



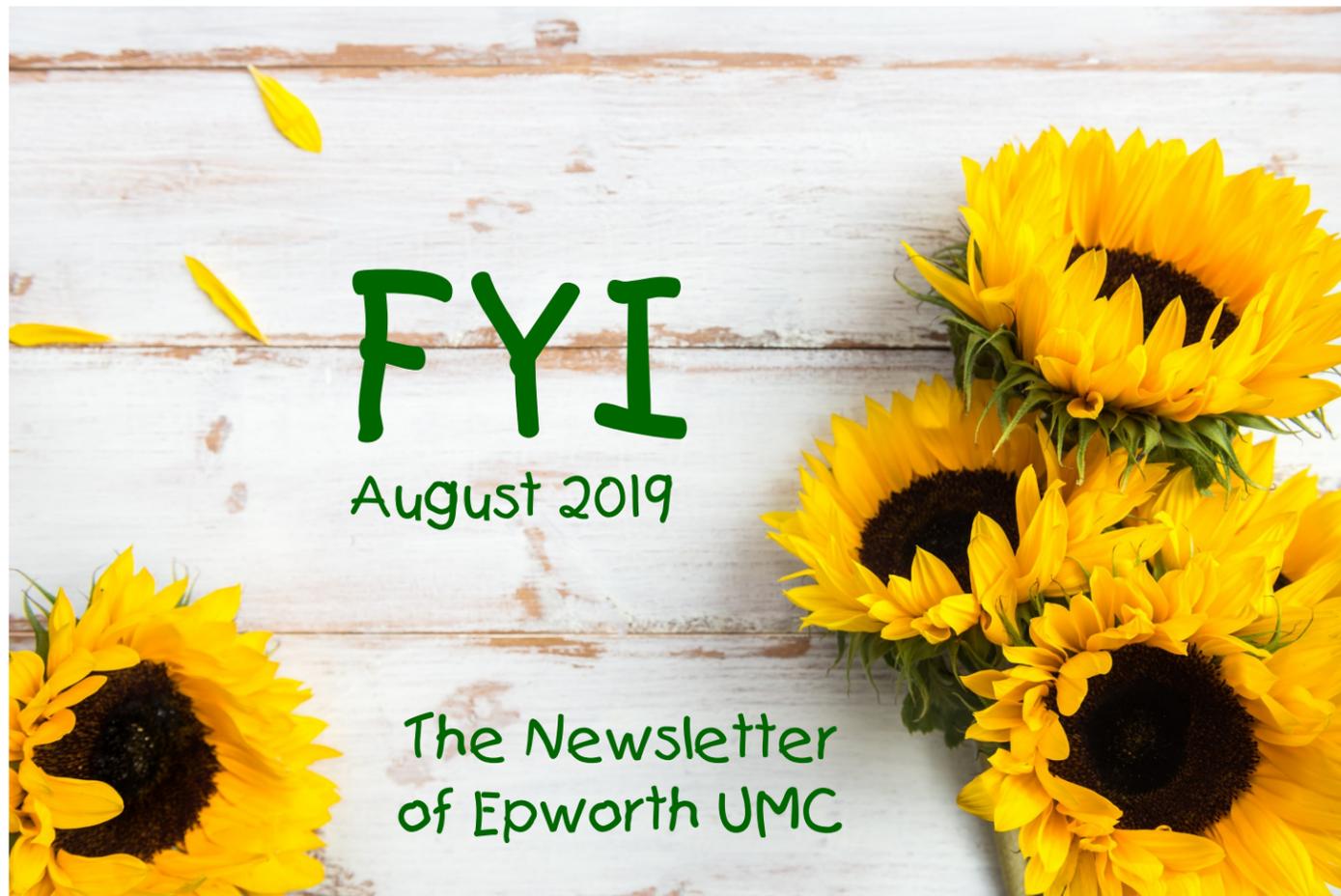
Epworth UMC

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

Happy August, members and friends of Epworth UMC!

As I sit in my backyard, enjoying a garden some wonderful person before me planted, watching tiny little hummingbirds and giving thanks for a garden that is FINALLY producing, and intermittently hollering at my dogs to stop barking at every person who walks by, I can't help but feel incredibly thankful. For all of God's creation, for big dumb dogs who steal my tomatoes whenever I'm not looking, for neighbors and friends, for this awesome community I get to live and work in. I feel so, so blessed to be in ministry with all of you!

I came across this quote this morning, by a Carmelite monk who lived in Spain in the 1500s:

*"And I saw the river over which every soul must pass to read the kingdom of Heaven,
and the name of that river was Suffering;
And I saw a boat which carries souls across the river,
and the name of that boat was Love."
~ St John of the Cross*

St John of the Cross is considered one of the world's most important Christian theologians. His father Gonzalo's family, wealthy silk merchants, disowned Gonzalo when he fell in love with and married John's mother, Catalina, who was a poor lower-class orphan. John was thus raised in poverty, extreme at times, but surrounded by love and faith. He pledged his life to God as a young man in the Carmelite religious order, and became part of a reform movement with Teresa of Avila who sought a return to purity, simplicity, and greater devotion to God within their order. I don't know what the specific circumstances were at the time that led folks like Teresa and John to see the need for reform, but we all know that the best human efforts can become corrupted and need to be recalibrated. Refocused. Reclaimed. We also know that when people come along who seek to turn us away from our selfish, greedy, prideful, hateful, harmful desires and activities, those people tend to meet severe opposition: like so many other courageous and faithful Christians over the centuries – like Jesus himself – John was imprisoned for months, starved and beaten for his efforts, until he managed to escape.

Much of John's writings concern the love of God for us in Jesus Christ, our soul's longing for God, and the joy we experience in finding God. It is almost all poetry, including *Spiritual Canticle*, which is a poetic retelling of the Song of Songs as the love of God for God's bride, the church and each individual in it. His most famous writing is *The Dark Night of the Soul*, about finding oneself in despair and spiritual darkness and being led back to light and joy in God.

I find it noteworthy that so many of those who truly dedicated their lives to fasting and prayer over the centuries have come to the conclusion that love is the centerpiece of our faith. We say it all the time, we know the hundreds of scriptures that say it, and we even believe it on some level, but too often we let the idea of love become abstract and flat. Even worse, in our polarized culture the idea of love is met with eye-rolling impatience for it's Hallmark sickly sweetness. But this is what church is for. This is what faith is for. This is what Jesus was born, and lived, and died, and was resurrected for. Love. In it's deep, real, complex, self-sacrificing, courageous truth.

The church is a training camp in how to love. Or at least, it should be. How to love God, how to love each other, how to love strangers and even enemies. The first step is to know, really know that we are **BE**loved...rejoiced over, forgiven, wanted, known, deeply loved. The next steps are to become healed and stronger, by dedicating ourselves to prayer, worship, generosity, and service. And then, as we continue to grow in wisdom, humility, and love, to be the light for others to see by...the voice that prepares the way of the Lord...the heart for God to love by.

At what stage of discipleship do you find yourself today? Because that's what this is called, this lifetime of seeking and growing closer to God...this lifetime of receiving the abundant life that Jesus promises. Are you in need of a reminder of how deeply you are loved by God? Are you feeling stuck, or stagnant, and so needing to re-dedicate yourself to God in prayer, worship, study, or service? Are you sharing God's love with friend and stranger, by word or – even better – by action? Wherever you are on this journey, I pray that you know the love of God that carries you through it. I pray that you continue to learn the ways of love, and live them out, so that others will know the love of God that carries them, too. This is what paradise is made of, beloved.

In God's endless love and amazing grace,

Pastor Dawn

Epworth is INCREDIBLY blessed to host what is shaping up to be an outstanding program for kids in our community. It is open to kids from Kindergarten to 6th grade, and only costs \$45 for the entire year! We would love to have you volunteer to help in any of the classes, or lead a class if you'd like...there are so many ways to participate. What an amazing opportunity to show our community the amazing grace of God, and show what Epworth UMC is all about! Call the church office for more info. :-)



You Can Be a Hero!

The HERO club is an afterschool project to help with homework; to provide activities like art, music, agriculture, robotics, cooking, and much more; and to teach the skills we all need to be successful in school and in life.

When:

Monday - Friday after school til 6:00pm

Where:

The Wolf Center
457 Esmeralda St. Fallon, NV 89406

For registration or more info:

Steve Russell
775-423-4714, stever49@gmail.com

Registration is open NOW!

The program will begin after school on Tuesday September 3.

Meet Katherine Parker, UMC missionary

**Thursday, August 15 at
5:30pm**

Katherine T. Parker is a missionary with the General Board of Global Ministries of The United Methodist Church serving as a Health and Community Transformation Advisor with the United Mission to Nepal (UMN).



Katherine is passionate about engaging community groups in participatory research about their environment and in a process of identifying and linking values to action. She believes that through telling the stories of our lives, and exploring the stories of our faith, we are better able to articulate our shared values that form a foundation for us to engage in collective action across cultural and other divisive barriers towards a world where every person can live to his or her fullest potential. She is currently engaged in a project with school- and church-based youth and mother's groups in three remote villages in western Nepal.

In Nepal since 2013, Katherine was previously in Cambodia with the Community Health and Agricultural Development Program of the Methodist Mission there. She has been a missionary since 2007 and was a mission intern for three years beginning in 2000 with the Asian Rural Institute in Japan and Practical Farmers of Iowa in the USA.

Native to California, Katherine comes from a family with deep roots in United Methodism on the West Coast of the United States. Active in the church since childhood, from a young age Katherine saw the church as a community of faith where we are spiritually fed so that we can serve in the world. She is the part of the fifth generation in her family to serve through the Methodist Connection and is honored that the church has sent her to be part of this global ministry.

**Happy
Birthday!**

8/2	Sophia Jeffs
8/4	Jim Foster
8/8	John Miller
8/8	Frederick Russo
8/10	Ann Rapp
8/10	Steve Russell
8/12	Barbara Hertz
8/19	Donna Strickland
8/20	Tim Bennett
8/20	Logan Butcher
8/20	Aydan Butcher
8/26	Carol Roeder
8/30	Susan Hurd
8/31	Jerry Ivey ♥

♥ - In Loving memory of Jerry Ivey who passed earlier this year. He was a wonderful friendly face, with a ready smile and a deep faith that inspired all who knew him.



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

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Golden Threads Ministries
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Kathy Fraker, Mission Chair
kathyfraker@charter.net

Judy Pritchard, United Methodist Women
jpritch@outlook.com

Donna Strickland, Hospitality
djst@cccomm.net

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!



The Pantry has been really busy lately! We are so blessed to receive donations from area businesses and generous individuals, so that we can serve the many hungry people in our community. We provide all kinds of nonperishable food, fresh fruit and milk via surprise donations, and clothing for men, women, and children. We are so thankful to the Foster family, to Margaret Knox, and to Jerry Noonkester for all the work they do to manage this program and take care of our neighbors. We could really use a few more hands, too, to help share in this ministry! Please call the church office at 423-4714 if you'd like to help. You will be so glad you did.

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.

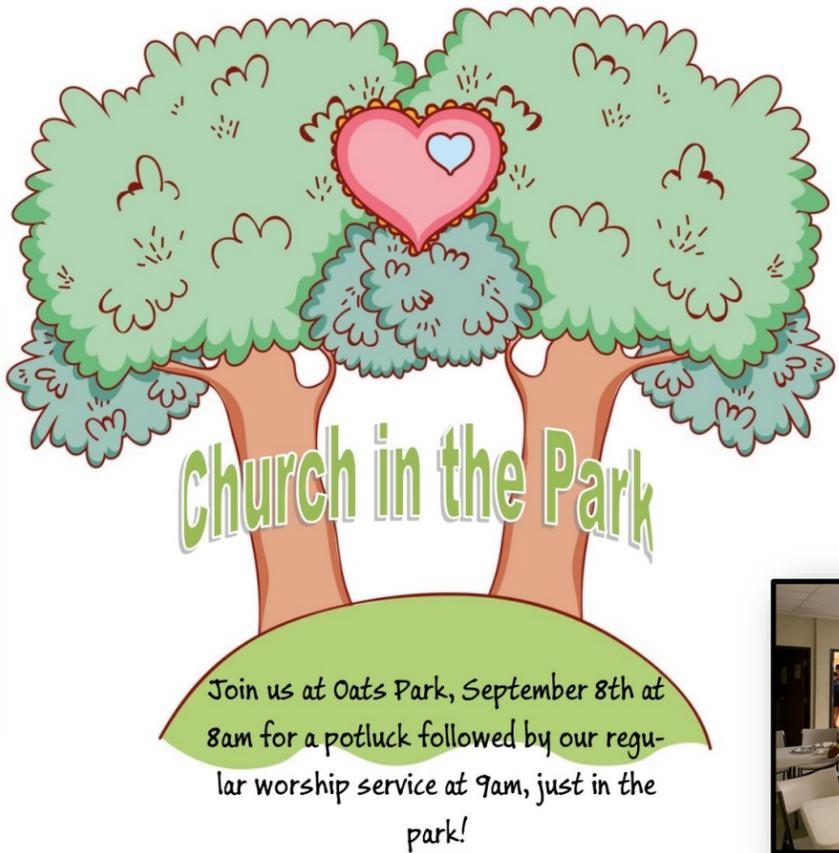
COME SHARE THE JOY AT FALLON DAILY BREAD!

This year is our 13th anniversary! We have served over 115,000 meals. Thank you to all of our deeply committed organizers, and all of our many volunteers and donors.

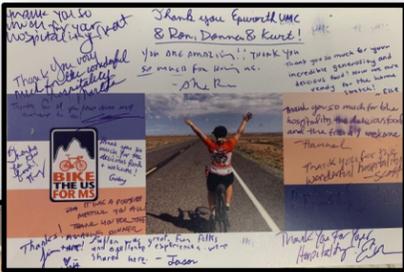
Monday, August 19th is Methodist Night!
Volunteer to cook, clean up, or serve.

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

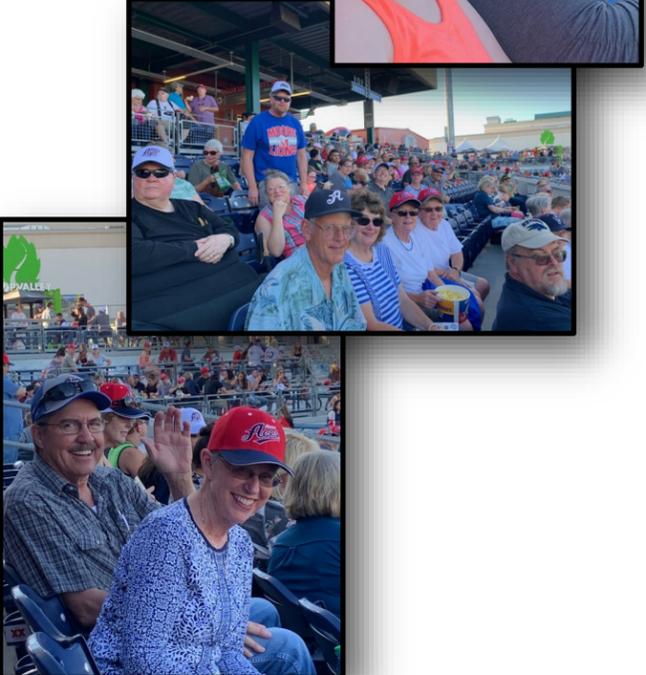
If you would like to be a part of this ministry, please call Ron & Barbara Evans 423-2650 or Kathy Fraker 867-3095.



Thank you to everyone who helped host the cycling tours this summer! Each of them travels all the way across the country, to raise money and awareness for their chosen causes. We hosted a total of almost 100 riders from 4K for Cancer, Bike & Build, Bike the US for MS, and the Ride to End Alzheimer's, as well as a small group of students from Stanford teaching math and science across the country. These causes have personally touched the lives of every rider, and we are so inspired by them.



Faith and Family Night at the Reno Aces ballpark!



SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS AGAIN ON SEPTEMBER 8
And our kids need you!

We would love your help in the classrooms, to tell the stories of our faith and show our kids how much God loves them. Please call Mary Lou or Ashlee in the church office if you'd like to be part of this great ministry.

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An adult class on "The Names of Jesus" meets every Sunday after worship in the Wolf Center, led by Jeanette Strong. All materials provided, everyone is welcome! Drop in any time.

And a weekday adult study on "The Screwtape Letters" by CS Lewis will begin on Monday, July 9 at 3:00pm led by Cathy McKean. Call the Church office for details!



United Methodist Women empowers and improves the lives of women, youth, and children in our community and around the world. If you would like to know more, please call Judy Pritchard at 775-217-5611. Or visit the UMW website, 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.



August Worship Leaders

- 8/4 Kelly Frost
- 8/11 Steve Russell
- 8/18 Mary Lou Grumstrup
- 8/25 Jim Hertz

Word for the Young at Heart

- 8/4 Judy Pritchard
- 8/11 Pastor Dawn
- 8/18 Mary Lou Grumstrup
- 8/25 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. You can reach her by calling the church office, 423-4714.



ACOLYTES THIS MONTH

8/4	Kenny Coval
8/11	Cathy McKean
8/18	Levia Coval
8/25	Tim Bennett

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	12:00pm AA/NA Meeting, Good News Room	5:15pm Fallon Daily Bread, Wolf Center	8am T.O.P.S., Fireside Room	8:00am AA/NA Wolf Center dining room
10:15am Fellowship and Coffee, Fireside Room	5:15pm Fallon Daily Bread, Wolf Center	5:30pm Mexican Folk Dancing, Wilson Hall		5:30pm Mexican Folk Dancing, Wolf Center Great Room		7:00pm AA meeting, every second Saturday
10:45am Sunday School		6:30pm Boy Scout Troop #1776, Wolf Center				
1:15pm Worship Service @ Homestead, 365 W. A St.						

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 Fallon, NV 89406
 Phone 423-4714
www.epworthfallon.org

Church Office Hours
 Monday & Tuesday
 9am to 3pm

August Events and Monthly Meetings

8/10—Worship Meeting, 9:30am—Fireside Room	8/15 — Kathryn Parker missionary presentation, 5:30pm — Fireside Room
8/10—AA, 7pm—Wolf Center	8/19—Methodist Night at Fallon Daily Bread, 4pm—Wolf Center
8/11—Church Council Meeting, 10:45am—Fireside Room	8/20 — Welcome Dinner for HERO Club — Wolf Center

August Communion Offering

Radio Fund

Our special offering on the first Sunday in August will go toward our ministry on KVLV. We hear constantly about how valuable this ministry is, from members of our community, members of surrounding communities, and our own church family when they aren't able to make it to worship. It costs us about \$3000 per year.

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!