



Sunday, September 27th, 2026
Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Welcome and Invitations

Rev. Steve Taylor

***Call to Worship:**

Rev. Steve Taylor

The sinners, the saints; the broken, the whole

We all come seeking the One who offers grace and hope.

The doubters, the devout; the wonderers, the wanderers

We all seek to follow the One who works for justice and hope for all of God's people.

The hesitant, the heroic; the grandparents, the little children

We all listen for the songs of joy all creation sings to the One who gives life and peace.

***Hymn of Praise:**

UMH 140

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Prayer Request/Pastoral Prayer/Lords Prayer

Rev. Steve Taylor

***Songs of Praise**

Praise Band

Lead on Good Shepard
Your Grace Is Enough

*** Offering/Offertory**

Rev. Steve Taylor
Jill Mansfield

The Solid Rock

***Doxology**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below;

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God, the source of all our gifts!

Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!



***Scripture:**

Ephesian 4: 1-16 & 1 Peter 4: 10 (NIV)

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The Word of God for the People of God
Thanks be to God

***Children's Moment**

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***Sermon**

Mobilizing the Body: Every Member a Caregiver

Rev. Steve Taylor

***Hymn of Reflection**

A Charge to Keep I Have

UMH 413

***Affirmation of Faith**
APOSTLES CREED

UMH 881

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;**

**And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord:
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
the third day he rose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at the right hand
of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the**



quick and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

***Closing Song**

Diamonds

Praise Band

***Sending Forth**

Rev. Steve Taylor

***Postlude**



Announcements and Information

Coming Up This Week At Epworth UMC	
Sunday, September 27th:	
"Boiler Room" Prayer Gathering	4:00pm
<i>West Wing/Chapel</i>	
Monday September 28th:	
Women's Fall Bible Study	5:30pm - 7:00pm
SPRC	5:00pm - 5:30pm
Finance Committee Meeting	5:30pm - 6:00pm
Trustee Committee Meeting	6:00pm - 6:30pm
Tuesday, September 29th:	
Women's Fall Bible Study	9:30am - 11:00am
FOOD PANTRY	1:00pm - 4:00pm
Wednesday, September 30th:	
FOOD PANTRY	1:00pm - 4:00pm
Bible Discussion	5:00pm - 6:00pm
<i>East Wing/Library</i>	
Women's Ensemble Rehearsal	6:00pm - 7:00pm
<i>West Wing/Choir Room</i>	
Thursday, October 1st:	
FOOD PANTRY	1:00pm - 4:00pm
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4TH:	
BREAKFAST FELLOWSHIP	8:30am-9:00am
SUNDAY SCHOOL	9:00am-10:00am
WORSHIP	10:15am-11:30am
"BOILER ROOM" PRAYER GROUP	4:00pm-5:00pm
<u><i>Birthdays</i></u>	<u><i>Anniversaries</i></u>
Sep. 28th	
Lynn Terry	
Paul Risenhoover	
Randie Edwards	
Sep. 30th	
Greg Shoemaker	
Oct. 1st	
Bertha Thomas	
Oct. 4th	
Loretta Herndon	



PLEASE PRAY FOR

U.S. Military	Marsha Alexander	Yuvanah James
Law Enforcement	Lou Parrish	Jim & Stella Allen
First Responders	Lilly Watson	Cassy Kerr
Roy Flugge	Harley Clapham	Vi Bassett
	Loretta Hemdon	Larry & Sara Jacobson

PRAYERS FOR HOMEBOUND

Naomi Dean	Jim & Rita Roles	Bob Bates
Shirley Hays	Darlene Harrison	
Donna Bingaman	Lois Cook	

Jackie Hutzell - Daughter of Jeanne Mather
Euella Spoonemore - Mother of Debbie Clark
Eric Little - Nephew of Suzan Colvin
Jason Little-Nephew of Suzan Colvin
Toni Clive - Sister of Jeanne Mather
David Watson - Father of Benjamin Watson
Barbara Taylor - Mother of Rev. Steve Taylor
John Holdeman - Brother of Jeanne Mather
Jeanice McDonald - Sister of Janice Smith
Terry & Kristy Fancher - Friends of Tim Brauer
Sarah McGovern-Daughter of Judy Jernigan
Twila Long - Sister-In Law of Susan Gearhart
Ann Barrows - Mother of Liz Taylor
Doug Schrock -Friend of Larry Wasson & Doug Cooper
Jay & Tobi Gregory- Friends of Bruce & Sharon Storms
Emllie Watson - Niece Alyssa & Benjamin Watson
David Bennett - Brenda Davidson Brother-In-Law
Sherma Bartel - Cousin of Bruce Storms
Linda Wiseman - Sharon Storms sister
Bruce Storms
Susan Gearhart
Drew Godwin
Kobe Cotton
Parker Kemp



Do you have a used blanket in good condition you don't need?



Bring it to church and we can share it with those in need!



Learning to Breathe

Mastering the Art of Spiritual Respiration

By
Chris Lohrstorfer

Women's Fall Bible Study

Monday evenings 5:30pm – 7:00pm September 28th- November 2nd

Tuesday mornings 9:30am – 11:00am September 29th -November 3rd

Bible Studies will be held at Epworth UMC in the East Wing Parlor.

Need to sign up by September 22nd. Cost for study materials is \$10.

Please have exact cash to purchase study book on first day of class.

To sign up or for more information, contact Susan Gassaway. Her phone number is (432-352-0662).



FAMILY PUMPKIN PAINTING

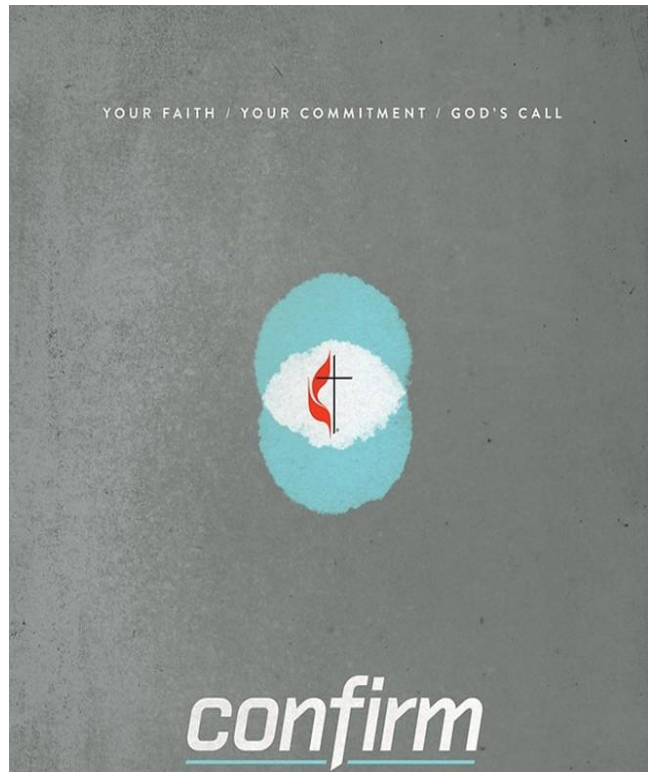
WHEN: October 11th @ 3:30 - 5:00 PM
(followed by a Chili Supper 5:00-5:30)

WHERE: Epworth United Methodist Church in the Fellowship Hall

BRING YOUR OWN PUMPKIN

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#EpworthUMC #FamilyFun #PumpkinPainting #FallEvents



Confirmation Classes begin October 4th from 5-7pm

Classes are being led by Susan Gassaway, Carol, Farl, Liz Taylor, and Pastor Steve. Confirmation eligible kids parents are being contacted. We are in need of “mentors” to help out. (especially males)