

A Letter from your Editor

Hey Epworth Folks

So, here it is, my last letter to you. As my dearest daughter Arin would say, "Too bad, so sad". But unlike the way *she* says it, I mean it in an entirely different way. I truly am sorry that this is the last newsletter that I am going to have even this small part in. I know in my heart that this is the best thing monetarily for the church and that 'all the other churches are doing it this way' (but did have to wonder when are we like all the other churches??) Have prayed a lot, found peace, and know that I am not the only one being affected by recent changes. I pray for our church always in the decisions that are made. But after all the years of sharing the church's monthly events, prayers, births and passings with you, I will so truly miss you all. I looked forward to the birthdays and anniversaries each month and said a prayer for each special person or couple.

I know that Debbie will do a wonderful job with the online issue and that the church will MAKE SURE that all the people that need a newsletter mailed to them will get one. (Please see the form inside this newsletter if you are interested in continuing to receive your newsletter by mail).

So, once more, I say thank you for all the words of encouragement on the deadline days and the kind words in passing in the church hallways. I wish for you **all** the most blessed of New Years and the remembrance of Christ Jesus in your lives always and in ALL circumstances.

Blessings and Love,
 Carol Fehrenbach,
 Your Epworth Newsletter Editor
 (for it seems like forever!!)

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 Traditional Worship
 Message of Faith
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9:15
 PRAISE!
 Contemporary Worship
 Sunday School
 for all Ages

Child Care Available
 Dress is Casual



Epworth Newsletter ALERT

In an effort to be better stewards of our finances and to truly be a GREEN church, this will be the last Epworth News you receive by the mail, UNLESS you mail in the reply card attached below. We believe we will save over \$8,000 annually in time, materials and postage by making this change.

When we reviewed the content of our monthly newsletter we realized:

- + Almost everything in the newsletter is already a part of our weekly announcements. If you attend church regularly you will already be kept up to date every Sunday.
- + Our weekly "Invitation to Worship" email sent on Fridays is growing and changing to become a weekly newsletter to provide you with another source of important information.
- + The newsletter is available on our website and many folks prefer to be more environmentally responsible and go paperless.

We are working on a format for Epworth communications that will share important news and information—the format our news/newsletter will take is still unfolding! We thank you for your patience and understanding in this important matter. If you have any questions please call Debbie in the church office.

If you want to receive your news/newsletter mailed to your home, please cut out this reply card & mail to: Epworth, 19285 Holland Glade Rd, Rehoboth Beach DE 19971 Attn: Debbie Hunt

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Special Thanks To Christmas Joy

Cape Henlopen School District
 District Office, Lewes, DE

Dear Mr. Zeigler,

On behalf of the Cape Henlopen School district and the disadvantaged families and students in our area, we want to thank you and the Epworth Methodist Church congregation for your generous contribution during the 2013 holiday season. It is truly appreciated and will have a significant impact on the families that received your donation.

It is very rewarding for us to assist in the administration of your gifts. Your caring support enables CHSD homeless and/or underprivileged students the opportunity to focus on their academic responsibilities and to strengthen the physical, social, and emotional skills necessary for achievement throughout their educational and occupational endeavors.

Quite often people do not realize the enormous need that exists throughout our country, state and local communities. Thankfully there are organizations like your church that understand and sympathize with the unfortunate situations in which many families currently find themselves. Your generous support of CHSD families in need was most thoughtful, and we appreciate your efforts!

Sincerely,
 Randy Redard, Homeless Liason & Visiting Teacher
 Nance Bradshaw, Assistant Homeless Liason, Cape Henlopen School District

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- Rev. Dr. Pat Loughlin**
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Carol Fehrenbach, Editor

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Special Thanks From Epworth Staff



Dear friends,

Your generosity has overwhelmed Nancy and myself once again this year. I continue to give thanks to all of you.

Peace & Grace, Bill Steward

I am humbled and grateful for the generosity of the congregation of EUMC who so generously acknowledged my role as a staff member this Christmas. My job is one filled with blessings and rewards that are too numerous to count, made all the more special by the support of people like you. Wishes for a Happy New Year to all of you, Betsy Plowman

Dear Epworth family:

Thank you so very much for your continued generosity and kindness both at Christmas and throughout the year. It is a pleasure to serve you and the community and such a blessing to be a part of this wonderful church. May you all have a very happy and healthy New Year. Debbie Hunt

What a great surprise, as the new kid on the block, to be a recipient of the gift you give to the staff each year. Your generosity, not only of money, but of talent, kindness and spirit is so appreciated. Thank you so much for including me in your gift and in the Epworth family! Kris Temple

As always, I am humbled by your generosity and deeply appreciative It is such a blessing to serve Epworth as the Minister of Visitation. At the conclusion of a recent visit with a terminally ill Epworth member, I commented there's something wrong with this picture; I leave here feeling more uplifted than when I came in the door. And that has been the scenario countless times since I took this position. So, you, dear friends, are my gifts year after year, and I cherish your love, support, and prayers. May your New Year be blessed with the most marvelous and surprising New Beginnings. In Christ's Service, Ken

Dear Epworth,

Thank you for the generous and kind bonus at Christmas. It was a busy 2013 and I am excited to see the new ministries and growth at the church. Our outreach programs continue to be an inspiration to the community and our volunteers are energetic and caring. What a wonderful place to be! May 2014 be filled with joy and bounty as well as peace!

In gratitude for your thoughtfulness, Stephanie

Thanks, SPRC!

Thanks to the SPRC for organizing the collection of funds to be distributed to the employees as Christmas bonuses. The bonus is a very meaningful thing to me, and I am sure it is the same for all the other employees, as well. Aside from the monetary aspect, the feeling of love and caring plays a huge part in this for me, personally. Members of the congregation have shown in so many ways that they care for us, and in this way of giving, said that they also love us and want us to feel loved. Thanks again to the most wonderful people, Fred Smith

Dear Epworth Family:

Thank you for our Christmas Gift of Love. We are so very grateful and appreciative. Wishing you all a happy New Year.

Wanda Hudson and Sheila Cottman

Dear Epworth Family,

Thank you for the generous gift this past Christmas. It, once again, shows the appreciation that many of you have for the folks who work to provide a place for you to worship and be the hands of God in our little world known as Rehoboth. I am simply a very small part of the many people it takes to provide this beautiful church campus; you are the ones who provide so much to the community. Thank you for your generosity to me and to the community. Shalom-Kenny

I have been extravagantly blessed to be a part of the Epworth church family for five years now, and your generosity continues to amaze me! I am humbled and extremely thankful for the Christmas "bonus" to which this congregation contributed, and constantly amazed at the gifts shared with each other and our community. Our adherence to sharing through our prayers, our presence, our witness, our gifts and our service brings joy, strength and comfort to all. Blessings and peace! Doug

Dear Friends,

Thank you so much for the gift! While I truly appreciate this, it is so unnecessary. I am "gifted" every day, working with such a phenomenal group of people in shared service to God and you, our Epworth family. Your generosity was re-gifted to our Deficit Challenge (and thus matched). A special gift was shared with our DOVEs (Daily Office Volunteers Extraordinaire), who enjoyed lunch at Arena's with our pastors in January. These ladies and gentlemen are the unsung heroes of our office, volunteering their time and talents every day to keep things running smoothly. I love them all! Thank you again! David

How blessed I have been over the many years in which I have called Epworth United Methodist Church my " church family "

I say to my fellow congregants , many blessings to you in the glory of His name ! Peace be with you..... Bill Jones

Birthdays and Anniversaries

February Birthdays

1st Jenna Vining
*Harriett Woodring
Jen Joseph
Bena Ball
Carolyn Strum
2nd John Allen
Michael Shaner
3rd Melissa Gregory
Sophie Hetfield
Carol Frampton
Kristina Alexander
Karen Foery
4th Joan Conaway
Carol Fehrenbach
Chuck Hartssock
Charles Mitchell
5th *Moe Pyle
Scott Freber
Karen Smail
Gabriela Escamilla
Jon Stout
Maureen Ewadinger
*Orville Rowley
6th *Anne Lynam
7th *Marian Hatch
Susan Jimenez
Chase Archambault
8th Joel Tylecki
Shannon Harris
*John Gauger
Kathleen Archino
9th Sean Bond
Hayden Edgerton
10th Cathy McAteer
Christine Smith
11th Nancy Barlow
Diana Harbert
12th James Lanman
14th *Lester Kelley
*Joan Nolze
15th Gayle Fitzgerald
John Hulse
Dianne Shearon
Bill Knott
Ron Steen
16th Tara Carlson
17th Shane Taylor
Ginny Dugge
18th *Lana Cobb
19th Carol Lewis
Sue Isaacs
20th Connie Holdridge
*Marjorie Mounts
Amanda Jacina
Cheri Cain
21st John Mitchell
22nd Asia Riley-Spillane
23rd *Sally Brown
Aleta Thompson
Al Abrams

25th Kim Soboczenski
Bud Frampton
*Mary Griffith
Allen Helsel
26th Miriam Barton
27th Carol Woodcock
28th *John Chadderdon
Hannah Ewald
Jacob Ewald
! - Cradle Roll - infant to 3 yrs
* - 75 + years

February Anniversaries

4th Duncan & Weezie Leet
6th Bob & Judy Bryan
14th Laurie & Brett Melson
Jean & David Waters
Betty Blue & Jill Stewart
15th Donna & Randy Sproul
16th *Ginny & Walt Papke
19th Carlos & Eliana Camanco
23rd James & Laura Davis
*50+years Congratulations

Christmas Joy! 365 Family Mission

...meeting the needs of our community on a year-round basis!

80 families with 232 children

Value of the Giving Tree Gift Tags generously purchased by the Epworth Congregation and Community:

Toys & Clothing	\$13,420
Gift Cards (Walmart, Tanger, Food Lion)	\$ 8,300
Special Donations (toys, Quillows, etc.)	<u>\$ 2,100</u>
Total	\$23,820

CJ! 3665 Funds Used to complete Family Mission:

Non-Perishable Food	\$ 1,828
Clothing, Toys, Gift Cards	<u>\$ 2,950</u>
Total	\$ 4,778

Christmas Joy! 365 Donations:

West Rehoboth New Beginnings:	\$ 263
Community Resource Center	\$ 500
Epworth Caring Ministry:	
Immanuel Shelter	\$ 500
Family Assistance	<u>\$ 500</u>

We are always in the process of updating our list of member birthdays and anniversaries. If your name has been omitted, please accept our apologies and call the church office at 227-7743 with any corrections.