



Epworth News

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

SEPTEMBER 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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The sound of locusts and cool breezes from an open window at nighttime always signal to me that another school year is quickly approaching. Even as I write this, there are three book bags already packed full of filler paper, folders, pencils, and other assorted "back to school" items sitting by the parsonage back door. The beginning of each school year marks an opportunity for students to set new goals, to review expectations, and to meet new friends. The school year also brings with it changes in routine, new experiences, and sometimes mixed emotions. There are students who are graduating from pre-school to kindergarten, and there are those entering their last year of high school. There are parents among us whose children are heading off to college; for some, it will be experiencing an empty nest for the first time. There are teachers among us who are working on their lesson plans and putting up bulletin boards. There are teachers who are setting out on their final year of teaching and others for whom this will be their first year in retirement. There are administrative personnel and staff members who have been diligently working behind the scenes all throughout the summer. Each school year brings with it many new possibilities and a time to reflect. Each school year allows us the opportunity to wipe the slate clean and the opportunity to recommit to being the very best that we can be.

The church approaches the coming of fall in much the same way. New opportunities and possibilities will be offered for learning and fellowship. Committees will come together to begin to set goals and review expectations for 2013. We will recognize and celebrate transitions in the lives around us. We will even be

challenged, like a teacher, to think about how we will invite and welcome new persons into our midst. We will set out on new adventures, be encouraged to make new commitments, and have opportunities to strengthen and renew previous relationships. Many of those learning and fellowship opportunities are listed in this newsletter and/or will be introduced on Rally Sunday, September 9th.

For the month of September in worship, we will also recognize, emphasize, and celebrate the many ways in which we are called to serve. Whether at work, in your neighborhood, at school, out in the community, or through a ministry opportunity of the church – we will examine what it means to be the salt of the earth. We will be challenged to see ourselves as "Salty Servants"-- those who have been called to serve and season the lives of others.

As we begin to settle back here in Marion, Melissa, Andrea, Alyson, and I cannot thank you enough for the many ways in which you have welcomed us! Epworth is truly a church family! In fact, one of the children in our congregation, commenting about our recent Celebrate Summer – Church in the Park Worship Service, said that our time together was just like a "family reunion". We are a family, and we have much to share! It is our calling to invite others to experience the love and acceptance we share with one another at Epworth UMC.

In Service Together,
David Hoffman



ADULT EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES
Fall 2012

SUNDAY MORNINGS: BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 9

9:30 – 10:15 Room 111 - *The Messengers Class*

Reading and discussing *Troublesome Bible Passages* Vol. 2 By Randy Cross Books are available in the classroom and all adults are welcome. Four class members rotate class leadership, and discussion is an important part of the learning. A class offering covers the cost of study materials.

Contact Dee Basinger 382-2086 for more information.

9:30—10:15 Room 210 *The Faith & Family class*

Building Character, a continuation of the *Grace Based Parenting* video series focuses on how to raise kids who have faith, integrity, poise, discipline, endurance, and courage – not easy in today's world! Come and join other parents of young children for this 8 week series which will be interrupted by breakfast at Panera on October 21.

Contact Sharon Gilbert 387-8344 for more information.

9:15 – 10:00 Room 205 Parlor *Come Join Us Class*

Reading and discussing *What's So Amazing About Grace*. This is a 10-week lesson series based on the book and its DVD presentations. The 3rd Sunday each month the class meets at Perkins Restaurant for breakfast. A variety of class social activities are held at 4-6 week intervals. A class offering covers the cost of study materials, and the group averages 15-20 members.

Contact Pam Combs 389-2902 for more information.

9:00 – 10:00 Room 305 Balcony *The Open Door*

This is a class with varying attendance but always lively discussion. The group continues to loosely follow a continuing exploration of a Bible study based on *The Story* using print and DVD resources. Class discussion often moves beyond study questions to related broader topics and expanded conversations.

Contact Angie Osborne 740-360-6100 for more information.

Disciple Bible Study

Disciple Bible Study *Into the Word--Into the World* class will begin meeting again on Thursday mornings from 10:00 am to noon. If you think you would like to join us, come to an Orientation Meeting on **September 6th at 10:00 am in the Common Grounds Coffee Cafe** to learn more about the study. This year we will be studying in depth the books of Genesis, Exodus, Luke and Acts. This is an opportunity for you to join others on the journey of deepening your understanding of Holy Scripture. The first day of study will be **Thursday, September 13 10:00 am – Noon** in Common Grounds

Contact Pam Douce 740-375-8610 for more information.

Wednesday Night Bible Study

Begins Wednesday, September 12 in Room 205 Parlor. Kathy Swanger leads this group; for more information Kathy may be contacted at 740-360-9429.

6:15-6:45 pm Lectionary Bible Study

The group will examine scripture from the UMC weekly lectionary schedule.

6:45-7:45 pm Study

The group's first study will focus on David Gregory's book *Night With a Perfect Stranger*. Study focus will change about every six weeks.

Night with a Perfect Stranger by David Gregory
The Conversation That Changes Everything

Six years ago businessman Nick Cominsky encountered Jesus the old-fashioned way – in a face-to-face meeting. For a while the Christian life seemed a breeze. But now, having done everything he knows to grow spiritually, he wonders where his closeness with Jesus has gone. Burned out and hopeless, Nick wails his complaints to God during a late-night interstate trip. Then suddenly he runs out of gas – and finds Jesus along the roadside carrying a gas can. Jesus hops in the truck and offers answers Nick never heard in church...and a nighttime of adventures ensues beyond anything Nick could have imagined.

WEEKLY GROUPS

NEW DIVORCECARE WORKSHOP BEGINS—MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

Most people will tell you that separation and divorce are the most painful and stressful experiences they've ever faced. It's a confusing time that can be lonely and full of unanticipated challenges.

DivorceCare groups meet weekly to help people face these challenges and move toward rebuilding their lives. Each DivorceCare session has two distinct elements:

- ◇ A Seminar with Experts--During the first 30–40 minutes of the meeting, each DivorceCare group watches a video seminar featuring top experts on divorce and recovery subjects. These videos are produced in an interesting-to-watch television magazine format featuring expert interviews, real-life case studies and on-location video.
- ◇ A Support Group with Focus--After viewing the video, DivorceCare group participants spend time as a support group, discussing what was presented in that week's video seminar and what is going on in the lives of group members.

Epworth will offer the workshop Monday, September 10, 6:30-8:30 pm and each week for 13 sessions. Childcare will be provided. The cost of the workbook is \$13. Pre-registration would be appreciated but is not necessary. Participants can begin at any time during the session with confidence that the workshop will be offered again soon and missed classes will be open to persons from previous workshops.

Open to the public. If you or anyone you know are interested in participating or learning more, please contact the church office at 740-387-8344.

MUSIC MINISTRY

SINGERS AND RINGERS - COME JOIN US!!!!

- ◇ **Chancel Choir:** rehearses on **Wednesday evening, 7:00 p.m.** in the choir room. Rehearsals are held at this time and place each week throughout the year, and any adult or high school aged singers who would like to participate are welcome to join us at that time. Our first Sunday back in the loft will be September 11 at the 10:30 service. Pat Murphy is the Chancel Choir Director.
- ◇ **Chancel Bells:** meet **Wednesday evenings** in the East Balcony from **6:15 to 7:00 p.m.** The Chancel Bells ring once a month, as well as Easter and Christmas Eve. Pat Murphy is our Chancel Bell Director.
- ◇ **Women's Chorus:** directed by Pat Murphy. Open to all who love to sing! They augment our Chancel Choir participation. Rehearsals and performance times will be announced.

- ◇ **Men's Chorus:** directed by Pat Murphy. Open to all who love to sing! They augment our Chancel Choir participation. Rehearsals and performance times will be announced.
- ◇ Instrumental groups may be playing through-out the year; rehearsals will be announced.
- ◇ **Children's Choir:** directed by Ruth Coldwell will practice on Sunday mornings from 9 – 9:30 a.m., for 4 year olds to grade 5, beginning **September 9th.**

Attention Instrumentalists: Any instrumentalist (youth through mature) wishing to participate in worship to accompany hymns, special music, etc., please call Pat Murphy (419-563-5298).



Children in Ministry

I've always been excited about fall - the first days of school, new activities, new books, and yes, my birthday! Though the leaves are turning brown, fall is a time of new beginnings in the lives of children. As families make promises to themselves to launch the new school year in a positive way (earlier bed times, homework before TV, healthy breakfasts), I hope there will also be promises to help kids learn and grow in their faith. Just as kids don't learn math very well if they show up for class every fourth day, it's also hard for them to "get" the Bible when family schedules make their Sunday School attendance sporadic. While many of our children have two families, making every-week Sunday School attendance at Epworth more challenging, even then, there are creative ways to ensure regular participation in the life of the church. Our Sunday School teachers look forward to seeing the children *every* Sunday, and the kids more readily connect with their church friends when they see them often. And while the kids are in Sunday School, parents are invited to stop by Common Grounds in the basement for coffee and conversation, and then go to a Sunday School class themselves. New Year's resolutions are not just for January - see you in church! Sharon

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### Who's Teaching the Children?

The mother-daughter team of Alycia Boyer-Orcena and Joy Boyer is excited to be teaching Epworth's newest class, "*The Little Blessings*", for children who are 2  $\frac{1}{2}$  and 3 years old. Alycia and husband Jason are the parents of Ben, 13 and Nicholas, 7. Alycia is the 21<sup>st</sup> Century CCLC Project Coordinator for Delaware City Schools after-school childcare program. Joy Boyer is married to retired pastor Rev. Wilbur Boyer. Joy loves traveling to her native England and sharing the custom of English teas. Alycia enjoys baking, candy making, crafts and scrapbooking. As a family, they love to travel and to bring history to life for Ben and Nicholas in the U.S. and England. Alycia and Joy look forward to sharing their love of God with our Little Blessings. This Sunday School class begins on September 9<sup>th</sup> in room 201, from 9:30 - 10:20, after which the children are welcome to join their parents for worship in the sanctuary and attend Children's Worship, or return to the familiarity of the nursery in room 202.

### Raising Kids Who Turn Out Right

### Begins on September 9

The Faith & Family class will meet in room 210 (Sharon's office) during the Sunday School hour to view and discuss *Building Character*. This continuation of the *Grace Based Parenting* video series focuses on how to raise kids who have faith, integrity, poise, discipline, endurance, and courage - not easy in today's world! Come and join other parents of young children for this 8 week series which will be interrupted by breakfast at Panera on October 21. A Building Character video workbook is available for a \$10 donation. Class members who would enjoy reading the companion book, *Raising Kids Who Turn Out Right* by Dr. Tim Kimmell will find it available in paperback and audio versions. Whether you have young kids now, or hope to soon, all are welcome in the Faith & Family Class!

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Opportunities for Children During the 10:30 Worship Hour

Nursery Our trained childcare providers care for children from birth till their 3rd birthday in room 206. We also have a Baby Station in the back of the sanctuary for parents who prefer to hold their infants in worship.

Worship Bags Two baskets of clipboards, art paper, crayons and picture books are available in the Sanctuary for children to use during the worship service. Ask an usher to show you where!

Children's Moments A short message for preschool and elementary school children is included during the 10:30 worship service.

Children's Worship Children ages 3 through grade 2 are invited to participate in worship and Children's Moments, then depart for Children's Worship in room 201. A team of parents will provide a lesson, music, snack and play - all designed for our youngest worshippers.

Children in Worship While children of all ages are invited to remain in worship with their grownups, our Acolyte Fellowship class members, and all other grade 3-5 children, are invited to remain in worship and to sit in a designated area with Sharon and/or Cathy Bell. This will give older children an opportunity to participate in all dimensions of worship, including hearing an anthem, observing the offering, and singing the Doxology. And who knows? They may even listen to the sermon!!

Children in Ministry

Congratulations to Linda Foos and Betty English who have completed the Core Training for Godly Play. Linda and Betty are part of a team of six Godly Play storytellers who lead the Godly Play and the Acolyte Fellowship Sunday School classes.

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Please join the Marion Epworth United Methodist Face book group to see pictures and notifications of Epworth events

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SAVE the DATE

Sunday, September 9
Children's Choir begins - 9:00 in room 203
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Fall Sunday School classes resume
for all ages
Thursday, September 6
Popcorn Fundraiser in the Courtyard -
Watch the parade at Epworth!
Sunday, September 23
Acolyte Fellowship—4:30-6:30 pm
Saturday, October 13
Family Hayride @ Lehner's Pumpkin Farm
Sunday, November 11
Bible Presentation Sunday -
Kindergarten & grade 3
Sunday, November 11
Acolyte Fellowship—4:30-6:30 pm
Sunday, December 16
Children's Christmas Musical

Acolyte Fellowship - Sunday School and more !

Acolyte Fellowship is our Sunday School class for children in grades 3 -5. On Sunday mornings, the children hear and respond to Bible stories. Each week, two class members serve as acolytes in the 10:30 worship service. Beginning September 9, the Acolyte Fellowship will have a special place to sit, together as a class, in the worship service. Sharon Gilbert and Cathy Bell will be helping the children to understand the parts of worship, and to participate more fully in worship. (Children's Worship is really designed for ages 3-7.) In addition, the Acolyte Fellowship group will meet two Sundays this fall - September 23 and November 11 - 4:30-6:30 p.m. for games, service projects, and dinner with the youth fellowship families. Acolyte Fellowship kids learn by doing; adding the Sunday evening component will give us a chance to be "doers of the word" in fellowship with our church friends!

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Thank you to:  
Cathy Bell  
Heather Harper  
Alicia Strzelecki

For teaching Children's Sunday School and Children's Worship during the summer quarter! God's Amazing Creation was amazing with their leadership.

### **Sundays for Children at Epworth**

|       |                                       |     |                                  |
|-------|---------------------------------------|-----|----------------------------------|
| 8:30  | Nursery care available                | 202 | Patsy Coffey & Chelsea Conley    |
| 9:00  | Children's Choir, ages 4 -grade 5     | 203 | Ruth Coldwell                    |
| 9:30  | The Little Blessings, ages 2 ½ -3     | 201 | Alycia Orcena & Joy Boyer        |
| 9:30  | Godly Play, ages 4 - grade 2          | 206 | Pam Douce & storytellers         |
| 9:30  | Acolyte Fellowship, grades 3-5        | 204 | Betty English & storytellers     |
| 10:30 | Worship with Children's Moments       |     | Sharon Gilbert & others          |
|       | Children's Worship, Preschool-grade 2 | 201 | Sharon Gilbert & team of parents |



## Family Hayride !

### LET'S GO ON A HAYRIDE



This hayride event 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

**Saturday, October 13 - Hayride & Bonfire at 5:00 p.m.**

We've reserved the wagons & the picnic tables (Hayride - \$3 donation)  
Bring a favorite dish to share - hotdogs & buns provided by Children's Council

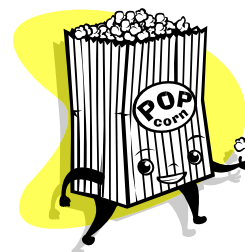
Come early for the free petting zoo,  
Pick your own pumpkin (price determined by size of pumpkin)  
Children's Barrel Train Ride - \$1  
Or the 8 Acre Corn Maize - \$3



Popcorn Fun at Epworth  
September 6-8

Park at Epworth to enjoy the Marion Popcorn Festival !  
Your parking donation of \$4  
supports Epworth's Youth in Mission & Ministry

Watch the Parade on Thursday from Epworth's great location!  
Popcorn & bottled water for sale in the courtyard -  
Proceeds will support Children's Camp Scholarships/2013



## Epworth Youth

### September Youth Schedule

6,7,8 Popcorn Festival Parking Lot Fundraiser

9 9:30am Jr. High Sunday School (grades 6-8)  
Begins in Room 303  
9:30am Sr. High Sunday School (grades 9-12)  
Begins in Room 301  
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  
No Jr. High Youth Fellowship

16 9:30am Jr. and Sr. High Sunday School  
Rooms 301 & 303  
4:30pm – 6:30pm Jr. and Sr. High Youth  
Fellowship  
4:30pm – 4:45pm Gathering/Worship  
4:45pm – 6:00pm Small Groups  
6:00pm Youth/Family Dinner Cook-Out at  
Parsonage, 344 Durfee Drive

23 9:30am Jr. and Sr. High Sunday School  
Rooms 301 & 303  
4:30pm – 6:30pm Jr. and Sr. High Youth  
Fellowship Activity at Paradise Park  
Miniature Golf. Meet at Church at 4:30pm,  
Cost: \$7.00 includes golf and ice cream.

30 9:30am Jr. and Sr. High Sunday School  
Rooms 301 & 303  
No Jr. or Sr. High Youth Fellowship



### GROUND'S FOR THOUGHT BOOK CLUB



Come share your summer reading list with us on Thursday, September 27th 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

## Missions

### MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY

A big thank you to all those that volunteered in the Every Member in Service 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 27<sup>th</sup>, 2012

TIME: 8:30 Breakfast

9:15 Blessing and send out

9:15 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 July Donations

	May	June	July
Donation sacks	40	27	29
Food items	299	104	97
Personal Need Items	67	64	88

We can report the Bible School students had an outstanding drive for "personal needs" items. In one week they collected over 700 "personal need" items and 76 food items. It is wonderful to see they understand the meaning of giving. Thank you one and all! The Mission committee purchased 180 dozen eggs for St Paul's pantry in July. Keep up the good work Epworth. Contribute what you can when you can. Thanks again.

Wayne Newell



United Methodist Women – Women in Action!

Time for UMW to take up where we left off in the Spring!

ALL women who would like to be involved in United Methodist Women can join us. As a woman of Epworth United Methodist Church, you are eligible and invited to become a member of *United Methodist Women – Women in Action*. You do not have to be a certain age or of a particular social status to join. Simply being a woman associated with Epworth means that you can be one of us. Already a current member – great! Not sure? Here is a list of FAQs to help:

◇ **Are monthly meetings just for officers of the group or for everyone?**

Monthly meetings of *United Methodist Women – Women in Action* (UMW–WIA) are for everyone! It's a time to get acquainted and connect to each other, to make new friends and get to know other women connected to Epworth. We discuss and plan our upcoming events, and we have fun!

◇ **Do I Have to Pay Dues?**

There are no dues to pay.

◇ **Do I have to join a Circle if I am member of UMW?**

No, you are not required to join a Circle group. If you would like to be a part of a small group setting, you have three current groups from which to choose – or you can start your own!

◇ **Do you offer childcare?**

Yes, childcare can be arranged for your children while you attend UMW–WIA.

◇ **What if I need a ride to meetings and other events?**

Rides to meetings and other events can be arranged.

◇ **I don't have any special skills; what can I do?**

Anything and everything! All we really need is your interest and your willingness to be a part of UMW–WIA.

◇ **I don't have time!**

UMW–WIA is a unique organization in that you can be as involved as you like, taking as much or as little time as you have.

◇ **I have more questions – who do I call?**

Please feel free to contact me (740/361-9327; aerickson02@gmail) with any questions.

Our first meeting of the 2012-2013 year will be on Tuesday, September 11, at 6:30 p.m. in Common Grounds. We hope you'll join us!

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**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.



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PRAYER QUILTS WERE MADE FOR:

Pat Telfer for peace, hope, and strength through surgery and treatment.

JoAnne Peadon for healing and wholeness.

For the interfaith prayer service at the Sikh Temple in Powell

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**Thank You**

The Melvin Koehler family wish to thank everyone who helped during our illness and Mel's passing; the special ones who provided transportation to doctors and hospitals, food, cards, prayers and Preschool/Daycare for all their cards and all the gifts from friends to Epworth.

We thank you.





## FESTIVAL OF SHARING

September 29, Otterbein University

It is time to be thinking about sharing our resources with people who are hurting throughout the world. We can do that by making up kits. You may complete a kit or provide money to purchase supplies for the kits. Please pay close attention to the various kits as there have been some changes. **DO NOT** include monies with your kits. Kits need to be to the church no later than Wednesday, September 26th.

### Health Kit

1 hand towel (no fingertip or bath towels)  
 1 bar of soap (bath size—in original wrapper or box)  
 1 washcloth  
 1 toothbrush (in original packaging)  
 1 wide-tooth comb  
 6 band-aids  
 1 nail clipper  
 Wrap all the smaller items in the towel. Place in a 1-gallon plastic bag with zipper closure, remove excess air from bag and seal.  
**(Value—\$10; processing cost: \$2 per kit)**

### Layettes

6 cloth diapers  
 2 diaper pins  
 2 T-shirts or undershirts (no onesies)  
 1 sweater/sweatshirt  
 2 washcloths  
 2 gowns/sleepers  
 2 receiving blankets  
 Items must be new and under 12 months in size.  
 Wrap items inside one of the receiving blankets and secure with both diaper pins.  
**(Value—\$39; processing cost: \$2 per kit)**

### School Kits

1 blunt metal scissors (rounded tip)  
 1 hand-held pencil sharpener  
 Three 70-count spiral notebooks or notebooks totaling 200-210 pages. (No loose-leaf or filler paper)  
 6 new pencils with erasers  
 1 30-cm metric ruler  
 1 large eraser  
 1 box of 24 crayons (only 24)  
**1 (12x14" to 14" x 17" finished size) cloth bag with handles. Please no reusable shopping bags or backpacks.**

Place all items in the bag, fold the top over and secure with two large rubber bands.

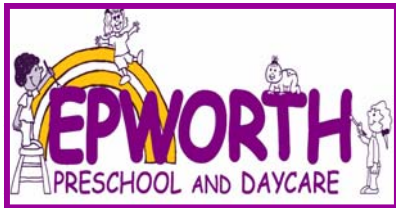
**(Value—\$15; processing cost \$2 per kit)**

**Call Jo Rose at 389-1480,  
if you have questions.**

### Frequently Asked Questions:

1. **Can anything else be added to the kits?** No additional items can be added to the Kits, and items are limited to only those listed so that all Kit recipients receive the same materials.
2. **Can we include religious or other symbols on the components or in the Kits?** Please do not decorate Kits with religious or governmental symbols or include components with these symbols. Kits are shared with people based only on need, regardless of religion, and should not be used as a way of persuading people to share your religious or political beliefs.
3. **May I designate my Kits for a particular location?** The Kits you provide are packed with other same-type Kits and prepared for shipment to various points throughout the world, when and where the need is the greatest.
4. **Can we include a note with our Kits?** For some Kit recipients to read the note, it would have to be translated into his or her own language. Because this is a time-consuming and costly process, and is outside the scope of the CWS Kit Program, please do not include notes.

**Please do not include personal notes, artwork, checks or cash.**



I love new beginnings and fresh starts. Our new preschool year begins on Monday, September 10 with our first day of orientation. We are welcoming a new teacher, Jennifer Maltsbarger, in our four and five year old classroom. She has a bachelor's degree in early childhood education from Ohio State and a Master's degree from the University of Findlay. She has been subbing in the Marion City preschools for this past school year. Ashley Persinger is our new assistant teacher in the Bunnies classroom. She has a bachelor's degree in early childhood from OSU and previously taught at the Gilead Christian School in Mount Gilead. Our staff make up is currently composed of one half of the people have been with us five years or more and the other half are people who have been with us less the five years. We feel very blessed to have these ladies join our staff and we thank God

for leading them to us. Thank you Epworth congregation for your commitment to children and young families. Please remember us in your prayers as we begin our 49<sup>th</sup> year of quality early childhood programs for the families of Marion County.

Please save the date of Sunday, October 14<sup>th</sup> for our annual Cemetery Tour. This year's tour will be of the original cemetery on 620 Delaware Ave. If you have family members with interesting life stories buried in this part of the cemetery please give Robin Rick a call at 387-1062. Our goal for this fundraiser is \$5000 which will be used for children's scholarships. If you would like to help us reach our goal the sponsorship form is below.

## **Sponsorship Contract**

### **17<sup>th</sup> Annual Epworth Preschool & Daycare Cemetery Tour**

We agree to print your name in the Sponsor List of our Guidebook for the 17<sup>th</sup> Annual 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!*

# September 2012

| Sunday                                                                                                                                          | Monday                                                                                                                                               | Tuesday                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Wednesday                                                                                                                                       | Thursday                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Friday                                             | Saturday                                                                   |
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| 2                                                                                                                                               | 3<br>LABOR DAY - OFFICE CLOSED                                                                                                                       | 4<br>7:30am Men's Breakfast<br>11:00am Staff Meeting<br>5:15pm Neighborhood Supper (St. Paul's Episcopal)<br>5:30pm Yoga (Rm. 109)<br>6:30pm Children's Council (Rm. 210)<br>7:00pm SPRC (Rm. 111)                                                                          | 5<br>1:15pm PSDC Teachers mtg. (Rm. 111)<br>5:15pm Membership & Nurture (Rm. 111)<br>6:00pm Stewardship Meeting<br>6:15pm Bells<br>7:00pm Choir | 6<br>Youth Popcorn Festival Parking Lot Fundraiser<br>10:00am Phyllis' Craft Class (Rm. 111)<br>10:00am Disciple Bible Study Orientation Meeting (Rm. 106)<br>4:00pm Faith & Family Popcorn Sale                                   | 7<br>Youth Popcorn Festival Parking Lot Fundraiser | 8<br>Youth Popcorn Festival Parking Lot Fundraiser                         |
| 9<br>NO Jr. High Youth Fellowship RALLY DAY<br>2:00pm PSDC Meet the Teacher<br>4:30pm Sr. High Youth Fellowship with youth/family dinner at 6pm | 10<br>9:00am PS Orientation (Rms. 109 & 112)<br>6:30pm Divorce Care (Rm. 205)<br>7:00pm Boy Scouts (Rm. 106)<br>7:00pm Spiritual Formation (Rm. 210) | 11<br>First day of PS<br>7:30am Men's Breakfast<br>11:00am NO STAFF MEETING<br>1:00pm Evelyn Kendall Circle (Rm. 205)<br>4:00pm Quilt Class (Rm. 111)<br>5:30pm Yoga (Rm. 109)<br>6:30pm UMW (Rm. 106)<br>7:30pm Finance Committee (Rm. 205)<br>7:30pm AMI Circle (Rm. 106) | 12<br>6:15pm Bells<br>6:30pm Wednesday Night Bible Study (Rm. 106)<br>7:00pm Choir                                                              | 13<br>10:00am Phyllis' Craft Class (Rm. 111)<br>10:00am Disciple Bible Study (Rm. 106)<br>5:30pm Yoga (Rm. 112)<br>5:30pm Circles: Allies & Families (Rms. 109 & 106)<br>6:00pm Quilt Class (Rm. 111)<br>7:00pm Trustees (Rm. 210) | 14<br>6:30pm Redmond Wedding Rehearsal             | 15<br>9:00am Women's Morning Out at Panera Bread<br>5:30pm Redmond Wedding |
| 16<br>4:30pm Jr. & Sr. High Youth Fellowship with cook-out at Parsonage at 6pm                                                                  | 17<br>NEWSLETTER ITEMS DUE<br>6:00pm Lay Leadership (Rm. 210)<br>6:30pm Divorce Care (Rm. 205)<br>7:00pm Boy Scouts (Rm. 106)                        | 18<br>Community Ministries Festival and Annual Meeting<br>7:30am Men's Breakfast<br>11:00am Staff Meeting<br>11:30am Cents for Children (Rm. 111)<br>5:30pm Yoga (Rm. 109)                                                                                                  | 19<br>6:15pm Bells<br>6:30pm Wednesday Night Bible Study (Rm. 106)<br>7:00pm Choir                                                              | 20<br>10:00am Phyllis' Craft Class (Rm. 111)<br>10:00am Disciple Bible Study (Rm. 106)<br>4:30pm Epworth 0-5 Playgroup (Rm. 201)<br>5:30pm Yoga (Rm. 112)<br>7:00pm Administrative Board (Rm. 111)                                 | 21                                                 | 22                                                                         |
| 23<br>4:30pm Acolyte Fellowship<br>4:30pm Jr. & Sr. High Youth Fellowship - meet at Church - Activity at Paradise Park Miniature Golf           | 24<br>6:30pm Divorce Care (Rm. 205)<br>7:00pm Boy Scouts (Rm. 106)                                                                                   | 25<br>11:00am Staff Meeting<br>4:00pm Quilt Class (Rm. 111)<br>5:30pm Yoga (Rm. 109)                                                                                                                                                                                        | 26<br>6:15pm Bells<br>6:30pm Wednesday Night Bible Study (Rm. 106)<br>7:00pm Choir                                                              | 27<br>Starting Well Workshop - Bexley<br>10:00am Phyllis' Craft Class (Rm. 111)<br>10:00am Disciple Bible Study (Rm. 106)<br>1:00pm Grounds for Thought (Rm. 106)<br>5:30pm Yoga (Rm. 112)<br>6:00pm Quilt Class (Rm. 111)         | 28                                                 | 29<br>Festival of Sharing                                                  |
| 30<br>NO Jr. or Sr. High Youth Fellowship                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                    |                                                                            |

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