



Epworth Center news

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

Spring 2005

Greetings from the Epworth Center!

It's now May and we're gearing up for the beginning of the SOWER work season! We have groups coming from Indiana, Michigan and Ohio. There are a number of good projects to accomplish. These projects represent real people who are looking to our SOWER groups to make much needed building repairs.

One such person lives in a community that has been devastated by floods. She is a single mother whose only income is from a minimum wage job with no benefits. She is wonderful to talk with and has a positive outlook in a challenging situation. We need to fix her restroom, and tape and paint her sheetrock walls.

Another individual is confined to his home because of cancer and needs one of our teams to repair his deck and steps.

We have two families that have been flooded, and we are in the process of helping them rebuild their homes. One family of five needs an addition onto their home. They moved out of the flood plain and purchased another home that needs an addition. Another family of four's home has been flooded twice, and we are helping to build a new home on higher ground, out of the flood plain. We have set aside money to purchase windows, siding, a furnace and a hot water tank.

The SOWER groups are a joy to be with! They come with enthusiasm to help and to have a good experience.

Our staff is excited and looking forward to working together to bring hope to our clients. Please keep us in your prayers.

-Rev. Lester Wilson

Looking for a daily devotional? Check out The Upper Room Online at www.upperroomonline.org. You can register for the free online daily devotional and learn more about their ministry.

What's New with SOWER?

We are very excited about the upcoming SOWER season! There are over 200 participants registered, and we have numerous projects to complete. These projects include handicap ramps, painting, roofing, restroom installation, carpentry and many more. For more detailed information about some of the projects, visit the SOWER Work Mission page on our website.

We are in need of volunteers to help in the kitchen and on the worksite. If you feel God calling you to help in the area of mission, please contact us ASAP!

Upcoming Events @ Epworth...

Mon, June 5—First week of SOWER

Sat, July 23—Epworth Board Meeting

Sun, July 31—Fri, Aug 5—District SOWER

Mon, Aug 8—Fri, Aug 12—Day Camp

Visit www.epworthcenter.org for a complete listing!

Parish Nurse Update

The first parish nurse extension ministry program began on April 24 in the Neffs community. Services offered include blood sugar testing, blood pressure reading, and general information about various health issues. Everyone in the community is welcome to come. For more information about the Neffs Parish Nursing program, contact Brenda at 740.699.0262.

If you are within the Southern Hills District and would like to explore the opportunity of an Epworth Center parish nurse extension ministry program at your church, contact us today.

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



Advance Special	#9140
General Advance	#180758 Cabin project
General Advance	#180759 Extension ministries

District SOWER Work Mission

If your church is in the current St. Clairsville District or will be a part of the Southern Hills District, you are invited to join us for a District SOWER on **Sunday, July 31—Friday, August 5!** This is a great opportunity for you to experience a SOWER work camp first-hand! The deadline for registration is July 5 and space is limited. For more information, contact the Epworth Center today.

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.

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Day Camp

The Epworth Center is hosting a day camp for area youth in August. These youth need your help! Consider sponsoring a child or two by donating a \$50 campership (or part of a campership). Your generosity will make this camp possible for children who would greatly benefit from a week at day camp. These funds help pay for food, supplies, staff and other needs.

We will be inviting children from local churches, neighborhoods, and the nearby trailer park.

Make a difference, help a child today!

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.

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