



Epworth United Methodist Church
280 E. Stillwater Avenue
Fallon, Nevada 89406

Epworth UMC

Our Mission...
Welcoming All
Growing Spiritually
Serving God by Serving Others
Giving Hope
Come Belong!

Our Vision ...
Letting everyone know God's Love saves us.



FYI FEBRUARY

The Divine Foolishness of God

*For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom; the weakness of God is stronger than human strength.
1 Corinthians 1:25*

Happy February, beloved!

Now, you and I both know that calendars are constructions of human beings who feel comfortable with things in some kind of predictable order. But there is some kind of wonderfulness in it this year, that caused Ash Wednesday to fall on Valentine's Day and Easter Sunday to fall on April Fool's Day. I mean, I would guess that your first reaction to this realization might be a kind of "oh, well that's no good" feeling, because that's what mine was...until I thought for a second. I mean, is there any more perfect expression of love than Jesus giving his life to show us the miraculous power of God? Is there anything more outrageous, more foolish than putting himself willingly at the mercy of the worst evil human beings can create, and then rising to life? All to show our prodigal human selves how completely he loves us?

From January through Easter Sunday, we will be reading the Gospel of Mark together. In worship we will focus on a chapter or two at a time, so that we can experience together the whole story, rather than just bits and pieces: so that we can begin at the beginning, following Jesus and the disciples step by step as he heals and teaches and shows unending compassion; so that we can see the foolishness of human beings masquerading as strength in anger, pride, and violence confronting the Divine foolishness that continues, endlessly, pouring out love and hope. As of this writing, we have just barely begun, and I already love it. I hope you do, too. You are invited to take some time during the week, maybe as part of your observation of Lent this year, to read along. Here's the schedule:

- The week of January 21: Mark 1
- The week of January 28: Mark 2 and 3
- The Week of February 4: Mark 4 and 5
- The week of February 11: Mark 6
- The week of February 18: Mark 7
- The week of February 25: Mark 8
- The week of March 4: Mark 9
- The week of March 11: Mark 9 and 10
- The week of March 18: Mark 11-14:11
- HOLY WEEK beginning with Palm Sunday March 25: Mark 14:12—Mark 16

I pray that these weeks have been good to you, and that you enter into the holiest season of the Christian year with a certainty of God's love for you. I hope that you begin Lent on Ash Wednesday with us in worship, and that you spend those 40 days before Easter doing ridiculous, unreasonably loving things. I pray that you make a special effort to speak kindly and truthfully, to listen with care and compassion, to commit random — and not so random — acts of kindness with boldness and humility. That is how it begins, beloved. And how it all ends, too.

A fool for Christ,





Chrysalis

A weekend retreat of laughter, friendship, music, and worship for anyone aged 15–24 to learn about God, each other, and yourself.

Friday, Feb 16—Monday, Feb 19

St Mark's UMC in Sacramento

Pastor Dawn, Margaret Knox, and Angelina Irby are helping to lead it. Call the office or ask one of us if you'd like to go!

"For if anyone is in Christ, they are a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!" *2 Corinthians 5:17*



Pancake Supper and Mardi Gras Masquerade

Tuesday, Feb 13 5:30pm-8:30pm

Wednesday, February 14 at 7pm

A special service of grace, forgiveness, and new life.



Let this be the day you give up who you have been, for who you can become.

Hospitality is also looking for volunteers to help with setting up and cleaning up Sunday morning fellowship. The regular snack sign-up will now include a "helper" section as well. Please consider offering your time and energy as well as your snack -prep skills!

Questions regarding our Hospitality committee can be sent to Donna at djs@cccomm.net.

2/2	Derek Brown
2/6	Erik Endacott
2/7	Betty Schick
2/8	G.J. Pearce
2/9	Chris Bates-Russell
2/9	Dakota Fourez
2/11	Lexi Berney
2/13	Audrey Smirnes
2/13	Julie Wolf
2/14	Faye McCarty
2/14	Jon Stewart
2/17	Rebecca Dugan
2/18	Laura Butcher
2/18	Steve Endacott
2/19	Debra Lysek
2/19	Meagan Victoria Trinidad
2/20	Janet June
2/21	Alan Ebner
2/21	Austin Bron Torres
2/22	Michelle Chrisko
2/22	Cameron Kissick
2/24	Judy Kroll
2/24	Sue Sevon
2/26	Katie Fraker
2/26	Mike Sevon
2/27	Kelly Frost
2/28	Gary Utterback

Happy Birthday!

**Do you have questions
about where you can help
serve in the life of Epworth?
These people can help you...**

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Laura Butcher**

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Jeanie Fahl

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Doug Coval

Lay Leader

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Fallon Daily Bread

A hot meal served every Monday and every Thursday @ 5:15 pm.

Methodist Night will be on Monday, December 18.

If you would like to donate homemade desserts, they are more than welcome and greatly appreciated!

Barbara or Ron 423-2650 or Kathy 867-3095

If you would like to receive the Fallon Daily Bread newsletter, please call Kathy Fraker.

Each Monday **10am-1pm** in Wolf Center

Serving all that come to our doors seeking a few extra items for their table. Donations are always welcome!



The food pantry also makes used/new clothing available to those in need. We currently have 4 racks of clothes and nothing to replace with when gone.

In this spirit, we ask for your support by bringing in clothing not being used. You may drop off on Mondays 9 to 3 or put in church foyer. Especially in need are winter coats, child clothes: however, most any thing would be appreciated.

Submitted by Pantry Coordinator, Jerry Noonester

Please do not leave donations by the back door!

Boy Scout Troop 1776

Steve Cathey, Scout Master: 217-2783, Steve Endacott, Charter Rep: 427-5356

In keeping with your musical theme, during the Troop Court of Honor, which the scouts lead, the parents actually conducted a sing along skit that captured the troop's major accomplishments for the year.... sung to the tune of The Twelve Days of Christmas. Lyrics provided here as I think this captures our high points for the year.



Twelve Scouts fill sand bags

Eleven Eagle Palms earned

Ten new registered scout

Nine scouts survived the 50 mile canoe trip

Eight registered members of the Order of the Arrow

Seven adult leaders attended summer camp

Six new registered adult leaders

Five new Eagle Scouts

Four scouts helped with Cub Scout day camp

Three scouts leaders attending Camp Fleischmann

Two scouts attending the National Jamboree

One Eagle Scout project published in a magazine

Major events in December for Troop 1776 included a skills day at Oats Park, rounding up shopping carts around town, a Troop quarterly Court of Honor for recent advancements and one more Eagle Scout Court of Honor for our newest Eagle, Mark Moyle.

We look forward to an active and fun 2018. We all appreciate the support and sponsorship of Epworth United Methodist Church of Fallon Nevada!!!

Steve Endacott, Charter Rep

Weekly Events and Meetings at Epworth UMC

Sundays	Mondays	Tuesdays	Wednesdays	Thursdays	Fridays	Saturdays
9am Worship Service, Sanctuary	10am-1pm Food Pantry, Wolf Ctr	10am Celebrate Freedom, Sanctuary	10:30am Alzheimers & Dementia Support, Homestead (2 nd & 4 th Wednesdays)	5pm-6:30pm Pub Theology w/Pastor Dawn, Sandwinds	8am T.O.P.S., Fireside Room	No regularly scheduled activities
10:15am Fellowship and Coffee, Fireside Room	3:30pm Women's Study Group, Good News Room	6pm Celebrate Recovery, Sanctuary		5:15pm Fallon Daily Bread, Wolf Center	7pm Joyful Noise Choir, Sanctuary	
10:30am Sunday School, all ages	5:15pm Fallon Daily Bread, Wolf Center	6:30pm Boy Scout Troop #1776, Wolf Center				
1:15pm Worship Service @ Homestead, 365 W. A St.		7pm Lahontan Valley Concert Choir, Fireside Room				

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Church Office Hours
Monday & Tuesday
9am to 3pm

February Events and Meetings

2/1 UMW General Meeting—Fireside Room 1-2:30pm		
2/10 Worship Committee Meeting—Fireside Room 9:30-10:30am		
2/13 Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper and Mardi Gras Party—Wolf Center 5:30 Dinner, party following		
2/14 Ash Wednesday Service—Sanctuary 7pm		

Worship Servants

Throughout this page you will find information on ways that you can be a Worship Servant, or someone who is active in presenting worship and helping to enhance the worship environment. If you would like to learn about leading in worship (by serving Holy Communion, reading scripture, leading the Word for the Young at Heart, lighting the candles, or more, please contact Mary Lou Gumstrup at 423-3329.

2/4	Grant Mills
2/11	Boy Scouts
2/14	Maggie Neidigh
2/18	Mary Lou Grumstrup
2/25	

To be a worship leader please contact Mary Lou at 423-3329

Worship Leaders

2/4 Pastor Dawn

2/11 Boy Scouts

2/18 MaryLou Grumstrup

2/25 Steve Russell



A very special thank you to all who have led the Word for the Young at Heart. Our children are a blessing and it's our responsibility to lead them in the way of His light. This is but one way we can do that.

If you feel God leading you to serve as a part of this ministry, please call Barbara McGarity at 217-5736.

Epworth's Joyful Noise Choir and Praise Team are filled with some of Epworth's many talented musicians. If you would like to participate in either of these performing groups, you are more than welcome! Please see our Music Director, Jackie Warburton, if you would like to join or if you have any questions.



February Communion Servers

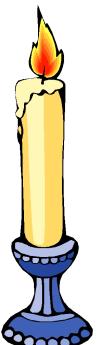
ACOLYTES THIS MONTH

2/4 Alison Frost

2/11 Sophia Jeffs

2/18 Tim Bennett

2/25 Kenny Coval



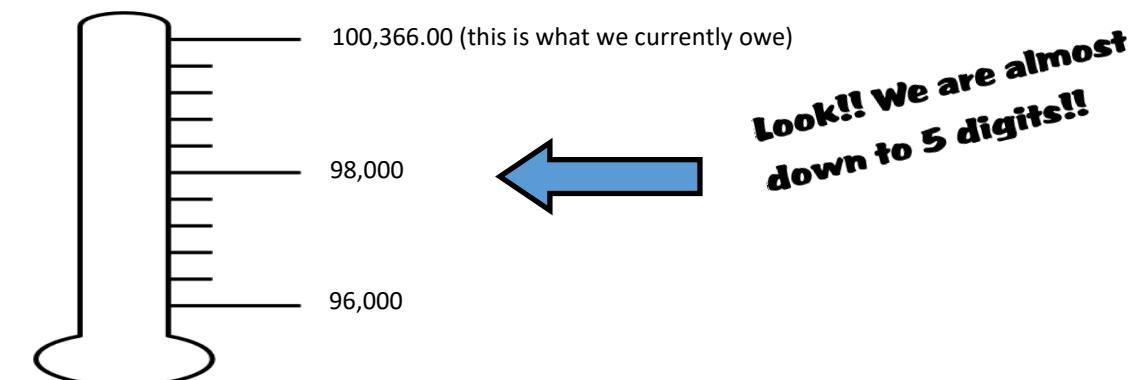
Being an acolyte means that you have the honor of bringing the light of Jesus Christ in to the sanctuary to begin our worship. Each Sunday we will have one acolyte.

If you would like to participate as an acolyte, please call the church office at 423-4714 or make a note on your welcome card.

From Your Finance Ministry Team

Thank you to every member, and churchgoer for your prayers and financial donations to help us pay our bills, salaries, and the mortgage on the Wolf Center. God Bless you.

The thermometer below shows our progress in paying down our mortgage, thanks to special donations toward the principal. We have just about met our matching fund drive goal of \$12,000 and are going strong! Each month we will update you on our progress.



Nursery Help!

The nursery needs your help! Every Sunday morning during service, the church provides child care for children who aren't quite ready to sit in the sanctuary through the whole service. Safe sanctuary guidelines state that we need two adults in the nursery with the children at all times. While we try to uphold this, it has not been easy. That's why I need your help! If you would like to sign up to help in the nursery from 8:45am—10:45am-ish, please call the church office at 775-423-4714, please call me, Angelina Irby, at 775-294-5552, or put your name on the sign up sheet that will be passed around on Sunday. Thank you so much!



Lots of love, Angelina Irby — Nursery Attendant

Help Us Bring Worship to Homestead Care Center

Join us every Sunday at the Homestead Care Center at 1:15pm for a short worship service full of God's word and lovely music! The service usually lasts about 45 minutes, just long enough to spread the word of God with those who can't attend services in their home church. Please see John McGarity or Margaret Knox!