



EPWORTH NEWSLETTER

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This is the 13th Edition of the Bi-monthly Newsletter

Mission Statement

"To build and nurture relationships with God and our neighbors"

Summer has arrived in all of its glory! It is so nice to wake up in the mornings to bright and sunny days and being able to be outdoors getting reacquainted with our neighbors as we take in the glory and beauty of God's creation.

There is a lot going on at Epworth this summer, beginning with the upcoming Vacation Bible School - "Rolling River Rampage" - for children ages 4 through 12, Monday, June 18 through Thursday, June 21 from 6-8 PM. Pick up registration forms in the South Lobby for this fun event where they will discover an interactive, energizing, Bible-based program, becoming "rafters" as they experience the ride of a lifetime with God. They will be exploring how to serve God and God's mission in their lives. Activities include art projects, learning new songs, exploring the Science Station, as well as recreational activities and "yummy" snacks. There is no charge and walk-ins are welcome. Be sure to let your neighbors know about it!

Congratulations are in order for Jarred Taylor on his graduation from Northland High School this past week.

Please make it a point to welcome our new members: Tom O'Neil, Cora Green, Lynn Moyer, Aminata Saffa, and Judy Stevens, along with Joyce McSwain, who has reinstated her membership at Epworth. Look for their pictures on the bulletin board in the south entryway.

Pastor Jennifer & Bill, along with Nancy & David Griffiths attended the West Ohio Annual Conference at Lakeside this past week. The theme this year was "Be Not Afraid: There is Enough," celebrating God's abundance. You will be hearing more about their experience at a later date. Pastor Jennifer has been reappointed as our pastor for another year!

Epworth will once again host a picnic for the community immediately following the 4th of July parade. Last year we served over 525 people and this year we look to do the same or more. The picnic will be held under the BIG tent as we did last year. This requires an abundance of volunteers to help with set-up, provide food, and help clean up. Sign-up sheets are available in the church lobby. This is a wonderful way to serve your church and community. Please sign up now as we welcome our community to Epworth, a safe place for all people.

Have you noticed that Epworth looks better every day? There is still a lot of work going on inside and out. Just walk around the halls and take a look. The kitchen has been cleaned and painted, with tile being placed in the sink area, as well the cupboards being cleaned and reorganized. As for the outside, the yard has never looked better. Many thanks to all those who have put in a lot of time and effort in making this happen.

Epworth was not scheduled to host a Produce Market in June; however, they will start up again on July 10 and run through October 9. This occurs on the second Tuesday of the month, and requires a lot of volunteers. This half day event is a wonderful opportunity for those of you with limited time to serve. If you are interested in learning more about this, please contact Wayne VanHouten.

Upcoming Events - Please put on your calendars!

Annual Spaghetti Dinner and Silent Auction - Saturday, September 15, 4:30 – 7:30 pm

This is one of the major fundraisers for the church and we will need a lot of help from you in promoting this event to your family & friends, as well as the community. We will soon be asking for donations of your time, beverages and help in soliciting items for the silent auction. The menu includes a salad, rolls, all you can eat spaghetti & meatballs, dessert and beverage. Adult tickets (ages 12 & over) are \$10, with children's (ages 11 – 4) being \$5.

We are in need of items for the silent auction. They should be nice, clean, and in "salable" condition. We also need a few people to help us solicit businesses in the area for items and gift cards for the auction. If you are willing to help with this, please contact Rae Pollina. You will be provided with the proper letters of receipt from the church for any items you may receive.

Northland Community Bazaar – Saturday, September 22, 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

We will be hosting this community event sponsored by the Northland Alliance and other community organizations. There will be food trucks, entertainment, vendors selling handmade items from various cultures, and more. Hopefully the weather will cooperate, and the event can be held outside on the north lawn, but we always have the multi-purpose room as a backup! This is a wonderful opportunity to provide a safe and welcoming place for our neighbors in the Northland area. We hope to celebrate the diversity of the community, build new relationships, and show them Epworth's true spirit of hospitality!

Annual Craft Show – Saturday, November 3, 2018 – 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

Registration forms will be sent out in the near future for this event. Please pass this information on to any crafters you may know.

Current Bible Study Classes are held as follows:

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| Sundays - 9:00 am | United Methodist Men's Group Bible Study – Room 10 |
| | “Bad Girls” Bible Study – Room 9 |
| Sundays - 6:15 pm | Cultivating Christian Life Bible Study - Off for the summer
will commence in September. |
| Wednesday – 7:00 pm | Bible Study w/Pastor Jennifer Casto |

Be sure to check out our website: www.epworth-on-karl.com for information on upcoming events, and our Face Book page: Epworth UMC Columbus for pictures from our recent activities, and thoughtful quotes from Pastor Jennifer.

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