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**ANNOUNCEMENTS in ENGLISH**

**Week of Sunday April 28, 2024**



# Mark Your Calendars

**NOW – Holy Disruption podcast continues.**

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- Sunday, April 28 2pm **Starting Point Class**
- Sunday, April 28 2pm Meeting for High School Seniors about **Graduating Senior Sunday**  
Sunday April 28 5-7pm **Young Adult Life group** with Emma Escobar
- April 28- **Camp HOPE** full payment due.
- Saturday May 4- **Baptism and Baptism Renewal** at West River around 10am with the Confirmation class.  
Friday May 10 – Scholarship applications for active Epworth students are due
- Saturday May 11 11am-1pm **Listening Session with Epworth's African and Caribbean community**
- Saturday May 18 5-7pm **Young Adult Gathering – Games Bonanza** Contact Julie Malone with questions
- Sunday May 19 5-7pm Young Adult Life Group Emma Escobar
- Sunday May 19 **Confirmation and Pentecost Service** 10am Single Service Cook-Out At Mill Creek starting 1-3pm Please register
- Sunday May 23 **Asia Pacific Islander Heritage Sunday**
- Sunday June 9 10am Single Bilingual service – **Graduating Senior and Scholarship Sunday**
- Sunday June 26 **African Caribbean Heritage Sunday**



# Disciple: Grow Your Faith

## PODCASTS INVITATIONAL SERIES - April 29 - May 3

<https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PLHpf2Skg4p9dTSG0uQMP6xLOSgHNGdX0h&si=a6jZlkxDNLuvmxWd>

### Monday April 29 / Ruth 1: 8-18

8 Then Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, “Go back, each of you, to your mother’s home. May the Lord show you kindness, as you have shown kindness to your dead husbands and to me. 9 May the Lord grant that each of you will find rest in the home of another husband.” Then she kissed them goodbye and they wept aloud 10 and said to her, “We will go back with you to your people.” 11 But Naomi



said, “Return home, my daughters. Why would you come with me? Am I going to have any more sons, who could become your husbands? 12 Return home, my daughters; I am too old to have another husband. Even if I thought there was still hope for me—even if I had a husband tonight and then gave birth to sons— 13 would you wait until they grew up? Would you remain unmarried for them? No, my daughters. It is more bitter for me than for you, because the Lord’s hand has turned against me!”

14 At this they wept aloud again. Then Orpah kissed her mother-in-law goodbye, but Ruth clung to her. 15 “Look,” said Naomi, “your sister-in-law is going back to her people and her gods. Go back with her.” 16 But Ruth replied, “Don’t urge me to leave you or to turn back from you. Where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God my God. 17 Where you die I will die, and there I will be buried. May the Lord deal with me, be it ever so severely, if even death separates you and me.”

18 When Naomi realized that Ruth was determined to go with her, she stopped urging her.

### Tuesday April 30 / Psalm 133

How good and pleasant it is when God’s people live together in unity!

2 It is like precious oil poured on the head, running down on the beard,

running down on Aaron's beard, down on the collar of his robe.

3 It is as if the dew of Hermon were falling on Mount Zion. For there the Lord bestows his blessing, even life forevermore.

**Wednesday May 1 / 1 Corinthians 12:12-20**

12 Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ. 13 For we were all baptized by one Spirit so as to form one body—whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink. 14 Even so the body is not made up of one part but of many. 15 Now if the foot should say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” it would not for that reason stop being part of the body. 16 And if the ear should say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” it would not for that reason stop being part of the body. 17 If the whole body were an eye, where would the sense of hearing be? If the whole body were an ear, where would the sense of smell be? 18 But in fact God has placed the parts in the body, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be. 19 If they were all one part, where would the body be? 20 As it is, there are many parts, but one body.

**Thursday May 2 / 1 Corinthians 12:21-31**

The eye cannot say to the hand, “I don't need you!” And the head cannot say to the feet, “I don't need you!” 22 On the contrary, those parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, 23 and the parts that we think are less honorable we treat with special honor. And the parts that are unpresentable are treated with special modesty, 24 while our presentable parts need no special treatment. But God has put the body together, giving greater honor to the parts that lacked it, 25 so that there should be no division in the body, but that its parts should have equal concern for each other. 26 If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it. 27 Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it. 28

And God has placed in the church first of all apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healing, of helping, of guidance, and of different kinds of tongues. 29 Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? 30 Do all have gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? 31 Now eagerly desire the greater gifts. And yet I will show you the most excellent way.

**Friday May 3 / 1 Corinthians 13**

If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. 2 If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. 3 If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing. 4 Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. 5 It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. 6 Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. 7 It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. 8 Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away. 9 For we know in part and we prophesy in part, 10 but when completeness comes, what is in part disappears. 11 When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put the ways of childhood behind me. 12 For now we see only a reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known. 13 And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

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# Epworth's 24-25 CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

**\$75K  
goal**

Turn your  
contribution into a  
memorial gift  
\$500 - Gold  
\$1000 - platinum to  
be on the memorial  
plaque

Mark your offering "Capital"

**Remodel 4  
main  
bathrooms:  
air conditioning  
windows  
new fixtures  
new tile  
new paint**

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# CALLING EPWORTH'S AFRICAN AND CARIBBEAN COMMUNITY



**We cordially invite you to join us for a delicious family meal on Saturday, May 11 from 11 am-1 pm at Epworth. This special gathering is a wonderful chance for us to come together, hear your thoughts, and brainstorm ways to strengthen the bond among our African/Caribbean members within our congregation and in our outreach efforts both near and far. Your presence and input are invaluable, and we would love for you to be a part of this important conversation.**

**Epworth UMC  
Saturday, May 11, 2024  
11 AM-1 PM**

**Epworth**

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# Young Adult Fellowship Events

Join other young adults once a month in fun fellowship!

SATURDAY MAY 18 5-7pm

Epworth

*Games Bonanza*


- Contact Julie Malone (304)-559-5080

**EPWORTH YOUNG ADULT FELLOWSHIP EVENT**


# GAME BONANZA

**18- MAY, 2024 | 4-7PM @EPWORTH**  
**JOIN OTHER YOUNG ADULTS ONCE A MONTH IN FUN FELLOWSHIP!**  
**BRING A LAWN CHAIR**

**SIGN UP!**



**JOIN THE GROUPEME FOR GROUP UPDATES AND REMINDERS!**



Join the GroupMe for group updates and reminders!





**BAPTISM &  
BAPTISM RENEWAL**

**SATURDAY MAY 4**

**@ WEST RIVER  
CAMP**

**The final confirmation retreat is May 3-5.**

**On Saturday May 4 some persons will  
renew their baptism or be baptized in the  
river. In preparation for this, two  
confirmation classes are dedicated to  
baptism and open to anyone.**

**Sunday, April 7 and Sunday, April 21  
from 5-7pm**

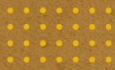
**Email Pastor Jen for more information  
[jennifer.fenner@eumc-md.org](mailto:jennifer.fenner@eumc-md.org)**

Epworth United Methodist Church

Starting

2024

Save  
the  
date



POINT

SAT, APRIL 28 | 2-4:30PM

MEETING IN ROOM 201

This is an opportunity to learn about Epworth, share with Pastor Jen, learn about Methodism, hear about places to serve, consider joining a lifegroup, and consider joining Epworth as a member. Attending starting point is focused on providing information, connecting to pastors and leaders, and understanding of Epworth vision, structure, and ministry,

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Esta es una oportunidad para aprender sobre Epworth, compartir con el Pastora Jen, aprender sobre el metodismo, escuchar sobre lugares para servir, considerar unirse a un grupo de vida, considerar unirse a Epworth como miembro. El punto de partida de asistencia se centra proporcionar información, conectarse con pastores y líderes, y comprender la visión, la estructura y el ministerio de Epworth.

INTERESTED PERSONS SHOULD

CONTACT JUDY FENNER @

JADRFENNER@VERIZON.NET



Contact Judy Fenner if you are interested:

[JADRFenner@verizon.net](mailto:JADRFenner@verizon.net)



# Confirmation Celebration Cookout

Sunday, May 19th at 1pm  
at Mill Creek Parish UMC

Join us to celebrate the newest class of Confirmation!  
All family, friends, church members are welcome.

We will have hamburger, hotdogs, chicken, sides, and desserts. Please bring lawn or outdoor chairs. If bad weather, we will move inside the fellowship hall.

RSVP at [tinyurl.com/GGYM24](https://tinyurl.com/GGYM24) or to  
Allison Dunn, [mcp youth@gmail.com](mailto:mcp youth@gmail.com)



Mill Creek Parish UMC  
7101 Horizon Terrance  
Derwood, MD, 20855

**REGISTER FOR THE COOKOUT HERE:**  
<https://tinyurl.com/GGYM24>



**Vacation Bible School 2024 "Start the Party" is almost here. VBS will be held June 24-June 28th. We are looking for adult and youth volunteers to assist with games, crafts, registration, decorating, set-up, and clean-up. For more information please contact Pastor Tammi or Debbie Shelley at: tammi.brantley@eumc-md.org or Debbie Shelley at sparks@eumc-md.org**

**GO TO WEBSITE or CLICK HERE:**

**VOLUNTEER SIGN UP:**

**<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0F4AA5A822A1F85-vacation>**



VBS 2024



*June 24-28 9 am-12 noon*

Epworth UMC  
9008 Rosemont Drive  
Gaithersburg, MD 20877  
[epworthunited.org](http://epworthunited.org)

VBS Registration is open. VBS 2024 will be held June 24-June 28<sup>th</sup>, 9 a.m. - 12 noon and Saturday June 29<sup>th</sup> 7:30-9:30 p.m. VBS Community Gathering open to everyone!

The cost per child for VBS is \$10.00 to register you can go to <https://www.epworthunited.org/vbs-2024>



## Next Food Distribution April 21



Every other Sunday, Epworth distributes food to families who are food insecure.

These families are selected through our community partners, Rosemont and Forest Oak Linkages to Learning, from among our ESOL and Computer students and from among others referred to us with need.

This ministry began in COVID and has continued due to servant support. If you are interested in serving, please text Reina Miranda for details. You can also go to the Epworth website [www.epworthunited.org](http://www.epworthunited.org) and click on the Food distribution image. This will take you to the sign up genius. The direct link for the sign up genius is here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0F4AA5A822A1F85-food3>

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Reminder for all confirmed Camp Hope attendees CAMP HOPE  
SUMMER 2024

All youth slots for the Camp Hope Summer Missions trip are full. If you are still interested please contact Dr. Jonathan or Pastor Tammi to be placed on the waiting list. NON-REFUNDABLE DEPOSIT \$70.00 TOTAL: \$200 PER PERSON REMAINING \$130 DUE  
BY **APRIL 28<sup>TH</sup>**



# Disciple: Grow Your Faith

## ADULT LIFEGROUPS, BIBLE STUDIES & PRAYER GROUPS

| Day/Time   | Group Name                    | In Person or Online           | English or Spanish | Leader Information  |
|--|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------|---|
| Tuesday<br>12pm  | Bible Study                   | Online & In Person<br>Rm #201 | English            | <b>Pastor Jen Fenner</b><br>jennifer.fenner@eumc-md.org                 |
| Tuesday 7pm  | Life Group                    | Online                        | English            | <b>Judy Fenner</b><br>jadrfenner@verizon.net                            |
| Tuesday 7pm  | Discipleship Group            | In Person                     | English            | <b>Sarah Jane Skinker</b><br>sjwpc99@hotmail.com                        |
| Martes<br>8:30pm   | Prayer Group                  | Online                        | Spanish            | <b>Marcela Uberhuaga</b><br>marcelauberhuaga@gmail.com                  |
| <i>Wednesday<br/>8pm</i><br><br><b>Starts back up<br/>on May 1</b> | <i>Woman's<br/>Life Group</i> | <i>Online</i>                 | <i>English</i>     | <b>Rev. Tammi Brantley</b><br>tammi.brantley@eumc-md.org                |
| Thursday 7pm   | Young Adults Group            | In Person                     | English            | <b>Christina Castillo</b><br>artmaniac02@aim.com                        |
| Jueves<br>8:00pm   | Life Group                    | Online                        | Spanish            | <b>Marcela Uberhuaga</b><br>marcelauberhuaga@gmail.com                  |
| Sunday 12pm  | Life Group                    | Online                        | English            | <b>Orville Wilson &amp; Francis Conteh</b><br>contehfrank2018@gmail.com |
| Sunday 12pm  | Life Group                    | In person                     | English            | <b>Julie Malone and Elisa Parsons</b><br>julchazen@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) is 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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**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. **CLICK** the QR code to sign up, go to the Epworth website [www.epworthunited.org](http://www.epworthunited.org) and click the graphic or CLICK here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0F4AA5A822A1F85-47017126-connect#/>





## 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 or go directly to this link and fill out the google form.**



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

## SAVE THE DATES August 12-16



**Epworth**

# **SOCCER CLINIC**

**SAVE THE DATE**

**August 12-16**  
**6:30-8:00pm**  
**Ages: PK- Youth**

# **CLINICA DE FUTBOL**

Participant registration will open by April 15. We are looking for adult volunteer coaches (adult and youth)  
Adults Contact: [edgardtm@gmail.com](mailto:edgardtm@gmail.com)  
Youth volunteer registration will happen in May

Are You Graduating?



# Happy GRADUATION!



**MEETING**

Attend the **meeting** held on April 28th, at 2pm in room 201. Let us know you are graduating by scanning the QR code. Meeting in-person/Zoom



**APPLY NOW**

Apply for the Scholarship, please see website for more information. [www.epworthunited.org](http://www.epworthunited.org)

*Let's Celebrate*

Mark your calendars to attend our Graduation & Scholarship Worship Service on June 9 at 10:00am

<https://forms.gle/hKUTrHKXyDw9KtyE9>

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

**2024**

## HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS SCHOLARSHIP

All those seeking a scholarship need to be a high school senior or undergrad. Scan QR to get information!

**APPLY NOW**

## **Epworth Youth Scholarship Applications are now Open**

Epworth awards several one-time educational scholarships to its members who are:

Graduating High School Seniors, active in church and community, who have been accepted into an accredited college or vocational school

Undergraduate College Students in their 2nd – 4th year. This is a one-time scholarship during a student's undergraduate years.

Educational scholarship applications are now open on the [church website](#) for Epworth members who are graduating high school, active in church and community, and have been accepted into an accredited college or vocational school, and to undergraduate students in their 2–4 year. Please complete the appropriate form by May 10, 2024. Scholarships will be awarded during all worship services on June 9th Graduating Senior and Scholarship Sunday. For more information, contact Kaitlyn Valis, scholarship committee lead, at [scholarships@eumc-md.org](mailto:scholarships@eumc-md.org).

For Epworth to continue giving financial support to students completing higher education, we depend on donations to our scholarship funds. Please consider donating to one of these:

- The Delbert and Bernice Foster Endowed Scholarship for EUMC confirmands
- The Bohrer-Germon Scholarship for community service
- The Harold and Ada Beacht Scholarship for undergraduates, 2nd year or above

- The Robert C. and Edna H. Putnam Scholarship for all students
- The Mary H. Johnson and Annie E. Harps Scholarship for all students
- The Lauren Ann Pauley Marchetti Endowed Scholarship for all students
- The Epworth Scholarship Fund for all students

You may also establish a scholarship fund in your own name or that of a loved one.