

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

Aaaahhhhhh. It's like waking up, this post-Christmas time. Or stepping out into a new day. Or taking the first slow, deep breath after we have forgotten to breathe deeply and slowly for awhile. After all that makes up the Christmas season, and the couple of days of recovery and re-calibration that follow it, these days are good.

Years ago, I'm not sure how many, I heard the hymn "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" set to the tune of "The Rose." It was sung acapella, with a stunningly beautiful, simple harmony. Since I had always loved both songs, the connection made between them really struck me: as I heard the words of the hymn, about relying on Jesus and giving everything to God in prayer, the melody added a reminder that love inspires the fearlessness we need to love God fully. I don't know if I thought of it at the time, but at some point in the intervening years I learned that one of the ancient symbols of Jesus in old frescoes and sculptures and paintings is the rose. You may remember that we mentioned it a bit in our hanging of the greens service just before Advent began, and talked together about the Rose of Sharon in the Song of Solomon, the most beautiful of all flowers, and how the thorns and redness of the rose remind us of Christ's death and resurrection. So now, whenever I hear "The Rose", all of these connections come back to me, and teach me things I want to be sure to remember in the new year.

That, of all of our relationships and all of the tastes of love we get in this world, God's love is the one that never fails.

That whatever hurt or regret we are carrying, the love of God can heal it. O what peace we often forfeit, and what needless pain we bear, all because we do not carry everything to God in prayer. Take it, all of it, to God in prayer.

That, though it may sound sappy and cliché, there is truth in the lyric that "it's the heart afraid of breaking that never learns to dance," and "it's the soul afraid of dying that never learns to live." In relying on God, we learn not to be afraid and instead to rejoice in the life we have been given.

That, when we feel weak and heavy laden, in His arms He'll take and shield thee. Take it to God in prayer.

That, in God's care, seeds are being planted within us that will bloom into something uniquely beautiful.

*When the night has been too lonely, and the road has been too long
 When you think that love is only for the lucky and the strong
 Just remember, in the winter, far beneath the bitter snow,
 Lies the seed that, with the Son's love, in the spring becomes the rose.*

As the nights slowly get shorter, minute by minute, and the days get longer...as the cold and snow of winter melt into spring...may the power of God through Jesus Christ work within you to bring new and abundant life.

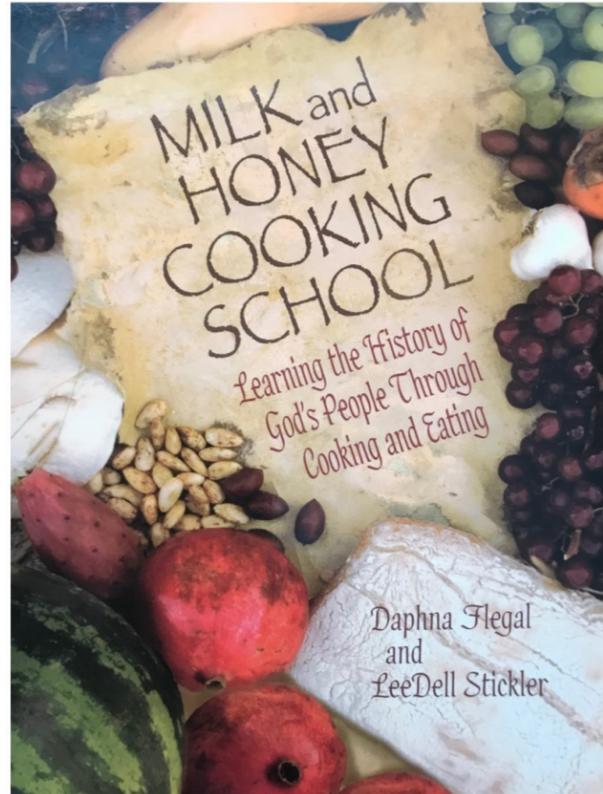
"So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!" 2 Corinthians 5:17

In the endless love of God,

Pastor Dawn



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



A fun and unique way to study Biblical history and culture, beginning **Sunday January 16** at 10:45am in the Fireside Room. Lunch will be cooked and eaten together! Please sign up by calling the church office, 423-4714. Invite a friend or 3, too!

STUDENTS TAKING ON PREVENTION PRESENTS:
**CHURCHILL COUNTY'S VERY OWN
DINNER GAME SHOW**

this ain't it, chef

A SPINOFF OF
NETFLIX
Nailed It!

SATURDAY, JANUARY 18TH, 5:30PM
WOLF CENTER, 457 ESMERALDA ST.
FALLON, NEVADA

Local Fallonites with poor track records in the kitchen compete for the title of the best of the worst cake decorators. The Catch? The audience can support or sabotage them.

\$15/ADULT
\$8/YOUTH 13 & UNDER
DINNER IS INCLUDED

Tickets available 12/17/18, call (775)423-7433 for info

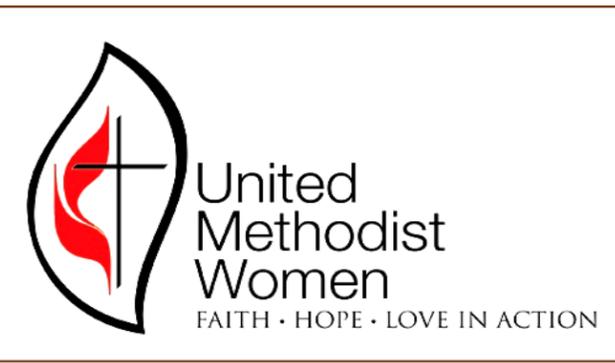


Happy Birthday!

- 1/2 Janice Gibson
- 1/4 Brent Hughes
- 1/4 Jamie Lofthouse
- 1/6 Don Johnson
- 1/6 Kyndra Lewis
- 1/6 Deborah Nell
- 1/8 Rachel Bernard
- 1/8 Dawna Johnson
- 1/9 Heather McWilliams
- 1/9 Louie Mori
- 1/10 Michelle Brown
- 1/11 Gemma Pearce
- 1/15 McKenzie Lunger
- 1/15 Steve Lunger
- 1/16 Eleanor Lockwood
- 1/17 Kateri Jones
- 1/18 Connor Butcher
- 1/19 Lynn Tawney
- 1/22 Mike Shira
- 1/23 Cole Dillon
- 1/23 Michael Irby
- 1/25 Canyon Daughtry
- 1/27 Dick Powers
- 1/30 Kaycee Weddell
- 1/31 Julie Tawney

Do you have questions about where you can help serve in the life of Epworth? These people would be glad to answer any questions.

- Rev Dawn Blundell, Pastor**
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UMW empowers and improves the lives of women, youth, and children around the world. Join us for our meeting on January 3, 2018 at 1pm. Stay tuned for news and happenings! If you would like to know more, please call Judy Pritchard at 775-217-5681. Or visit their website at www.unitedmethodistwomen.org.

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.



Boy Scout Troop 1776

Jep Jepsen,
 Scout Master: 666-8406
 Steve Endacott,
 Charter Rep: 427-5356

Troop 1776 (often called Troop Independence) meets in the Wolf Center 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 LDS Ward 6 and Epworth UMC, we were able to provide a delicious Christmas dinner for over 200 people!

January 21st 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.



From Your Finance Team

As of this writing we don't quite have the very final numbers in, but as of the most current giving information we have, we are on track to have raised about \$157,000 toward our general fund this year. Because of your generosity, we have been able to do some great ministry! We have been able to provide a clean, well-kept, warm and beautiful sanctuary for worship. We have been able to enjoy some deeply meaningful music, led by our choir and praise band and sung by ourselves as we make a joyful noise in worship. We have been able to lead and attend several different adult Bible studies, and offer a wonderful children's Christian education program. We have been able to do outreach together like participating in the Churchill Coalition's Fun Run, be a joyful and Godly presence during summer parades, and fund the radio broadcast of our Sunday sermons. We have been able to offer our space to Scouts, Pop Warner cheerleaders, AA and Gamblers' Anonymous, Codependents Anonymous, TOPS (Taking Off Pounds Sensibly), the Churchill County foster program, New Frontier drug rehab program staff, and more. And of course we have been able to provide food, warm showers, and laundry facilities to scores of families, and provide thousands of healthy meals via Fallon Daily Bread. It is amazing what God can do when we give what we can!

And that isn't even the end of it. In addition to your giving toward the general fund (that's the pot of money we use to pay the bills), you have given over and above that to create the first Vacation Bible School we have held in years, to provide brand new Bibles to kids of all ages in our church, to provide a brand new sound system to enable folks to hear our worship services better, AND you have given over \$45,000 to pay down our Wolf Center Mortgage! AND we received one special gift of \$26,000 to put toward repair of our roof! We are powerfully blessed by your generosity. It is so good to be the church.

Of course, it isn't all roses. While we did raise enough to fully fund our own ministries (and then some!), we didn't raise quite enough money in the general fund to pay our Conference Tithe in full this year. So, that is a major goal for the coming year. We are asked by our Conference to dedicate 10% of our general fund giving to the global church via this tithe. It goes toward a bunch of different funds that support churches in need, provide education and training to pastors and laity, supports UMC seminaries in the US and around the world, pays the overhead costs for UMCOR (our world-renowned disaster response team) and UVMIM (our volunteer mission trip organizers), funds important regional and global conferences, and more. It is a very worthy thing, this tithe, and one that we look forward to paying in full in 2019.

On Sunday, January 6 we will be invited to make a pledge to dedicate some portion of our time, talent, and treasure to God. There will be pledge cards in your bulletins, in envelopes. You'll receive them in the mail, too, just in case you're not able to be in worship that day. We encourage you to discuss it with your family, pray, and consider carefully what you'd like to dedicate to God in 2019, write it down on your pledge card, and seal it. No one will ever open the envelope, or ever see what you write there; it is between you and God alone. If you address the envelope, then we will send it back to you halfway through the year so that you can check in with yourself on your progress. We pray that when we do that, you will be able to see how God has been blessing you as a result!

As always, if you have any questions about church finances, please call Pastor Dawn, Becky Miller, Jeanie Fahl, or Jake Coval. They are all most easily reached by calling the church office at 423-4714. Thank you again for your faithfulness, and may God richly bless you in 2019!

Your Finance Ministry Team

MORTGAGE PAYOFF UPDATE!

We are continuing to work toward paying off the Wolf Center mortgage this year! Our total raised so far is just under \$45,000, leaving us only about \$34,000 left to raise. Isn't that great?! Look for the poster in the narthex to keep track of our progress.



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

- 1/6 Grant Mills
- 1/13 Ron Evans
- 1/20 Mary Lou Grumstrup
- 1/27 Barbie Hertz

Word for the Young at Heart

- 1/6 Judy Pritchard
- 1/13 Pastor Dawn
- 1/20 Mary Lou Grumstrup
- 1/27 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.

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

	1/6	Cathy McKean
	1/13	Sophie Jeffs
	1/20	Tim Bennett
	1/27	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.

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

1/3—UMW Meeting, 1pm—Fireside Room	1/12—Worship Meeting, 9:30am—Fireside Room
1/4—History Meeting, 10am—Conference room	1/12—AA, 7pm—Wolf Center
1/5 — Angelina Irby baby shower! 1pm-3pm — Fireside Room	1/19 — “This Ain’t It, Chef” STOP fundraiser, 5:30pm — Wolf Center
1/5 — Debi Kissick celebration of life, 2:00pm at Smith Family Funeral Home, reception at Wolf Center after the service	1/21—Methodist Night at Fallon Daily Bread, 4pm—Wolf Center

January 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!