



# How We Live Together

- We will love one another by being kind, patient, protective, trusting, and faithful to one another. **(1 Corinthians 13)**
- We will pray for one another. **(James 5:16)**
- We will encourage one another. **(Hebrews 3:13)**
- We will joyfully accept and embrace all people in our midst and will endeavor to be united and supportive of one another. **(1 Corinthians 1:10)**
- We will admit when we are wrong and will both seek and grant forgiveness with one another. **(Colossians 3:13) (Matthew 18:21) (Romans 3:23) (Ephesians 9:32)**
- We will practice peacemaking by following the teachings of Jesus to reconcile by:
  1. Talking directly to the person who offended us,
  2. Taking 1 or 2 people with us to talk with the person,
  3. Resolve as a church through the conflict prevention response team (CPR) **(Matthew 18: 15-17)**
- We will seek one another's best interest above our own self-interest. **(Romans 12:10)**
- We will faithfully serve where we are able and honor the commitments that we make. **(Ecclesiastes 5:4)**
- We will practice generosity of our time, abilities and financial gifts. **(Matthew 28: 16-20)**
- As Christians, we will have faith in God. **(Hebrews 11:1)**
- We will live our love and faith through our actions, our prayers, our witness, and our service. **(1 John 3:18)**
- We will treat all with respect and compassion, including those who are new and those who are developing confidence. **(1 John 2: 9-10)**
- We will listen to each other and trust leadership to make decisions with the love of God. **(1 John 4: 7-9)**
- We will commit to personal spiritual growth so that when we are all together, we can fully share the love of God. **(Matthew 28: 19-20)**
- Our leaders will model these behaviors of discipleship, being of one heart and soul, by continuing to grow in spirit and grace, inspiring others to come alongside. **(Matthew 28:19-20)**



## Mark Your Calendars

- Sunday, January 21 FOOD DISTRIBUTION, Please check the website to sign up to help.
  - Tuesday January 23 7pm Interest Meeting for Youth Summer Mission Trip to Camp Hope July 7-13
  - Wednesday January 31 7-9pm, BWConference Listening session with Bishop Easterling regarding Conference restructuring. Epworth Sanctuary
  - February 2024 – Black History Month – Look for special worship elements all month
  - Wednesday February 14 7pm Bilingual Ash Wednesday Service
  - Sunday February 25 Youth Mission and Scholarship Single Service 10am followed by fundraiser brunch
  - Wednesday March 13 6pm All Church Conversation on Finances
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Pastor Jen will be taking the 3 month sabbath time given to clergy who have been under full time appointment for 10 years.

She will be out January 22 -28; February 5-February 11, February 21-March 2 and the month of July 2024. Please contact Rev. Tammi Brantley [tammi.brantley@eumc-md.org](mailto:tammi.brantley@eumc-md.org) or Rev. Yolanda Pupo-Ortiz [yolanda@starpower.net](mailto:yolanda@starpower.net) 301 803 0426 with pastoral needs during these times. Epworth's office only has in-person presence a few hours a week. Messages are checked Tuesday and Wednesday. Please email or call the pastors directly. Thursday, all calls should be directed to Pastora Yolanda as this is Pastor Tammi's day off.



## Connect with God & Epworth Family

### SIGNUP TO GREET OR HELP MAKE COFFEE



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. **Sign up through the QR code to sign up.**

### ALTAR FLOWERS

Flowers are a wonderful way to brighten our altar for worship. Sunday arrangements are \$45 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 to order your flowers.**



### POINSETTAS

Our altar guild has removed the Christmas decorations. Please feel free to take a plant. As of today, January 21, plants are available to anyone who wants to give them a new home! Thank you all for your dedications and contributing to a beautiful Christmas.

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**New Sermon Series Starting January 14**



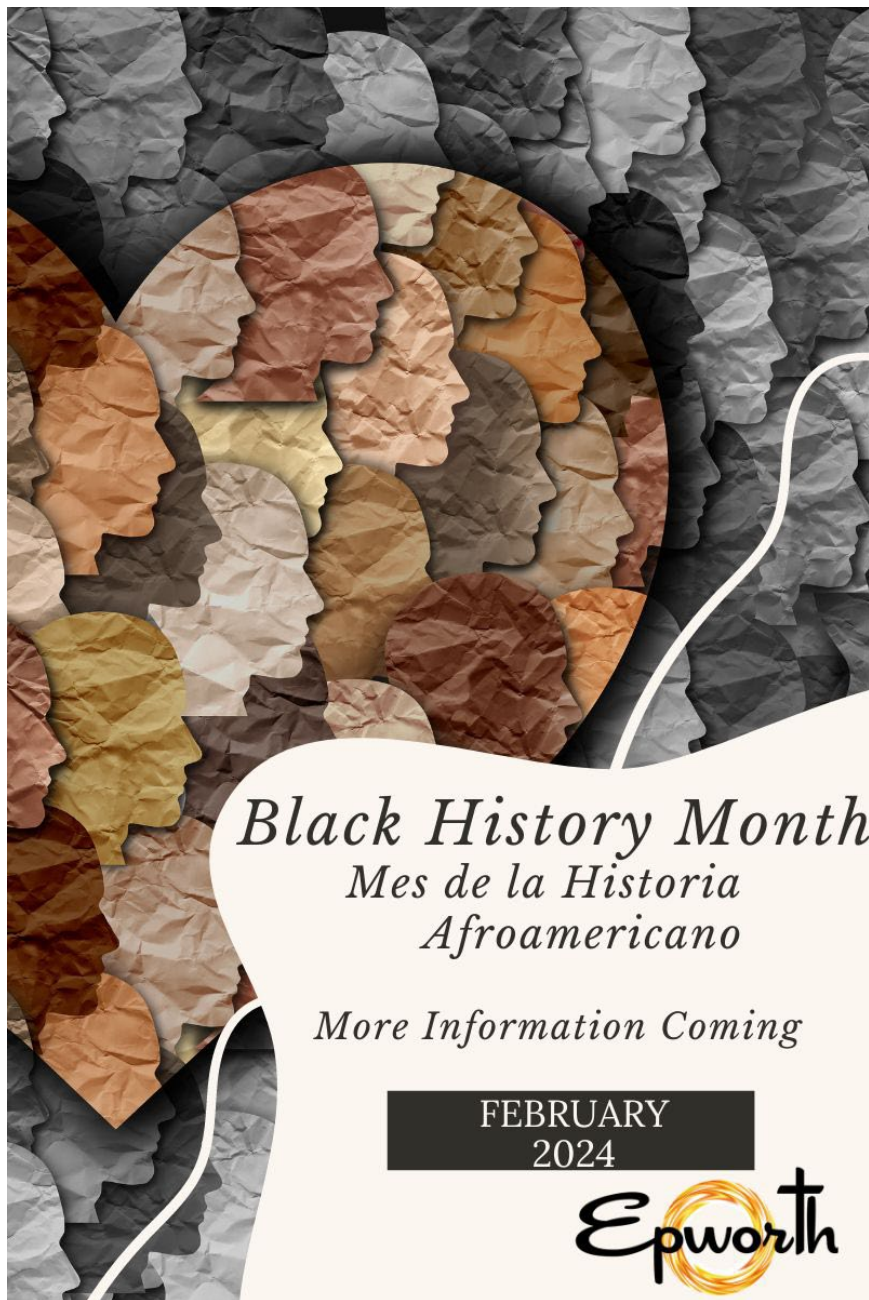
This sermon series will be based on two books available for your personal resource.

- Necessary Endings by Henry Cloud
- Atomic Habits: An Easy & Proven Way to Build Good Habits & Break Bad Ones by James Clear

Both books will be available for purchase at church for \$15 each.



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*Black History Month*  
*Mes de la Historia*  
*Afroamericano*

*More Information Coming*

FEBRUARY  
2024

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**Invite Others to Participate**

**July 7-13, 2024  
Frostburg, MD**



**We only have 16 youth  
spots!!!!  
Deposit \$70.00**

**Contact Dr. Jonathan at  
[jonathan.williams@eumc-md.org](mailto:jonathan.williams@eumc-md.org)  
for more information!**

**First Meeting  
Jan. 23rd  
7 p.m.**



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PRESCHOOL & KINDERGARTEN

1 John 4:16 God is love

**EPK  
Registration  
Opens  
February 3**



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GREATER GAITHERSBURG YOUTH MINISTRY

# GGYM CONFIRMATION CLASS REUNION DINNER

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Sunday, February 18  
5:00pm-7:00pm

**IF YOU WENT THROUGH CONFIRMATION  
CLASS IN THE LAST 6 YEARS YOU ARE  
INVITED! WE WILL SPEND TIME  
TOGETHER, HAVE DINNER, AND CATCH  
UP!**

RSVP's should be made to Pastor Jen  
at [jennifer.fenner@eumc-md.org](mailto:jennifer.fenner@eumc-md.org) or  
Allison Dunn at [mcpyouth@gmail.com](mailto:mcpyouth@gmail.com)







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# Youth Mission & Scholarship Brunch

## Save The Date

Mark your calendars for a special  
brunch happening on

**Sunday, February 25**

following the single worship service  
at 10am. This brunch is a fundraiser  
for our Youth Missions &  
Scholarship fund.

More information to follow.



**SCAN TO GIVE**

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# **Disciple: Grow Your Faith**

## **ADULT LIFEGROUPS, BIBLE STUDIES & PRAYER GROUPS**

<b>Day/Time</b>	<b>Group Name</b>	<b>In Person or Online</b>	<b>English or Spanish</b>	<b>Leader Information</b>
Tuesday 12pm	Bible Study	Online & In Person Rm #201	English	<b>Pastor Jen Fenner</b> jennifer.fenner@eumc-md.org
Tuesday 7pm	Life Group	Online	English	<b>Judy Fenner</b> jadrfenner@verizon.net
Tuesday 7pm	Discipleship Group (studying Esther)	In Person	English	<b>Sarah Jane Skinker</b> sjwpc99@hotmail.com
Martes 8:30pm	Life Group	Online	Spanish	<b>Marcela Uberhuaga</b> marcelauberhuaga@gmail.com
Wednesday 8pm	Woman's Group	Online	English	<b>Rev. Tammi Brantley</b> tammi.brantley@eumc-md.org
Thursday 7pm	Young Adults Group	In Person	English	<b>Christina Castillo</b> artmaniac02@aim.com
Jueves 7 :40pm	Bible Study	Online	Spanish	<b>Marcela Uberhuaga</b> marcelauberhuaga@gmail.com
Sunday 12pm	Life Group	Online	English	<b>Orville Wilson &amp; Francis Conteh</b> contehfrank2018@gmail.com
Sunday-9am	Life Group	In-Person	English	<b>Sandra Matty</b>  Sandra1matty@gmail.com

### YOUTH MINISTRY 6-12 GRADE

- Youth are invited to join Sunday School during the 10:30am worship time.
- GGYM Nights is every Friday at Epworth from 6:30-8:30p.m. For more information, please contact Dr. Jonathan at [jonathan.williams@eumc-md.org](mailto:jonathan.williams@eumc-md.org)

### GGYM ADULT HELP NEEDED

GGYM We Worship on Fridays (WWF) resumed this past Friday January 12. We are looking for adult support on Fridays between 6-9pm Please contact Dr. Jonathan Williams, Youth Pastor/GGYM coordinator [Jonathan.williams@eumc-md.org](mailto:Jonathan.williams@eumc-md.org)

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Fridays, Beatriz Arze will be leading a team of volunteers to print and fold bulletins. This team will also eventually expand to input worship attendance. Please speak with Beatriz or Pastor Jen if you are interested in helping on Fridays.

**Epworth Vision: *To be a church of the community that invites, connects, disciples, and sends out people for Christ; passionately partnering with the Holy Spirit in the transformation of hearts, lives, and communities.***

*I have come to invite people to change their hearts and lives*

Luke 5:3



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## **Eblast Signup**

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SIGNED UP FOR OUR  
WEEKLY EBLAST  
NEWSLETTER

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