



HEYWARD STREET UMC

September 1, 2024

Gathered for Worship

Welcome

Epworth Work Day Offering

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Call to Worship

Gathered with our community of faith,
our prayers move from me and mine to we and our.

**We, O Holy One, are yours
and you are ours.**

Give us the essentials we need for each day.

Forgive us for our sins.

Keep us far from the path of evil.

Gathered as those who trust Creator, Redeemer, and
Sustainer, we pray for all of us, near and far. Amen.

Song *What a Friend* Praise Team

Scripture Matthew 6:9-13 Pew Bible p 6

Sermon *How Much Is Too Much?* Rev. Blom

Song *There Was Jesus* Praise Team

Prayers of the People

Words of Institution

Communion Hymn *Standing in the Need of Prayer* UMH 356

Communion

All are invited to the table. You are invited to bring a prayer card
or offering to place in the plate, if desired. Come down the center
aisle. Receive the bread. Dip in the juice. Return via the side aisle.

Closing Song

As You Go

Praise Team

Benediction



Epworth Work Day Offering

Epworth Children's Home provides on
campus living for children, youth and
young adults, coordinates a foster care
program, and provides hands on support
for new parents. This vital ministry is
funded by our donations. Please donate by making a check to
HSUMC and designating Epworth or by giving online at
www.heywardst.church/givenow



Ten Women who Shaped History and Faith

We will discuss *Carved in Ebony* by Jasmine Holmes
on Wednesday, September 25 at 6:30 pm. Read
the book and discuss with us these women whose
faith and advocacy changed history.

Upcoming Meetings

September 8 Finance Committee 11:40 am Room 123

September 8 Nominations Committee 12:15 pm Room 123

Praying for HSUMC's Friends and Family

Hiram, Jeri Katherine, Hiram Clyde, Grady & Obie
Marlene Sipes Hal Smith



Modern Day Miracles—Made Possible by You

Eight-year-old Shaun* was flunking out of his special education classes at school - mainly because he rarely attended. He needed, but was not receiving, routine medical care. He had never learned simple skills like how to tie his shoes or make a bed. The only food he would eat was rice. He often tussled with other kids, and when he grew frustrated in class, he cursed at his teachers.

Social workers brought him to live at Epworth. Although an older sibling was already living here, Shaun was upset at being moved from his home. But as Epworth cottage coordinators, tutors and counselors began working one-on-one with him, Shaun lowered his guard. Staff began seeing his many admirable qualities. For instance, after he was shown how to organize his schoolwork, he incorporated the practices enthusiastically. When his house parents made it clear that cursing wasn't acceptable, he stopped the behavior and began speaking in a respectful manner to both adults and classmates. Staff recognized that Shaun displayed natural athletic ability and a passion for sports, and most of all, showed a high level of intelligence.

Epworth tutors worked with Shaun to help him catch up in school. He did so well, school officials soon transitioned him to regular academic classes. He has made As and Bs ever since. His cottage coordinator arranged for him to play in a community

football league and later, a basketball league. Staff taught him simple skills that his peers had learned at a much earlier age. They introduced him to a variety of new foods. He made friends.

In June, Shaun graduated from the fifth grade and was awarded 'Most Improved Student'. He says he wants to attend college one day. He spent part of his summer at a sports camp, and his housemates elected him to the Epworth Aim Higher Council. Everyone who knows Shaun sees his miraculous turnaround and exciting potential to live a fulfilling, productive life.

But without Epworth – without *you* – Shaun's future would look very different. You can feel deep satisfaction knowing that your support of Epworth has helped make a dramatic impact on Shaun's life and the lives of thousands of other children. When you make an Epworth Work Day offering, you help us provide the activities, tools, and wrap-around support that young people need to overcome difficult beginnings and traumatic experiences to live independently. Thank you for supporting Epworth's mission and generously using your resources to make a profound difference in the lives of disadvantaged children and teens.

Beth Williams
President & CEO



Did you know?

151

Number of clients who lived at Epworth last year, each one from our own communities in SC.

374

Number of children served through Epworth's Foster Care Program

100%

Of your Work Day offering provides comprehensive care for the children at Epworth. **Epworth is not an apportioned item in the Annual Conference budget. Work Day is your opportunity to support Epworth's ministry.**

**Children's names and photos changed for confidentiality.*

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