

THOSE WHO SERVE

Month of May

Trustee Fred Reeves
Ushers Scott & Amy Key, Fred & Jackie Reeves
Altar Guild Jackie Reeves
Counters Ezio Wheeler, Cathy Seals

May 15

Liturgist Diane Hayes
Greeters Opal Meeks, Dianna Harper, Allen Avery, David Hinote
Acolytes Anna Ballance Joe Shepard
Children's Church Volunteers Marcie Purser, Christie Malires, Cathy Seals
Nursery Volunteers Amy Boyle, Leigh Carpenter
Visitation Jack & Ina Hucks
Sound Scott Jones/Richard Wilson
Prayer Chapel Leone Purser

May 22

Liturgist Heather Stirling
Greeters Joe & Joyce Mathis, Kathy Cornutt, Becky Kanaday
Acolytes Teddy Lozier, Avery Manhart
Children's Church Volunteers Marcie Purser, Christie Malires, Cathy Seals
Nursery Volunteers Melanie Skipworth, Jackie Harwood
Visitation John Cole
Sound Scott Jones/Richard Wilson
Prayer Chapel Mary Anne Bott

Epworth United Methodist Church
2102 Epworth Drive Huntsville, AL 35811

Website address: www.epworthumc.net
Office email: eumc@hiwaay.net Church Office:256•536•1559

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
 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)
 Open Basketball
 Friday 9:30 pm - 1:30 pm MDO/Preschool/Kindergarten



Prayer concerns and praises for the week of May 15, 2011

Louise Benefield

James Avery
 Mildred Barnes
 Buck Bannister
 Chino Boyington
 Helen Branum
 Jesse
 Mildred Cagle
 Hazel Cowley
 Glenda Edwards
 Jane Hoffman
 Fannie Mae Falkenberry
 Chris Franklin
 AIC Trey Franklin
 Jennifer Harvey
 Lue Harvell
 Ed Hunt
 Mildred Hopper
 PVT Chris Howser
 RJ Jackson

Darby Jones
 Mary Ann Kirkland
 Carolyn Knight
 Donna Kuiper
 Maria Luzinger
 Amy Moon
 Dee McPeters
 Gayle Matthews
 Dan Mills
 Vickie Manhart
 Mississippi Flood Victims
 Fred & Mary Moffitt
 Pam Patet
 Maymie Pickett
 Donna Pritchard
 Walton Powers
 Pat Reid
 Carla Saint
 Jesse Sanders
 Bill Schrimsher
 Jimmy Sexton
 Ann Smith

Leila Smith
Max Shotts
 Frances Slayton
 Earl Stringfellow
Nell Stone
 Margaret Syler
Emily Mathis Thornton
 Tornado Victims
 Rhonda Tucker
 US Military Families
 Angie Watwood
 Angie Watson
 Freda Wells
 Holly Wells
 Renee' White
 Jack Wilson
 Stuart Wilson
 Richard Yearick
 Jim Zielinski

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 _____

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.

“Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.” - [Ephesians 4:32](#)

*The Order for Worship
Fourth Sunday of Easter
May 15, 2011*

Chiming of the Hour

Prelude Nicky Wilson, Organist

Bringing in the Light Acolytes

**Welcome, Announcements, & Greeting Time* Diane Hayes, Liturgist

**Hymn of Praise* "Morning Has Broken" No. 145

**Affirmation of Faith* Diane Hayes, 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* "God of the Sparrow, God of the Whales" No. 122

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
Scripture Lesson John 10:22-30 Diane Hayes, Liturgist

Sermon "But, When?" Reverend Jim Stringfellow

**Hymn of Dedication* "Your Love, O God" No. 120

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

The Story

Youth Announcements:

- Youth movie night tonight from 5-7pm! Bring snacks to share!
- Wednesday night youth activities from 7-8pm.
- Next Sunday morning the youth will set up for the Carrabba's lunch during Sunday School.

Graduation Announcements

- Sunday, May 22nd, is our Senior Sunday, when we will take a time in worship to celebrate those who have graduated from high school and college. If you have a graduating senior from college or high school please call Leone or Erin at the church office ASAP.

- Our Seniors will be celebrated at the Carrabba's lunch following worship Sunday, May 22nd.

Children's News-

- Carrabba's Fundraiser Lunch/Senior Celebration next Sunday, May 22nd. Make your reservations in the Narthex and sign-up if you are planning to work. Tom and Judy Panucci will be sharing their culinary talents along with Carrabba's!
- **Volunteers needed!** Children's Church volunteers are needed for the summer months. Sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board outside the Children's Office. We are studying a Kidmo unit about the life and times of Jesus that goes along with our theme for VBS.
- VBS – sign-up in the Narthex to come along with us and visit Nazareth where Jesus grew up. Monday, June 6th – Friday, June 10th, 6:00-8:00 pm. Children ages 4 years through 5th grade are encouraged to attend.
- VBS donations - we need the following: 10 tents or canopies, natural wicker baskets, artificial plants/trees, non-valuable pottery, artificial fruit/ veggies/ bread, and blankets that would fit our theme. Place your name on these items and bring them to church by June 1st. These items will be returned to you.
- "Wool you help us with supplies?" Check out the sheep on the bulletin board if you'd like to donate usable supplies for VBS.

TUESDAY, MAY 24 Finance Team Meeting, 6:30 pm in the Conference Room

God of the Sparrow, God of the Whale was written by Jaroslav Vajda. This hymn is on the most popular new hymns in *The United Methodist Hymnal*. His motivation was the result of a commission "to compose a hymn text that would provide answers from the users of the hymn as to why and how God's creatures (and children) are to serve Him. The Law of God demands perfect love from every creature; the love of God and the Gospel coax a willing response to live as an expression of gratitude. A noticeable feature of this hymn is its lack of punctuation and rhyme. To the singer this creates a sense of openness - a text that is not bound by the conventional patterns of poetry. Each of the six stanzas is perfectly balanced: the first two lines of each stanza offer a glimpse into the actions of God in the world and the bond God has with God's creatures. The last two lines of each ask two rhetorical questions: "How does the creature..." The lack of a question mark gives one the sense that these questions are not so much expecting an answer as making a statement of profound wonder about the relationship between the Creator and the Creator's creatures. The first two stanzas focus on God as manifest in the natural world. The third stanza links the Creator with the Incarnation - "God of the cross God of the empty grave." Stanzas four and five draw upon biblical images of relationship with God" God of the hungry God of the sick God of the prodigal," "God of the neighbor God of the foe." The final stanza is the "God of the loving heart" whose children can only respond by saying "Home."



*The flowers on the Altar are to say
Happy Birthday to our princess,
Kristen Marshall
Love, Mommy, Daddy & Ben*

UMCOR Cleaning Buckets needs: You may make a monetary donation or bring a complete bucket, or any of these items to complete a bucket:

- 1) 5 gallon buckets w/resalable lid (buckets from fast food restaurants or bakeries can be used if washed & cleaned; do not use buckets that have stored chemicals such as paint or pool cleaner; Ads on the outside are acceptable)
- 2) liquid laundry detergent - (2) 25 oz or (1) 50 oz bottle only
- 3) Dish soap - 16-28 oz bottle, any brand
- 4) liquid household cleaner; 12-16 liquid cleaner that can be mixed w/water; no spray
- 5) 1 can air freshener - aerosol or pump
- 5) insect repellent spray- 6-14 oz aerosol or spray pump w/protective cover
- 6) 1 scrub brush - plastic or wooden handle
- 7) 18 cleaning wipes - handi wipes or reusable wipes; no terry cleaning towels, remove from packing
- 8) 7 sponges - remove from wrapper
- 9) 5 scouring pads - remove from wrapper
- 10) clothespins - remove from packing
- 11) Clothes line -(2) 50 ft. or (1) 100 ft. cotton or plastic
- 12) 24 roll heavy duty trash bags - remove from the box
- 13) 5 dust masks
- 14) 2 pair disposable waterproof gloves (rubber or latex, remove from packing)
- 15) 1 pair work gloves

There are Assembling directions; important notes; packing kits directions, & shipping directions. Please call the office for these directions.

There are sheets with additional information about helping UMCOR in the Narthex.

The President is requested to issue each year a proclamation

- 1) designating the week in which May 15 occurs as **Police Week** in recognition of the service given by men and women who stand guard to protect the people of the United States through law enforcement; and
- 2) Inviting State and local governments and the people of the US to observe **Police Week** with appropriate ceremonies and activities, including the display of the flag at halfstaff.

Remember to pick up a copy of the *Upper Room* on the wall shelves in the Lower Narthex.

<p><i>You are invited to a Bridal Tea In honor of Miss Christina Bott Saturday, May 21 From 2:00 to 4:00 pm Epworth UMC Parlor Christina is the daughter of Hans and Mary Anne Bott Bride-elect of Gary Lamb She is registered at Belk & Target.</i></p>	<p>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 Thank you for worshipping with us today.</p>
---	--



<u>Attendance</u> May 8, 2011	
Worship:	230
Sunday School:	110
Children:	20
Youth:	16
Adults:	74

<u>Stewardship</u> May 8, 2011	
General	\$16,795.00
Building Fund	1330.00
Flowers	20.00
Miscellaneous	25.00
Social Concerns	35.00
UM Youth	30.00
Cynthia Carr	50.00
UMCOR	1,850.00
Total	\$20,465.00