

**Epworth United Methodist Church**  
280 E. Stillwater Avenue  
Fallon, Nevada 89406

### 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 Epworth UMC and friends!

I have always said, you know when you've had a good vacation when you are excited to get back to work. Dennis and I had a wonderful January, and I am VERY excited to get back to work! I have a list a mile long of things I didn't quite finish before Christmas, important things to get started, and new inspirations to talk with you about. I am so deeply grateful for all of you who took care of things and ministered to each other and led worship while I was away. I can't wait to hear how God showed up.

As for me, a couple of weeks ago, the first of my babies got married. I had the incredible blessing of officiating at her wedding, and it is all a blur. 24 hours later, we were on our way to Israel with what became a group of 40 Methodists from Nevada, California, Pennsylvania, and Georgia. It was a 2 week trip, and it's kind of a blur, too. January is going to take some time to process...every day, there is a different piece that quietly asks for my attention, that wants to be turned over and looked at more deeply, from different angles.

There is a lot that this Epiphany season has brought so far. I am willing to bet that is true for many of you, too. As God continues to speak to me through all of it, I look forward to sharing it all with you. And I look forward to hearing how God is moving in your life, too. Because one of the big things I am taking away from my own new experiences is the meaning of family. The big, deep, complex, mysterious power of "us."

Every wedding I am blessed to be a part of, including my daughter's, reminds me that God in infinite wisdom designed us to be together. Designed us to be US. The whole first chapter of Genesis describes God's good creation and how interrelated and fully God-made every part is, and how good and VERY good it is; and then in Genesis 2:18 we find the very first \*not good\* thing:

***"It is not good that the human being should be alone."***

From the very beginning, God designed us to be together. To need each other, and to be needed. But it's a complicated thing. Marriage is complicated. Family is complicated. Communities, nations, governments, they are all complicated. Ancient beginnings and breakings and endings, changes and traditions, it's all messy. But God made us this way for a reason: it is in this messiness that we grow and mature, that we learn the meaning and importance of things like humility, selflessness, listening, righteousness, and love. It is in this messiness that we find God.

We will be talking a lot about this in worship this month, and at other times and places too. In the meantime, you might like to take some time this month to read the book of Acts, especially the first few chapters, and research Dr Martin Luther King Jr's idea of what he called "the beloved community." And prayerfully ask yourself, what if? And what can I do in my own life, to move toward God's ideal?

This community of ours is an incredible blessing, beloved. I pray that you are finding God in your own opportunities for growth: God's strength when you're faced with something difficult, and God's presence and power when life is good. Because you are not alone, friends. And wherever 2 or 3 or more are gathered in Jesus' name, he is present there with you.

In God's amazing grace,

*Pastor Dawn*



Join us for our 2<sup>nd</sup> Biannual

### Fallon Interfaith Group Luncheon

Join us for lunch & fellowship with churches and faith communities from Fallon & surrounding areas, to learn about each other, build friendships, & work together for the benefit of our community

Friday, February 7th, 2019 at 11:30am  
Epworth United Methodist Church  
280 E Stillwater Avenue

#### Guest Speaker

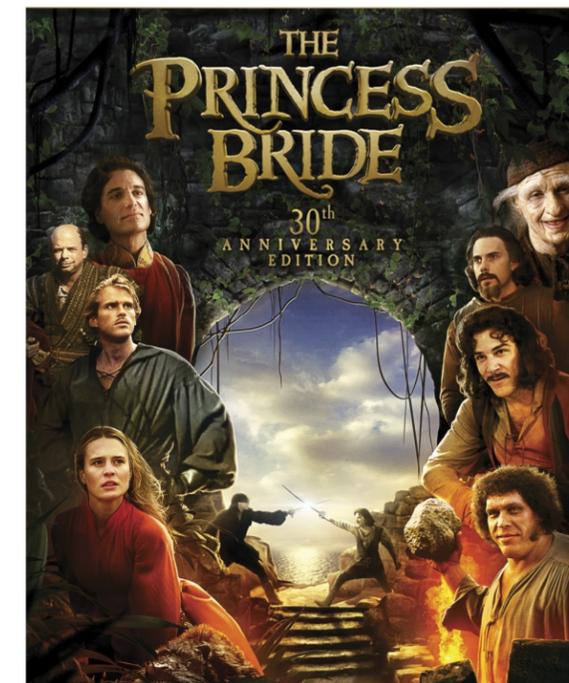
**Pastor Nathan Sam-Whistler**  
Walker River Paiute Tribe  
& Schurz United Methodist Church

Please RSVP by Wednesday, February 5th  
Loni Faught 801.369.3259 | Dawn Blundell 775.671.5553 | Trudy Erquiaga 775.750.2186

# The Newsletter of Epworth UMC

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February 2020



### CELEBRATE TRUE LOVE AND SILLY BEHAVIOR THIS VALENTINE'S DAY

- ☞ Duel with imaginary swords!
- ☞ Enjoy delicious snacks and beverages, guaranteed free of iocane powder!
- ☞ Costumes welcome, and audience participation encouraged.
- ☞ FREE to Everyone!

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16  
4:00PM  
AT THE HISTORIC  
FALLON THEATRE**

Sponsored by the weirdos at  
Epworth UMC

# Fellowship

## Happy Birthday!

2/2	Derek Brown
2/6	Erik Endacott
2/9	Christine Bates-Russell
2/11	Alexis Berney
2/14	Faye McCarty
2/17	Rebecca Dugan
2/18	Laura Butcher
2/18	Steve Endacott
2/22	Cameron Kissick
2/24	Judy Kroll
2/27	Kelly Frost

## Men's Breakfast



Faith, food, & fellowship  
Every Monday morning in the Wolf Center, 6:30am



**United Methodist Women**  
FAITH • HOPE • LOVE IN ACTION

United Methodist Women empowers and improves the lives of women, youth, and children in our community and around the world.

**Join us Thursday, February 6, 1:00pm in the Fireside Room**

If you would like to know more, please call Judy Pritchard at 775-217-5611.  
Or visit the UMW website, [unitedmethodistwomen.org](http://unitedmethodistwomen.org).



**PIZZA with the PASTOR**

3rd Sunday of every month  
**12:00 noon**  
at the **Pizza Barn**

New to Fallon, and looking for a church home?  
New to Epworth UMC and want to know more? Been here forever and just want to have lunch together?  
**Join us Sunday February 16 at 12 noon!**  
**Our treat.**

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These are not mutually exclusive. We can teach kids the ins and outs of participating in the life of our church and why their participation is important. The only way we can teach that, though, is to let them be a part of the messy bits. At Epworth, our church kids are the ones bringing symbolic light into worship every Sunday. They are the ones making joyful noises in the pews and down the hallways.

They are the ones telling Bible stories in new ways that make them exciting again. They are the ones who remind us of grace and innocence. They are funny and they are wise.

(Side note: I dare you to ask any of our elementary kids what the angels say. You won't be disappointed.)

I am incredibly blessed to be a part of Epworth. I am blessed to share my gifts of music and teaching and whatever else comes my way. Most of all, I feel especially blessed to be able to raise my children among this family (all have been given the "church baby" label, and I'm okay with that!). With their friends, they get to be a part of the messy bits. I see them welcomed at every turn, encouraged at every challenge, and celebrated at every achievement. I see them building positive, long-lasting relationships with people of all ages and wages and at different points in their walks of life and faith.

Theirs is the kingdom of heaven. The noisy and beautiful. The silly and curious. The wondering and wise. We owe it to the world to embrace them.

Submitted for Epworth Newsletter by Ashlee McGarity

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

- Rev Dawn Blundell, Pastor**  
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# Christian Education

# Service

## Adult Sunday School Classes

We at Epworth strongly believe that our relationship with God and each other is immeasurably strengthened when we study the Bible together. All of our classes are open to everyone, and you are invited to join us every Sunday or pop in whenever you can. If there is a topic you'd love to learn more about, or if you have any questions, please call Pastor Dawn in the church office at 423-4714.

### "Take It to the Limit" by Andy Stanley Sundays after worship, Conference Room Led by Steve and Kathy Fraker

Video-based study and discussion, about the secret to getting more out of life.

### The Parables of Jesus Sundays after worship, in the Wolf Center Led by Jeanette Strong

Materials are provided and everyone is welcome!

### The Gospel of Mark Sundays after worship in the Good News Room, led by Margaret Knox

Reflecting on the life of Jesus, and talking about radical discipleship.

## Adult Weekday Classes

### The Prayers of Jesus Women's Study on Mondays at 3:30pm, Good News Room, led by Kelly Frost

This class started the Advent devotional in November, but you are welcome to jump in any time. We would love to have you.

## Children in Worship

I was recently concerned by an article shared to me on social media. The story involved a pastor of a fairly large congregation (according to his own assessment, there were 250-300 people present during the following story) and a mother with her young child. During a sermon in a regular Sunday morning worship service, after what fellow worshipers described as "barely a peep" from the child, the pastor stopped in his tracks and asked the ushers to help him out by showing the mother to the nursery. He defended himself, saying things like "I'm not going to affect 300 people because of a crying child." I can only imagine how humiliated that new mom must have felt being addressed like that, especially in front of an audience of hundreds.

Yes, we are called to teach our children to be reverent and show respect to the worship experience; however, Jesus also said, "let the little children come to me, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." (Matt. 19:14)

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 Epworth Community Food Pantry serves hundreds of people in need each month, completely free of charge, with no qualifications or limits on how often a family can receive food. If you would like to be involved in this powerful ministry, please contact Jerry Noonkester at the church office, 423-4714. 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!

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

**Methodist Night is Monday, Feb 17!**  
**Volunteer to cook, clean up, or serve.**

Thank you to all of our deeply committed organizers, and all of our many volunteers and donors. If you would like to be a part of this ministry, please call Ron & Barbara Evans at 423-2650 or Kathy Fraker at 867-3095.



## Golden Threads Ministry

Thanks to your donations of new and gently used good clothing, Golden Threads Ministry is blessed to provide shoes, a warm coat, clothing or ready to eat food for folks in need. We are open on Mondays from 10-1, and are so glad to be able to provide clothing for Churchill Child and Family Services emergency and ongoing foster families. For more info or to participate in this ministry, please call Mary Nelson at 775-217-1049.

*in his service,*  
*Mary Nelson and Kelly Wieboldt*

## HeLP Ministry "He Loves People"

Every Monday and Tuesday, our church is open on a sign-up basis to those in need to shower and wash their clothes. Towels and all shower supplies are provided, thanks to your donations. Thank you, Margaret Knox, for your love and care for God's people! If you'd like to join us in greeting folks and showing them Christian kindness, please call the church office at 775-423-4714



## SUNDAY SCHOOL IS IN FULL SWING 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 423-4714 if you'd like to be part of this great ministry. ♥

## You Can Be a Hero!

Volunteer to share God's love with kids in our community at our new after school program.



## Registration open now!

Call Steve Russell at 775-423-4714 for more info.

# Worship



Join us for worship every Sunday  
1:15 – 2:00pm  
with the residents at the  
Homestead Care Community  
365 West A Street, Fallon

There are so many ways to participate in leading worship! If you would like to participate, please call Barbara McGarity for Word for the Young at Heart, Mary Lou Grumstrup for worship leadership, or Cathy McKean to be an acolyte. All can be reached at the church office, 775-423-4714.

## Weekly Events and Meetings at Epworth UMC

Sundays	Mondays	Tuesdays	Wednesdays	Thursdays	Fridays	Saturdays
9am Worship Service, Sanctuary	10am-1pm Food Pantry, Wolf Center	3-6pm HERO Club, Wilson Hall	12:00pm AA/NA Meeting, Good News Room	3-6pm HERO Club, Wilson Hall	8am T.O.P.S., Fireside Room	8:00am AA/NA, Wolf Center
10:15am Fellowship and Coffee, Fireside Room	3-6pm HERO Club, Wilson Hall	5:00pm Codependents Anonymous, Good News Room	3-6pm HERO Club, Wilson Hall	5:15pm Fallon Daily Bread, Wolf Center	1:30-6pm HERO Club, Wilson Hall	7:00pm AA meeting, every second Saturday
10:45am Sunday School	5:15pm Fallon Daily Bread, Wolf Center	5:30pm Mexican Folk Dancing, Fireside Room	6pm-8pm Pop Warner Cheerleading Practice, Great Room and Fireside Room	5:30pm Mexican Folk Dancing, Wolf Center Great Room	6pm-8pm Pop Warner Cheerleading Practice, Great Room & Fireside Room	
1:15pm Worship Service @ Homestead, 365 W. A St.	6pm-8pm Pop Warner Cheerleading Practice, Great Room and Fireside Room	6:30pm Boy Scout Troop #1776, Wolf Center				



## February Events and Monthly Meetings

2/1—Praise Team Rehearsal, 9:30am in the sanctuary	2/8—AA Speaker Meeting, 6-8pm Wolf Center
2/6—UMW Meeting, 1pm, Fireside Room	2/16—Pizza with the Pastor, 12 noon at Pizza Barn
2/7—Fallon Interfaith Lunch, 11:30am Fireside Room	2/16—Princess Bride Movie Night, 4:00pm at Maine Street Theatre
2/8—Worship Meeting, 9:30am Fireside Room	2/17—Methodist Night at Fallon Daily Bread, 4pm, Wolf Center

**February Communion Offering**

Our special offering on the first Sunday in February is going towards Boy Scouts troop 1776. 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!

## Worship Leaders

Welcome, lead announcements, and read the scripture during worship.

- 2/2 Judy Pritchard
- 2/9 Scout Sunday
- 2/16 Mary Lou Grumstrup
- 2/23 Barbie Hertz

**Word for the Young at Heart**  
Give the children's message during worship!

- 2/2 Barbara McGarity
- 2/9 Scout Sunday!
- 2/16 Mary Lou Grumstrup
- 2/23 Kenny Coval

## Make a Joyful Noise!

Epworth's Joyful Noise Choir and Praise Team love to make music for God! If you'd like to join us, please call our Music Director, Jackie Warburton, at 423-4714.

## ACOLYTES

Bring the light of God into worship by lighting the altar candles

- 2/2 Tim Bennett
- 2/9 Scout Troop 1776
- 2/16 Cathy McKean & Christian
- 2/23 Sophia Jeffs

