

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 friends and family of Epworth UMC!

For weeks now, we have journeyed together in that season of waiting and preparation that we call Advent. Personally, it is a season that I love dearly. I love making or hunting for unique gifts, I love being surrounded by opportunities for generous living, I love being inspired by the ways people reach beyond themselves to do something special for friends or strangers in need this time of year. I love the lights and colors and smells and sounds that set the season apart as something special, and special events like the Christmas tree lighting downtown, and the choir cantata, and the children's program. As over-busy and stressful as it can be, it is a favorite time of year for me.

But for all of our focus on that season leading up to Christmas Day, it is the time after Christmas that is really the point. This season here, right now, after the celebrations are complete and the mess is cleaned up and the world slows down into a lovely peaceful rhythm. The lights and colors that stay up until Epiphany on January 6 seem to lose their manic intensity and gain a more peaceful glow. Even for the world that knows little of Jesus Christ and the power of Emmanuel, it is a time of deep satisfied breathing, not just that something has ended or been completed, but that something new is beginning. Something good, full of potential and promise and the amazing grace of God.

While the rest of the world senses a hint of God's grace and is inspired to make New Year's resolutions in an attempt to be better human beings, we who know Jesus celebrate his miraculous birth and all that it means: God, in the flesh, truly with us and for us, binding up our broken hearts and forgiving our sin, lending us the power not only to be better human beings but also to transform all the world to the peaceful, hopeful, joyful, love-filled Kingdom it is meant to be.

This time of year is all about beginnings. On January 6, we remember the arrival of the Magi: travelers from another nation and a different religion, who nonetheless recognized the presence of God in the child Jesus, and worshipped him. That event, so essential to the Christmas story, marks the beginning of the fulfillment of God's promise to share the Good News with every nation. On the second Sunday in January, churches traditionally remember Jesus' baptism, and the beginning of his ministry. And for us, the entire season is called Epiphany, when we look for and find times and places where the light of God is breaking through to light our path and guide us in new directions.

All of this is expressed powerfully in the vows we make at our baptism. Maybe in the coming year, we can renew our focus on those promises we make to God and each other:

- Do you renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness, reject the evil powers of this world, and repent of your sin?
- Do you accept the freedom and the power God gives you to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves?
- Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Savior, put your whole trust in his grace, and promise to serve him as your Lord, in union with the church which Christ has opened to people of all ages, nations, and races?

This month, I will be spending the first two weeks preparing for my daughter's wedding, and the second two weeks in the Holy Land with members of Epworth, and together with the pastors and members of Portola UMC and Antioch UMC. We will be renewing our baptism in the River Jordan together, and I am so looking forward to all that we will learn and experience together. I hope to be able to send messages to you from there, and to record a message via Facebook Live just like we do on Sunday mornings. Worship in January will be led by our inspiring and skilled friends and neighbors, and pastoral concerns will be capably handled by our many lay servants: Doug Coval, Margaret Knox, Jim and Sharon Foster, Ron Evans, Barbara McGarity, Jim and Barbie Hertz. And the wonderful Pastor Betty Weiser of Yerington UMC is available for absolutely anything you might need. She can be reached any time at 775-560-1402.

May God richly bless you, friends! I pray that, in good times and in difficult ones, you find that your life is filled with the amazing grace of God.

In his grip,

A BLESSING

The world now is too dangerous,
and too beautiful for anything
but love.

May your eyes be blessed so that
you see God in everyone.

Your ears, so you hear the cry of
the poor.

May your hands be so blessed that
everything you touch is a sac-
rament.

Your lips, so you speak nothing
but the truth.

May your feet be so blessed you
run to those who need you.

And may your heart be so opened,
so set on fire, that your love,
your love, changes everything.

Fellowship



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

**Join us Thursday, January 9, 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.

Happy Birthday!

- 1/6 Don Johnson
- 1/6 Deb Nell
- 1/8 Dawna Johnson
- 1/16 Eleanor Lockwood
- 1/18 Connor Butcher
- 1/19 Lynn Tawney
- 1/23 Mike Irby
- 1/25 Kanyon Daugherty
(Raymond)
- 1/27 Dick Powers
- 1/31 Julie Tawney



**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

"As iron sharpens iron,
so one man sharpens another."

-Proverbs 27:17

MAN UP
Men's Fellowship

Faith, Food, & Fellowship
Mondays @ 6:30am Fireside Room



**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?

No meeting in January

Join us Sunday February 16 at 12 noon!



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

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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.



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. ♥

US Flag Retirement Ceremony



This past Veterans' Day evening, Boy Scout Troop 1776, also known as "Troop Independence" conducted the "Mother of all flag retirement ceremonies" at Churchill County Fair Grounds. The theme of the

event was twofold, to honor our nations veterans and to respectfully retire American flags that have past their useful life.

The troop collects and receives worn flags throughout the year and normally retires a dozen or so every campout. But over the years, the inventor of used flags has dramatically increased to the point where this special ceremony retired over 1,300 American flags. The special event was organized by passed Scout Master, and current Assistant Scout Master, Steve Cathey (retired Navy aircraft maintenance technician). The narrator for the event was Troop Parents' committee chairman, Jim Steele (retired Army Ranger). Overall fire safety was generously provided by the NAS Fallon's federal fire department.

Scouting is a program for boys that builds character, trains them in the responsibilities of participating citizenship, exposes them to outdoor activities, teaches resourcefulness, builds confidence and develops personal fitness. It is also a lot of fun!!! Troop 1776 is sponsored by Epworth United Methodist Church which is located at 280 E Stillwater Ave, Fallon. The Troop meets every Tuesday evening at 6:30 PM in the Wolf Center. For more information about Scouting and Troop 1776 in particular, contact Scoutmaster Jorgen Jeppesen 775-666-8406. For younger boys, aged 5-10 years, Cub Scout Pack 38 is your gateway to adventure! Pack 38 is sponsored by the Fallon Rotary Club and meets at the Churchill County Middle School Cafeteria the 3rd Thursday of every month at 6:30 PM. Any questions please contact: Misty Thibodaux at 775-217-5829.



Service

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.

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. Our desire and mission is to provide for their needs as our first priority. We have helped over 200 people this year with the data we were able to gather, though many don't fill out a form and so the actual number is probably higher. We have the pleasure of working with our local Churchill Child Services agency to provide clothing for emergency foster placements, and have also helped provide items for their Children's Christmas Party. We appreciate the opportunity to show the love of Jesus in our community using this ministry. Thank you for your generosity and partnership by providing donations of coats, and various gently worn or new items.

*in his service,
Mary Nelson and Kelly Wieboldt*

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, Jan 19!
Volunteer to cook, clean up, or serve.

This year is our 13th anniversary! 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.



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.

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

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.

January Worship

We are so blessed to have a wealth of faithful, inspiring folks at Epworth who are skilled at preaching and leading worship. Join us in January for a series of independent sermons by our friends and neighbors, and hear what God is saying to us through their ministry.

January 5 Jim Weiboldt
January 12 Ron Evans
January 19 Margaret Knox
January 26 Barbara McGarity



Worship Leaders

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

1/5 Grant Mills
1/12 Steve Russell
1/19 Mary Lou Grumstrup
1/26 Kenny Coval

Word for the Young at Heart

Give the children's message during worship!

1/5 Jim Wieboldt
1/12 Barbara McGarity
1/19 Mary Lou Grumstrup
1/26 Steve Russell

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

1/5 Sophia Jeffs
1/12 Kenny Coval
1/19 Cathy McKean
1/26 Levia Coval

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				



January Events and Monthly Meetings

1/4—Praise Team Rehearsal, 9:30am in the sanctuary	1/12—Church council meeting, 10:45, Fireside Room
1/8 — Scout Parent Meeting	1/20—Methodist Night at Fallon Daily Bread, 4pm, Wolf Center
1/9—UMW Meeting, 1pm, Fireside Room	
1/11—AA, 6pm-8:30pm, Wolf Center	

HAPPY ★ NEW ★ YEAR