



EPWORTH CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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“Memorial Day”

Perhaps by the time you read this article, Memorial Day, Monday, May 29 would have come and gone. Hopefully, the significance of this national holiday will not fade, however! But my concern is that the importance of commemorating Memorial Day seems to diminish with the turnover of every generation of Americans!

We are indeed living in a different era in this “land of the free and the home of the brave.” It seems that we have developed an “entitlement mentality.” Too often, we have come to enjoy things at the expense of someone else’s labor. Consequently, we enjoy benefits such as freedom of speech, assembly, religion, worship, and the freedom to “come and go” as we please—but only a few Americans are willing to pay the price to provide, maintain and defend those freedoms!

It’s been said, “To those who fight for it, freedom has a flavor the protected never know!”

That statement is truly the essence of Memorial Day! Memorial Day is...

An American federal holiday, observed on the last Monday of May, honoring the men and women who died while serving

in the U.S. military. Originally known as Decoration Day, it began in the years following the Civil War and became an official federal holiday in 1971. The Civil War, which ended in the spring of 1865, claimed more lives than any conflict in U.S. history and required the establishment of the country’s first national cemeteries. By the late 1860s, Americans in various towns and cities had begun holding springtime tributes to these countless fallen soldiers, decorating their graves with flowers and reciting prayers. It is unclear where exactly this tradition originated, since numerous different communities may have independently initiated the memorial gatherings. Nevertheless, in 1966 the federal government declared Waterloo, New York, the official birthplace of Memorial Day. Waterloo—which first celebrated the day on May 5, 1866—was chosen because it hosted an annual, community-wide event, during which businesses closed and residents decorated the graves of soldiers with flowers and flags. Today, many Americans observe Memorial



by Rev. Grant Parker

Day by visiting cemeteries or memorials, holding family gatherings and participating in parades.

Let’s strive to remember those who would not forget us, sacrificing their lives so that the generations that followed them could live in freedom in this blessed country we call home, and could be free to worship our great God—who sent His Son to die on the Cross, that we might be set free from the wages of sin!

Brother Grant

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.

June 5th—Ross Goode

June 12th—Don Verner

June 19th—Mary Frances Head

June 26th—Marcia Myles

EPWORTH KIDZ CREW



Stellar

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

June 11th - Thursday, June 15th
6:00 - 8:30 PM

Volunteers are needed. Please sign up to help with TEACHING, CLEAN UP, KITCHEN, REGISTRATION, MUSIC, SOUND & VIDEO, NURSERY, PRESCHOOL. Check the website for online registration of **Volunteers and Students** or use link listed below.

Register online at:
<https://vbspro.events/p/events/epworthvbsstellar>

VBS Volunteer Workshop

Sunday, June 4th at 4:00 pm

Launch kids on a cosmic quest where they'll have a blast shining Jesus' light to the world. Stellar VBS rockets kids on an out-of-this-world adventure with faith-building fun and friendships. Join us!
All preschool - 5th graders welcome.

VBS VOLUNTEERS Please plan to be at the church at 5:00 pm on Sunday, June 11th for a meeting prior to the kids arriving for the 1st night of VBS.

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



Children's Art Camp

June 26th - 29th

More details coming soon.

COME JOIN KIDZ CONNECTIONS

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS: 6:30-7:30 pm
Ages 4 years through 6th grade.

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.

MOM'S DAY OUT - Will be closed the week of May 29th and reopen for the Summer on Tuesday, June 20th.

MDO Summer Program will close the week of July 31st and the Fall program will open Tuesday, August 8th..

TERRIFIC TUESDAYS

COMING IN JULY!

Tuesday, July 18th & 25th.

More details coming soon.



With the Summer comes new movies for family and children. If you would like to read movie reviews from a Christian perspective, go to <https://www.pluggedin.com> for more information regarding content. Plugged In provides movie reviews through the ministry of Focus on the Family.

Summer Camp at Blue Lake

Coming July 10th—14th

For more information, please contact Letha Parker at 334-298-3186 or 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 \$187.

Birthdays	
June 1	Annabell Shields Zachary Linsley
June 2	Bill Dykes Alissa Stone Adam Norden
June 4	Gladys Breeland
June 5	Pixie Dillard
June 6	Chuck Clay
June 7	Sharon Cook
June 8	Tyler Garney Olivia Morgan
June 9	Vickie Griggs Ann Marie Findlater Keagan Clark River Harbuck Christina Linsley
June 11	Helen Bush Sheryl Bell Seth Snedigar Charlene Brewer
June 12	Charles Floyd Gloria Ellison
June 13	Grant Parker John Findlater Steven Head
June 14	Jared Head Olivia Martin Maggie Zeigler
June 15	Wyatt Beach Jeff Bradley Chloe Cameron
June 16	June Rice Merri Jane Evans Teresa Sanders
June 17	Nancy Loofboro
June 19	Caden Clay
June 20	Bubba Roberts Griffin Griggs
June 21	Shane Clay Lydia Lake Marcus Sanders
June 22	Roy Hogge Shaun Cameron Justin Chedrick
June 24	Kim Burtts Gracie Glass
June 25	Abby Kate Atchinson Jill Glass

June 26	Rhonda Norden Gerritt Griggs Laura Wise
June 27	Brad Baker
June 28	Rusty Townsend Jennifer Page
June 29	Becky Coreno Gwen Morris
June 30	Joy Garney Kennedy Stone Grayson Waldrop Brittani Buckingham



Anniversaries	
June 3	Jimmy & Rendi Hall
June 4	Ron & Joy Garney
June 6	David & Laura Johnson Estin & Kaylee Martin
June 12	Matt & Sheryl Bell
June 13	Ricky & Alissa Stone
June 20	Ron & Cindy Hart Steve & Ellen Ward Rusty & Dana Townsend Jacob & Amanda Head
June 22	Derek & Miranda Griggs Jeb & Melissa Bridges
June 25	Tony & Dee Dee Ellis
June 27	April & Denver Edwards
June 28	Billy Ray & Mary Frances Head Brandon & Marie Culpepper



Volunteers are needed for Mobility Worldwide. God has equipped you with the skills that you need. You only need to be willing. We are open Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday from 9:00am -12:00pm.

Safe House Ministries in Columbus Ga, which feeds and helps the homeless, is in need of several items at this time. Any of the following would be greatly appreciated.

- Mens Clothing (specifically T-Shirts, new underwear and pants.)
- Coffee, creamer, sugar
- Paper Products
- Mustard, BBQ sauce, mayonnaise
- Spices of all kind





Youth Ministry Youth Ministry



Wednesday Night Summer Events

6:00 pm Doors and game room opens.

6:45 – 7:30 pm Youth Worship Service

Come join us for some of our favorite Youth nights, like Taco Night, Game Night, Movie Night.... and a new one.... Christmas in July

Vacation Bible School

Youth volunteers needed! Please plan to attend and help Mrs. Letha with all the fun VBS activities.

A Time To Pray

The prayer ministry is reinstating "A Time To Pray" during our Sunday morning worship services. We need volunteers to pray at the 8:30 am until 9:30 am service; the 9:45 am until 10:45 am service; and the 11:00 am until 12:00 pm service. We are praying for our worship service going on at that time, for people to come to Christ, prayer requests in the bulletin, all work areas of the church, and scheduled church events. Also there are many prayer resources located in the chapel for use. We have already started in May and still need more people to sign up for a date and time. Names and times will be listed in the church bulletin each week. You may sign up for once a month or a one time slot. Please contact Pam Shores 706-464-0148, Becky Coreno 706-315-8209, or the church office to volunteer. Please join us and support our Epworth Prayer Ministry.

June Prayer Chapel Schedule

June 4, 2023

8:30 am Vicky Moss

9:45 am Shirley Goode

11:00 am Marcia Myles

June 11, 2023

8:30 am Hilda Bozzelli

9:45 am Maria Chedrick

11:00 am Becky Ivey

June 18, 2023

8:30 am Michelle Word

9:45 am Kathryn Perdue

11:00 am Carol Cain

June 25, 2023

8:30 am Miranda Griggs

9:45 am Becky Coreno

11:00 am Pam Shores

June 2023

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
				1 6:30 pm United Methodist Women 6:30 pm Pickleball	2	3 FunFest 11:00 am to 2:00 pm
4 4:00 pm VBS Volunteer Meeting	5 12:00 pm— Happy Days “Covered Dish” Luncheon	6 9:30 am Bible Study	7 6:00 –7:30 pm Youth 6:30 pm Classes, Pastor’s Bible Study & Kidz Konnections	8 6:00 pm Men’s Ministry meeting 6:00 pm Grief Ministry 6:30 pm Pickleball	9	10
11 5:00 pm VBS Volunteer Meet in Fellowship Hall 6:00—8:30 pm First Night of Vacation Bible School	12 6:00—8:30 pm Vacation Bible School	13 9:30 am Bible Study 6:00—8:30 pm Vacation Bible School	14 Newsletter Deadline 6:00—8:30 pm Vacation Bible School 6:30 pm Pastor’s Bible Study	15 6:00—8:30 pm Vacation Bible School	16	17
18	19 10:00 am Mobility Cart Workshop	20 9:00 am Mom’s Day Out 6:00 pm—Prayer Vigil	21 6:00 –7:30 pm Youth 6:30 pm Classes, Pastor’s Bible Study & Kidz Konnections	22 9:00 am Mom’s Day Out	23	24
25 4:00 pm Administrative Board Meeting	26	27 9:00 am Mom’s Day Out	28 6:00 –7:30 pm Youth 6:30 pm Classes, Pastor’s Bible Study & Kidz Konnections	29 9:00 am Mom’s Day Out	30	



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**, May 14th, 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 18th.

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.**