

TRUNK-OR-TREAT & SWAT YOUTH GRILLING: SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27

Trunk-Or-Treat 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. After visiting all our amazing trunks you will be guided inside for more Trunk or Treat fun in our new children and youth spaces featuring the Spooky Deep End (New Youth Space) and decorated Classrooms. Bring your friends!

Teal Pumpkin Project! This year we will have a select number of trunks with non-food “treats” to include children with dietary and medical restrictions.

Bringing A Decorated Trunk? Sign up by emailing us at trunkortreat@epworth.com or call Debby Iott at 419.276.1091 to let us know! We need dozens of trunks to make this event a success. Each year we have several thousand visitors from our neighboring communities join us for this safe trick-or-treating alternative.

Can You 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.

Swat Youth Grilling will run during this event from 5-7:30pm. Epworth Grill Masters will offer hot dogs and hamburgers for \$1.50 each or meals including chips and a beverage for \$3. Come support our youth!

UMW ARTS & CRAFTS BAZAAR NEEDS YOU!

Do you bake or have an awesome casserole? Whip up your favorite baked goods or freeze a casserole to sell at the Bazaar pantry. Deliver to the church on Friday, **November 1** by 2pm. Can you support the Silent Auction? Donate a service, gift card, new item, basket of goodies or a dinner in your home. Or purchase a gift card—those are very popular! Then, come on Nov. 2 and bid on our Silent Auction items which include an item donated by each vendor! Can you spare some time? Help us on **November 2** by volunteering to assist with this fundraiser to support missions. 100% of the proceeds go to support charities and missions. See the insert in today's reminders OR sign-up on the volunteer board in the lobby.

OCTOBER S419: IT'S YOUR SERVE!

And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, Hebrews 10:24. Are you willing to accept the **October S4:19** challenge? Here's how it works. Gather your friends, small group, Sunday school class – any group you want – and go out into the community to serve in any way you want. Just follow these steps:

1. Assemble a group of volunteers and decide upon the kind of good deed you would like to pursue. (Hint, you could clean a yard, paint a room, visit a senior living center, serve a meal, etc.)
2. Find the need in the community. This would be a great time to lend a hand to an Epworth homebound individual or re-ignite a relationship with some of the agencies we have served through S4:19 in the past. Questions? Call Doug or Ronnie Gorsuch at 419.367.9549 if you need advice on planning your project.
3. Contact the person or agency and arrange the date, time and details of the project. Be sure the details are clearly understood between all parties, such as who is providing materials, supplies, tools etc. If space at Epworth is needed, be sure to clear it with the church office to reserve your space.
4. Communicate the details to your group so you can all show up as arranged. Take a group picture during the event if possible. Print it out (professional printing not required) or text it to 419.367.9549. If you wish, post on social media using #ServingThe419.
5. After completion of your project/good deed visit the S4:19 table in the lobby on any Sunday in October to register your good deed, post your picture and put a ping pong ball in the jar for every volunteer who participated. Let's see if we can fill the bottle! The ball is in your court! How will you serve?

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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WEEKLY REMINDERS

Sunday, October 6, 2019



we BELIEVE
we LOVE
we SERVE

FOCUS THROUGH OCT. 13

"I give you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, so you also must love each other. This is how everyone will know that you are my disciples, when you love each other."

These words were spoken by Jesus in John 13:34-35 as He and His disciples gathered to share the Passover meal, just hours before his arrest and passion. *His dying wish for his Church was that his followers would deeply love one another with not only words but with their commitments.* Jesus said that love is the identifying marker of being part of his Body called the Church. Our deep love for each other is a living example of how Jesus loves all people. Join us for this series as we invite all Epworth members and friends to become more fully engaged in the life of our local church.

**I LOVE MY CHURCH!
RESOURCE TABLE**

Please plan to stop by the table in the lobby to pick up resources for this series and to lend your thoughts and creativity to this all church focus.

PICK UP ITEMS: Small group/family guide, leader guide, commitment cards, bubble testimonials, stickers and candy.

SHOW YOUR LOVE FOR YOUR CHURCH: Fill out a bubble sharing why you love your church, take a photo using a frame to display on social media.

If you have a question about this all church focus please see Pastor Doug, or our Stewardship Lay Leaders, Lynne Davis and Paul Wannemacher.

SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE STUDIES:

- **9:45am | Adult Bible Study | Rm 214**
We're studying the book of Matthew, aided by extensive commentary and thought-provoking questions. Get to know Jesus our Lord in fresh new ways. Add your voice to the conversation as the class connects the gospel text to our everyday lives. Invite a friend as we grow together.
- **9:45am | Coffee & Conversation | Rm 213**
This class discusses modern day issues & current events, and examines the teachings of Jesus in light of them.
- **9:45am | Connection Point | Rm 205**
A group for post high school through mid-twenties. This class provides a faith based place to connect with peers and discuss issues relevant to this stage of life.
- **11am | Sermon Notes | Rm 214**
Participating in study, *I Love My Church* study through Oct. 13.

WEEKDAY ADULT BIBLE STUDIES

- **6:30-8pm | Men's Bible Study | Rm 213**
Sept. 25-Oct.23: *Days In the Word* guides participants through what it means to not just be "hearers" of the Word, but also "doers" of the Word! Reignite and strengthen your passion for God's Word. Email Shautau@epworth.com to register, cost is \$10.
- **9:30-11:30 | Women's AM Bible Study | Rm 214**
Through Oct. 27: Come together as we jump into Andy Stanley's study, "Christian: It's not What You Think." Explore the characteristics Jesus used to define those who follow him and what that implies for us today. 'Christian' was a label used by outsiders. Jesus used 'disciple.' Disciples would be known for their love – a novel concept then and now. No book required, come when you can!
- **6:30-9pm | Caregiving Bible Study | Rm TBD**
Oct. 8-Dec. 10: *Christian Caregiving—a Way of Life*, by Dr. Kenneth Haugk. Explore ways you can confidently talk about your faith; listen carefully to another person; speak words of comfort, encouragement, forgiveness, and hope; pray with another person; and share from the Bible comfortably during a caring conversation. Please email Shauta'u at Shautau@epworth.com.
- **7-8:15pm | Study of the Psalms | Rm 213**
October 8-November 5: The Psalms are at once God's Word to humanity and humanity's word to God. In them, we find glorious praise, deep rage, utter desperation, and quiet reflection. In what seems every situation in life, the psalmists pour out their souls to Almighty God. Come to one session, or come to all. Bring a Bible & a friend. Led by Pastor Jennifer. Please email Shauta'u at Shautau@epworth.com.

FLU SHOT CLINIC

Epworth's annual flu shot clinic, with vaccines provided by the Lucas County Health Department, is today through 12:30pm in the gym. All insurances are accepted and documentation will be filed for you. If you plan to self-pay, the cost is \$40.

DYSLEXIA SIMULATION

Do you know someone who struggles with reading, spelling or writing? Then join Decoding Dyslexia Ottawa Hills on Sunday, **October 20**, from 2-4pm in the Epworth Children's Church, to experience what it feels like to have dyslexia. Through a series of hands-on simulation activities, participants will experience the challenges that students with dyslexia are faced with on a daily basis. Decoding Dyslexia Ottawa Hills is a grass roots parent organization committed to raising awareness about dyslexia in the community, and empowering families to support and advocate on behalf of their children. This event is for parents, teachers, and educators and is free of charge. Please contact Linda at lindafrey5@gmail.com or 636.466.5068 by October 18 to register.

ALTAR FLOWERS

A donation was made to the Epworth Floral fund last Sunday by Jennie Vancil in loving memory of Mark Vancil's birthday.

HEALING & WHOLENESS SERVICE

Join us in the Sanctuary at 7pm on **October 15**. 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. Questions? Email Pastor Beth at Beth@epworth.com.

BABY BOOMER'S FALL EVENT

Do you consider yourself a baby boomer or wish you were? Then join us at beautiful Maumee Bay State Park, site 92. Join us for a cookout and campfire with friends on **October 19** from 3-5pm. We will provide dot dogs, condiments, water, table service and cups. Please bring a dish to pass and beverage of your choice and your chair. Fun provided by the Gottfrieds, Sanders, and Johnsons! For questions or to RSVP, text or call Ruth Ann at 419.344.7349.

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.

Tuesday, October 22: Sue Ball's 1021 Garden Trail (this is a club house). RSVP to 419.234.5380 (call or text).

ADULT SINGLES

Single, divorced and widowed adults in the Toledo community are invited to join. RSVP to Nancy Hauer at hauer.nancy@yahoo.com or call 419.885.4595. The next opportunity to join us is:

Monday, October 7: Dinner at Barry Bagel's, Holland-Sylvania Rd. and Sylvania Ave. followed by Handel's \$1 ice cream special.

ARE YOU READY FOR ROCKET FOOTBALL?

We're coordinating an outing to the October 26 University of Toledo football game versus Eastern Michigan University. The event will include a tailgate potluck before the game. Bring food to share with your Epworth family and invite friends! Tickets need to be reserved and paid for by **TODAY**. For more info, contact Gary at Hinkson.gary@gmail.com.

OCTOBER DEBORAH CIRCLE

On Saturday, **October 12**, we make our yearly trip to stroll the streets of the canal town of Grand Rapids, Ohio and gather for comfort food, small plates and healthy options for lunch at La Roe's. Meet at the church at 10:15 to carpool. RSVP to Debbie at dkeller@abilitycenter.org. (or just join us for lunch at 1pm). The shops do not open until 11 and should be well-stocked for the Apple Butter Festival.

PARENT'S NIGHT OUT

Join us at Reset Toledo 5305 Monroe St. on Saturday **October 12** at 6 pm. Drop off childcare available starting at 5:30 at the church. Meet at the restaurant for a fun evening of food and vintage arcade games. Please RSVP on the connection card or email Susan at Speedracer40@hotmail.com with attendance and childcare (if needed) by Sunday Oct. 6. RSVP's are required for both childcare and seating at the restaurant. We hope to see you there!

3RD GRADE BIBLE PRESENTATION

The children will be presented with their Bibles on Sunday, **October 20**, at the 9:45am service. The Bible the children will receive is *The Hands On Bible*, which is a new living translation, especially designed for students and contains maps, charts, study aids, and is in an easy-to-read format. Children and parents will then go to a hands-on workshop, 3rd Grade Faith Passage, following the presentation we will learn how to use the Bible. By working together, we can build a strong foundation for our children. Have questions? Please email Mary at mary@epworth.com.