

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, beloved church folk!

As I sit down to write today, my mind and heart are full. Having just come from a relaxing time away in a beautiful place, I am extra in love with my kids, and my brothers and sisters, and my husband, and my sweet puppies, and all of you. This is why sabbath is so important, so crucial to our spiritual health: taking time away to breathe and rest leaves room for God to move within us and remind us of all that is good, and beautiful, and holy. After a typically crazy Monday in the Epworth office, I came away so deeply satisfied and blessed by the holy chaos!

At the same time, when Dennis and I made our way home, one of the first things I encountered was news about the synagogue shooting in Pittsburg. Angry, mocking, derisive "conversations" about migrants and asylum and safety. Politicians telling lies, constant lies, about each other and everything else, and people believing them. News outlets stoking fear and outrage for profit. So my heart is full of gratitude, but also of sorrow.

Over the course of the past few weeks and months, I've had several scattered conversations with non-churchgoers about faith. And the most common thread I have heard, from teenagers and adults, is that they perceive church and church people as the source of pain, anger, and conflict rather than the antidote to it. They don't see Jesus that way, or even Christianity as a faith, but they DO see churchgoing Christians that way. That is striking to me, and profoundly important for us to hear. At the same time, I have had several deep, important conversations with people who have experienced Epworth's ministries and said things like, "I have never, ever felt welcome in a church until now", "you guys have changed my life", "I never knew church people could be like this", "hearing you on the radio made me feel like God was right there with me" and on and on and on.

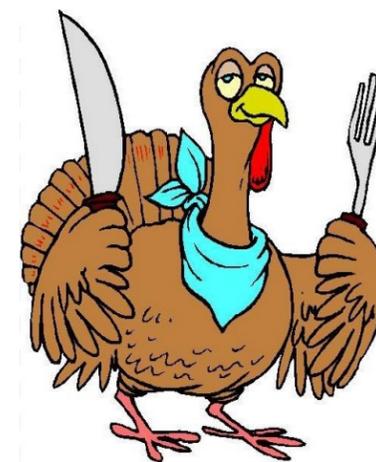
My loves, Epworth is a shining light on a hill. Well, in a neighborhood. An oasis in the desert. People desperately need the Gospel we share so well, in word and action. Not just the food pantry, and the hot meals, and the showers and laundry, but the love and compassion and respect we serve along with them. The world needs more experience of this, so that hearts and minds and doors are opened to Jesus Christ.

I am so thankful for all that you do, for the ways that you are. I know that you are already joining me in prayer for those killed by racist hatred, in Pittsburg and so many other places, and against the evil forces that lead to such violence. I know that you are already praying for our country and the world, in its terribly divided state. I know that many of you are already acting out your faith in love, right here in Fallon, and that more of you are inspired to do so every day. So my prayer for you this month is that you be encouraged to continue this profoundly important work of loving one another, in real and meaningful ways. That we all continue to reject the hatefulness in our modern discourse, resist the temptation to participate in it, and instead listen and seek to understand one another. That we lead with humility and compassion, first and foremost, especially toward those we disagree with. And most of all, that we commit ourselves to standing by and lifting up those who are suffering, in the name of Jesus Christ.

In the steadfast love of God,

Pastor Dawn

Our annual thanksgiving dinner will be held on Thursday Nov. 22nd, 2018 at 2pm in the Wolf Center dining room. This dinner is for those who do not have family to celebrate. Turkey, ham, gravy and mashed potatoes will be provided. Those attending, please bring a side dish. Sign up sheets will go around November 4th and 11th, please let us know how many are in your party and what side you plan on bringing. This is not a Fallon Daily bread function, but it is a church family function. We hope to see you there!



PAYING OFF THE MORTGAGE!

Join us in this exciting endeavor!

Our Wolf Center is a wonderful resource. Because of this building, we are able to host one of our community's largest and most active food pantries, serve hundreds of meals every month to those in need of food or friendship at Fallon Daily Bread, host a large and active Boy Scouts troop, offer a safe indoor space for cheerleaders to practice, sponsor community events, and more. This year, we are blessed to host a HUGE Christmas party for all of the foster kids and foster parents in Churchill and Lyon Counties! Hundreds of people every month, thanks to these ministries, encounter the love and grace of God.

All of this comes with a price tag, of course. Our mortgage payments are just under \$1800 per month, and we owe about \$79,000. So, we have made it our church goal to get this building paid off! Several generous donors have already given \$37,000 of it, so it is our challenge to raise \$42,000 more! Look for the thermometer in the narthex to track our progress. We hope you will join us in this endeavor!!



15 WAYS TO PRAY FOR YOUR PASTOR

A UMC.org Feature by Joe Lovino, Oct. 12, 2018

The life of a United Methodist pastor is filled with a variety of responsibilities. They preach, teach, visit, counsel, lead, consult, communicate, budget, clean, and so much more. Pastoring a church is not a job that can be done well under the pastor's power alone. Every pastor relies heavily on God's guidance, strength and peace as they live into their call. One of the best ways we can support our pastors and show them our appreciation is to regularly pray for them. But it can be difficult to know exactly what we should pray for. To help get started, we've assembled fifteen areas of pastors' lives and ministries where they would value your prayers.

1. Spiritual lives: Our pastors' spiritual lives are important to their finding the wisdom, strength and guidance necessary to lead a church. Pray for your pastors' growth as a disciple of Jesus Christ, as the Holy Spirit works through them to serve your congregation and community.

2. Time management: With all of their responsibilities, United Methodist pastors need to become masters of their calendars. John Wesley knew this back in the 1700s. He instructed the preachers, "Never trifle away time." Pray for your pastors to use time wisely, including blocking out occasions for Sabbath rest, prayer, work and family.

3. Families: Speaking of families, it is important to remember that our ministers may also be a spouse, a parent, and a child to parents who have needs. Remember to pray for your pastor's family.

4. Preaching: Delivering a great sermon (and the ones that are less than great) takes hours of study and preparation. Pray for your pastors as they prepare worship services, sacraments and sermons. May they have the words to communicate what God has placed on their hearts.

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Happy
Birthday!



11/1	David Holmes
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11/2	Craig Butcher
11/2	Philippa Lockwood
11/2	Kathryn Nichols
11/4	Isaac Sears
11/5	Domonique Esposito
11/6	Macky Hollings
11/6	Julie Holmes
11/7	Lewis Robinson
11/8	Natasha Dugan
11/15	Alice Fuhlendorf
11/16	Claudia Pace
11/17	Diane Hicks
11/19	Melvin "Buster" St. Clair
11/20	Claudia Shira
11/21	Colt Eberhart
11/21	Haddie Eberhart
11/21	Charlie Eberhart
11/22	Chad Chrisco
11/24	Kris Hadley
11/24	Lorenzo Mori
11/26	Georgeen Pierre
11/26	Gary Pope-Sears
11/27	Garrett Fahl
11/27	Roger Mills^
11/28	Judy Whitaker
11/29	Bettye Zalme

♡ In loving memory of Roger Mills who passed away in 2015.

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

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Jeanie Fahl
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Doug Coval
Lay Leader
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Hospitality is hosting their annual pie auction Sunday November 18th right after service. If you want to donate your favorite dessert, contact Donna Strickland!

FALLON DAILY BREAD

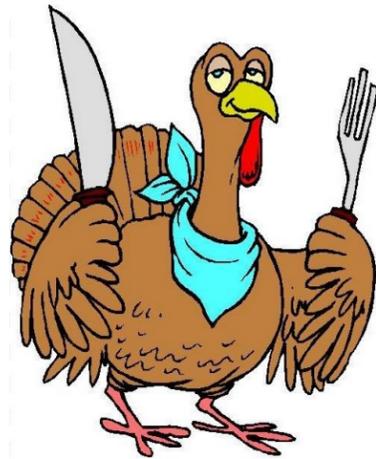
FDB is a free community meal every Monday and Thursday at 5:15pm
November 19th is Methodist night and thanksgiving dinner!

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 November 1, 2018 at 1pm. Stay tuned for news and happenings!



Boy Scout Troop 1776

Jep Jepsen, Scout Master: 666-8406

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.

Pray for your pastor, cont.

5. Strength: The work of a pastor requires reserves of spiritual and emotional strength. Ask God to bolster ministers' hearts and minds, especially on days when they feel weak, inadequate, or unqualified.

6. Visiting ministries: Visiting people in hospital rooms, nursing homes, rehabilitation centers, memory centers, hospice units, homes and jail cells, is an important part of your pastor's job. Pray for her or his ability to connect with those who are struggling and to share God's comfort, peace and hope.

7. Leadership: Pastors shepherd their congregations, lead individuals to Christ and guide the church as a witness to the work of God in our communities. Pray for your pastor's ability to lead your congregation.

8. Decision-making: Being a leader includes making difficult decisions. Sometimes that means making a call when the "right answer" is elusive. Other times it is about making an unpopular choice. Pray for God to guide your pastor's decisions.

9. Ministry with the poor: Pastors are called upon to help those who do not have enough food, rent money, or the ability to pay a utility bill. They also lead their congregations to do the same. Pray that your pastor has the wisdom and resources necessary to help those in need, and that he or she might represent Jesus well to those who feel forgotten.

10. Communication: We've all sent a note, email or text that is misunderstood by the recipient. Ministers reach out to so many people, miscommunication is nearly impossible to avoid. Ask God to make your pastor's communication clear and for grace when he or she is misunderstood.

11. Conflict: Conflicts sometimes arise when people miscommunicate and disagree. Some conflicts are serious, while others are petty. Pray for your pastors' strength, wisdom, patience and discernment as they navigate the conflicts that arise.

12. Vision: United Methodist pastors help set the vision for their congregations. Pray that your pastor may clearly see where God is leading your church and for opportunities for ministries to grow in those areas.

13. Finances: Money worries can be a big distraction. Pray for financial peace for your pastor, both with the congregation's budget and his or her family finances.

14. Health: Your pastor's physical health is important. Pray for them to take time to care for their bodies through rest, exercise, and eating well.

15. Encouragement: Pray for your pastors to be encouraged today. Pray that they might know in their hearts the differences they make in the lives of individuals, in your congregation, and in your community. You can be an answer to prayer when you encourage your ministers. Write a note, text or email to let them know what a difference they make in your life. They will surely appreciate it.

Submitted by Jeanette Strong.

November Communion Special Offering: United Methodist Women

UMW is an international organization supporting women's, children's, and families' causes worldwide. "United Methodist Women is a community of women whose purpose is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative, supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church."

For more info, check out www.unitedmethodistwomen.org.

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.



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



November Worship Leaders

11/4 Grant Mills

11/11 Barbara McGarity

11/18 Mary Lou Grumstrup

11/25 Steve Fraker

November Communion Servers

Joe and Camille Carter

11/4 Barbara McGarity

11/11 Pastor Dawn

11/18 Mary Lou Grumstrup

11/25 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.

ACOLYTES THIS MONTH

11/4 Cathy McKean

11/11 Sophie Jeffs

11/18 Tim Bennett

11/25 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.

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				
10:45am Sunday School						
1:15pm Worship Service @ Homestead, 365 W. A St.						

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Phone 423-4714

Church Office Hours
Monday & Tuesday
9am to 3pm

November Events and Monthly Meetings

11/1—United Methodist Women, 1:00pm — Wolf Center	11/14—Church Council Meeting, 7pm—Wolf Center
11/3—History Meeting, 10am—Conference room	11/19—Methodist Night at Fallon Daily Bread, 4pm—Wolf Center
11/10—Worship Meeting, 9:30am—Fireside Room	11/22 — Thanksgiving Dinner, 2pm—Wolf Center
11/10—AA, 7pm—Wolf Center	