

Epworth News

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

**MARCH
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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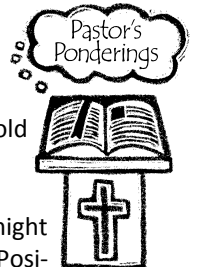
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FINDING DIRECTION THIS LENT



Self-Disclosure: The contents of this paragraph may expose me as a crusty old grump!

One of the long-standing “debates” I have with my children (which they might characterize as “nagging”) is about the merits of using maps or a GPS (Global Positioning System) when navigating new territory. After moving to Marion County it was more than a year before I knew the layout of its roads, towns, and one-way streets and they often heard me talk about getting lost. Soon, like a Greek chorus, they began to interrupt my getting lost stories with, “Mom, you need to buy a GPS!” I refused and thought I had some good reasons: 1) the cost—a map is much cheaper; 2) the annoying voice—I *don’t need more distractions while I drive*; 3) the personal touch—it’s friendly to stop and ask directions from strangers; 4) everyone needs to learn how to use a map—this is a variation on my “everyone needs to know how to add without a calculator” nag.

You can’t just rely on a GPS, because you’ll never learn the general lay of the land. My son proved my point when he drove down to Virginia for a job interview using his GPS, without a single map in his glove compartment. The trip there went smoothly. But he was hours late in returning (and wasn’t answering his cell phone). When he arrived, I discovered he hadn’t wanted to pay tolls on the way home and programmed the GPS accordingly. Without a map, he had no idea that the toll-road-less route he was given would take him more than 100 miles out of his way.

I recently read an article that strengthened my position further—from the perspective of neuroscience. Apparently, integrating the abstract, general orientation of a map with the visual cues of landmarks viewed while driving ***builds brain power*** for general spatial orientation.* And it’s one of those “use it or lose it” phenomena. Rely on GPS too much and you won’t be much good when it breaks!

Epworth’s Lenten study this year is based on the book, *Three Simple Questions*. This book is not a GPS system that will tell one exactly what to do, where to go, or when to take a detour. But this book makes a wonderful little map, a general orientation to the landscape of a Christian life, which has lots of possible routes, so that one can find one’s way to God’s heart. I invite you to make Lent a time to ***build up your soul power*** by studying this book with other Christians, reflecting on its scriptures, and sharing the memories and landmarks of your lives together. For more details, look on pg. 3--Many of the study groups will be held in homes, so be sure to take a map!

Peace, Colleen

* “Is GPS All in Our Heads?” Julia Frankenstein, Op-Ed, *The New York Times*, February 5, 2012

WORSHIP SCHEDULE DURING LENT AND EASTER

Journey to Hope

March 4 – Second Sunday in Lent	<i>Journey to Hope: Are You Comfortable in Your Own Shoes?</i> Mark 11:1-11 The Sacrament of Holy Communion
March 11 – Third Sunday in Lent	<i>Journey to Hope: Sometimes It's Work</i> Mark 10:35-44
March 18 – Fourth Sunday in Lent	<i>Journey to Hope: Re-Fueling Along the Way</i> Mark 14:32-40
March 25 – Fifth Sunday in Lent	<i>Journey to Hope: Reaching Out While Moving Forward</i> United Methodist Women leading
April 1 – Palm/Passion Sunday	<i>Journey to Hope: When the Road Gets Hazardous</i> Mark 14:43-64 The Sacrament of Holy Communion
April 5 – Maundy Thursday Service at 7 pm	<i>Journey to Hope: Finding a Good Place to Eat</i> Mark 14:12-26
April 6 – Good Friday Service at 7 pm	<i>Journey to Hope: Dead-end?</i> Mark 15:1-39
April 8 – Easter Sunday	<i>Journey to Hope: Home at Last</i> Mark 16:1-8



REMINDER

March 11
Daylight Savings Time begins.
Set your clocks an hour ahead.

SUPPLIES NEEDED FOR LENTEN WORSHIP!

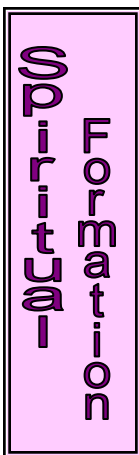
If you have any of the following supplies that would be willing to let the church use, please let Marcia Weir know by emailing wjimwr@aol.com or by calling the church office.

Items needed on loan are:

- ◇ pewter plates, platters, cups, and/or a chalice
- ◇ three plain white sheets

Items needed that will not be returnable:

- ◇ plain gray or plain black sheets



Lenten Study

Three Simple Questions: Knowing the God of Love, Hope, and Purpose by Bishop Rueben P. Job

March is the beginning of most of our Lenten Study groups. The following schedule contains days and dates, times, and locations for the gatherings which start early in March and continue throughout the month.

Day & Time	Host Location	Leader
Sunday 6:30 pm February 26 March 4, 11, 18	home of Kathy Swanger 1082 Wilshire Drive	Kathy Swanger 360-9429
Tuesday 1:00 pm March 6, 13, 20, 27	Epworth Room 205	Rev. Colleen Ogle
Tuesday 7:00 pm March 6, 13, 20, 27	Home of Heidi and Jim Slagle 528 King Avenue	Heidi Slagle 383-6265
Thursday 7:00 pm March 8, 15, 22, 29	Home of Ginnie Telfer 920 Chaumont Drive	Ginnie Telfer 389-1048
Friday 7:30 AM March 2, 10, 16, 23, 30	Epworth Room 106	Rev. Dan Kiger
Friday 6:00 pm February 24 March 2, 9, 16	home of Robin & Richard Rick 792 Christopher Drive	Robin & Richard Rick 389-2707
Friday 6:30 pm March 9, 16, 23, 30	Home of Karen Wilson 2298 Talon Place	Karen Wilson & Doug Warne 223-3158
Saturday 8:00 AM March 3, 10, 17, 24	Men's Breakfast Epworth Rm. 106	Rev. Wilbur Boyer

Please register for a group of your choice and the number of copies of ***Three Simple Questions*** you wish to buy. Books are **\$6.00** and will be available through March 4 at the Spiritual Formation table in the sanctuary. Registration may also be left in the church office where a limited number of books will be available for purchase.

Checks should be made out to **Epworth UMC** with "Lenten Book" on the check memo line.

Books will be available based on the registration and book orders that are returned.

Contact Karen Wilson at 740-223-3158 with any questions.



Children in Ministry

"We will surround these persons with a community of love and forgiveness that they may grow in their service to others."

During my years of teaching in public schools, Sunday worship supported me to serve God during my weekday encounters with children, parents, and co-workers. Worship renewed in me a sense of purpose that far exceeded standardized testing and administrative mandates. Today I think about how to create Sunday worship and learning experiences in church that will help our Epworth children serve God at home, at school, and among their friends. I think about how the example of this congregation will help the children to be in mission each day, from childhood through their adult lives. As each little one is baptized, we promise to "live according to the example of Christ". During Lent, the children will be counting the items donated for the food pantry. It's important that the children learn to "love thy neighbor" by sharing from abundance. We ask that each child (*and adults, too*) to bring 1 or more food items each Sunday of Lent to fill the wagons for our hungry neighbors in Marion. Additionally, children who are second grade and older are invited to bring their parents to St. Paul's Episcopal Church on Tuesday, March 6, 4:30 p.m. to serve the Neighborhood Supper. It's never too early to begin to learn how to "love thy neighbor". In Christ's service, *Sharon*

SUNDAY MORNINGS FOR CHILDREN & FAMILIES

- ◇ 8:30 - 11:30 Nursery Care room 202
- ◇ 9:00 Children's Choir - room 204
- ◇ 9:00 Coffee in Common Grounds
- ◇ 9:30 Children's Sunday School ages 4-grade 2, room 206
- ◇ 9:30 Acolyte Fellowship, SS for grades 3-5, room 204
- ◇ 9:30 Faith & Family class for parents, room 210 (back of sanctuary)
- ◇ 10:30 Worship with Children's Moments
- ◇ Children's Worship in room 201 (ages 3-grade 2)

Mark the Calendar

March 4	Parent meeting re church camps, 11:30
March 6	Children's Council Meeting, 6 p.m.
March 12	Safe Sanctuary Task Force 6:30
March 18	Children's Choir sings, 10:30 service
March 31	Easter Egg Hunt at Primrose
April 1	Children's choir sings w/ adult choir

CHILDREN'S CHURCH CAMPS PARENT MEETING

Sunday, March 4 Ten Minutes!
Immediately following worship - room 204

Children's Worship

While adults listen to a sermon, children ages 3 - grade 2 learn and pray and play in room 201. The children have been learning Bible verses by singing them to familiar tunes. This month we'll be singing:

Tune: Jesus Loves Me
For God so-oo loved the world
That he gave his one and only Son,
That who-ever believes in Him
Shall not perish but have eternal life.
John 3:16 — John 3:16 — John 3:16
For God so loved the world.

Children's Easter Egg Hunt Saturday, March 31, 10:00-11:30

Hosted by Primrose Community
1550 Wellness Drive
Outside - weather permitting.
Inside if weather is inclement.
For Epworth Church &
Epworth Preschool & Daycare
Bring a friend!
Contact: Pam Douce 375-8610



Children's Sunday School Ages 3 - grade 5

Rooms 204 & 206

9:30 - 10:20

Lent is the season when we prepare for Easter. During this series of lessons Pam Douce will be storytelling with the younger children in room 206 while Betty English explores the life of Jesus with the Acolyte Fellowship class in room 204. Both classes will use The Faces of Easter Stories:

March 5	Jesus' Birth and Growth
March 12	Jesus is Lost and Found
March 19	Jesus' Baptism and Blessing by God
March 26	Jesus' Desert and Discovery Experience

Epworth Youth

Youth Group meets every Saturday from 6-8pm in the youth lounge. Rm. 301
You can look forward to it all year long...even during the holidays and summer!

You say: "I'm always worried and frustrated"
God says: "Cast all your cares on ME" (1 Peter 5:7)
Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.

March Calendar

March 3

Movie Night

March 10

Spuds for the Spirit! prep

Sunday, March 11

Fellowship Hall

Youth/Parent Breakfast

9—10:15am

Fundraiser

Spuds for the Spirit!



Following worship

March 17

Pleasant Musical

We will attend as a group

March 24

Skit practice / Mission Prep

March 31

Skit practice for Palm Sunday



Ian Kieffer 3/14

Nick Foos 3/22

Reminder March 5th

Mexico Mission Trip registration deadline
Your deposit of \$350 must be paid at this time

~ Passport ~ Passport ~ Passport ~ Passport ~
The time is NOW to get started on your passport application!



Teamwork!

Coming together is a beginning
Keeping together is progress
Working together is success. ~Henry Ford

Spuds for the Spirit!



Sunday, March 11 in Fellowship Hall following worship
Dine in or Take Out

Come and dig into the biggest Taters this side of Idaho!
Fluffy Giant Restaurant -Style

Baked Potatoes & Sweet Potatoes
Every topping under the sun ...and then some!

Fundraiser proceeds benefit the youth 2012 Work Mission Trips.
Thank you for your support!

Food Pantry Report: January Donations

	November	December	January
Donation sacks	71	31	57
Food items	393	186	253
Personal Need Items	350	91	102

The Mission committee purchases were still down as a result of the increased egg prices. There were only 150 dozen eggs purchased for St. Paul's pantry in January. Time for a New Year and needs continue to be very high. This year will find many families still in need. Keep up the good work Epworth. Contribute what you can when you can.

Thanks again.

Wayne Newell



Nepal Laurie Mathews, founder of Global Dental Relief, delivers our Scarves4Peace to children in impoverished regions of Nepal, India, Vietnam, and Guatemala. GDR organizes volunteer dentists who provide examinations and hygiene instruction to village children and teens, ages 6 - 15. When the youthful patients complete their exam session, they are rewarded with their choice of a scarf. GDR needs scarves that are a minimum width of 4" and a minimum length of 54". The children treasure fancy yarns and bright, festive colors. Laurie's assistant for this delivery was Joanne Ditmer, columnist for the Denver Post.

Local Delivery: Cleveland Ronald McDonald House Iris November, facilitator of the Beachwood Peace Pod, delivered hope, healing, and joy to brighten the Holiday Season for families residing at Ronald McDonald House, a facility that serves the loved ones of children in nearby hospitals. Iris presented 83 brightly colored "fashionista" scarves to RMH Development Director, Mary Horoszko. Executive Director Craig Wilson expressed his appreciation by saying, "Because of your support, we are able to continue serving families from around the world and around the corner. Thank you for your generosity."

Upcoming Deliveries & Most Needed Items Upcoming scheduled deliveries include **Kenya, Sudan, Guatemala, Honduras, El Salvador, and Rwanda**. If you know someone who would like to serve as one of our Delivery Agents, please have them contact us. **Peace Pals with black or dark brown faces**. Thousands of children already enjoy the companionship provided by their Peace Pal. Thousands more are waiting. Please help! **Scarf4Peace: 4" width x 54" length** (minimum size requested by those we serve) Yarn for dental clinic scarves should be fun and festive. Yarn for scarves to provide warmth should be soft to the touch. We have scheduled and future delivery requests for over 1,000 scarves. **Thank you for helping us craft hope, healing, and peace one stitch at a time. We could not do this work without YOU!**



United Methodist Women – Women in Action!

We would like to offer a big THANK YOU! to all who contributed to Turning Point through our Second Annual Valentine's Day Sweetheart Luncheon. It was incredibly successful thanks to your generosity and an event that will definitely be repeated next year.

Speaking of repeated events, March 9 and 10 are the dates for the 2012 women's retreat, "The Book of Ruth." We will begin with dinner on Friday evening at the St. Francis Spirituality Center in Tiffin, Ohio, and will conclude mid-afternoon on Saturday. A special retreat room has been reserved at the Center for "The Book of Ruth," where we will be led by Susan Givler, Mission Coordinator for Spiritual Growth, Capitol Area North District of United Methodist Women.


United Methodist Women's Sunday will take place on March 25. All women of the church are invited and encouraged to become involved whether you are a member of UMW or not. Please let me know if you are interested in being part of this very special day.

Thursday, May 10, marks the date for UMW's Mother/Daughter gathering, "A Black Tie Event." We will begin with a fabulous dinner served to us by the men of Epworth followed by the program, "Fashion through the Ages." More details will follow as the date gets closer.

Regular meetings of UMW will be held in Common Grounds at 6:30 p.m. on March 13, April 10, and May 8.

We hope you will join us for these important events in the life of our church as we work to expand our concepts of mission through participation.

– Amy Erickson



**Grounds for Thought
Book Club**

Upcoming books to read:
 March 22: The Paris Wife by Paula McLain
 April 26: The Housekeeper and the Professor by Yoko Ogawa

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.

PRAYER QUILTS WERE MADE FOR:

Krista Mitchell for strength and healing for thyroid removal.

Judy Hull for successful treatment for rheumatoid arthritis.

Rev. Charles Zweizig for freedom from cancer.

Madolyn Elizabeth Strzelecki (new daughter of Kyle & Alicia Strzelecki)

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.

Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for the beautiful prayer quilt for my grandma, Mary Blankenship. She loves it and is very grateful for the quilt and prayers. She continues to recover from the stroke and is now at Fairhaven Community in rehab. Every time I go to visit her, she has the quilt on her lap and tells me how beautiful it is! My entire family thanks you for bringing a smile to her.

Thank you so much!

Peace & Blessings
Katie Chivington

Dear Epworth UMC.

On behalf of Turning Point, I would like to thank you for the generous donation of \$260, toiletries, towels and school supplies. How nice of you to think of us.

Help such as yours makes it possible for Turning Point to successfully address the needs of victims of domestic violence.

Thank you again for your support of Turning Point and the women and children we serve.

Sincerely,

Paula Roller



March 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
SUNDAY EVENTS 8:30—11:30 am Nursery childcare 8:30 am Worship Service 9:00 am Children's Choir (Rm. 204) 9:15 am Come Join Us Class (Rm. 205) (Adult class) 9:30 am Children's Sunday School (ages 4 – 2 nd grade) (Rm. 206) Acolyte Fellowship SS Class (grades 3-5 th) (Rm. 204)	5 Deadline for sign up for Mexico Mission Trip Lora - Youth Work Conference 5:30pm Getting Ahead Workshop (Rm 109) 6:30pm Divorce Care (Rm 205) 7:00pm Spiritual Formation (Rm 111) 7:00pm Boy Scouts (Rm 106)	6 Children & Families serve Neighborhood Supper 7:30am Men's Breakfast 1:00pm Lenten Study - Colleen Ogle (Rm 205) 5:30pm Yoga (Rm 109) 6:00pm Children's Council (Rm 210) 7:00pm SPRC (Rm 111) 7:00pm Lenten Study-Slagles	7 1:15pm PSDC Teachers meeting (Rm 111) 5:15pm Membership & Nurture (Rm 111) 6:00pm Disciple Bible Study 2 (Rm 106) 6:15pm Bells 7:00pm Choir	8 10:00am Disciple Bible Study 1 (Rm 106) 10:00am Phyllis' Craft Class (Rm 111) 5:30pm Getting Ahead Workshop (Rm 109) 5:30pm Circles: Allies & Families (Rms 109, 205, 106) 5:30pm Yoga (Rm 112) 6:00pm Quilt Class (Rm 111) 7:00pm Trustees (Rm 210) 7:00pm Lenten Study-GTeller	9 Women's Retreat 7:30am Lenten Study - Dan Kiger (Rm 106) 6:00pm Lenten Study-Ricks 6:30pm Lenten Study-K Wilson	10 Women's Retreat 8:00am Lenten Study - Men's Breakfast - Wilbur Boyer (Rm 106) 6:00pm Youth Group (Kitchen)
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9:30 am Children's Sunday School
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Acolyte Fellowship SS Class
(grades 3-5th)
Youth Class
(grades 6-12th)
Faith & Family
(parents of young children)
Messengers Class (Adult class)
Open Door Class (Adult class)
Common Grounds (Adults)
9:30 am Confirmation Class
10:30 am Worship Service

Children's Easter Egg Hunt Saturday, March 31, 10:00-11:30

Hosted by Primrose Community
1550 Wellness Drive

Outside - weather permitting.
Inside if weather is inclement.

For Epworth Church &
Epworth Preschool & Daycare
Bring a friend! Bring your grandchildren!

Contact: Pam Douce 375-8610