

THOSE WHO SERVE

Month of March

Trustee Anne Hyde
Ushers Rock Wilson, Teresa Parker, Patrick & Valerie Jones
Altar Guild Larry Mathis, Barbara Cady
Communion Servers Tom & Judy Panucci, Leigh Carpenter, Kathy Kindred
Communion Steward Joyce Smith

March 6

Liturgist Valerie Jones
Greeters Tom & Joan Diggs, Chris & Beth Marshall
Acolytes Rebecca Bott, Rachel Lozier
Children's Church Volunteers Steve Yearick, Mary Anne Bott, Beth Marshall
Nursery Volunteers Teresa Parker, Ina Hucks
Visitation John Cole
Sound Scott Jones/Richard Wilson
Prayer Chapel John Cole

March 13

Liturgist Ina Hucks
Greeters Rock Wilson, Teresa Parker, Ruth Friday, Nancy Ballew
Acolytes William Edwards, Kathryn & Keira Larson
Children's Church Volunteers Steve Yearick, Mary Anne Bott, Beth Marshall
Nursery Volunteers Valerie Jones, Christie Malires
Visitation Marge Masterson, Diane Hayes
Sound Scott Jones/Richard Wilson
Prayer Chapel Diane Hayes

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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
 7:00 pm - 7:30 pm Youth choir
 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.

“For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways,” declares the LORD. “As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.” - [Isaiah 55:8-9](#)



Prayer concerns and praises for the week of March 6, 2011

AIC Trey Franklin	Maymie Pickett
Lue Harvell	Walton Powers
Larry Holder	Pat Reid
Mildred Hooper	Madeline Reynolds
PVT Chris Howser	Bill Schrimsher
Ed & Joyce Hunt	Ethel Phillips
Grant Hicks	Frances Slayton
Darby Jones	Nell Stone
Scott Jones & Family	Margaret Syler
Carolyn Knight	Earl Stringfellow
Mary Ann Kirkland	Rhonda Tucker
Donna Kuiper	Wayne & Paulette Templeton
Maria Luzinger	US Military Families
Gayle Matthews	Angie Watwood
Dee McPeters	Freda Wells
Vickie Manhart	Holly Wells
Fred & Mary Moffitt	Family of Chuck Williams
Gayle Matthews	Jack Wilson
Sara Nichols	Richard Yearick
Pam Patet	Jim Zielinski, II

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 _____

The Story



The Order for Worship Last Sunday after the Epiphany March 6, 2011

Chiming of the Hour

Prelude

Bringing in the Light

Acolytes

**Welcome, Announcements, & Greeting Time*

Valerie Jones, Liturgist

**Hymn of Praise*

"Ye Servants of God"

No. 181

**Affirmation of Faith*

Valerie Jones, 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

"Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me"

No. 509

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

Chancel Choir

Scripture Lesson

I Corinthians 9: 24-27

Valerie Jones, Liturgist

Sermon

"On the Journey Without a Map"

Reverend Jim Stringfellow

Sacrament of Holy Communion

(offerings made at the Altar table are given for the Heifer project)

**Hymn of Dedication*

"Fairest Lord Jesus"

No. 189

Benediction

*Congregation, please stand as you are able.

Youth Announcements:

• Tonight Jeremy Springer, the founder of the nonprofit "She Dances" will join us to share about human trafficking and the hope that God's love provides. Everyone in the church is welcome to join us! The youth will eat supper starting at 5pm, and Jeremy will go on around 5:45pm.

• Wednesday night small group Bible study from 7-8pm.

Mission Week sign up sheet is up on the youth bulletin board. It is \$50 and will be July 24th-29th. It is open to both Junior High and Senior High.

Church Shirts and Rummage Sale:

• The youth are selling shirts with the church logo on them during the month of March. T-shirts of all sizes are \$10, and polos are \$20. You must prepay when you place your order.

• The youth are having a rummage sale Saturday, March 26th from 8am-12pm. The drop-off days and times are Sunday, March 20th from 9-11:30am and 5-7pm; Wednesday, March 23rd from 6-8pm; and Friday, March 25th from 4-6pm.

Children's News

Thank you to all of our volunteers who were involved in "Feeding 5000" Sunday school! We appreciate you sharing your time and talents with us!

Remember to read your "Fill the Ark" calendar and do the daily activities with your family! We've challenged Ina Hucks to entertain us with her rendition of "Everybody's got a Water Buffalo" if we can raise \$250 by March 27th! See Mrs. Renee if you need a ark bank and calendar.

TODAY, MARCH 6 Epworth UMW is having a bake sale. Proceeds will go to the Heifer Challenge. Please help us by purchasing a cake, cookies, or other goodies. We have some of the best cooks, so please take advantage of this sale. Items will be available in the lower Narthex.

MONDAY, MARCH 7 MDO Board meeting 6:30 in the Conference room

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE, MARCH 9, 6:00

SUNDAY, MARCH 13 Chili Cook-Off, prizes will also be awarded in the Soup & Dessert category Dinner is at 5:00 in the Fellowship Hall. Set-up is at 3:30. Drinks & crackers will be provided.

Remember *Upper Room* copies are available for you every two months in the wall shelving. There are copies in large print and regular print for your choosing.



There are still some flower calendar dates that have not been taken. The cost is \$22.00 unless you wish to upgrade your week to a more bountiful arrangement to \$35.00. The Narthex flowers are \$10.00. Thank you for your support.



The flowers on the Altar are in honor of
**Jeffrey Purser, my most wonderful husband,
and best friend. Happy Birthday!**
Love, Marcie

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.

Vern Jones, Scott Jones' father

Given by
Jimmy & Pinna Gattis
Reek & Wanda Wilson

For
Building Fund
Building Fund

Mr. Coyle Burkholder's Uncle, Carl Walter, Sr.

Dick & Brenda Titus

Undesignated

The University of Alabama Continuing Studies is announcing Summer Programs, such as Reading readiness for 4-year-Olds & entering Kindergarten and entering 1-5th Graders Programs. Brochures with additional information are available on the table in the lower Narthex. You may also call 800-266-3991 for more information.



Teresa Jo Parker & Keyla Brooke Parker
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The 40 days of Lent are traditionally a period of meditation, prayer, and spiritual renewal among Christians.

Ash Wednesday - God's Mercy Renews

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Psalm 51:1

Our Temptation in Lent is to be so impressed by our sins and failings and so overwhelmed by our lack of generosity that we get struck in a paralyzing guilt, a guilt that leads to introspection instead of directing our eyes to God. It is guilt that becomes an idol and form of pride.

But Lent is precisely the time to break down this idol and to direct our attention to our loving Lord. The question is: "Are we like Judas, who was so overcome by his sins that he could not believe in God's mercy any longer and hanged himself? Or are we like Peter, who returned to his Lord with repentance and cried bitterly for his sins?"

"You are dust, and to dust you will return." This ancient formula will be heard by millions of Christians all over the world this Ash Wednesday as the sign of the cross is made in ashes on their forehead. This symbolic act is both a solemn reminder and an invitation to renewal. Lord God, this Lent help me to do my best to keep my mind fixed on you and your Kingdom."

SPIRITUAL GIFTS

Spiritual gifts are special abilities, or divine enablements given to us to make our unique contribution. Spiritual gifts are distributed by the Holy Spirit of God, to every faithful follower according to God's purpose and grace. Spiritual Gifts are for building up the body of Christ or the church's ministry in the world. These gifts as given for the short and long term in order that we may glorify God by serving better in the Church's ministry. The purpose of all gifts is the up building of the ministry.

There is great diversity in the types of gifts and this diversity is by God's design. "To one there is given through the Spirit the message of wisdom, to another the message of knowledge by means of the same spirit, to another faith by the same spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, to another miraculous powers, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues, and to still another the interpretation of tongues." 1Corinthians 12:8-10



SUNDAY, MARCH 13

Attendance February 27, 2011

Worship: 168
Sunday School: 111

Children: 20
Youth: 10
Adults: 81

Stewardship February 27, 2011

General	\$4,752.00
Building Fund	190.00
Heifer Project	48.00
ASP	320.00
Gideons	318.00
Flowers	32.00
Total	\$5,660.00