



Epworth News

God's Love in Action
Growing Disciples through Compassionate Relationships

May 2014

Sunday Worship

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

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Climbing Trees...

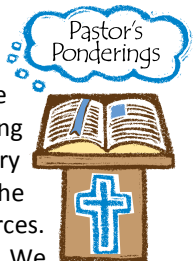
Joe Frost, a child development expert at the University of Texas, explains why tree climbing – a child-like behavior, is so much fun – “Climbing provides superb vestibular stimulation, which helps with balance and coordination. This, in turn, creates new connections in the prefrontal cortex that enhance executive function. A more obvious benefit is a significant increase in muscular fitness.” (Can you imagine it in your mind? Does that sound like tree-climbing? It doesn’t sound like much fun.)

In turn, Weston, a nine-year old, explains the joy of tree climbing in this way, (imagine this in your mind) “I like shorter trees because they’re easier. Look for the branch closest to the ground, grab it, and use your feet and legs to work your way up the trunk and onto the branch. You’ll repeat this step to get higher and higher. Make sure the branches are strong enough to hold you by tugging on them first. After you get pretty high, it’s fun to sit down and look around. When climbing down, try to choose the same branches as before and hold on tight!”

Both Joe and Weston are describing the same adventure. One is observing and making judgments while the other one is actually participating and experiencing climbing the tree first hand. There is a difference! When is the last time that we took the time to climb a tree? Oh, to be that young again, with no agenda, no pressure or responsibilities. No fear. To have an unbridled sense of what is possible.

Too often we find ourselves observing and making judgments versus participating and experiencing. We do this with our lives and we do this with

our faith. Do you suppose that we, as adults, are just too grown up? That we take life too seriously, working hard, calculating every decision, trying to make the best of our time and resources. And who can blame us? We don’t like surprises, and we are often driven only by our own success and productivity. We experience life’s ups and downs. We have too many important tasks to complete and goals to achieve, as we strive to be responsible human beings. We don’t have time to climb trees!



But then we hear Jesus say, **“Whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child, will never enter it.”** Great, what does that mean? Just what was Jesus trying to say to his disciples?

The disciples had been jockeying for power and position, and they were becoming anxious because Jesus was talking about their responsibilities with the coming kingdom. They were worried about who was going to be sitting at the right and at the left, while Jesus was teaching them that they should be more interested with those who were at the back of the line, those sitting at the back of the bus and those who were serving on the front lines, than with those who were sitting around the table in the board room or in the Upper Room making decisions. There was something in their attempt to follow Jesus that the disciples were missing.

Maybe their enthusiasm was beginning to wane. Maybe they had lost that initial drive and sense of wonder they had had when Jesus first asked them to follow. Maybe that “child within” each of them had gone into hiding, and they were now somehow

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reluctant to allow that side of them to surface. Their pursuit for power and position had taken a lot of time and energy and had caused them to lose touch with what was going on in and around them – it had caused them to lose sight of the big picture – the vision of the kingdom that Jesus had created for them in their mind's eye. They had lost sight of what was possible and were relying only upon their own efforts.

When we think of Jesus' instructions about receiving the kingdom of God like a child, what do we think of? What first comes to our minds? Is it that cute, irresistible, smiling, child that we imagine Jesus taking in his arms and placing in their midst? Do the images of Anne Geddes come to your mind – you know those images first made popular ten or so years ago. Images, pictures of babies turned into flowers, vegetables, and other pieces of art. Or maybe the image of a child or grandchild comes to mind, an image from your own experience of holding that child in your arms. Or, maybe we can even imagine a child who has grown up in an orphanage halfway around the world or a child living in poverty right in our backyard.

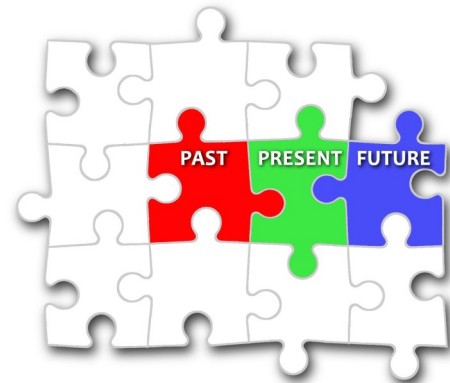
Regardless of the image that comes to our minds, a child, for Jesus, was a symbol of powerlessness. A child is one who is utterly dependent upon someone else. Think of the loving relationship between a child and his/her parent, and all that that relationship provides. Think of a child, one that is willing to be vulnerable with both their thoughts and feelings. I believe that this is partly what Jesus was talking about. ***"Whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child, will never enter it."*** Are we willing to give up our jockeying for power and position? Are we willing to give up on our desperate need to depend solely upon our own efforts and resources and not upon God? Are we willing to be just a little vulnerable so that God can work inside and through us?

Jesus' use of this child image also says something about the potential that God had placed within his disciples and in each of us. A child, one that is capable of growth and maturity, one that has an unlimited capacity to love. By using this image of a child, Jesus is not asking us to check our intelligence at the door; Jesus is asking us to use our reasoning, our intellect, our abilities, our God-given potential, in order to grow closer to God and to one another. Let it be so!

Discovering the Possibilities,

David

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN



CREATING CONNECTIONS

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

We will be holding a church conference on Sunday, May 18th following worship to consider the capital campaign recommendation.

Generosity Moment

How do we define generosity? It can be defined as spending time, talent, or money to help others that are in need without expecting a reward. In our society, generosity often means giving to charities and other organizations that help in times of disasters.

Our TIME may be shown by helping take care of a family member or friend during their time of need, telling someone how nice they look, how nice it was to meet them, letting someone you work with know they have done a good job, or giving a smile to someone and seeing the change because of the kindness you have shown.

Our TALENT can be seen in fixing a meal for a shut-in, mowing a lawn, going to the grocery or doing other tasks that would help. Our MONEY may be lived out by giving to charities and organizations that provide assistance in times of natural disasters.

It is hard to put into words what impact my faith has had on my generosity. I have been blessed to have a chance to share of myself with others. God was with me through a serious illness seven years ago and I know He is beside me as I journey through my life. I have shared this experience with others in their time of need, showing them that by having faith it will help them get through their most difficult times. Our faith is in asking God to be by our side and trusting in Him no matter what the outcome may be.

When I was a child, our church community was very generous in their giving to our family. My father was ill for three years and was not able to support our family. It was the faith my parents had in knowing God would provide for us and through the generosity of others that helped us through these difficult times. My father died in 1949 at the age of 33 and my mother had four small children to raise. Her faith and her strength helped get us through those times. She always saw the good in others and was very appreciative of all the support given to us. I know we received food and clothing from those who could share and we were very blessed by the generosity of others. It was never how poor we were, but how blessed we were. I do remember the times we could not always use some of the clothing we received and my mother would take it to a family that was in more need than we were. I remember the family and how grateful and appreciative they were of the generosity shown to them.

When someone has asked for my help and wants to repay me, I tell them, when they are able, to give forward to someone that may be in need. I count my blessing for the generosity that has been shown to me and the generosity I have been able to give to others that may make a difference in their life. Throughout my life, I hope I have given of my TIME, TALENT, and MONEY to help those during their difficult times.

Every day I thank God for being by my side and for the life he has given me.

It is more blessed to give than to receive!

Bev Rambo

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.

Reminder to All Graduates...

In an effort to honor, celebrate, and recognize those who will be graduating from high school and college, we invite you to submit the names of those graduating; the school and/or degree, and if they are continuing their education, where they will be attending in the fall and what degree they will be pursuing. If you are or have received a college degree at any point during the 2013-2014 school year, please submit that information. Those submitting names will be honored on Sunday, May 18th. A breakfast will be provided for all high school and college graduates and their families. **Please RSVP to the church office by May 12th.**

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 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.

THANK YOU

On behalf of the Don Loudenslager Family, we want to express our appreciation and thanks to Rev. David Hoffman and Rev. Daniel Kiger as well as Dan Erickson, Kathy Walczak, Jeanne Howison, and the other women of the church for the love and support of our family during the celebration of life for Don.

God is great and our Epworth Family is an extension of his love and grace.

Reva Loudenslager

Thank you to my Epworth Family for the cards received throughout the year. Also, a special thank you to the cards received from the Children.

Evelyn Keiffer

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.

Paula's friend..Brenda Reish

I want to thank you for the prayer blanket. Jo Rose is my sister-in-law and she gave it to me around Christmas time. She explained how with each tie a prayer was said for me. What a special gift! God bless you and thank you for your prayers.

Linda Magill

Dear Epworth,

I just want to say Conversations with Kids was an excellent series. The topics and speakers were wonderful and I think they will really help me in the future with my own little ones. I hope there are more to come!

Thank you, Lisa West



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Safe Sanctuary in the age of email, texting, Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, What's App and something called Snap Chat?! How can we, the church, continue to protect children, volunteers, staff, and the assets of the church in the age of internet? Our families, with their children and teens, are on the internet daily, and it has become an important communication tool for the church. Yet, we cannot take the safety of children in the virtual world for granted. Epworth's Safe Sanctuary Task Force has received the approval of the Administrative Council for an updated Safe Sanctuary Policy that includes, for the first time, rules about how Epworth staff and volunteers will interact with minors on the internet. Epworth's Safe Sanctuary Policy has requirements to maintain "open door" communications between adults in ministry and the minors with whom they serve. In the "real world" staff and ministry volunteers have two adults in the room or a door that has a window, allowing interactions with minors to remain open for all to see. In the world of the internet, our policy requires that all communications between adults and minors be "open" --- - public, or copied to a parent or church staff member. Additionally, the policy requires that minors are not to be identified by name when we share photos. Before the end of summer, all church staff and volunteers in ministry with children and youth, will attend a Safe Sanctuary Training class or Safe Sanctuary review (for those trained under the previous policy). May 22 at 6:30 will be an opportunity for persons to train in Safe Sanctuary Policy and Procedures. We are blessed to be in ministry with children and youth at Epworth!

Sharon

A Camping We Will Go!

With the support of the congregation, twelve Epworth children, ages 6-11, will go to a United Methodist camp this summer. Joey Dranschak and Jake Williams will go to Wacky Water Week at Camp Wesley. Kaitlyn Daum and Katie Shoaf will go to Horse Camp week at Camp Wesley. Anna Redd and Abbie Austin will attend a music, arts, and drama week at Camp Otterbein. Six campers will attend Discovery Camp at Camp Wesley. This 3-day, 2-night camp will give first time campers Lauren West, Addison Clevenger, McKinley Webb, Isabelle Combs, Paige Powers and Carter Rawlins the opportunity to try various camp activities for a try-it-you'll-like-it few days. Sharon Gilbert will accompany

the first time campers to Camp Wesley. Because the congregation has generously supported the Shrove Sunday Pancake Breakfast, the Sausage for Summer Camp sale, Popcorn in the Courtyard, and the Hamburger Sale, each child was awarded a scholarship equaling 50% of the cost of their camp experience. Scholarship amounts ranged from \$75 for the 3 day camp, to \$187 for Horse Camp, and totaled nearly \$1400. Thank you, Epworth! Please pray that each camper will have fun and experience God in nature, new friends, and the camp theme *Love God, Love Others!* The children will share some of their camp memories in worship on August 3rd.

VBS Preparation Meeting

Tuesday, May 6, 6:30-8:00

For all VBS volunteers - adults and teens
Heather Harper & Sharon Gilbert
thank YOU for volunteering!!

Epworth's Vacation Bible School
Workshop of Wonders

begins on Monday, June 16
just six weeks away!

During this planning session you will:

- Meet your Safe Sanctuary training requirement
- Have input on VBS schedules and procedures
- Learn about the *Workshop of Wonders* theme
- Learn one new VBS song with hand motions
- Collaborate with other VBS leaders

Children's Choir Recognition

On Mother's Day, the Epworth Children's Choir will sing for the final time in 2013-14. These faithful children arrive early every Sunday morning to rehearse with "Miss" Ruth Coldwell before Sunday School. They sing in worship one Sunday each month, and the choir also sang in the From Our Hearts to the Congo Concert on April 27th. We want to thank the children for their lovely contribution to our worship services. The Children's Council will recognize each member of the Children's Choir with a small gift during worship on May 11. Members of the Children's Choir are: Abbie Austin, Eli Caudill, Ethan Caudill, Addison Clevenger, Kaitlyn Daum, Macey Harper, Katie Shoaf, McKinley Webb, Lauren West, Avery West, Hank West, and Nolen West.

We thank the parents of the choir members for their commitment to regular Sunday attendance and invite all parents to stay tuned for a meeting regarding next year's opportunities for choir, a musical, and special music.

For the Beauty of the Earth Let's take a hike!

Children and families of all ages
are invited to meet Sharon at
the Pleasant Township Park
1144 Owens Road West
Tuesday, May 13 at 6:30

We'll take a walk in the woods (paved trail) and enjoy
an hour in God's Great Outdoors!
Sweet treat provided!
If the weather is questionable,
check the Epworth Facebook group.

Calendar Dates for Busy Parents

May 6 - VBS Planning meeting @ 6:30
May 11 - Children's Choir sings
May 11 - Last Children's Choir rehearsal
May 13 - Let's Take a Hike @ 6:30
May 22 - Safe Sanctuary training (new & renewal)
June 16 - 20 VBS 9:00 - 11:45

Safe Sanctuary Training Thursday, May 22, 6:30-8:00PM

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.



**Workshop of Wonders -
WoW!**
Vacation Bible School
June 16-20
9:00 - 11:45 a.m.
Ages 4 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 when you register on line, and pay \$8 before June 16th. 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. Bring a friend! Bring a grandchild! Bring a neighbor! Register online, please!



WHERE:
EPWORTH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
249 E. CENTER ST, MARION

WHEN:
MAY 8TH, 15TH AND 22ND

TIME:
6:30PM - 8:00PM

TO REGISTER PLEASE CALL
HOLLY BAKER AT (740) 387-5210 EXT. 1235

***FREE CHILDCARE PROVIDED AS LONG AS YOU**
ARE PRE-REGISTERED FOR THE CLASS



United Methodist Women Epworth Women in Action

April 15th—snow fell this morning after several days of sunshine and warm days. My brilliant daffodils, vibrant pansies, and primroses are all hidden under a blanket of white, let snow!! Will they survive?...Will Spring break through again? This must be our prelude to Easter!

When May 1st arrives, the Fellowship Hall will be ablaze with springtime color whatever the weather dictates. "Down the Garden Path" is the theme for this year's Spring Fling banquet. Preview the individually decorated tables are 6:00pm and cast a vote for your favorite selection. There are prizes to be won and our volunteer decorators are eager contestants.

At 6:30pm, you will be invited to serve yourself from a bountiful Salad Bar, followed by desserts and beverages.

The program will be presented by Development Director, David Hoy; Pauline Scott, Farm Guide; and board members from Statford Ecological Center in Delaware.

The Stratford Ecological Center is a non-profit educational organic farm and nature preserve on 236 acres in Delaware County. Visitors are welcome to explore the land, hike the nature trails, visit the livestock, and tour the gardens and greenhouses. Farm products are available for sale seasonally, based on availability.

Learn about the workshops and classes offered for children and adults...annual festivals, farm tours, camps, and family programs.

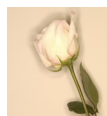
*Spring Fling
Thursday, May 1st
Gather at 6:00pm...Dine at 6:30pm*

Epworth Women in Action..United Methodist Women... have had a very full five months of service from January to May, finding ways to serve God through the ministry and mission of Epworth United Methodist Church. Along the way we have fulfilled the purpose of UMW by drawing closer to God and to each other. We have one more meeting scheduled before the summer break...join us as we look ahead to the Fall projects; look back to our fabulous Retreat; and for the present, make plans for a day out just for fun during the summer. We will meet on Monday, May 5th at 6:30pm.



PRAYER QUILTS WERE MADE FOR

- ◇ Jaxon Bell (17 month old son of Joe and Danni Ball) for strength and healing from brain surgery
- ◇ Joan Luchene for recovery
- ◇ John Ott for peace and comfort
- ◇ Known to God for protection and a safe living environment
- ◇ Bernice Pratt that she will experience hope through God's presence and that her health will be restored.



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

- ◇ Barbara Hall, mother of Pam Combs, who died April 22, 2014.



Red roses were placed on the altar as we celebrated the arrival of:

- ◇ Sloane Marela Franckhauser, daughter of Chris and Laura Franckhauser was born Wednesday, April 9, 2014. The proud grandparents are Steve and Marilyn Simpson.
- ◇ Finley Kathleen Smith, daughter of Kimberly and Ryan Smith, was born Tuesday, April 15, 2014. The proud grandparents are Butch and Dee Dee Smith.
- ◇ Calvin Jacob Douce, son of Eric and Marie Douce, was born Sunday, April 20, 2014. The proud grandparents are Pam and Aden Douce; and the proud great-grandfather is Mike Piatnitza.



- ◇ Matthew English and Anne Cook were married on April 19, 2014 in Lexington, Kentucky. Matthew is the son of Betty English.



**"Education is not the
filling of a pail, but
the lighting of a fire."**

-William Butler Yeats

The week of April 21st Epworth Preschool and Daycare held a Scholastic Book Fair in the parlor. Sales from this event benefited the preschool and daycare by outfitting our classrooms with new children's literature. Families, church members, and individuals from the community were able to purchase books off of teacher "wish lists" which brought smiles to our wonderful teachers' faces! A new book to a teacher is like candy to a child. Thank you to everyone who gave so generously!

The week of April 21st Epworth held an art show for all to browse and admire. Our students work very hard to express their creativity through art and were proud to show off all of their treasured work. We hope that everyone enjoyed seeing what our students have been up to this school year.

Epworth Preschool and Daycare Sunday was a success! Connie Slob did a tremendous job teaching our children special songs and movements to perform for the Epworth congregation and visiting families. It was a wonderful celebration of the mission and ministry of the preschool and daycare. Thank you to Pastor Hoffman for the kind words he imparted on behalf of our program. It proved to be a heartwarming day full of memory making moments that will not soon be forgotten.

Heather Mawer's class will be holding a preschool graduation ceremony on May 14th at 11:00 a.m. in the parlor. Marcia Williamson's class will be holding a preschool graduation ceremony on May 15th at 11:00 a.m. in the sanctuary. Kayce Shaeffer's class will be holding a preschool graduation ceremony at 11:00 a.m. in Room 109. Cookies and juice will be served as we celebrate these special children and all of their accomplishments. Thank you to Miss Heather, Miss Kayce, and Miss Marcia for all of the support and guidance shown to their students throughout the school year.

We will be holding a graduation ceremony for the Fox class on May 22nd. As part of our daycare program, these students will be staying with us until kindergarten starts in August. We are confident that these brilliant and talented students will have no problems finding success in kindergarten. Thank you to Miss Tracy and Miss Rosie for your love and dedication to these precious children.

The daycare will be closed on Monday, May 26th in honor of Memorial Day.

Annual Garage Sale Fundraising Event!

Date of garage sale: Friday, May 16th from noon-8pm and Saturday, May 17th from 9-2

Location of garage sale: The parking lot next to the former Uhler building.

Would you like to donate items to help raise money for Epworth Preschool and Daycare? Donors can bring their items to the parking lot just west of the old Uhler building on Saturday, May 10th and Wednesday, May 14th from 8:30am-3:00pm. Items will be stored, priced, and prepared for sale there. We are hoping for a good turnout of items so that we can have a successful fundraising event for our program. Thank you for your continued support and we look forward to seeing you there!

***Example items to be donated:** games, toys, children's clothes, baby clothes (no adult clothes please), sporting/exercise equipment, furniture, kitchen utensils, baby gear, household items, books, electronics, power tools, gardening equipment, bicycles, home décor etc. We are also accepting donations of baked goods!

Thanks!

Epworth Preschool and Daycare Staff



MISSIONS

SCHOLARSHIPS ARE IMPORTANT!

Epworth UMC will receive the United Methodist Student Day Offering on Sunday, May 18, 2014.

"I have faith that I can make a difference," says Miranda Benjamin, a member of St. James United Methodist Church in Kingston, N.Y. Miranda discovered God's path for her life during a 2009 mission trip focused on serving impoverished children in Costa Rica. "My group and I worked at an elementary school, building a playground, painting a mural and hosting after-school activities for the children," Miranda recalled. "The impact our group had on these children and their lives really stuck with me, and I knew . . . I wanted to go into a career that would allow me to continue changing children's lives for the better."

Thanks to the United Methodist Student Day offering, Miranda is a psychology graduate of Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts in North Adams. Her passion for helping children with disabilities led to becoming a certified behavior analyst to show the love of Christ to those in need.

Your donation to the United Methodist Student Day offering helps our denomination provide scholarships and student loans for passionate United Methodist students who want to share their faith and impact the lives of others in a positive way. Please give generously.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

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

The Epworth Missions Committee is once again hosting "Make a Difference Day." Saturday, June 14th, following a light breakfast in the Fellowship Hall, 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 soup, 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.

KROGER REWARDS ~ APRIL RE-ENROLLMENT

Thank you to everyone who enrolled or re-enrolled in the Kroger Community Rewards program in April. Participants must re-enroll in the program **every April**. Your enrollment allows Epworth UMC/Missions to earn funds from your grocery purchases when you swipe your Kroger Plus Card. If you have not yet enrolled, enroll today!

May 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Bible Study (Rm. 210) 10:00am UWM Spring Fling (Sanctuary & Rm. 109) 6:00pm	2	3 Prayer Quilt Ministry (Rm. 111) 11:00am
4 Sausage for Summer Camp pickup in kitchen 11:30am Capital Campaign Committee Meeting 11:30am (Rm. 205)	5 Grief Sharing (Rm. 205) 6:30pm UMW (Pastor's Office) 6:30pm Boy Scouts (Rm. 106) 7:00pm Capital Campaign Gathering 7:00pm at the Parsonage AMI Circle (Pastor's Office) 7:30pm	6 Men's Breakfast 7:30am Staff Meeting 11:00am Staff Luncheon 12:00pm Neighborhood Supper (St. Paul's Episcopal) 5:15pm VBS Planning Meeting (Rm. 205) 6:30pm SPRC (Rm. 111) 7:00pm	7 PS/DC Teachers meeting (Rm. 301) 1:15pm Bible Study (Rm. 205) 6:30pm Chancel Choir (Rm. 112) 7:00pm Nar-Anon (Rm. 106) 7:00pm Capital Campaign Gathering 7:00pm at the home of Dan & Jeanne Yeakam	8 Bible Study (Rm. 210) 10:00am Circles, Allies & Families (Rms. 109 & 106) 5:30pm Quilt Class (Rm. 111) 6:00pm Child care parenting class (Rm. 201) 6:30pm Parenting Class (Rm. 210) 6:30pm Trustees (Rm. 205) 7:00pm	9	10 PS/DC Garage Sale Donation Items to parking lot by old Uhler building from 8:30am - 3:00pm
11 Children's Choir Singing Recognition of Children's Choir Mother's Day	12 Capital Campaign gathering (Rm. 205) 3:30pm Grief Sharing (Rm. 205) 6:30pm Capital Campaign Gathering 7:00pm at the home of Pat & Carl Teller Boy Scouts (Rm. 106) 7:00pm	13 Men's Breakfast 7:30am Staff Meeting 11:00am Evelyn Kendall Circle at Kingston at 11:30am Quilt Class (Rm. 111) 4:00pm	14 PS Graduation (Rm. 205) 10:00am Worship Committee (Rm. 106) 6:00pm Bible Study (Rm. 205) 6:30pm Nar-Anon (Rm. 106) 7:00pm Capital Campaign Gathering 7:00pm at the home of Jed & Linda Middleton Chancel Choir (Rm. 112) 7:00pm PS/DC Garage Sale Donation Items to parking lot by old Uhler building from 8:30am - 3:00pm	15 NEW/LETTER INFORMATION DUE Bible Study (Rm. 210) 10:00am PS graduating class (Sanctuary) 10:00am Capital Campaign Gathering (Rm. 205) 10:00am PS graduating class (Rm. 109) 11:00am PS graduating reception (Rm. 109) 11:30am Parenting Class (Rm. 210) 6:30pm Child care parenting class (Rm. 201) 6:30pm Administrative Council (Rm. 205) 7:00pm	16 PS/DC Garage Sale 9:00am - 2:00pm parking lot next to old Uhler building	17 PS/DC Garage Sale 9:00am - 2:00pm parking lot next to old Uhler building
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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	Children's Choir (Rm. 203)
	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 nd grade) (Rm. 206)
	Acolyte Fellowship SS Class (grades 3 - 5 th) (Rm. 204)
	Middle and High School Class (Rm. 301)
	Messengers Class (Rm. 111)
10:30 am	Worship Service