

# March 2015



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# Walk to Emmaus

By Amy | March 2015



## Walk to Emmaus and Lighthouse Chrysalis

- Girls Flight April 23- 26, 2015
- Boys Flight May 14- 17, 2015

Applications need to be in by April 9, 2015

## Walk to Emmaus Events

- Men's Walk to Emmaus: October 8-11, 2015
- Women's walk to Emmaus October 15-18, 2015 4th day: November 7, 2015
- April 17 is a cover dish lunch at Bethesda UMC starting at 12pm. All are invited.
- June 20 is the community picnic at laurel acres park in Mt. Laurel. Circle the date.

Anyone who is interested on finding out about Emmaus is invited. Families are welcome.

Please see Debbie and Bryan Campion to give updated information on any emails, phone numbers or addresses that have changed for Emmaus alumnae. Thank you.

## From the Parish Nurse

By Amy | March 2015



## **Blood Drive**

**Thursday, May 8th - Is Our Next American Red Cross Blood Drive.**

A great big THANK YOU to all who helped with our February Blood Drive in putting up signs, making donor recruitment phone calls, or volunteering in any way, with a broken arm, it made it hard for me to take care of the many tasks involved with preparing for a blood drive. Thanks again to all that helped!

## **United Methodist Women**

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### **United Methodist Women Executive Meeting**

UMW Executive Meeting will be March 28th at 9:00am in the history room. All circle members remember to pick up your new directories from your circle leaders.

### **Epworth United Methodist Women inside picnic**

Save the date: Thursday, May 7th Epworth United Methodist Women inside picnic

## Circle News

- **Deborah:** We will meet at the home of Reva Luce on Thursday, March 19th, 2015, at 7:30pm. We will discuss Chapter 5 of *Confronting the Controversies* by Adam Hamilton.
  - **Esther/Ruth:** We will meet on March 19th at 11:30am
  - **Grace:** We decided our March Meeting will be on Sunday, March 15th, 12noon at Due Amici's in Cinnaminson. We will have brunch and discuss the upcoming Grace & UMW events. Please email Diane at the church by March 6th at [epworth.diane@verizon.net](mailto:epworth.diane@verizon.net) to make reservations.
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## ShopRite Gift Cards

ShopRite cards will be available on the 1st & 3rd Sundays. Also, for those who miss those Sundays, you can now pick up Shop Rite cards from Diane Dunn in the Church Office (effective Mar. 2nd) During the week, please have exact cash or checks payable to "Epworth UMW."



We're hoping that all people who shop at Shop Rite purchase our cards, so we can reap benefits of giving back to various missions and also back to Epworth.

## Sunday Lunch

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Bring your lunch to church on March 29 and join us in beginning a new tradition. Come to the Fellowship Room after church for a time of fellowship with friends and making new friends. The food

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will be your favorite (or whatever you bring) with no extra expense. The time will be special. We will gather for lunch and fellowship on the last Sunday of every month.

## Epworth Book Club

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Epworth Book Club is simple, easy and fun! We all enjoy the fellowship time together and are looking forward to new people joining us in the fun! If you have any questions, please contact Lynn Truax. Hope to see you at our next meeting. Our next meeting and book title will be in upcoming Sunday bulletins.

## Mary's Closet

By Amy | March 2015



We will only be accepting clothes during the times of 4pm-6pm on the third Friday of every month. And 9am-12noon on the third Saturday of every month. We are also looking to have a drop off time during the week as well, but at this time, it is not scheduled.

The Mary Closet Team

## **One Great Hour of Sharing**

By Amy | March 2015



March 15th is "One Great Hour of Sharing Sunday." For more than 50 years, United Methodist

congregations have been taking part in a special One Great Hour of Sharing offering, laying the foundation for UMCOR's ministry of relief and hope. Donations UMCOR receives through this offering, along with other undesignated gifts made throughout the year, cover our costs of doing business. Gifts like yours make it possible for UMCOR to use 100% of all other contributions on the projects our donors specify, instead of on administrative or fundraising costs. UMCOR does not receive United Methodist World Service or apportionment funds, so without your offerings, UMCOR would not exist.



Because we keep operating costs under 10% of our total budget, undesignated gifts may actually exceed UMCOR's administrative needs. When that happens, your support is channeled to under-funded programs, where they're most needed. They also may be used to allow UMCOR to respond to disasters immediately after an event and before funds can be raised. Most congregations celebrate One Great Hour of Sharing on the fourth Sunday of Lent.

## Planned Giving

By Amy | March 2015





Including Epworth's Planned Giving program in your will is a meaningful way to honor a loved one or your commitment to the ongoing viability of our church. A bequest is the easiest major gift you can set up. Why?

- **It's Deferred** - It costs you nothing during your lifetime. Your gift doesn't take effect until your death so there's no need to worry that it will deplete your current assets. And if your circumstances change, you can simply revise your will.
- **It's Flexible** - You may choose to leave a specific dollar amount, a particular piece of real or personal property or a percentage of your estate. Or you may choose to leave all or a portion of what's left in your estate after you have provided for friends and family. You select the option that works best for you and your family.

To learn more about Epworth's Planned Giving program, contact Jean Cook, Marilyn Bilotti, Carol Fenton, Debbie Mason or Bill Rinck.

## Thank You

By Amy | March 2015



To the Epworth Congregation, Terry Crouse, our family & myself, would like to thank everyone for making Tom Carmichael's Memorial Service and luncheon warm, inviting and memorable for us. You made us feel so welcome and part of your church family. It was so wonderful to see some of our old classmates from long ago. Tom loved his church & his many friends at Epworth & from Palmyra. Thank you for everything.

In Christian love,  
Kris Carmichael & family

## **Prayer Shawl Ministry**

By Amy | March 2015



Tangible evidence of the love and prayers of our congregation.

I have set my rainbow in the clouds, . . .this is the sign of the covenant I have established between me and all life on earth. Genesis 9:13, 17

Continuing our exploration of color symbolism: Green represents healing, sympathy, hope, renewal, health, confidence, peace, and relaxation. Brown represents wholesomeness, steadfastness, dependability, simplicity, and warmth, while Beige or tan represent optimism, simplicity, and calmness.

*"Your thoughtfulness is appreciated, as is your excellent craftsmanship. The shawl was most unexpected and doubly appreciated. My recovery is nearly completed and will continue. Thank your group for their work and my shawl."DM*

*"Thank you so much for the beautiful prayer shawls. That was very thoughtful. It has been a very trying period of time for our family. They represent a measure of calm and comfort. Again, thank you and your wonderful church members." J and C*

*"Give threefold blessings as you Stitch, pray, and create. Extend threefold blessings as you Reach out, touch, and enfold; Receive threefold blessings to Fill, encourage, and inspire you To do it all over again." Janet Bristow*

Next meeting 7pm Thursday, March 26, 2015

## Young at Heart

By Amy | March 2015

This month we will meet on Monday, March 16th at 12 noon in the Parlor. Please bring a lunch. Dessert and beverages will be provided.

# Alter Flowers

By Amy | March 2015



The altar guild has several dates open for placing flowers on the altar for Sundays if you are interested please get in touch with Terry Neas or Susan Kuhn. Thank you!

# Progressive Dinner

By Amy | March 2015

# PROGRESSIVE DINNER



## Like Drive-Thru, but not really!

At Epworth on Saturday, March 28th at 6pm in the Fellowship Room. People who are interested in participating in the church progressive dinner, arranged by the Goodtimers, please get in touch with Pete or Susan Kuhn for more information.

## Calendar

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