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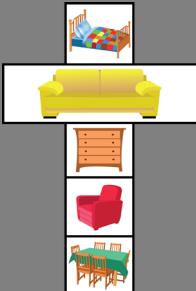
FEED YOUR NEIGHBOR

Hunger doesn't take a vacation!

The Feed Your Neighbor program is a unique network of food pantries in the most impoverished neighborhoods in the Toledo area, which serves those most vulnerable populations who, due to personal crisis, are experiencing food insecurity. FYN gathers and distributes a three day supply of nutritious, non-perishable food items to persons who otherwise would go without. They're currently asking for the items listed below. Find the wooden donation box on the floor inside the Central Avenue doors. If you have questions, contact Carol at cpb5538@gmail.com. Thank you so much for your generosity in helping our neighbors.

- canned potatoes
- canned carrots
- canned sweet peas
- brown paper bags
- shampoo
- deodorant

FURNITURE MINISTRY



**BLESSINGS
ITEMS NEEDED:**
*dish sets, toasters &
hand held can openers*

STATISTICS

	MAY:	YTD:
# Furniture:	177	669
# Families:	15	56
Adults:	20	67
Children:	15	75

BODY RECALL+

In the month of July, Body Recall+ classes will meet the weeks of **July 15** and **July 29** -- same days and times (Monday, Tuesday and Thursday at 9:15). Be good to yourself -- come join us.



GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP



For anyone who has experienced the death of a parent, spouse, child, or any beloved family member – whether recently or years ago – you are invited to come to a

grief support group. The group meets on the fourth Wednesday of each month in the Deep End from 6:30-8pm. A counselor and a pastor will be on hand to help you navigate your feelings and take steps toward healing. Participants learn from each other as well. The next meeting is this Wednesday, **July 24**. It is open to the public, so if you have a friend or neighbor, who is struggling, please bring them along. We are here for everyone. For more information, please contact Pastor Beth at beth@epworth.com.

HEALING & WHOLENESS SERVICE



Join us in the Sanctuary at 7pm on **July 16**. This service will provide an opportunity for prayer, reflection and meditation. Come and rest in the Word of God, hymns, and seek healing. Renew your focus on your connection with God, forgiveness of self and others, and strength for the journey ahead – wherever it may take you. Bring neighbors or colleagues who you feel could use reassurance and comfort. If you have questions, email Pastor Beth at Beth@epworth.com.

mission statement:

To embrace people exactly where they are and empower all to know, love, and serve God through Jesus Christ.

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sunday, july 14, 2019



SENIOR HIGH YOUTH MISSIONS:

July 14-19

Summer Impact in Cincinnati, Ohio

Please be in prayer this summer as our Sr. High SWAT Students will be attending Summer Impact in Cincinnati, Ohio as we engage in the theme "Rock of Ages: Exploring Faith Through Music".

The teens will encounter transformation through serving, meaningful interactions, and individual/group reflections in order to see the work that God is already doing and how God is calling each of us to partner in that kingdom work.

THE CONNECTING POINT MISSIONS:

July 14-19

in Nashville, TN

Please also be in prayer for our Connecting Point team! (The Connecting Point is a group of 18-25 year olds who meet on Sundays and discuss issues relevant to this stage of life and connect it to their faith). The team will be heading to Nashville, TN and working with Harvest Food Bank, Project Transformation Center, Nashville Rescue Mission, and Open Table Nashville. Tasks will include painting, serving food at shelters, packing up food boxes, and working alongside inter-city kids.

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CONTRIBUTE TO OUR MORTGAGE



There have been a number of inquiries by members and friends interested in contributing to the reduction of our church's new mortgage. In June, the Administrative Council chose to defer a formal debt retirement campaign until a future date to focus upon the work of congregational growth. However, the business office is happy to receive tax deductible gifts, of any size, to be directed towards debt reduction. Please designate your "Mortgage Reduction" in the memo line if you prayerfully choose to offer a gift this year. If you have questions, please contact our Treasurer/ Director of Operations, Peter Machin at peter@epworth.com or our Financial Secretary Ashly Gramling at ashly@epworth.com.

CURRENT SUNDAY BIBLE STUDIES:

- 9:45am | Coffee & Conversation | Rm 213**
Discusses modern day issues/current events and examines the teachings of Jesus in light of them.
- 9:45am | Connecting Point | Rm 205**
Where faith and life connect for 18-25 year olds. A faith based group to connect with peers and discuss issues relevant to this stage of life.
- 9:45am | Donuts & The Bible| Rm 216/Deep End**
Enjoy donuts and time with other students as we look deeper into what it means to follow Jesus.
- 11 am | Sermon Notes | Rm 214**
Discussion around individuals understanding of the scriptures' relevance to their journey.

APPLY FOR A STUDENT LOAN!

Epworth offers loans to students in any post-high school program. Loans are approved up to \$1,000/year and may receive up to \$4,000 total during their schooling. To learn more and print the application, visit epworth.com/studentloans.

NIGHT AT THE MUD HENS

Sunday, July 21 for the 6:05pm game against Syracuse. Previously purchased tickets will be made available under individual names at the Will Call box.

HOW DO WE GROW OUR CHURCH?

Epworth's mission: To embrace people exactly where they are and empower all to know, love, and serve God through Jesus Christ.

We want to be present in the community we serve! As part of our evangelism efforts and our passion for reaching new people with the good news of Jesus Christ, the Communications Committee invites any member to submit a formal request for Epworth UMC to have an official presence at a community event, parade, festival, etc. The Communications Committee will determine if the event is in line with the mission, vision and values of our congregation, as well as the social principles of the United Methodist Church.

Once approved, the person(s) bringing the request is responsible for the design and implementation of the ministry. Please feel free to contact the Communications Committee Chair, Tami Norris at tanorris2001@yahoo.com or our Director of Communications, Laura Seaman at Laura@epworth.com with any questions regarding this new policy.

ALTAR FLOWERS

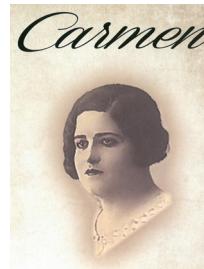
A donation was made to the Epworth Floral fund this Sunday by Fred and Lonna Mikesell and Dave and Polly Richardson in honor of their 50th anniversaries on July 19.



POTLUCK DINNER & SPEAKER

Hosted By Adult Singles

Our guest speaker is Genevieve Geha Kirkbride, author of "Carmen." Genevieve is a post-World War II immigrant and participated in USAID projects supporting non-governmental organizations in Lebanon. She also helped develop the first Sister City relationship between Dearborn, MI. and Cana, Lebanon. Her book was inspired by a shoebox full of long forgotten, handwritten notes. Join us on Wednesday, **July 17** from 6-8pm in the lobby. Please bring a pot-luck dish to share: last names A-M, main dish; N-Z, dessert. Beverages will be provided. RSVP to Sue at 419.882.8826 or suehartman63@hotmail.com.



FRIENDS IN FAITH: BUNCO

All women are welcome, even if you have never played before. Bunco is a simple game, but it is more about the Christian fellowship. Bring a side dish, appetizer or dessert to share. We start at 6:30pm with dinner before we play.

Wednesday, July 17 at Debby Iott's house, (6020 Pinedale, Toledo). RSVP to Deblibra@aol.com.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

As people travel and take vacations, the number of blood donations at the Red Cross often drops. The need for blood never goes away. Accident and burn victims, cancer patients, and emergency surgeries all require your donations. The next Red Cross blood drive at Epworth is Saturday, **August 10** from 9am-2pm in the gym. Check your calendar, and log on to redcrossblood.org to choose your donation type (whole blood or Power Red) and your time. Do you need help? Contact Pastor Beth at beth@epworth.com.



S.W.A.T. NEWS

Students With A Task (students grades 6-12) is going to Cedar Point on Tuesday, **July 23**. Sign ups are closed for this event. Meet at Epworth at 8am and we will return by 11:30pm.



ADULT SINGLES

Single, divorced and widowed adults in the Toledo community are invited to join. RSVP to Nancy Hauer at hauer.nancy@yahoo.com. The next opportunities to join us are:

July 17: Potluck & Speaker, see info above.

Game Days - Thursday, July 18 10am at Hope UMC, 4069 W. Sylvania Ave, Toledo. (across from Franklin Park Mall). Use the back church entrance and bring a sack lunch. No RSVP.

DEBORAH CIRCLE: JULY

Holly Bolenbaugh is hosting a day at beautiful Clark's Lake in Michigan on **July 18**, beginning at 10am. Please bring a salad or dish to pass, Holly will supply beverages. Anyone interested may contact Holly Bolenbaugh at schoolot2004@yahoo.com. We hope you can make it!

FRIENDS IN FAITH

Book Club

We meet the 4th Tuesday of every month at 7pm and serve up lively discussion and dessert with every meeting! We meet at June Galvin's house, 3641 Christie Blvd, Toledo. RSVP to jargalvin@yahoo.com.

July 23: Magic Hour by Kristin Hannah.

LOOK UP

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