



Have you taken the time to 'think outside the box' today? We are very excited with the response to our 2010 SOWER Work Mission season! We have groups coming from Ohio, Michigan, Indiana, and Illinois. These groups have committed to 'think outside the box' and come and make a

difference for individuals, families, churches and nonprofit organizations in the area who need building repair assistance.

It's not too late! You can make a difference too. We still have room available in our summer schedule. There are also other ways you are able to get involved. Here are just a few!

Sponsor a "Mission Sunday" at your church. Set aside a special Sunday to inspire and inform your congregation.

Volunteer at Epworth as...

- ... a youth group
- ... an individual
- ... a UMW or UMM project
- ... a family

Be creative with your talents and gifts! We can use volunteers for tasks such as cooking, cleaning, light office work, and grounds care. During SOWER, volunteers with construction experience are needed on worksites and material runners are also needed.

Collect items for supply kits.

SOWER Kit - Place in a cooler:

- 2 paint tarps
- 4 paint brushes
- 2 paint rollers
- 2 safety goggles
- 2 containers antibacterial hand sanitizer
- 1 box bandaids
- 2 dust masks
- 1 tape measure
- 2 hammers
- 1 roll paper towels
- 1 roll electrical tape

Parish Nurse Kit - Place in small clear tote:

- bandaids
- rolled gauze
- for children: stickers, coloring book, Crayons
- 4x4 gauze pads
- plastic gloves
- 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 cartridges to receive discounts on office supplies. A small cartridge is actually a big help!

Contact us or visit our website for more information on these and other volunteer mission opportunities. Be creative and 'think outside the box' today!



Upcoming events

Saturday, April 24 Beth Moore Satellite Event
May 24-25 Order of Elders
 Work Mission

Saturday, May 22 GFFA Distribution

Monday, May 31 Closed for Memorial Day

JUNE SOWER BEGINS!

Saturday, July 10 Health Fair & Walk

Easter 'Egg' bits...

We had a great time this year for Easter! We were able to host luncheons for the girls from the local group home, staff and inmates from Belmont Correctional Institution, and also one for the community (the Easter bunny even made an appearance)! Thank you to our volunteers who donated their time to make these events successful.

Our "Facebook Friends" have probably read this, but we wanted to share it with all of you. When we were planning these Easter events we stumbled upon this quote in a book and it really made us think:

"In the love of Christ, who came to save those who are lost and vulnerable, we urge the creation of genuinely new systems for the care and support of the victims of crime and for rehabilitation that will restore, preserve, and nurture the humanity of the imprisoned." -author quoted from the Social Principles UMC

Hosting Christmas and Easter luncheons for the inmates and the girls from the group home has given us great opportunities to show Christ to those who may not normally see His goodness through others. God has even worked through having the inmates volunteer at Epworth Center for community service...not too long ago, we had the wonderful experience of praying with one of the men as he invited Christ into his heart! God is good!

We are blessed to reach out in an innovative way. How can you reach out to be a blessing to others?

We are taking monthly **Great Food For All** orders. Visit our website or www.greatfoodforall.com for more details.

Health Fair & Footprints in the Park walk

Our annual health fair and Footprints in the Park Walk is slated for Saturday, July 10 during Epworth Park's Chautauqua Days. We have a lot of exciting activities planned. More information coming soon.

Did you know that Epworth Center is proud to be a host site for Church Communication Network satellite events? Visit our website for a list of upcoming events. There will be other events later this year as well!

Sign up for our online emailing list at www.epworthcenter.org!

Epworth Center prayer requests

SOWER participants and clients, outreach ministries, volunteers, staff



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 an East Ohio Conference Advance Special:
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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.