth UMC. Bob and his wife, Susan, are members of Prospect Street United Methodist Church, where Bob serves as a Trustee. He brings with him a wealth of experience in all areas of building maintenance and we believe he will serve our building well. We welcome Bob as the newest member of our staff here at Epworth.



## Children in Ministry

As I stood on the bridge of Marion's Tallgrass Trail with Epworth children, their parents, a couple of grandparents, and several church members whose homes are no longer filled with the activity of children and youth, I marveled at how the children, and God's amazing outdoors, help to bring together the church. It mattered not whether the observer was 9 or 79, the sudden movement of a young beaver in the water was amusing. Three year olds and their 30-something parents caught a glimpse of two herons flying to a more protected spot in the bog. Bullfrogs, camouflaged in the algae, excited young nature detectives and their grandparents. Whether we knew one another, or met our new Epworth friends on the journey, mattered not.

On the trail, folks walked at the pace of children, sometimes stopping to look closely at a bug or a flower, sometime darting ahead with excitement. Our delight in new discovery was the same, and the July stickiness was the same. Our joy in God's great outdoors was intergenerational. Our church is blessed by the wide-eyed joy of children, and on the bridges of life, we are the church together. Thanks be to God!

Sharon

### EPWORTH 0-5 PLAYGROUP

Wanting to connect with other Epworth parents and their children? Church shouldn't be a lonely place for parents of young children.

**Epworth's 0-5 Playgroup** will meet on Fridays, July 27 and August 10, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. in room 201. You need not be a member of Epworth or enrolled in our preschool/daycare to attend. Come, and bring your children for mom-talk, playtime, and a child-friendly snack! Jane Harper, mother of a 1 year-old and an almost 3 year-old, hosts our Epworth 0-5 Playgroup. The agenda is friendship and conversation in a child-safe environment. Contact Jane - [Janie7\\_2000@yahoo.com](mailto:Janie7_2000@yahoo.com) or [sgilbert@epworthumc.org](mailto:sgilbert@epworthumc.org).

### Epworthy Photos

In the midst of our children's and youth ministries, we often photograph the kids to share the moment. These photos may appear on bulletin boards, our Epworth website, the Epworth Facebook page/group and future church directories as well as brochures describing our ministries. In order to protect children and youth, it is our Safe Sanctuary policy not to identify minors by name when we use a photo. However, if you prefer that we not use photos in which your child/youth appears, please contact Sharon Gilbert, Director of Ministries with Children and Families.

### New in September! Little Blessings!

If you've peeked into our nursery on Sunday mornings, you'll not find many cribs full of babies, but instead, a room full of toddlers. Beginning in September, the 2 ½ and 3 year olds will have their own room for the Sunday School hour, 9:30-10:20 in room 201. Alycia Orcena and Joy Boyer, experienced teachers of little ones, will have a Sunday School class especially designed for these *Little Blessings*. The children will experience simple songs and fingerplays, Bible stories and easy crafts, and have some play time with their "church friends". Thank you Alycia and Joy! Parents - if this is your child's first real "Sunday School class" and/or if you'd like to know how to help, give me a call at the church - Sharon.

### Camp Wesley - Here we come!

Camp Wesley, near Bellefontaine, boasts over 225 acres of gently rolling grounds with a 20 acre lake, mixed forests and grasslands creating an exciting opportunity to experience the wonder and beauty of God's creation. Nine Epworth children will attend A Taste of Camp---3 exciting days and 2 quick nights full of fun songs, engaging activities and vibrant child-size worship. Please hold Abbie, Annie, Logan, Katelyn, Joey, Paige, Anna, Katie, Riley and Chaplain Sharon in your prayers as they experience the wonders of God in this United Methodist church camp!

### Safe Sanctuary Training - Two More Opportunities This Year

Epworth Church is committed to providing safety and security for children and youth within our ministries, as well as protection for our staff and volunteers. Since April, 40 volunteers and staff members have completed a 90 minute class in Safe Sanctuary Procedures, and they've also had background checks. By September we hope to be a fully compliant Safe Sanctuary church - meaning that ALL volunteers with children and youth, as well as all church staff, have been trained in our child protection policy and procedures. If you teach children or youth Sunday School classes, help with Children's Worship, chaperone youth events, go on mission trips with youth, help with childcare for Marion Matters or other church events, or if you want to get involved in any of these activities, you are especially invited to attend one the Safe Sanctuary Training classes in August: Tuesday, August 28 at 6:30 p.m. OR Wednesday, August 29 at 10:00 a.m. It takes a whole church to keep children safe!!! If you have questions, call Sharon at the church.



## ***Epworth Youth***

Prattsville, New York, a small town situated in the Catskills Mountains has a population of approximately 700 and sits on the banks of the Schoharie Creek. You may wonder what that has to do with Epworth United Methodist Church.

On June 16th of this year, 6 youth and 2 adults journeyed to Prattsville to help with damage caused by flash flooding from Hurricane Irene on August 28, 2011. The town was almost wiped off the map. Remember when I mention it was located along a creek? The creek rose 15 feet in under 12 hours. According to reports from the Greene County Administrator, the rainwater coming off the Catskills sent a volume of water that was greater than Niagara Falls through this small community. It wasn't standing water, but rushing water that washed away people's homes and livelihood. There was a porch across the street from where we stayed, the house had been washed off its foundation and could be seen about 3 lots down smashed against a tree. As we journeyed down Main Street many houses still stand condemned, parts of their foundations washed away.

Our group stayed and worked at the Prattsville United Methodist Church which was built in 1834. They told us the most water they ever had in the past was 18" in the basement. This storm sent 4 feet of rushing water through their sanctuary.



Epworth can be very proud of the young men and women who went on this mission. We were a small group, but mighty. Our young people cleared out debris around the foundation of the church, mixed cement, put up insulation and did the prep work for replacing siding on the church and the connecting building which contained the basement and dining area. We used quite a bit of our hammering and measuring skills. We also learned the importance of sharing work space and the art of being patient, after all Rome wasn't built in a day. Some of the youth learned how to use a brake. This piece of machinery would bend the flashing that was put up against the foundation to help keep water out. They also were able to finish one side of the church with siding. Besides the work at the church, our youth, at various times, helped mucking out a garage, mowing, cleaning up brush and helping our host and guide, Charlie, gather supplies.

We also participated in activities at the church by attending Sunday School, Bible Study, and church services. Since the sanctuary is in the process of being redone, all worship activities are held in the dining room. We also got to meet other teams. There was a team there from Illinois and one from Reynoldsburg, Ohio. All volunteers met at the church dining area for a sack lunch and breaks. A couple of evenings we went up the mountain to the Christian Training Center where the other teams were housed. That facility includes dorms, meeting areas, and a gym. This center was used for housing evacuees during and after the flood. Many people were brought there in their mud-caked night clothes, no shoes, etc. They ended up using their gymnasium for a pantry which resembled a large store, with aisles for different items such as food, clothing, water, toiletries etc. Just a side note: Remember the health kits we gathered? We saw kits at the church that had been delivered and were being used.

The people of Prattsville and their neighbors have been working non-stop for the last 10 months trying to rebuild. There are signs throughout the town saying "rebuilding Prattsville one building at a time." A few of the houses are being lived in. Some of the businesses are reopened in new or partially rebuilt buildings. The Prattsville UMC still holds their services and activities despite not having their sanctuary completely finished. The parsonage is stripped down to the floor joists and they were hoping to start work soon.

If you would like to see how devastating this flood was, go to YouTube and search Prattsville, New York.

So the next time you see Brandon Barkeloo, Nick Foos, Taylor Hamilton, CJ Napper, Tre Potter or Heather Slob, tell them how proud you are of the way the youth have represented our church. It was a job well done.



### United Methodist Women – Women in Action!

Even though the United Methodist Women of Epworth is on a “summer break,” our work continues. During the month of June, Pam Douce and Amy Erickson attended various portions of Annual Conference in Lakeside, Ohio, coming away renewed and freshened! In July, Jeanne Howison and Amy Erickson – both officers in the Capitol Area North District UMW – traveled to Ada, Ohio to attend the West Ohio Cooperative School of Christian Mission held at Ohio Northern University. During their four-day stay they both attended classes on Immigration, while Jeanne also attended a class on Poverty, and Amy attended one on Haiti. They met with other members of UMW from the Capitol Area North District, as well as their officer counterparts from the Conference level. It was a time for friendship, fellowship, laughter, meaningful worship, and spiritual renewal.

Joy Boyer, Chair of Epworth’s UMW Nominations Committee, is busy contacting prospective officers for 2013. If you have someone you would like to nominate – or if you would like to volunteer – please contact Joy and let her know.

During August we will start up again for the Fall. Events currently planned are UMW local unit officer training, Capitol Area North District Meeting, Epworth’s Annual Fall Bazaar, and the Conference Annual Celebration.

Enjoy the rest of your summer; you’ll be hearing more from United Methodist Women – Women in Action! very soon.

– Amy Erickson

Thank You

*Thank you, Epworth, for letting me go to church camp! Love, Annie Bell*

*I just wanted to thank you for the graduation recognition! The breakfast was so much fun and I think I am really going to enjoy my new bible! I also wanted to thank the church for all the support over the years, including, but definitely not limited to, scholarship money! Thank you so much for everything! Betsy Slagle*

*Thank you so much for the generous scholarship you awarded me. I am so grateful and the money will be very helpful in paying my tuition next year. Thank you for taking the time and considering me. Thanks again! Heather Gorslin*

*I would like to tell you how much I appreciate the scholarship you awarded me. I have already planned how I am going to use it towards the next school year. This money is helping me immensely as I am starting the Nursing Program in the fall. Thank you so much! Lindsey Hayes*

*Thank you so much for choosing me for a scholarship. College is so important to me, but very expensive, and this really helped!*

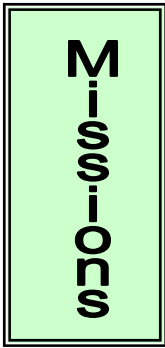
*Kelsey Hoffman*

*The family of Pastor Church Zweizig would like to thank you for your kindness in providing a prayer quilt for him. He asked that it be on him much of the time and took great comfort from it. May God bless you all for caring and extending Christ’s love to him. Blessings! Charles Zweizig Family*

*Thank you so much for the lovely quilt you sent before my surgery. I took it with me to the hospital, and it was so cheery in a dull room! I am very happy to report that I had successful thyroid surgery and that I am cancer free. I am sure that all your prayers helped. Blessings to you all! Krista Mitchell*

*Thank you for the scholarship. It will really help pay for my college expenses. I greatly appreciate it. Michael Forry*

*Thank you so much for the scholarship. It will help me greatly with my college expenses. Mark Forry*



FOOD PANTRY REPORT  
May Donations

	March	April	May
Donation sacks		70	40
Food items	772	268	299
Personal Need Items		265	67

The Mission committee purchased 180 dozen eggs purchased for St Paul’s pantry in May. Keep up the good work Epworth. Contribute what you can when you can. Thanks again.

Wayne Newell

*To all of those who shared in my Love Offering.*



*I’m really not sure how to say how much this meant to me.*

*I was definitely not expecting a gift, as the Thank You’s and cards I had received had already meant so much. The last ten plus years have been a real learning experience for me also. Not only being able to help the Church, but to have met so many lasting friends. So therefore, I thank God as well as you all for a part of my life I will always cherish.*

*Thanks to all of you and may God bless our church and it’s loving people.*

Gary Craft

Dear Epworth Friends,

Thank you from the bottom of my heart for your very generous gift and for the personal and warm way you both celebrated with me and sent me and my family off to a new place and great adventure. Sunday, June 10 was a very special day for me, as have been the cards and well wishes you offered at other times. It truly was an honor to worship and serve the Lord alongside you and to have the privilege of being present at tender moments of your lives. I am carrying away many precious memories.

I am aware that many of you, quite kindly, are concerned for my well-being during this transition. Rest assured that I am well, happy, peaceful, and making progress in my search for employment, even though I have not arrived at my final destination. I promise to relieve you of any disquiet you might have as soon as I have something definite to report.

My prayer for you is best expressed in the words of the writer of the book of Ephesians: *I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ...may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe* (Ephesians 1:17-19.) You will always have my admiration and deepest gratitude.

Love and Peace in Christ,  
Rev. Colleen Ogle

**FESTIVAL OF SHARING**  
**September 29, Otterbein University**

It is time to be thinking about sharing our resources with people who are hurting throughout the world. We can do that by making up kits. You may complete a kit or provide money to purchase supplies for the kits. Please pay close attention to the various kits as there have been some changes. DO NOT include monies with your kits.

Please make your check payable to Epworth Church and mark it for Festival of Sharing.

**Health Kit**

1 hand towel (no fingertip or bath towels)  
1 bar of soap (bath size—in original wrapper or box)  
1 washcloth  
1 toothbrush (in original packaging)  
1 wide-tooth comb  
6 band-aids  
1 nail clipper  
Wrap all the smaller items in the towel. Place in a 1-gallon plastic bag with zipper closure, remove excess air from bag and seal.  
**(Value—\$10; processing cost: \$2 per kit)**

**Layettes**

6 cloth diapers  
2 diaper pins  
2 T-shirts or undershirts (no onesies)  
1 sweater/sweatshirt  
2 washcloths  
2 gowns/sleepers  
2 receiving blankets  
Items must be new and under 12 months in size.  
Wrap items inside one of the receiving blankets and secure with both diaper pins.  
**(Value—\$39; processing cost: \$2 per kit)**

**School Kits**

1 blunt metal scissors (rounded tip)  
1 hand-held pencil sharpener  
Three 70-count spiral notebooks or notebooks totaling 200-210 pages. (No loose-leaf or filler paper)  
6 new pencils with erasers  
1 30-cm metric ruler  
1 large eraser  
1 box of 24 crayons (only 24)  
**1 (12x14" to 14" x 17" finished size) cloth bag with handles. Please no reusable shopping bags or backpacks.**

Place all items in the bag, fold the top over and secure with two large rubber bands.

**(Value—\$15; processing cost \$2 per kit)**

**Call Jo Rose at 389-1480,  
if you have questions.**

**Frequently Asked Questions:**

1. **Can anything else be added to the kits?** No additional items can be added to the Kits, and items are limited to only those listed so that all Kit recipients receive the same materials.
2. **Can we include religious or other symbols on the components or in the Kits?** Please do not decorate Kits with religious or governmental symbols or include components with these symbols. Kits are shared with people based only on need, regardless of religion, and should not be used as a way of persuading people to share your religious or political beliefs.
3. **May I designate my Kits for a particular location?** The Kits you provide are packed with other same-type Kits and prepared for shipment to various points throughout the world, when and where the need is the greatest.
4. **Can we include a note with our Kits?** For some Kit recipients to read the note, it would have to be translated into his or her own language. Because this is a time-consuming and costly process, and is outside the scope of the CWS Kit Program, please do not include notes.

**Please do not include personal notes, artwork, checks or cash.**



Following is some information received from Church World Services regarding the Kits that you provide through Festival of Sharing:

As you may be aware, Ohio collects one-third of all of the Kits collected in the entire United States each year! This helps Church World Service respond to the many disasters here at home and round the world. In the past year CWS has responded to tornadoes, hurricanes, floods and famine. When Hurricane Irene hit the eastern United States, CWS was able to respond immediately. Because of our work in the past year, we must replenish our stock of Kits to make sure we are always prepared for the worst. It is only through your hard work that CWS can continue to respond quickly and efficiently through the Kit Program.

Please know that your continued support of the Kit Program makes a big difference in the lives of many people. Each Kit represents a person whose life will be changed because of the simple items contained within.

Your support truly makes a difference in the lives of children and families the world over. The following represent some of the places Church World Services has provided kits through your support of this program.

### **International Shipments**

#### Cameroon

- 15,000 School Kits for distribution through International Orthodox Christian Charities
- 5,880 School Kits for distribution through the Ministry of Secondary Education

#### Romania

- 7,800 School Kits for distribution through Philanthropy Federation

#### Zimbabwe

- 3,600 Hygiene Kits; 900 Baby Care Kits; and 390 School Kits for distribution through Global Assistance

#### Sierra Leone

- 5,400 Hygiene Kits; 2,250 School Kits; 1,455 Baby Care Kits for distribution through the Council of Churches in Sierra Leone

#### Dominican Republic

- 30,000 Hygiene Kits; 7,500 School Kits; 3,000 Baby Care Kits; and 16 Kid Kits for distribution through Service Social de Iglesias Dominicana

### **Domestic Shipments**

#### Alabama

- 12,000 Hygiene Kits; 3,000 School Kits to Christian Service Mission in Birmingham for distribution in response to spring storms.
- 11,000 Hygiene Kits to the American Red Cross in Birmingham for distribution in response in spring storms.
- 7,200 Hygiene Kits; 600 School Kits; 432 Emergency Clean-up Buckets; 300 Baby Care Kits to the Alabama Disaster Relief Multi-Agency Warehouse in Tuscaloosa in response to spring storms.

#### Maryland

- 600 Emergency Clean-up Buckets and 600 Hygiene Kits to Chesapeake Region American Red Cross, located in Baltimore, in response to Hurricane Irene

#### Massachusetts

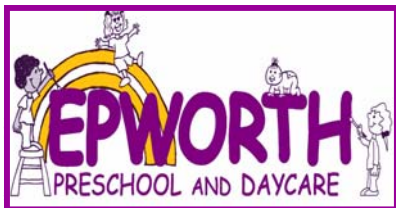
- 6,000 Hygiene Kits to St. Michael Orthodox Christian Church in Southbridge for distribution in response to spring storms.

#### North Carolina

- 2,520 Hygiene Kits; 510 School Kits; 510 Baby Care Kits; and 500 Emergency Clean-up Buckets to the Salvation Army of North Carolina, located in Greenville, in response to Hurricane Irene
- 120 School Kits; 100 Emergency Clean-up Buckets to the Salvation Army in Raleigh in response to spring storms

#### New Mexico

- 240 Hygiene Kits to El Buen Samaritano UMC in Albuquerque in response to area wildfires.



What are some of your favorite summertime memories from your childhood? For children, summertime is a chance to kick back and have fun without the daily pressure and schedule of school. This summer we have 70 children enrolled in the full day program, ranging in age from nine months to 11 years old. It is our goal to build and create fun memories for the children who are spending their summer with us. The location of our church makes it possible for the children to walk to the library for story-time and to be a part of the summer reading program. The school age children walk to Heritage Hall during the month of July as they go to a "Blast from the Past" presented by the Historical Society which is a hit with the children. In addition to these walking trips, the children are bussed by the Marion Transit Busses to the Lincoln Park Family Aquatic Center. The children and teachers are enjoying this wonderful new water park. In addition to lots of fun, the children have swimming lessons each week. For wonderful pictures of our children in action check out our web site [www.epworthpreschool.org](http://www.epworthpreschool.org)

September marks the twenty-fifth year that Epworth Church made the commitment for full-time child care. When children from the Marion area think about the summer times of their childhoods, I wonder how many say "I spent my summers at Epworth it was great!"? Thank you, Epworth members, for making this program possible.

We need a 4 & 5 year old preschool teacher for this fall. The teacher must have at least an associate's degree in Early Childhood. Classroom hours are Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday 8:45-1:15. We are also interviewing for a full-time assistant teacher. The teacher must have a CDA or a degree in early childhood. Please call Robin Rick at 387-1062 if you are interested.

A donation was given to the preschool and daycare in honor of Mel and Ottis Koehler's 65 wedding anniversary by Richard and Robin Rick.



#### PRAYER QUILTS WERE MADE FOR:

**Royal Kids Campers—for peace, comfort and God's Guidance**

**Rev. Colleen Ogle**

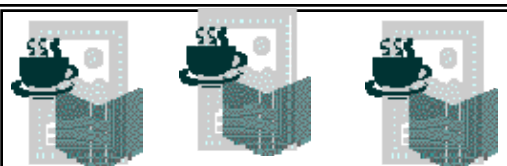
**Bruce Robinson for successful surgery to remove all cancer and a blessed full recovery**

**Meggan (Fleming) and Steven Thompson for successful adoption (starting process to adopt 2 children from Africa)**

**Tom Brandum for healing and comfort**

**Daniel Shoemaker for strength and healing**

**James Bowen for healing**



#### Grounds for Thought Book Club

Come join us on the 4th Thursday every month at 1 p.m. in the Common Grounds Coffee Café for lively discussion, light refreshments and fellowship. All are welcome.

#### 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: be it 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.



#### REMINDER

**Anyone who wishes to schedule use of the church building, for any committee or event, must call the Church Office (387-8344) to schedule space. Also, if you need to cancel a meeting/event, please contact the church office so that the night host may be advised.**

## August 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>1</b> 1:15pm PS/DC Teachers meeting (Rm. 111) 5:15pm Membership & Nurture (Rm. 111)	<b>2</b> 10:00am Phyllis' Craft Class (Rm. 111) 5:30pm Yoga (Rm. 112) 6:30pm Missions (Rm. 205) 7:00pm Boy Scout Roundtable (Rms. 106, 109 & 111)	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 11:00am Prayer Quilt Ministry (Rm. 111)
<b>5</b> 11:30am Worship Committee	<b>6</b> 7:00pm Spiritual Formation (Rm. 210)	<b>7</b> 7:30am Men's Breakfast 11:00am NO STAFF MEETING 5:30pm Yoga (Rm. 109) 7:00pm SPRC (Rm. 111)	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> 10:00am Phyllis' Craft Class (Rm. 111) 5:30pm Yoga (Rm. 112) 5:30pm Circles: Allies & Families (Rms. 109, 205 & 106) 6:00pm Quilt Class (Rm. 111) 7:00pm Trustees (Rm. 210)	<b>10</b> 10:30am Epworth 0-5 Playgroup (Rm. 201)	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b> CELEBRATE SUMMER - 10:30 Worship at Garfield Park NO 8:30 WORSHIP SERVICE	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 7:30am Men's Breakfast 11:00am Staff Meeting 4:00pm Quilt Class (Rm. 111) 5:30pm Yoga (Rm. 109) 7:30pm Finance Committee (Rm. 205)	<b>15</b> NEWSLETTER ITEMS DUE	<b>16</b> 10:00am Phyllis' Craft Class (Rm. 111) 5:30pm Yoga (Rm. 112) 7:00pm Administrative Board (Rm. 111)	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> 9:00am Women's Morning Out at Panera Bread
<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 6:00pm Lay Leadership (Rm. 210)	<b>21</b> 7:30am Men's Breakfast 11:00am Staff Meeting 11:30am Cents for Children (Rm. 111) 5:30pm Yoga (Rm. 109)	<b>22</b> 6:15pm Bells 7:00pm Choir	<b>23</b> 10:00am Phyllis' Craft Class (Rm. 111) 1:00pm "Grounds for Thought" Book Club (Rm. 106) 5:30pm Yoga (Rm. 112) 6:00pm Quilt Class (Rm. 111)	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
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# Epworth News

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## Celebrate Summer

August 12, 2012

Garfield Park

Morning Worship 10:30-11:30

(only one service – no 8:30 service)

featuring the Chromatix

(group that played for Over the Rainbow Celebration)

Camp Songs etc;

Food and Family Games

to follow

### Church will furnish:

Pulled Pork; Bratwurst; Hot Dogs; Corn-on-the Cob; Drink, Buns, Table Service, Plates, Condiments

### Congregation will bring:

A Friend

Chips & Dip; Salads; Fresh Tomatoes; Fresh Veggies and Fruits; Cheese Plates; Desserts; Lawn Chairs