

Epworth News

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

**SEPTEMBER
2010**

*Celebrating the
Risen Lord*

Sunday Worship

8:30 a.m. Bible Study

8:30 a.m. Worship

9:30 a.m. Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Worship

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Things Are Not Always What They Seem

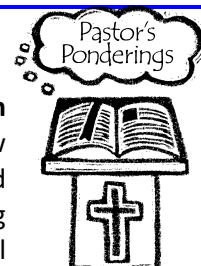
The *New York Times* published an article, "**Study Says Brain Trauma Can Mimic A.L.S.**" (by Alan Schwarz, August 1, 2010) about an intriguing, new medical insight. Scientists made the discovery because they wondered why professional athletes have a significantly higher rate of developing Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis than the rest of the population. Professional football players diagnosed with the disease present at an incidence eight times higher than others! Pathologic examinations of three men diagnosed with A.L.S. revealed signs of different neurological abnormalities than those identified with A.L.S., suggesting that **traumatic brain injuries** led to symptoms very similar to A.L.S. Things are not always what they seem.

Of course, the most famous athlete known for having A.L.S. did not play football, but rather baseball; the extraordinary Lou Gehrig, best known for playing an amazing 2,130 games in a row, a streak ended only by rapidly emerging symptoms of A.L.S.* If the research is right, it might be that Lou Gehrig didn't suffer from the disease that bears his name, though that speculation can never be confirmed. The conjecture rests upon the notable number of recorded traumatic brain injuries (at least four that left him completely unconscious!) that Gehrig incurred during his career. The roots of things are not always what they seem. Gehrig's heroic commitment to play through his many serious concussions, we now understand was gravely unwise.**

I have learned that people are not always what they seem either. Over the years I have encountered many people with "difficult" personalities. You know what I mean. But because I have also been privy to the bigger story of those persons' lives, I often find that the "roots" of the "difficulties" in their demeanor lie in previous trauma(s), making them understandable. A "difficult" woman who was known as being very critical of her risk-taking stockbroker husband (a dear person) is an illustration. I learned that as a 10-year old girl she had grown up quite well-to-do until her father lost everything in the stock market crash of 1929. Her life immediately changed radically. Later her father committed suicide. Somehow not even her family had recognized that the trauma and terror of those events, from which she seemed to emerge unscathed, had, indeed left their mark. Sometimes I come to see a "difficult" person as heroic. Isn't it the case, after all, that society tells us to "play through our injuries" and isn't it true that oftentimes we have no other choice than to keep going? Ironically, the better we play through our psychic injuries, the less likely people are to recognize the roots of our "difficult-ness." All of this is to suggest the wisdom in the apostle Paul's words, "let us therefore no longer pass judgment on one another" (Romans 14:13.)

*By the way, Gehrig's record lasted 56 years until Cal Ripkin, Jr. bested it in 1995.

** Of course it is possible that even with modern knowledge, Gehrig would have chosen the same course; not long before his death he called himself "the luckiest man alive."



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September 5

Luke 14:25-33, Psalm 1, Deut. 30:15-20
Counting the Cost and Weighing the Value
The Sacrament of Holy Communion

September 12

Luke 15:1-10, 1 Timothy 1:12-17
Six Degrees of Separation, One Degree of Union
Fall Kick-Off
Chancel Choir Returns! And The Sacrament of Baptism

September 19

Jeremiah 8:18-9:1; Luke 16:1-13
Getting Down to Business

September 26

Luke 16:19-31; I Timothy 6:6-19
The Things You Can Take With You

BAPTISM

If you are interested in receiving the Sacrament of Baptism for yourself or for a family member, please contact Rev. Ogle in the church office. The next scheduled date for baptisms is September 12.



New Member Class Coming Up... If you are interested in becoming a member of Ep-

worth United Methodist Church, mark your calendar for the next class coming up in the fall. Classes meet Sunday mornings from 9:30-10:20 am in Fellowship Hall. The class will begin the morning of September 26 and will meet each week until new members are received during worship on Sunday, November 14, 2010. The class is invited to a get acquainted dinner on Sunday evening, September 26 at 6:30 pm at the Epworth parsonage, the home of Rev. Colleen Ogle. If you are considering participating in the class, please phone the church office at 387-8344 so that we can send you further information.

Chancel Choir: The Chancel Choir will begin rehearsing for the upcoming season on Wednesday evening, September 1 at 7:00 PM 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 12th at the 10:30 service." Mark Stoneburner is our Chancel Choir Director.

Chancel Bells: meet Wednesday evenings in the East Balcony from 6:15 to 7:00 beginning September 1st. The Chancel Bells ring once a month and on 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.

The Church Orchestra: will play for Special Services and Rehearsals will be announced.

The Epworth Big Band: will play for Special Services and Rehearsals will be announced.

Attention Instrumentalists: Any instrumentalist (youth through mature) wishing to participate in worship to accompany hymns etc., please call Mark Stoneburner @ 740-383-5208.

Sunday Morning

Opportunities for Adults

Resuming September 12

- ⇒ *****The Coffee House – Room 106, Main Building 9:00-10:20 am.** This newly-renovated space is the place to come if you need to catch your breath on Sunday mornings. You'll find coffee, tea, a relaxed atmosphere and friendly service at the coffee bar, offered at the same time as Children's Education and Child Care. The room includes a small library with books for children and adults and comfortable seating. No agenda but to fill your cup and calm your spirit.
- ⇒ **Come Join Us -- Room 205, Education Wing, (Fellowship Parlor) 9:30-10:20 am.** This group combines Sunday morning discussion with monthly fellowship and service events. The fall study is based on *The Daily Bread*. The third Sunday of every month, Come Join Us meets at Perkins for breakfast, 8:45 am. Always happy to welcome visitors and new friends!
- ⇒ **The Open Door – Room 304, Education Wing 9:30-10:20 am.** The Open Door is a community of individuals of diverse ages and mindsets simply trying to find their way through life. This group asks a lot of questions and doesn't always have the answers, but always has thought-provoking discus-

sions. Instead, they seek to ensure that each individual grows spiritually by sharing with each other. The group rotates leadership and themes and shares in mission work and fellowship beyond Sunday morning.

- ⇒ **Reflections Bible Study -- Room 205, Fellowship Parlor 8:45-9:30 am.** Reflections on the meaning of scripture for everyday life and open-minded discussion based on the Adult Bible Study series.
 - ⇒ **Messengers -- Room 111, Main Building 9:30-10:20 am,** Messengers is a group committed both to the study of scripture and to care for one another. There is shared leadership and shared spiritual conversation designed to strengthen each person's life. The current Bible study is based on *Favorite Bible Passages, Volumes I and II*
 - ⇒ **New Members – Room 109, Main Building (Fellowship Hall) 9:30-10:20 am. (Sep. 26 – Nov. 14 only)**
- *** Help us give the Coffee House a name! Put your suggestions in the jar on the coffee bar through the end of September...**

Something New For

the Women
of Epworth

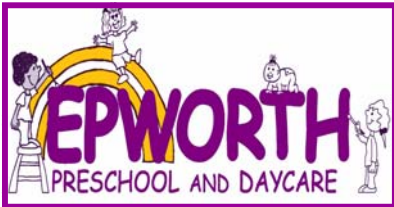
anyone 18 & over

EWA is going to indicate a new group at our church. It means **Epworth Women in Action**. We are restyling our UMW organization to be more appealing to everyone. If you are interested in forming and participating in this group to revitalize the women of Epworth please come to the Parlor on **Tuesday, September 7 at 6:30 p.m.** If you have any questions send an Email message to Jeanne Howison at jsphowison@gmail.com or call Carole Agler at 389-3547 after 5:00 p.m.

VOLLEYBALL

Epworth plans to enter an adult volleyball team in the Marion City Recreation League. Ages 18 and over, men and women of any level can play. Games are once a week on fall weeknights. If you are interested in registering or learning more, email cogle@epworthumc.org.





“Non Money Motivators” is a training tape I purchased 20 years ago when Rev. Paul Miller and I went to a staff training seminar. I have played this

tape often as a reminder of the fact that people are motivated by more than their pay check. The tape explains there are rewards that come to people when they realize that their work, effort and dedication are appreciated and they make a difference in the lives of other people. I had a Non Money Motivator event this summer with a young man named Austin Chivington who is 12 years old and is doing bee keeping as his 4-H project.

Epworth Preschool & Daycare has a long history with the Chivington family that began when Austin was born very prematurely. Katie, Austin’s mother and I met at a “Help Me Grow” community collaborative meeting. Austin started in our full day program shortly after age two and stayed with us until he completed the second grade. Austin was a poster child for how early intervention and family support can help a child come to their full potential even when they haven’t had the greatest start in life as far as their physical health is concerned.

Austin and I have remained friends over these past 10 years and he often helps me with Children’s Worship.



Early in August I asked Austin if he would, for the second year in a row, talk to our children in summer daycare-day camp classes. He said “Sure this will help me get ready for my presentation at the Ohio State Fair. When do you want me here?” With the help of his parents, Austin was with us for two mornings teaching, and sharing about his bee keeping project. He shared with the children that he came to school here at Epworth when he was their age and that Tracy Fox was his teacher too! This experience, and others like it, helps me realize that we are touching and affecting the lives of the each child and family that we serve.

Oh and by the way, Austin was one of the top five award winning presentations for his age group at the Ohio State Fair. You can’t put that in a paycheck and it keeps me coming back and on track.

Drawing by Jayelen Braddy



PRAYER QUILT MINISTRY

Prayer Quilts were made for:

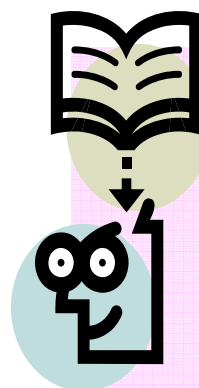
Jack Howard for God’s will and strength for family understanding

Kerr Murray for healing and patience

Kim Krasny for successful surgery and speedy healing and recovery

Tina Nicolosi for comfort and love

Linda Miller for comfort and strength during this period.



EPWORTH BOOK CLUB UPDATE

Harper Lee wrote one book, To Kill a Mockingbird, and it became an American classic. It is our book this month in honor of it being in print for 50 years. It is a “must” read and if you have already read it, read it

again. We are meeting on Tuesday, September 14th at 7:00 p.m. at Panera’s. Hope you can join us fun, food and fellowship. For more information, contact Pam Douce 740-375-8610 or email: ap-douce@joimail.com.

A REPORT FROM THE TRUSTEES

August 16, 2010

Dear Fellow Epworthian:

We know that spiritual renewal is the lifeblood of a vibrant church, but sometimes it is also necessary to renew our physical surroundings to make certain that God's work is performed in a safe, efficient and inviting environment. Epworth's original building was constructed in 1891 and the education wing in 1961. This year the Trustees and church staff have spent considerable time identifying critical building needs and maximizing the use of our space. No doubt you have noticed many projects that have been completed this summer and some are still underway. Some of you have asked what projects have we undertaken and how are we paying for them?

Some projects are easy to see while others are not so obvious. Before the year is over we hope to have completed the following major projects:

- a) Replace the tile in the kitchen;
- b) Repair, seal and stripe the parking lot;
- c) Replace the controls on the primary boiler;
- d) Repair and paint the Bell Tower;
- e) Repair and paint all exterior wooden and metal areas of the building;
- f) Seal the education wing roof;
- g) Strip, stain and varnish the exterior wooden doors to the sanctuary;
- h) Repair the canopy over the Center Street entrance to the education wing;
- i) Install a heat exchanger that allows us to use our secondary boiler only in emergencies and save \$2500 in natural gas each year;
- j) Replace the tile in one of the fellowship hall restrooms;
- k) Remove the carpet, paint and rearrange the "Resource Room" on the third floor of the educational wing to accommodate both the PS/DC resource room and an adult Sunday School classroom;
- l) Create a room dedicated to the junior high youth much like the senior high room in the old chapel;
- m) Transform the Scout Room into a multipurpose room with a coffee shop (The Scouts will continue to use it also);
- n) Move the children and adult library to the gathering room (Scout Room) where it will be more accessible to all;
- o) Tuck point the chimneys and other areas where the mortar has deteriorated.

Now the question of how are we paying for all of these things. Certainly we could not do it without the hundreds of hours contributed by so many volunteers. Their willingness to help has been truly amazing. Of course, there are always things we can't do and for which we must hire professionals. For contracted services our funding is coming from three primary sources.

First, each year the Administrative Council designates a certain sum of money in the budget for capital repairs. The past couple of years it has been \$20,000 per year. The second source is an additional one time grant by the Administrative Council from our reserve account. Our policy does not permit more than 5% of the reserve to be spent on special projects each year. This year the Trustees applied for and received an additional \$19,500 to pay for the heat exchanger and the conversion of the Scout Room.

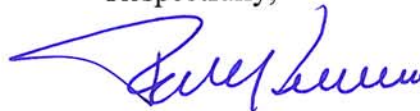
Our final source for such projects is the generous gift made by Merle Hamilton. The Merle Hamilton fund is held at the Marion Community Foundation from which Epworth will receive approximately \$10,000 - \$12,000 per year. The use of these funds is restricted to building maintenance. Of course, \$12,000 does not go very far when a major repair is needed. In order to leverage Merle Hamilton's gift, the Administrative Council gave the Trustees permission to borrow money from a bank to do some much needed major projects now and pay it back over the next several years from Merle Hamilton's gift.

All in all, the projects to be completed in calendar year 2010 will exceed \$93,000.00. Of this sum about \$40,000 will come from current funds and \$53,000 from borrowed funds. We estimate that we will pay off the loan in less than five (5) years.

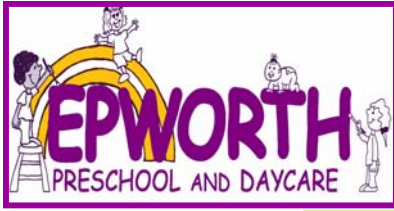
Of course, the projects listed above could not be accomplished without the cooperation of many individuals and groups serving Epworth. A big thank you to the leadership of the Epworth Pre School/Day Care program with whom we have worked to arrange shared use of some classrooms to allow for the expansion of Sunday School classes and the creation of a junior high room. It should be mentioned that from a grant received by the Epworth PS/DC, an additional \$5,000 was spent this summer to abate asbestos tile and refurbish the after-school classroom. PS/DC plans to refurbish one classroom every year. Likewise, Al Gerlach and the Boy Scouts have been extremely cooperative in the sharing of space for the new coffee shop.

On behalf of the Trustees, we want to thank all of you for your generous gifts of time and talents and especially your patience while we renew our beloved Epworth.

Respectfully,



Ted M. McKinniss
Chair, Board of Trustees



For the first time ever our annual cemetery tour will be held in the new area of the Marion Cemetery across the Boulevard. We have been curious about the many influential people who are buried across the street from the original site. The tour will be held on Sunday, October 10 from 2-4. The rain date for the event is Sunday, October 17. Watch the church bulletins for more information about tour characters and actors.

Proceeds from the one hour guided tour will benefit the preschool and daycare scholarship program. The cost for the tour is \$6 (children twelve years old and younger are free) and can be paid at the entrance to the newer section of the cemetery, at the time of the tour. Transportation within the cemetery will be provided for disabled people.

If you would like to be a sponsor for this year's tour please complete the enclosed form and return it to us or you can call 387-1062 and ask for Tracey or Robin.

Sponsorship Contract

15th Annual Epworth Preschool & Daycare Cemetery Tour

We agree to print your name in the Sponsor List of our Guidebook for the 15th Annual Historical Cemetery Tour. The tour will be held on Sunday, October 10, from 2 to 4 p.m. at Marion Cemetery and Monuments. (Rain date is Oct 17)

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 3, 2010
Checks should be made payable to *Epworth Preschool and Daycare, Inc.*

Send contracts and payments to:
Laura Ustaszewski
Epworth Preschool and Daycare, Inc.
249 East Center St.
Marion, Ohio 43302

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The Difference Makers for the month of September are a husband and wife team, Mel and Ottis Koehler. They moved to

Marion, Ohio in 1955. The first person in the neighborhood to welcome them was Peal "Mollie" McGee from Epworth. Mel and Ottis joined Epworth in 1956.

Ottis joined the Elizabeth Frashier Circle which was named after a missionary. She has volunteered during Vacation Bible School, teaching, crafting, music, programs. She has worked to build floats for Epworth to be in the Popcorn Festival Parade.

In 1988 Epworth Daycare became a reality. Ottis coordinated volunteers for the daycare. She filled in for various Daycare staff, served as a substitute teacher, taught preschool at Epworth, worked as receptionist, and filled in whenever and wherever she was needed. Ottis came up with the idea for a system that could monitor every child's safety and security and to have a checkout system for parents and children. Ottis and Babs Anson started the Children's Garden to show children where food on their table came from - besides the grocery store.

Mel, over the many years and still today, serves on the Finance Committee, Board of Trustees, and Investment Committee. He participated on the pros and cons of adding the education wing at Epworth. Mel has participated in the Every Member Canvas where about 50 church members visited church members' homes to get their pledges. Mel was the church treasurer from 1992-1998 and chaired the audit committee from 2002-2005. In addition to all the financial responsibilities for which Mel volunteers, he also serves as an usher.

Together Ottis and Mel are greeters, work the Christmas Even dinners, helping with set-up, serving, and clean-up. They both also still volunteer to

build birdhouses and bat houses for the daycare and preschool children. They help with the construction and painting of these houses.

Ottis' hobbies include playing bridge and quilting/sewing (she gives her quilts away). She is a great cook, loves to bake, and loves gardening. She is an avid reader and generally is reading three different books at a time.

Mel's hobbies include golf, some woodworking, and reading magazines and newspapers. Mel is a World War II veteran and is retired as a U.S. Naval Reserve Commander. He is still active in economic development in the community.

Ottis and Mel have two daughters. Marsha is deceased and Deb teaches hotel management at a girls' college in Nepal. They have two grandchildren with one granddaughter who is deceased. They have two foster grandchildren and one great-granddaughter who is one month old. These children live in the U.S., but come from many diverse cultures such as Korea, Nepal, Japan, and Germany.

Ottis and Mel feel that Epworth is their home away from home. Epworth is the first place they met and made friends outside of the work environment. Ottis loves the children in the preschool and daycare as if they were her own and that includes the ones over the years who have now grown into adulthood.

We at Epworth are so truly grateful for their many years of loyal and dedicated services to our church and church family. They have certainly been ready and able to help in their fields of expertise. We appreciate all that they have done and continue to do. God bless you, both, Mel and Ottis!!

Mel and Ottis have a lot to share—if you would like hear more of their life's history—take some time and talk with them. They are a very interesting couple.

DISCIPLE BIBLE STUDY

Disciple Bible Study begins in September with an informational meeting September 12 following worship. This is a 32-week study and overview of most of the Bible, and the group will meet for 1 1/2—2 hours each week, with individual study, reflection, and journaling throughout each week. Pam Douce will be the facilitator for this group.

ADULT RETREAT

The Spiritual Formation Committee is planning an adult retreat “God—What’s the Game Plan for the Second Half of Life?” for January 28-29, 2011 at Mohican State Park Lodge. These dates cover Friday evening through Saturday until 3:00 p.m.

Below please find a reservation form. Reservation Deadline is October 24.

**HALF TIME –
GOD – WHAT’S THE GAME PLAN FOR THE SECOND HALF?
A Retreat for the second half of life
Friday January 28,2011 at 7:00 to Saturday January 29,2011 at 2:00
Mohican State Park**

Name _____

Address _____

Phone Home _____ Cell _____

Accommodations (2 queen size beds in each room)

Rates

Double Each \$115

Triple Each \$ 95

Quad Each \$ 85

List persons staying in the room

Registration form needed for each person.

Return forms to office or Pat Caudill. Amount Paid _____

Reservations Due by October 24, 2010

Epworth Youth News

Youth Schedule

September 9-11
 Popcorn Festival
 Parking Fundraiser
 September 12, 9:30-10:30
 Launch
 6th-8th grade &
 9th-12th grade
 Wake Up Call
 September 12, 4-6pm
 Launch Epiphany
 Youth Praise Band
 September 19, 4-6pm
 Middle School
 & High School
 Youth Activity
 (See Article)
 September 26, 4-6pm
 Epiphany
 October 3, 4-6pm
 Middle School
 & High School
 Youth activity
 October 10, 4-6pm
 Epiphany
 October 17, 4-6pm
 Middle School
 & High School
 Youth Activity
 October 23, 8am-noon
 Make a Difference Day
 October 24, 4-6pm
 Epiphany
 October 31, 4-6pm
 Halloween

POPCORN PARKING



Calling ALL youth and parents. It is that time of year again, time to make plans to sign up to take a shift in the parking lot during the Popcorn Festival. **This IS our biggest fundraiser for the year and the money earned goes to support the youth activities.**

So, call your friends! Sign up together! Make your shift an exciting 2 hours serving God and your church. To sign up you can text Brooke at 614-404-7124 or call the office @ 387-8344 ex 12.

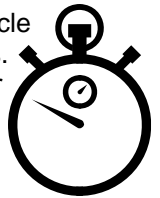
Introducing EPIPHANY, Epworth's Youth Praise Band!

Epiphany is a gathering of High School and Middle School students who are interested in creating powerful and unique worship experiences through contemporary praise music. Sunday afternoon rehearsals will include fun engaging gathering time, an awesome musical experience, and opportunities to put your faith and creative energy into motion.

An enthusiastic team of adults is ready to grow - personally, socially and even spiritually with you. So, make plans to journey with us and together let's create an Epiphany or Awakening here in Marion! Please come join us, beginning Sunday, September 12 from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Middle and High School Youth Are YOU Ready for the Challenge?

On Sunday, September 19 from 4-6pm we will bring out the 60 second circle and challenge one another with some crazy fun "Minute to Win it" games. You will not want to miss out on all the laughs as we play for the first ever Epworth Youth Minute to Win it Title. After all the fun we will cool down with some extreme ice cream sundaes. Bring your favorite candy/syrup topping. We will provide the ice cream and whipped cream.



Sunday Morning

Wake-Up Call

Beginning Sunday, September 12 9:30am



Middle School get ready for a new kind of Sunday morning experience! Make sure to climb out of bed each Sunday morning and join Tami Dean for some exciting games, interesting questions, and great times with friends. You will meet in the new Middle School Room directly behind the Youth Lounge. Follow the signs if you get lost.

Sr. High, it's time to go deeper, think harder, and challenge yourself more! So, make plans to be in the Youth Lounge on Sunday mornings at 9:30 with Kyle Strzelecki.

FALL ACTIVITIES

Youth,
 Are you in marching band, playing football, volleyball, running cross country, or any other activity?
 If So, I would like to support you by coming to one of your events. Please facebook, text, or call me to let me know what fall activities you are a part of.

Brooke

September Birthdays

September 5	Devlin McDaniel	September 12	Eric Wilder
September 9	Jake Morone	September 14	Eric Boltz
September 10	Casey Hayes		





The Children's Council is gearing up for the Epworth Sunday School September 12th Kick-off.

Godly Play for Our Young Children

Children 3 years old through those entering 2nd grade will experience Godly Play in the east wing of the horseshoe upstairs at 9:30 a.m. this school year.

Pam Douce, Kathy Daum and Jeanne Yoakam will be mentors to our young children leading them through the Bible and preparing them for worship experiences with the Godly Play materials. Godly Play is a curriculum created by Dr. Jerome Berryman. It uses simply crafted small wooden figures and props to tell the sacred stories of the Old Testament and Jesus' parables to the children. The story sets will be available for the children to play with and retell the story alone by themselves or with the other children during a period of free play where they might also choose to create something with colored pencils, markers, clay, paint, wood scraps, or oil pastels. Every session will have a time where the leaders will help the children "wonder" and share their impressions about the stories they hear and see. From time to time the children will share a small "feast" of crackers and juice with each other before being dismissed with a prayer and blessing.

If you are a parent of one of our young children, please come upstairs and introduce yourselves to us so that we can get to know you better and help you meet the spiritual needs of your precious young child. At some point along the way you might want to "come and play" with us!

"...there is something about play that is more real than ordinary experience. It helps us work out new solutions to old problems and become re-created—which is very real." Dr. Jerome Berryman

3rd, 4th and 5th Graders are ROCK SOLID!

Alicia Strzelecki is excited about leading our third to fifth graders. She has been busy setting up this group's very own space located on the west side of the horseshoe. The room is all decked out with new bean bag chairs and colorful displays.



This year 3rd-5th grade students will be using a new curriculum called *Rock Solid*, which will develop a connection to God as disciples of Jesus Christ, friendships, an everlasting bonds with parents, teachers, and other members of the community. If you would like more information about what students will be learning go to www.IAmRockSolid.com to check it out.

Epworth Nursery

Infant and Toddler care is available from 9:30-11:45 each Sunday in our Nursery located on the main floor of our education wing. The nursery is staffed by trained child care professionals who are ready to share God's love with your infant or toddler.



Mark your calendar!

**FAMILY HAYRIDE
& COOKOUT!**

**Saturday, October 9
4:30-8pm**

**Miller's Country Gardens
2488 St. Rt 37W
Delaware, OH**

\$10.00 per family

**Reserve your family's spot
today!**

**Bhilliard@epworthumc.org
740-387-8344 ex. 12**

Third Grade Bible Sunday September 26

I can still remember the day I proudly walked to the front of the sanctuary to receive my 3rd grade Bible. I felt so special as I held my beautiful dark green bible with Gold lettering.

As we begin a new school year it is Epworth's privilege to present our 3rd graders with their very own Bible in worship. If you have or know of a 3rd grader who would like to receive a Bible, please email Brooke at Bhilliard@epworthumc.org with the student's name as they would like it printed in their Bible.

**If you have an older student who has not received a Bible from the church, it's not too late. Please email Brooke with student's name and we will include them in this special Bible Sunday.*

Festival of Sharing

It is time to be thinking about sharing our resources with hurting people 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 make your check payable to Epworth Church and mark it for Festival of Sharing.

All completed kits are items for various kits are due to Epworth by
Wednesday, September 22.

West Ohio Conference Festival of Sharing to be held at Otterbein on
Saturday, October 9 from 9 am until Noon.

<p>Health Kit (\$8.00) 1 hand towel 1 new bar of soap 1 washcloth 1 toothbrush 1 comb 1 tube of toothpaste 6 band aids 1 metal nail file Wrap all the smaller items in the towel and tie it closed with ribbon or yarn.</p>	<p>1 package of hand sewing needles 1 spool of matching thread 6 matching buttons secured together 1 pair of sewing scissors Wrap all sewing notions inside the fabric and tie with string or strip of fabric.</p>
<p>Layettes(\$35.00) 6 cloth diapers 2 diaper pins 2 shirts 1 sweater/sweatshirt 2 washcloths 2 gowns/sleepers 2 receiving blankets Wrap each layette in a diaper and secure with the safety pins.</p>	<p>School Kits (\$11.00) 1 blunt scissors 1 pencil sharpener 2 pads (8 1/2" by 11") ruled paper 6 new pencils with erasers 1 30-cm metric ruler 1 (2-1/2") eraser 12 sheets of construction paper 1 box of crayons (8 or 16 count) 1 (12x14") cloth bag with handles Place all items in the bag, fold the top over and secure with two large rubber bands.</p>
<p>Sewing Kits (\$18.00) 3 yards of cotton/cotton blend material</p>	<p>Costs will vary. Excess funds will be used for shipping.</p> <p>Call Jo Rose at 382-9077, if you have questions.</p>

FOOD PANTRY REPORT: JUNE & JULY DONATIONS

	May	June	July
Donations sacks	23	39	43
Food items	162	304	186
Personnel Need Items	23	41	41

Please note this is a report for June and July. The Mission committee purchased 907 items for St Paul's pantry for the two months. The number of families St Paul's pantry assists continues to grow. The need for support to Marion families is very great. Keep up the good work Epworth. Contribute what you can when you can.

Thanks again.

Wayne Newell



The World is Changing and so is the Face & Focus of Mission

At its most basic, Christian mission is our response to the Good News that God is present in Jesus Christ, who came into the world with a message of forgiveness, joy and hope for all of God's creation. Christians carry this mission with them wherever they go.

A century ago one-third of the world was Christian. Today, **one-third of the world is Christian**, but it is a different one-third. In 1910, 70% of the world's Christians were of European heritage. In 2010, Christianity has declined in Europe, stagnated in North America, and grown by leaps and bounds in Africa, Latin America, and Asia.*

Jesus' disciples took the Good News not just to the Jews, but also to the Samaritans, Africans, Romans, Greeks and other marginalized people and with that bridge Christianity grew and became a **"world" religion** rather than remaining a sect within Judaism.*

Today United Methodists represent the changing face of world missions in the framework of global Christianity **welcoming all people** but recognizing the tension between accepting people as they are and challenging people to move out of their comfort zone in order to transform them into the people God wants them to be.

Spanish (not English) is the number one language spoken by Christians around the world.

The fastest growing church today appears to be the church in **China**.*

As new groups and generations are born into the Christian family, the church struggles with how to remain **faithful** to the Bible and to tradition, while being **relevant** to the diverse needs of people from many cultures.

The growing world church is **migrating** with millions of people moving from one place to another. [Refugees fleeing wars and famine, economic migrants seeking employment, business people working in global corporations, international students seeking better educations to name a few.] People on the move take their faith with them, but are also open to new forms of beliefs that fit their new situations. *

The growing non-Western church today is a **missionary** church. South Korea alone sends over 10,000 cross-cultural missionaries. [Did you know other countries send missionaries to many other countries including the United States?]

Today, because nearly **12% of Americans are immigrants**, the distinction between local and foreign mission has broken down and the focus has shifted to building networks and relationships through community and neighborhood-oriented mission programs.

The global church requires flexibility in the way that United Methodists engage in mission so the one-size fits all mission structure no longer applies and new trends are evolving including **"partners in mission"** and **"local church mission networking."** The focus has shifted from sending outsiders from other countries to lead mission, to working cooperatively alongside the native residents in planning and implementing mission programs to benefit their people.

The Church now recognizes that sometimes before people can be open to the saving grace of God, their **basic needs must be met**. Christians have an on-going responsibility for sustained commitments to change unjust structures, to empower the world's poor, and to make the Gospel available to all. While we place our confidence in knowing "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and for ever" [Hebrews 13:8], we realize that change is continuous and forward moving. The Church must be willing to follow with confidence where God leads ... and that is wherever there is a need.

The **motive for Mission has changed**. A hundred years ago it was the Great Commission: "Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." [Matt. 28:19] Now it has shifted to the Great Commandments: "Love the Lord with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. Love your neighbor as yourself." [Matt. 22:37-39] And, [Luke 4:18-19] "The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, and to set at liberty those who are oppressed."

This article is based on information from the Cooperative School of Christian Mission (day, weekend or week experience) held at Ohio Northern University in mid-July offering three different study courses each year: a spiritual growth study on a book of the Bible [The Epistles of John], a geographic study [Sudan], and a general interest topic [Mission]. 2010 Epworth participants were Betty English & Jeanne Howison.

*From the study book, "Joy to the World! Mission in the Age of Global Christianity" by Dana L. Robert

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

September 16 - 6:00 pm
Fall Kick Off
Fellowship Hall

The Epworth UM Women are planning a Fall Kick Off Potluck for September 16. So bring your favorite meat dish, vegetable casserole, salad or dessert. Tableware and drinks will be furnished.

Ladies, this is the time we have our Festival of Sharing—bring your kits, school, health, baby and/or ladies Sewing Kits.

NEW MEMBER CLASS
September 26

BAPTISM
September 12

Disciple Bible Study begins in September with an informational meeting September 12 following worship. This is a 32-week study and overview of most of the Bible, and the group will meet for 1 1/2—2 hours each week, with individual study, reflection, and journaling throughout each week. Pam Douce has offered to be the facilitator for this group.

The UMW have several things happening on October 31

- ◊ Food Bazaar: Candy, cakes, pies, casseroles, etc. Will be auctioned off. Following church service.
- ◊ Quilt Raffle, donated by Norma Newell
- ◊ Annual Soup Sale following church service. Quart jars of Vegetable or Bean soup and Chili at \$4.00 a quart.

JANUARY 28-29, 2011

The Spiritual Formation Committee is planning an adult retreat for January 28-29, 2011 at Mohican State Park Lodge. These dates cover Friday evening through Saturday until 3:00 p.m.

A reservation form can be found in this month's as well as the October Newsletters. They will also be in later issues of the church bulletin. Reservation Deadline—Oct. 24

January 8, 2011

The annual Leadership Retreat will be Saturday, January 8.

Time and place will be shared at a later date.

SEPTEMBER 2010 CALENDAR

WEEKLY EVENTS	
<p><u>Sunday</u> 8:30 am Bible Study 8:30 am Worship Service 9:30 am Sunday School 9:30 am New Member Class 10:30 am Worship Service</p> <p><u>Monday</u> 7:00 pm Boy Scouts</p> <p><u>Tuesday</u> 7:30 am Men's Breakfast (Colonial House) 5:30 pm Yoga</p>	<p><u>Wednesday</u> 5:30 Souper Wednesday 6:00 Bible Study 6:15 Bell Choir 7:00 Chancel Choir</p> <p><u>Thursday</u> 5:30 pm Yoga (Music Room) 6:30 pm Divorce Care (Parlor)</p>

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 9 THROUGH SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11—YOUTH - POPCORN FESTIVAL PARKING.

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- ⇒ *****The Coffee House – Room 106, Main Building 9:00-10:20 am.** This newly-renovated space is the place to come if you need to catch your breath on Sunday mornings. You'll find coffee, tea, a relaxed atmosphere and friendly service at the coffee bar, offered at the same time as Children's Education and Child Care. The room includes a small library with books for children and adults and comfortable seating. No agenda but to fill your cup and calm your spirit.
 - ⇒ **Come Join Us -- Room 205, Education Wing, (Fellowship Parlor) 9:30-10:20 am.** This group combines Sunday morning discussion with monthly fellowship and service events. The fall study is based on *The Daily Bread*. The third Sunday of every month, Come Join Us meets at Perkins for breakfast, 8:45 am. Always happy to welcome visitors and new friends!
 - ⇒ **The Open Door – Room 304, Education Wing 9:30-10:20 am.** The Open Door is a community of individuals of diverse ages and mindsets simply trying to find their way through life. This group asks a lot of questions and doesn't always have the answers, but always has thought-provoking discussions. Instead, they seek to ensure that each individual grows spiritually by sharing with each other. The group rotates leadership and themes and shares in mission work and fellowship beyond Sunday morning.
 - ⇒ **Reflections Bible Study -- Room 205, Fellowship Parlor 8:45-9:30 am.** Reflections on the meaning of scripture for everyday life and open-minded discussion based on the Adult Bible Study series.
 - ⇒ **Messengers - Room 111, Main Building 9:30-10:20 am** Messengers is a group committed both to the study of scripture and to care for one another. There is shared leadership and shared spiritual conversation designed to strengthen each person's life. The current Bible study is based on *Favorite Bible Passages, Volumes I and II*
 - ⇒ **New Members – Room 109, Main Building (Fellowship Hall) 9:30-10:20 am. (Sep. 26 – Nov. 14 only)**