

A Discipleship Path

Plans for Growing Your Faith



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Epworth United Methodist Church is a church with a mission:

To make disciples of Jesus Christ
for the transformation of the world.

We also hold to a vision that those who choose to live as
Jesus' disciples will express that commitment with acts of:

Loving, Growing, and Serving

Everything we do as a church is connected to our mission
and vision.

In addition to our mission and vision, we also seek to reflect
the things we hold in high value:

Radical Hospitality

Passionate Worship

Intentional Faith Development

Risk Taking Mission and Service

Extravagant Generosity

Thoughtful Prayer

and Biblical Study

What is A Discipleship Path?

A path can be described as a trail formed by the feet of people or animals. It is also a way of life, conduct, or thought. Paths can be straight and simplistic, but more often than not, paths are found to be winding and mysterious. Not everyone recognizes their path, where to go, or sometimes even where to begin. Here at Epworth, we use the language of path as a word to guide you in the different levels of growing as a disciple, typically organized through Bible study or some other form of spiritual formation by topic.

What you're holding in your hands is a guide for those of you who are looking to take charge of your own spiritual development. Through this guide, you can view all of the available options, the various pit stops along the way in which you can relax and pitch a tent for a little while before heading out on your path once more.

While your path may look different than anyone else's, they are all designed to lead you to the same conclusion: becoming a disciple of Jesus Christ who is identified by their acts of **loving, growing, and serving.**

As we begin this journey, you will notice many of the classes are focused on **loving**. Over the next three years (2018-2020) we will be focusing on the various aspects of our vision, beginning with **loving** (2017-18), following up with **serving** (2018-19), and concluding with **growing** (2019-20).

If you have any questions, we would really love to speak with you, feel free to contact us using the information below.

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Legend

Acknowledging that everyone's path is unique, we wanted to take into consideration that we all have different starting points for each particular area of growth.

We've done our best to craft courses and events to help everyone achieve growth, no matter what their background in the point of emphasis.

Therefore, along the path it will be important to watch out for the road signs which will guide you to the path that is **right for you, but in order to use them, you'll need to have a solid understanding of what these signs mean.**



Level One—Getting Started

These courses, events, etc. are perfect for someone with an entry level of understanding, or even no understanding at all.



Level Two—Growing Our Faith

Maybe you know quite a bit about the subject matter, **but don't really feel like an expert in it.** Then Level Two courses and events are perfect for you.



Level Three—Setting Roots

You're fairly experienced in the subject, but you feel like there's still room to grow. That makes you a perfect candidate for Level Three courses and events.

Getting Started

Just like any tool, this catalog would be useless if you weren't taught how to use it. So, let's walk through developing A Discipleship Path.

Sunday Morning

Worship

Worship is the most foundational act of loving that we can do together, because as we come together at 9:30 every Sunday morning, we are practicing loving God, loving ourselves, and **loving others**. **This part of your discipleship path is easy, it's already laid out for you!** Now all you have to do is be there.

Sunday School

Now, this is where things get a little tricky. There are a number of options available to you on any given Sunday morning. You can choose to join any of our available groups (page 35), select to attend one of our available classes (pages 14-30), or even choose to serve with our children or student ministry. If you need some extra assistance in developing a plan for Sunday School, feel free to contact our Director of Discipleship, Pat Engel, at engelp@epworthindy.org.

Sunday Evening

Courses

We have a number of different courses (pages 14-30) to choose from on Sunday Evenings that last anywhere from four to six weeks, spread throughout the year.

Serving

There are also several opportunities to serve in our Family Ministry by helping out with Club 345, or volunteering to help out with our Youth Group.

Weekday

Groups

What do you enjoy doing? Epworth has many different affinity groups for individuals to join together in fellowship. There are groups for people who enjoy to sew, to craft, to read, and even groups for people who simply enjoy drinking coffee. You can find our full list of groups on page 35.

Studies

There are many Bible Studies to choose from here at Epworth, including a Pastor-led Bible study offered on Tuesday nights and Wednesday mornings, and a lay led Bible Study offered on Thursday evenings.

Other

Retreats

Do you ever just need to get away? Maybe it's for a week, or just for a day, but our retreats are an excellent opportunity to do so. You can take some time to just *be* with God and others.

Workshops

Are you the hands-on type of person? Do you love learning practical skills that will influence your faith? Then our workshops are perfect for you. They range from an hour to a couple hours and tackle specific aspects of faith formation.

Mission Trips

Mission Trips are offered throughout the year, and can be as simple as helping out down the street at a local food pantry, traveling domestically to one of our mission partners, like the Jubilee project in Tennessee, or travelling globally with our mission partners at Mission: Guatemala.

Potential Paths

A Beginner's Path

Join A Sunday Morning Group

Information on Page 35

Get to Know Epworth

January 7/April 8 | 10:45am

How to Read the Bible

January 14—February 11 | 6-7:30pm

Men's Retreat

March 31 | 8-4:00pm

Living As United Methodists

April 15—May 27 | 10:45am

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April 21—22

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The Prayer Path

Wesleyan Way of Prayer

November 12—December 10 | 6-7:30pm

The Lord's Prayer

January 14—February 11 | 6-7:30pm

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November 26 | 6:00pm

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Walking Through the Church Calendar Path

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The Good, The Bad, The Ugly

November 26—December 24 | 10:45am

Lent Study

February 18—March 25 | 10:45am

The Feasts of the Bible

February 25—March 25 | 6-7:30pm

... or create your own path ...

Children

“Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. Write them on the door frames of your houses and on your gates.”

- **Deuteronomy 6:4-9**

Epworth United Methodist Church seeks to partner with families, using Sunday morning as the springboard that guides families into deeper conversations with one another, helping each child see and meet Jesus precisely when and how they need Him most.

Here are a few ways in which we do that:

Paid Nursery Staff are available for parents of infants and toddlers every Sunday morning.

Worship Bags are available every Sunday Morning. These bags are designed with your little ones in mind, allowing both you and your children to focus on worshipping God in ways designed specifically for you.

Kids Time is a special worship time for children from age 3 through grade five which takes place during the worship service. Children are dismissed prior to the sermon to participate in a lesson catered to their age range.

Sunday School builds upon the lesson learned in K.I.D.S. each Sunday, inviting children to come and enjoy activities, crafts, and meaningful conversation regarding the days lesson.

Parent Cues are tools designed to guide parents throughout the week to apply the message learned on Sunday morning. They are handed out weekly during child pick-up, are available by e-mail or by using the Parent Cue app located in the App Store or Google Play.

EVENTS

Club 345 is a monthly experience for children, Grade 3—Grade 5, which is designed to help them to grow closer to God and one another as they look towards becoming future members of our youth group.

Special Classes are offered for children on Sunday Evenings throughout the year, which run in conjunction with certain courses provided for adults. Examples include: *Sacred Days* and *The Lords Prayer*.

Family Events occur every couple of months, and are excellent opportunities to come and enjoy time together as a family. Examples include: *A Night in Bethlehem*, *Easter Egg Hunts*, and our *Pentecost Party*.

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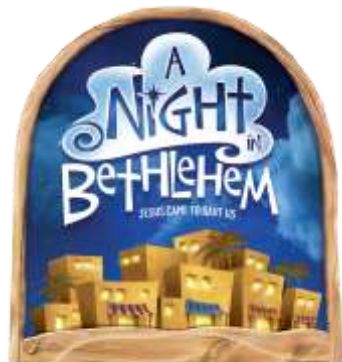
Summer Camps are an excellent way to get away for a week and focus on God. We encourage our students to go to camps operated by Impact 2818, a direct ministry of the United Methodist Church in Indiana, which hosts four camps for children in grade K through grade 3, and six camps for children grade 3 through grade 5.

A Night in Bethlehem

Sunday, December 17

6:00-8:00pm

An exciting event for all ages in which guests are invited to walk around ‘the little town of Bethlehem’ on the night of Jesus’ birth.



YOUTH

“Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.”

- **Matthew 18:18-20**

Epworth United Methodist Church seeks to help students develop a faith that matters by challenging youth to dig deeper into issues **of faith in today’s culture.**

Here are a few ways in which we do that:

Sunday School is a lot of fun! We gather each week following our worship service downstairs in our Youth Room. Each week students arrive to a game, activities, conversation, and a lesson about how to live our faith.

Youth Group is where relationships are built. Throughout the year, we gather regularly on Sunday Evenings for a brief time of worship, as well as a time of discussion, accountability, and teaching our students how to live in a faith community.

Service Opportunities are available to all of our youth. They are all **invited to assist in our Children’s Ministry through Club 345.**

Additionally, youth are invited to participate in a yearly mission trip every summer.

Summer Camps are an excellent way to get away and focus on God after a stressful year of school. We encourage our students to go to camps operated by Impact 2818, a direct ministry of the United Methodist Church in Indiana.

EVENTS

Club 345 is an opportunity for our youth to show our younger students, grade 3 through grade 5, what youth group is all about by enjoying meals together, playing games, and leading activities.

Confirmation is a rite of passage for students at Epworth United Methodist Church to become members of our church. The process includes two retreats, one at the beginning and one at the end of our confirmation studies, and a series of 6 weeks of study during Sunday School beginning in February. The process concludes with a special worship service held for our confirmands.

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Summer Mission Trip For All Ages

July 28—August 5

This summer we'll be traveling to serve with our mission partners in Guatemala. For more information about this trip please contact Rodney Frieden at rodney.frieden@inumc.org.



Adults

“Study in order to present yourself as one approved to God, a worker, who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of Truth.”
- **2 Timothy 2:15**

Epworth United Methodist Church seeks to help adults navigate their own path of discipleship by providing opportunities to help them grow in areas of loving, growing, and serving.

Here are a few ways in which we do that:

Groups are available on Sunday Mornings, and throughout the week here at Epworth. They range from Bible studies to book studies to shared interest groups.

Classes are specific studies offered over the course of several weeks.

Retreats are an excellent opportunity to step away from your daily routine and band together with others who are on a similar spiritual journey. Some retreats last for a day, others can last for an entire weekend.

Workshops are hosted on a regular basis, which range from one hour, to a couple hours, and cover specific topics related to loving, growing, and serving.

Service Opportunities are plentiful, and can be obtained on a weekly, monthly, or special occasion basis. There are opportunities available to serve in worship, in children or youth ministry, at our coffee area, as a greeter, and more. **If you're looking for your place to serve, please contact our Director of Discipleship, Pat Engel, at engelp@epworthindy.org**



Step Stone Bible Study

with Pastor Rodney Frieden

Tuesdays | 6-7:30pm

Wednesdays | 10-11:30am

Room 202

Discovering and Understanding the Key Truths for living as followers of Jesus Christ.

EVENTS

Classes are offered on both Sunday morning and Sunday evenings periodically throughout the year. Here are a few examples of both:

Sunday Mornings: *Living as United Methodist Christians, Seven Things Wesley Wanted Us to Do for Kids, Five Marks of a Methodist, and more!*

Sunday Evenings: *Sacred Days, The Blessing, Wesleyan Way of Prayer, **The Lord's Prayer**, How to Read the Bible, and more!*

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Looking For Your Next Step?



Join Us for Worship
Sundays @ 9:30



Join A Class
or Small Group
on Sunday Morning



Find A Spot
to Serve

Need Help? Contact Pat Engel at engelp@epworthindy.org

OCTOBER

Treasure

Worship | Sundays @ 9:30

Treasure

Jesus said, ***“Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”*** Often we think that our treasure will follow our hearts, but Jesus suggested something different. Join us as we explore the meaning behind these important words from Jesus.

A Celebration of Gifts

Sunday, October 29

*A Special Hour of Worship You
Won't Want to Miss!*



**HUNGRY
TO HELP?
PACK AWAY
HUNGER™**

Join Us for Our
Packing Event!

October 15

9:30 AM

Sunday Mornings

Five Marks of a Methodist

October 1—November 12 

How should a Methodist live? Gain clarity of what it means to be a follower of Jesus in the Methodist tradition by learning what John Wesley himself had to say about it.

Taught by Rodney Frieden.

Sunday School for All Ages

Ongoing

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Sunday Nights

Sacred Days

October 1—October 29  

Sacred Days is a class that takes you through the various holidays in the church calendar. This class has a **separate children's component** that allows them to learn in their own unique way.

Taught by Pat Engel.

The Blessing




October 1—October 29 

No matter your age, the approval of your parents affects how you view yourself and your ability to pass that approval along to your children, spouse, and friends. Many people spend a lifetime looking for this acceptance, which the Bible calls The Blessing. Join us for this special class to learn how you can pass on such a blessing to your own family.

Taught by Rodney Frieden.

Events

Epworth Packing Event

October 15, 9:30 pm   

Join us on Sunday, October 15, as we pack 50,000 meals to be distributed throughout Central Indiana and in Guatemala. We will gather together for a brief worship service at our regular time, and then spend time packing together.



NOVEMBER



Gleaning

Worship | Sundays @ 9:30

November offers us many different one-off sermons that at **first don't seem to belong together. However, together these** four messages paint an interesting portrait. What will you glean from these messages?



All Saints Day

Sunday, November 5

All Saints Day is a special service of remembrance and celebration, in which we humbly acknowledge those saints of Epworth who have gone before us.



Love Feast

Sunday, November 19

'What in the world is a *love feast*?!', you might be asking. Well, you're just going to have to come and experience it for yourself. (Or just Google it, it's worth a Google.)

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Sunday Nights


Wesleyan Way of Prayer

November 12—December 10 

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Events

'Thanks for the Leftovers' Dinner



November 26, 6:00pm   

Getting tired of your own leftovers from Thanksgiving? Why **not try someone else's? We invite you to join us for a night of fun and food as we gather around the table.**

DECEMBER



Worship | Sundays @ 9:30

Christmas: A Family Portrait

Christmas is filled with various depictions of the birth of Jesus. Our homes are filled with nativity sets, greeting cards, and more, but the reality of the events and people surrounding Jesus' birth tell us a much different story than the one traditionally depicted. Join us as we explore these stories behind the fancy 'family portrait' we all keep on our mantles.



6:00pm

A Family Friendly

Worship Service

11:00pm

A Traditional Service of

Carols, Candles,

& Communion

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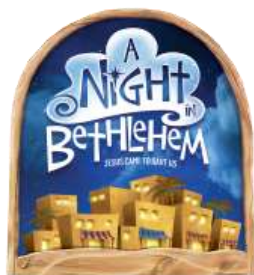
Taught by Pat Engel.

Events

A Night In Bethlehem

December 17, 6:00-8:00pm 🌿🌿🌿

Have you ever wondered what that 'little town of Bethlehem' was like on the night that Jesus was born? Here's your opportunity to experience it firsthand! Walk through the town of Bethlehem and visit the town bakery, the metal shop, the stable, and more.





EVENTS CALENDAR

October

Five Marks of A Methodist

Sundays, 10:45-11:45am

October 1, 8, 22, 29

Sacred Days

Sundays, 6-7:30pm

October 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

The Blessing

Sundays, 6-7:30pm

October 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

Pack Away Hunger Event

Sunday, 9:30am-12:00pm

October 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

November

Five Marks of A Methodist

Sundays, 10:45-11:45am

November 5, 12

Wesley Way of Prayer

Sundays, 6-7:30pm

November 12, 19, 26

Thanks for Leftovers Dinner

Sundays, 6:00pm

Top 10 Methodist Beliefs

Sundays, 10:45-11:45

January 14, 21, 28

The Lord's Prayer

Sundays, 6-7:30pm

January 14, 21, 28

How to Read the Bible

Sundays, 6-7:30pm

January 14, 21, 28

February

7 Things Wesley Wanted Us to

Do for Kids

Sundays, 10:45-11:45

February 4

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Sundays, 10:45-11:45

February 4, 11

The Lord's Prayer

Sundays, 6-7:30pm

February 4, 11

How to Read the Bible

Sundays, 6-7:30pm

February 4, 11

Get to Know Epworth

Sunday, 10:45-11:45

April 8

Sharing Your Faith

Sunday, 6:00-7:30pm

April 8, 15, 22, 29

Total Family Makeover

Sunday, 10:45-11:45

April 15, 22

Living As United Methodists

Sunday, 10:45-11:45

April 15, 22

Grounded: A Women's Retreat

Saturday—Sunday

April 21—22

May

Total Family Makeover

Sunday, 10:45-11:45

May 6, 13, 20, 27

Living As United Methodists

Sunday, 10:45-11:45

May 6, 13, 20, 27

Sharing Your Faith

November 26

The Good, The Bad, The Ugly

Sundays, 10:45-11:45am; 6-7:30pm

November 26

December

Wesley Way of Prayer

Sundays, 6-7:30pm

December 3, 10

The Good, The Bad, The Ugly

Sundays, 10:45-11:45am; 6-7:30pm

December 3, 10, 17, 24

A Night In Bethlehem

Sundays, 6-8:00pm

December 17

January

'Shaped to Serve' Retreat

Saturday, 9am-1pm

January 6

Get to Know Epworth

Sundays, 10:45-11:45am

January 7

Family Game & Movie Night

Sundays, 6-7:30pm

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Do for Kids

Sundays, 10:45-11:45

January 14, 21, 28

Couples Retreat

Friday—Sunday

February 9—11

Lent Study

Sundays, 10:45-11:45

February 18, 25

Jesus in the Passover

Sundays, 6-7:30pm

February 18

The Feasts

Sundays, 6-7:30pm

February 25

March

Lent Study

Sundays, 10:45-11:45

March 4, 11, 18, 25

The Feasts

Sundays, 6-7:30pm

March 4, 11, 18, 25

Men's Retreat

Saturday, 9:00am-2:00pm

March 31

April

Easter Egg Hunt

Sunday, 10:45am

April 1

Sunday, 6:00-7:30pm

May 6, 13

Pentecost Party

Sunday, 6:00-7:30pm

May 20

Club 345	Youth Group
November 12	October 1 & 15
December 3	November 19
January 21	December 10
February 11	January 14
March 11	February 4
April 8	March 18
May 13	April 22
	May 6

JANUARY



Different Can Be Good

Worship | Sundays @ 9:30

Are you tired of struggling to be normal?

So are we.

Are you fearful of standing out in a crowd?

We all are.

Hoping that 2018 brings something exciting and *different*?

Maybe.

Are you fearful of what different might be?

You bet.

Join us in January, and together we'll learn how to embrace being *different*.



Shaped To Serve Day Retreat

January 6

9AM—12PM

Sunday Mornings

Get to Know Epworth


January 7 

Whether you've just begun attending Epworth, or if you've been here for years, come and learn all about what makes this community of Loving, Growing, and Serving tick.

Taught by Epworth Staff.

7 Things Wesley Wanted


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January 14—February 4 

Come and explore the 7 Things that John Wesley instructed all Methodists to do for children in their churches.

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Top 10 Methodists Beliefs

January 14—February 11 

Gain a better understanding of the basic beliefs of the United Methodists rooted in a Wesleyan understanding of scripture, grace, holiness and the church.

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Sunday Nights


The Lord's Prayer

January 14—February 11  

Jesus prayed in a very specific way, and it might be good for us to follow his example. Come and learn to pray the way that Jesus does, and learn the significance of the words **we say each time we're together on Sunday morning.**

Taught by Pat Engel.

How to Read the Bible

January 14—February 11 

The average person owns more than one copy of the Bible, but rarely have we read it all. Why? **Because we don't have a plan and can't seem to make reading the Bible enjoyable.** Start the year by learning how to enjoy the Bible and developing a plan.

Taught by Rodney Frieden.

Events

'Shaped to Serve' Retreat

January 6, 9am-12pm 

This day retreat is focused on helping to equip leaders in our congregation. This is a great place to explore opportunities to serve.

Family Movie & Game Night

January 7   

Come and enjoy a night of family fun! Gather around the table and play some board games, or join us in the youth room for a movie! Everyone is invited.

FEBRUARY

At the Table



Worship | Sundays @ 9:30

At the Table

When's the last time someone invited you over for dinner? Do you remember that thrill of being invited over to someone's home? The excitement of not having to cook for yourselves. What about 'the good ol' days' when families gathered around the dinner table and told stories about the activities and events of the day? Remember when having a 'surprise' guest at the table was fun and exciting, as you listened to their stories of travel and adventure? Well, get on your Sunday's best, because you are cordially invited to join us as we listen to the stories told around the table nearly 2,000 years ago.


CHRIST IN THE PASSOVER

February 18, 6-7:30pm



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The Feasts


February 25—March 25 

The Old Testament details a series of feasts that were to be celebrated every year. But, what do those feasts mean to us as followers of Jesus?

Taught by Rodney Frieden.




Events

Couples Retreat at McCormick's Creek State Park

February 9—11 

A retreat for couples to get away, laugh, and enjoy time together. Registration begins in October.

Christ in the Passover

February 18, 6-7:30pm   

This presentation aims to enhance the Christian understanding of the New Testament by showing the Jewish background for the communion celebration with an emphasis on Christ's redemption.

MARCH

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7:00pm Worship

2/14 Ash Wednesday

3/29 Maundy Thursday


3/30 Good Friday

PASSION WEEK



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Sunday School for All Ages

Ongoing

Epworth hosts a variety of courses and groups during our Sunday School hour each Sunday. Beginning at 10:45am, you can find something to help you grow in your faith, regardless of age.

Sunday Nights

The Feasts

February 25—March 25 

The Old Testament details a series of feasts that were to be celebrated every year. But, what do those feasts mean to us as followers of Jesus?

Taught by Rodney Frieden.

Lenten Study

February 18—March 25

Ever wonder what God desires from us as followers of Jesus? Come and join in this small-group discussion to help prepare yourself for Easter Sunday.

Taught by Pat Engel.

Events

Men's Retreat

March 31, 9:00am-2:00pm 

With all of the different media outlets surrounding our every move, it's difficult to discern between the truth and a lie. Join us for a special day retreat including a panel discussion about the Media and Ethics.

Following the panel, we'll eat some lunch, and enjoy an afternoon service project.



APRIL

I ♥ MY
CHURCH

I Love My Church

Worship | Sundays @ 9:30

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April 1 | 9:30 AM

Easter
SUNDAY

• HE IS RISEN •

EGG HUNT | 10:45 AM



Sunday Mornings


Get To Know Epworth

April 8 

Whether you've just begun attending Epworth, or if you've been here for years, come and learn all about what makes this community of Loving, Growing, and Serving tick.

Taught by Epworth Staff.


Total Family Makeover

April 15—June 10 

God calls parents to be the spiritual leaders of their homes, but is it really practical?

Taught by Aaron Taylor


Living as United Methodists

April 15—June 10 

What does it mean to be a *United Methodist* Christian? This six-week study explores the beliefs and practices of the people who call themselves Methodists.


Taught by Rodney Frieden.

The Art of Neighboring

April 8—May 6 

Sunday Nights


Sharing Your Faith

April 8—May 13 

Maybe you are afraid to share your faith because you do not know what to say, or maybe you have tried sharing your faith but nothing happened. Come learn how to share your story of faith with others in an easy and non-threatening way.

Taught by Rodney Frieden.

The Art of Neighboring


April 8—May 6 

How can we get to know and care about our neighbors, find common causes, and create a space to even learn together? Join us for this course and learn how to build genuine relationships right outside your door.

Taught by Pat Engel


Events

Easter Egg Hunt

April 1, 10:45am 

While there'll be no Sunday School on Easter Sunday, we invite the kids to stick around for a quick Easter Egg Hunt following worship.

Grounded: A Retreat for Women

April 21—22 

A weekend away on Lake Webster where women will enjoy fellowship, worship, and discovery of God in the natural elements.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY CHURCH

Acts 2:42-47


You're Invited—No Gift Required!

Pentecost Party
May 20, 12:00 PM



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Events

Pentecost Party for the Whole Church

May 20   

Join us for an end-of-the-year celebration as we celebrate the Church's birthday, and another wonderful year of ministry!

Tennessee Mission Trip

May 10—13 

Join us on a long weekend trip to Sneedville, Tennessee, the site of our mission partners The Jubilee Project, to serve in mission and service.

JUNE



Worship | Sundays @ 9:30

Post-It Note Theology

In life we have been trained to reduce important messages to post-it notes that fit on the refrigerator, bumper stickers on the car, or 140 characters to fit into a tweet. What if by reducing the message we missed the point? Join us we explore some of the shorter messages about God's love and their deeper meanings.

LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR



COMING JUNE 2018

Epworth Annual Fish Fry

June 14—16

Help Us Feed The Hungry to Help End Hunger

Multiple Ways to Serve:

- Donate Baked Goods
- Fry Fish
- Serve As A Cashier
- Personal Outreach
- Take Photos
- And More!



Ongoing Groups

Epworth is home to a number of groups that meet consistently. These groups are an excellent place to pitch your tent for a while as you seek to grow alongside others.

For more information about these classes, including where to **find them and what they're studying, be sure to find our info** banner in the Gathering Area, where someone will be available to help you.

Sunday Morning

Discovery

This group seeks to grow by deepening their understanding of the Bible in its historical context, relevance today, and personal discovery.

Dust Collectors

This is an action-oriented group of parents who want to ensure that Epworth will be around for their children as it has been for them and the generations that preceded them.

Gleaners

This is a multi-generational group that tackles in-depth studies of contemporary topics, as well as the Bible.

Seekers

This is a book discussion group which uses cutting-edge, contemporary literature to gain new perspectives about current, significant issues.

Tippy's Friends/Sam's Club

This is a group of individuals who are at, or nearing, the 'empty nester' phases of their lives, whom lead group-led discussions about issues concerning modern adult and family life.

Women's Bible Study

This group seeks to learn how to live according to God's teaching and Jesus' example by studying faith-based books and films.

Weekday

Stitchers

This group meets on Mondays at 7:00pm to spend time with one another while knitting and crocheting items which are given away as an act of loving.

Men's Coffee Group

This group of men gathers for coffee and conversation on Wednesday mornings at 9:00am to catch up with one another and talk about life and faith.

Pastor Rodney's Bible Study

Senior Pastor Rodney Frieden leads a Bible Study on Tuesday evenings (6:30pm) and Wednesday mornings (10:00am) going through the Bible chronologically, touching upon particular moments that impact our theology as Methodists.

Thursday Night Bible Study

This group gathers for a topical Bible Study on Thursday nights at 6:30.

Monthly

Baby Boomers

This group meets monthly on the fourth Saturday of the month to eat dinner together. They also schedule group service projects monthly.

Brown Bag Craft & Hobby Group

This group meets monthly on the first Tuesday of the month from 9:00am—3:00pm to collaborate on ideas and enjoy each others **company while designing their own crafts. Oh, and don't forget your brown bag lunch!**

Dorcas Circle & Celebration Circle

These United Methodist Women groups meet monthly for a variety of topical studies. Dorcas Circle meets every third Friday at 9:30am, and Celebration Circle is every second Monday at 7:00pm.

Book Club

This group meets on the first Thursday at 2:00pm of every month to discuss how a particular novel relates to their life and faith.

What's Your Plan?

We've provided you with this guide, but how you choose to use it is entirely up to you. However, we hope that you'll use it to develop a plan to further your own growth as a disciple of Jesus Christ.

To have a plan means to be intentional. We hope that you'll use this guide to intentionally forge your own path as a disciple, which means that you might have to ask some tough questions, questions like:

Where am I?

Everybody has to start somewhere. Understanding where you are on your journey is the first step to growing as a disciple.

What is the next step?

For some people, the next step just means finding the path to begin. For others, it might mean finding someone to go on this journey with you. Maybe every path that you take has been easy, and you just need to challenge yourself. Perhaps you do challenge yourself in certain areas, but have been afraid to learn something new.

This makes asking 'what is the next step?' the most important question you can ask yourself as a disciple.

So, what is your next step?

Psychologists say that writing down your goals makes you forty-two percent more likely to achieve them. Therefore, we invite you to use this next page to develop your own path for the year, and to really be intentional about growing as a disciple this year.

My Plan . . .

. . . to be more loving

What worship series am I most looking forward to?

How will I love God, myself, and others?

. . . to continue growing

What classes will I participate in?

How else will I grow my faith?

. . . to serve

How will I serve this year?

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2017 Leadership Table

Our Leadership Table is a group of elected lay leaders, who serve as the guiding leadership for the church. They keep the church focused on our mission and vision and provide the administrative leadership to keep our church moving forward.

This year, our Leadership Table consists of:

Rick Schaefer

Chair

Neal Shoger

Finance

Brian Owens

Trustee

Dorothy Suther

Staff Parish

Larraine Snider

At Large

Lynn Baize

At Large

Bert Talbott

At Large

Mark Dorrell

At Large

Christine Billings

At Large

Kelly Steiner

At Large

Rick Alley

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Brian Turpin

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