



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

Happy Easter, beloved of God! Shout for joy and sing praises to God or else the rocks will have to do it for you: Christ is risen!

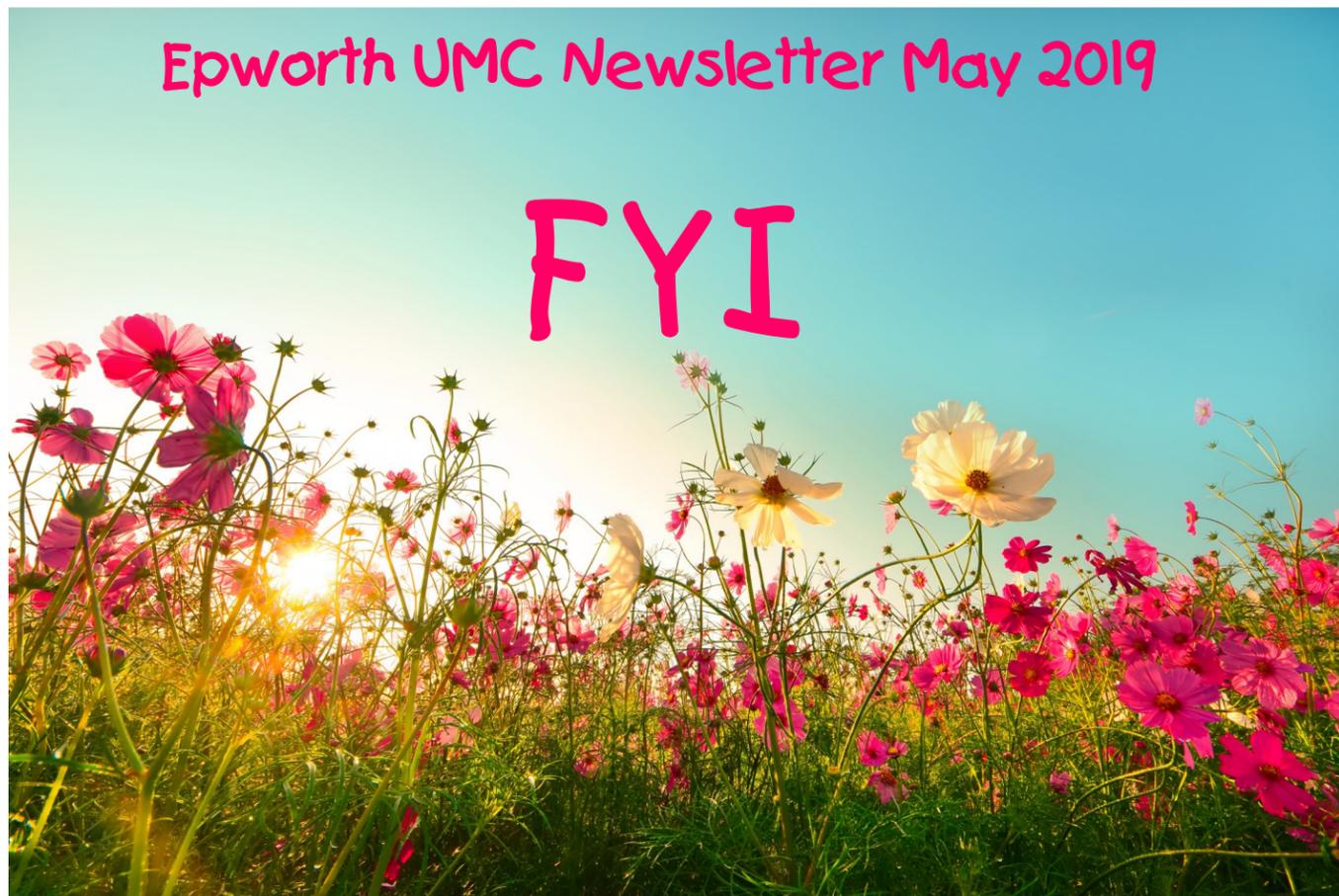
We have been spending Lent deep in self-reflection and prayer. Everyone observes this season a bit differently, but many of us have chosen to do something we wouldn't ordinarily do, in order to deepen our prayer and draw us closer to God: some of us have fasted, some have spend extra time in Bible reading and prayer, some of us have found ways to simplify our lives and give more generously of our time and resources, some have put aside distractions and been more intentional in our relationships with friends and strangers. In doing these or other things, we have tried to answer the call to turn our lives and hearts to God...and in answering that call, we have celebrated the ways in which we have seen God's upside-down Kingdom being built within us, and among us, and all around us.

It is an extraordinary thing, this backward-seeming upside-down impossible Kingdom of God. It breaks all of the rules, turns our expectations on their heads, and causes a wellspring of living water to burst forth. It makes no sense, but when we step forward in obedient faith, we feel it. We experience it. And we know the truth in a way we never knew it before. We see the broken made whole, including ourselves. We find extraordinary abundance, hope and even joy in the driest deserts of life. We witness impossible healings of bodies and spirits and relationships. We experience the presence of God and the movement of the Holy Spirit in people and places we never expected. And we are humbled. Renewed. Reborn. Transformed.

Friends, we are Easter people. We do not need to languish in the darkness of this world, because Jesus is the light! We do not need to feed ourselves with things that do not satisfy, because Jesus is the bread of life! We do not need to despair over the evils of this mortal world and the broken people in it, because the Jesus is the Way, and the Truth and the Life! Trust in the Lord, know that you belong as a beloved member of the upside down Kingdom of God, and rejoice.

**"For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, so that whoever believes Him should not perish, but have eternal life. For God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him." ~ John 3:16-17**

*Pastor Dawn*



# GOD IS GREAT!

We are SO THANKFUL for the inspiration, prayers, special events and activities you created, and special donations you made. We have raised all of the money we need to

**COMPLETELY PAY OFF THE WOLF CENTER!!**

You have given the church a tremendous gift that will continue to bless this community for generations.

Stay tuned for a BBQ and mortgage-burning celebration as soon as we write the actual check.

**THANKYOUTHANKYOUTHANKYOU!!!!**



# Happy Birthday!

5/2	Shasta Kelley
5/7	Shallena Lyverse
5/9	John Whitaker
5/10	Eric Lagran Taber
5/12	Sadie Bingham
5/13	Bailey Stritenberger
5/17	James McWilliams
5/18	Ailene Brown
5/18	Michael Tiede
5/19	Bob Johnston
5/20	Jean Fahl
5/23	Judy Lafferty
5/23	Kate Pinder
5/23	Kristie Weddell
5/24	Ernest DeCoux
5/28	Kathy McKean
5/29	James Rylan Kjeldsen
5/30	Margaret Knox
5/31	Maggie Neidigh



**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

Join us for worship with the residents 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. :-)



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!

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, May 20th 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.



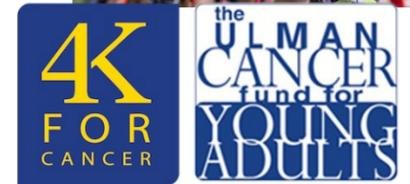
**United Methodist Women empowers and improves the lives of women, youth, and children in our community and around the world.** Join us for our meeting on Thursday, May 2, 2019 at 1pm. If you would like to know more, please call Judy Pritchard at 775-217-5611. Or visit the UMW website at [www.unitedmethodistwomen.org](http://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org).

## SUMMER BIKE TOURS FOR CHARITY



We are so glad to host traveling cyclists this summer, as we have for many years. We welcome them into the Wolf Center, provide them a good healthy dinner and a warm, safe place to spend the night, make them breakfast early the next morning, and send them on their way. They travel all the way across the country and arrive at Epworth after a 110 mile ride from Austin, NV. So they are very thankful to find showers and supper waiting for them!

Here's where you come in: Donna Strickland is their main point of contact, and she will invite you to sign up to cook and serve dinner, and cook and serve breakfast. And all of us are invited to join these groups for dinner, and learn more about the cause they are riding for!



- May 25-26 Ride for Alzheimer's Research
- July 18-19 Bike and Build (like Habitat for Humanity, but with bikes!)
- July 27-28 Bike for MS
- July 30-31 4K for Cancer (yep, that means 4,000 miles)

## JUSTSERVE.ORG



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

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

- ◆ Volunteer to help with homework at Fallon Youth Club, and be a loving presence for kids in our community
  - ◆ Get a group of friends together to provide dinner for The Parenting Project in May and June, sponsored by the Fallon law enforcement and social services
  - ◆ Sign up for help with yard cleanup at the senior center
  - ◆ Volunteer to visit elderly folks with no family
- Lots, lots more ideas! Find out how good it is to serve God by serving one another!

## Learn, Grow, and Play Together

- Preschool and elementary school-aged classes meet upstairs after worship with Ms. Ashlee and Ms. Mary Lou
- Youth group meets on Sundays downstairs in Wilson Hall, with Pastor Dawn
- Adult Sunday School classes are widely varied, and great for drop-ins! Check your Sunday bulletin for details.
- Pub Theology meets at Sandwinds restaurant every Thursday at 5:00pm
- United Methodist women meets the first Thursday of every month, at 1:00pm
- Love to sing or play an instrument? Our music teams would love to have you! Call Jackie in the church office, 423-4714, or come to choir rehearsal on Thursday nights at 7:00pm.

# 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.



## May Worship Leaders

- 5/5 Grant Mills
- 5/12 Doug Coval
- 5/19 Mary Lou Grumstrup
- 5/26 Could be you! :-)

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

- 5/5 Mary Lou Grumstrup
- 5/12 Pastor Dawn
- 5/19 Judy Pritchard
- 5/26 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



- 5/5 Cathy McKean
- 5/12 Levia Coval
- 5/19 Tim Bennett
- 5/26 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

## May Events and Monthly Meetings

5/2—UMW Meeting, 1pm—Fireside Room	5/20—Methodist Night at Fallon Daily Bread, 4pm—Wolf Center
5/4—Worship Meeting, 9:30am—Fireside Room	5/25-5/26 — Bike for Alzheimer's Research
5/5 — Church Council Meeting after worship — Fireside room	
5/11—AA, 7pm—Wolf Center	

## May Communion Offering

Evangelism Ministry

Our special offering on the first Sunday in May will go toward all of our evangelism efforts. This fund pays for all of our advertising, our participation in and hosting of community events, our radio broadcast, and other efforts to reach out to our community and beyond with the Good News of Jesus Christ.

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!