

**Epworth United Methodist Church**  
280 E. Stillwater Avenue  
Fallon, Nevada 89406


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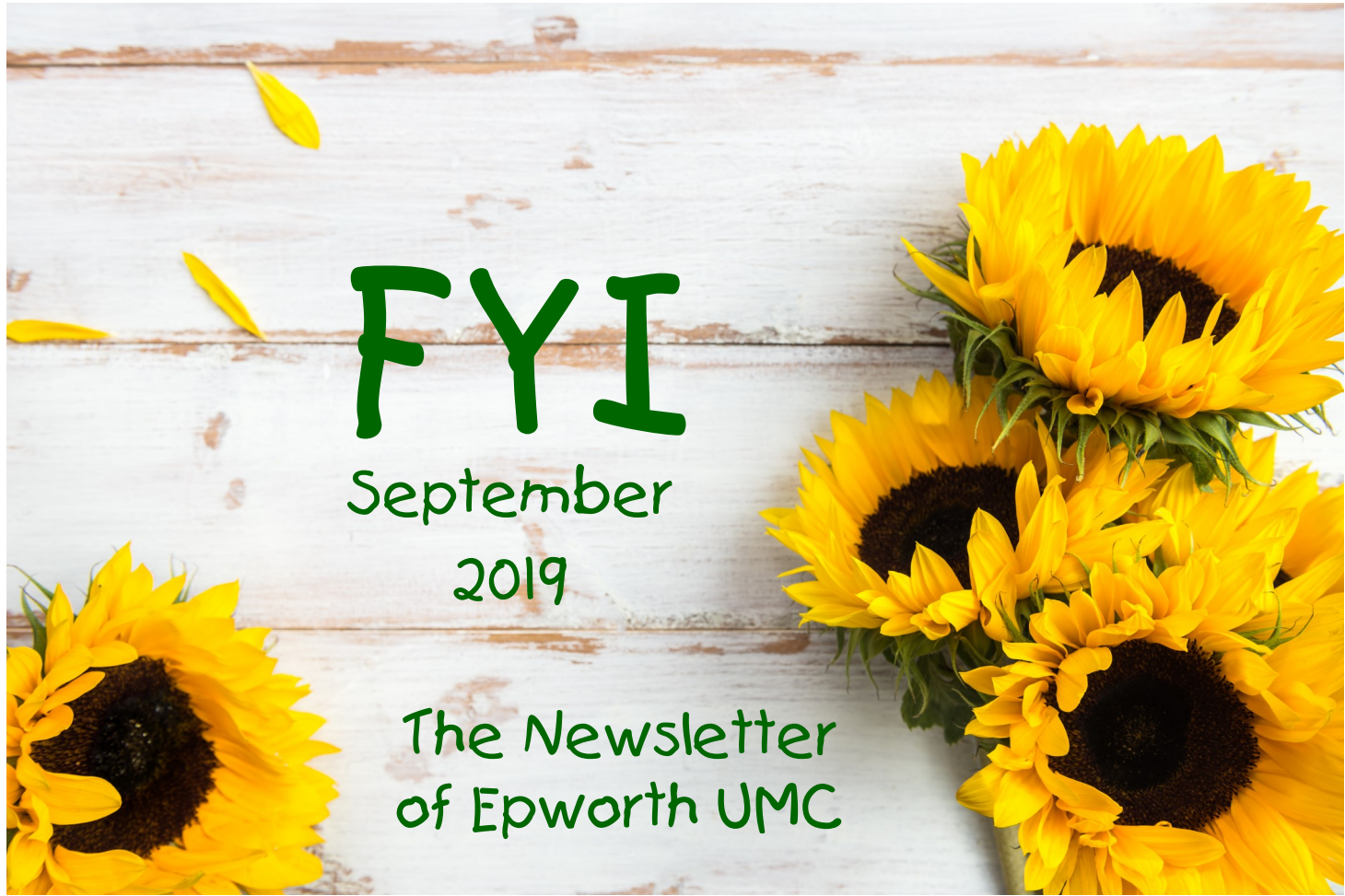
Our Mission...

- 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

Happiness is a small town.

That is the sentence that came into my mind and stayed there, especially while we were sitting in Seattle traffic last month. Good Lord, how can they stand this? I said to myself. 24 hours a day, on every highway, even on the side streets. So much time spent in the car. Yuck.

It really made me appreciate a small town, or at least small-ish, like Fallon. Every town has its flaws, of course, because it is made up of flawed humans. But the way this community shows up for each other, in support of great achievements, in shared grief in a crisis, in supporting local artists and businesses, in supporting great causes, in just having fun together...it is a precious thing. Maybe those who have lived here forever are unaware of how precious a thing that is, but for a relative newcomer I can promise you it is very special.



And it has little or nothing to do with the size of a place. Some months ago, I read a fascinating study of new churches being planted specifically in the Seattle area that pointed out that loneliness is epidemic in our country. In Seattle in particular, it’s called the ‘Seattle Freeze,” a phenomenon where people have all kinds of things to do, all kinds of interesting places to go, and more than 750,000 people to do it with, and yet relationships rarely go any farther than a friendly “hello.” It’s something local churches are very aware of, and working hard to address. So while I was there, Dennis and I visited a church called The Living Room. They were a church on Sundays, filled with couches and tables rather than pews. During the week, they transformed the education wing into a coffee shop, also filled with couches and tables, and served kindness, compassion, and prayer along with great coffee and delicious pastries. They were off the beaten path, but they had gained quite a following. They offered the space for community groups, too, to hold all kinds of events, just so that they themselves had the opportunity to show real, deep, true Christian hospitality. They told us a story of an amateur WWE-style wrestling group who rented their space (much to the displeasure of the church’s landlords) and the miracles of Christian love and care that happened between them. In this strange setup, The Living Room managed to become a light on a hill where people found unexpected welcome and love. Talking with Pastor Brandon and Pastor Kim that day, their passion for this ministry was evident.



Community can happen anywhere. It is needed everywhere.

Nearly all of Jesus’ ministry can be understood this way. Yes, Jesus spoke about sin, confronted and forgiven, but it was never merely a personal thing. In every case, the sin confronted or forgiven had tremendous impact on the relationships of the people involved, and thus community was strengthened by Jesus’ healing work. We know that hospitality to foreigners and strangers was extremely important in Jesus’ time and place; Jesus extended that hospitality to the people of Israel themselves, and all of those who — within their own communities — the “righteous” had isolated and driven even from worship. When Jesus healed the bleeding woman, or the man with the withered hand, or the lepers he met on the road, or the blind man at the city gates, or the paralyzed man on the pallet that was lowered through the roof, he either did so in front of witnesses or he encouraged people to claim their healing by getting declared healed by the very ones who had called them unclean. On those occasions when Jesus told people not to tell what he had done for them, they told anyway. He confronted the powerful about their hypocrisy, about their strict following of religious law while refusing to share the love of God that was the point of the Law in the first place. In all of it, the outcasts were made welcome, the cast-out-ers were humbled, and the individual, the witnesses, and the community as a whole received the healing power of Jesus Christ.



Fallon needs this, as much as anywhere else. Even with the blessings of small town wonderfulness, our neighbors are lonely. Hearts are broken. The need for the loving welcome of strangers is sharp. When I was reading recently some statistics about the state of religious belief in Fallon, unchurched folks said that the thing they most longed for in church was “warm, friendly encounters.” Solid, Bible-based teaching was the next highest. Worship time and style was way at the bottom.

I am excited to talk with you about new ways we can show real Christian hospitality to our neighbors this season, and open doors to sharing the Good News. But we can do it now, too, everywhere and anywhere we are. In worship, in fellowship time, at Fallon Daily Bread...at the grocery store, at the gas station, at the library, at concerts and parades and fairs. At home, with the neighbors we never talk to, and with our families and friends. This is how the early church was built. This is how miracles begin. Love from God expressed through Jesus’ disciples is what gives folks a sense that they are worth something, gives them the motivation to change their lives, touches them with the holy Light that convinces them that God is alive, that Jesus matters, that hope is real. This is how the Kingdom of God is built.

Community can happen anywhere. By the power of the Holy Spirit, let’s make it everywhere.

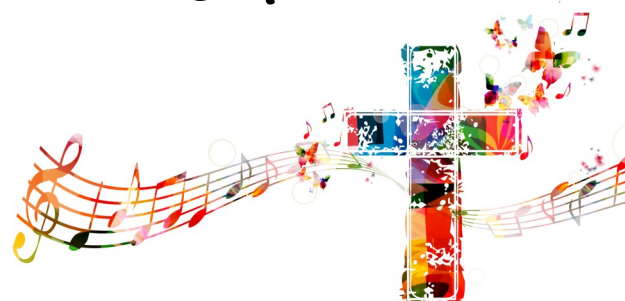
In the amazing grace of God,

*Pastor Brandon*



# Fellowship

## Singspiration!



Sunday, September 29 at 6:00pm,  
at Epworth UMC

Come sing along with great musicians from our Fallon churches!

### 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.

### Join us for a tea party to kick off our work for the new year!

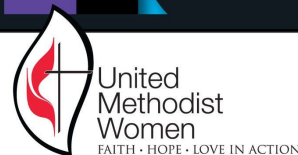
Thursday, Sept 12, 12:00pm Fireside Room

**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,

## Happy Birthday!

9/5	Kathy Fraker
9/5	Riley Stritenburger
9/8	William Brown
9/9	Caitlin Knox
9/15	Judy Pritchard
9/16	Catherine Raymond
9/21	Stephanie Raymond
9/21	Patricia Raymond
9/28	John Tewell
9/29	Paul Grumstrup
9/30	Jean Brown
9/30	Nancy Hedges



## Take your kids to church.

by Megan Breeland Woodham

Make the effort. Wake them up early. Fool with the belts and the buckles and the fancy hair bows. Endure the sleepy, grumpy faces and the misplaced shoes. Run around like a mad woman gathering everybody's everything and trying to get out the door on time. Hop to the car with a shoe in one hand and your make-up bag in the other. Give those babies a pop-tart and some milk and let 'em eat it in the car. If it's raining, get wet. If its cold, get a jacket. If you're tired, go tired. But take those babies to church. You know why?

Because Jesus is there.

He's there. And He'll meet them there. And you too, Mama. He'll be there in the sweet smile of their Sunday School teacher as she greets them into their room. He'll be there in the goldfish and the apple juice and the filling of their little bellies and hearts. He'll be there in the hug from a sweet friend and the encouraging smile that assures you that they "just barely made it" too. He'll be there in the sacred words read from the Bible speaking truth to their little impressionable hearts. He'll be there in the worship and the raised hands and the watery eyes and whispers of praise.

So take them. Carry all of their Bibles and drawings and toilet paper tube creations. Sit by them in worship. Open your Bible and open theirs. Show them how to find the scripture the pastor is preaching from. Show them how to worship. Explain to them why He's worthy of worship. Let them see you laugh and cry and praise and study. Forgive their wiggles and paper rustles and know that they're listening even when it seems like they aren't. Ask them questions and answer the ones they ask you. Introduce them to Jesus. Tell them of His greatness - his power - his faithfulness. Tell them with your words and show them with your life. Tell them what he's done for you and how you've been changed by His grace and forgiveness and goodness and love. Tell them how they can be too. Point them to Jesus. Over and over and over again.

Take your kids to church. They'll love it there. It's the only place where they can go and just be themselves. They don't have to "be" good enough or smart enough or athletic enough. They don't have to perform for approval or achievement. They just get to go and hear how much God loves them. Just because they're them. Just because He created them, they're valued. Wanted. Their worth isn't based on the grades they make or their ability to throw a curveball. Its not dependent on their performance or skill level. And they need a little more of that, don't you think? A little more grace and a little less pressure. A little more love and a few less demands.

Take them to church. Before you take them to the ballfield or the dance studio or the gym. Before you take them on vacation or to grandma's or to the backyard to play. Take them to church. Let them know its a priority. Show them it has eternal value. Let them see you set aside schedules and extra curricular activities and work and busy-ness to be present with the Lord in His house. I promise you won't regret it. I promise you it won't return back void.

Take them to church.

I promise it's worth it.

*"But Jesus said, 'Let the children come to me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven.'" Matthew 19:14.*

**Do you have questions about where you can help serve in the life of Epworth? These people would be glad to answer any questions.**

**Rev Dawn Blundell, Pastor**  
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# 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 meal and a fascinating 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 beginning in September!

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**  
We will decide on a topic together with the group. Come join us to learn about Jesus Christ together!



**SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS AGAIN ON SEPTEMBER 15**  
**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 if you'd like to be part of this great ministry.

# Service

**Decorate and staff our table, or join our team!**

All proceeds go toward addiction treatment and prevention in Churchill County.  
Call the church office for details! 775-423-4714

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21ST**



**COLOR BLAST**  
SK RUN RUN



**TOGETHER, WE ARE STRONGER.**

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, 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.



**FOOD PANTRY**

**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"

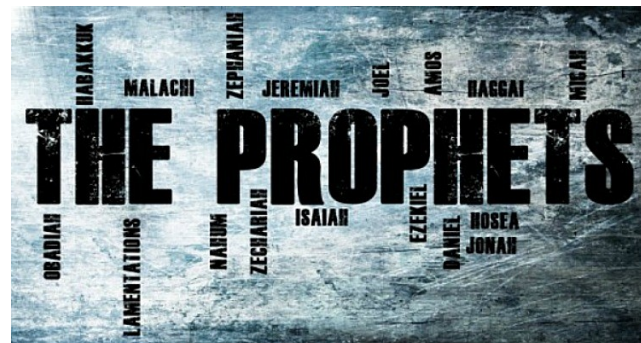
Every Monday and Tuesday, our church is open on a sign-up basis to those in need to shower and wash their clothes. Towels and all shower supplies are provided, thanks to your donations. Thank you, Margaret Knox, for your love and care for God's people! If you'd like to join us in greeting folks and showing them Christian kindness, please call the church office at 775-423-4714



# Worship



Join us for worship at Oats Park  
on **September 8 at 9am**  
Come early for a pot luck break-  
fast at the park at 8am!



## Hear the Words of the Prophets

Sermon Series August & September 2019

"The grass withers and the flower fades,  
but the word of our God stands forever."  
Isaiah 40:8

## 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!

9/1 Barbara McGarity  
9/8 Judy Pritchard  
9/15 Mary Lou Grumstrup  
9/22 Pastor Dawn  
9/29 Steve Russell

### Worship Leaders

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

9/1 Jake Coval  
9/8 Steve Fraker  
9/15 Barbara McGarity  
9/22 Mary Lou Grumstrup  
9/29 Kelly Frost

### ACOLYTES

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

9/1 Kenny Coval  
9/8 Church in the Park  
9/15 Levia Coval  
9/22 Tim Bennett  
9/29 Kenny Coval



### 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	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	8:00am AA/NA, Wolf Center
10:15am Fellowship and Coffee, Fireside Room	5:15pm Fallon Daily Bread, Wolf Center	5:30pm Mexican Folk Dancing, Wilson Hall		5:30pm Mexican Folk Dancing, Wolf Center Great Room		7:00pm AA meeting, every second Saturday
10:45am Sunday School		6:30pm Boy Scout Troop #1776, Wolf Center				
1:15pm Worship Service @ Homestead, 365 W. A St.						

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### Church Office Hours

Monday & Tuesday  
9am to 3pm

## September Events and Monthly Meetings

9/7—AA, 7pm—Wolf Center	9/12 — UMW Tea, 12 noon in the Fireside Room
9/7 — Praise Team Rehearsal, 9:30am in the sanctuary	9/16—Methodist Night at Fallon Daily Bread, 4pm—Wolf Center
9/8 — Worship in the Park! Oat's Park, 9am	9/28—Celebration of Life Service for Gary Fahl, 12pm—Sanctuary, reception in Wolf Center
9/14 — Worship meeting, Fireside Room	9/29—Singspiration, 6pm—Sanctuary

## September Communion Offering

### AED Machine

Our special offering on the first Sunday in September will go toward getting the church an AED machine so that we are better equipped 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!