

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!

I was at a Rotary Club meeting the other day, listening to a young woman talk about her process of creative writing and self-publishing (I think she said that she has written 17 books? Somewhere around there), when she said something about her characters telling her about themselves as she writes rather than the other way around. I have heard other authors say this, too, about how the characters tell her what they would do or say in certain circumstances, or about how the story itself takes on a life of its own and the author simply follows it. Never having written that sort of thing, I don't claim to understand it, and yet I do know that when I am writing an article or essay or sermon I do often find myself ending up where I did not originally intend to go. I find inspiration comes sometimes in the middle of writing, as my fingers touch the keys. I just blame it on God, when it happens. Or at least, I rely on the hope that it's God.

Anyway, I find that prayer and prayerfulness keeps finding its way into my writing and preaching a lot lately. The importance of it. The results of it. The peace found in it. So much so that I decided to preach an entire sermon on it, and promptly realized that there was WAY too much to say to fit into our allotted time. Great stuff about people in the Bible who pray, even when - like Daniel during the Babylonian captivity, and like the early Christians persecuted by both religious purists and Roman authorities - it put their lives at risk. The beautiful and important way prayer infused the spiritual life of Biblical Jews, so that even the most mundane tasks like cooking, cleaning, and eating became sacred things. The way the Shema placed on the doorpost, on the hand, and on the forehead creates a prayerful pause during the day's dealings - going out, coming home, doing business, encountering friend and stranger - to center one's life on loving the Lord our God with all our heart, mind, soul, and strength. The different benefits of recited prayer and spontaneous prayer from the heart. The different benefits of private and public prayer. Different methods of prayer, for those who feel they don't know how, and for those who need new ways to pray to re-energize their prayer life. Too much to fit into this space, too!

Jesus' disciples wondered about prayer, too. Jesus' answer in that moment was to give us the Lord's Prayer (you can find it in Matthew 6, and Luke 11), but Jesus' example and teachings about prayer are much broader and deeper than just that. Based on all of that, and on powerful examples of prayers in my own life and in Christian history, it seems to me that just a couple of things are most important in our prayer life. One, that prayer be honest, humble, thankful, and frequent. Two, that we should pray expecting miracles...knowing that the miracles most often happen in our own heart as it becomes more fully aligned with the heart of God.

What happens when we pray? God does. God happens. In us, and in the world. Expect to be awed.

In the arms of our awesome God,

Time to Pray

I got up early one morning
and rushed right into the day;
I had so much to accomplish
that I didn't have time to pray.

Problems just tumbled
about me,
and heavier came each task.
"Why doesn't God help me?"
I wondered.
He answered, "You didn't ask."

I wanted to see joy and
beauty,
but the day toiled on, gray
and bleak;
I wondered why God didn't
show me.
He said, "But you didn't seek."

I tried to come into God's
presence;
I used all my keys at the lock.
God gently and lovingly
chided,
"My child, you didn't knock."

I woke up early this morning,
and paused before entering
the day;
I had so much to accomplish
that I had to take time to pray.

~author unknown

FYI

November 2019

The Newsletter of Epworth UMC

2019 ALL CHURCH CONFERENCE

Friday, November 15 11:00am in the Fireside Room

Join us for our year-end reporting, electing our new officers, talking about our 2020 budget, and dreaming into the future. Bring something to share for a pot luck lunch if you're able.

Our District Superintendent Rev Blake Busick will preside. Everyone is welcome!

Fellowship

“As iron sharpens iron,
so one man sharpens another.”

-Proverbs 27:17

MAN UP Men's Fellowship

Faith, Food, and Fellowship Mondays at 6:30am Fireside Room

Happy Birthday!

- 11/1 David Holmes
- 11/1 Jordon Holmes
- 11/2 Craig Butcher
- 11/6 Macky Hollings
- 11/6 Julie Holmes
- 11/8 Natasha Dugan
- 11/16 Claudia Pace
- 11/19 Buster St. Clair



Thank you to everyone who pre-ordered Christmas Wreaths. You are awesome! We still have some left, so if you want to order and missed the deadline, it's okay! Go ahead and order. Please either put your payment in the collection plate, mail it, or drop it off in the office. Thank you again for your support!

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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Epworth UMC Family Thanksgiving Feast!

Thursday, November 28 2:00pm
Wolf Center Dining Room
Turkey, ham, stuffing, mashed potatoes
and gravy provided.

You are invited to bring other sides, salads, or desserts!

*Not a charity event, just for our church family and friends to enjoy the holiday together. ☺



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

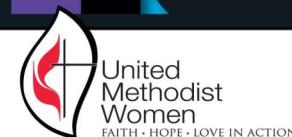
New to Fallon, and looking for a church home? New to Epworth UMC and want to know more? Been here forever and just want to have lunch together?

Join us Sunday November 17 at 12 noon!
Our treat.

Join us the first Thursday of every month
at 1:00pm!

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

If you would like to know more, please call Judy
Pritchard at 775-217-5611.
Or visit the UMW website,



~Epworth UMC's~ 21st Annual Pie Auction

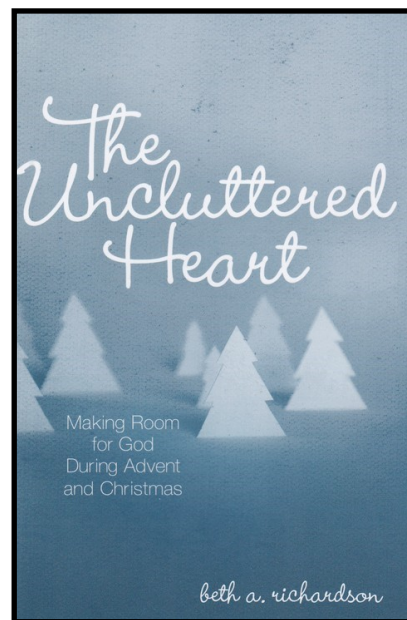
Sunday, Nov 24 10:30am
457 Esmeralda St, Fallon

(775) 423-4714 epworthfallon.org

Pies and other desserts homemade by Epworth's own great cooks, fresh for your Thanksgiving table! We would love your help setting up and cleaning up, too. Please call Donna Strickland to help or with any questions, 427-4046.

Christian Education

Service



Advent Devotional
Adult Sunday School
Class begins Dec 1
Women's Monday group
begins Nov 18



Advent
Weekday Class
begins Wed Nov 13
at 10:00am



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 Parables of Jesus

Sundays after worship, in the Wolf Center
Led by Jeanette Strong
 Materials are provided and everyone is welcome!

Video and Book Study

Sundays after worship in the Conference Room
Led by Steve and Kathy Fraker
 Come join us to learn about Jesus Christ together!

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 Parables of Jesus

Women's Study on Mondays at 3:30pm in the Good News Room
Led by Kelly Frost
 Part of the Deeper Connections series by Matt Williams, this class continues through mid-November. All are welcome!

The Screwtape Letters

Tuesdays at 2:30pm in the Wolf Center
Led by Cathy McKean
 A comprehensive Bible study workbook exploring CS Lewis' *The Screwtape Letters*, a brilliant and satirical look at spiritual warfare and the dynamics of temptation.

WHO'S READY FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL?

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. ♥

USA Flag Retirement Ceremony
 Monday, November 11 6:00pm at the Fairgrounds
 Led by Scout Troop 1776

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.

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!

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, Nov 18, and FDB Thanksgiving Feast is Monday Nov 25!
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 423-2650 or Kathy Fraker at 867-3095.



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

Providing clean, warm clothing to people in need in our community. Thank you to Kelly Weiboldt and Mary Nelson for all they do! If you would like to participate in this good work, please call the church office at 775-423-4714.

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



How big is YOUR but? What are the obstacles in your life to growing in your faith and in your relationship with God? Join us the month of November to be challenged, encouraged, and inspired.



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.

Word for the Young at Heart

Give the children's message during worship!

11/3 Kenny Coval
11/10 Pastor Dawn
11/17 Mary Lou Grumstrup
11/24 Steve Russell

Worship Leaders

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

11/3 Grant Mills
11/10 Kelly Frost
11/17 Mary Lou Grumstrup
11/24 Judy Pritchard

ACOLYTES

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

11/3 Kenny Coval
11/10 Cathy McKean
11/17 Levia Coval
11/24 Tim Bennett

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.

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				

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Church Office Hours
Monday & Tuesday
9am to 3pm

November Events and Monthly Meetings

11/2—Praise Team Rehearsal, 9:30am in the sanctuary	11/15—All Church Conference, 11am—Fireside Room
11/2—AA, 7pm in the Wolf Center Great Room	11/18—Methodist Night at Fallon Daily Bread, 4pm—Wolf Center
11/7—UMW Meeting, 1pm—Fireside Room	11/25 — Thanksgiving at Fallon Daily Bread! 5pm, Wolf Center Great Room
11/9—Worship meeting, 9:30am Fireside Room	11/24—Pie Auction, 10:45am—Wolf Center
	11/28—Epworth Family Thanksgiving Dinner, 2:00pm Wolf Center Dining Room

November Communion Offering

AED (Automated External Defibrillator) Machine

Our special offering on the first Sunday in November is going towards getting our church an AED machine to have on the grounds in the 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!