




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.




The Pastor's Corner

Hello church family!

It has been a crazy, chaotic, HOT, wonderful summer here at Epworth. As I write, the tiniest suggestion of cooler weather is in the air, school is back in session, Sunday School classes and the choir and praise team are getting started again, and many of us are feeling the welcome return of the predictable rhythms of the year. And fall colors. And pumpkins and squash and nuts. And fall baking. And fall smells. :-)

As we move into this very special time of the year, even though everything kind of re-starts and the days are filled with a new kind of busy-ness, I know I tend to feel a certain calm and settled warmth. A certain home-y feeling that makes me crave the presence of the people I love most. I remember my mom, and my grandparents more. I want to convince my kids to come over more often, not just for dinner but just to relax and chat over a cup of tea or something. I want to relax more with my beloved, and let the laundry go unfolded for awhile.

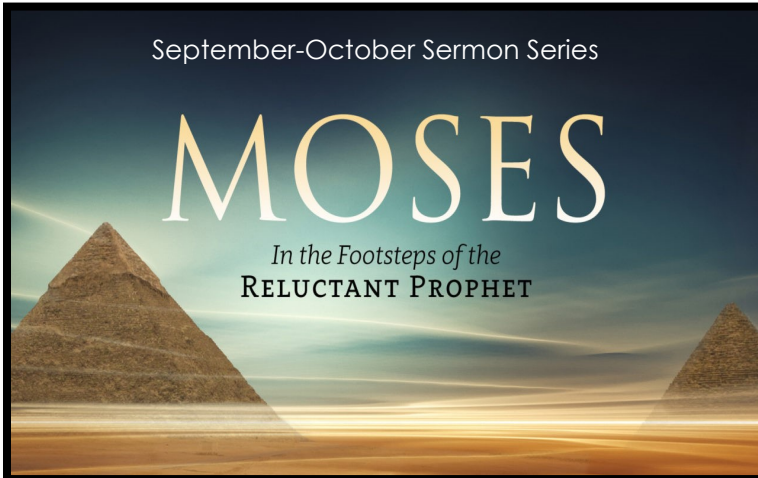
I think those kinds of feelings this time of year are not uncommon, and I have often wondered whether they are embedded somewhere in our DNA as human beings. As the days just begin to grow shorter, and we know that winter is around the corner, I wonder whether something deep inside us remembers when our ancestors spent those winter months living closely together, eating special food that brought nutrition and warmth, telling stories to make each other laugh and cry and remember, and drawing close to God with prayer and special ceremonies of gratitude and love. I tend to think we do.

My prayer for us this month, as it so often is, is that we look, and listen, and love one another. Not in an abstract sense, but in an active, living, paying-attention sense. That we ask questions of each other, and tell stories, and spend time, and earnestly seek to know our parents and children, our fellow church members and neighbors and strangers. That we take joy in each other, and remember that life is not made of the things we have or the things we accomplish, but the people we love.

“Sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs together, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.” Ephesians 5:19-20

In the great name of Jesus Christ,

Pastor Dawn





WHO'S READY FOR
SUNDAY SCHOOL?

Welcome Back to Sunday School!

Meet the teachers and register after worship on September 9!
Classes begin for all ages on Sept 16

Fall 2018 Study Groups & Classes

Call the church office for contact numbers or more info!

Sunday School 10:45am:

- ☞ Elementary School class led by Mary Lou Grumstrup in the upstairs classrooms
- ☞ Youth Group led by Pastor Dawn in The Underground
- ☞ The Book of Esther, led by Jeanette Strong in the Wolf Center
- ☞ "Big Church" by Andy Stanley, led by Margaret Knox in the Good News Room
- ☞ Andy Stanley study, led by Steve and Kathy Fraker in the Conference Room

Women's Groups

- ☞ Women's Study, "If You Want to Walk on Water, You Have to Get Out of the Boat" by John Ortberg, Mondays at 3:30pm, led by Kelly Frost.
- ☞ United Methodist Women, first Thursdays at 1pm, led by Judy Pritchard

Men's Groups

- ☞ Book Study, topic to be decided by the group, led by Doug Coval

👉 SAVE THE DATE! 👉

John Tewell's 90th Birthday Party
September 30, 2018 3:00pm—5:00pm

at the Fallon Convention Center

Hosted by John's daughter Dotty Krake and
granddaughter Sabreena Krake Adams

Happy
Birthday!



9/5	Kathy Fraker
9/5	Riley Stritenberger
9/7	Joseph Esposito
9/8	William Brown
9/9	Caitlin Knox
9/14	Benjamin Brown
9/15	Judy Pritchard
9/16	Clark Peri
9/16	Catherine Raymond
9/18	Elisha Sears
9/19	Mike Ansotegui
9/21	Stephanie Raymond
9/21	Patricia Raymond
9/23	Stephanie Springs
9/26	Mason Lofthouse
9/27	Molly Felte
9/27	Sherrie Stilwell
9/28	John Tewell
9/29	Paul Grumstrup
9/30	Jean Brown

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

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Doug Coval
Lay Leader
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FALLON DAILY BREAD

FDB is a free community meal every Monday and Thursday at 5:15pm

Methodist Night September 17th!
Volunteer to cook, clean up, or serve.

We are always thankful for dessert donations!
 If you would like to be a part of this wonderful ministry, please call Ron & Barbara Evans 423-2650 or Kathy Fraker 867-3095



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!



UMW empowers and improves the lives of women, youth, and children around the world. Join us for our meeting on September 6, 2018 at 1pm . Stay tuned for news and happenings!

Submitted by Judy Pritchard



Boy Scout Troop 1776

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

Wolf Center is the meeting place for Troop 1776 (often called Troop Independence). They meet every Tuesday evening at 6:30 for training, service, fellowship and leadership through the BSA. If you have a boy aged 11 to 17 that would like to join the Boy Scouts call either Steve Cathey or Steve Endacott at the numbers above.



By The Numbers

Church Financial Picture
 Year to Date January-July 2018

Income (donations, bldg use, etc): \$103,457
 Expenses: \$91,148
 Trustees and Special Use Funds: \$16,697
 Debt remaining on Wolf Center mortgage: \$81,963.19

You make our ministries possible! Thank you for helping us worship God, care for each other, and serve our community.

Weekly Events and Meetings at Epworth UMC

Sundays	Mondays	Tuesdays	Wednesdays	Thursdays	Fridays	Saturdays
9am Worship Service, Sanctuary	10am-1pm Food Pantry, Wolf Center	5:00pm Codependents Anonymous, Good News Room	10:30am Alzheimers & Dementia Support, Homestead (2 nd & 4 th Wednesdays)	5:15pm Fallon Daily Bread, Wolf Center	8am T.O.P.S., Fireside Room	7:00pm AA meeting every second Saturday
10:15am Fellowship and Coffee, Fireside Room	5:15pm Fallon Daily Bread, Wolf Center	6:30pm Boy Scout Troop #1776, Wolf Center				
1:15pm Worship Service @ Homestead, 365 W. A St.						

Epworth United Methodist Church
 280 E. Stillwater Ave
 Fallon, NV 89406
 Phone 423-4714

Church Office Hours
 Monday & Tuesday
 9am to 3pm

September Events and Meetings

9/1—12pm-3pm Eagle Scout Ceremony, Sanctuary. 3pm-6pm, Eagle Scout Celebration, Wolf Center	
9/8—AA: 7:00pm, Wolf Center	
9/17 — 4:00pm Methodist Night at Fallon Daily Bread	
9/15— 9:30am Worship Meeting, Fireside Room	
9/26 — Fall Budget Meeting, 6pm Wolf Center	

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.

9/2	Grant Mills	Worship Leaders
9/9	John McGarity	
9/16	Mary Lou Grumstrup	
9/23	Judy Pritchard	
9/30	Ron Evans	
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.

- 9/2 Steve Fraker
- 9/9 Pastor Dawn
- 9/16 MaryLou Grumstrup
- 9/23 Surprise
- 9/30 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

9/2	Cathy McKean
9/9	Sophie Jeffs
9/16	Tim Bennett
9/23	Kenny Coval
9/30	Connor & Levia

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.



Let's give summer a last hurrah, and kick off the new worship year!

Right after worship on Sept 9.

We will provide the ice cream; you bring your favorite topping, fresh fruit, or healthy snack to share.



CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY AUGUST 2018

Your Epworth UMC Church Council met on Wednesday, August 22 at 7:00pm. We heard reports from the Worship, Education, Staff-Parish Relations Committee, Fallon Daily Bread, Hospitality, Evangelism, Lay Leadership, and other ministry teams, and celebrated our ministries together. Financially, Epworth is doing fairly well, and we gave thanks for those who have gone above and beyond to donate to special projects during the year like the new bibles we filled our church with last year, several thousand dollars toward our mortgage principal, and the new hearing-assisted sound system in our sanctuary. We are so grateful!

Though all of our bills and program expenses are paid, our income is a bit lower than it was a year ago and thus we have not been paying our church tithe to the Conference. We are in conversation together about the importance of this tithe, and how we can cut expenses and increase income so that we can pay it.

The Council voted that, beginning this fall, Epworth will spend the next year focusing special fundraising on one project rather than several: paying off (or significantly paying down) the Wolf Center Mortgage. Doing so will eliminate our nearly \$1800 per month mortgage payment, and thus allow us increased financial health. We are excited about this! We think we can inspire our Fallon community to participate in this, too, considering the services we are able to provide our community thanks to the Wolf Center. Stay tuned to hear more about this! And we hope to see you at our next Council meeting, in October.



John Nilson and his fellow percussionist, Jason Moore, are performing at our church Friday September 28th at 7pm! Join us for great music and fellowship!