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Welcome to Epworth!



Today, we begin exploring the theme of being a good neighbor, through the series, "Won't You Be My Neighbor?" Mr. Rogers' Neighborhood, a television show which ran for 31 years, reached many young children with the message of acceptance, kindness, civility, empathy, and how to handle our feelings. Although he did not talk about the Bible, his themes come from Scripture. We begin with Mr. Rogers' assurance that feelings are okay. Ephesians reminds us that it is okay to have feelings as long as we do not act on our feelings alone. Being a good neighbor involves acknowledging both our feelings and the feelings of others. In this time of increasing polarization in our culture, we thought it a good time to review how to be a good neighbor.

NEXT SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2020
5TH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
SERMON SERIES: WON'T YOU BE MY NEIGHBOR?
FOCAL LESSON: JOHN 11:32-44
PREACHER: REV. TODD SHULTZ

Interested in Becoming a Member of the Epworth Church Family?

If you would like to become a member, please watch for our next set of Belongings classes. You will have the opportunity to get to know our pastors in a small group setting, along with finding out how Epworth reaches out to our community. You will then be welcomed into membership on a Sunday morning at the service that you prefer. Once we know when the next classes will be and you would like to become a member of our church, please call Diana in the office at 227-7743 or complete the sign-up sheet in the Narthex.

Pastors- Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith, Rev. Todd Shultz
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Director of Music Ministries: Doug Yetter *Accompanist:* Linda Hess....
Program Manager for Demonstrating Care & Finding Your Place: Mickie McManamon...*Lead Interpreter:* Sandy Davis
Communications & Technologies Manager: Kenneth Mahan...
Office Manager: Darlene Ford...*Special Projects:* Debbie Hunt
Administrative Assistant: Diana Young...*Sound Tech:* Josh Megee
Preschool Director: Betsy Plowman *Nursery:* Cathy Crawford.....
Cemetery Superintendent: Jay Stevenson
Custodian: Wanda Hudson...*Maintenance:* Mike Harrigan

February 2020:

Contemporary service at 9:15
Traditional service at 11:15

March 2020

Traditional Services at 7:45 & 11:15**
Contemporary Service at 9:15**

**Childcare Available

VISION: Exploring Faith, Embracing Community;

MISSION: Inviting All, Finding Your Place, Connecting to God, Demonstrating Care.

STRUCTURE:

Four Ministry Teams

Inviting All Team

Inclusive Ministries, Food Ministries, Ecumenical/Interfaith, Social Justice

Finding Your Place Team

Small Groups, Belongings, Sunday School, All Age Level Groups

Connecting to God Team

Worship, Music, Conferences, Retreats

Demonstrating Care Team

Good Sam, Missions, Pastoral Care Team, Care Ministries

Affiliating with other United Methodists for greater inclusiveness through the Reconciling Ministries Network

Long-Term Prayer Concerns

Printed out and located near the Caring Ministries Bulletin Board

Attendance Sunday, Jan. 26, 2020

7:45	10:00	11:15	Nursery	SS	Total
	428		3	20	451

☞ WE GATHER IN COMMUNITY ☞

Gathering Music Doug Yetter, organ

Welcome & Sharing the Mission & Ministry of Epworth

*Passing the Peace of Christ

*Call to Worship

*Opening Hymn *Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven* UMH 66
TUNE: REGENT SQUARE

Sharing our Joys & Concerns and Morning Prayer

Prayer of Confession

Words of Assurance

Prayer Response *Amazing Grace (vs. 1 & 4)* UMH 378

☞ WE ENGAGE THE WORD ☞

Epistle Lesson *Ephesians 4:25-32* Carol Lewis

Anthem *Here in the House of the Lord...Don Besig and Nancy Price* Chancel Choir

Sermon Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

☞ WE RESPOND TO THE WORD ☞

*Hymn *Your Love, O God* UMH 120
TUNE: FINLANDIA

Invitation to Offering *Please sign the blue Connections Pad and pass it down the row.*
Offerings are given through cash and check, on-line giving, Texting at 302-488-0038
and by using our Giving Kiosk in the main lobby. There are Giving Cards in the pews to place in the plate, if you wish
Bless your heart for supporting our ministries!

Offertory: *Fill Us with Your Love...Ghana Folk Song* Chancel Choir

*Acclamation *Be Present at Our Table, Lord* UMH 621

*The Great Thanksgiving Prayer (SUNG)

The Lord's Prayer UMH 895

Sharing the Bread and Cup

☞ WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD ☞

*Sending Forth Hymn *Go, Make of All Disciples (vs. 1, 3 & 4)* UMH 571

*Benediction & Three-Fold Amen

Postlude Doug Yetter, organ

* = Please stand as you are able; § = congregational response

Place for Taking Notes

This Week at Epworth

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2

- 9:00 a.m. Education/Volunteer Fair
- 9:00 a.m. Fair Trade Sales
- 10:00 a.m. Confirmation Class
- 12:30 p.m. YUMS
- 1:00 p.m. Food & Love
- 6:30 p.m. Youth Group

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3

- 10:00 a.m. Great Decisions
- 1:30 p.m. Admin Staff
- 3:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry Training
- 5:00 p.m. SPRC

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4

- 9:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study
- 9:00 a.m. Worship Planning
- 10:00 a.m. Program Meeting
- 10:45 a.m. Staff Bible & meeting
- 12:00 p.m. Pastoral Care
- 6:00 p.m. Disciple I
- 6:00 p.m. Disciple II

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5

- 5:30 p.m. Memorial Bells
- 6:30 p.m. Disciple III
- 7:00 p.m. Choir

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6

- 6:30 p.m. Pickleball
- 7:00 p.m. Praise Team

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7

No Church Meetings

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8

No Church Meetings

Chancel Flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Orville Rowley by Jim McAlister.

Bulletins for the month of February are sponsored in memory of Bobbie Trlica by Tom.

Stephen Ministers wearing blue name badges will be at each service if anyone in the Epworth Family wants to talk about any life challenges.

Sound: Sharon Wert, Josh Megee, Arne Jerfsten, Karen Kaufman, Tommy Vyas, Sofia Tamburello

Acolyte: Caidan Juliano **Greeter:** Marjorie Mounts

Head Ushers: Jim Blakeslee, Russ Mullen

9:15 a.m.: Pat Thornton, Tom Lechner, Dale & Sandy Biller, Sam Sonnett, Coles Marsh

11:15 a.m. Harvey Waltersdorf, Chet Sprague, Jim Larsen

Remember:

If you have questions or concerns about where your offering or gift is going—please contact Darlene Ford in our office at dford@eumcrb.org or 302-227-7743. She'll be glad to assist you.

Short Takes

- * Please remember to check the board on the door of our Food Pantry each Sunday to find out what items are in low supply. Please take one of the reusable shopping bags from the basket to the right of the food pantry to make your donating easier.
- * Window or bumper decals are available at the WINGS Table. A \$3.00 donation is requested. Please

purchase 1 or 2 for your car or truck! Let's make sure everyone knows they are welcome at our church! All Means All!

FYI: If you have a Pastoral Care Emergency, please contact the church office. The Care Line has been discontinued.

Service Time Changes

February, 2020—9:15 a.m. (Contemporary) & 11:15 a.m. (Traditional) services

March, 2020—7:45 & 11:15 a.m. (Traditional) and 9:15 a.m. (Contemporary)

February Sermon Series

February 9—Understanding Others and Look and Listen
John 11:32-44

Preacher—Rev. Todd Shultz

February 16—Gratitude and Acceptance and
Today is a Very Special Day
2 Corinthians 12:1-10

Preacher—Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

February 23—Forgiveness and
Sometimes People Are Good
Luke 15:11-32

Preacher—Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

At Epworth, "all means all"

We welcome all people, regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity, to be active participants in worship, sacrament and service, including wedding ceremonies too. We welcome any of Epworth's members or friends to hold their marriage ceremony in our sanctuary. Call the Church Office for more information.

Education and Volunteer Fair Today

Today, we are holding our winter Education and Volunteer Fair, which will be open before the 9:15 a.m. service, in between both services and possibly after the 11:15 a.m. service. The Fair is an opportunity to meet with small group book study leaders to find out what education classes are available this winter. Also, there will be ministry coordinators there to talk with you about ministry areas you might like. We will have many opportunities to volunteer for activities Epworth has in the winter, spring and summer. Walk through the fair with your coffee and see all the opportunities at Epworth to grow in faith and to be then hands and feet of Jesus in our community!! Don't be a Church Potato!!!

Stitchers Of Love Date Change

The February 6 Stitchers of Love Meeting has been rescheduled for Thursday, February 13, 2020, at 2:00 p.m. in the Branford Lounge.

Community On Tap—Update

February 4—25, 2020

"A Beautiful Day in The Neighborhood"

"The Book of Forgiving"

Need to purchase "The Book of Forgiving," lessons on feelings will be provided.

March 3—31, 2020

"24 Hours That Changed The World"

Need to purchase this book.

Location: Iron Hill Brewery, starting at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesdays in the back room. If you wish, you can come earlier to order food before starting the discussion. Please sign-up at the easel and pick up your Fred Rogers handouts.

Help Needed

We need help with the 2020 Dave Waters Memorial Golf Outing. Seven years ago, the Simpson Men's Group at Epworth UMC began a significant fund-raising event. The Golf Outing has become the largest fund-raising annual event at Epworth. The proceeds from the outing have gone to support Epworth's Missions, such as the Food and Love Program, Good Samaritan and the Epworth Food Pantry. Other outstanding local missions, such as The Immanuel Shelter and The Community Resource Center have received funds as a result of the Golf Outing. The 2019 Golf Outing raised over \$22,000. As we begin to prepare for the 2020 Outing, we are in need of help. Help is needed in the areas of brochures, (all aspects) mailings, solicitation of sponsors/donors, the Silent Auction, Web Page and Social Media. We would like to get more golfers, especially women players. If you would like to help in any way, please contact Evans Shearon (endbeach@aol.com, 302-841-3072), Stu Bruce (stuart.bruce@comcast.net, 302-519-1889) or any member of the Simpson Men's Group at Epworth UMC. Thanks for your anticipated support.

Discussion Group—Just This

Are you interested in being part of a discussion group which will deal with a little jewel of a book, "Just This" by Fr. Richard Rohr at Nettie and Sterling Green's home February 10 and Mondays following until March 9, 7:30-9:00 pm? If so sign up at the Education/Volunteer Fair on February 2. The class is limited to 12 sign ups. Questions? Nettie Green at 302 381-2087.

Climate Conversations at Epworth March 4

Epworth will co-host with Delaware Interfaith Power & Light (DelPL) a *respectful* gathering for a Climate Conversation on Wednesday, March 4, from 6:30—8:00. This will take place in the Fellowship Hall in round table, small group discussions, with facilitators from DelPL and the Green Team@Epworth at each table. Program would include introduction, table discussions of around 45 minutes, sharing of discussion highlights, proposals for continuing engagement, and a 4 minute video *What's Possible*. Please sign-up at the Green Team table at the Fair or at the WINGS table. All are invited.

Cleaning out OLD Shoes??

Are you are cleaning closets and wanting to do something with those old shoes? One of our church youth belongs to a ball team collecting old shoes (some still wearable, others destined for a landfill) to renew, reuse or recycle! There will be boxes in the Narthex at both doors for you to deposit your shoes. The boxes will be available through 2/9.. So get motivated to clean out those old shoes, dress, casual, boots, sneakers, etc. They will be properly disposed of. What's goal is 1000 pairs of shoes....let's help him out!

Unsure What to Recycle?

Stacey Helmer from the Delaware Solid Waste Authority will be once again attending our Earth Day event on Sun., 4/19. She has agreed to answer all your questions about what is recyclable. To direct these questions to Stacey ahead of time, your Green Team will have a drop-off box at the WINGS table for your convenience.

Reusable Bags Urgently Needed

The Green Team is again asking for reusable bags. Both Good Sam and the Food Pantry are using these instead of plastic bags. Additionally, if you are donating food to the Food Pantry, please bring it in a reusable bag. That way,

the bag itself will also be reused to transfer food to those in need. With your help, we are not resorting to plastic bags. In the landfill, they do not break down completely. Your reusable bags can be dropped off in the container under the WINGS easel. Thanks again for your support.

Epworth Writers Fellowship

Who: A Fellowship fulfilling our Church's mission to use and share our talents

What: Write! Give and get feedback
Write to benefit church and community

Where: Baker Lounge

When: 12:30 p.m. 1st Sunday of the month (March—June)
2nd Sunday (February & September)

Bring a piece you are writing to share

Contact: Marilyn Emanuel at emanuelmarilyn@gmail.com
Phone: 302-827-1007

Missing Coat

If you wore a white quilted coat to worship last Sunday, please check to be sure it is yours. Someone mistakenly took mine and left a small, shorter version in the coat room. I will be very happy to have it returned this week. Yours will be waiting for you! (Marti Garrett 717-503-3438)

DID YOU KNOW?

The money that you contribute in the wooden boxes during the communion portion of the service goes directly to the Good Samaritan fund. We often say "poor and needy," which is accurate, but really translates into bus passes and gas cards distributed by the Good Sam team to those seeking work, needing a way to the doctor, meeting with social services, and so on. You are a blessing to these people through your generosity each Communion Sunday.

Great Decisions 2020 Discussion Group

Great Decisions is America's largest discussion program on world affairs, highlighting eight critical foreign policy challenges facing Americans each year. We will be convening a Great Decisions discussion group at Epworth on Sunday evenings from 6:30 - 8:00 PM in the Baker Lounge beginning on March 15, 2020. The discussion topics for this year are: Climate Change and the Global Order; India and Pakistan; Red Sea Security; Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking; US Relations with the Northern Triangle; China's Road into Latin America; The Philippines and the US; and Artificial Intelligence and Data. Our discussion group is limited to 15 participants due to space limitations in the Baker Lounge. The cost of the Great Decisions 2020 Briefing Book is \$35.00 (\$32.00 plus an additional \$3.00 to subsidize the cost of the DVD). Please sign up at the WINGS table AND send an email to bobjohnson@gmail.com if you would like to participate in lively discussions reflecting our faith based perspective on foreign policy issues while encouraging a free exchange of ideas and an understanding of alternative views.

Southern Delaware Chorale Concert

On Sunday, 2/23/20, at 3:00 p.m. The Southern Delaware Chorale, under the direction of Dr. Colin Armstrong, will present "A Choral Tapestry," a program of spirituals and gospel music in celebration of Black History Month, here at Epworth. The Chorale will be joined by Cantabile Women's Chorus, Cape Henlopen High School Chorus and a special guest—The Second Generation Community Chorus of Federalsburg, MD. Tickets are \$25, students—\$10. Please go to www.southerndelawarechorale.org. Tickets also available at the door.

Caring Pathway - Prayer List

**Names printed in Italics indicate additions to our prayer list this week.*

FEBRUARY 2, 2020

CONCERNS

Al Abrams
John August
Mike Ballenger
Karen Bengston
Nicki Black
Andy Brangenberg
Mary Brann
Ron Breeding
Mike Davitt
Tanya Ehlers
Liam Fanning
Carol Frampton
Rick Green
Harry
Jim Hess
Shelby Hilt
Ellen Hilt
Kline Family
Helen McCallister
John Madron
Jim Mastoris' mother
Harry and Marilyn Martins
Charlie McLaughlin Family
J.B. Melson
Jim Mounts
Jamie Mounts
Mary Lou Murray
Dorothy Outland
Christine Peak
Lois Pennington
Quinn Family
Donna R
Bobbie Redefer
Jonathan Reed
Agnes Reno
Bill Robbins
Ruff Family
Michael Santome
Clarrisa Shook
Denise Simpson
Fred/Sharyn Smith
Ronald Soltes
Keott Starnes-Gomez
Wave Starnes
Noreen Strohmenger
Celine Stuart
Gwen Summey
Marty Thomas
Eugene Thompson
George Troutman

Jeremy Warga
Cheryl Webster
Doris Wert
Carol Wetherhold
Linda White
Dee Windsor
Jan Woodard
Steven Worrall

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

1/29—Terri & Lowell Markey
50+ years—CONGRATULATIONS!

SYMPATHIES

- ❖ To Rosalie Snyder, family & friends, on the death of her grandson, Michael Hunter Snyder, 1/23.

CONTINUED PRAYERS

HOMEBOUND, HOSPICE OR LONG TERM CARE

Donna Bloomquist
Anne Chambers
Helen Finchbaugh
Nancy Hecker
Shari Launa
Iris Pyle
Ruth Reynolds, hospice
Linda Rooney
Vera Rupert
Lois Shelley
Tracy Shoup
Quinn Smith
Signa Souder
Ruth Reynolds, Hospice at Home
Bill Steward, Hospice at Home
Jesse Vyas, home w/Hospice

IN HEALTHCARE FACILITIES

BRANDYWINE

Rosemarie VanIngen
Thornton Lynam

RENAISSANCE

Diane Dean

HARRISON HOUSE

Duane Silvis

MEN & WOMEN OF OUR ARMED FORCES

Kristen Bakkegard, U.S.N.

Bradley Bliton, U.S.A.F.
Chase Collins, U.S.A.
Logan Collins, U.S.A.
Mark Freda, U.S.A.F.
Megan Gravette, U.S.N.A. Plebe
Capt. Michael Holdridge, USMC
Michael Knight, U.S.A.F.
James Lanman, U.S.N.G.
Matthew McMeekin, U.S.N.
Brendan Neagle, U.S.M.C.
Stephen James Norris, U.S.N.
Elena Rooney, U.S.A.
Chadd Shirk, U.S.M.C.
Luke Wilson, U.S.C.G. Cadet

SERVICEMEN/ WOMEN IN HARMS WAY:

Jeffery Teller
Michael Sakurai Will, US Army
Ft. Jackson
Luke Wilson, USCG Mohawk,
Key West

RED CROSS VOLUNTEERS:

Ed Scarborough, S. Carolina



DEMONSTRATING CARE

A Silent Vigil—Today, 12/22

Between 80-100 people joined the Silent Vigil Sunday, August 4. Because of the need, we will be continuing these Vigils on alternating Sundays, with the next Vigil planned for today, 12/22, from 7:00—7:45 p.m. in front of the Zwaanendael Museum, Savannah Road at Third Street, from the corner along the side of the Museum facing Savannah Road. . These Silent Vigils are in support of the migrant children, women and men held in harsh detention and inhumane conditions Please bring a wax or LED Candle. If you bring a sign, please focus on the suffering. A message from The Rev. Canon Mark Harris...."This is a non-partisan Vigil focused on the suffering of those incarcerated and detained and in support of and demand for their relief and release. In silence we stand to express our support and demand for immediate relief for the children, women and men being held in inhumane conditions.

Cemetery Committee

Cemetery Committee is asking anyone with a grave plot or columbarium niche to be sure the church office has a point of contact for each. We are updating our data base and need phone numbers, addresses and or/e-mail addresses for everyone. Thank you!

Fellowship Helpers Needed

Please consider helping with Fellowship. This requires only 1-1/2 hours once a month. We have some people who have stepped down and really need to add to our teams. Contact Linda Bruce at 226-1108 or beachquilter43@comcast.net.

Like to sew?

If you or anyone you know likes to sew, please contact Gail Gingrich at gvingrich@gmail.com or 302-344-3596.

Update from Card Ministry

Do you need to tell someone thank you? Is there a birthday card you need to pick up? Please stop by at the Demonstrating Care card basket on the shelf in the Narthex. There is a large selection of occasions to choose from courtesy of the Card Making Group.

Trustees Reminder

The Trustees would like to remind everyone that food and beverages (except for closed water bottles) are not allowed in the Sanctuary. In addition to preventing stains on upholstery and floors, there is also a safety concern.

Pastoral Care and Homebound Communion

If you know of a church member in need of pastoral care (homebound, hospital, rehab, hospice) please contact the office. Also, if you know of someone that would like to receive communion in one of the above situations, please let the office or Mickie know. We have a wonderful pastoral care team that is dedicated to meeting the prayer and visitation needs of our congregation. Over the last year, many of our long-term communion visits have decreased and we have not received any new requests. Please notify us of anyone you know in need of prayer visitation and/or communion.

Communion Sunday notice:

Epworth Facilities Team

The Epworth Facilities Team is a group of people who give support to our custodial and maintenance staff. We focus on projects such as last year when we had a team of members paint the education wing. If you enjoy working around the house or in the yard or have skills in things like painting, electricity, plumbing, carpentry please join our team. There is a sign-up sheet at the WINGS table in the narthex or contact Tom Lewis, Facilities Team Leader at mathguy29@yahoo.com.

The Green Team Needs New Members

The Green Team at Epworth urgently needs new members. If you love the Earth and want to be a steward of it as God commanded in Genesis, we need you! Our meetings are the 3rd Monday of the month at 2:00 p.m. in Baker Lounge. Please contact Janet Taylor-Smith at jtaylor-smith711@gmail.com.

Good Sam Volunteers Urgently Needed!

The Good Sam team needs additional help with supporting this important ministry. If you can volunteer for as little as 3 hours a month, with flexible days and times each month, then this might be for you. Call Walt Smith at 302-858-2039 for more information. The rewards of this outreach are tremendous!

WINGS

WINGS is a women's service group that meets the 2nd Monday of each month at 1:00 p.m. in the Baker Lounge. We help people discover groups at Epworth, as we offer handouts at our table describing these groups, and the persons to contact for more information. We also pitch in to help where it is needed. We would love to have you join us for fun, fellowship and service!

Green Beginnings at Epworth

In researching ways to save Epworth money, your Green Team uncovered a Green Practices Policy from 2008, the year we moved into our new building. It outlines 12 recommendations that Epworth had adopted and wished to see implemented. Let's follow their vision! If interested, you can pick up your copy at the WINGS table.

Simpson Men's Group

Simpson Men's Group will hold its monthly meeting, Saturday, February 8, at Sammy's Kitchen in downtown Rehoboth Beach at 8:00 a.m.