



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 MAY

I realize that God has a sense of humor, and so I hesitate to say this out loud...but I think it's finally spring! Happy Springtime, friends!

This is one of my favorite springtime Bible verses, from the Song of Solomon, chapter 2:

"Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away; for now the winter is past, the rain is over and gone. The flowers appear on the earth; the time of singing has come, and the voice of the turtledove is heard in our land. The fig tree puts forth its figs, and the vines are in blossom; they give forth fragrance. Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away."

I remember pieces of a song I once sang with a choir, that had these words in it...so beautiful. Just the thought of green and growing things, of creation waking up and taking a deep breath and doing the work of life brings me a deep feeling of contentment. I hope it does something like that for you, too.

I was very blessed recently to travel with Dennis to Denver to visit my best high school friend Kathy, and see some excellent baseball games — one in winter, with snow and freezing temperatures, dressed in several layers, gloves and hats; and one in spring, THE VERY NEXT DAY, where we were sweltering and got sunburned. Anyway, Kathy and Brian's kids are all still at home, but getting older (her oldest, Alex, is off to college this fall) and watching them be parents, and talking about parenting with them, has me thinking about our legacy. We shared stories about parents and grandparents, and the things we used to do together, the things they said that we still carry with us. We talked together about parenting, and the kinds of memories we want our kids to have, the kinds of people we hope they will grow up to be. The joy and the terror of parenting.:-)

What legacy are we leaving? What lessons are our kids learning about life from us? What experiences are giving them a firm foundation to stand on, while they navigate their own lives?

Our conversations in Denver were about all kinds of things that we teach our kids, intentionally and otherwise. But this is an excellent, and vitally important question for us as a church, too: What will the kids in our family, in our church, and in our community learn about God, based on what they know about us? Are we glad that they are here? Is our church a place they feel safe, cared for, and free to ask questions and find good answers from spiritually healthy people, who are humble enough to admit it when we don't know the right answer, and generous enough to commit to finding the answers with them?

I think we are. I have seen many of you treating the kids here with love and affection, guidance and gentle good humor. It is a joy to see it. As we continue to be the church together, I pray that you make the care and spiritual education of children one of your own highest priorities, inside the church and outside it. After all, you may be the only Bible a child ever reads.

In the endless love of God,

Pastor David

Volunteer to help!



Decorate, make snacks, help with crafts or games, the ways to help are endless. Be a friendly, loving face to kids as they learn about God and their best selves.

June 11 - 15 2018

Vacation Bible School

at Epworth United Methodist Church
280 E Stillwater, Fallon NV

ROLLING RIVER RAMPAGE

Experience the Ride of a Lifetime with God!

Join us for a week of fun, laughter, and learning for ages preschool through 5th grade. No actual river involved, just outdoor games, music, science, art, and more!

Mon June 11 to Fri June 15
9:00am til 12:00noon.

Call now to register!
775-423-4714

Adult Groups and Classes

Adult studies take place on Sundays and during the week, and new groups crop up all the time.

Sunday 10:30am: The Book of Esther, Wolf Center

Sunday 10:30am: "Breakaway" DVD and discussion, Good News Room

Sunday 10:30am: "Follow" by Andy Stanley, Conference Room

Monday 3:30pm: "On the Anvil" by Max Lucado, women's study, Good News Room

Thursday 5:30pm: "Faith in the News", Pub Theology, Sandwinds Restaurant

Second Saturday 8am: "Across the Room" book discussion and breakfast, men's group, Fireside Room

Sophia Jeffs has been chosen by administrators and teachers at her school to attend a trip across the country to tour Washington D.C. and New York in April 2019! The school has set up an account where you can donate to help offset the cost that her family has to pay to send her on this trip. You can either give cash or a check to Laura Butcher in the office or at church on Sunday, or go online using the link below to donate directly to her account. The link is also on our website! Just click "give."

<https://personal.efexploreamerica.com/secure/make-donation.aspx?poid=D3AB963D>

Saints and Sinners
"When some fellow yields to temptation
And breaks a conventional law,
We look for no good in his makeup,
But, Lord, how we look for the flaw.
No one asks, 'Who did the tempting?'
Nor allows for the battles he's fought.
His name becomes food for the jackals,
The saints who have never been caught.
I'm a sinner, O Lord and I know it.
I am weak, and I blunder and fail.
I am tossed on life's stormy ocean
Like a ship that is caught in a gale.
I am willing to trust in thy mercy,
To keep the commandments thou'st taught
But deliver me, Lord, from the judgment
Of the saints who have never been caught."

Saved by Barbara Wolf,
submitted by Mary Lou Grumstrup.

The nursery would love your help with a bit of cleaning!



Thanks to our Scouts, we have a beautifully remodeled nursery that is a safe and healthy place for our children to learn about God, each other, and their best selves. In order to keep things ship-shape, we would love a few volunteers to come in once per month to sanitize and deep-clean. Please reach out to Angelina on Sunday, or call her in the church office if you would like to help.

Thank you in advance!



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| 5/2 | Shasta Kelley |
| 5/7 | Shallena Lyverse |
| 5/9 | John Whitaker |
| 5/10 | Eric Lagran Taber |
| 5/13 | Bailey Stritenberger |
| 5/17 | James McWilliams |
| 5/18 | Ailene Brown |
| 5/18 | Michael Tiede |
| 5/20 | Jean Fahl |
| 5/23 | Judy Lafferty |
| 5/23 | Kate Pinder |
| 5/23 | Kristie Weddell |
| 5/24 | Ernest DeCoux |
| 5/28 | Cathy McKean |
| 5/29 | James Rylen Kjeldsen |
| 5/30 | Margaret Knox |
| 5/31 | Maggie Neidigh |

Happy Birthday!

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

Rev Dawn Blundell

Pastor

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Jeanie Fahl

Chair of Finance Committee

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Doug Coval

Lay Leader

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Eleanor and Jeff Lockwood bid you adieu..

“Our bags are (almost) packed and we’re (almost) ready to go”, to our new home in southern Arizona. Though we are looking forward to the next chapter it is bitter sweet to say “adieu” because Fallon has been our home for 21 years, where our children have grown up, where we have worked and played and made so many friends! Thank you Epworth for being our family of faith and encouraging us to grow and live out our faith each and every day.

We bid you “adieu” and not goodbye...our daughter Philippa lives in Santa Rosa, CA and our son Charlie lives in Sparks, NV and when we visit them, which we intend to do frequently, the easiest route is through Fallon!! So until we see you again....

God Bless you all,

Eleanor & Jeff

Thank you to Jordan Rockstrom and our Boy Scout Troop 1776!

Come check out the prayer garden as it begins to take shape, and be sure to thank them when you see them! You can reach out to Steve Endacott, Kenny Coval, or Pastor Dawn to pass a message along.



Weekly Events and Meetings at Epworth UMC

| Sundays | Mondays | Tuesdays | Wednesdays | Thursdays | Fridays | Saturdays |
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| 9am Worship Service, Sanctuary | 10am-1pm Food Pantry, Wolf Ctr | 6:30pm Boy Scout Troop #1776, Wolf Center | 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 | 7:00pm AA meeting every second Saturday |
| 10:15am Fellowship and Coffee, Fireside Room | 3:30pm Women’s Study Group, Good News Room | 7pm Lahontan Valley Concert Choir, Fireside Room | | 5:15pm Fallon Daily Bread, Wolf Center | | |
| 10:30am Sunday School, all ages | 5:15pm Fallon Daily Bread, Wolf Center | | | 7pm Joyful Noise Choir, Sanctuary | | |
| 1:15pm Worship Service @ Homestead, 365 W. A St. | | | | | | |

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 Phone 423-4714

Church Office Hours
 Monday & Tuesday
 9am to 3pm



Fallon Daily Bread
 A hot meal served every Monday and every Thursday @ 5:15 pm.
Barbara or Ron Evans 423-2650 or Kathy Praker 867-3095

Methodist Night on May 21st!
 We are always thankful for dessert donations!

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!



Each Sunday in the bulletin you can find an item or category of items that would be especially helpful or appealing to the clients of Epworth Community Food Pantry. These items range from condiments to breakfast cereals, spaghetti to canned fruit and meat. In many cases, this is the only food these families have access to. They are always grateful for the food they receive.

May Events and Meetings

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| 5/2—History Meeting—10am Conference Room | 5/12—AA—7pm Wolf Center |
| 5/3—UMW General Meeting—1-2:30pm Fireside Room | 5/15 Finance committee 7:00pm in conf room |
| 5/8—Board of Trustees Meeting—5:30-6:30pm Conference Room | 5/23—Church Council Meeting—7-8pm Wolf Center |
| 5/12—Men’s Breakfast—8am Fireside Room | 5/26-5/27—Host for Biking for Alzheimer's—Saturday night to Sunday morning Wolf Center |
| 5/12—Worship Meeting—9:30-10:30am Sanctuary | |

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 Grumstrup at 423-3329.

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| 5/6 | TBA | Worship Leaders |
| 5/13 | Debbie Moorhead | |
| 5/20 | Mary Lou Grumstrup | |
| 5/27 | Grant Mills | |
| To be a worship leader please contact Mary Lou at 423-3329 | | |

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.



May 6th Communion Servers

- 5/6 Jackie Warburton
- 5/13 Pastor Dawn
- 5/20 Mary Lou
- 5/27 Steve Russell

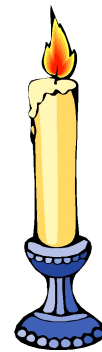


A very special thank you to all who have led the Word for the Young at Heart. Our children are a blessing and it's our responsibility to lead them in the way of His light. This is but one way we can do that.

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

ACOLYTES THIS MONTH

- 5/6 Allison Frost
- 5/13 Sophia Jeffs
- 5/20 Tim Bennett
- 5/27 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.

Did you know?

Do you like skiing, swimming, or ice skating? Playing the piano and singing? Camping, hunting, picking wild flowers? Then you would have enjoyed Laura Mills. She moved to Fallon with her parents as a child, coming to church with her parents, joining the Methodist Church in 1920 at 27 years of age. She served as church organist for a while, sang in the choir, and taught Sunday School to the kids. If you memorized the assigned bible verses, she might take your whole class fishing! She was a school teacher and a professional photographer. You can find some of her photos still floating around our community! *Members of her family still go to our church! There is a park in town named after her as well as a classroom in the Wilson Hall in the basement of our church!

Submitted by the History Committee, written by Margot Mills.

Newsletter Articles!

We are looking for articles to include in the monthly newsletter! They can be about anything and everything. It can be a poem, a short story, a blurb about history of something or someone in our town, the sky is the limit! If you would like to contribute, please call the office at 775-423-4714 and ask for Angelina!



at the Homestead Care Community

365 West A Street, Fallon

Join us for Worship @ 1:15 to sing, pray, and love and care for the residents