

THOSE WHO SERVE

Month of April

Trustee Charles Avery
Ushers Grant & Jackie Hicks, Clay & Anne Hyde
Altar Guild Leone Purser
Counters Fred Reeves, Gwyn Faile
Communion Servers Jimmy & Pinna Gattis, Daniel Tilson, Logan Hicks
Communion Steward Joyce Smith

March 27

Liturgist Amy Boyle
Greeters Patrick & Valerie Jones, Charles & Tobey Avery
Acolytes Avery Manhart, BJ Marsh, Brandon Marsh
Children's Church Volunteers Steve Yearick, Mary Anne Bott, Beth Marshall
Nursery Volunteers Amy Boyle, Leigh Carpenter
Visitation John Cole
Sound Scott Jones/Richard Wilson
Prayer Chapel David Hinote

April 3

Liturgist Tom Panucci
Greeters Clay & Anne Hyde, Gina Marie Tilson, Daniel Tilson
Acolytes Anna Ballance, Rachel Lozier, Rebecca Bott
Children's Church Volunteers Leigh Carpenter, Judy Ballance, Kelly Edwards
Nursery Volunteers Melanie Ski[pworth, Jackie Harwood
Visitation Vern Oden
Sound Scott Jones/Richard Wilson
Prayer Chapel Vern Oden



Prayer concerns and praises for the week of March 27, 2011

Erin Hicks & Family	Darby Jones	Margaret Syler
Family of Joyce Hunt	Mary Ann Kirkland	Earl Stringfellow
Victims of Japanese Earthquake	Carolyn Knight	Rhonda Tucker
Mildred Barnes	Donna Kuiper	Wayne & Paulette Templton
Buck Bannister	Maria Luzinger	US Military Families
Chino Boyington	Amy Moon	Angie Watwood
Helen Branum	Dee McPeters	Chad Watson
Jesse	Vickie Manhart	Freda Wells
Mildred Cagle	Fred & Mary Moffitt	Holly Wells
Hazel Cowley	Sara Nichols	Leila Smith
Norma Dickson	Pam Patet	Jack Wilson
Glenda Edwards	Maymie Pickett	Richard Yearick
Jane Hoffman	Jesse	Jim Zielinski, II
Fannie Mae Falkenberry	Walton Powers	
Chris Franklin	Pat Reid	
AIC Trey Franklin	Madeline Reynolds	
Jennifer Harvey	Bill Schrimsher	
Lue Harvell	Family of Jimmy Sexton	
Larry Holder	Frances Slayton	
Ed Hunt	Nell Stone	

Prayer Needs:

I am requesting prayer for _____

Situation/relationship: _____

____ Please contact me. _____ Please list this prayer request in the bulletin.

____ I would like to talk with a staff member about joining Epworth UMC.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail _____

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Reverend Jim Stringfellow, Senior Pastor

Renee' Rowse, Children Ministries Director Erin Hicks, Youth Director
 Judy Panucci/Valerie Jones, MDO/Preschool/Kindergarten Directors
 Eric Wilson, Music Ministry Director Nicky Wilson, Organist/Pianist
 Jimmy Gattis, Treasurer Larry Mathis, Assistant Treasurer
 Leone Purser, Secretary

Ongoing Weekly Events and Meetings Listed Below

Sunday School	9:00 am - 10:00 am	
Sunday Worship	10:15 am	
	5:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Youth
	6:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Children's Choir
	6:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Bible Study- Mike Harwood, leader
Monday	9:30 am - 1:30 pm	MDO/Preschool/Kindergarten
	6:00 pm - 9:00 pm	Cub Scouts/Boy Scouts/Pack 96
Tuesday	9:30 am - 1:30 pm	MDO/Preschool/Kindergarten
	10:00 am	Lydia Circle-Parlor (every 3rd Tuesday
	6:30 pm	Stitchers, Etc. - Parlor
		(2nd & last Tuesday of each month)
Wednesday	9:30 am - 1:30 pm	MDO/Preschool/Kindergarten
	4:00 pm - 5:00 pm	Girl Scouts - Art Room
	7:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Youth Bible Study
	7:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Adult Choir
Thursday	9:30 am - 1:30 pm	MDO/Preschool/Kindergarten
	9:30 am	Adult Bible Study—Parlor
	6:00 pm	Rebecca Circle - Parlor - 3rd Thursday
		of each month
	6:30 pm	Trustees Meeting-Conference Room
		(1st Thursday of each month)
	6:30 pm	Open Basketball
Friday	9:30 pm - 1:30 pm	MDO/Preschool/Kindergarten

Wish to Join? Questions about Membership?

You may join Epworth United Methodist Church by

- Confession of Faith** - the initial entrance into membership in the church when you confess Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior.
- Reaffirmation of Faith** - renewing your initial confession of faith after a period of inactivity or not being on a church membership roll.
- Transfer of Membership** - from another United Methodist congregation or from a Christian church of another denomination. We recognize baptism from all other Christian churches.

If you have questions about baptism or church membership, please contact the office at 256-536-1559 or eumc@hiwaay.net, and our pastor will be pleased to meet with you.

“Blessed is the one who perseveres under trial because, having stood the test, that person will receive the crown of life that the Lord has promised to those who love him.” - [James 1:12](#)

*The Order for Worship
Third Sunday in Lent
March 27, 2011*

Chiming of the Hour

Prelude Nicky Wilson, Organist

Bringing in the Light Acolytes

**Welcome, Announcements, & Greeting Time* Amy Boyle, Liturgist

**Hymn of Praise* "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" No. 384

**Affirmation of Faith* Amy Boyle, Liturgist

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

**Gloria Patri.* No. 70

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

Prayer Time/Prayer Concerns/Pastoral Prayer Rev. Jim Stringfellow

Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

**Offertory* "And Can It Be that I Should Gain" No. 363

Giving of God's Tithes & Offerings

**Doxology* No. 95

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Children's Minute Renee' Rowse

(After Children's Minute, children ages 3 1/2-5th grade are dismissed for Children's church)

Anthem "Lord, Remember Me" by Loonis McGlohon Chancel Choir

Scripture Lesson Philippians 2:1-11 Amy Boyle, Liturgist

Sermon "Giving It All Away" Reverend Jim Stringfellow

**Hymn of Dedication* "Come, We That Love the Lord" No. 732

**Benediction*
*Congregation, please stand as you are able.

The Story

Youth Announcements:

- Tonight the youth will eat supper at 5pm and then travel to Trinity UMC to participate in the inflatable games challenge from 6-7. We should be back around 7:15.
- Wednesday night small groups from 7-8pm.

Children's News:

- Our Easter egg hunt will be Sunday, April 24th during Children's Church. Remember to bring your donations of small individual wrapped candy!
- Don't forget to read your Heifer calendar and add to your Ark Bank every day! We want to raise \$250.00 to purchase a water buffalo! We've challenged Ina Hucks to perform her own version of "Everybody has a water buffalo"!

LENTEN COMMUNION, 8:30 a.m. and continues through April 17.

THURSDAY, APRIL 7 Trustee's Meeting 6:30 p.m. in the Conference Room.

No Disciple Bible Study, Children's Choir, or Devotion to Jesus Bible Study Sunday, April 3.

Letter from UMCOR Director, the Rev. Cynthia Fierro Harvey about Japan dated March 21, 2100 (summarized)
UMCOR is working through relief and church partners in Japan to respond and provide immediate assistance and long-term rehabilitation. UMCOR is meeting the most basic humanitarian needs such as providing clean drinking water, food, cooking and eating supplies, clothing and fuel for heating. UMCOR does not go into disaster areas as first responders and we are working through trusted partners who have existing networks on the ground in the affected areas. We have sent an emergency grant to church partner, United Church of Christ in Japan and to GlobalMedic.

While our hearts may feel that we must do something besides "just" writing a check, please keep in mind John Wesley's appeal to do no harm. The situation in Japan is not conducive to sending volunteers. We are fortunate that because of faithful giving throughout the year, the UMCOR depots are well stocked with health kits. When the time is appropriate, UMCOR is prepared to send thousands of health kits to Japan. UMCOR is committed to standing with the people of Japan into the recovery phase. We will continue working through our church and relief partners to provide shelter, food, and clean water to survivors of this crisis. Regular updates can be found in the UMCOR Hotline and on our website, and on Facebook. Please continue to hold the people of Japan in your prayers.

The carnation on the Altar is in memory of Joyce Hunt.



*The flowers on the Altar are in honor of
The Homemakers' Class
Given by Nell Rose Brackett*

Welcome to Our Guests

We are honored that you have chosen Epworth United Methodist Church as your place of worship this morning. If you are not active in a church or if you are looking for a new place in a caring, serving church, we invite you to become part of this church family.

Children's Bulletins are available in the narthex.
Sunday School classes are 9:00-10:00 a.m.
Thank you for worshipping with us today.

A special thank you to everyone for the cards, prayers, and concern during my recent illness and to Brother Jim for his visits. I really appreciate everything. Thank you! Flo



Enroll now for preschool
Epworth's MDO/Preschool/Kindergarten is now enrolling children from age 6 months to 5 years old. We are also in need of teachers for the new school year and for some substitute teachers immediately. Please either Judy Panucci or Valerie Jones at 256-534-1559 for more job or enrollment information.



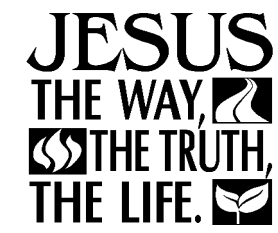
Do you have a favorite recipe? We'd like to know about it! Please write it down and place it in the basket on the lower Narthex marked **Recipes**. Yes, Epworth is going to have a cookbook, but this one is for all ages - 5 years and up. Call Tobey Avery at 256-828-5438 or Louise Hamaker at 256-503-4764 for more information.

Pastor Dr. Charles Gattis of Trinity UMC would like to invite the ladies of our congregation to **Girls Night Out**. This event has engaged tens of thousands of women around the world, and it is coming to Trinity UMC on **Thursday, April 7 at 7:00 p.m.** Get ready for an evening of fun, faith, and fellowship with food, games, and joyful conversation. This is a great opportunity for the ladies to unwind with friends and be inspired by a powerful message of hope. With dynamic speakers like author Connie Cavanaugh, and artist Kelita, **GNO** is a unique event that not brings women from every church in town together, but also opens the doors for their friends and family. Due to the generous support of all of our partners this event is only \$7.00 per ticket. Tickets can be purchased on-line at **gnolive.com** at Trinity UMC, online at **itickets.com**, and at the door.

Consider this:

- Every 45 seconds someone has a stroke
- Every e minutes someone dies of a stroke.
- 80% of all Strokes Can Be Prevented!!

Life Line Screening takes pride in the service we provide. **8-10% of all screening results in ABNORMAL TO CRITICAL Findings.** The Screenings are Effective and are Saving Lives!! There will be a Preventive Health Screening at **Optimist Recreation Center on Friday, May 20, 2011.**



<i>Attendance</i> March 20, 2011	
Worship:	171
Sunday School:	111
Children:	23
Youth:	11
Adults:	77

<i>Stewardship</i> March 20, 2011	
General	\$5,856.00
Building Fund	596.00
Heifer Project	496.50
Flowers	85.00
UMCOR	315.00
Literature	47.36
Total	\$7,395.86



Payment is made to Epworth UMC - Flowers. Place your order in the Offertory Plate.

Name _____

Number of Lilies _____ Amount Paid @ \$15.00 each _____

Lilies given in (circle one) honor/memory of _____

After the service on Easter, you may take your lilies to enjoy.