

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

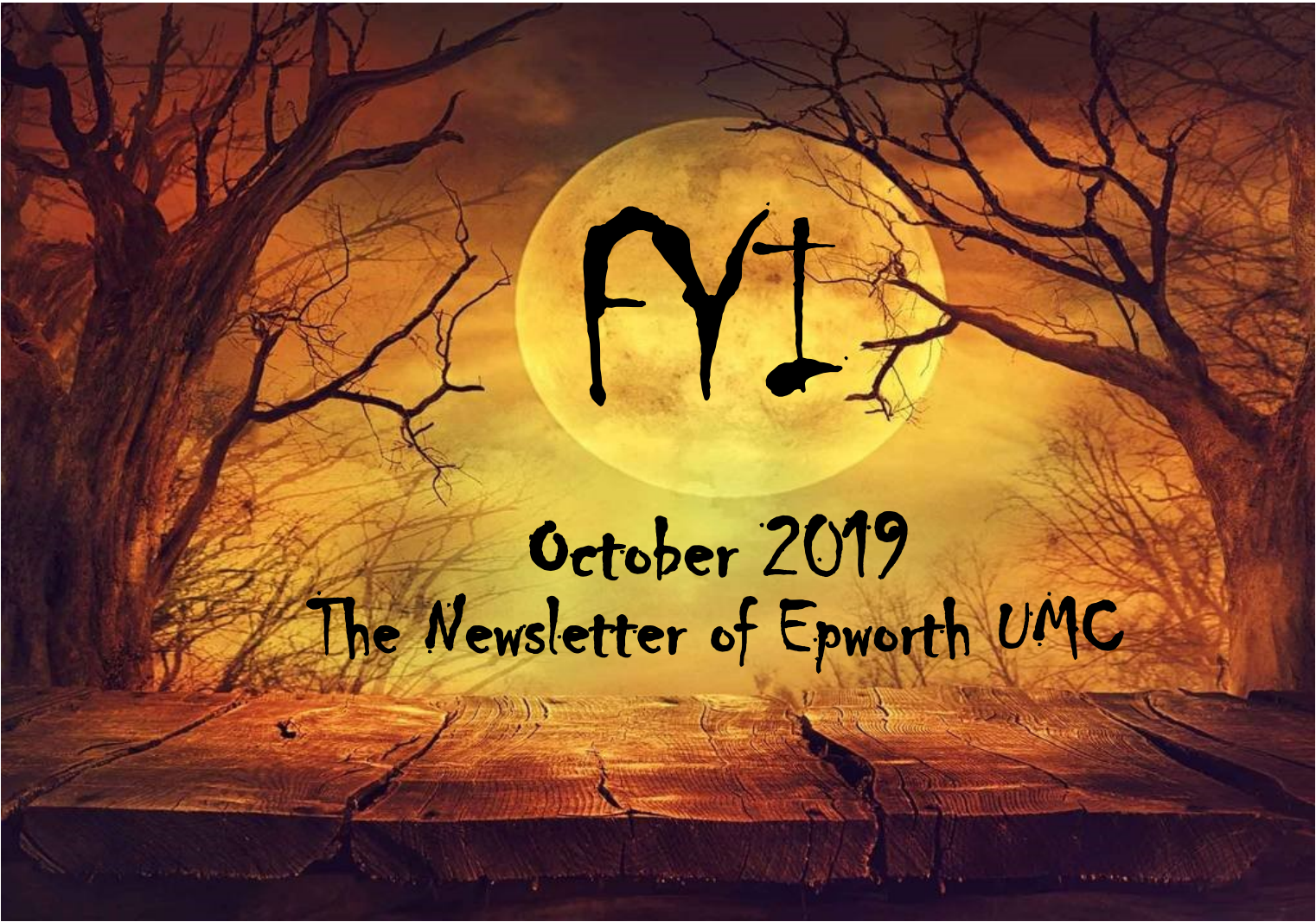
Hello beloved members and friends of Epworth UMC!

I don’t know about you, but whenever the seasons change I get the cleaning and reorganizing and redecorating bug. So after putting the garden to bed for the year, I’ve been cleaning out closets. It is **amazing** how much STUFF a person can accumulate in a few short months! There is still more to do, of course, but I find the work immensely satisfying. Calming. And I keep opening cupboards and closets that I’ve already finished for no reason at all, just to stare at them all clean and neat, because I am a weirdo. Probably if I didn’t just cram things into corners most of the time, I wouldn’t have to clean things out at all...but, here we are. ☺

I find this can be true of our spiritual life, too. Every so often, we need to clear out the spiritual clutter, re-establish good habits, and re-focus on our relationship with God. Over the past few months, I have been spending a different kind of time in prayer with God, and I am feeling the blessing of strengthening those spiritual muscles. Earlier this month, several of us gathered on a Wednesday evening for a special time of prayer together, and afterward we talked about the incredible power of it. Not that anything especially miraculous happened there (although, God only knows what amazing works were begun in that hour!), but just the time spent in silence, in conversation with God, in the presence of others who are seeking God, too, left a warmth and a healing in us that convinced us we need to do it more often. So we are going to. Stay tuned for the next prayer and healing service. I hope you will consider joining us. You will be amazed at how it feeds your soul.

In this edition of our newsletter, you will find all kinds of opportunities to grow in faith through worship, study, and service. Look it over, mark your calendars, and call if you have any questions. Happy reading, and have a blessed October!

Under the banner of God’s love, 



Ever wonder how Church Council works? Have an idea, or a question, or a concern and not sure who to bring it to? Here’s what’s up.

Last Fall, we as a church embarked upon a new-ish way of doing the business of the church that involved combining all of our administrative committees into one. So, rather than having separate meetings in which different groups took votes and made decisions about the life of the church, and then reported those to Church Council for approval and more votes, now we all have one conversation together, involving the whole church (or whoever shows up to the meeting!) and then go forth and put whatever plans into action. Folks are voted into specific positions on the Council — like Finance, SPRC, Trustees, Education, Mission, etc — as leaders who go from the meeting to gather their teams to make sure things in their particular area get accomplished. Ideally then, our quarterly Council meetings are less about reporting, and more about collaborating, generating ideas, setting and checking on goals, and inspiring each other to live into our mission to share the Good News of Jesus Christ.

It being our first year doing things this way, it has been a bit tentative and hesitant so far. It has been easy to use our time during Council meetings just to report, rather than set future plans, collaborate, and set good things into motion. We also need to do a better job helping our leaders to set goals, gather their teams, and move forward in their work. We look forward to improving all of that and more in the coming year, so it is time to re-imagine and refine our processes. What are we doing well? What constructive ideas do you have to enable us to do our work better? And especially: who do you, personally, feel especially called to love? How can Epworth UMC love them, too?

Our next Church Council meeting is on Sunday, October 13 at 10:45 in the Fireside Room. Everyone is welcome! Join us! If you have ideas or questions or concerns about the life of the church, this is one great place to bring them. You might even like to send them to the Council ahead of time; if so, you are welcome to send your thoughts to our Church Council Chair Grant Mills at grantmfi@cccomm.net, to Pastor Dawn at pastor@eumcfallon.org, or Laura in the church office at office@eumcfallon.org. You can always call us, too! The church office is the best number, 423-4714. If you have a confidential concern, you are invited to call Pastor Dawn on her cell phone at 775-671-5553, or our SPRC Chair Steve Fraker at 775-867-3095.

Fellowship

Happy Birthday!

10/2	Anna Pidlypchak
10/5	Barbara McGarity
10/8	Kenny Coval
10/8	Logan Smith
10/11	Cassandra Raymond
10/13	Marlyn VanZwaluwenburg ♥
10/14	Edith Isodoro-Mills
10/17	Pastor Dawn
10/25	Allison Frost
10/25	Samantha Frost
10/28	Craig Butcher II
10/29	Doug Coval

♥ Marnie passed away this year just a few weeks after her husband, our beloved Case. They are undoubtedly celebrating together in Heaven!




PIZZA
— with the —
PASTOR

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 October 20 at 12 noon!
Our treat.

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.

HERO CLUB After School Program Update!



A project of Epworth UMC and High Desert Grange

Funded by a grant through the Churchill Community Coalition, and in partnership with the Fallon chapter of The Grange, our church is hosting an after school program! The whole program is designed to teach healthy life skills to prevent drug and alcohol abuse, help kids succeed in school by giving fo-

cused attention to homework, and provide a safe, warm, loving environment after school hours. Currently we are serving 25 kids, with more signing up every week.

Fallon is blessed to have several great after school programs, including Fallon Youth Club, which we love! The Churchill Coalition asked Epworth to host this one partly because Fallon Youth Club is filling up, and partly to offer a uniquely different focus. It will be a wonderful way to get to know our neighbors, kids and grownups alike, and really shower them with the love of Jesus Christ. We have an amazing director in Joelle Mackay, and some fantastic volunteers, and we would love for you to join us! There are literally countless ways to be involved. Teach a craft, sing goofy songs, read to the kids, lead a cool science project, teach a skill, or just volunteer to sit and talk with the kids...do it once a month, once a week, once in a blue moon, or every single day. Call the church office at 775-423-4714 if you have questions or would like to volunteer! Below is a brief update on our first week, written by Steve Russell.

"A focus on homework set the tone for our first week at the Hero Club. With volunteer teachers and para-professionals assisting our members, math and reading became easier to understand. When homework was completed, enrichment began. Our first week gave members an opportunity to meet local heroes from the Fallon Police Department, Churchill County Fire Department and Banner Hospital Ambulance Operator/First Responder. Learning about our local heroes is the first step for our members to help find their own inner hero. Members also learned the beginning of sign language. Learning about different ways to communicate helps students understand others who might have difficulties expressing themselves.

Next week we will be visited by local business owners and government officials who will talk with students about basic civics lessons to help them understand how our city and county work for us. If you want your child to be a member and to experience life skills, call 775-423-4714 or email Steve Russell at stever49@gmail.com for an application package."

Submitted by Steve Russell to The Fallon Post.

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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Mary Lou Grumstrup, Worship Team
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Jerry Noonkester & Margaret Knox
Epworth Community Food Pantry and HeLP Ministries
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Kelly Wieboldt & Mary Nelson
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Judy Pritchard, United Methodist Women
jpritch@outlook.com

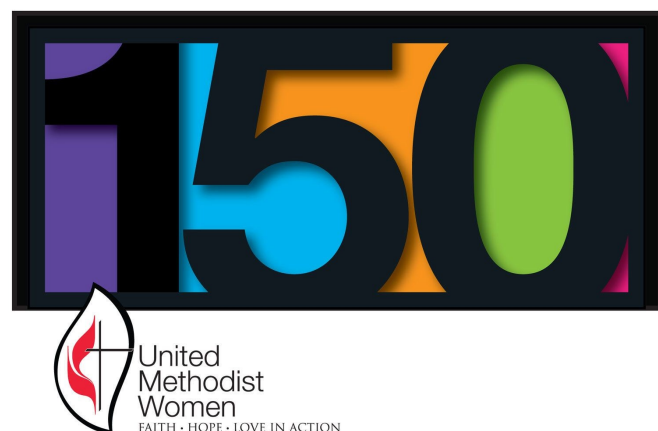
Donna Strickland, Hospitality
djst@cccomm.net

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

Thursday, October 4, 1:00pm Fireside Room

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,



Christian Education



God's Appointed Times: The Feasts of Israel

A presentation by Daniel Nessim
of Chosen People Ministries



Saturday, October 12 at 4:00pm in the Wolf Center

Join us for a special presentation about the Jewish High Holy Days, and how God can speak through them to share the Good News of Jesus Christ.

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 begins on September 30. To offset the cost of the material, we are asking a \$7 donation for each book if you are able. 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.



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.



**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. ♥

Service



Order yours today! Call 775-423-4714

Order by October 29 for delivery December 3 \$23.50 each

Fresh, high-quality greens sustainably farmed in Centralia, Washington
All proceeds go toward the many ministries of Epworth UMC

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, Sept 16!
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.



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

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

Bible Sunday!

Sunday, October 27

Do you remember when you received your first Bible? Or one that was especially meaningful? What are your favorite stories, or verses, or passages in the Bible, and why? What have you gained by reading or studying the Bible? On the last Sunday in October we will present new Bibles to our Kindergarteners and 3rd graders. You are encouraged to bring your Bible to church, and talk about your love of Bible study during the sermon time to inspire and encourage kids and adults alike.



WORSHIP & SERVICE

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!

10/6 Judy Pritchard
10/13 Pastor Dawn
10/20 Mary Lou Grumstrup
10/27 Steve Russell

ACOLYTES

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

10/6 Cathy McKean &
Hayden Brown
10/13 Levia Coval
10/20 Tim Bennett
10/27 Sophia Jeffs

Worship Leaders

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

10/6 Margaret Knox
10/13 Judy Pritchard
10/20 Mary Lou Grumstrup
10/27 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.

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, Great Room	12:00pm AA/NA Meeting, Good News Room	3-6pm HERO Club, Great Room	8am T.O.P.S., Fireside Room	8:00am AA/NA, Wolf Center
10:15am Fellowship and Coffee, Fireside Room	3-6pm HERO Club, Great Room	5:00pm Codependents Anonymous, Good News Room	3-6pm HERO Club, Great Room	5:15pm Fallon Daily Bread, Wolf Center	1:30-6pm HERO Club, Great Room	7:00pm AA meeting, every second Saturday
10:45am Sunday School	5:15pm Fallon Daily Bread, Wolf Center	5:30pm Mexican Folk Dancing, Wilson Hall		5:30pm Mexican Folk Dancing, Wolf Center Great Room		
1:15pm Worship Service @ Homestead, 365 W. A St.		6:30pm Boy Scout Troop #1776, Wolf Center				

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Church Office Hours

Monday & Tuesday
9am to 3pm

October Events and Monthly Meetings

10/2 — Prayer & Healing Service, 7pm in the sanctuary	10/13 — Church Council Meeting, 10:45 in the Fireside Room
10/5— Praise Team Rehearsal, 9:30am in the sanctuary	10/18 — HERO Open House and Spaghetti Feed, Wolf Center Dining Room
10/5—AA, 7pm in the Wolf Center Great Room	10/19 — Worship Leader Training, 10:30am in the sanctuary. Lunch provided!
10/12— Worship meeting, 9:30am Fireside Room	10/21—Methodist Night at Fallon Daily Bread, 4pm—Wolf Center
10/12 — “God’s Appointed Time: The Feasts of Israel”, 4pm Fireside Room	10/27 — Bible Sunday! During worship, in the sanctuary

October Communion Offering

World Communion Sunday

In honor of World Communion Sunday, our special offering on the first Sunday in October goes to provide scholarships to ethnic seminary students, here in the US and overseas. For more info, follow this link:

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!