



# Epworth Center news

Issue 4:1 "Sow abundantly... reap abundantly." -2 Corinthians 9:6

Spring 2006

## From the director... SOWER's 10th Anniversary

It's amazing when you think about SOWER getting ready to celebrate its tenth anniversary this summer.

SOWER began as an idea in a planning meeting and took shape in the summer of 1996. Since then many area residents have benefited because of the SOWER building repair ministry.

## 1996—2006

At the very heart of the SOWER Work Mission is the desire to bring hope in relational and practical ways. It is our aim to be the hands and feet of Jesus. In essence, to be a hands on expression of God's love and encouragement.

God has richly blessed the SOWER Work Mission Program, its recipients and workers.

*Consider forming a group and coming to the Epworth Center this summer.* Come, worship, work and have a great time serving the Lord!

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## Upcoming Events @ Epworth...



- Monday, March 6—Spaghetti Luncheon
- Sat, March 18—Epworth Board Meeting
- Fri, April 14—Good Friday (closed)
- Sun, April 16—Easter Blessings!
- Wed, April 26—Health Fair
- Sun, June 4—First week of SOWER

Visit [www.epworthcenter.org](http://www.epworthcenter.org) for a complete listing!

Join us for the  
10th anniversary of the  
SOWER Work Mission Program!

Come make building repairs for individuals, families, churches and non-profit organizations who cannot afford them. Your group can make a difference! Visit [www.epworthcenter.org](http://www.epworthcenter.org) for more information, or call or email us today!

We are having a Spaghetti Luncheon fundraiser on Monday, March 6 from 11 am—6:00 pm to provide Easter dinner and treats for local families. \$5.00 donation to eat in or take out.

## Health Fair

Join us on Wednesday, April 26 from 10:00 am—6:00 pm for a Health Fair! Attendees include:

Barnesville Hospital—various health screenings

Anwar Eye Clinic—vision screenings

Sonotone—hearing screenings

Barnesville Home Health

Retired & Senior Volunteer Program—CAC

Barnesville Hospital Dietician

SOWER Client Information

Parish Nurse Program Information

AND MANY MORE!

Screenings begin at 10:00 a.m.

“Dear children, let us not love in word or in tongue; but in deed and in truth.” - 1 John 3:18

## SOWER Client Referrals

The Epworth Center is accepting client referrals for the 2006 SOWER Work Mission. To qualify for building repair assistance, the following must be met:

1. There must be financial need.
2. The person should own (not rent) the home/property.
3. It has to be a SAFE working environment.
4. There needs to be restroom facilities and a place nearby for lunch for the SOWERS.

To refer someone, please visit our website to download or fill out a SOWER Client Referral form. You may also contact the Epworth Center for a form.

## Prison ministry update

In December, the Epworth Center held a Christmas luncheon for inmates and staff of the Belmont Correctional Institution to thank them for their work in community service.

The inmates decorated the Christmas tree and sang Christmas carols after the meal. Rev. Wanda Wilson, Southern Hills District Superintendent, read the Christmas story from Luke. Devotionals were offered for those who were wish to take one. Poinsettias that are grown at the institution were donated to Epworth and given to Christmas basket families.

**"The luncheon uplifted my spirits."**



In honor of the 10th anniversary of SOWER, we want YOU to vote for your favorite 2006 t-shirt design... Log onto [www.epworthcenter.org](http://www.epworthcenter.org) to vote today! All votes must be received by April 15.

## Wanted: groups to help with VBS

As a part of the SOWER Program, groups are needed to volunteer their time and talents to conduct Vacation Bible School for local churches. If your church is interested, please contact the Epworth Center for more information.



Happy Easter!



## Prayer Requests...

1. New cabin project
2. Parish nurse program
3. SOWER 2006
4. SOWER Clients
5. Hunger program

**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.

## Have you participated in SOWER?

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

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.