

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

April 3

Liturgist Jimmy Gattis
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 Skijpworth, Jackie Harwood
Visitation Jack & Ina Hucks
Sound Scott Jones/Richard Wilson
Prayer Chapel Vern Oden

April 10

Liturgist Tom Panucci
Greeters Bonnie Treadway, Ginny Brandau, Dave & Jane Maguire
Acolytes William Edwards, Kathryn Larson, Keira Larson
Children's Church Volunteers Leigh Carpenter, Judy Ballance, Kelly Edwards
Nursery Volunteers Thomas Rowse, Ashley Colbert
Visitation Marge Masterson, Diane Hayes
Sound Scott Jones/Richard Wilson
Prayer Chapel Chris Marshall

Prayer concerns and praises for the week of April 3, 2011

Family of Joyce Hunt

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

“He was despised and rejected by mankind, a man of suffering, and familiar with pain. Like one from whom people hide their faces he was despised, and we held him in low esteem. Surely he took up our pain and bore our suffering, yet we considered him punished by God, stricken by him, and afflicted.” - [Isaiah 53:3-4](#)

*The Order for Worship
Fourth Sunday in Lent
April 3, 2011*

Chiming of the Hour

Prelude Nicky Wilson, Organist

Bringing in the Light Acolytes

**Welcome, Announcements, & Greeting Time* Jimmy Gattis, Liturgist

**Hymn of Praise* "Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart" No. 160

**Affirmation of Faith* Jimmy Gattis, 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. Jeff Havens

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* "I Am Thine, O Lord" No. 419

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 Leone Purser

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

Anthem Chancel Choir

Scripture Lesson John 12:12-15 Jimmy Gattis, Liturgist

Sermon "He Chooses, Uses, and Honors a Donkey" Reverend Jeff Havens

Sacrament of Holy Communion
(offering made at the Altar table will be given to One Great Hour of Sharing)

**Hymn of Dedication* "Trust and Obey" No. 467

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

The Story

Youth Announcements:

- Youth will have the opportunity to meet up at Lee High School today at 2pm to see Lynne Kerr in her last school play. Remember to bring money to pay for a ticket.
- Sunday Night Youth Fellowship 5-7pm.
- Sr. High Covenant Group at Erin's from 7-8:30pm.
- Wednesday night small groups from 7-8pm.
- No youth Sunday, April 10th or Wednesday, April 13th due to Spring Break.
- Don't forget to order your Epworth shirt! The deadline to order is Sunday, April 10th.
- The deadline to sign up for Mission Week and the Outdoor Adventure Trip is Sunday, April 17th.
- Big thanks to everyone who supported the youth rummage sale! You all are amazing! We raised over \$500!

Children's News-

- Children's Choir will not meet tonight, April 3rd. The Spring Production has been postponed until Fall 2011.
- Keep sending in individually wrapped candy or other items for our Easter egg hunt.

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 **TONIGHT**,

Thank you to my Epworth family for the prayers, cards, and especially to Brother Jim for his visit during the recent death of my dad, Vern. Your support and concern made the tough times better.

Scott Jones

The word "Easter" comes from Old English and refers to the Norse Goddess of Fertility, "Istra" - who was symbolized by a rabbit.

The word Pascha (Fesakh in Arabic) refers to the Passover - the greatest feast of the Old Testament. The feast referred to the time when God delivered the Hebrew people from slavery and bondage. He commanded them to offer the sacrifice of a spotless lamb and to sprinkle its blood upon their gateposts that the Angel of Death would pass over their houses.

The Christians, seeing the true fulfillment of the Old Law in the New Testament, realized that this ancient feast was but a foreshadowing of the destruction of death by Christians in His burial and Resurrection. The beautiful hymns of Resurrection Matins (sung on Saturday after the procession) frequently refer to Christ as the spotless Lamb, the true Savior, the Victor over sin and death, the Deliverer from bondage, and as the Author of the New Creation.

The flowers on the Altar are in honor of Florence Blevins

and in remembrance of Lee Blevins

Lovingly given by Carol Blevins



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 worshiping with us today.



Joyce Hunt

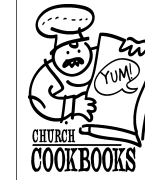
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*Tom & Joan Diggs
Jimmy & Pinna Gattis
Lee & Evelyn Parker*

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*Building Fund
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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 256-534-6100 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. Please send the recipe via e-mail or typed if possible.

FIRST STOP is in need of the following: latex gloves, cereal, aluminum foil, & feminine pads. Please leave these items in the basket marked FIRST STOP in the Narthex. Thanks for your support.

NO LENTEN COMMUNION TODAY but resumes April 10, 8:30 a.m. and continues through April 17.

Calling all Women - Save the Date for the second Saturday in May! The Women of Epworth Core Group is hosting a Women's Breakfast on Saturday, May 14th from 9-11 am. We wish to cordially invite all the women in our congregation (in addition to any female visitors, relatives, friends, etc.) to attend. A wonderful menu and program is being planned, and all that we ask is for you to bring yourself, an appetite, a good attitude, and prepare to have a great time getting to know other Women in our church. More information will be forthcoming later on this month. Any questions, please contact: Marcie Purser at Mhs9923@aol.com. or 256-536-9028. We look forward to seeing you all there~!

Holy Week kick off luncheon will be after church April 17th. Bring a covered dish. Family Life will furnish drinks and rolls. Set up will be during Sunday School (9:00)

SUNRISE BREAKFAST April 24th, 7:30 am, set up. & cooking will be at 6:30 am.

FAMILY LIFE will have a short meeting after church April 10th to discuss Sunrise Breakfast.

**Attendance
March 27, 2011**

**Worship: 154
Sunday School: 103**

Children: 21
Youth: 11
Adults: 71

**Stewardship
March 27, 2011**

General	\$2,909.00
Building Fund	213.00
Heifer Project	240.00
Flowers	52.00
UMCOR	350.00
Literature	222.58
Total	\$3986.58



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.