

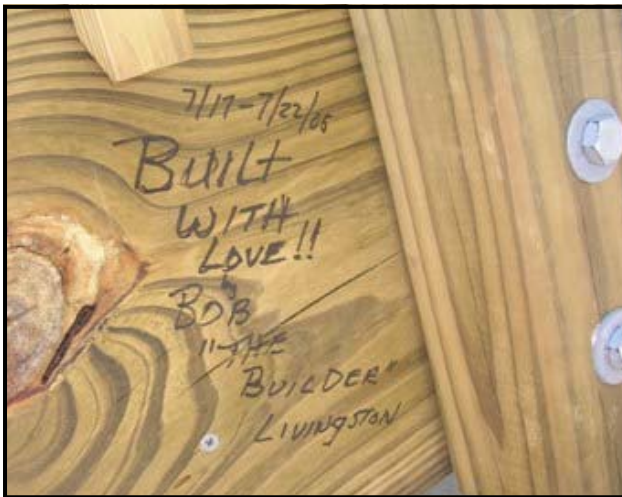
# Epworth Center news

Issue 3:3 "Sow abundantly... reap abundantly." -2 Corinthians 9:6

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“ I cannot say enough ‘thank yous’ for the kindness the SOWERS have shown. I sit here in tears trying to convey to you what’s in my heart. I was/am greatly moved by their kindness. It’s been a long time since someone treated me nice. ... In addition, ***their kindness is helping in renewing my faith***, which started faltering when my mother suffered for a couple years in the hospital before passing away. Your volunteers came ready with their own tools and supplies. They worked in the heat and at times in the rain. They worked and played well together. Our home felt empty each time the folks would leave. Once again, thank you and may God bless each and every one.”

Thank you to all who participated in and prayed for the SOWER Work Mission!



This summer, over 200 people came to the Epworth Center to participate in the SOWER Work Mission Program. They came as servants, willing to do whatever was necessary to complete the task at hand. Thirty-six projects were completed, in more than 14 local communities. These projects included handicap accessible ramps, painting, siding, and roofing.

Not only were projects completed, but relationships were also formed. Enriching relationships is a key part of the SOWER Program. Volunteers spend time with the clients they serve, getting to know them and sharing the light of Christ with them.

Visit [www.epworthcenter.org](http://www.epworthcenter.org) for pictures and testimonials from this summer.

“ This was the ***best experience I’ve ever had. It has made me feel so good.***”  
-SOWER Participant

Mark your calendar for this year’s SOWER Celebration Dinner!

You are invited to attend the SOWER Celebration Dinner which will be held on Saturday, October 22 at 6:00 p.m. at the Epworth Center. We will have good food, wonderful fellowship and excellent musical entertainment. Join us as we reflect on this year’s program and look forward to next year. Tickets are \$15.00 for adults and \$10.00 for youth. All proceeds benefit the SOWER Work Mission Program. Come and give glory to God for the good work he does! Contact us for more information or visit [www.epworthcenter.org](http://www.epworthcenter.org). We will have more details posted online soon! We hope to see you there!

## A Word from the Director...

As I reflect on this past summer, I give thanks to God for the past five SOWER Work Missions that I have directed. It is wonderful to see clients being helped with the repairs they need. Most had nowhere else to turn. Groups came as servants and experienced fellowship, good meals, fun and made a real difference for persons.

SOWER is a good test of character. Life is about working together to accomplish goals. SOWERS learn skills such as team building, cooperation, patience, and productivity. They also learn to listen and care for those they serve.

One group leader reflected, "This is a great way to do mission work. It is a healthy balance of support for the group and freedom for the group to develop its own character."

We would like to thank all who participated in the SOWER Work Mission this past summer. We look forward to next summer and all the excitement and challenges it holds!

-Rev. Lester Wilson

## Have you participated in SOWER?

Visit [www.epworthcenter.org](http://www.epworthcenter.org) to share YOUR work mission experience!



## Parish Nurse Program

Pastors and lay persons, consider working with the Epworth Center to establish a parish nurse program in your church and community!

Reach out to others in a practical way. The life you save may be your own!

Contact the Epworth Center for more information about beginning a parish nurse program in your church and community.

**Mission Statement:** Making disciples for Jesus Christ by working with local churches to make building repairs for individuals, families, churches, and non-profit organizations who cannot afford them.

## Prayer Requests...

1. New cabin project
2. Parish nurse program
3. SOWER Celebration Dinner
4. SOWER 2006
5. SOWER Clients
6. Retreat ministries
7. Project Manna
8. Christmas dinner for inmates

The Epworth Center is listed as both an East Ohio Conference Advance Special and a General Advance of the United Methodist Church.



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## SOWER Work Mission

SOWER is an ecumenical ministry of the Southern Hills District of the United Methodist Church. The acronym "SOWER" means Sharing Our Witness Enriching Relationships. SOWERS come to the Epworth Center as servants, willing to do whatever is necessary to assist the clients they serve.