



# Epworth News

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

**May  
2013**

***Celebrating the  
Risen Lord***

**Sunday Worship**

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

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

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

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Spring and early summer are a time of remembering and marking life transitions. As a congregation, we will recognize many of these transitions.

*"For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven..." Ecclesiastes 3:1*

**Sunday, May 12, Mother's Day** – a time to pause, to remember, and to give thanks for our mothers and for all of the women in our lives...

**Sunday, May 19, Pentecost** – a time to remember and celebrate the birth of the church and God's Spirit that journeys with us... You are invited to wear something red on that special morning.

In addition to Pentecost on **Sunday, May 19**, we will also be celebrating **Graduation Sunday** – a time to look back and to celebrate the accomplishments of the high school and college graduates in our midst, a time to look forward and anticipate the coming changes in their lives...new jobs, new pursuits, college, leaving home... During worship, we will recognize all of those who will be graduating from high school and college and those who have been granted Epworth UMC Scholarships to assist in their undergraduate college education. A breakfast will be provided for all high school and college graduates and their families that morning at 9:30 am. Please RSVP to the church office.

**Memorial Day, Monday, May 27** – a time to honor the lives of those who have sacrificed on our behalf...

***With the end of the school year, it will also signal a time of retirement and life transition for some school teachers and administrators in our midst... We remember and celebrate with you!***

**Sunday, June 16, Father's Day** – a time to pause, to remember, and to give thanks for our fathers and for all of the men in our lives...

Also on **Sunday, June 16**, during worship and at a reception following worship, we will celebrate the retirement and ministry of ***Rev. Daniel A. Kiger*** who served as Senior Minister of Epworth from 1993-2000. He will retire from fulltime ministry at this year's Annual Conference at Lakeside. Dan's first appointment was in 1972 at St. Mark's United Methodist Church in Columbus.

I hope you will be present at many of these special celebrations.

God's Peace,

David



## Children in Ministry



Busy parents, and the rest of us, may be challenged when it comes to a daily spiritual practice of reading the Bible, but finding God in the everyday --- well, that's easy when you're among children. I love my conversations with kids, and they often share their understandings of God. They tell me that God is strong, that God made the sun and the earth, and that God loves everybody, no matter what! When I ask children to lead us in prayer, there may be several eager volunteers. No memorized verse is required; they simply talk to God. Their prayer might be as short as "Thank you, God!" or a long list of thank yous and requests. Listening to their petitions, I am amazed that they understand that God is not Santa Claus who brings the latest and greatest toy or electronic item. They ask God to help a loved one get well, or a finger boo-boo to stop hurting. They ask God for the bullying to stop. Our DC4K children ask for parents to get along during drop-off and pick-up times. They ask God to be with a DC4K friend who is absent from the group. They wonder why God doesn't make their parents love each other. Through all these encounters with children and their God, I am seeing that, at a very young age, children do have a personal relationship with their Creator. In DC4K, we help children to focus on the positive by asking one child to be the "kindness reporter", and as they list all of the ways the group members have been kind to one another, the presence of God in their lives is so very clear. Wondering where God is in the midst of busy days? Listen to the children - wherever they are, God is. With a grateful heart, *Sharon*

### FRIDAY NIGHT FRIENDS

Friendship Day is Friday, May 3. Epworth children will celebrate with **Friday Night Friends**, 6 - 9 p.m. in the youth lounge. Games, fun food, and laughter are the agenda. And what to do when bullies make friendships difficult or impossible. Bring a friend, or come by yourself! Open to grades 1-6. Julie Austin and Sharon Gilbert will lead this session. It is important that you sign up for this event - text Sharon by May 1<sup>st</sup> to let us know you're coming. 740-360-3819.



**THANK YOU** to the many Epworth families who supported the Sausage for Summer Camp sale. Your orders, and the generosity of Randy Brown and Makin' Bacon Farms, have provided partial Camp Wesley Scholarships for 10 children, making church camp affordable to their families. Each child will attend a full week of camp filled with canoeing, archery, horseback riding, ga-ga ball, and learning that communication with God goes both ways. Nine of the children will attend June 23-28 and one child will attend June 9-15.



### EVERYWHERE FUN FAIR

Vacation Bible School will be June 17-21, 9:00 - 11:45 a.m. Ages 4 through completing grade 5. You may register your child online at <http://2013.cokesburyvbs.com/MarionEpworthUMC>. We will also do VBS registrations and popcorn in the atrium after worship on June 2. Early registration helps VBS leaders to be ready for every child!

### CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

**Little Blessings**, room 201, ages 2 ½ - 3

Alycia Orcena & Joy Boyer

**Godly Play**, room 206, ages 4 - grade 2

◇ May 5 - The Parable of the Pearl -

Elizabeth Claborn

◇ May 12 - The Paraments & Crosses -

Pam Douce

◇ May 19 - Pentecost -

Elizabeth Claborn

◇ May 26 - A work day, children tell the stories

**Acolyte Fellowship**, room 204, grades 3-5

◇ May 5 - The Circle of the Holy Eucharist -

Betty English

◇ May 12 - The Parable of the Pearl -

Elizabeth Claborn

◇ May 19 - Pentecost -

Doug Warne

## Children in Ministry

### CALENDAR NOTES FOR BUSY PARENTS

**Friday, May 3** Friday Night Friends, grades 1-6, Fun games, fun food, and good friends

**Sunday, May 5** Children's Choir will sing at Primrose, 2 p.m. They should arrive at Primrose by 1:45 p.m.

**Wednesday, May 8** Rehearsal with Chancel Choir at 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary.

**Sunday, May 12** Last Children's Choir Rehearsal until Fall!!!

**Sunday, May 12** Mother's Day, Children's Choir will sing with the Chancel Choir

**Sunday, May 19** Wear RED for Pentecost

**Wednesday, May 22** Vacation Bible School Leaders, teachers & helpers meeting, 6:30-8 p.m.

**Sunday, June 2** VBS registration and popcorn-to-go after worship

**Mon. - Fri., June 17-21** Everywhere Fun Fair VBS, Heather Harper, Director



Divorce Care for Kids has concluded its winter 2013 series of classes. Ten children from 6 families participated in the 13 week series. The DC4K children celebrated with a taco party with their parents. The children, ages 5-13, taught the adults some stress relieving laughing yoga, how to share feelings with "I" messages, and the STAR strategy for anger management. The DC4K ministry has been possible because of the financial commitment of Epworth's Children's Council, donor contributions, and the sensitive leadership of Safekeepers Elizabeth Claborn, Jackie Hamilton, and Doug Warne.

In their own words, the DC4K children have learned that...

- ♦ "God loves you even when you are bad."
- ♦ "You can talk to God."
- ♦ "Divorce is not my fault."

- ♦ "We can come to God with anything."
- ♦ "New friends are going through the same thing."
- ♦ "Feelings are important to everyone."
- ♦ "Nothing can separate me from God."
- ♦ "God can't make your parents get back together."
- ♦ "God loves all kinds of families."
- ♦ "God made special friends for me at DC4K."

Thanks be to God for Epworth's ministry with these children. A new DC4K group will begin on September 10 and is open to children from Epworth, other churches, or no church at all. Children may attend the DC4K series of sessions more than once.



**DC4K**  
DivorceCare for Kids

The Divorce is not are  
Fault.

Feeling Safe Important.

We can Come To God With  
anything.

Thank You  
For helping me  
With anger.

## Epworth Women



### UNITED METHODIST WOMEN WOMEN-IN-ACTION

The deadline for the May newsletter tells me to write this article now even though we are two weeks away from the end of

April. Rapidly approaching is the long awaited Women's Retreat on April 19-20, 29 women have signed on for this time of fun and reflection, friendship and renewal and new ideas to further the work of Epworth Women in Action.

The Spring Fling banquet is on Thursday, May 2nd, and the planning committee has some great ideas for making this annual event a special one for all the women of Epworth. We hope to share an evening of fine dining, music, and programming surrounded by attractive decorations. The theme of "No Place Like Home" was gleamed from the recent performance of "The Wizard of Oz" presented at the Palace Theatre by Pleasant High School, modified to represent our own home town...Marion, Ohio.

Why do we plan events such as these during the course of a year in the life of Epworth UMC? The answer can be given in one word...MISSIONS. While funds raised provide a budget for Epworth Women in Action to support many mission—local, national, and global—our mission is also one of helping each other "to be whole persons in Jesus Christ." To these ends no dollar raised is spent unwisely or unprayerfully.

We are indeed UNITED Methodist Women. If you would like to learn more about future projects, new missions and great supportive friendship, attend our next gathering on Monday, May 13th at 6:30pm in Rm. 205. You will be glad you did!

Blessings always,

Joy Boyer  
President,UMW



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

- ♦ Lois Hyatt, mother of Becky Leedom, who died March 24, 2013.
- ♦ Virginia Robinson, who died March 28, 2013
- ♦ Marguerite Corrigan, mother of Karen Ballinger, who died April 2, 2013.
- ♦ Meghan Carey Dershum who died April 15, 2013. Daughter of Pat & Cheryl Carey



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

- ♦ Anna Claire Bond, born March 23, 2013; daughter of Megan & Matt Bond. The proud grandparents are Tom & Susie Brown.
- ♦ Drew Kyle Bogan, born March 29, 2013; son of Kyle & Katie Bogan. The proud grandparents are Rick & Peg Baird.
- ♦ Kenzie Jane Beeney, born April 3, 2013; daughter of Julie & Stefanie Gilbert Beeney. The proud grandparents are Rick & Sharon Gilbert.

## Thank You

Thank you to the church for the beautiful lily at Easter and the other cut flowers that I have received from the church. Also thank you for the cards I have received from my friends at Epworth. The cards and telephone calls and visits are very much appreciated, I miss not being able to come to church.

Anne Bush

Thank you so very much for the beautiful quilt. Thanks for your prayers that my cancer will be healed. Love to all.

In Christian love, Vivian Hamilton

## UNITED METHODIST STUDENT DAY OFFERING

Epworth will receive this special offering on **Sunday, May 19, 2013.**



Every year the United Methodist Church supports many students' education through gifts to United Methodist Student Day offering. Here is one student's story. Sometimes building homes is building lives.

United Methodist Student Day Gift of Hope Scholarship recipient Mark Peters had a very traditional upbringing in Flint, Michigan. He recounts street hockey games, kickball games, sandcastle building, pool parties, and bonfires as a child; participating in marching band, swim team and National Honor Society; and all the while growing with the love, support, and generosity of his church family.

Mark tells us, "The United Methodist Church has played a huge role in my upbringing. Court Street UMC in Flint has been a second home for me. I have an entire church family who has nurtured me and watched me grow. The mission trips with the Appalachia Service Project and Habitat for Humanity helped me decide my career path as a civil engineer. I have always loved the feeling of being able to help build a better environment for people."

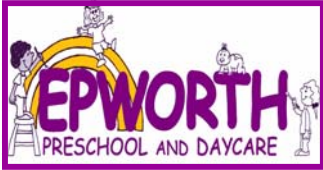
Mark's response to receiving a Gift of Hope Scholarship: "I deeply appreciate this monetary gift to help pay for my college tuition. The church should support the United Methodist Student Day because it is a great place for students involved in evangelism to share their stories about how the church has helped them along their way to success, and to be able to fund further educational and/or personal experiences." --excerpted story written by Terrill Farmer, freelancer

Your gifts to United Methodist Student Day help students continue their education and their faith journey as they strive to make a difference in the world and discern what God has planned for them. Please give generously to the United Methodist Student Day offering.

## MAKE A **DIFFERENCE** DAY!

**Sunday, June 9<sup>th</sup>** after the 10:30a.m. service, following a light lunch, 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. Those of us who participated in past Make a Difference Days have been blessed by the experience and it is heart-warming to help others. Questions? Contact anyone on the Missions Committee. We hope you will join us for a couple of hours on June 9<sup>th</sup>.





**Epworth Preschool and  
Daycare, Inc.**

**21<sup>st</sup> Annual Garage Sale  
Saturday, May 4  
9:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.  
890 & 900 Vernon Heights Blvd  
(The Kellogg's & The McDaniel's)**

Your unwanted treasures may be brought to the garage sale site beginning Wednesday, May 1 at 9:30 a.m. or call 387-1062 for a truck to pick up your donation.

You won't want to miss this shopping extravaganza!

Summer is almost here and we are signing up school age children for our ten-week course of fun! Once again Brenda Stover and Wendy Bennett will be our school age teachers for children who have completed kindergarten through the fifth grade. The children will enjoy swimming at the Lincoln Aquatic Center, (children do not swim at the same time as the general public), and play time at the Marion area parks, as well as other fun field trips. Please call 387-1062 today if you are interested in this program for your child.

Would you like to help with our annual woodworking project with the children in our preschool and daycare program? This year we are building collection boxes beginning Wednesday, May 1 from 9:00-11:00 a.m. in the Discovery Room, Rm. 304. Richard Rick will be coordinating this project. Five additional adults are needed to build each day Monday through Friday until the boxes are built and stained. Please call 387-1062 to sign up.

Memorial gifts have been given to the Preschool/  
Daycare in memory of Marguerite Corrigan by:

Irene, Ron, Tom and Kathy Coon  
Kathy & Malcolm Goodman  
Jan Mizell  
Y-Gradale Sorority  
Betty English  
Mary Ann Collings  
Steve & Betty Simmons  
Alicia Mayes  
Frank & Kimberly Volenik

**HELP WANTED**

**Director of Preschool Day Care  
Epworth Pre-School and Day Care Center  
Marion, Ohio**

The Director for this faith based pre-school and day care center will provide oversight of all educational and early childhood developmental programs. Previous management experience is required to manage a staff of 25 people and an annual budget. The center operates 12 months out of the year. Minimum requirements include a Bachelor's degree in Early Childhood Education, Child Development or related field of study. Salary and benefits are competitive. We are an EEO organization. Please send resumes by mail or email to: William McCaulley, Epworth PSDC, 249 E. Center St., Marion, OH 43302 or ChurchOffice@EpworthUMC.org.



**CRAFTING WITH PHYLLIS**

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

# May 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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5 New Members joining Church 2:00pm Children's Choir to sing at Primrose 3:00pm Capital Area North District Conference - Worthington UMC	6 7:00pm Boy Scouts (Rm. 106) 7:00pm Spiritual Formation (Rm. 210)	7 7:30am Men's Breakfast 11:00am Staff Meeting 5:15pm Neighborhood Supper (St. Paul's Episcopal) 5:30pm Yoga (Rm. 112) 5:30pm Cub Scouts (Rms. 301 & 303) 6:30pm Children's Council (Rm. 210)	8 6:00pm Bells 6:30pm Bible Study (Rm. 205) 7:00pm Nar-Anon (Rm. 106) 7:00pm Choir	9 10:00am Phyllis' Craft Class (Rm. 111) 10:00am Disciple Bible Study (Rm. 106) 5:30pm Circles: Allies & Families (Rms. 109 & 106) 5:30pm Yoga (Rm. 112) 5:30pm Cub Scouts (Rms. 301 & 303) 6:00pm Quilt Class (Rm. 111) 7:00pm Trustees (Rm. 210)	10	11
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19 Graduation Sunday Pentecost Sunday UM Student Day Offering 9:30am Graduates Recognition Breakfast (Rm. 109) 11:30am PS/DC Director Search Committee (Rm. 205)	20 6:00pm Lay Leadership (Rm. 210) 7:00pm PS/DC Board (Rm. 111)	21 7:30am Men's Breakfast 11:00am Staff Meeting 11:30am Cents for Children (Rm. 111) 5:30pm Cub Scouts (Rms. 301 & 303) 5:30pm Yoga (Rm. 112) 6:30pm Finance Committee (Rm. 210)	22 6:30pm Bible Study (Rm. 205) 6:30pm VBS Leaders, teachers & helpers meeting (Rm. 111) 7:00pm Choir 7:00pm Nar-Anon (Rm. 106)	23 David - Vacation 10:00am Phyllis' Craft Class (Rm. 111) 5:30pm Foxes Graduation (Sanctuary & Rm. 109) 5:30pm Yoga (Rm. 112) 5:30pm Cub Scouts (Rms. 301 & 303) 6:00pm Quilt Class (Rm. 111)	24 David - Vacation	25 David - Vacation
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## SUNDAY OPPORTUNITIES FOR WORSHIP AT EPWORTH UMC

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

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