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Planned Giving

By Tina Weiler | June 2016



One of the real advantages the Epworth Planned Giving program provides is that through your gifts, you get to have a hand in the mission work of the church for many generations to come. When you contribute to our endowment fund in your will or through a trust, your gift will never be used up, but will provide the means to fund key and innovative programs of service throughout coming generations. Your gift can live on beyond your lifetime, and by your generosity of spirit and self-giving attitude will be remembered by all who benefit from your gift. So please prayerfully consider leaving something to our church's endowment fund when you depart this earth. The blessing will be both ours and yours. Talk with Jean Cook, Marilyn Bilotti, Carol Fenton, Debbie Mason or Neil Sellars for more information.

Special Charge Conference

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There will be a special charge conference on Monday, June 20th at 7:30 pm to accept an estate bequest. All are invited to attend.

Circles of Hope

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The Mission Fund Campaign of our annual conference has established “Circles of Hope” to represent the generous giving of congregations throughout the conference. Epworth has been named to the “Repairing Circle”. The Mission Fund has been the designated recipient of our Lenten offering for the

past three years. This campaign has a goal to raise 12 million dollars. A large portion of these funds will go towards rebuilding homes damaged in Superstorm Sandy. To date more than 200 homes have been repaired with many still left in the pipeline. The funds also go towards fighting malaria. Working with other ministry partners the death rate from malaria has been cut in half. The last part of the Mission Campaign is to help the local church spawn new missional ministry. Epworth has monies set aside to fund a mission and we are waiting for that next good idea. Thank you for your support these past few years and realize that your generosity is making a difference.

Greeters Needed

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You are invited to volunteer to serve as a greeter for Sunday worship. This is a great way to get meet one another as we gather for worship. There is a signup sheet on the bulletin board in the narthex.

Beyond serving in this special way, each of us should do our part to greet one another. Take some time to seek out someone you might not know and say hello. Let's work together to be a place where we welcome one another in the love of Christ.

Wanted Garfield Properties Superintendent

By Amy | June 2016



Epworth seeks an individual to serve as the Superintendent of the Garfield Properties, seven apartment units located adjacent to the church. The Superintendent's duties include collecting rents, being responsible for tenant issues, making and coordinating property repairs, and managing vacancies and re-renting the units as needed. This will be a salaried, part-time position.

Those interested should contact Trustees Chairman [Paul Quattrocchi](#) or at 609-980-3339 or SPR Chairman [Joe Garemore](#) or at 856-534-2143 . Applications should be submitted by June 26, 2016.

Picnic in the Park

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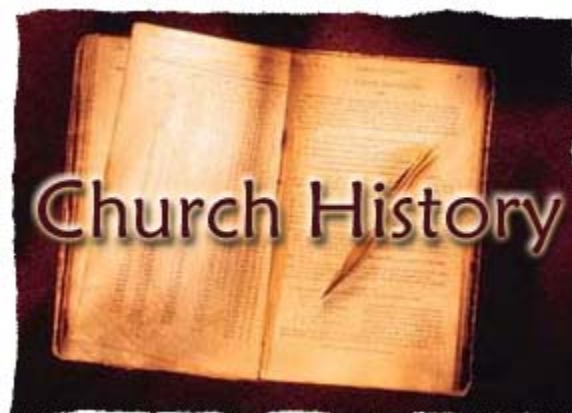


June 10 at 6 pm

Pack a picnic and plan to join us on June 10 at 6 pm for a night of fun and fellowship at Riverton Park, on the corner of Broad and Cedar Streets in Riverton. We will enjoy our meal together and then afterwards, we might play some games, play on the playground or just continue to enjoy each other's company. We hope to see you there.

History Committee Members Sought

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The History Committee has always been an important part of Epworth's fabric. Epworth's past is a

story that needs to be preserved and retold. This important work can only be done by a group dedicated to this aspect of our ministry. We are looking to re-form this team and continue to build upon the foundation laid by others before. If you have an interest in history and especially that of Epworth we ask that you talk with Pastor Charlie. The rich history of Epworth is waiting for you to discover the next story that needs to be told.

Parking Reminder

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We all realize that parking around the church is limited. There are limited spaces available behind the church in the gravel parking area. These are usually open for evening meetings and gatherings. The bank parking lot on the corner of Garfield and Broad is open to be used on Sunday mornings. Don't forget that sharing rides also helps in opening spaces for others.

Olympics Coming to Epworth VBS

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This year's vacation bible school will have an Olympic theme when we come together from July 17 to 21 from 6:30 pm to 8:45 pm. Celebrating this summer's games we will be sharing the Word from Hebrews 12, "Let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus." [Registration](#) is available now.

Prayer Requests

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One of the ways that we support one another is through the sharing of prayer requests. You may send them to the church office. We gather them and will send them out once or twice a week. While we recognize that your wish may be to send them out immediately we also do want to send prayer requests so frequently that people begin to delete them when they come. If it is an emergency situation we will send them out immediately. We appreciate your understanding.

We realize that not everyone has email so we are looking to form a prayer chain that would pass on prayer requests via phone calls. We are looking for persons who would be willing to be part of this chain. Our goal is for each link in the chain to make two calls. If you would like to be part of this important ministry please contact Janet Neff or the [church office](#).

For the Sunday bulletin we want to continue to list those who are need of prayer so they may benefit from our prayers. We realize to some extent we all need ongoing prayer, however, we are looking to keep the prayer list up to date with those who are in need of prayer due to a current illness, situation or trial. While we will not hesitate to add someone to the list, we do ask your cooperation in letting us know when someone's circumstances have changed so they may be removed. (After a period of time if we have heard nothing further about someone we will take them off the list.)

We want to be there to lift one another in prayer and we put our trust in God and that answers will come. Working together we can be a prayerful faith community.

Communion Offering

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JUNE'S COMMUNION OFFERING goes to support Epworth's Vacation Bible School.

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.

Methodist Hospital

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The **Women's Association of Methodist Hospital**, of which Epworth is a member, renders services to and raises funds for the hospital. The Association also has direct contact with patients through lap robes, tray favors, walker and wheelchair bags and other mementoes made for and given to them to convey love and concern in the name of Jesus Christ.

The Association raises monies through **patron donations, memorial gifts, and monthly sales** in the hospital lobby that include a Christmas bazaar, Easter and Mother's Day plant and flower sales, gold and silver jewelry, book, electronics, handbag, and other sales. **Memorials** are inscribed in the chapel

Memorial Book. For more information see Jo Malessa or contact the Association's executive secretary.

Through last year's fundraising efforts, this spring the Association presented the Methodist Hospital Foundation with \$10,000,00 toward the hospital's Community Paramedicine Program. This program is designed to avoid readmission following discharge by providing patients living in the South Philly community who do not have competent caregivers with professional at-home monitoring of medications and care. (Readmission prior to 31 days after discharge is not covered by insurance.)

The next general meeting of the Association is Thursday, September 22, 2016. Anyone interested in the work of the Association is welcome to this open luncheon meeting. If you are interested contact Jo Malessa.

UMW News

By Amy | June 2016



UMW Epworth News

Minutes of Spring Potluck Supper May 5, 2016 The Spring Potluck Supper on May 5, 2016 was attended by 22 members. Everyone gathered with their covered dishes at 6:15 PM. By 6:30 PM all were seated; and, Reva Luce, President, welcomed all in attendance. She acknowledged our guest, Cassandra Ferrigno, who was to speak later in the evening, and followed this by offering the Blessing of the meal that awaited everyone. Then it was time to eat and enjoy the great variety of food as well as the fellowship. At 7:00 PM everyone moved into the Parlor for the Program. Several members of

Grace Circle presented a selection of Devotional readings. During this time the collection was taken for Call to Prayer. The UMW Purpose was then recited in unison by all members. Reva Luce introduced our guest speaker, Cassandra Ferrigno, Director, Pinelands Center at Mt. Misery.

She told us of her background & experience prior to her current position. In addition, she had a power point presentation that gave the current status of the camp and recent improvements that have been completed, along with plans for continued updating of the entire camp facility and buildings. Her presentation included current pictures of interior & exterior views of cabins, meeting areas, as well as other facilities & recreational activities available. This summer season, offerings will be limited as the facilities continue to be updated. She stated that monthly activities are planned for all ages to enjoy, starting with open house on Memorial Day W/E. The grounds can be used, with tent camping for those inclined to set up their tent on the ball field & enjoy the facilities. There is an Open House scheduled for June 11, 2016 as well. She reported that there are organizations, schools, etc. that have been continuing to use the camp. Also, it is possible to arrange for a group to use the facilities & cook own meals (without use of the dining hall/kitchen). She would like to see the "Adopt A Cabin" program started with help from several congregations and appealed to Epworth to consider being involved. Next year will be the 70th year of operation for the camp, and she would like to see it ready to offer more services to campers of all ages. Ms. Ferrigno took questions from several persons and met with some for significant time after the program.

We then had the business portion of the meeting. The Response Moment was given by Carol Fenton, whose reading was concerning Mothers Day; and, that although we may not all be mothers, we all have had a mother. So, the day is of import to each of us. The Program Book Message read by Joan Schwering pertained to the UMW channels of giving, specifically mission giving. UMW partners with many national and international missions to alleviate suffering & hardship for women, children & youth. Following up on that idea, Betsi Tatem read an excerpt from the 2016 UMW Prayer Calendar for the month of May. It was about 2 female pastors from Cameroon who received UMW scholarships that made it possible to fully fund their seminary education. A letter from one of the women told of how much this scholarship meant to her, and how it impacts not only her but those whom her ministry reaches. At that time, we remembered eight Missionaries with Birthdays this week as Reva Luce read out their names.

"Often we get so busy doing the work of the ministry we forget to acknowledge how awesome it is for us to be chosen to be God's hands or feet. We are so busy blessing others we forget that we are blessed to be chosen to help". Amelia Gibbon

The closing prayer was said by Reva Luce.

Submitted by Reva Luce, President

UMW District/GNJUMW Events

- June 16 - 18 NEJ Quadrennial Mtg. Syracuse, NY
- July 15 - 17 Mission "U" weekend- Georgian Court University Lakewood, NJ
- July 23 - Mission "U" 1 day session held at Areola Korean UMC in Paramus, NJ

- Oct. 1 - Capital District Fall Communion Breakfast Location TBA
- Oct. 15 - Conference Fall Meeting Location n TBA

Mission "U" Info:

The 1-day event is \$75 per person. A first timer, 3-day event only, the w/e cost is \$145. There are several topics to choose from. **If 3 or more from the same church attend the 3 day event, each person will receive a \$20 scholarship.** Their registrations must be mailed together.

If interested contact [Reva Luce](#). Carpooling can be arranged, as Reva has room for at least 3 more in her car.

UMW Circle News

DEBORAH CIRCLE: On Thursday, June 2, Deborah Circle will meet at the home of Debbie Rabil to share a meal with former members of the group in **celebration of Deborah Circle's 50th anniversary.** *Next Meeting September 15, 2016, when we will review chapter 7 of our study book.*

GRACE CIRCLE: Will meet again in the Fall.

ESTHER/RUTH CIRCLE: Will meet again in the Fall.

Shop Rite Cards



The UMW would like to thank all those who faithfully purchased Shop Rite cards last year. Our total rewards was \$1,950! We have already raised \$700 so far in 2016!

As a reminder, you can purchase cards on Sunday mornings or in the church office Monday ~ Thursday, from 9 am to 12 pm.