

# WEEKLY UPDATE

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### LEADERSHIP

#### Lead Pastor

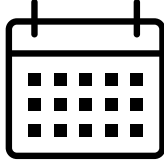
Rev. Jennifer Fenner

#### Associate Pastor

Rev. Tammi Brantley

#### Pastora Emerita

Rev. Yolanda Pupo-Ortiz



## CALENDAR

### WORSHIP SERVICES

#### 9:00am- Arise

(Traditional)

#### 10:30am- Celebrate

(Praise & Worship)

#### 12:30 pm- Camino

(Spanish)



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Sunday May 11: 9:00 10:30 and 12:30 (Mother's Day Weekend) Sermon Series FOLLOW week 2 & Food Distribution

Friday May 16: GGYM Youth Ministry at Covenant UMC

6:30pm start - The session will be led by a candidate applying for the role of GGYM Lead. This will be part of a working interview.

Saturday May 17

·Session1 Marriage Class 10-12noon

·Emory Grove UMC Funeral using EUMC\*\* 9-2pm

·Epworth Preschool /Kindergarten Open House 10-12noon

·Young Adult Fun Event off site (CHANGED DAY – contact Julie at Group me for details )

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Sunday May 18: 9:00 10:30 and 12:30 FOLLOW Week 3

· Graduating Senior and Scholarship Sunday in all services:

· Session 2 Marriage Class 3-5pm

Tuesday May 20: Open House for Community Members to learn about Epworth's Ana A Brito Foundation. 5-8pm

Saturday May 24: Session 2 repeat Marriage Class 3-5pm

Sunday May 25: 9:00 10:30 and 12:30 FOLLOW Week 4, Memorial Day Weekend and Food Distribution

For additional information or event registration, please visit our website at [www.epworthunited.org](http://www.epworthunited.org)

# May Sermon Series

May 2025

Lots of people think Christianity is all about doing what Jesus says. But what if doing what Jesus says isn't what Jesus says to do at all?

Jesus' invitation is an invitation to relationship, and it begins with a simple request: **follow me**.

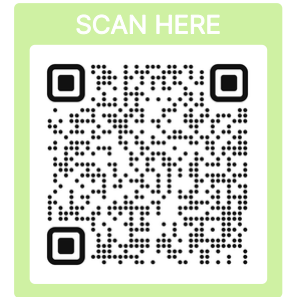
Religion says, "Change and you can join us." Jesus says, "Join us and you will change." There's a huge difference. Being a sinner doesn't disqualify anyone. Being an unbeliever doesn't disqualify anyone. In fact, **following** Jesus almost always begins with a sinner and unbeliever taking one small step.



## Daily Podcast Series

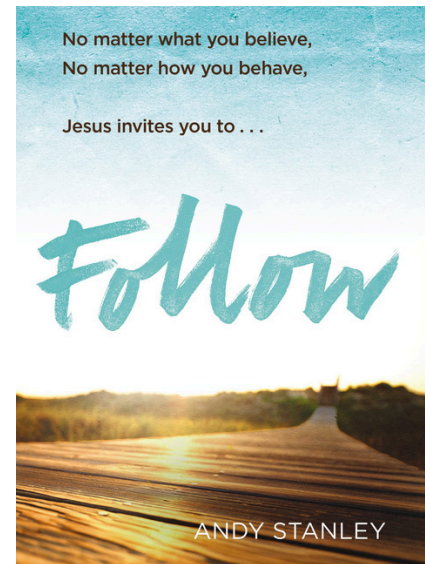
Epworth Podcast- Transformed by Faith  
Follow along Monday- Friday | Listen at

<https://www.youtube.com/@EPWORTHPRODUCTIONS/podcasts>



## Follow Small Group Study Resources

In this sermon series pastor and best-selling author Andy Stanley takes small groups on a journey through the Gospels as he traces Jesus' teaching on what it means to follow.



Andy Stanley FOLLOW Books are available in the entry way. This book is only in English.

**UPCOMING**

**EVENTS**

**June 8 - 10am Single Service  
Pentecost and  
Confirmation Sunday**



**Mark  
your  
Calendar**

**Graduating Senior &  
Scholarship Sunday**

May 18, 2025 | 9am,10:30am,12:30pm



Graduating Seniors need to complete

Bio Poem

and send a picture to

[scholarships@eumc-md.org](mailto:scholarships@eumc-md.org) by Monday May 12

Go to:

<https://www.epworthunited.org/scholarships>

**JUNE 8**

**All GGYM Churches COOK OUT**

**at Seneca Creek State Park**

**Cardinal Picnic Area**

We will grill out, share fellowship, and time together

Confirmands will receive gifts and the WHOLE church can celebrate together. Sign up to come soon.

# EVENING

## Join Our Servant Team

We're on the lookout for some wonderful volunteers to join our community! If you have a heart for service and a passion for technology, we'd love for you to help out in our technology ministry. If you're interested or have any questions, please reach out to Jim Scroggs, our tech manager.

We are excited and need you for our children's and youth ministry Sunday School. We are looking for servant leaders to help teach and/or support our preschool and early elementary Sunday school classes during all three services. We also welcome anyone interested in assisting with our middle school or high school students during the 10:30 service. If you feel called to make a difference in the lives of our children and youth, please contact Pastor Tammi for more information.

Thank you for considering serving in these vital roles! Your willingness to help can truly make an impact.

## Youth Events



GGYM Friday Nights- 6:30pm

Jul. 6-12 | Youth Camp Hope  
Mission Trip

For more event information:  
Contact-  
[Tammi.brantley@eumc-md.org](mailto:Tammi.brantley@eumc-md.org)

## Young Adult Events

May 17th | June 21st

Contact Julie for event information via group me or [julchazen@gmail.com](mailto:julchazen@gmail.com)



## SOCCER CLINIC

SAVE THE DATE  
REGISTRATION OPENS IN MAY

AUGUST 4-8 | 6-8:30PM

JOIN US FOR A SUMMER CLINIC.  
OPEN FOR CHILDREN  
4 YEARS OLD TO YOUTH  
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TOO

[WWW.EPWORDHUNITED.ORG](http://WWW.EPWORDHUNITED.ORG)



REGISTRATION IS  
NOW OPEN ON EUMC  
WEBSITE

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# VBS 2025

DISCOVER HOW TO  
LOVE LIKE JESUS

# LOVE IT OUT



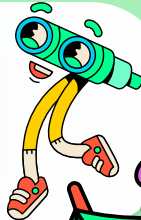
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Registration Is  
**OPEN!!!**  
for children  
ages 3-11

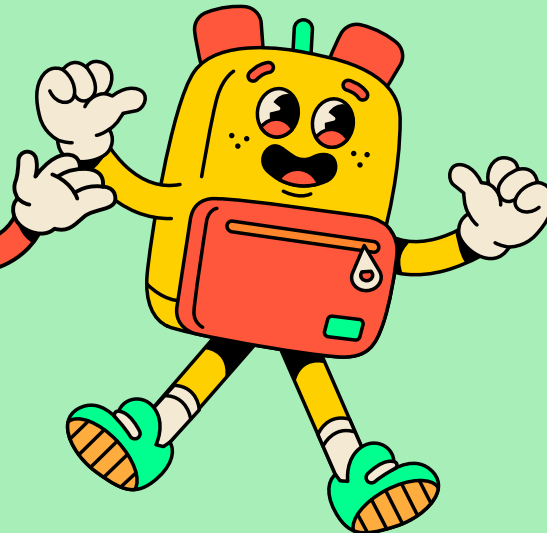
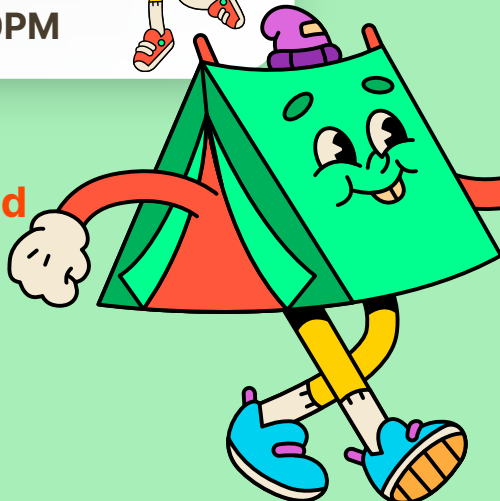
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**JUNE 23-27, 2025**  
9:00AM-12:00PM



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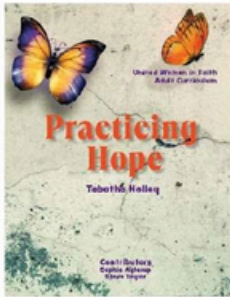


PRACTICING  
HOPE  
TOGETHER

## Mission u 2025: Practicing Hope Together

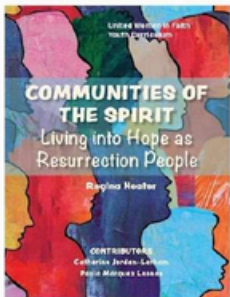
Join us at **Mission u** as we explore the theme, Practicing Hope Together. Mission u participants will study the resurrection appearances of Jesus and the example of early Christian communities to explore what it means to practice hope in God even when things seem to be falling apart.

Mission u 2025 offers three exciting curricula on this theme. Order your copy here: [uwfaithresources.org](http://uwfaithresources.org)



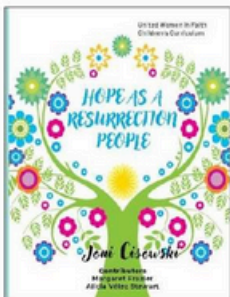
### Adult— *Practicing Hope* by Tabatha Holley

*Practicing Hope* is a biblical curriculum that explores hope particularly when hope seems hard to find, asking questions such as: How does Christ teach us to embody hope when our backs are against the wall? Participants will find ways to allow all of our communities to cultivate hope that is honest about our current conditions (refugia), restorative when everything feels urgent (rest), and possible even when we transgress (repair).



### Youth— *Communities of the Spirit: Living into Hope as Resurrection People* by Regina Heater

*Communities of the Spirit* is a youth curriculum examining the hope we find in early post-resurrection Christian communities and how they kept hope alive in the most difficult times. Youth will be asked to consider what they believe are important components of a Community of the Spirit, hoping they will identify what they need in a community to help them continue to become the people God calls them to be.



### Children— *Hope as a Resurrection People* by Joni Cisowski

*Hope as a Resurrection People* intends to help children build trust in Jesus to bring comfort and support as they find courageous hope in the face of uncertainty. Through each session, children will develop their understanding of hope by reflecting on important people, communities, places, activities, personal goals, and desires for the future. Then, they will look for ways to build communal hope to be the change our world needs today.

**JOIN US dates/times:**

August 1-2, 2025  
Crowne Plaza Hotel – Annapolis, MD

**RSVP:**

[BWMissionu@uwfaith.org](mailto:BWMissionu@uwfaith.org)

Come learn together for the transformation of the world!



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## Coffee Hour Fellowship & Greeters

Support our worship services by signing up to help our connect team greet persons before service or help set up coffee for fellowship after service. Plan on coming 15 minutes early for service and staying 30 minutes after service to help clean up. For additional questions, please contact Judy Fenner at [jadrfenner@verizon.net](mailto:jadrfenner@verizon.net)



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## Altar Flowers

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Flowers are a wonderful way to brighten our altar for worship. Sunday arrangements are \$50 each and may be taken home after the 12:30 service. Your dedication will be printed in the bulletins on Sunday. If you would like to order flowers, please scan the QR Code. Please place your flower order by the Wednesday, prior to the Sunday you would like them dedicated.

## Serve Our Community | Food Distribution

Every other Sunday, Epworth distributes food to families who are food insecure. These families are selected through our community partners. Help is needed in delivering food and packing food. Scan the QR code to get more information.

**See Calendar for Next  
Distribution Day,**



**Volunteer  
To Pack  
Food**



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**Deliver  
Food**



contact Becky Beeler at  
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if you want to deliver



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