



EPWORTH UMC NEWSLETTER

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“Mothers Matter”

Mothers matter—yes, they do! Their impact, not only upon their immediate family members, but upon countries, culture, customs, and civilization is unfathomable! Perhaps William Ross Wallace (1819-1881) says it best in his poem entitled, “The Hand That Rocks the Cradle is the Hand That Rules the World.”

Mothers matter to us here in this extended family we call, Epworth United Methodist Church. That’s why we devote so much time and assets in support of weekday programs such as Moms Day Out (MDO) and Epworth Preschool ministries. That’s the reason we sponsor a superlative, “second-to-none” Mother-Daughter Banquet on the Friday night before Mother’s Day each year! That’s the reason we celebrate and recognize our mothers in each of our three worship services on Mother’s Day each year! Mothers matter to us at Epworth! Mothers make a difference!

I offer the following Mother’s Day Quiz to you as a challenge to test your biblical (and in one question, your denominational) knowledge about mothers. The answers are provided at another location in this issue of our Epworth newsletter. Good luck! Brother Grant

Mother’s Day Quiz

1. Who was the mother of Jesus? (Matthew 1:16)

2. Who was the mother of John the Baptist? (Luke 1:13)

3. Who was the mother of Samuel? (1 Samuel 1:20)

4. Who was the mother of Isaac? (Genesis 21:3)

5. Who was the mother of Jacob? (Genesis 25:21-26)

6. Who was the mother of Joseph? (Genesis 30:22-24)

7. Who was the mother of Timothy? (2 Timothy 1:5)

8. Who was the mother of Solomon? (2 Samuel 12:24)

9. Who was the mother of Abel? (Genesis 4:1-2)

10. Who was the mother of Seth? (Genesis 4:25)

11. Who was the mother of John Wesley? How many children did she give birth to?

12. Who said, “Behold your mother!” and what was the occasion? (John 19:26-27)

13. Who was John Mark’s mother? (Acts 12:12)

14. Two bachelors referenced the Old Testament (Gen. 2:24) when they said, “For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall



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become one flesh.” One was Paul in Ephesians 5:31. Who was the second? (Matthew 19:4-5)

15. In Matthew 19:19, Jesus reminds us to “honor our father and mother.” So does the apostle Paul in Ephesians 6:2. They were, of course, quoting the 10 Commandments, which are found in: (Choose one)

A. Genesis 10 and Exodus 12

B. Exodus 20 and Leviticus 4

C. Deuteronomy 5 and Numbers 20

D. Exodus 20 and Deuteronomy 5

E. Ezekiel 8 and Micah 9

F. Hezekiah 5 and Ephraim 40 (Don’t you dare!)

G. None of the above.

Bonus Question: Whose mother took a wife for him from the land of Egypt? (Gen. 16:1-11, 21:21)

Answers to Mother’s Day Quiz on page 4

EPWORTH KIDZ CREW

Looking for Kindergarten Graduates!

We will recognize K-5 Graduates at the 11:00 service on Sunday, May 15th. Please contact the church office: 334-298-3186, or Letha at 205-799-8547 to register your child's name, parent's name, and school name prior to this event.



Monumental Vacation Bible School

Your help is always needed and appreciated! Please sign up to help with DECORATIONS, TEACHING, CLEAN UP, KITCHEN, REGISTRATION, MUSIC, SOUND & VIDEO, NURSERY, PRESCHOOL. Check the website for online registration of Volunteers and Students.

*Background checks submitted by the church are required for all volunteers.

STUDENTS & VOLUNTEERS - PLEASE REGISTER AT: vbspro.events/p/epworthvbsmonumental

WE ARE DECORATING! If you are available to help with decorations, please contact Letha, Cindy Cameron or the church office.

VBS VOLUNTEER MEETING WILL BE HELD SUNDAY JUNE 5TH, AT 4:00. ALL VOLUNTEERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND!

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!!!
For all the help with the EASTER EGG-
STRAVAGANZA! We had a great time with
wonderful weather, and once again The
Epworth Family made our Kidz Ministry event
a success!

Luke 24:6

Epworth Kidz Preschool & Epworth Mom's Day Out Registration

Please contact Letha at letha.parker@epworth-pc.org or 334-298-3186 to register your child for the Summer MDO or Preschool, ages 3 and 4, beginning in August.

LAST DAY FOR EPWORTH KIDZ PRESCHOOL - Thursday, May 29.

PRESCHOOL GRADUATION that evening at 6:00 pm in the Sanctuary.

MOM'S DAY OUT - Will be closed the week of June 7th and reopen for the Summer on Tuesday, June 21st.

MDO Summer Program will close the week of July 25th and the Fall program will open Tuesday, August 9th.

CHERUB CHOIR AND KIDZ CRUISE

Our last practice/meeting until next September will be May 1st.

Cherubs will sing on Mother's Day, May 8th.

Summer Camp at Blue Lake

Coming July 11th—15th

For more information, please contact Letha Parker at Letha.parker@epworth-pc.org
*Age to attend—must be finishing the 3rd grade through 5th.

Because of generous donations to our Camp Scholarship Fund each year, we are able to provide half tuition for our campers as well as full scholarships for those that may need to apply. This year the cost per camper after applying our half scholarship funds will be \$170.

Please contact Letha for instructions on how to register and pay for each camper. We are required to provide one adult volunteer per every 6 students. Please contact Letha if you are available to attend camp as a volunteer.

Anniversaries

May 1	Rich & Becky Coreno
May 5	Paul & Tina Byrd
May 7	Seth & Brooke Sheppard
May 10	Chris & Cindy Lamb
May 14	Roger & Teresa Cassman Bob & Jodi Wisor
May 17	Shaun & Karen Cameron
May 19	Brian & Wendy Sieck Dalton & Caroline Pippins
May 20	Rejean & Shelley Lee
May 22	Rick & Patti Denzik Ralph & Vicky Moss
May 24	George & Kathryn Perdue
May 30	Ross & Shirley Goode

Visitation Volunteers

The following people will accompany Brother Grant when he goes visiting on Monday nights. Please meet Brother Grant at 6:30 pm at the church.

May 2—Mary Frances Head

May 9—Ross Goode

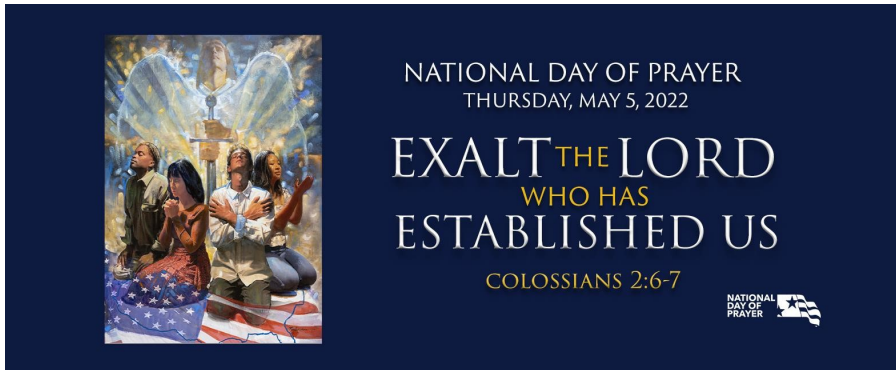
May 16—Pam Shores

May 23—Maria Chedrick

Blessings,
Kathryn Perdue

Birthdays

May 1	Claudia Hall
May 2	Sandra Rowan Paul Byrd Connor Sheppard
May 3	Mark Ensley
May 4	Alex Mooneyhan Gene Grantham
May 5	Kaila Lynn Nishimura Donnie Norton Caylin Tate Wanda Griffin
May 6	Jacob Head Raylan Woodham
May 7	Billy Belk
May 9	Lora Collins
May 11	Joseph Wade Deanna Ludwig Seth Sheppard
May 12	Mike Hamilton Sarah Garney
May 13	George Perdue Tyler Green Amanda Head
May 14	Vickie Taylor Shepherd Clark
May 15	Dison Martin Miles Hamilton
May 16	Neil Reddish Cathy Head
May 17	Jennifer Head
May 18	Jared Martin Carrie Jones
May 20	Sandy Clay Jared Brewer James Hall Tucker Stone Ellis Yohn
May 21	Michele Lake
May 22	Beth Robinson Bailey O'Neill Jaxon Prins
May 23	Gail Hogge
May 24	Judy Grimes Brent Dillard
May 26	Kirkland Ranew
May 28	Jamon Pate
May 29	Jayden Harris Meg Clark



National Day of Prayer 2022

National Day of Prayer will be held at Epworth on **Thursday, May 5, 2019**. Please save that day to join us in celebrating this special service. It will begin at 12:00 noon with special music, speakers, and many prayers for our country. The theme this year will be "Exalt the Lord Who Has Established Us" Colossians 2:6-7 NLT "And now, just as you accepted Christ Jesus as your Lord, you must continue to follow Him. Let your roots grow down into Him, and let your lives be built on Him. Then your faith will grow strong in the truth you were taught, and you will overflow with thankfulness."

Please plan to join us and bring your friends. The contact person is Pam Shores, tel. (706) 464-0148.



Youth Ministry Youth Ministry



Summer activities:

June 1: Family Fun Night- Fun, fellowship, food, and games. Upcoming 7th graders and family are invited to attend.

June 6-10: Youth Camp in Pigeon Forge, TN
Cost: \$150

Epic Summer 2.0 every Wednesday night in June and July.

June 21 thru July 26: Tuesday morning Bible study

More information coming soon. Please watch the bulletin, email and text for updates about what the youth will be doing this summer.

Thanks
Bro. Mark

Important Update:

May 1st will be our last Sunday night small group meeting for the semester. We will start back meeting again on Sunday nights starting September 11.



Wednesday: EUMC Youth

6:00 pm Doors and game room opens.

6:45 – 7:30 pm Youth Worship Service

Senior Graduate Recognition

Sunday, May 15, 2022

Recognition Breakfast at 9:15 am in the Fellowship Hall

Sr. High Recognition during the 9:45 am service

Answers to Mother's Day Quiz

1. Mary
2. Elizabeth
3. Hannah
4. Sarah
5. Rebekah
6. Rachel
7. Eunice
8. Bathsheba
9. Eve
10. Eve
11. Susanna Wesley, who gave birth to 19 children (though not all 19 survived to adulthood)
12. Jesus, during His crucifixion
13. Mary
14. Jesus
15. D

Bonus Question: Ishmael



May 2022

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
1 2:00-3:30 pm Couples Shower for Chandler Gatewood & Kaitlynn Brunson 5:00 pm Kidz Cruise - last practice/meeting 5:00-6:30 Youth Sunday Night Life	2 6:30 pm Man Church Celebration with Guest Speaker John Ed Mathison	3	4 9:00 am Mom's Day Out & Preschool 10:00 am Mobility Cart Workshop 6:00 –7:30 pm Youth 6:30 pm Classes, Pastor's Bible Study & Kidz Konnections	5 9:00 am Mom's Day Out & Preschool Noon National Day of Prayer Noon Preschool Mom's Tea 6:30 pm United Methodist Women	6	7
8 Mother's Day 11:00 Service Cherubs sing	9 10:00 am Mobility Cart Workshop	10 9:00 am Mom's Day Out & Preschool Newsletter Deadline	11 9:00 am Mom's Day Out & Preschool 10:00 am Mobility Cart Workshop 6:00 –7:30 pm Youth 6:30 pm Classes, Pastor's Bible Study & Kidz Konnections	12 9:00 am Mom's Day Out & Preschool 6:00 pm Men's Ministry meeting	13	14
15 HS Senior Recognition Sunday 9:15 HS Senior breakfast 4:00 pm Admin Board Mtg.	16 10:00 am Mobility Cart Workshop	17 9:00 am Mom's Day Out & Preschool 9:30 am Bible Study 6:30 pm Prayer Vigil	18 9:00 am Mom's Day Out & Preschool 10:00 am Mobility Cart Workshop 6:00 –7:30 pm Youth 6:30 pm Classes, Pastor's Bible Study & Kidz Konnections	19 9:00 am Mom's Day Out & Preschool— Last Day 6:00 pm Preschool Graduation in the Sanctuary	20	21
22 2:00 pm Bridal Shower for Emily Byrd	23 10:00 am Mobility Cart Workshop	24 9:00 am Mom's Day Out	25 9:00 am Mom's Day Out 10:00 am Mobility Cart Workshop 6:00 –7:30 pm Youth 6:30 pm Classes, Pastor's Bible Study & Kidz Konnections	26 9:00 am Mom's Day Out	27	28
29 Memorial Day Recognition during all 3 Services	30 Memorial Day Office closed	31 9:00 am Mom's Day Out		Remember FunFest on Saturday June 4th 11:00 am - 2:00 pm		



Sound Choices Baby Bottle Boomerang

Every week Sound Choices ministers to women & girls that are facing an unplanned pregnancy. They do this by providing free pregnancy testing, a trusted advocate to talk with, an ultrasound, and referrals for community resources. These women are given the opportunity to hear the gospel, see the value of their life and the life of their unborn baby, and understand how much God loves them.

Starting **Mother's Day** we will distribute baby bottles from Sound Choices Pregnancy Clinic. Please take **one** per family. We are asking that you take the bottles home, fill them with a check, cash or coins, and return them to the church on Father's Day, June 19th.

This year's goal is \$3,500! We can do this! By filling your Baby Bottle, you are introducing expectant moms to their baby via ultrasound, and also introducing them to Jesus Christ & the hope He provides. Women who visit Sound Choices are invited to attend **FREE**:

- Weekly Parenting Classes
- Bible Studies
- Confidential Abortion Recovery Counseling to women who are hurting from a past abortion experience. If you need to talk to someone about a past abortion, please email info@SoundChoicesPC.org or call 706.322.5024.

Keep filling those Baby Bottles throughout this week with your spare change, as we celebrate changed hearts! Whether your bottle is full or empty, Sound Choices asks you to return each bottle, because they re-use these bottles. **By returning each one, we help them to be good and faithful stewards of the funds you donate, and the income which God provides for the crucial ministry they offer.**