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Scholarships Available

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Each year the Conference offers a variety of scholarships to students seeking higher education. Some have specific requirements or designated for certain studies. Students are invited to look over the information on the bulletin board. Jo Malessa and Pastor Charlie can also offer more information and answer some questions. The deadline for most applications is March 31, 2016 so do not delay!

Walk to Emmaus

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FACE TO FACE

The Garden State Walk to Emmaus is blessed to announce a new program, **Face to Face** that will be held in the spring of 2016. It is for anyone over the age of **60** and who may be physically unable to do the Walk to Emmaus weekend. This encounter will be held at

Beverly United Methodist Church. It will be held over 4 Saturdays from 9 - 3:30. April 16, 23, 30 and May 7, 2016. You will encounter The Risen Christ Face to Face in an experience in the Emmaus tradition. Lunch and refreshments will be served. Please see Debbie Champion for more information and for registration forms. There is a limited number of seats. Debbie went to Nashville to get internationally trained for this program by the Upper Room. There are only 14 communities around the

world that are offering this exciting new program.

CHRYSALIS FLIGHT

A Chrysalis Flight is designed to help young men and women in their Christian development and strengthen their faith in God and Jesus Christ. The targeted age is 13 to 17 years old.

The Girls' flight will take place April 21- 24, 2016 and the Boys' flight will be May 19 -22, 2016. The follow up day, called Next Steps is scheduled for June 4, 2016.

Registration is now open. Please see Debbie or Bryan Campion for more information.

THE NEXT WALK TO EMMAUS WEEKENDS have been announced. The Mens' Walk is September 22-25, 2016. The Women's Walk is October 6-9, 2016. The follow up day, called Fourth Day is to be determined.

If you would like more information about the Walk or to fill out an application, please contact Bryan and Debbie Campion.

\$11K Pledged in Increased Giving

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On Sunday, February 7, Pastor Charlie in his message spoke about gaining control of our finances. We considered how much we spend on things that are unhealthy for us such as soft drinks and our various coffee latté espresso mocha concoctions. PC challenged those present to give up on soda or trip to Wawa and add that money to their offering. He gave the congregation the opportunity to consider this and write it down on a slip of paper that would state how much they would be willing to increase their gift. We collected the slips and added up the commitments. To the amazement of all, over \$11,000 was pledged as increased giving for 2016. As the year unwinds we will see how people how their increased giving. Each month we will be sharing information about our financial situation including our giving and how it compares to last year. We will also do the same with our expenses. Our hope is that by having this information each of us will consider what we can do to secure our financial future.

Easter Egg Hunt

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Epworth will be hosting an Easter Egg Hunt on Sunday, March 20, immediately after the Palm Sunday service. The hunt will be for all children in attendance. Please invite your friends to come join us for this fun event.

Online Giving Coming to Epworth

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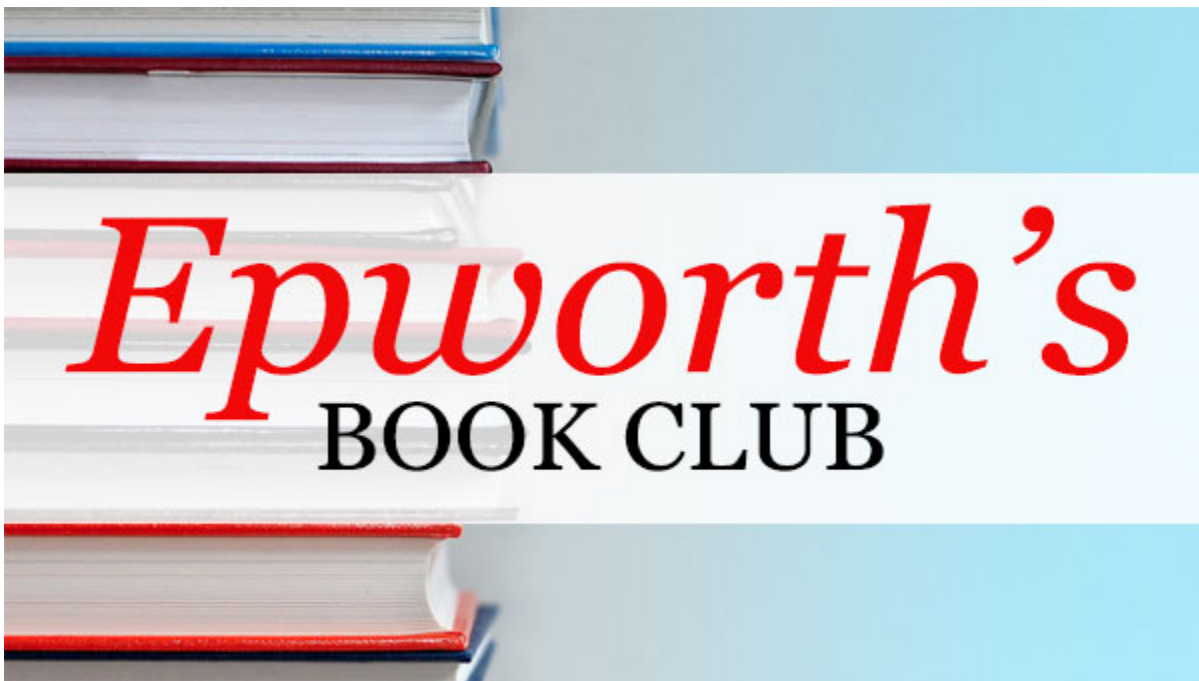


We are pleased to announce the introduction of an electronic option for making regular offerings. Contributions can now be debited automatically from your checking or savings account or processed

using your credit or debit card. Our new electronic giving program offers convenience for you and provides much-needed donation consistency for our congregation. If you are currently giving on a weekly basis, you will no longer need to write out 52 checks a year or prepare 52 envelopes. And, when travel, illness or other circumstances prevent you from attending services, this program will allow your weekly offerings to continue on an uninterrupted basis. Donors may choose to make their donations weekly, semi-monthly, monthly, or one-time. You can access your account and review your giving, update information and make changes to your giving at any time.

Epworth's Book Club

By Amy | March 2016



Want to read a book that most people thoroughly enjoyed? Read "Sum It Up" by Patricia Summitt. Whether or not you are a sports fan, this moving autobiography tells the story of a country girl who became the head coach of the University of Tennessee Lady Vols. It tells her rise to Olympic medalist and her fight for women's sports in a male dominated world. As her career journey played out, she was stricken with Alzheimer's. See how she handled this devastating diagnosis with the help of her basketball family.

Our new selection is "I Am Malala" by Malala Yousafzai. It is the autobiography of a young Pakistani girl who loves the joy of learning. In her war torn neighborhood at the age of 15 she was shot by Taliban as she road the bus home from school. Most people probably would have gone quiet after such a horrific episode but not Malala. It only inspired her to crusade for women's rights to education.

We invite you to read this book with us. See Lynn Truax if interested. We will be meeting after church

on March 13 to discuss this book at Deborah Cheeseman's home. We will have a Pot Luck lunch.

The Burlington Entertainers

By Amy | March 2016



The Burlington Entertainers Present "Swing, Swing, Swing: The Music of the 40s."

7:30pm April 1st and 2nd at Burlington City High School just off Route 130 in Burlington

adult donation \$7.00 Active Military, children 10 & under free

Our own Ed Maher, Eva Schultz , Jo Malessa and Scott Prickett will be singing with this enthusiastic chorus. All proceeds will be given to Deborah Heart and Lung Center. To purchase tickets in advance, please see Jo Malessa.

Epworth Online

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Epworth continues to build a strong internet presence. Today it is important that we are able to be present with you regardless of where you are. With this in mind we continue to update our website. When was the last time you visited palmyranjumc.org? Our website has an up-to-date calendar with all the upcoming events, information regarding our groups and Bible studies, links to other sites that you may find useful, and much about our various ministries.

It is also the place where you can go to see a [live stream](#) of our Sunday worship service. Next time you are away for whatever reason, you can still experience worship with us.

Our [Facebook](#) page shares information about upcoming activities. It is also a great place to share your photos or stories about Epworth.

Finally we share upcoming events and prayer requests through email. **Epworth Happenings** highlights upcoming events and lets you what is going in the life of the church. We also share information concerning ministries of Epworth. We hope you will take a quick look to see what is happening.

Our goal is to keep you connected to Epworth wherever you may be. If you have an idea on what we can do to improve our online presence please talk with Tina or Charlie.