



*Epworth United Methodist Church.
Sunday, October 12th, 2025
Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

Welcome and Invitations

Rev. Steve Taylor

***Call to Worship:**

Susan Gassaway

Lord, as gather together, we acknowledge we are a forgiven people.

May we, like you, be generous in offering forgiveness to others.

You forgive us each and every day for the many ways we fall short of Your Mercy.

Teach us to embody Your Grace, Your Love, Your Mercy and Your Forgiveness to all those we encounter this day.

Hymn of Praise:

UMH 127

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Prayer Requests/ Pastoral Prayer

Songs of Praise

Praise Band

*Diamonds
How He Loves*

Offering/Offertory

**Rev. Steve Taylor
Jill Mansfield, Piano**

I Will Arise and Go To Jesus

Doxology

UMH 94

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!

Children's Moment

Rev. Steve Taylor

Scripture:

2 Thessalonians 1: 3-12

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rev. Steve Taylor

“God’s Judgement Is Coming Later Than Sooner”

Pastoral Prayer



Hymn of Reflection

UMH 557

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

UMH 885

Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is the one true Church, Apostolic and Universal,

Whose Holy Faith let us now declare:

**We believe in God the Father, infinite in Wisdom,
Power and Love, whose Mercy is over all His works**

And whose will is ever directed to his children's good.

**We believe in Jesus Christ, Son of God and Son of Man,
the gift of the Father's unfailing grace,
the ground of our hope and the promise of our
Deliverance from sin and death.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit as the Divine Presence
In our lives, whereby we are kept in perpetual
Remembrance of the truth of Christ and find strength
And help in time of need.**

**We believe that this faith should manifest itself in the service of love as set forth in the
example of our Blessed Lord,**

to the end that the Kingdom of God may come upon the Earth.

Amen

Closing Song

Praise Band

Anxious Heart

Sending Forth

Rev. Steve Taylor

Postlude



Announcements and Information

Coming Up This Week At Epworth UMC

TUESDAY OCTOBER 14TH:

FOOD PANTRY 1:00pm - 4:00pm

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY 9:30am-11:00am

East Wing/Parlor

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15TH:

FOOD PANTRY 1:00pm - 4:00pm

Women's Bible Study 6:00pm - 7:30pm

East Wing | Parlor

Women's Ensemble Rehearsal 6:00pm - 7:00pm

West Wing | 2nd Floor | Choir Room

THURSDAY OCTOBER 16TH:

FOOD PANTRY 1:00pm - 4:00pm

October Birthdays

Oct 14th

Destre Berry

Carol Salinas

Shawn Berry

Darleen Harrison

Oct. 21st

Carol Allen-Reyes

John W. Allen

Megan Colvin



PLEASE PRAY FOR

U.S. Military	Darleen Harrison	Larry & Sara Jacobson
Law Enforcement	Jim & Rita Roles	Joyce Belville
First Responders	Donna Bingaman	Samantha Ehrlich
Naomi Dean	Pam Cooper	Gordona Snow
Randy Holcomb	Jim & Stella Allen	
Linda McClung	Marsha Alexander	
Roy Flugge	Lou Parrish	

Euella Spoonemore - Mother of Debbie Clark
Margaret Fleming - Daughter of Elenor Edmondson
Phyllis & Tim Michaud - Daughter of Late Sarah Horton
Eric Little - Nephew of Suzan Colvin
Jason Little-Nephew of Suzan Colvin
Toni Clive - Sister of Jeanne Mather
David Watson - Father of Benjamin Watson
Forrest & Misty Rodems - Friends of the Watson Family
Barbara Taylor - Mother of Rev. Steve Taylor
Dana Berlin McElroy-Sister of Brenda Davidson
John Holdeman - Brother of Jeanne Mather
Todd Fairchild- Cousin of Brenda Davidson
Jeanice McDonald - Sister of Janice Smith
Kim Gaffney - Friend of Rev. Kyle & Debbie Clark
Emmalee Smith - Daughter-In-Law of Carol Salinas
Cindy Blevins - Friend of Brenda Davidson
Willow Watson - Daughter of Benjamin & Alyssa Watson
Terry & Kristy Fancher - Friends of Tim Brauer
Jane Clark - Mother of Rev. Kyle Clark
Ann Barrows - Mother of Liz Taylor
Dan - Brother of Jeanie Chisum
Bledsoe Family-Loss of Dr. Joe

SERVICE TIMES

Sunday Mornings:

9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.	Sunday School All Ages
10:15 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.	Worship Service
4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Prayer Group



**Bible Discussion w/ Rev. Steve Taylor
On "Philippians" Starting Oct. 22nd**

***Wednesday Evenings at
5:00 pm in the Library***

**This group will be limited in size so...
Contact Rev. Steve to sign up!**



Chickasha Soup Kitchen 2nd Annual Empty Bowl Fundraiser

JOIN US FOR

Two bowls of delicious soup

Cornbread Crackers

Dessert Drink

Choose from:

**Potatoe Soup, Beef Stew, Broccoli Cheese Soup ,
White Chicken Chili, and
Italian Sausage Gnocchi Soup**



**Saturday November 8, 2025
Epworth Methodist Church
6:00pm- 8:00 pm**

Tickets Available

405 544-2422

\$10.00

chickashasoupkitchen.org



Donations

**All funds raised will go towards making sure the CSK can continue to ease food
insecurities in our community.**



Girl Shoebox Gift Suggestions

A gift-filled shoebox can be the first present a child ever receives, so it is important to uniquely pack each gift and make it **FUN, FULL, and PERSONALIZED**—praying for the child and adding a photo and personal note.

A "WOW" ITEM

- Small backpack or purse
- Doll
- Soccer ball and pump
- Stuffed animal
- Jewelry making or hobby kit
- Large toy



PERSONAL CARE ITEMS

- Toothbrush
- Washcloth
- Comb and brush
- Nail clipper and file
- Water bottle
- Flashlight



SCHOOL SUPPLIES

- Pencils, sharpener, and erasers
- Pencil container
- Pens
- Crayons
- Colored pencils
- Markers
- Notebooks
- Index cards
- Calculator
- Scissors
- Ruler
- Glue stick
- Small adhesive tape
- Drawing bag



CLOTHING & ACCESSORIES

- Flip-flops or shoes
- Sunglasses
- Hat
- Wristwatch
- Costume jewelry
- Hair accessories
- Clothing and undergarments
- Winter cap, scarf, and mittens



GAMES & ACTIVITIES

- Puzzles
- Coloring books or pads
- Dry watercolor set
- Binoculars and compass
- Musical instruments
- Chalkboard and chalk
- Jump rope
- Stickers
- Games



TOYS

- Small ball
- Building blocks or LEGO® sets
- Slinky® or yo-yo
- Plastic animals
- Magnets
- Finger puppets
- Interactive toys
- Other small toys and figures



DO NOT INCLUDE

- Soap
- Food, candy, or gum
- Toothpaste
- Used or damaged items
- Scary or war-related items
- Wearable traditional camouflage
- Seeds or organic matter
- Liquids
- Medication
- Money
- Breakable items
- Matches, fire starters, or aerosols
- Knives, saws, or razor blades

Wondering if an item will fit in an Operation Christmas Child preprinted shoebox?

Cardboard dimensions: 12 x 7 x 4.38 inches
Plastic dimensions: 13 x 7.5 x 4.7 inches

For more shoebox packing suggestions, the latest resources, and Follow Your Box labels, visit samaritanaspurse.org/occ

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Shoebox items need to be turned in by November 14th, 2025



Boy Shoebox Gift Suggestions

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A "WOW" ITEM

- Small backpack
- Soccer ball and pump
- Stuffed animal
- Hobby kit
- Large toy truck or car
- Other large toy



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- Washcloth
- Comb and brush
- Nail clipper and file
- Water bottle
- Flashlight



SCHOOL SUPPLIES

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