

OCTOBER 2020

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*For God*

COMMITMENT DAYS:

*Saturday, October 31*

4:30pm

*Sunday, November 1*

9:45am 11:00am

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We're always working together  
to reach new heights for the  
Kingdom of God.



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## November Tower Deadline:

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23**

**E-mail articles & pictures to**  
[communications@epworth.com](mailto:communications@epworth.com)

## Our Promise

*Help for today,  
Hope for tomorrow,  
And a place to call Home.*

## Saturday Worship

- **4:30PM 30-MINUTE WORSHIP SERVICE**- Hear an inspiring message of faith and hope at this 30 minute service. Perfect for those who are on-the-go who still want to get a lift of Faith each week.

## Sunday Worship

- **8:30AM WORSHIP W/ WEEKLY HOLY COMMUNION** - This classic service includes Holy Communion served every week.
- **9:45AM CLASSIC** - Steeped in the warm-hearted Methodist tradition featuring choral and organ music.
- **11:00AM MODERN** - Fast-paced and featuring our praise band.

## Online Worship

- **WEBSITE OR FACEBOOK** - Participate in our worship services every Sunday at 9:45am via facebook, facebook.com/EpworthToledo. Simply tune in and watch and worship with us. If you can't view live at 9:45am on facebook, the message remains accessible on our facebook page throughout the week, OR you can always access any of our streamed sermons 24/7 at Epworth.com/sermons. Tell family and friends and celebrate Sundays with your Epworth Family.

*If you'd like a thank you printed in the next Tower, send your note in an e-mail to [communications@epworth.com](mailto:communications@epworth.com).*

## THANKS!

Dear Pastors and Members of Epworth,

We don't even know how to begin to thank all of you for the wonderful support which was given to us during Larry's 37 day hospitalization and rehabilitation with Covid- 19. All the prayers,calls,notes,food , and flowers enabled us to successfully get through this very difficult part of our covid journey, and Larry was able to come home! Pastor Jennifer's calls and phone prayers really encouraged us to see hope during this frightening time. We wouldn't have made it without you!!

- Larry & Diane Emch



On behalf of Epworth Preschool and Children's Day Out I would like to shout out a BIG THANK YOU to the leaders and youth of BSA Troop #2 for all of your hard work in cleaning up the preschool playground. It was so nice to be able to use our playground on the first day of school. We all appreciate having everything trimmed along the fence line, leaves raked, the weeds growing from the sandbox removed as well as the mulch overturned so that the children could use the equipment and area safely. Having the Scouting program at Epworth UMC creates a wonderful opportunity to build partnerships and have them offer help when needed. Many Blessings to Troop #2

- Jane Lyon, Director of Epworth Preschool and Children's Day Out.

## FREE BIBLES ARE AVAILABLE IN THE LOBBY

God's Word is precious and we want everyone who wants to read the Bible for themselves to have access to it. No questions asked. This ministry is made possible by the generous underwriting of a few Epworth members and "Pennies for Jesus" that the children have collected.



## PASTORAL LETTER & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Hello friends,

I have got GREAT news for you. God knows more about our tomorrows than we know about our yesterdays! That's true and it is why I am an incurable hopeful person. I am addicted to Optimism.

I have a faith that is sensational and you can have it too. I am a follower of Jesus Christ. The odds are you are too or you wouldn't be reading this article in our Tower magazine. Everyone can become a believer in Jesus and a follower of His example that leaps from the pages of the Bible.

How does your faith impact you? Does it give you Joy? Does it give you Hope? Does it infuse you with Courage to face life and its challenges? If you answered no to any of those questions then now is the perfect time to ask God to help you and to guide you into a renewed faith and a replenishment of optimistic thinking.

And why not? Jesus said; "Give thanks to the Lord for He is good and His love endures forever." And the Apostle Paul asserted; "Let no corrupting or negative talk come out of your mouths, but only that which is good for building up, that it might give grace to those who hear."

Remember with Jesus as our guide and example we can accomplish so much more than we could otherwise on our own. Affirm these action steps with me:

- If I can dream it I can do it
- I will let my hopes not my hurts shape my future
- I will always look at what I have left NOT what I have lost
- It's better for me to try something great and fail than to do nothing perfectly

As you affirm these faith principles your hope will grow and your joy will be multiplied. I promise! I look forward to seeing you soon around our Campus or throughout our community.

Have an Outrageous October,  
Dr. Stephen Lowell Swisher  
*Senior Pastor*

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### SATURDAY WORSHIP SERVICE TRANSMITTED TO YOUR CAR RADIO



***Tune into 90.7FM - Park in the Valleyview parking lot***

Not quite ready to come back to In-Person Worship but still want to be at your Church? We have had a generous donation to fund broadcasting the Saturday service in your car on our Church property. Drive to the Church, sit in your car and Worship with your friends at Epworth UMC.

Just as Dr. Schuller used to say when he began the Crystal Cathedral at a Drive in Movie Theater broadcasting to cars in a parking lot; "Come as you are, in the family car!" We will be watching for you!!

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### HELP US CLEAR OUT!

Epworth is offering a variety of classroom and storage items to congregation members and the district. These items include adjustable "artist" stools, a variety of classroom chairs and tables, assorted shelving and cubbies, "welcome" center, large desk, bench, large area rugs, large black metal cabinets, rolling cabinets, assorted mirrors, bulletin boards and more! In an effort to clear out a room for additional meeting/classroom space, we are offering these items for free throughout the month of October.

Pictures and a description of the items can be found at [epworth.com/news/clear-out-room-203](http://epworth.com/news/clear-out-room-203) or contact Jennie Vancil at [Jennie@epworth.com](mailto:Jennie@epworth.com) with questions.

### "Epworth is a church for all generations."

-Julie Jacob's Story

Epworth has been a part of my life for as long as I can remember. While my immediate family attended church in Sylvania growing up, my grandfather (Robert Bowe) and great aunt (Dorothy Bowe) were Epworth members since the 1960's. Epworth was the church we attended with them for Christmas Eve service and Easter. Their love and dedication to the church was unique and something I always admired. They faithfully attended every Sunday service, sitting in one of the front pews behind the reserved choir seats. Every Monday, they both worked in the church office in whatever capacity they could, accounting, sharpening pencils, answering phones, refinishing wood, whatever needed to be done.

One of the many things I learned from them was how important it is to live a God centered life through regular worship. Church was not something meant only for holidays, weddings, funerals, or an occasional life crisis. Going to church regularly was key to developing a personal relationship with God. Being a member was an opportunity to not only share their gifts and talents, but to also be blessed with love, friendship, and support through life's journey. When I returned to Toledo in 2013 after 18 years living in Jacksonville, FL, there was no doubt in my mind where I would choose to worship. My mother, Robin Jacob, had since become a member at Epworth as well. It meant so much for all of us to worship together as a family. I was drawn by the warmth of the friendly people who genuinely cared about each of us. As we celebrated both my grandfather's and great aunt's 100th birthdays, it was clear how deeply enriched their lives had been by the relationships formed at Epworth.



Many years have passed now. My two sons Cameron (8) and Bowe (5) have both been baptized here as fourth generation Epworth members. I look forward to them developing their own faith within this church. We have received so much love and support from our church family during life's challenging moments as well as celebrating the all the joys we have been blessed with. Because of this church, I know with certainty that I can do all things in life through Christ who gives me strength. That strength comes from the friendly smiles I look forward to seeing each week, the exchange of emails, cards, Facebook requests, Wesley group gatherings, and participating in Bible studies.

Today, we still sit in the very same pew Grandad and Aunt Dorothy sat in right up front. At times, I have considered moving a couple rows back in a more inauspicious location, but sometimes the sunlight shines down just right on that pew through the stained glass window. It gives me a sense of them giving me one of their warm hugs. We are very much still worshipping together as a family. I often visit my grandfather and great aunt in the Memory Garden on my way out from service and I truly believe they are smiling down on their beloved church. Epworth is a church for all generations.

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### SUE MOESSER TURNS 90!

Longtime Epworth member Sue Moesser celebrates her 90th birthday on November 26. She has been a member of Epworth for 76 years! Her daughter Holly Bolenbaugh would love to shower Sue with cards for her birthday. You can send them directly to:

[personal information has been removed.]

When you send your card, please sign with your first AND last name, plus a point of reference about how you know Sue (i.e. Wesley Group, Stephen Ministry, share group, communion steward, "an Epworth friend"). Thank you for brightening Sue's special day on November 26.

### #WEAREEPWORTH

Help us celebrate our Epworth family! We encourage you to use the hashtag #WeAreEpworth as you post on your social media accounts. After a while, if someone searches for #WeAreEpworth, they will be able to see the love and community we have with each other.

Also, look for the new #WeAreEpworth feature where testimonies of various Epworth members are being shared. Are you interested in providing a testimonial? Contact Tami Norris, at [personal information has been removed] or visit us at [weareepworth.com](http://weareepworth.com) to submit your story online.



## GROW: KIDS & YOUTH

### EPWORTH KIDS: OCTOBER

#### Elementary:



This month, we continue gathering through our weekly virtual Large Group Sundays at 10am on the children's facebook page, [facebook.com/Epworthkids](https://facebook.com/Epworthkids) and digital devotional materials at [epworth.com/kidsathome](https://epworth.com/kidsathome). Epworth's Elementary kids will explore the life app Integrity.

Living with integrity means that we choose to be truthful in whatever we say and do. There's no need to hide or pretend. We can drop the act and choose to be who God made us to be. To help learn about integrity, the kids will work to memorize this month's memory verse: "Anyone who lives without blame walks safely. But anyone who takes a crooked path will get caught." (Proverbs 10:9) Our prayer is that your kids will learn that

choosing the right friends and being a good friend is a way to reflect God's love in the world around them.

#### Preschool & Toddler:



This month, we will continue gathering through our weekly virtual Large Group Sundays at 11:00 a.m. on the children's facebook page [facebook.com/Epworthkids](https://facebook.com/Epworthkids) and digital devotional materials [epworth.com/kidsathome](https://epworth.com/kidsathome). Epworth's Preschool and Toddler kids will explore the Biblical truth: God loves me.

Each week we will post interactive Bible stories, and follow-up activities to teach your child that God's got it! This hands-on, action packed virtual Bible story time will also help your early childhood kiddos memorize this month's Bible Memory Verse: "God is with you wherever you go." (Joshua 1:9) You don't need us to tell you that there is a chance of rain in our lives, or in the lives of your children. That is why it is our prayer that your little ones grow up knowing that if they put their trust in God who loves them, He will

see them through the clouds to the rainbow on the other side!

### STUDENTS WITH A TASK

Youth Ministry of Epworth for Students in Grades 6-12

#### Junior High SWAT

Sunday Night Splash 5:30-7pm

October 4 and 18

Wednesday Night Crews 6:30-7:30pm

October 7 and 21

#### Senior High SWAT

Sunday Night Splash 5:30-7pm

October 11

Wednesday Night Crews 6:30-7:30pm

October 14 and 28

#### Combined Events for Jr & Sr High:

- Outdoor Movie Night- Friday, **October 2, 16 & 30**
- Sunday Morning Harbor - **October 11** 9:45-10:45am
- Trunk or Treat - Sunday, **October 25** 5-7pm

#### Senior High Service Opportunity!

Looking for service hours? We have a great opportunity for you with our Furniture ministry! You can sign up for a variety of Saturday mornings where you would meet in the Central Ave parking lot at Epworth a little before 8 a.m. and you would go with our furniture ministry team to pick up donated furniture.

You would return to the church at Noon. You can even sign up with a friend! If you are interested check out the dates on this link and sign up today. [This link has been removed].



## TRUNK-OR-TREAT 2020



Will go from 5-7pm and is FREE to the entire community! Be sure to wear your costumes and be ready to Trunk-or-Treat for candy. Bring your friends!

### **Covid Precautions:**

This year we have re-imagined Trunk-or-Treat to take into consideration additional safety precautions due to Covid-19. Here is what you need to know:

- Masks will be required for all trunk attendants - bonus points if you work it into your costume!
- Gloves will be available to those handing out candy - again...creativity can make this fun!
- To create safe social distancing: We are asking the trick or treaters to remain in their vehicles and drive through the trunk displays.
- To eliminate hand-to-hand contact: We are asking Trunk attendants to drop the candy into treat bags (instead of allowing kids to select their treats).
- For increased ventilation: The event will be entirely outdoors this year - the building will remain closed to the attendees. (restrooms will be made available for all volunteers and trunk attendees)

### **Decorate a Trunk:**

Sign up by emailing [trunkortreat@epworth.com](mailto:trunkortreat@epworth.com) to let us know! We need dozens of trunks to make this event a success. Last year we had over 2500 visitors from our neighboring communities join us for this safe trick-or-treating alternative. With the potential of limited trick-or-treating opportunities this year, we could experience record numbers of participants.

### **Donate Candy:**

If you can't attend the event but would still like to lend your support consider donating a few bags of candy. Candy donations of store bought, individually wrapped pieces of candy may be dropped off in the church office during regular business hours beginning October 1.

### **Epworth Ambassadors:**

We will need help directing our community through this year's drive-through style event. Ambassadors would be working outside, with masks on, and will help direct vehicle traffic. This will ensure an enjoyable experience for all who attend.

### **Teal Pumpkin Project:**

We will once again have trunks with non-food "treats" to include children with dietary and medical restrictions.

## FRIDAY NIGHT FLIX

### **Drive-In Movie Nights at Epworth**

Epworth is excited to offer drive-in movie nights right here on our beautiful campus. Join us on:

- Friday, **October 16** "The One and Only Ivan"  
This 2020 Disney Live Action film is based on the beloved book by Katherine Applegate. The movie celebrates the transformative power of unexpected friendship. Inspired by the true story, of a captive gorilla known as Ivan, this film will have you cheering for Ivan and his friends as you celebrate our own humanity and the power of daring to dream of life changing possibilities.  
*Canned goods: canned vegetables, canned fruits, canned meats, boxed pasta.*
- Friday, **October 30** Movie TBA



Visit us online at [epworth.com/fridaynightflix](http://epworth.com/fridaynightflix) for the October 30 movie title & description. The movie will be shown in our back (South) parking lot. Please arrive at 7:30pm, film starts promptly at 8pm. Families may watch from the comfort of their car just like a real drive in. Bring your own snacks - there will not be concessions. And make sure to bring masks just in case you need to use the restroom facilities. Admission is Free but we are accepting donations of household paper products for Leading Families Home Shelter which is a local agency that serves at risk families. A list of specific items needed can be found at [epworth.com/fridaynightflix](http://epworth.com/fridaynightflix).

## SERVICE OF HEALING & WHOLENESS



Epworth's monthly service of healing and wholeness resumes on a new night beginning this month. The service will now take place on the third Monday of each month at 7pm in the Chapel. If you are looking for a quiet, reflective service to bring peace and stillness in times of turmoil, please join us on **October 19** for prayer, scripture, and music.

Because many of our healing service attendees have compromised immune systems, masks will be mandatory at this service. Appropriate socially-distanced seating will be arranged in the chapel. If you have any questions, or would like to join the team, please contact Rev. Irwin at [beth@epworth.com](mailto:beth@epworth.com).

## OCTOBER IS FIRE PREVENTION MONTH

In the news we hear and see the devastation of fires on the west coast. October is Fire Prevention Month with the goal of raising fire safety awareness and to help ensure your family has a plan for the unexpected. Are you ready at home? This is a good time to take inventory of your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors; check for proper placement throughout the house and test the batteries. Does everyone in the household know where to find fire extinguishers? What about an escape plan? A good practice is to once a year review the locations of the fire extinguishers and your escape plan; and don't forget to check the expiration date of the extinguishers.

If you do not know what gift to give, give the gift of life ... consider giving a fire extinguisher and/or other items related to home safety as a present to friends and family. For more information about home fire safety check out a few helpful websites. American Red Cross ([redcross.org](http://redcross.org)), National Safety Council ([nsc.org](http://nsc.org)) and search for home fire safety.

As we approach the holiday season and less daylight, more people will be lighting candles. Candles can be symbolic, make you relax and feel calm. Please practice the 3 basics of candle safety: (1) Never leave a burning candle unattended; (2) never burn a candle near anything that might catch fire (e.g. curtains); and (3) keep candles out of reach from children and pets. For more information visit [candles.org/fire-safety-candles/](http://candles.org/fire-safety-candles/).

## STEPHEN MINISTRY

### *Pandemic Fatigue*



Are you experiencing pandemic fatigue—that feeling of being mentally and emotionally exhausted by everything that's going on right now? We're all facing different kinds of life challenges during this time—Isolation and loneliness; Anxiety over health; Grief; Juggling work, childcare, and schooling responsibilities; Financial strain or job loss; Uncertainty about the future....the list goes on. It's no wonder we might be hit by pandemic fatigue.

But you don't have to go through it alone. If you or someone you care about is experiencing difficulties like these, our Stephen Ministers are ready to listen, care, encourage, and be there to offer support. A Stephen Minister will meet with you privately—by phone, by video chat, or possibly in person when it's safe to do so—to focus on you and your needs. It's free and completely confidential, and it offers real care, comfort, and hope.

You can find out more by talking with a Stephen Ministry Leader (Bobbi Sanders or Paul Schroeder), a pastor, or contact us at [stephenministry@epworth.com](mailto:stephenministry@epworth.com). Our Stephen Ministers are there to care!



## PLEASE HELP OUR PRESCHOOL



Join Epworth Friends & Families at Shorty's as we host our annual Preschool Shorty's Day. Plan to make a lunch date with friends, order and pick up carry out or join us for dinner at Shorty's on Monroe Street on Monday, October 12.

Please present your special "Shorty's Coupon" to ensure that Epworth Preschool will get 15% of the sales. The coupon is available to print at home, click here: [epworth.com/preschool/shortysbbq](http://epworth.com/preschool/shortysbbq).

This all-day event is a great fundraiser and we set aside the money each year to purchase a new piece of equipment each year.

## SUPPORT THE ARTS & CRAFTS BAZAAR!

The Arts & Crafts Bazaar will be held on Saturday, **November 7** as planned! Excitement is mingled with cautious optimism as we head toward November. Thank you to all of you who have stepped forward to assist with this event that means so much to our community, our vendors and our church.

Providing a safe environment is key to a successful event. Masks will be required of all vendors, volunteers and shoppers. All shoppers will enter through the main doors off the South parking lot and will be asked to hand sanitize upon entrance to the church. The practice of social distancing with an appropriate number of shoppers throughout the day will be in place. Shoppers will be directed to follow a one-way path through the church, gym, silent auction hall and upstairs lobby. Aisles between vendors have been widened to 14 feet in the downstairs gym.



Now, we need to proceed at full speed with the solicitation of items for our Silent Auction. What will you donate? Gift cards, a special dinner, services? Our Silent Auction traditionally brings in over half of the Bazaar proceeds. Please commit your support on the Connection Card, sign-up board in the lobby or contact Carolyn Kaminski at [personal information has been removed]. As always, 100% of our funds are donated to local non-profit organizations whose missions serve women, children and families.

Karen L. Fraker, Vendor Chairman, Polly Richardson, Volunteer Chairman

## HAWKINS STEM ACADEMY PARTNERSHIP



On September 8, Hawkins staff members received treats and notes of appreciation from the Epworth Hawkins Partnership, for the first monthly staff recognition day of the 2020-21 school year. If you and/or your group would like to contribute homemade or purchased baked goods for one of our staff recognition days, please contact Laura Bensman, who coordinates staff recognition, at [personal information has been removed].

Epworth volunteers have been asked by the Hawkins Student Support Team to assist in reaching out to families of Hawkins students. Using a script and questions developed by the support team, our volunteers will call families to ask about any difficulties they have experienced with online learning. These concerns will be relayed to the support team, which will identify appropriate school and community resources and respond to families in need of assistance. We are excited about this opportunity to reconnect with the Hawkins community, and will be sending more information to our volunteers (only those who completed background checks for the 2019-20 school year are eligible to participate due to the confidential nature of information that may be shared).

**ST. PAUL'S UMC SACK LUNCH PROJECT (SERVING 4:19)**



With current shelter restrictions due to COVID-19, there is a community of homeless families and individuals that are without shelter and food. St. Paul's United Methodist Church in partnership with the Maumee Watershed District and other area Methodist churches, including Epworth, is working to fill this gap each and every day by offering a well-balanced sack lunch.

Epworth is committed to providing at least 5 volunteers each Wednesday, to prepare and pack lunches and then distribute in St. Paul's UMC parking lot, making them available for this community to pick-up. Along with volunteers needed each Wednesday morning, monetary and bottled water donations are also being requested to help continue serve this community.

All precautions are being taken to keep volunteers and those being served safe and well. Please contact Jennie Vancil, Jennie@epworth.com, if you are able to volunteer on any **Wednesday**, 9am-12pm to pack lunches, set out, and clean up. Monetary donations should state "Market Place" or "St. Paul's UMC" in the memo and bottled water donations may be dropped off at Epworth during normal business hours. **MANY THANKS** to those that have volunteered and contributed to this impactful ministry!

**WEDNESDAY OASIS LEADERS/TEACHERS**

Wednesday Oasis is an opportunity to refresh your spirit and renew your connection to God and others each and every Wednesday. Course offerings will change regularly to offer variety. We are currently looking for individuals who would be interested in leading/teaching a class! If you have something in mind, we would love to hear your ideas, otherwise we can help guide you to find a course that fits your leading style. This could be an ongoing service opportunity, or a short-term commitment, whatever fits your schedule and abilities. Please contact Rev. Irwin at beth@epworth.com to express your interest or learn more about what leading a class will look like. Thank you!

**FEED YOUR NEIGHBOR**

Again, a huge thank you to the generous spirit of Epworth for their donations to feed Your Neighbor. For the months of October & November they need the following:

- raisins
- toilet paper
- jelly
- toothpaste
- tuna
- tooth brushes
- mac and cheese
- shampoo
- fruit cocktail
- deodorant

If you have any questions contact Carol Bardi at [personal information has been removed].

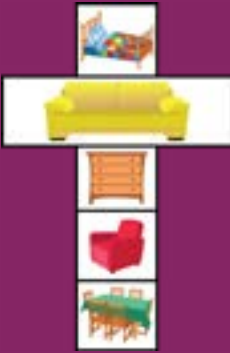
**LOOK UP!**

Watch the TV screens in the lobby areas for upcoming events and opportunities at Epworth in the coming few weeks!

**SUPPORT THE FLOWER FUND**

Contributing flowers for the Sunday altar is a special way to support Epworth and honor loved ones, past or present. Flowers enhance our experience of weekly worship while providing a beautiful tribute to the special people and events in our lives. We have some available dates for Altar Flower donations. If you would like to honor a loved one, or celebrate a special occasion, by donating a flowers for a Sunday worship, please contact Cindy in the office at 419.214.3777 or cindy@epworth.com to find out what dates are available. Your support is much appreciated!

**FURNITURE MINISTRY**



*Blessings Items Most Needed:*  
toasters, crockpots and coffee makers.

Due to the restrictions of the pandemic, we are presently accepting fewer items.

STATISTICS	SEPT:	2020:
# Furniture:	88	970
# Families:	10	90
Adults:	12	114
Children:	7	112

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NIGHT

Come and be renewed at Wednesday Oasis, a new, weekly Christian education night Wednesdays at 6:30pm. A variety of classes will be offered on Wednesday nights throughout the year. Explore the Bible, anchor in your faith, engage with others, and take a break from your weekly routine.

- Class sizes are limited to 12
- Masks are required in accordance with current mandates
- Socially-distanced childcare will be available with advance notice; please let us know one week before you plan to attend. Childcare reservations can be made by emailing [childcare@epworth.com](mailto:childcare@epworth.com) with the number of kids and their ages.
- RSVP to Cindy Franklin at [cindy@epworth.com](mailto:cindy@epworth.com).



### ***The Walk: Five Essential Practices of Christian Life, \by Adam Hamilton (2 weeks left)***

**Led by Rev. Beth Irwin**

In *The Walk*, Adam Hamilton focuses on five essential spiritual practices that are rooted in Jesus' own walk with God and taught throughout the New Testament. Each of these practices is intended as part of our daily walk with Christ while also being an essential part of growing together in the church. Deepen your walk with Christ as we explore the five essential practices of worship, study, serving, giving, and bearing witness to our faith. If you need a copy of the book, please let us know at your RSVP. *Class duration: 6 weeks.*

### ***Acts: Catching Up with the Spirit, by Matthew L. Skinner (2 weeks left)***

**Led by Rev. Jennifer Bailey**

In the Bible, the Book of Acts illustrates God's grace at work in the world through the lives of the Apostles. In this study, the author explores six key themes that illustrate the ways in which reading Acts is capable of igniting our imagination about the character of the Christian message, the work of God's people (the church), and the challenges of living faithfully in a complex and changing world. *Class duration: 6 weeks.*

\*also offered via Zoom on Thursday evenings at 7pm; please select Wednesday or Thursday option when registering

### ***SWAT Wednesday Night Crews***

**Led by Rev. Dave Pettengill and SWAT Adult Leaders**

What are Crews? These are small groups that will help teens work together as they dive deeper into their faith journey. These groups will seek to help teens take that next step in their faith.

For Wednesday Night Crews our Senior High will meet on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays (September 9 and 23) and the Junior High will meet on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays (September 16 only).

You will notice we are hosting Senior High and Junior High on different nights. In light of the Coronavirus, this will enable us to monitor how many teens we are hosting each evening, allow for adequate cleanup, respect families time so it does not require families to make multiple trips if they have both junior and senior high students, and it will enable us to end sooner in the evening. *Class duration: ongoing*

### ***Financial Peace University (5 weeks left)***

**Led by Brad Pfeifer**

Dave Ramsey began Financial Peace University (FPU) in the 1990s following his own struggles with debt. Today, millions of people have dumped debt, taken control of their finances, and learned new ways of thinking about money with his system. Epworth member Brad Pfeifer is a Ramsey Solutions Master Financial Coach and considers helping others find peace with finances to be a ministry. The newest version of FPU includes viewing curriculum online from home before coming together as a class to work through what you have learned. FPU class kits are \$50; one per household. *Class duration: 9 weeks.*

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