

Epworth Center



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"Sharing Our Witness Enriching Relationships"

Summer 2008

From the director...

The Epworth Center is looking forward to a busy summer making building repairs for individuals, families and churches.

One of our group leaders, Rev. Jonathan Reese, will be returning with family and church members, making this his eighth SOWER camp. It has been a joy to greet and work with Jonathan and to welcome the group yearly.

The Epworth Center offers a friendly, welcoming atmosphere, good food, comfortable furniture, and air conditioning. Cabin #2 has been renovated with the help of the inmates from the Belmont Correctional Institution, and two Epworth Center volunteers, Jim Webber and Junior Merckle. The cabin is inviting and sleeps 16 in air conditioning.

I am truly blessed as the director of the Epworth Center to see SOWER groups working together in harmony as they make needed repairs for persons in need.

There is still time to register your group and join us. We have a good time serving God and our neighbors, and fellowshiping together at the Epworth Center!

-Rev. Lester Wilson

.....ready, set... SOWER!.....

At the Epworth Center we are excited for the SOWER Work Mission program this summer. We have groups registered from Ohio, Illinois, and Michigan, Indiana. SOWERS will come to make building repairs such as handicap accessible ramps, painting, porch repair, roofing, siding and more. There are a lot of persons in the area who benefit from having a SOWER team work on their home. For more information and updates as the SOWER season progresses, please visit our website.

SOWER Work Mission PowerPoint presentations are available!

Share the ministry of the Epworth Center with your church, UMW, UMM, etc!

Visited our website recently? We want your feedback! Take our short survey—a link is provided at the bottom of our homepage.

SOWER t-shirts are here!

HE can do it, we can help.

Visit our website or contact us to order. All proceeds go to our hunger outreach.

Tips for planning a work mission trip are available online! Check them out today.

SOWERS make a difference. You can too! There is still some availability in the summer work mission schedule and we also accept weekend adult mission trips. Visit our website for a list of projects that need to be completed, including material lists, photos and information about individuals/families. Contact us for more information.





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 tons more. It will be an exciting time filled with lots of information and fun! Visit our website for complete details as they become available.

"Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice!" - Philippians 4:4

Epworth Center Prayer Requests ...

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

SOWER featured as mission project for 2008 National PAUMCS Conference

The Epworth Center and SOWER would like to express its thanks for the outpouring of generosity at the National PAUMCS Conference in Dayton. The donations received will help make building repairs for many individuals and families this summer. We are overjoyed with the items that were donated. They are an answer to prayer! We received over 530 items, including: gift cards and cash totaling over \$1,300; over 150 paint brushes; 8 complete roller kits and extra paint trays; other painting supplies such as tape, mixing sticks, roller brushes, scrapers, drop cloths; 146 dust masks; chalk reels and chalk; a saw blade; 20 pairs of gloves and 34 disposable gloves; 23 sets of goggles; miscellaneous items such as all weather protection, hand sanitizer, tool belts, bucket organizers, bungee cords, utility, putty and taping knives, tape measures, laser level, small dolly, all purpose wipes, trash bags, paper towels; tools such as hammers, a super wonder bar, screwdrivers, pliers; gardening and other items such as shovels, rakes, and spades. Also, we enjoyed being a part of the conference and giving the missions presentation during worship on Thursday. It was an honor to be able to share the SOWER Work Mission and outreach ministries of the Epworth Center. Praise God!

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!

Sponsor a youth SOWER worker (\$250) or donate materials fees for a SOWER group (\$1500).

THANK YOU to Old Wegee UMC in the Ohio Valley District for donating a SOWER kit! These needed supplies will be very useful this summer.

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.

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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.