



**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

Babies born. Weddings celebrated. Beloved ones gone until we meet them again in paradise. Welcoming old friends returned, making wonderful new friends. Receiving new members, celebrating baptisms. Grave illnesses. Answered prayers. Food, fun, and time spent together in play, study, worship, prayer, and service. Life is FULL!

Just thinking back over the past few weeks and looking forward to the next few, I am blown away by how much fills the life of our church right now. And I am reminded, especially after having to spend some time working on the District and Conference and even global levels of the Church, that this is where God is. This is where Jesus Christ is most powerfully present. Right here, on earth, with us sharing our joy and sorrow...with us when we are leaning on each other, and rejoicing with each other, all of us with our hearts and lives bound together in our Savior.

There isn't space here to write about all that you may have seen in the news about the United Methodist General Conference in St Louis recently. What I am about to write will in no way be adequate, and so I am in the process of writing something more detailed that I will send out via our blog (which you will be able to find on our website) and via email. To keep it all as simple as possible, here is the bottom line: the UMC is a 12.5 million member global denomination, and we are split almost exactly 50/50 regarding whether or not we believe gay people's lives, marriages, and ministries are "incompatible with Christian teaching." That is the language that has been in our rules since 1972. In the United States, the majority (somewhere between 66% and 80%) want to remove that language and give our gay friends and colleagues equal rights and responsibilities in the church; a significant minority in the US and the majority of our members in Asia, Africa, and the Pacific Islands feel strongly that our policies should remain intact. People on both sides of this issue are deeply faithful, value Scripture very highly, have studied in great depth, and seek to be disciples in the way that best honors God. But we differ on this. So now that our impasse is so clear, we are in a great deal of global and local conversation about where to go from here. If this issue is important to you, you might like to join us at **South Reno UMC on Sunday, March 31 from 2:30-5:00pm to meet with Bishop Carcano** and hear her thoughts, and share ours in return.,

Here at Epworth UMC, we are not of one mind on this either, but we have a long history of loving one another in our differences. We do it well, really well. It is a great inspiration to me. And so, my prayer for us is that we engage in that great, ancient Lenten practice of listening. To each other, and to God. That as we interact with all of the different people in our community, we rejoice that God has created us all, and seek to know and understand each other more fully. That in an era of extreme polarization about really every single thing, we stand out as a shining light on a hill so that people point us out and say, "See, how they love one another!" What a wild and crazy, world-changing thing that would be.

*"Little children, let us not love in words or speech, but in truth and action." ~1 John 3:18*

*Pastor Dawn*



### Our first Interfaith Luncheon was wonderful!

There were about 30 of us from several area churches, sharing a meal and talking about how we can witness to our faith by understanding each other better and cooperating in community projects. We heard a wonderful talk from Patricia Meidel, President of the Nevada Interfaith Association in Reno, who shared with us her experience and expressed how deeply meaningful she found this work in her own life. We are hoping to get together at least quarterly. Stay tuned for the next one!



# FYI

Epworth UMC  
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## United Methodist Women celebrates 150 Years!



Celebrate with us 150 years of empowering women, improving the lives of children and families around the world, and living faith through education and service.

If you'd like to know more, come to our meetings on the first Thursday of every month! 1:00pm in the Fireside Room. And check out the website at

[www.unitedmethodistwomen.org](http://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org).



# Happy Birthday!

- 4/1 Diana Haering
- 4/1 Jim Hertz
- 4/1 Joseph Springs
- 4/2 Elena Wolf
- 4/4 Miranda Ayala
- 4/4 Alyson Chrisco
- 4/4 Kyle Dugan
- 4/7 David Clodius
- 4/8 Dana Endacott
- 4/9 April Butcher
- 4/9 Jake Coval
- 4/12 Katherine Jones
- 4/12 Sydnee Weddell
- 4/15 Monica Washburn
- 4/17 Dyllon Renfroe
- 4/18 Brennan Lewis
- 4/21 Joanne Brown
- 4/21 Carlie Lewis
- 4/22 Gregory Holmes
- 4/24 Meghan Hockenberry
- 4/24 Ashlee McGarity
- 4/24 Nadine Miller
- 4/24 Michelle Tiede
- 4/27 Michele Berney
- 4/29 Deanna Brown
- 4/30 Wilva Blue

**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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## WORSHIP & SERVICE

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. :-)



# Lent and Easter at Epworth

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.



## 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.

## COME SHARE THE JOY AT FALLON DAILY BREAD!

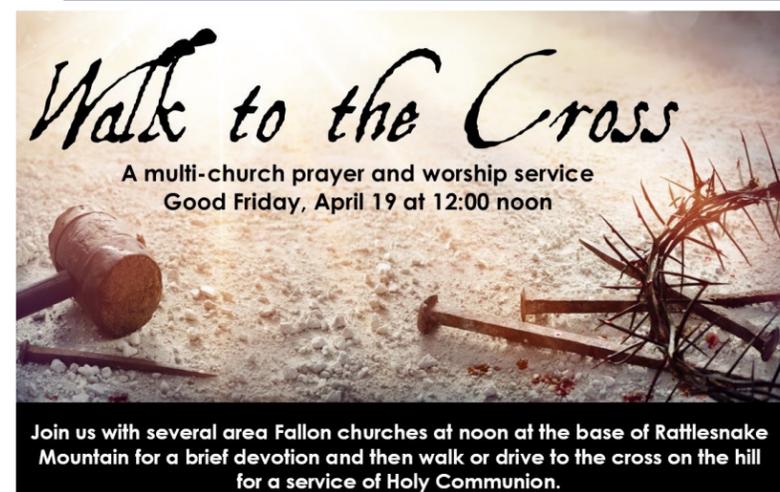
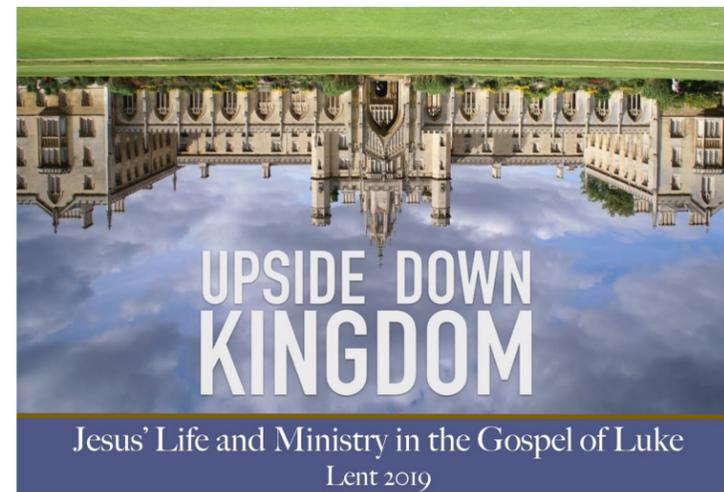
January 2019 was our 13th anniversary! We have served nearly 115,000 meals. Thank you to all of our deeply committed organizers, and all of our many volunteers and donors.

**Monday, April 15th 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.

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| 3/3  | Jill Pinder             |
| 3/3  | Kathryn Reynolds        |
| 3/6  | John McGarity ♥         |
| 3/8  | Eunice Bailey           |
| 3/11 | Travis Trinidad         |
| 3/12 | Janet Vickery           |
| 3/13 | Jennifer Halstead       |
| 3/14 | Karl Humphreys          |
| 3/14 | Trent Kroll             |
| 3/14 | Charles Lockwood        |
| 3/14 | Rachel Mori             |
| 3/15 | Debbie Moorhead         |
| 3/16 | Randy Felte             |
| 3/17 | Rebecca Miller          |
| 3/20 | Aubrey Renfroe          |
| 3/22 | Ed Miers                |
| 3/22 | Anita St. Clair         |
| 3/23 | Pat Smith               |
| 3/24 | Dennis Blundell         |
| 3/24 | Claire Haight           |
| 3/24 | Abigail Mulcahy         |
| 3/24 | Elizabeth-Artemis Sears |
| 3/29 | Deborah Sherman         |
| 3/30 | Ashley Humphreys        |
| 3/31 | Fred Roeder ♥           |



## Easter Fun for Kids!

Saturday, April 20 10:00am-noon



Crafts, games, and a special Easter Egg hunt. All ages, everyone is welcome!



**Volunteer Opportunities are Just a Click Away!**

- ✓ Local Service Opportunities
- ✓ Choose Any Project You Want
- ✓ Anyone Can Serve

**Community Service Week is April 8-13.**  
Sign up to join our team, and let's go out and serve our community together!



## The Living Last Supper

Who really betrayed Jesus?

Wednesday, April 17 7:00pm  
Fallon Community Theater

Free admission All ages

Easter Joy

Join us for worship on Easter Sunday  
7:00am & 9:00am

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# 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.



## April Worship Leaders

- 4/7 Grant Mills
- 4/14 Margot Mills
- 4/21 Ron Evans
- 4/28 Mary Lou Grumstrup

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.



## Word for the Young at Heart

- 4/7 Barbara McGarity
- 4/14 Pastor Dawn
- 4/21 Mary Lou Grumstrup
- 4/28 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.

## ACOLYTES THIS MONTH



- 4/7 Cathy McKean
- 4/14 Levia Coval
- 4/21 Tim Bennett
- 4/28 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	12:00pm AA/NA Meeting, Good News 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		10:00am GA meeting, Conference Room
10:45am Sunday School	5:15pm Fallon Daily Bread, Wolf Center	7:00pm Lahontan Valley Choir rehearsal, Fireside Room		7pm Joyful Noise Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary		7:00pm AA meeting, every second Saturday
1:15pm Worship Service @ Homestead, 365 W. A St.						

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Church Office Hours  
 Monday & Tuesday  
 9am to 3pm

## April Events and Monthly Meetings

4/5—UMW Meeting, 1pm—Fireside Room	4/15—Methodist Night at Fallon Daily Bread, 4pm—Wolf Center
4/7—Worship Meeting, 9:30am—Fireside Room	4/18 — Maundy Thursday, 7p, — Sanctuary and Fireside Room
4/7—AA, 7pm—Wolf Center	4/20 — Easter Family Fun Day, 10am-noon — Multiple Locations
4/9 — Taste of Italy Fundraiser — Wolf Center	4/21 — Easter Sunday! Sunrise Service 7am, Regular Worship 9am
	4/27 Celebration of Life for John McGarity, 2pm — Sanctuary

## April Communion Offering

**\*\*One Great Hour of Sharing\*\***

Any funds donated go directly to United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR), which is our internationally renowned emergency disaster response team.

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!