



# Epworth News

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

**June 2014**

## Sunday Worship

**8:30 a.m. Worship**  
**9:30 a.m. Sunday School**  
**10:30 a.m. Worship**

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## **Lessons from the Dandelion**



The dandelion might be the perfect symbol for persons or situations that challenge our openness and our willingness to live out of our faith. We have mixed feelings about dandelions. At times, some of us are adamant about waging war against them. At other times, we find ourselves overwhelmed and on the losing end of a well-fought, well-meaning battle. And by chance, we might recoil, as we meet someone, who by the sight of their yard, has a fondness, an openness, for dandelions and are convinced that they ought to at least have a chance to exist and even to thrive. (And please do not drive by the parsonage after reading this!) We have mixed feelings about dandelions.

The dandelion issue, in itself, is probably not as controversial as others, say, the causes of poverty, the rate of homelessness, or the drug crisis; but I would suspect that many of us spend more time and energy dealing with those pesky dandelions and on our own landscaping than we do worrying about and addressing those controversial issues in and around our own community. What else gets us out in the yard on a Saturday afternoon, armed with a tank full of weed killer, looking like we are ready for war? The dandelion's very presence has probably precipitated any number of backyard battles. (I can only *imagine* what people who live in houses with dandelion-free lawns feel about living next door to someone who has a yard that looks like a dandelion farm.)

In his book, All I Really Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten, Robert Fulghum has a couple of chapters about living next door to one of those immaculate folks whose yard looked "like a combination of golf course and arboretum." Fulghum writes, "Every year he was seized by a kind of herbicidal mania. He started fondling his weed-eater and mixing up vile potions in vats in his garage...One morning I caught him over in my yard spraying dandelions. 'Didn't really think you'd mind,' says he, righteously. 'Mind, mind! – you just killed my flowers,' says I, with guarded contempt. 'Flowers?' he ripostes. 'Those are weeds!' He points at my dandelions with utter disdain. 'Weeds,' says I, 'are plants growing where people don't want them. In other words,' says I, 'weeds are in the eye of the beholder. And as far as I am concerned, dandelions are not weeds – they are flowers!'"

Fulghum goes on to say how much he actually likes dandelions: "They cover my yard each spring with fine yellow flowers, with no help from me at all. They mind their own business, and I mind mine...Dandelions have been around for about thirty million years...Resistant to disease, bugs, heat, cold, wind, rain, and human beings. If dandelions were rare and fragile, people would knock themselves out to pay \$14.95 a plant, raise them by hand in greenhouses, and form dandelion societies...I defy my neighbor to show me anything in his yard that compares with dandelions."

If we were honest, we would probably agree with or resemble some of that. Sometimes, I think the only reason that we don't let the dandelions in our yard survive is because our neighbor doesn't have them, doesn't want them, and probably would turn us in to a dandelion hot-line if we would let them go to seed and infest their yard. Just because we cannot always find value doesn't mean that value does not exist. We

have mixed feelings about dandelions, and we have mixed feelings about persons and situations that challenge our openness and our willingness to live out our faith -- faith that speaks of love, grace, and acceptance despite our differences -- **no matter what!**

Maybe there are some lessons that we can learn from dandelions. What about the dandelion's hardiness and toughness to its conditions and surroundings? "When the going gets tough, pansies and petunias wilt. Neither strong winds nor heavy rains can break the dandelion. When the petals of the dogwood blossom are scattered and the peony is beaten to the ground, the dandelion still holds its head up bravely."

What about the dandelion's ability to dig deep and establish strong roots – things that we can only see when we go beyond the surface?

What about the dandelion's ability to scatter its seeds, its willingness to haphazardly share the gift of life without worrying about where they will land?

*And just what if* the dandelion represents for us experiences in our lives that we might too hastily avoid or exclude? What if the dandelion symbolizes, some of those commonplace, easily overlooked, taken-for-granted experiences which ought to be cultivated and encouraged instead of hastily passed over? And maybe, just maybe, dandelions represent for us a kind of person or situation that we do not naturally feel comfortable having around, but whom God has given to test and teach us acceptance?

God help us; and God bless the dandelion one and all!

David



### **Middle School Youth Ministry Visioning Meeting**

Sunday, June 22, 2014

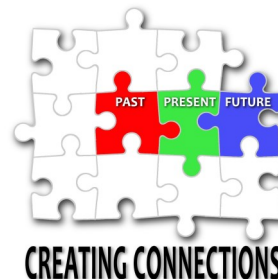
Following worship

Light meal provided

Come add your input and make plans for what Middle School Youth Ministry will look like for the 2014-2015 school year.

Youth grades 5th—8th and their parents are invited to attend.

## **CAPITAL CAMPAIGN**



**Preserving our Past  
Celebrating our Present  
Preparing for the Future**

If you did not turn in your two-year pledge commitment to the capital campaign, on Sunday, June 1st, please place the commitment card in the offering plate or return it to the church office.

Thank you for your faithfulness

## Generosity Moment

Generosity is the quality of being generous. Many people consider a generous act to be generosity. The willingness to give or share unselfishly is also used to describe generosity.

Jed has been a lifelong member of Epworth, as was his family, and maternal grandfather. Linda has been active at Epworth for more than fifty years.

We were married at Epworth and both of our daughters were baptized and confirmed members, and active in MYF. Both Mishelle and Lisa were married in the sanctuary at Epworth. We have had family memorial services at Epworth and have experienced the caring and generosity of spirit in many ways over the years.

Each time we enter the sanctuary, a sense of peace surrounds us. What a generous gift we have been allowed to share and enjoy. We are thankful for our generous forefathers along the way. We are thankful that the leadership in the 1980's chose to renovate our original church rather than build a new structure.

Generosity is exhibited in many ways.

- ◆ Through mentoring
- ◆ Through gifts of comfort
- ◆ Through leadership
- ◆ Through service to others
- ◆ Through words of encouragement
- ◆ Through words of appreciation
- ◆ Through generous time and effort of our choir members and all the musicians
- ◆ Through generous acts of service and caring ways by our pastor and staff
- ◆ Through generous monetary gifts

All are generous acts of love and caring, and a willingness to give of oneself.

All of the above ways and more are a part of the Generosity of Spirit that our Epworth church family means to us.

Jed and Linda Middleton

## THANK YOU

Epworth UMC Friends,

Thank you so much for the beautiful handmade prayer quilt! I'm sure the many kind thoughts and prayers have furthered my recovery. I have used the quilt in the evenings to take the chill off and during the day it dresses my bed.

Thanks for thinking of me.  
Brenda Reish—Paula's friend..

Thank You! I have one of your prayer quilts. I recently went through heart bypass surgery. I want to take this moment to thank you for your prayers and the beautiful quilt. That quilt brought lots of comfort and warmth knowing God was involved. It takes a love that only God can place in our hearts to do ministry work. You are all special to me and I thank you for your love of God and others to do this ministry.

In His service. Thank You.  
Mike Darling

What a blessing to receive one of your Prayer Quilts! I have used it every day and really appreciate all of the prayers.

Thanks again.  
Diane Cluff

Dear Scholarship Committee,  
I want to sincerely thank you all for the scholarship I will be receiving from you soon! It is very much appreciated! It will help greatly with my classes.

Thank you again,  
Carol King

## CHURCH OFFICE

**WisdomKeepers.** An exciting new ministry with older adults is beginning at our church on Thursday, June 5. All older adults (especially those who find it difficult to attend morning worship) are invited to join together for lunch and a time of fellowship, devotions, singing, and Holy Communion. Whether it takes you too much time to get ready for morning worship, or you no longer drive, or you find yourself living in a retirement and/or assisted care facility, this opportunity is for you. All older adults are invited and needed to make this a meaningful time for all. If you would like to attend, but barriers exist making it difficult to participate, please call the church office at 740-387-8344 so that arrangements can be made. Those wishing to assist with this new ministry are also invited to call the church. We will gather on Thursday, June 5 at 11:30am in the accessible Fellowship Hall. Reservations are requested for lunch and for those needing transportation.

**Epworth Preschool:** We are currently registering children for our Fall preschool classes. Registration papers are coming in each day and our classes are filling up quickly. If you wish to secure a spot for your child, please visit us at your earliest convenience so that we can make sure all of your child's paperwork is in order for fall. Our 3 year old classes are held Mon-Wed from 9am-1pm, while our 3-4 year old and 4-5 year old classes are held Mon-Thurs from 9am-1pm. Tours of our beautiful facility are available upon request.

**Stay Connected!** Did you know that you can listen to a re-broadcast of the Epworth United Methodist Church every Sunday morning at 9:05am through iHeart Radio on your smart phone, tablet, kindle, or computer? Simply go to [www.iheart.com](http://www.iheart.com) and download the app and then search WMRN. Listen on the go wherever you are traveling throughout the world. Also, an audio sermon archive can be found on our website, [www.epworthumc.org](http://www.epworthumc.org).



Thank you to all those involved in our choirs, for a job VERY WELL DONE this year. Your talent and commitment to your group in praising God is very much appreciated.

Enjoy your summer break and we'll see you in the Fall!!

Pat Murphy



## United Methodist Women Epworth Women in Action

"Summertime and the living is easy"...the choir takes a sabbatical, the children

prepare for camp experiences and Vacation Bible School...Epworth Women in Action (the Evelyn Kendal and AMI Circles) relax and contemplate ways to accomplish their mission for the Fall and beyond.

The Spring Fling on May 1st was well received and we would like to extend our thanks to everyone who walked "Down the Garden Path" to enjoy a splendid picnic banquet. Many thanks to all the special people who decorated the individual tables throughout Fellowship Hall. The variety of themes and decorating materials was amazing. Everything from Peter Rabbit in Mr. McGregor's cabbage patch to the elegance of an Organery at the Palace, all showcasing the rich variety of talent in the women of Epworth. Votes were submitted and the winner overall was a table display by Eldonna Ballinger and Linda Middleton. So to everyone who played a part in creating this special evening (you know who you are) accept the heartfelt thanks of everyone who enjoyed the event.

By the time this newsletter arrives, Lakeside will be preparing to greet the West Ohio Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church. From Sunday, June 8th to Wednesday, June 11th, the grounds of Lakeside will offer hospitality to hundreds of clergy and laity from all over West Ohio...just to be there and mingle is an unforgettable experience. We are not a church in a vacuum but a living Connectional Church with capital "C's." Why not take the pleasant drive from Marion to Lakeside and experience the atmosphere for yourself. Stop in Hoover Auditorium and watch, listen and learn first hand how the Bishop, Cabinet and Delegates seek to serve God and the Church in West Ohio. If you come...stop by for tea or lemonade on the porch...we are at Green Peace on 443 Walnut Avenue...near to Hoover.

Put a question mark against the dates of August 2 and August 9 on your calendar...we are going to plan an outing to Stratford Ecological Center and a special place for lunch on one of those Saturday's...more information will be in next month's newsletter.

Evelyn Kendal Circle met at Kingston on Tuesday, May 13th. Epworth members, Phyllis Slob, Anna Bush, Michael Piatnitza, Donna Baer, and Katheleen Johnston..residing at Kingston joined us for a delightful lunch and a program on Plants of the Bible.



## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

I am often asked what I like most about Children's Ministry at Epworth. I do love the children and find joy in seeing them grow in knowledge and in faith. That's a pretty obvious answer for anyone who spends as much time as I do with children and the church. At Epworth, I have the added bonus of a large team of very capable and dedicated volunteers who give so generously of their time and their gifts for children. Pam Douce and Betty English so faithfully lead our children's Sunday School team. They are assisted by Jeanne Yoakam and storytellers Elizabeth Claborn, Andy Harper, Doug Warne, and Linda Foos. Alycia Orcena and Joy Boyer have taught the Little Blessings and will begin a new group of 2  $\frac{1}{2}$  - 3 year olds in September. Ruth Coldwell leads our Children's Choir, September through May, and Mark Murphy has directed our children's musicals. A team of parents prepare and lead Children's Worship activities - Carol King, Toni Cornwell Fisher, Lisa West, Jane Harper and Kris Webb. Many of the parents also assisted with the Camp Scholarship fundraising activities. Special events during the year have the support of the Children's Council. More than 35 volunteers, directed by Heather Harper, and including teen volunteers, will lead Vacation Bible School in June. A Safe Sanctuary Task Force has developed and updated our policies and procedures to protect children and youth in our ministries. Members of the congregation welcome children and their families in worship and in communion. In numerous ways, our organizational structure has worked to be intentionally invitational to children. Thank you, faithful and generous volunteers and congregation, for saying YES to children! Together we celebrate our present and prepare for our future! Sharon



## Workshop of Wonders - WoW!

Vacation Bible School -  
June 16-20  
9:00 - 11:45 a.m.

Ages 4 (or completed 1 year of preschool)  
to entering grade 6  
Register online at

<http://cokesburyvbs.com/MarionEpworth>

VBS is free. If you want to order a lime green Epworth Kids T-shirt (cost \$8), include your T-shirt size and pay \$8 before June 16. When you register online, you and your children will be able to have a sneak peak at a Workshop of Wonders video AND all the VBS music!

Our kids will experience the wonders of God at Epworth's Vacation Bible School, *Workshop of Wonders: Imagine and Build with God!* Children will become Visioneers at the Workshop of Wonders as they explore how the ordinary becomes extraordinary with God. After a high energy opening assembly at the Wonder Workshop, the Visioneers make their way to the Bible Nook for interactive Bible lessons revealing five Wonder Words for following God's blueprint for our lives. The kids will also participate in awesome art projects, really cool science activities, fun games, tasty snacks, energizing music, and missions that matter. Heather Harper will return as VBS Director and she has a team of terrific volunteers and one very industrious Ant Puppet named Rivet ready to make Workshop of Wonders a highlight of your child's summer. *New this year:* older kids will have their own VBS schedule that will involve big-kid activities and leadership opportunities! All VBS parents are invited to attend a VBS closing program on Friday at 11:25 a.m. AND VBS children will sing in worship on June 22. Register your children, grandchildren and neighbors for VBS online, please!



## VBS Missions to Support Turning Point & UMCOR



Turning Point, the local shelter for victims of domestic violence, will be the recipient of the many items that will be donated by the VBS children and their families. Items listed below include items that may be used while families are living at Turning Point, and some items will be given to families as they are establishing new violence-free homes.

In addition to the donations to Turning Point, the children will donate coins to fill Flood Relief Buckets for the United Methodist Committee on Relief. UMCOR will actually store our donated Flood clean-up buckets in Marion, and will likely use them when flooding occurs in Marion County or nearby counties. Members of the congregation may contribute to either or both of the VBS missions through June 20<sup>th</sup>.

### Turning Point Needs List

- Hand/bath towels/washcloths
- Grocery gift cards
- Dish soap
- Kitchen towels
- Paper towels
- Kleenex
- HE laundry soap
- Dryer sheets
- Toilet paper
- Pillows
- Baby food/formula
- Baby monitors
- Cleaning supplies
- Garbage/kitchen bags
- Batteries (all sizes)
- Cereal
- Ziploc bags / foil
- School supplies
- Make-up
- Hairbrushes/combs
- Girls' new underwear/socks
- Boys' new underwear/socks
- Pajamas & nightclothes

## Safe Sanctuary 2014 Training Sunday, June 15th 9:30am-10:15am

**Who should attend?** Sunday School teachers, Children's Worship volunteers, volunteers in children's ministry, VBS leaders who missed the May 6 meeting, anyone who helps or is involved with children/teens in any Epworth ministry

### What if I've already had Safe Sanctuary training?

This session will review all procedures under the 2012 Safe Sanctuary Policy and address the new 2014 "virtual Safe Sanctuary" policy, as well as other revisions.

**What about background checks?** If you have had a FBI-BCI background check in the past 4 years, bring a copy to the session---that's helpful! If not, we'll ask you to complete a very simple form so that we may do a check of background records with Protect My Ministry.

### Calendar Dates for Busy Parents

- ◇ Children's Sunday School - all summer!
- ◇ June 1 - Epworth Kids T-shirt orders due for VBS delivery
- ◇ June 15 - VBS decoration day 11:30 a.m.
- ◇ June 15 - VBS T-shirt delivery
- ◇ June 16-20 - VBS, 9:00 - 11:45 a.m.
- ◇ June 20 - VBS Closing - Parents invited 11:25 a.m.
- ◇ June 22 - VBS children sing in worship (T-shirts)
- ◇ June 22 - Kaitlyn Daum & Katie Shoaf to Camp Wesley's Horse Camp
- ◇ July 20 - Worship in the Park



**"The first five years  
have so much to do  
with how the next  
80 turn out."**

**-Bill Gates Sr.**

**Co-Chair of the Bill and  
Melinda Gates Foundation**

In May, Epworth Preschool and Daycare held our annual garage sale in the parking lot of the former Uhler building on the corner of Prospect and Center Street. We were able to collect, price, and sell all of the items donated at this site. The sale was an absolute success raising approximately \$2,400 and credit must be given to our amazingly supportive and tireless preschool and daycare board members: Pastor David Hoffman, Judy Kiger, Toni Fisher, Doug Laucher, Kris Webb, Jeannine Caudill, Jocelyn Franklin, Jane Harper, Elizabeth Claborn, Pam Douce, Kathy Shoaf, Jackie Mitchell, Amy Erickson, and Jennie Dranschak. Our volunteers worked through cold, rain, and windy conditions to help raise money for our school. Epworth kids are loved! Thank you to our board members for all of the devotion and work you put into making our program the superior educational facility that it is! We would like to say thank you to everyone who contributed items for our sale. Without your donations, we would not have had the success with the garage sale that we did. We would like to give a special thanks to Dave Claborn for speaking with Lois Fisher about volunteering the space for our garage sale and for Ms. Fisher's kindness and generosity. Richard Rick, Robin Rick (baked goods), Bill McCaulley (baked goods/set up/tear down), Norma McCaulley (baked goods), Dan Erickson, Jack Shoaf, and Andy Webb all volunteered time and energy. We are grateful!

In May, Ashley Kokas from Kokas Exotics in Green Camp, Ohio came to our preschool and daycare with two special friends....a wallaby and a lemur! Ashley is a part of a family owned business that cares for, buys, trades, and sells exotic animals all over the United States. Ashley was able to share her knowledge of these precious animals with our students as we enjoyed holding, petting, and getting our pictures taken with them. Our students were smiling ear to ear! What a great hands-on educational experience that we could bring to our students at Epworth! I must admit, I was tickled to be able to bring a wallaby here since we are now the Epworth Preschool and Daycare kangaroos!

It's hard to believe that it is already time for our school-age summer camp to begin. Monday, June 9<sup>th</sup> marks the first day of our school-age summer camp. It also signifies the first week of field trips to Lincoln Park Family Aquatic

Center, The Marion Public Library, and surrounding area public parks. It is truly amazing the experiences and benefits students receive by attending our program. We are so grateful to all of the community partnerships we have in the town of Marion.

On June 4<sup>th</sup> we will be recognizing and honoring our dedicated teaching professionals at a teacher appreciation dinner hosted at Epworth (the parlor) at 6 pm. It's important to show our teachers that their hard work and dedication does not go unnoticed and that we are proud of them! Generations of successful students have graduated from our program to go on and do BIG THINGS! Thank you to our teachers!

### **Epworth Preschool and Daycare The Joan M. McCaulley Scholarship**

*Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." Matthew 19:14*

In 2009, The Joan M. McCaulley Scholarship fund in memory of the late Joan M. McCaulley was established to provide financial assistance to families who otherwise would be unable to send their children to Epworth Preschool and Daycare. Mrs. McCaulley was a lifetime member of Epworth, a teacher and pianist for the children's Sunday school for many years, and a teacher's aide in the preschool. Throughout her years of service at Epworth, Mrs. McCaulley found great joy in her interactions with children sharing her love of music and guiding and encouraging them with her kind-hearted grandmotherly wisdom. The Joan M. McCaulley Scholarship funds are distributed annually on a needs basis to children of our day preschool.

Due to the support of Epworth's congregation over the past 50 years, quality education and care has been provided to a diversified student body encompassing children from many races, religions, and social economic backgrounds. For the past several years, 34% of the children served at the preschool and daycare come from low income families.

The Joan M. McCaulley Scholarship is helping to provide much needed financial assistance to three preschool students this fall. A financial aid scholarship pays for half of a student's tuition for each month that they are enrolled in the preschool program. The parents/guardians are responsible for paying the other half of the tuition. We are immensely grateful to the McCaulley family for their continuing support of our great program!

## MISSIONS

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

*You are invited to join us for*  
***Make a Difference Day***  
***June 14***

Donations of 16 oz. jars of peanut butter, 18 oz. jars of jelly/jam and 15 oz. cans of fruit (peaches, pears, fruit cocktail, etc.) are being collected for our community outreach project. Deadline for collection of donations is Wednesday, June 11th.

The Epworth Missions Committee is hosting "Make a Difference Day." Saturday, June 14. Following a light breakfast in Fellowship Hall at 9:00am, volunteers will pack lunch materials and deliver them to area families, who will also receive information about Vacation Bible School and children's programs offered at Epworth.

Once the bags are packed with jars of peanut butter and jelly, canned fruit and a loaf of bread, we divide into small families or groups of two and deliver about 10-12 bags (depending on number of volunteers) to homes on a street or two in a neighborhood in Marion. Questions? Contact anyone on the Missions Committee. In a couple of hours you can offer a little time and a generous outpouring of hope to families in our community.

### CARING FOR YOUR PARENTS?

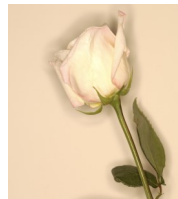
Are you responsible for care and decisions regarding your parents? Do you know where to find answers to your questions? Do you even know what questions to ask? Are you already in the midst of those responsibilities or are you planning ahead? Do you wish you could share the challenges and learn coping tips from others who are on a similar journey? Epworth is considering a "Caring for Parents" group to begin later this year. If you are interested in participating, please call the church office with your name, email address and home address. Once we have the information, you will receive a questionnaire which will help us design the sessions on topics that address your concerns.

We plan to provide support through conversation, resources and speakers with pertinent areas of expertise. In the meantime, if you have questions about the goals of this group contact Betty English at 387-6661 or email [bettye516@frontier.com](mailto:bettye516@frontier.com).



### PRAYER QUILTS WERE MADE FOR

- ◇ Karen Metger , to regain the use of her right side, speech, and independence as well as for her medical and rehabilitation staff.
- ◇ Wayne Homer, for successful treatment and continued strength and healing.
- ◇ Emily Norris for love, comfort, health, and healing.



A white rose was placed on the altar in celebration of the life of:

- ◇ Foster Leroy Mosher, father of Rick Mosher, who died April 23, 2014.
- ◇ Scott Smart, brother of Sherry Hall, who died on Sunday, May 11, 2014.
- ◇ Dorothy Gildow, mother of Betty English, who died on May 20, 2014.



June 2014						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Capital Campaign Celebration Day Choir Sunday Choir Banquet (Rm. 109) 11:30am	2 Spiritual Formation (Rm. 210) 7:00pm Boy Scouts (Rm. 106) 7:00pm	3 Men's Breakfast 7:30am Staff Meeting 11:00am SPRC (Rm. 111) 7:00pm	4 ORGAN TUNING PS/DC Teachers meeting (Rm. 301) 1:15pm PS/DC Appreciation Dinner (Rm. 205) 6:00pm Nar-Anon (Rm. 106) 7:00pm	5 WisdomKeepers Luncheon (Rm. 109) 11:30am	6	7 Prayer Quilt Ministry (Rm. 111) 11:00am
8 PENTECOST SUNDAY Annual Conference	9 Annual Conference	10 Annual Conference No Staff Meeting Men's Breakfast 7:30am Quilt Class (Rm. 111) 4:00pm	11 Annual Conference Nar-Anon (Rm. 106) 7:00pm	12 Quilt Class (Rm. 111) 6:00pm Trustees (Rm. 210) 7:00pm	13	14 Make A Difference Day 8:00am
15 Father's Day Safe Sanctuary Training (Rm. 205) 9:30am VBS Set up 11:30am	16 JULY/AUGUST NEWSLETTER INFORMATION DUE VBS 9:00am Lay Leadership (Rm. 210) 6:00pm	17 Men's Breakfast 7:30am VBS 9:00am No Staff Meeting Cents for Children (Rm. 111) 11:30am Finance Committee (Rm. 210) 6:30pm	18 VBS 9:00am Nar-Anon (Rm. 106) 7:00pm	19 VBS 9:00am Administrative Council (Rm. 205) 7:00pm	20 VBS 9:00am Parent VBS program (Sanctuary) 11:25am VBS Appreciation Luncheon- teachers/volunteers - clean up 11:45am	21
22 VBS Sunday Middle School Youth Visioning Meeting 11:30am	23 Worship at Kingston 6:00pm Missions (Rm. 210) 6:30pm	24 Men's Breakfast 7:30am Newsletter Crew 9:30am No Staff Meeting Quilt Class (Rm. 111) 4:00pm	25 Nar-Anon (Rm. 106) 7:00pm	26 Quilt Class (Rm. 111) 6:00pm	27	28
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6 Connie - Vacation Sharon - Vacation	7 Connie - Vacation Sharon - Vacation Spiritual Formation (Rm. 210) 7:00pm	8 Connie - Vacation Sharon - Vacation Men's Breakfast 7:30am Staff Meeting 11:00am Quilt Class (Rm. 111) 4:00pm Catered Dinner - 6:00pm Concert 7:00pm - Featuring Choir from Kamina Methodist University, Congo	9 Connie - Vacation Sharon - Vacation Nar-Anon (Rm. 106) 7:00pm	10 Connie - Vacation Sharon - Vacation Quilt Class (Rm. 111) 6:00pm Trustees (Rm. 210) 7:00pm	11 Connie - Vacation Sharon - Vacation	12 Connie - Vacation Sharon - Vacation

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*Epworth United Methodist Church*

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## SUNDAY OPPORTUNITIES FOR WORSHIP AT EPWORTH UMC

***Common Grounds Coffee Shop opens at 9:00 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	Open Door Class (Rm. 305)
	Common Grounds (Coffee Shop - Rm. 106)
9:15 am	Come Join Us Class (Rm. 205)
9:30 am	Godly Play (ages 4 - 2 <sup>nd</sup> grade) (Rm. 206)
	Acolyte Fellowship SS Class (grades 3 - 5 <sup>th</sup> ) (Rm. 204)
	Middle and High School Class (Rm. 301)
	Messengers Class (Rm. 111)
10:30 am	Worship Service