



# Epworth News

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

**JUNE/JULY  
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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**Church Phone  
740-387-8344**

**Pastor  
(June)** Rev. Colleen Ogle

**(July)** Rev. David Hoffman

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**Choral Director**  
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**Bells Director**  
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**Custodian**  
Connie Slob

**Buildings Supervisor**  
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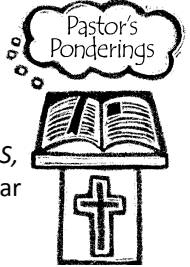
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## PAY IT FORWARD



On April 29, we dedicated the Atrium in the spirit of *OPEN HEARTS, OPEN MINDS, OPEN DOORS* and Thurman Mathew shared some wise words that I think bear repeating:

*Rose and I are glad we have been members of Epworth Church for over 60 years. The Church and Community have been good to us and our family and we are happy to be in the position to make our Church just a little better by helping build the new addition to our Church. We have many fond memories at Epworth and we hope that families in the future can enjoy the same for many years to come.*

*On behalf of our family, we want to thank everybody who has helped the Church through the years. We encourage the future generation to do what they can to help continue this outstanding Church and our Community. Thank you very much. Rose and our family are proud to be here for the dedication of the Atrium.*

Thurman placed his giving in the context of indebtedness and investment. Many of the resources we enjoy in our church and community are a result of the work, generosity, and legacy of a previous generation. ***We are indebted. Let's be thankful!*** In just the same way, we have the opportunity to work so that we can be generous and improve the quality of life for the next generation. ***We can invest. Let's be hopeful!*** Somewhere between thankfulness for what others have given us and hopefulness about what we can do for others is the in between time of work and enjoyment of a meaningful life. Receive...enjoy...work...give. Be thankful...be meaningful...be hopeful. Indebted... invested. People who walk to the beat of these fundamental rhythms of life make our church, community, and world a better place. Thanks be to God for the many people from the past, named and unnamed, who lived the spirit of "pay it forward!" Thanks be to God that we can also.

As I prepare to depart for a new adventure and phase of our family's life, I can't help looking back over the last four years with profound gratitude for the journey of faith we've been on together. There are so many precious memories—my cup of blessings and gratitude truly is overflowing! Thank you, thank you for allowing me to share the tender times of your lives and for celebrating the gospel of Jesus Christ with me. God is good all the time and all the time God is good.

Peace,  
Rev. Colleen Ogle

*Postscript:* One of the necessary and healthy realities of ministry is that when a pastor departs, she really departs. I will not return to Epworth for funerals, baptisms, weddings, or any other pastoral occasion. I will not consult on matters related to the church. You are receiving a wonderful new pastor who is eager to know and love you. May the power and peace of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

June 3	Separate and Unequal The Sacrament of Holy Communion
June 10	Three Ways to Say Goodbye
June 17	Rev. Dan Kiger preaching
June 24	Rev. Dan Kiger preaching
July 1	Welcome to Rev. David, Melissa, Andrea and Alyson Hoffman. Worship will be held at Epworth Church with a "Welcome" reception for the Hoffman Family at 9:30 am

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Bienvenido

# Welcome

There will be a welcome reception for Rev. David Hoffman and his family on Sunday, July 1st in between the two morning worship services from 9:30 to 10:20 a.m. Please take this opportunity to come introduce (or re-introduce) yourself to David, his wife Melissa, and their daughters Andrea and Alyson, as they join our Epworth family! In the meantime, please keep them all in your prayers as they move homes and start their lives here with us.

Piacere

Vitejte

Bem-vindo!

### Piedras Negras, Mexico Mission Team

On July 14-July 21 the following Epworth members will be traveling to Piedras Negras, Mexico on a mission trip.

Elizabeth Camacho  
Pat Caudill  
Nick Foos  
Sharon Gilbert  
Tess Howard  
Mickey Nygaard  
Boston Osborne  
Cameron Osborne  
Lora Daum-Reynolds  
Doug Warne

Please pray for safe travel, heat tolerance, cultural understanding, a successful Vacation Bible School and God's guiding spirit.

### Mark Your Calendar

Worship in the Park will be August 12 at Garfield Park, followed by a church potluck and fun games for the children. More information will be forth coming in the August newsletter.





Devin Warren Claborn, son of Dan & Abby Claborn  
 Andrew Gaffney  
 Oliver Gaffney, son of Andrew & Marie Gaffney  
 Alexis Breanna Holmes, daughter of Amber Oller  
 Owen Joseph Marshall, son of John & Amanda (Watts) Marshall  
 Diego Leandro Soto-Silva, son of Mariangela Silva  
 Madolyn Elizabeth Strzelecki, daughter of Kyle & Alicia Strzelecki



Brandon Barkeloo  
 Austin Chivington  
 Jonathan Green  
 Alexis Holmes  
 Alec Soule  
 Drew Voll  
 Mallory Voll



Bob & Carol Birchfield  
 Kay Coder - John, Stacey & Logan  
 Andrew Gaffney - Marie & Oliver  
 Karen & Gerald Hanshaw  
 John Hunter - Maxine  
 Wendy Simpkins - Alex  
 Lonnie & Lisa West - Lauren, Hank, Nolan, Avery



Scholarships Awarded

Mark Forry  
 Michael Forry  
 Heather Gorslin  
 Richard Haines  
 Lindsay Hayes  
 Rachael Haynes  
 Kelsey Hoffman  
 Marissa Hosp  
 Kenny Hosp  
 Aaron Indoe  
 Dylan Richards  
 Ezra Ruiz  
 Sophie Ruiz



# IT'S GARDENING TIME—SO HERE'S SOME HELP IN HOW TO PLANT YOUR GARDEN

First, you come to the garden alone, while the dew is still on the roses.

For the Garden of your daily living,

**PLANT THREE ROWS OF PEAS:** Peace of mind - Peace of heart - Peace of soul

**PLANT FOUR ROWS OF SQUASH:** Squash gossip - Squash indifference - Squash grumbling - Squash selfishness

**PLANT FOUR ROWS OF LETTUCE:** Lettuce be faithful - Lettuce be kind - Lettuce be patient - Lettuce really love one another

**NO GARDEN IS WITHOUT TURNIPS:** Turnip for meetings - Turnip for service - Turnip to help one another

**TO CONCLUDE OUR GARDEN WE MUST HAVE THYME:** Thyme for each other - Thyme for family - Thyme for friends

WATER FREELY WITH PATIENCE AND CULTIVATE WITH LOVE. THERE IS MUCH FRUIT IN YOUR GARDEN BECAUSE YOU REAP WHAT YOU SOW.



## Children in Ministry

*"What can we know of the Giver by the gift?" In Children's Sunday School, we ask this question to help the children come to understand God by appreciating God's gifts. In the Creation Story we celebrate the gift of light, the gift of water, the gift of dry land, the gift of day and night, the gift of all creatures that fly in the air, the gift of all creatures that walk upon the earth, and the gift of rest. During Summer Children's Sunday School and Children's Worship, we will explore the gifts of water, land and sky and the creature of each. Through it all, we hope to build an understanding of God, the Creator. Children come to understand God by experiencing God's creation. Children come to understand their own role in taking godly care of the earth as we take time to help them appreciate its majesty. In addition to your family adventures in God's great outdoors, I hope many of you will join me for a summer evening at Marion's Tallgrass Trail (details below) - I wonder what creatures we might see on dry land, in the water, and in the sky!*

*I am blessed to be in ministry with children, Sharon*

### EPWORTH 0-5 PLAYGROUP

Are you the parent of an infant or preschoolers? Wanting to connect with other Epworth parents and their little ones?

**Epworth's 0-5 Playgroup** will meet on Friday, June 8 and June 22, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. in room 201. You need not be a member of Epworth nor enrolled in our preschool/daycare to attend. Come, and bring your children for mom-talk, play-time, and a child-friendly snack! Jane Harper will host this first-ever Epworth 0-5 Playgroup. The agenda is friendship and conversation in a child-safe environment - the group will decide after these two gatherings if and when the Epworth 0-5 Playgroup should continue. Contact Jane - [Janie7\\_2000@yahoo.com](mailto:Janie7_2000@yahoo.com) or [sgilbert@epworthumc.org](mailto:sgilbert@epworthumc.org).

### THE LITTLE BLESSINGS

Coming in September, a brand new Sunday School class for children ages 30 months - 4<sup>th</sup> birthday. Our "Little Blessings" are ready to learn simple songs and stories of our faith, and Alycia Orcena and Joy Boyer are filled with love for this age group. Watch for more info in the August newsletter.

### SAUSAGE FOR SUMMER CAMP

Thank you to the congregation for enthusiastically supporting the Sausage for Summer Camp sale. With your purchases and the generous donation of pork from Makin Bacon Farms, more than \$700 will be used to support partial scholarships for 8 children to attend Camp Wesley's Taste of Camp in August. The children are in grades 2-5 and most will be attending camp for the very first time. Experiencing God's love in a Methodist church camp environment is truly a gift of the congregation!

### THANK YOU CHILDREN'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Each Sunday the children ages 3 - grade 2 leave the worship service for an activity in Children's Worship. Thank you to Alycia Orcena, Joy Boyer, Carol McCaulley King, Lisa West, Sara Williams, Donna Coale and Cameron Osborne for planning fun "Sharing God's Love" activities since September. A special thanks to these leaders for their flexibility as we introduced the children to participation in communion this year. Epworth's children do feel loved because of the commitment of these and many other adults in children's ministries.

### EXPERIENCING GOD IN MARION'S OUTDOORS

Children & parents (and adults without children!) are invited to join Sharon for a walk on Marion's Tallgrass Trail. Meet in the Epworth parking lot at 6:30 on Monday, July 9.

Bring bug spray, a flashlight, and a jacket. Long light colored pants and close-toed shoes are recommended. I wonder what creatures we might see as we walk on the trail. What might we see in the swamp? I wonder how does the sky look in the evening away from the city lights? Let's spend some time in our Amazing Creation close to home!

## Children in Ministry

### SAFE SANCTUARY TRAINING

Who should attend? Anyone who helps or would like to help with children or youth in Sunday School, VBS, choirs, youth fellowship, mission trips, nursery care, childcare for Divorce Care and Marion Matters, youth fundraisers, Children's Worship.

Why? Safe Sanctuary training is a requirement of Epworth's child/youth protection policy. Epworth loves children and youth enough to be intentional about creating safety in our ministries.

When? Two opportunities in June. Tuesday, June 12, 6:30 - 8:00 pm OR Wednesday, June 20, 9:00 - 10:30 am

#### KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE

As part of Epworth's VBS Safe Sanctuary procedures, we ask parents to accompany their children to their classroom for safe sign-in and return at 11:45 for safe sign-out.

#### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

June 3	Summer Sunday School begins, 9:30, room 204
June 5	Children's Council, 6:30 p.m.
June 12	Safe Sanctuary Training @ 6:30pm
June 20	Safe Sanctuary Training @ 9:00 am
	VBS Leader Meeting @ 10:30 am
June 24	Bible School set up after worship
June 25- 29	Operation Overboard VBS 9:00 - 11:45 Parents will sign children in & out each day.
July 1	VBS Children will sing in 10:30 worship
July 9	6:30 A Walk on the Tallgrass Trail with Sharon
August 12	All church picnic at Garfield Park - special games for kids!

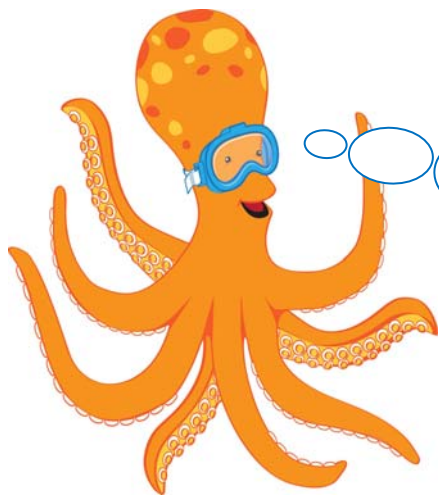


Want to help with VBS and haven't been asked yet? Don't be shy — contact Sharon Gilbert at 387-8344, ext. 16 or [sgilbert@epworthumc.org](mailto:sgilbert@epworthumc.org). She will be happy to add you to the list of volunteers helping at VBS.

### VBS MISSION PROJECT

Epworth will be filled with children during the week of June 25-29 and as part of Vacation Bible School, we'll be helping the children understand about "mission". We will collect items for Health Kits, items for our local Personal Needs Items Pantry, and coins and dollars to support both. You can help the children by contributing the following items during VBS week: *hand towels, washcloths, combs (not pocket combs), nail clippers, bath size soap, adult toothbrushes, band-aids, \$1 for toothpaste, gallon size food storage bags, toilet paper, shampoo, baby shampoo, and paper towels*. We'll assemble Health Kits for West Ohio Conference disaster relief preparedness, and take donations to St. Paul's Personal Needs Items Pantry. Thank you for helping the children to learn what it means to be "in mission" in Marion, in the U.S. and throughout the world.





I am looking for divers to join me,

Ocho,

for an underwater adventure at

Epworth UMC Vacation Bible  
School

June 25-29, 2012.

9:00 - 11:45 am

Epworth United Methodist Church invites all children age 4 (*by August 1*) - Rising 6th grade to OPERATION OVERBOARD - DARE TO GO DEEP WITH GOD, Vacation Bible School.

Make your reservation to swim with humpback whales and sea horses, scuba through a coral reef and take a personal submarine to the ocean floor! As we journey below the water's surface, we will plunge into Bible stories of people with deep faith and learn to trust God, whose love is bigger than the sea. The fun begins Monday, June 25 and ends Friday, June 29 from 9:00 - 11:45 am at Epworth UMC, 249 East Center Street, Marion.

To make your reservation for Operation Overboard, complete this registration form or call the church at 387-8344, ext. 12, and ask about VBS.

Sharon Gilbert  
Director of Ministries with Children & Families

## Operation Overboard Registration

Age \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade Completed in 2011-12 \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Numbers Home \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_ Home Church \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies/Medical Information/Other \_\_\_\_\_

### Emergency Contacts

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

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

### Dismissal Information

Name(s) of person(s) who may pick up this child from VBS \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I would be willing to help with VBS.

## Youth Group ~ All Summer!

Saturday's 6-8pm Youth lounge

### 2012 Work Missions

New York June 16-23  
Hurricane Irene Relief  
Catskill/Hudson Region

Mexico July 14-21  
Piedras Negras  
Casa de Misericordia Orphanage

Mark 16:15 *"And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature."*

### Beware of the Pink Flamingo's



June  
2nd ~ Dylan Richards  
July  
3rd ~ Austin Chivington



Prepare to be "flocked" or...protect your property with a Flamingo Insurance Policy! See any of the youth for more information



### June Calendar

Saturday June 2  
Potluck Picnic  
Flamingo-ing!



Saturday June 9  
Flamingo-ing!

Saturday June 16  
Movie Night

Saturday June 23  
Game Night

Saturday June 30  
"Home Work" and Visitation

### July Calendar

Saturday July 7  
Cookie Baking

Sunday July 8  
Cookie Fundraiser

Saturday July 14  
Movie Night

Saturday July 21  
Game Night

Saturday July 28  
"Home Work" and Visitation

*Fundraiser proceeds benefit the youth 2012 Work Missions. Thank you for your support!*



**Food Pantry Report:**

	February	March	April
Donation sacks			70
Food items	994	772	268
Personal Need Items			265

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

Wayne Newell

**WOMEN4WOMEN-KNITTING 4 PEACE**

We will be dedicating knitted items at the 10:30 am service on June 3. Please bring your items and join us that day.

When anyone asks what can one person do to help encourage peace, remind them that one woman came up with the idea to knit a "comfort item" for a woman in crisis, and now in less than 6 years, over 15,000 items have been created. YOU are a part of this "PEACE" full process. Thank you!!!!



Find a recipe, go to the store and buy the ingredients, fix the food, wrap it up, label it, bring it to Epworth in time for the funeral meal, return and pick up your dish. And then, soon, do it all over again. The wonderful women of the Funeral Meals group go through this routine over and over, and never complain.

This spring, sadly, we had more funeral meals than usual to prepare. So it was very heartening that 8 members of the Epworth congregation volunteered through the Every Member in Mission (EMIM) survey to help prepare food. Their commitment came at just the right time; EMIM to the rescue!

Sharon, Carol and I appreciate every member of the Funeral Meals group who help prepare, serve and clean-up for the actual meal, or prepare food at home and bring it in, or direct the kitchen and the workers. It was wonderful though, to have more help. Thank you all.

Marilyn Simpson for the 3 of us:  
Sharon Russell, Carol Lewis and I



**PRAYER QUILTS WERE MADE FOR:**

**Devin Warren Claborn** (new son of Dan & Abigail Claborn) —with our guidance God will develop him into the person he was meant to be.

**Robert Cook** for lungs to stay clear and enable free breathing.

**Lorelei Haubert** for strength, love and endurance  
**Mazie Haubert** for strength, love and endurance  
**Amelia Haubert** for strength, love and endurance  
(new born daughters of Nathan & Brandi Haubert)

**Ron King** for successful surgery, healing, and wholeness.

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

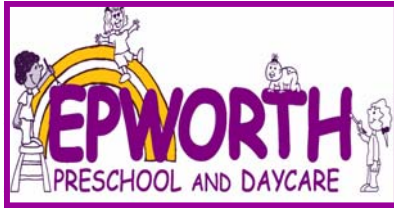


## June 2012

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3 CHOIR POTLUCK	4 6:30pm Divorce Care (Rm 205) 7:00pm Spiritual Formation (Rm 111)	5 7:30am Men's Breakfast 5:30pm Yoga (Rm 109) 6:30pm Children's Council (Rm 210) 7:00pm SPRC (Rm 111)	6 1:15pm PSDC Teachers meeting (Rm 111) 1:30pm Staff Meeting (Rm. 208) 5:00 pm Piedras Negras, Mexico Mission Team to meet at Mi Jalepino 7:00pm Choir	7 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)	8 10:30am Epworth 0-5 Playgroup (Rm. 201)
10 11:30 am Reception for Rev. Ogle WO Annual Conference	11 WO Annual Conference	12 7:30am Men's Breakfast 4:00pm Quilt Class (Rm 111) 5:30pm Yoga (Rm 109) 6:30pm Safe Sanctuary (Rm 205) WO Annual Conference	13 1:30pm Staff Meeting (Rm. 208) 6:00pm Youth Council (Rm 301) WO Annual Conference	14 10:00am Phyllis' Craft Class (Rm 111) 5:30pm Yoga (Rm 112) 5:30pm Circles: Allies & Families (Rm 109, 205, 106) 6:00pm Quilt Class (Rm 111) 7:00pm Trustees (Rm 210)	15 COLLEEN VACATION
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# July 2012

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We raised \$4101.30 at our 22nd annual spring garage sale that was held on May 5. A heartfelt thank you goes out to the many Epworth members who donated items for the sale making it a wonderful success for all of us. The excellent locations of the garages also contribute to the sale's over whelming success. A million thanks to John McDaniel and Jack & Bea Kellogg for their hospitality during the week of busy preparation prior to the sale and especially on the sale day. Thank you to Jim & Ann Hill whose home was considered the "furniture annex" as we stored the large furniture items in their garage for the week. As it turned out the Hills sold many items from their garage. Thank you Epworth congregation for your on-going support of the Preschool and Daycare! The Modern Woodmen Insurance Company sponsored our sale by matching our earnings up to \$2500. This brings our total to \$6601.30! This is our most successful fundraiser this year.

We are in full swing with our summer programs for children from 2-1/2 years to 12 years old. From 6 a.m. until 6 p.m. children can enjoy a variety of summer activities including, swimming and visiting local parks. The children also visit other points of interest such as the library, museums, local businesses, and the fair. Learning games are also part of the program so that children can keep their academic skills sharp during the summer months. Summer camp includes breakfast, lunch and afternoon snacks. Please refer your family, friends and neighbors who need care for their children during the summer to us at 387-1062.

Thank You

To the Funeral Meals Group.

*I wish I had the names and addresses of all who prepared the luncheon for my family following the funeral service for my father, Jim Miley. Please accept my sincere thanks and share this with the others. The food and atmosphere was so comforting. Your group blessed us richly.*

*Pam (Miley) Inness (Jim Miley's daughter)*

*Epworth United Methodist Church of Marion,*

*I Just want to say Thank-You so very much for the Prayer Quilt that you blessed me with. I greatly appreciate the love, thoughtfulness, and care that went into making this for me. God Bless,  
Gloria Stiffler*

#### 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.



#### Grounds for Thought Book Club

Come read with us this summer:

May 24: Unbroken: A WWII Story of Survival, Resilience and Redemption by Laura Hillenbrand

June 28: The Tin Ticket The heroic journey of Australia's convict women by Deborah Swiss. Amazon has given both of these books 4 and 5 star reviews.

July and August book titles will be selected at the June meeting.

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.

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*Epworth United Methodist Church*

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Sharon Gilbert, Dir of Ministries w/Children & Families

Lora Daum Reynolds, Coord of Youth & Young Adults

Robin Rick, Preschool & Daycare Director

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## SUMMER SUNDAY EVENTS

8:30—11:30 am Nursery childcare  
8:30 am Worship Service  
9:30 am Children's Sunday School  
(ages 4 - 2<sup>nd</sup> grade)  
Acolyte Fellowship SS Class  
(grades 3-5<sup>th</sup>)  
Youth Class  
(grades 6-12<sup>th</sup>)  
Messengers Class (Adult class)  
Open Door Class (Adult class)  
Common Grounds (Adults)  
9:30 am Confirmation Class  
10:30 am Worship Service

I am looking for  
divers to join me,  
Ocho,  
for an underwater  
adventure at  
Epworth UMC  
Vacation Bible  
School

9:00 - 11:45 am

