

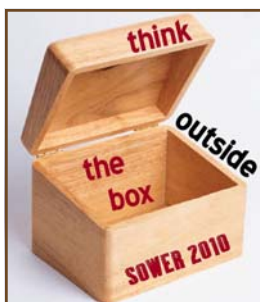


On Saturday, October 3 we celebrated both the SOWER Work Mission and Rev. Lester Wilson's ministry at the Epworth Center.

Congratulations on your retirement, Rev. Wilson & thank you for 8+ great years! [Visit our website for more pictures from the event. We had a great time!]

Great Food For All [GFFA]

The Epworth Center is proud to be a GFFA host site. You can be one too! By listing Epworth Center as the referring site, you not only can reach out to those in your community, but you can also support one area of our hunger program. GFFA is a nondenominational company providing top-quality food to individuals at a low price. There are no income guidelines or limits. GFFA says, "If you eat, you qualify!" The menu changes monthly and includes boxes such as breakfast, kids, senior and more. For more information, visit www.greatfoodforall.com.



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Looking Ahead...

Just recently Reverend Lester Wilson retired along with his wife Wanda. The baton was handed to Reverend Lou Verdi, who will serve as the executive director and to Dawn Livingston, who will serve as the associate director.

The ministries of the Epworth Center will continue through the SOWER Work Mission and various outreach ministries, including hunger, health, prison, partnership with local group homes, and furniture.

The Epworth Center will pursue educational opportunities along with pastoral and congregational nurturing. We will also explore more youth events and learning opportunities. As always, the Epworth Center is available for rentals and retreats.

Fall is one of the most beautiful seasons at Epworth Center!

There are a number of ways that you can get involved in supporting our many ministries. Visit our website to review our **"mission opportunities are knocking" ideas**, or

consider coming to the Epworth Center for a retreat or event.

Our theme for SOWER 2010 is **THINK OUTSIDE THE BOX**. We encourage you to THINK OUTSIDE THE BOX in how you can support Epworth Center... as an individual, church, family, small group, youth group, etc... Use your imagination! **You can make a difference!** Have a wonderful and blessed fall season!



Making a difference with outreach

It's that time of year again... looking forward to the shopping, present wrapping, crowded stores, and joy of Christmas. This year we challenge you to THINK OUTSIDE THE BOX and ask yourself "what can I do to be a blessing to others?" Ask yourself "how can I show Christ's love during the Christmas season?" The Epworth Center has quite a few opportunities for you to get involved!

- ◆ Help provide Christmas for the local group home girls—The Epworth Center hosts a Christmas party for the girls, including Mary Kay makeovers, tree decorations, carols, and presents (Bible included). Donations are needed to help supply the meal and gifts. We could also use volunteers to help oversee the present wrapping and food box packing for our hunger outreach that the girls do while they are here.
- ◆ Each year the Epworth Center distributes food boxes for local families in need. We're collecting food items and monetary donations through Monday, December 7. Food items include boxed potatoes, canned fruits and vegetables, coffee, fruit snacks, candy, paper products, cleaning supplies, Christmas cards and crafts, \$20-\$25 gift cards for perishables, and more. This is a great way for your family, church, church group, youth group or more to get involved. For a full list of items needed, visit our website or contact us.
- ◆ Get involved in prison ministry! The Epworth Center hosts a luncheon for the inmates from the Belmont Correctional Institution. The men come and enjoy a great meal, decorate a tree, and there are devotionals available for them to take. Donations to help cover the cost of the meal and devotionals are needed.

You can make a difference this Christmas. Contact us for more details.

Make your voice count... Submit to our "top 10" list. Finish the following statement: The Top 10 Reasons to go on a SOWER Work Mission Trip are.... Submit 1, 2, 3, 10 ideas - you get the point! Who knows, maybe this will be our 2010 tshirt! Submit by email or post on our Facebook page.

JOIN US FOR SOWER 2010!

There's still room available in our SOWER Work Mission schedule! Come make building repairs for those in need, or come and assist a local church with Vacation Bible School. Visit our website or contact us for more information. We'd be glad to mail you a packet, including a PowerPoint presentation. THINK OUTSIDE THE BOX.

Have you had your flu shot yet?

Coming in November! Flu shots! Visit our website or contact us for more info.

Mission Statement:

Making disciples for Jesus Christ by working with local churches to make building repairs for individuals, families, churches, and nonprofit organizations who cannot afford them.

Epworth Center Prayer Requests

SOWER participants and clients, hunger ministry, prison ministry, medical ministry, volunteers, staff

The Epworth Center is listed as an East Ohio Conference Advance Special.

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the Southern Hills and
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SOWER has an
ecumenical focus,
welcoming groups from
many denominations.