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Hello church family and friends!

So there I was, half awake early this morning and scrolling on Facebook when I happened upon a post by a pastor friend of mine named Grace Imathiu. It was a very sweet way to start the day. I thought I'd share her words with you.

“Captain’s Log, July 19, 2021 [*I love that she begins like this*]

“Yesterday after worship, my Son and I head on to LePeep, a local breakfast joint. The couple in front of me are talking to each other in short sentences. They look to me like graduate students. One speaks and they both laugh and the other speaks and they both chuckle. They are obviously just overjoyed with the miracle of finding each other.

“They are in love. It’s obvious from where I am standing behind them in a long line waiting to be seated. They are not holding hands but it’s obvious they are holding hearts. They remind me of a younger T and L; or L and L; or J and C. Or maybe like me and Husband. It’s the kind of love that is sheer gift and those who have it know that. The kind of love that has jumped over the barbed wire of social constructs of race or gender or class. That’s why my eyes get all misty standing in line at LePeep.

“The hostess takes their name and tells them it’s a ten minute wait. I overhear their diagnosis and groan inside. I tell myself ‘Ugggh. That’s a problem. I don’t know if I can wait.’ They look at each other and then say to the hostess, ‘No problem. We’ll wait.’ She smiles, relieved. Suddenly I too can wait.

“I think to myself, love does that. It leaks on those around you. So I tell myself: for those days when I am not in love, I will seek those in love so their love can leak into my life.

“Maybe that’s why some people come to church. Maybe they come hoping love will leak on them from people who love God and each other and the world.”

Praying our love leaks out everywhere,

*Pastor Dawn*

# Worship Any and Everywhere!

## DAVID: Shepherd, Warrior, King, Poet

This Sunday we finish our study about David, Israel's greatest king. We have walked with David through his youth and young adulthood and kingship, and reflected on his failures and victories. As we have done that, we have reflected on our own failures and victories, and given thanks for God's presence with us through it all. This week, we will worship. David wrote psalms and danced in the presence of the Lord throughout his life, in good times and in difficult ones. We will sing and pray and praise God together, encouraging each other by David's example to keep the faith.



Keep holding each other in prayer, beloved, and pray for our community and our world, too. Pray for leaders of all kinds: leaders at home, at church, at work, and those who govern our local town, our nation, and our world. They need your prayerful support and encouragement, as well as your God-guided challenge and accountability. May they all be blessed and strongly guided in the name and in the way of Jesus.

## News and Fun Stuff

### Membership and Pizza with the Pastor

Several of you have mentioned a desire to know more about Epworth and what it means to be a member of our church. Pastor Dawn would love to talk with you about that! **Let's sit down together after worship and have some lunch at Pizza Barn, on Sunday August 1 at noon.** We'll get to know each other a bit, answer any questions you have, and talk about what membership means. If you can't make it, or if you prefer, Pastor Dawn would be happy to meet with you whenever it works best for your schedule. You can always reach her at 775-671-5553.

### Scouting Update

Our Boy Scout Troop 1776 has roared back to outdoor activities this summer! They completed one week of Summer Camp at Camp Fleishmann, a 10-mile hike to Marlette Lake near the Tahoe Rim Trail and there are many more awesome outdoor events in the wings. The Fallon "F" on Rattle Snake Hill looks a lot brighter thanks Toby Escobar's Eagle Scout Project, which was sponsored by the City of Fallon and supported by volunteers and local hardware vendors. Finally, Congratulations to J.D. Steele!!! His Eagle Scout Court of Honor is scheduled for Saturday 24 July.

The Troop has resumed weekly meeting in the Wolf Center every Tuesday evening between 6:30 and 8:00 PM. If you know a boy between the ages of 11 and 18 who is interested in joining the Troop, please have them contact Scoutmaster Jeremy Clark at (775) 544-4598.



## July Birthdays!

Mike Berney, 7/1  
♥Debi Kissick, 7/1  
Jim Wieboldt, 7/1  
Dustin Stritenberger, 7/2  
Hayden Brown, 7/5  
Barbara Evans, 7/8  
Jackie Warburton, 7/8  
♥Darline Hughes, 7/9  
Grant Mills, 7/9  
Shirley McDonald, 7/12  
Ariel Endacott, 7/13  
Faye Tewell, 7/13  
Darrell Dugan, 7/16  
Aaron Fraker, 7/16  
Dan Wolf, 7/16  
♥Kathy Albiston, 7/20  
Jaime Lawrence, 7/23  
Jerry Noonkester, 7/23  
Laura Ivey, 7/24  
♥Bill Hughes, 7/27  
Wilma Miers, 7/31

♥*We celebrate the lives and hold in prayer the families of these beloved friends who are celebrating in heaven with our Lord Jesus.*

## Celebration of Life for Myrt Reichard

Join us on Saturday, July 31 at 11:00am to celebrate our beloved Myrt, and for a luncheon after the service. Thank you to those who have signed up to provide refreshments! We need a few more folks to help with set up and clean up, and would welcome any more refreshments you might like to bring. If you haven't been to worship to sign up and are able to help, please call or email Pastor Dawn at 775-671-5553 or pastor@eumcfallon.org to let her know. Thank you!

## Vacation Bible School Next Week!

Thank you to all of our leaders, already working hard to prepare to teach our kids about God's love in Jesus Christ! **The dates are July 30-31, from 9am til noon each day.** You can help by assisting in classrooms (like art, science, outside games, etc), by donating to our supplies fund, by praying that it all go smoothly, and by praying that the kids have a wonderful, God-filled experience.

## Mark Your Calendars! Church in the Park on August 29

Join us for worship and a breakfast pot luck in Oats Park on Sunday, August 29 at 9:00am. Praise God, and bless the neighborhood with music, prayer, and scripture all at the same time. It's a ways off, but be sure to remember sunscreen, water, and a fold up chair. Let us know if you need a chair, and we will bring some from church. ☺

## Choir Returns!!

Your choir has missed singing, and we have so missed their gift of music in worship! ANYONE who loves to sing is enthusiastically invited to join us for rehearsals every Thursday at 7:00pm beginning on Thursday, August 26. Join us, too, for a welcome potluck that same day – Thursday the 26<sup>th</sup> – at 6:00pm.

## A Special Thank You

A huge thank you to the Epworth Church family for all you did to help us celebrate the life of Mary Lou. The service, the luncheon, and all the helpers created a lasting memorable experience. A special thanks to Pastor Dawn, who came through again with her organizational and technical skills and her calm demeanor and smiling face!! Love, Paul and Family

## Men's Breakfast Returns in August!

See you bright and early for breakfast, prayer, and fellowship beginning the first Monday in August, at 6:30am in the Wolf Center dining room. For more info, call the church office at 423-4714 or Jim Wieboldt at 619-302-3362.

## Adult Sunday School

We are finishing up our study of the parables, and will start a new study on women in the Bible in mid-August, led by Jeanette Strong. We meet after worship in the Wolf Center dining room. Join us!

**YOUR CHURCH LEADERS**  
welcome your ideas,  
questions, concerns,  
and participation!

Call the church office for  
contact info ☺

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## **United Methodist Men *Virtual* National Gathering** **Saturday, August 28 2021**

The General Commission on United Methodist Men announces the 2021 Virtual National Men's Gathering. The gathering will be held Saturday, August 28, 2021. The event will begin at 10:00am central and will end around 4:00pm central. Our keynote speakers will be the Rev. Dr. Ron Bell and the Rev Tom Albin.

**Rev. Dr Bell** is the senior pastor of Camphor Memorial UMC and a regular guest columnist for the Saint Paul Monitor. He has written articles for The Upper Room, UMNews.org and has published articles in the Minnesota Coalition for Death Education and Support quarterly journal among other publications. He has written three books: *Bigger Than Hip Hop 7 Questions for Reaching Young Adults in Ministry*, *Is There Space for Me Embracing Greif through Art*, and his latest book: *The Four Promises Journeying through Past and Present Trauma*. He has also created an ongoing webinar series on Trauma and Empathy that he has led with several universities including St. Paul College, Bethel University, University of Maryland Eastern Shore, Fuller Theological Seminary, and several others, as well as with numerous nonprofits and county agencies.

Ron is married to Dr. Eboni M. Bell, and they have two sons. Ron will be speaking in the session on "Combating and Healing the Trauma of Racism."

**Rev Albin** is currently the Executive Director of the United Christian Ashrams International and President of Albin Consulting. He recently retired from his work as the Director of Spiritual Formation and Congregational Life for The Upper Room, a branch of The United Methodist Discipleship Ministries in Nashville, TN. Tom is passionate about helping others come to know Jesus Christ and grow into the mature, life-giving, joy filled, people God created us to be. He sees evangelism and discipleship are the natural consequences of our life in Christ and the result of the Holy Spirit's work in us.

Rev Albin received a Bachelor of Arts degree Magna Cum Laude in 1973. After serving as a full-time youth director at First United Methodist Church in Tulsa, Oklahoma, he answered God's call to ministry, completed his Master's Degree at Fuller Theological Seminary, and began work on a Ph.D. in Ecclesiastical History in 1978 at the University of Cambridge in England. Tom has authored or contributed to numerous books, written numerous articles, online courses, and reference works.

Tom and his wife, Maryle, have three married daughters and eight grandchildren. Tom will be speaking in the session on "Evangelism and Discipleship."

Registration for the gathering is required. You may register by going to [bit.ly/umm21](http://bit.ly/umm21). If you have questions, please call 615-620-7277 or email [rvance@gcumm.org](mailto:rvance@gcumm.org).