



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 family!

Did you know that this year is the 200th anniversary of the very first performance of Silent Night? It's true. As Christmas of 1818 approached, Father Joseph Mohr, who had served St Nicholas parish church in Oberndorf, Austria for about a year, took lyrics he had written to Franz Xaver Gruber and asked him to compose a melody and guitar accompaniment for the Christmas Eve service. It was a beautiful addition to the service, and has since been translated in to over 140 languages. The version sung by Bing Crosby is the third best-selling single of all time!

104 years ago, in the midst of World War 1, the story is told that the German and British armies agreed to a temporary truce on Christmas Eve so that they could safely retrieve and bury their fallen brothers. At some point during that truce, the British soldiers heard the German soldiers singing Silent Night. Recognizing the melody, they joined the singing in English. Soon a few brave young men, inspired and emboldened by the shared music, ventured into No Man's Land — the area that separated the two armies — to exchange gifts of sweets and wine that loved ones had sent to the front. A few started a spontaneous game of soccer together. Letters sent home after the event described the camaraderie, shaking hands together, recognizing each other as brothers.

I don't know about you, but I am moved to tears by the power and the beauty of that scene. I'm reminded of other times when enemies have put down their weapons and recognized each other as siblings in Christ. Like Daryl Davis, the blues musician who has been making friends with Ku Klux Klansmen for the past 30 years, inspiring them to put aside their hatred just by sharing a meal with them. He has collected over 200 KKK robes from men who learned that they didn't need them anymore. Or like Corrie ten Boom, who described meeting a former Nazi officer who begged for her forgiveness for all that had happened to her and so many millions of others in the concentration camps; she describes feeling absolutely unable to forgive him, but shaking his hand anyway because she knew God would want her to, and how in that moment of obedience to God she felt herself flooded with mercy, peace, and love. Or like the many people I have known who have come to the end of this life's journey realizing that anger and strife is too heavy and ugly to bother with, and who yearn more than anything else to tell the people in their lives how much they love them.

The prophet Isaiah prophesies a time when warriors will 'beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning hooks', turning instruments of war and destruction into implements of nurture, growth, new life. He describes a peaceable kingdom, when the wolf will lie down with the lamb, where none will hurt or destroy on all God's holy mountain. It is a vision ushered in by the birth of a child called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. We know that God's goal in this is not complete, not yet, but what if we chose to put down our own weapons? What if we didn't wait until the end to do it but instead chose, right now, to put aside everything that keeps us from loving the people God has put in our lives? And strangers, too? And enemies?

Heavenly peace. Not as the world gives, not as the world understands it, but heavenly peace. Not the absence of conflict, but the presence of God. This Christmas, as our hearts are warmed by the beautiful, familiar story, that is my prayer. That Christ be born anew in each of us today, and that all within us is calm and bright. That we see God's glory streaming, that we bask in love's pure light, that we sing Halleluias to the King filled with joy and hope.

Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me. And merry Christmas!!





Kids' Christmas Program
December 9 during worship!



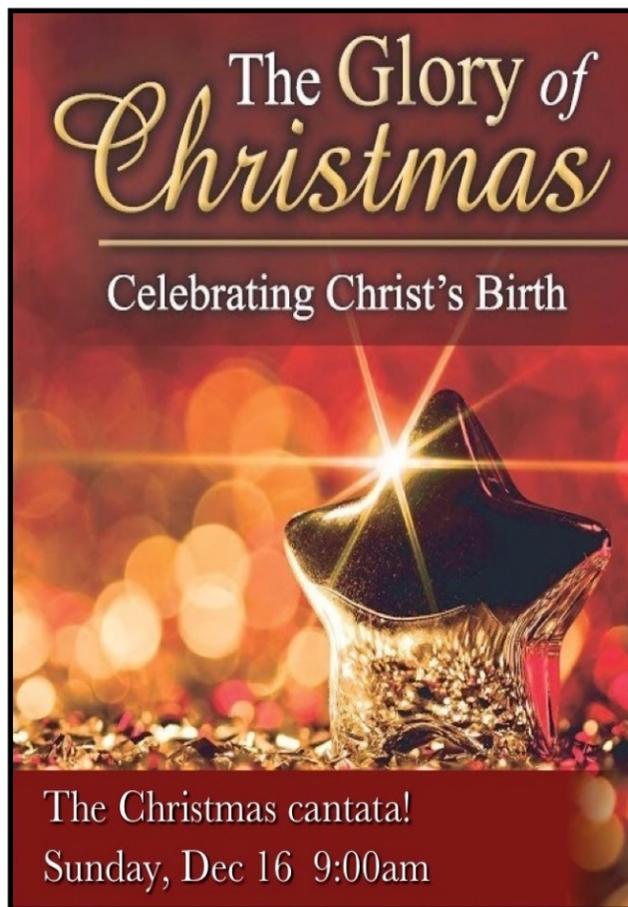
The Longest Night

A sweet, quiet time
of hope and healing,
on the longest night of the year.

Friday, Dec 21 7:00pm

Epworth United Methodist Church
280 E. Stillwater, Fallon
775-423-4714
www.epworthfallon.org

The Glory of Christmas
Celebrating Christ's Birth



The Christmas cantata!
Sunday, Dec 16 9:00am

From the Monday Women's Bible Study group:

We had thought of Georreen Pierre in our Monday afternoon bible Study as it was her birthday on 11/26. We reached out to her son-in-law, Alfred Munoz, and this is what he said...

"Mom is doing well I spoke with her while on my drive to go see my daughter Renee' for Thanksgiving ! She is getting pretty forgetful but still in good spirit! Ross's wife faithfully picks her up and takes her to church on Sundays when she can't then her granddaughter will take her! Mom is involved with two grade schools where she goes in and reads to the kids and helps them read! She loves this does it twice a week! She is also in a reading club at the facility she lives in! She has also become good friends with a widower! They hang out together playing card games going to movies there in the facility! Mom misses Fallon but is so thankful for being with her family! Thank you for thinking of her I'll let her know you say hi when I talk to her this week! I try to call her weekly. "

If you'd like to send Georreen a note, 921 Mountain Meadow Ln, #B202, Gillette WY 82716.



Happy Birthday!

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| 12/3 | Phillip Pinder |
| 12/5 | James Lofthouse |
| 12/10 | Nora Coval |
| 12/10 | Steve Fraker |
| 12/13 | Joshua Berney |
| 12/13 | Rodger Evans |
| 12/14 | Linda Brown |
| 12/16 | Dawson Frost |
| 12/18 | Elton Vickery |
| 12/19 | Cameron Mills |
| 12/20 | Clayton Kissick |
| 12/22 | Carmen Mikaila Trinidad |
| 12/23 | Patrick Laffterty |
| 12/23 | Ryan Taylor |
| 12/25 | Edwina Camacho |
| 12/29 | Shelby Neidigh |
| 12/30 | Rachelle Lungner |
| 12/30 | Myrt Reichard |
| 12/31 | Heather Eberhart |
| 12/31 | Nicole Raymond |

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

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HELPFUL SECOND HARVEST IDEA!

Epworth has a tissue box in every pew. Did you know an empty tissue box makes an excellent receptacle for dryer lint? Keep one on the dryer and it will hold many loads of lint and is easy to dispose of when full. So next time you see an empty box, take it home and put otherwise trash to good use!



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 Jep Jepsen or Steve Endacott at the numbers above.

THANK YOU FROM FALLON DAILY BREAD!

Thanks to Scout Troop 1776 and Epworth UMC, we were able to provide a delicious Thanksgiving dinner for over 200 people!

December 17th is Methodist night!
Volunteer to cook, clean up, or serve.

FDB is a free community meal every Monday and Thursday at 5:15pm
If you would like to be a part of this wonderful ministry, please call Ron & Barbara Evans 423-2650 or Kathy Fraker 867-3095

Calm and Bright Christmas Eve

Carols & Candlelight
7:00pm * 11:30pm



Epworth United Methodist Church

290 E Stillwater, Fallon 775-423-4714 epworthfallon.org

Christmas Poinsettias

Order a poinsettia to make our sanctuary beautiful in honor or in memory of someone you love! After our Christmas Eve services, you will be able to take your plant home to decorate your home.

Each poinsettia is \$10. Please order yours by December 16th, and our Worship Team will have them at the Church by December 23rd.

Call the church office or place your order form and your payment in the offering plate. Thank you!

MORTGAGE PAYOFF UPDATE!

We are working toward paying off the Wolf Center mortgage this year!
In November we raised another \$2500!!

So, our total raised so far is just under \$40,000, leaving us about \$38,000 left to raise. Look for the poster in the narthex to keep track of our progress.

This church and community is awesome, and we are so blessed to be able to provide so much good ministry in our community thanks to the Wolf Center facility.



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.



December Worship Leaders

- 12/2 Grant Mills
- 12/9 Barbara McGarity
- 12/16 Mary Lou Grumstrup
- 12/23 Steve Fraker
- 12/30 TBD

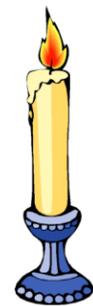
Word for the Young at Heart

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| 12/2 | Steve Fraker | |
| 12/9 | Pastor Dawn | |
| 12/16 | Ashlee McGarity | |
| 12/23 | Mary Lou Grumstrup | |
| 12/30 | 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.

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



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| 12/2 | Cathy McKean |
| 12/9 | Sophie Jeffs |
| 12/16 | Tim Bennett |
| 12/23 | Kenny Coval |
| 12/30 | 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.

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	5:30pm Pop Warner Cheerleading Practice The Great Room	5:15pm Fallon Daily Bread, Wolf Center	8am T.O.P.S., Fireside Room	9am Praise Team Practice, every first Saturday
10:15am Fellowship and Coffee, Fireside Room	3pm Women's Study Group, Good News Room	6:30pm Boy Scout Troop #1776, Wolf Center		5:30pm Pop Warner Cheerleading Practice The Great Room		7:00pm AA meeting, every second Saturday
10:45am Sunday School	5:15pm Fallon Daily Bread, Wolf Center			7pm Joyful Noise Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary		
1:15pm Worship Service @ Homestead, 365 W. A St.	5:30pm Pop Warner Cheerleading Practice The Great Room					

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

Church Office Hours

Monday & Tuesday
9am to 3pm

December Events and Monthly Meetings

12/5—History Meeting, 10am—Conference room	12/9—Kids' Christmas Play! During worship
12/6—UMW Christmas luncheon, 1:00pm — Wolf Center	12/16— Choir Cantata, during worship
12/8—Worship Meeting, 9:30am—Fireside Room	12/17—Methodist Night at Fallon Daily Bread, 4pm—Wolf Center
12/8—AA, 7pm—Wolf Center	12/24—Christmas Eve Services, 7pm & 11:30pm—Sanctuary

Thank you from the Hospitality Team!

Thank you to everyone who set up, baked goodies, and participated in our pie auction. We raised over \$1400! All of those funds go toward providing coffee and goodies on Sundays and for all kinds of special events.

December Communion Special Offering:

****TRUSTEES MAINTENANCE FUND****

which is used to make repairs around the church.

You will find special baskets for this offering at the front of the church, for you to use as you come up to receive Holy Communion. Thank you!