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Welcome to Epworth!



Welcome to Epworth! We continue this week with our Sermon Series "Won't You Be My Neighbor". Our focus this week is on carefully looking and listening so that we clearly understand others. The Bible is filled with stories that cannot be completely understood by the words alone. We are taught to understand the setting of the story, what happened before and after, who are the characters, and what the culture was. All of these things help us to understand and then apply the meaning to our lives. Come join us as we look at some of the stories in the New Testament to explain this. We are grateful that you have chosen to worship with us today and hope you find our faith community welcoming.

NEXT SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2020
6TH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
SERMON SERIES: WON'T YOU BE MY NEIGHBOR?
FOCAL LESSON: 2 CORINTHIANS 12:1-10
PREACHER: REV. DR. VICKI GORDY-STITH

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, Feb. 2, 2020

7:45	9:15	11:15	Nursery	SS	Total
	336	122	3	19	480

This Week at Epworth

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9

- 9:30 a.m. Confirmation Class
- 12:30 p.m. Epworth Writer's Fellowship
- 1:00 p.m. Food & Love
- 6:30 p.m. Youth Group

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10

- 10:00 a.m. Great Decisions
- 1:00 p.m. WINGS
- 1:30 p.m. Admin Staff
- 3:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry Training
- 6:30 p.m. Trustees

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11

- 9:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study
- 10:30 a.m. Best Is Yet To Come
- 6:00 p.m. Disciple I
- 6:00 p.m. Disciple II

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12

- 1:00 p.m. Card Making
- 5:30 p.m. Memorial Bells
- 5:30 p.m. KIVA@Epworth
- 6:30 p.m. Disciple III
- 6:30 p.m. Habitat For Humanity
- 7:00 p.m. Choir

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13

- 2:00 p.m. Stitches of Love
- 6:30 p.m. Pickleball
- 7:00 p.m. Praise Team

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14

No Church Meetings

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15

No Church Meetings

Chancel Flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of her parents, James & Virginia Brainard, by Joyce Pool.

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: Caiden Juliano **Greeters:** Nettie & Sterling Green

Head Ushers: Jim Blakeslee, Russ Mullen

9:15 a.m.: Bob & Marilyn Smith, Carol Pophan, Maureen Ewadinger, Mark & Ginny Harbold

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!

When to call for Pastoral Care

Pastoral Emergencies.....If you are in need of immediate medical care, please call 911. If you are a member of Epworth UMC and in need of Pastoral Care—please dial 302-227-7743 to leave a confidential message, including a phone number you can be reached. Your call will be returned as soon as they are able. This voicemail box is for use during times of crises, such as an unexpected hospital admission or a death in the family—not for financial assistance.

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)

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.

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.

Issues with Aging HVAC System

Have you noticed it has been a bit cold in many of the rooms and hallways of the church? We have had significant issues with our aging HVAC system. The units are 12 years old and between heavy use and the salt air, they are failing. Recently, at least 5 units have stopped working. The Trustees had Atlantic Refrigeration look at all our units and the results are that many of them are on their proverbial last leg. After many meetings with a group comprised of members of the Trustees, Finance and Governing Board, it was decided to replace most of the units. There will be 9 new rooftop units that heat and cool the large areas of the buildings. In addition, it was decided to replace some of the other rooftop units with the room units like we installed several years ago in the Education Wing. Keeping them all operating has been a costly endeavor. The new lease is an 84 month lease with a \$1 buyout at the end of the lease. The total costs of the units are just over \$250,000 or \$3,800 per month. This is a large expense but one we feel we can handle over the 7 year period. In addition, a full 10-year parts and labor warranty along with a 10 year maintenance agreement is included in the price. This allows us to have a fixed payment without any of the surprises. If you have any questions, please feel free to ask Susan Jimenez, Chet Sprague or Linda Kauffman.

Part Time Office Administrative Assistant

The SPRC has begun the search for a part time (25 hours per week) Office Administrative Assistant with a proposed start date of April 1. Interviews will begin March 1. Following are the required skills:

- ❖ Commitment to God's mission and vision for Epworth
- ❖ Minimum of high school diploma or GED
- ❖ Minimum 4 years of increasingly responsible office experience or related education or training
- ❖ Intimate working knowledge of Window computer system & the most current version of Microsoft Office
- ❖ Collaborative, inter-personal skills working with all church functions and offices
- ❖ Organizational and team building skills
- ❖ Ability to interact effectively with people of all ages and diverse backgrounds
- ❖ Ability to handle multiple assignments concurrently and delegate tasks to others
- ❖ Experience in recruiting, training & inspiring volunteers
- ❖ Excellent communication skills, verbal and written
- ❖ Takes initiative & able to make independent decisions
- ❖ Pass a background check & drug screening
- ❖ Commitment to the glory of God through supporting administrative functions

If you are interested in being considered, please email resumes to Darlene Ford at Epworth—dford@eumcrb.org with a Subject Line of Administrative Assistant Position.

Planned Giving & Endowment Committee

Your Planned Giving & Endowment Committee is seeking members for the Epworth Legacy Society. All it takes is "Will Power" or "Giving While Living." The Endowment currently has \$125,000 invested and 5% goes to the church annually. Bequests exceed \$2 million. Call Darlene Ford in the church office at 302-227-7743, ext. 122, or Dennis St. Germain at dennis.germain11@gmail.com.

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 discussion group at Epworth on Sunday evenings from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. in Baker Lounge beginning March 15. The discussion topics 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. The cost of the 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.

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.

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.

Devotional Writers Needed

Lent is fast approaching and if there is one thing we learned in 2019, it is that the Daily Devotionals Epworthmembers compose are well received and cherished. Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 26, and runs through Easter Sunday, April 12. This means that in order for this to work, 47 Devotionals need to be submitted. Contact David Garrett at dgarrett4rb@gmail.com if you are willing to compose a Devotional for Lent.

Miriam's Table—Dining Out

Please join Miriam's Table at Mariachi Restaurant on Thursday, February 20, from 11:00 a.m.—9:00 p.m. They are located at 14 Wilmington Ave in downtown Rehoboth. For reservations, call (302) 227-6700. Yolanda hosted our very first Dining Out five years ago! Come help us celebrate with her! 15% of your check will be donated to feed our children!

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.

Each One, Bring One for Immanuel Shelter

The Social Justice Committee is planning for the 4th annual "Each One, Bring One" Campaign. As in years past, we are asking you to bring items that can be used by Immanuel Shelter in its mission to provide assistance for the homeless population in our area. Epworth has always come through in a big way and this year, our help is needed more than ever. We will collect items in the narthex on February 16 and 23 and you can drop off your donation there. The following items are needed:

- ❖ Men's boxers (size M-L-XL)
- ❖ Women's underwear (size 6-12)
- ❖ Stockings for children and adults
- ❖ Shelf stable milk
- ❖ Small bags of chips
- ❖ Toothpaste
- ❖ Spam
- ❖ Combs and brushes
- ❖ Small denomination gift cards to grocery stores, Wawa, Royal Farms or fast food restaurants.

In addition, there are children ages 1, 4, 10, 12 and 15 years old, so foods that kids will eat ("heat and eat" like canned ravioli, premade mac and cheese, etc.). Please no toys or clothes. Of course, monetary donations will be accepted as well. Thank you in advance for sharing and caring.

Missed the Fair?

If you missed the Education/Volunteer Fair last Sunday, sign ups & books will be available at the WINGS table.

Caring Pathway - Prayer List

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

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CONCERNS

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

Doris Wert
Carol Wetherhold
Linda White
Dee Windsor
Jan Woodard
Steven Worrall
Amea Wrotn

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

50+ years—CONGRATULATIONS!

SYMPATHIES

- ❖ To Mike & Sami Vyas, family & friends, on the death of Mike's brother last week;
- ❖ To Rev. Don Hurst, family & friends, on the death of his wife, Mauvette Muff, 2/1.

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, Afghanistan US Corps
of Engineers
Michael Sakurai Will, US Army
Ft. Jackson
Luke Wilson, USCG Mohawk,
Key West

RED CROSS VOLUNTEERS:

Ed Scarborough, S. Carolina



DEMONSTRATING CARE

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.

Miriam's Table Beach Bingo

February 29 from 4:00—7:00 p.m. at ST. Jude Parish Life Hall. Join us for 10 rounds of bingo, food, silent auction and live auction. Tickets are \$20—please call or text Jaclyn at 302-278-2777. Also available at Miriam's Table Facebook page and on Eventbrite (search Beach Bingo).

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.

February Sermon Series

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

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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

Communion Sunday notice:

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.

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.

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.

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.