



Epworth Center news

Issue 3:4 "Sow abundantly... reap abundantly." -2 Corinthians 9:6

Winter 2005

Winter greetings from the director

The Epworth Center is pleased that we were able to make building repairs for 36 families in 2005 through SOWER. We are grateful for the church groups who came from three states, with giftedness and enthusiasm, to assist persons in need.

As we enter 2006, the Epworth Center is looking forward to a good year of ministry. We are hoping to bring light into darkness, to feed the hungry, and to encourage families through the Epworth Center's primary ministry, the SOWER Work Mission.

We want you to know that the Epworth Center has expanded its ministry to include a parish nurse program and a hunger outreach ministry to distribute food to families in need. We are helping a number of individuals who have fallen through the cracks. Visit www.epworthcenter.org for the latest updates on outreach ministries at the Epworth Center.

Keep us in your prayers. Your donations are needed and appreciated, and will be put to good use. Have a Happy New Year in 2006!

-Rev. Lester Wilson

"[Jesus said,] 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"
-Acts 20:35 NRSV

Celebrate the 10th anniversary of the SOWER Work Mission!

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 for more information, or call or email us today!

Outreach ministry update—we've been busy!

I have recently joined the team at the Epworth Center and I am blessed to be a part of the great works God is doing and will continue to do through this facility. I was here in the summer to see SOWER in full swing and it's amazing. I am inspired by Rev. Wilson's ideas.

I am in charge of beginning the parish nurse extension ministry and am sure there will be a great response. This ministry requires little time, but could save lives. I am eager to hear from churches that are interested in learning more about this ministry. **What a wonderful way for us to reach beyond the walls of our church and touch the community!** I am also praying for God to lead our food pantry ministry. This would be a great project to begin in conjunction with the parish nurse program.

When we reach out to the world wouldn't it be wonderful if we could meet their immediate needs while tending to their eternal ones? Please e-mail me with suggestions and/or inquiries. God bless!

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"For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." Isaiah 9:6 NIV



Epworth Friends 2005

The Epworth Center thanks the following for their contributions as Epworth Friends! May God bless you this coming year.

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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.

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Food baskets delivered

In November and December the Epworth Center delivered food baskets to families in need. Tears of joy were shed and gratitude was expressed.

One family said, "We came home and found the groceries and the gift card and immediately started crying."

We thank the churches and individuals who helped make Thanksgiving and Christmas special by donating food items and gift cards. If you or your church would like to get involved in our outreach ministry program, please contact us or email Brenda at Myersbren77@aol.com.

**"Thank you
very, very
much for
thinking of
us."**

**-food basket family,
Thanksgiving 2005**



Rev. Lester Wilson, Executive Director, Thanksgiving distribution

Have you participated in SOWER?

Visit 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.



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

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.