

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 and friends!

Ya know how when you're reading the Bible, or hearing it in worship, and for some reason a very familiar part strikes you in a completely new way? That happened to me the other day, as I was preparing for Ash Wednesday. It was this passage:

But when you pray, go into your inner room, close the door and pray to your Father who is in secret, and your Father who sees what is done in secret will reward you. ~Matthew 6:6

As I read it, it rang a bell in me. It connected with a hundred other bells that have been ringing in me lately, over the past few weeks, most of which I don't even remember. Pray, it said. Find a place in the quiet, a new place, different from what and where you usually pray.

This teaching of Jesus comes in the midst of a long sermon calling for deeper, more authentic faith. In response, religious people in the early church (and today, too) took this advice and set aside a small, dark space like a closet in their homes where they could go to pray. John Wesley is known to have spent the first 2 hours of every day in a space like this, beginning at 4am. (I was reading recently that his mother Susanna, not having the benefit of such a space within their home and maybe being a bit hesitant to lock herself away in a closet with so many children running around, just threw her apron over her head and sat in a kitchen chair to pray.)

Our guide in Israel, Nader, mentioned this passage when we visited Capernaum. As we looked at the stone remnants of homes and neighborhoods in the area of what was probably Peter's mother-in-law's home, he explained that the front room of the average home was for guests to be welcomed and shown hospitality. The next room in was the sleeping area and/or kitchen area, and then at the back of the home the storage area and stable. The word Jesus uses in the passage about praying in secret refers to this store room: quiet and dark, certainly humble, and not part of the busy-ness of the ordinary day. Jesus' instruction here is not about setting aside a special prayer room but about ensuring yourself uninterrupted space and privacy.

Prayer closets are still cool, though.

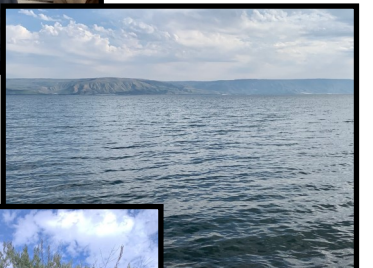
As a child growing up in a big, noisy family, I fantasized about living in a tiny house in the woods with only God and the animals for company. Or in a monastery, with other people to eat and worship and work with, but where you almost never speak. Though that is definitely not my calling, it turns out, part of me still yearns for the quiet, the solitude, and the uninterrupted time with God. (My dear husband doesn't know what to think when I say stuff like this.) I think this is the bell that keeps ringing in me lately, reminding me of the church bells that still call the faithful all around the world to prayer. So during Lent, I am making a special effort to make room for that in my own life: an inner room in my home and my time, to attend to the inner room of the heart.

All of us are made differently, and so your own yearnings might be very different, but this need to attend to the inner room of the heart is a universal thing. Only you and God will know what your own heart most needs... whether it is a new kind of service, a stretch in giving, a time of fasting, a commitment to more regular Bible study or worship, or something else. Whatever it is, the point is to make room: to be vulnerable and even a bit afraid, so that space is made in your heart to be face to face with God.

However you choose to spend this time, know that God will join you in it, and will make your inner room a place of joy and peace, "vast, spacious, and plentiful" (Teresa of Avila, 1515-1582).

In God's steadfast love,

Pastor Dawn



Fellowship

UMW NEWS!

On Thursday
April 2, 2020 we
will have our



local retreat in the Fireside Room starting at 12 noon with a potluck lunch. Ashlee McGarity, co-founder of Stars on Maine, will be our guest speaker. Everyone is invited to attend.

Then on Sunday April 5, we will have a **cookie walk** in the Fireside Room after services! If you are baking cookies, perhaps you would make a couple dozen extra and freeze them for us. All our cookies will be homemade. Please save us plastic containers, too, ie coffee containers, butter, cottage cheese, wide mouth plastic jars like peanut butter. We need all different sizes.

UMW supports good causes locally and around the world, and raises money all year to do that. This year, all money we raise will go to the **PET (Personal Energy Transportation) Program, the Smile Train, Jimmy Carter Foundation, Doctors without Borders, and the Heifer Project.**

We are looking forward to a productive year. Come join us anytime, we meet the first Thursday of the month at 1pm in the Fireside room.

Judy Pritchard, president
Shirley McDonald, vice president
Carol Roeder, treasurer
Margaret Knox, Mno

Men's Breakfast

Every Monday at 6:30am in the Wolf Center



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 March 15 at 12 noon!
Our treat.

St. Patrick's Day Dinner & Fundraiser

SATURDAY
MARCH 14
5:00PM



Saturday, March 14 2020 • \$5 person or \$20 family
The Wolf Center at Epworth UMC • 457 Esmeralda St, Fallon
Auction begins 5:00pm • Dinner 5:30pm • Movie 6:30pm
Come for dinner, stay to watch "Darby O'Gill and the Little People!"
For more info or to get tickets, call Laura at Epworth UMC 423-4714
All proceeds go toward the Epworth UMC roof fund!



Happy Birthday!

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| 3/3 | Kathy Reynolds |
| 3/8 | Eunice Bailey |
| 3/14 | Trent Kroll |
| 3/15 | Debbie Moorhead |
| 3/17 | Becky Miller |
| 3/22 | Anita St. Clair |
| 3/23 | Pat Smith |
| 3/24 | Claire Haight |

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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- Angelina Irby, Communications Ministries**
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- Judy Pritchard, United Methodist Women**
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- Donna Strickland, Hospitality**
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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.

"The Walk" by Adam Hamilton 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

Adult Weekday Classes

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

Join us for this special study during Lent, part of the "Deeper Connections" series we have been enjoying. 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. ♥



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



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

Tim Holt,
Scout Master: 775-426-9267
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.

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

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, March 16!
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.



You Can Be a Hero!

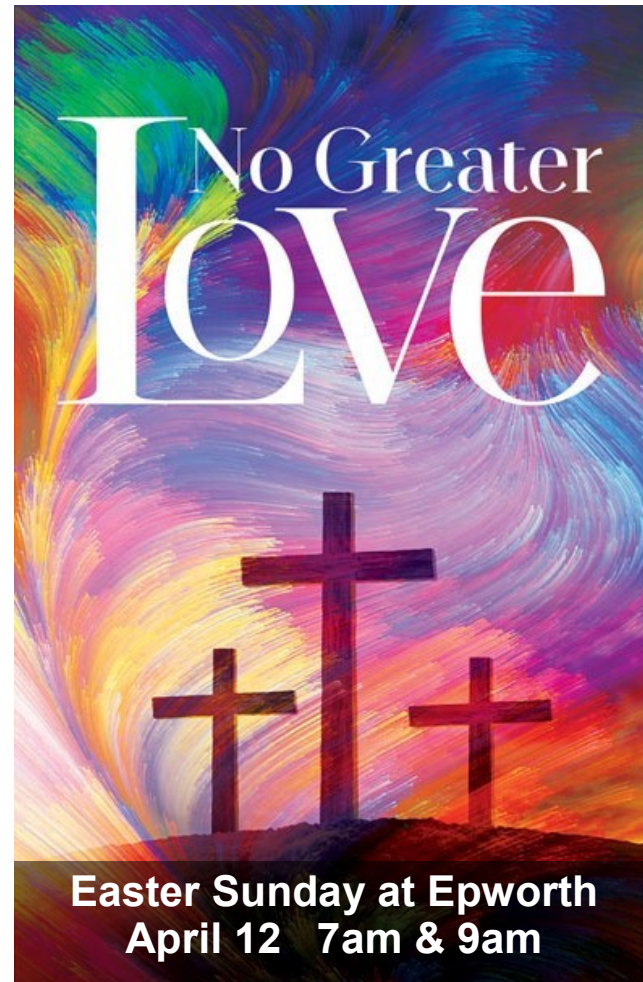
Volunteer to share God's love with kids in our community at our new after school program.



Registration open now!

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

Worship



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.

ACOLYTES

Bring the light of God into worship and out into the world by lighting the altar candles.

- 3/1 Kenny Coval
- 3/8 Sophia Jeffs
- 3/15 Levia Coval
- 3/22 Tim Bennett
- 3/29 Connor Butcher
- 4/5 Cathy McKean
- 4/12 Kenny Coval
- 4/19 Sophia
- 4/26 Levia Coval

Worship Leaders

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

- 3/1 Margaret Knox
- 3/8 Cathy McKean
- 3/15 Mary Lou Grumstrup
- 3/22 Ron Evans
- 3/29 Barbara McGarity

Word for the Young @ Heart

Give the children's message during worship!

- 3/1 Judy Pritchard
- 3/8 Pastor Dawn
- 3/15 Mary Lou Grumstrup
- 3/22 Sophia Jeffs
- 3/29 Steve Russell

Weekly Events and Meetings at Epworth UMC

| Sundays | Mondays | Tuesdays | Wednesdays | Thursdays | Fridays | Saturdays |
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| 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 | | | | |



March Events and Monthly Meetings

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| 3/5—UMW Meeting, 1pm, Fireside Room | 3/14—AA Speaker Meeting, 6-8pm, Wolf Center |
| 3/7—Worship Meeting, 9:30am, Fireside Room | 3/15—Pizza with the Pastor, 12 noon, Pizza Barn |
| 3/8 — Church Council Meeting, 10:45am, Fireside Room | 3/16—Methodist Night at Fallon Daily Bread, 4pm, Wolf Center |
| 3/14—St. Patrick's Day Dinner, time?, Wolf Center | |
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March Communion Offering

Our special offering on the first Sunday in March is going towards getting an AED to have on the church grounds in case of an emergency. 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!