

Epworth Center news

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"Sharing Our Witness Enriching Relationships"

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From the director...

I journeyed with Bishop Hopkins to Israel in January and felt blessed to be with Christians on this pilgrimage. I particularly enjoyed our visits to the Hope School and Princess Basma Hospital. Children and youth were being educated and supported in a challenging political culture. I was proud to learn that both of these institutions were being supported by the General Advance of The United Methodist Church.

Jesus was a man who took time to talk with and care for children. In our hurried adult world let us listen and support the children around us. The Epworth Center gives priority to mothers with children in its SOWER Work Mission program. It supports and encourages children and youth activities.

One example is a home that SOWERS roofed and painted. Heather is a widowed single mother with two teenage daughters. Her husband passed away from cancer. Heather works full-time as a waitress. SOWERS were able to make the needed building repairs and also spend time with the family, bringing them encouragement. The Epworth Center also provided food, a couch, chairs and a bed for them.

Another example is from last summer. SOWERS worked on a home with three generations of a family, including small children. SOWERS coated the roof, provided two dumpsters to clean the yard and big items out of the house. We were able to reinforce the connection between these families and the local United Methodist Church. The Epworth Center also helped provide food for Christmas.

May God bless the children in your families, churches and communities. Your prayers, volunteerism and donations are welcomed and appreciated.

-Rev. Lester Wilson



Epworth Center Prayer Requests ...

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

D	03.09 ~ Remember to spring ahead!
A	03.16 ~ Easter community luncheon
T	Week of 03.17 ~ Easter events: food
E	basket distribution, luncheons for
S	inmates and girl's group home
O	03.21 ~ Good Friday / closed
T	03.23 ~ Happy Easter... He is risen!
O	04.19-19 ~ PAUMCS (SOWER is the
R	featured mission)
R	05.26 ~ Closed for Memorial Day
E	June ~ SOWER begins!
M	07.04 ~ Closed for Independence Day
B	07.12 ~ Health Fair
E	
R	

**CELEBRATE THIS EASTER
SEASON
BY
BEING A
BLESSING TO OTHERS**



Help families in need - provide a food basket!

Your family, church, youth group, friends, neighbors, _____ (be creative), can get involved by donating a food basket. **Your gift of \$45 will provide Easter dinner for a family!** For more information, including a list of what is found in a complete basket, visit our website. Your assistance is appreciated for this needed outreach ministry.

VACANCY

Looking for a work mission?

There is still room available in the SOWER Work Mission. Contact us today!

**"Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much."
-Helen Kellar**

Easter Luncheons

The Epworth Center is partnering with Real Life Community of Faith UMC for a community luncheon on Sunday, March 16. We will also have food baskets available for those who need them. We hope to have an Easter egg tree, egg coloring for the kids and lots more!

During the week before Easter, we will have a luncheon for the girl's from the local group home. They will help pack some food baskets, enjoy a great meal, share in the Easter story, and a Mary Kay representative will have a makeup demonstration.

We will also have a second luncheon for the Belmont Correctional Institution. "Wha-Ke-We-Nn?" hammered dulcimer group from Fairmont, West Virginia will share musical talents. The inmates and staff will enjoy a great meal and we will read the story of Easter.

Easter is a wonderful time to reach out to the community. For more information about these events, or to find out how you or your church can get involved, please contact us or visit our website.



Health Fair

The Epworth Center is hosting a health fair on Saturday, July 12 during Chautauqua Days. Join us for screenings, a youth walk/run and lots more. Visit our website for complete information as it is made available.



Mission opportunities are knocking... Will you answer and make a difference?



Are you looking for ways to get involved in mission? Each edition we will highlight a new idea or ideas about how you or your church can support the Epworth Center. Visit our website for a complete list or contact us for more details!

Collect items for a SOWER supply kit: Place in a cooler: 2 paint tarps, 4 paint brushes, 2 paint rollers, 2 dust masks, 1 tape measure, 2 pairs safety goggles, 1 box bandaids, 2 hammers, 1 roll paper towels, 1 roll electrical tape, 2 containers antibacterial hand sanitizer

Be a 'supply steward.' Recycle any HP, Lexmark or Dell ink or toner cartridge and donate it to the Epworth Center. We can use the recycled cartridges to receive discounts on office supplies. A small cartridge is actually a big help to us!

Visit our website for photos of renovated Cabin #2 & our journey to the Holy Land!



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.

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

Advance Special 9140- SOWER; 9191- Outreach
General Advance 180758 - Cabin project
General Advance 180759 - Extension ministries

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SOWER Work Mission

A ministry of the East Ohio Conference of
The United Methodist Church,
working within
the Southern Hills and
Ohio Valley Districts.

SOWER has an
ecumenical focus,
welcoming groups from
many denominations.