

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

OCTOBER 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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Bishop Robert Schnase shares this reading from his devotional book, "Practicing Extravagant Generosity: Daily Readings on the Grace of Giving". These are important words for us to consider as we begin to understand that each one of us is called to a life of generosity.

"The practice of generosity describes the Christian's unselfish willingness to give in order to make a positive difference for the purposes of Christ. Extravagant Generosity describes practices of sharing and giving that exceed all expectations and extend to unexpected measures. It describes lavish sharing, sacrifice, and giving in service to God and neighbor. Charles Fraizer, in his novel of the American Civil War, Cold Mountain, introduces a minor character, a fiddler whose life is changed through an incident that causes him to look at his musical talents in a whole new way. The fiddler is a drunk, who knows only six songs. His military unit camps near a house where there's a powerful explosion. A young girl is severely burned and is near death, and her father sends for a fiddler to help ease her way to heaven. The fiddler enters the dark cabin where the young girl suffers excruciating pain. From her deathbed, she says, 'Play me something.' He plays a tune. 'Play me another.' The fiddler plays his drinking tunes slowly, thinking it more appropriate to the circumstances. Soon he has exhausted his small repertoire. 'Play me another.' She says as she struggles against the pain. 'Don't know no more,' he says. 'That's pitiful,' she says, 'what kind of fiddler are you? Make me up a tune then.' He marvels at such a strange request. But has a go at it. Soon the girl passes away. Her father thanks the fiddler for lifting her to heaven with his fiddle. A transformation takes place, and the author writes, 'Time and time again during the walk back to camp the fiddler stopped and looked at his fiddle as if for the very first time. He had never before thought of trying to improve his playing, but now it seemed worthwhile to go at every tune...' Thereafter, he never tired of trying to improve his playing, and he went into taverns of every kind to study the sounds and methods of other musicians.

'From that day...on, music came more and more into his mind...His playing was as easy as a man drawing breath, yet with utter conviction in its centrality to a life worth claiming.' Imagine the difference he

Ponderings

made in the lives of people and the meaning that was added to his own life. ordinary fiddle and the simple gift of music, when used for higher purposes, became sacred. When the fiddler discovered the gift he had been given, and the power of that gift to influence the world for good, he was His ordinary talent became beautiful, a source of joy and meaning. We find something similar through the practice of Extravagant Generosity. Giving causes Before, our giving may have been arbitrary, perfunctory, haphazard, a little here and there. But when we discover the great difference generosity makes; place it in service to God; and use our resources to relieve suffering, strengthen communities, and restore relationships, then we look at giving entirely different. We look at our giving, and see it as if for the very first time. We want to improve our generosity at every turn until it becomes as easy as drawing breath. Through our generosity, God can do extraordinary things. Through our giving, God changes lives, and in changing them, transforms us."

Where is God waiting to use us – our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness?

In Service Together, David Hoffman

Charles Frazier, Cold Mountain (Atlantic Monthly Press, 1997) pp. 231-232

Frazier; pp. 232,234
Robert Schnase, Practicing Extravagant Generosity:Daily readings on the grace of giving (Abingdon Press, 2011) pp.31-33



ROSE ON THE ALTAR POLICY. Anytime the church office is aware or notified of a death of a member or of a loved one of someone associated with the congregation, a white rose will be placed

on the altar. Anytime the church office is aware or notified of the birth of child who is immediately related to someone associated with the congregation, a red rose will be placed on the altar. These acknowledgements are to be all inclusive. An acknowledgement of these celebrations of life will be printed in the newsletter. Family members are invited to take the roses following the worship service.

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

- Jeremy Leedom, the step-son of Becky Leedom who died on September 3rd
- ♦ Joyce Hayes, the mother of Terry Hayes, who died on September 7th
- Harry Linkmire, the stepfather of Pat Caudill, who died on September 13th
- Bruce Johnson, grandfather of Heather Slob, who died on September 16th.

Our love, support, and sympathy surround these families.

Thank You

Dear Epworth Family, Thank you for extending so much love and support for our family. The meal you all prepared was delicious. Epworth was such an important part of Mom and Dad's lives. We were very grateful to be able to celebrate their lives there in the church where we celebrated so many important family moments. We will always remember your kindness to our families during this very difficult time.

Cathy Scowden and Scott Tillett

Thank you very much for the beautiful prayer quilt you made just for me. I truly appreciate all your labor of love and all the many prayers. The doctor gave me a healthy report. Prayers were answered. God is good!

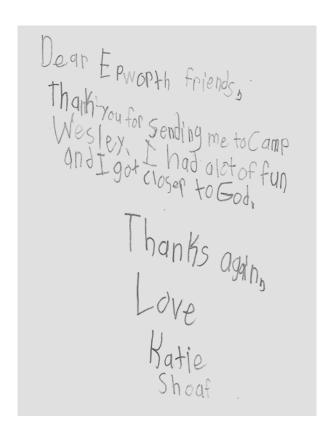
Joanne Saull Peadon

Dear Epworth family and Scholarship Committee, Thank you for the scholarship! It is much needed for books and other school supplies. I am thankful to be part of a church so full of love and support. It is nice to know I always have a place at Epworth.

Mary Rachel Haynes

Dear friends at Epworth. Thank you so much for the beautiful prayer quilt. I am thankful for all your prayers and appreciative that you would do this for someone not of your church. Again, thank you very much.

Millie Farson



Children in Ministry



Elementary children enthusiastically singing the Books of the Bible and we've just begun my walk about the Education building on a recent Sunday morning. Toddlers taking turns touching, lifting and standing on a big rock to understand that God is strong... A group of kindergarten

and 1st and 2nd graders learning that it is a privilege to serve others during their graham cracker feast... Older elementary children practicing how to safely use a candle lighter to bring the light into worship... Middle schoolers creating journals for their faith journeys....A daddy patiently waiting in the nursery while his tiny daughter finishes her snack. These are the snapshots of the Christian faith development of children at Epworth. The Sunday School teachers have prepared their lessons and stories, and yet, they are willing to capture the God Moment when birds sing on the telephone wire outside their window. We don't know today what effect these efforts and moments will have on these young lives and the future of our church, but each day I am grateful for the congregation who loves the little children enough to find out. Blessings to all, Sharon

Bible Presentation Sunday

Bible presentation Sunday will be on November 11 when we present Adventure Bibles (NRSV) to all 3rd graders and The Beginners Bible (story Bible) to all Kindergartners. If your child in K or grade 3 would like to have a Bible, and will be present on November 11, please contact Sharon so that we may order Bibles accordingly. sqilbert@epworthumc.org

Acolyte Fellowship FOS Mission Project

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Colorado wild fires, Louisiana hurricanes, post earthquake tents in Haiti, tornados in Alabama - these are just a few of the places where our Health Kits will be going. Using items donated during VBS, the Acolyte Fellowship children, grade 3-5, assembled 28 health kits for the Festival of Sharing. Thank you to the VBS donors and Abbie Austin, Annie Bell, Kaitlyn Daum, Anna Redd, Katie Richards and Katie Shoaf who assembled the kits last Sunday!

#### CALLING ALL K-5 GIRLS!

You are invited to attend this Girl Scout event on COTA Day as we become Mad Scientists and explore some Spooky Science and Frighteningly Fun Food! Please bring a sack lunch as we will be working up some Monstrous Appetites! Drinks and snacks will be provided. This event is open to ALL girls K-5.

Who: ALL girls K-5 When: October 19th, 2012

Where: Epworth United Methodist Church

Time: 9:30-2:30 Cost: \$5.00

# DIVORCE CARE FOR KIDS INFORMATIONAL MEETING

Divorce happens to children. Epworth's Children's Council has committed to bring Divorce Care for Kids to Epworth as a companion program to the current 13 week adult Divorce Care. Classes for children will begin in winter, but now is the time for volunteers to commit and to become familiar with this outreach. If you want to help children heal from the pain and confusion of divorce, Divorce Care for Kids (DC4K) is an ideal ministry for you. An informational meeting for adults considering this ministry will be held on Monday, October 22 at 6:30 p.m. You may find it helpful to Google Divorce Care for Kids to learn more about DC4K. Or speak with Sharon about this outreach to children in our church and our community.

#### SAVE THE DATE

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Sept. 30 - Children's choir sings

Oct. 13 - Family Hayride at Lehner's Pumpkin Farm

Oct. 19 - Mad Scientist event for K-5 girls

Oct. 28 - Children's choir sings

Nov. 11 - Bible Presentations

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Nov. 11 - Acolyte Fellowship 4:30 - 6:30

Nov. 18 - Children's choir sings

Dec. 16 - Children's Christmas musical

June 17-21 VBS Everywhere Fun Fair

Family Hayride - Saturday, October 13

LET'S GO ON R HRYRIDE



This hayride is for ALL Epworth families...
Families with children, families with youth...
Grandmas and grandpas...
Children of all ages
ANYONE who enjoys fall fun...
The EPWORTH family!
Lehner's Pumpkin Farm
2920 Ohio 203, Radnor, OH 43066

Hayride and Bonfire at 5:00 p.m.

We've reserved the wagons & the picnic tables

Hayride - \$3 donation or \$10 per family

Bring a favorite dish to share - hotdogs, buns, beverages provided by Children's Council

Come early for the free petting zoo &

Pick your own pumpkin (price determined by size)

Children's Barrel Train Ride - \$1 8 acre Corn Maize - \$3

Epworth Youth

OCTOBER YOUTH SCHEDULE

7 9:30am Jr. High Sunday School (grades 6-8) Room 303

> 9:30am Sr. High Sunday School (grades 9-12) Room 301

4:30pm – 6:30pm Jr. & Sr. High Youth Fellowship

4:30pm – 4:45pm Gathering/Worship

4:45pm - 6:00pm Small Group

6:00pm - 6:30pm Youth/Family Dinner

13 5:00pm Jr. & Sr. High Youth Fellowship Activity, Hayride at Lehner's Farms in Radnor.

Meet a the church at 4:30pm. Cost \$3.00 donation

14 9:30am Jr. and Sr. High Sunday School Rooms 301 & 303

4:30pm – 6:30pm Sr. High Youth Fellowship 4:30pm – 4:45pm Gathering/Worship

4:45pm - 6:00pm Small Group

6:00pm - 6:30pm Youth/Family Dinner

18-19 Sr. High Youth Overnight Retreat/Lock-in at Church/Mission Day on Friday (Ronald McDonald House in COlumbus). Cost \$15.00

9:30am Jr. and Sr. High Sunday School Rooms 301 & 303

No Jr. or Sr. High Youth Fellowship

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CONGREGATIONAL GATHERINGS.

The Staff Parish Relations Committee and Rev. Hoffman invite you to participate in the upcoming Congregational Gatherings. These gatherings are an important part of the getting acquainted process that will allow each one of us to further introduce ourselves to Rev. Hoffman; share our hopes, dreams and longings for the congregation; as well as help us to identify our biggest challenges and opportunities for the coming year. Many of you have already had an opportunity to begin to get to know Rev. Hoffman and his family, but this opportunity will allow targeted and focused conversation about the life and ministry of the congregation. Each of these gatherings will last 90 minutes and will be held at various times and locations including the church. You are invited to sign up for these gatherings by signing up at the table located across from the church office, or by calling the church office at 740-387-8344.

- Mon., Oct. 8th 7pm, Ted & Kathy McKinniss; 686 Brightwood Dr.
- Wed., Oct. 10th 7pm, Rick & Sharon Gilbert; 1081 Kingwood Dr.
- Wed., Oct. 24th 7pm, Howard & Linda Klehm; 1072 Forest Hill Dr.
- ♦ Fri., Nov. 9th 7pm, Dave & Elizabeth Claborn; 595 Virginia Ave.
- Wed., Nov. 14th 7pm, Andy Harper; 4520 Maple Grove Rd.

MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY

A big thank you to all those that volunteered in the Every Member in Ministry survey to help with "Make a Difference Day" this year. Our mission will be to assemble and deliver lunch supplies to our neighbors. Following is the schedule for the morning:

DATE: Saturday, October 27th, 2012

TIME: 8:30 Breakfast

9:15 Blessing and send out9:15 to 12:00 assembly and delivery of lunch bags

Oh, and by the way, the OSU ball game is at 6:00 P.M. at Penn State so you have plenty of time to help. The more the merrier! If you are interested in a great way to feel good that doesn't cost any money and helps other people, just call me at 387-9501 or the church office at 387-8344. See you then.

Jeannine Caudill,
Make a Difference Day Coordinator

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# FOOD PANTRY REPORT August Donations

|                     | June | July | August |
|---------------------|------|------|--------|
| Donation sacks      | 40   | 27   | 28     |
| Food items          | 104  | 97   | 117    |
| Personal Need Items | 64   | 88   | 71     |

Donations have been down most of the summer. We hope they will pick up with the start of fall.

The Mission committee purchased 240 dozen eggs for St Paul's pantry in August Keep up the good work Epworth. Contribute what you can when you can.

Thanks again.

Wayne Newell

#### **UNITED METHODISTS...GIVING GENEROUSLY!**

The United Methodist Student Day Offering prepares students to unite faith with knowledge. Your gifts to this offering help deserving United Methodist students continue their education and their faith journeys as they strive to make a difference in the world an discern what God has called them to do.

**FULFILLING VOWS** ~~~ Elizabeth Batten said her college experiences helped her grow and mature; expanding views beyond only those that come with growing up in small, rural community. She says, "The church should support the United Methodist Student Day as a way to continue to minister to students who are remaining connected with the larger church through a local congregation or campus ministry. Supporting United Methodist Student Day sends a message that the church cares for and supports students and fulfills the vows the church makes at baptism."

**REACHING BEYOND THE CHURCH** ~~~ Jared Guinn said, "Receiving this scholarship has allowed me to further my education and do God's work through the public school system." These scholarships make it possible for students to become much-needed Christian influences in a very secular world.

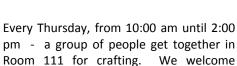
**GIVING BACK** ~~~ Lauren Williams, a college senior and business administration major, wants to have a job where she helps people in some way; whether it is through helping people manage their financial assets or working at a company that encourages and gives back.

**BELIEVING IN THE FUTURE** ~~~ Funded by the churchwide Student Day offering, the Gift of Hope scholarship is for capable U.M. undergraduate students at accredited colleges who have shown leadership in their church. These students have become a gift of hope for the denomination in dire need of more young leaders to chart and steer its course into the future.

Epworth will receive this special offering on Sunday, October 28, 2012.

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CRAFTING WITH PHYLLIS



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.



PRAYER QUILTS WERE MADE FOR:

- Millie Farson (Meredith's mother) for healing and strength.
- Rev. Ralph Stock for comfort and healing.
- ♦ Bob Columber for healing from surgery

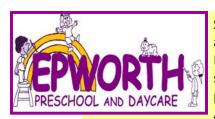


GROUNDS FOR THOUGHT BOOK CLUB



Come share your love of reading with us on October 25th at 1:00 pm in Common Grounds (Rm. 106).

We need your help putting a reading list together for our Fall get-togethers. Grounds for Thought Book Club meets at 1 o'clock on the 4th Thursday of the month-September through May. All are welcome. Join us for light refreshments and friendly discussion. Contact Pam Douce for more information--470-375-8610 or pameladouce@gmail.com



Sunday, October 14 is our annual cemetery tour at the Marion Cemetery. On this our seventeenth tour we will be portraying the lives of John Alexander Key, Horatio and

Mildred Chisholm, David & Lucy Mouser, Clovis Altmaier M.D., Mary Monnett Bain, Edward K Uhler and Ira Uhler, and Elizabeth Maud Bull M.D. We will be touring the original part of the cemetery at 620 Delaware Ave. The tour is still just \$6.00 a person and children twelve and under will be free. Tickets are purchased at the gate. Just in case we

have rain we have scheduled Sunday, October 21 2:00 to 4:00 as the rain date. There will be transportation inside the cemetery for people who have difficulty walking. The proceeds form the tour will be used for children's scholarships. If you would like to sponsor our tour it is not too late to do that by calling Robin at 387-1062. We currently have fifty children from low income families enrolled for the 2012-2013 school year. Our goal for this fund raiser is \$5000. Your help is greatly appreciated.

Sponsorship Contract 17th Annual Epworth Preschool & Daycare Cemetery Tour

We agree to print your name in the Sponsor List of our Guidebook for the 17thAnnual Historical Cemetery Tour. The tour will be held on Sunday, October 14, from 2 to 4 p.m. at Marion Cemetery and Monuments. (Rain date is Oct 21)

Sponsorship Levels

Friend -- \$25.00 Patron -- \$50.00 Sponsor -- \$100.00 Angel -- Over \$100.00

Name(s) to be printed in Guidebook	
Signature of Advertiser	Signature of Committee Member

No verbal agreement recognized. All stipulations must be embodied herein. Advertiser agrees to pay for advertisement on signing of this contract.

All contracts and payments must be received by October 10, 2012

Checks should be made payable to Epworth Preschool and Daycare.Inc.

Send contracts and payments to:
Robin Rick

Epworth Preschool and Daycare, Inc. 249 East Center St. Marion, Ohio 43302

Thank you for your support!

			October 2012			
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 6:30pm Divorce Care (Rm. 205) 7:00pm Boy Scouts (Rm. 106)	2 7:30am Men's Breakfast No Staff Meeting 5:30pm Yoga (Rm. 109)	3 1:15pm PS/DC Teachers meeting (Rm. 111) 5:15pm Membership & Nurture (Panera Bread) 6:00pm Bells 6:30pm Bible Study (Rm. 106) 7:00pm Choir	4 10:00am Disciple Bible Study (Rm. 106) 10:00am Phyllis' Craft Class (Rm. 111) 4:30pm Epworth 0-5 Playgroup (Rm. 201) 5:30pm Yoga (Rm. 112) 6:30pm Missions (Rm. 205)	9	6 11:00am Prayer Quilt Ministry (Rm. 111)
7 WORLD COMMUNION 4:30pm Jr. & Sr. High Youth Fellowship	8 6:30pm Divorce Care (Rm. 205) 7:00pm Congregational Gathering at T&K McKinniss 7:00pm Boy Scouts (Rm. 106)	9 No Staff Meeting 7:30am Men's Breakfast 1:00pm Evelyn Kendall Cirde (Rm. 205) 4:00pm Quit Class (Rm. 111) 5:30pm Yoga (Rm. 109) 6:00pm Stewardship (Rm. 205) 6:30pm UMW (Rm. 106) 6:30pm Children's Council (Rm. 210) 7:30pm AMI Circle (Rm. 205)	10 5.30pm DC Open House (Sanctuary & Rm. 109) 6.00pm Bells 6.30pm Bible Study (Rm. 106) 7.00pm Congregational Gathering at R&S Gilbert 7.00pm Choir	11 10:00am Phyllis' Craft Class (Rm. 111) 10:00am Disciple Bible Study (Rm. 106) 5:30pm Crates: Allies & Families (Rms. 109 & 106) 5:30pm Yoga (Rm. 112) 6:00pm Quilt Class (Rm. 111) 7:00pm Trustees (Rm. 210)	12	13 5.00pm Family Hayride - Lehner Pumpkin Farm 5.00pm Jr. & Sr. High Youth Fellowship - Hayride at Lehner's Farms
14 10:30am Bell's Playing 11:30am Worship Committee 2:00pm PS/DC Cemetery Tour 4:30pm Sr. High Youth Fellowship (Rm. 301) 4:30pm No. Jr. High Youth Fellowship	15 NEWSLETTER ITEMS DUE 8:00am PS/DC Picture Day (Rm. 205) 6:30pm Divorce Care (Rm. 205) 7:00pm Boy Scouts (Rm. 106)	16 7:30am Men's Breakfast 8:00am PS/DC Picture Day (Rm. 205) 11:00am Staff Meeting 11:30am Cents for Children (Rm. 111)	17 6:00pm Bells 6:30pm Bible Study (Rm. 106) 7:00pm Choir	18 Sr. High Youth Overnight Retreat/Lock-In at Church/Mission Day on Friday 10:00am Dissiple Bible Study (Rm. 106) 10:00am Phyllis' Craft Class (Rm. 111) 4:30pm Epworth 0-5 Playgroup (Rm. 201) 7:00pm Administrative Board (Rm. 111)	19 Sr. High Youth Mission at Ronald McDonald 9:00am Women's Morning Out at Panera House in Columbus 9:00am Girl Scouts (Rms. 106, 109 & 111)	20 9:00am Women's Morning Out at Panera Bread
21 Cemetery Tour Rain Date No Jr. or Sr. High Youth Fellowship 8:30am Faith & Family Breakfast at Panera Bread	22 6.30pm Divorce Care for Kids Information Meeting (Rm. 210) 6.30pm Divorce Care (Rm. 205) 7.00pm Boy Scouts (Rm. 106)	23 No Staff Meeting 7:30am Men's Breakfast 10:00am Congregational Gathering hosted by Carole Justice (Rm. 205) 4:00pm Quilt Class (Rm. 111)	24 6.00pm Bells 6.30pm Bible Study (Rm. 106) 7.00pm Choir 7.00pm Congregational Gathering at H&L Klehm	25 10:00am Phylis' Craft Class (Rm. 111) 10:00am Disciple Bible Study (Rm. 106) 1:00pm Grounds for Thought (Rm. 106) 6:00pm Quilt Class (Rm. 111)	26	27 8:30am Make a Difference Day
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Family Hayride - Saturday, October 13





This hayride is for ALL Epworth families...
Families with children, families with youth...
Grandmas and grandpas...
Children of all ages
ANYONE who enjoys fall fun...
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