



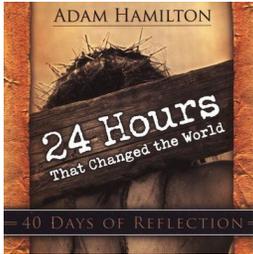
Epworth UMC 9:15 a.m.

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Welcome to Epworth!



Today, we begin a series examining the last 24 hours of Jesus' life, based on a book by Adam Hamilton, *24 Hours That Changed the World*. So much happened during Jesus' last day on earth—from sharing the Last Supper with his disciples to his betrayal and abandonment by these same disciples, to his challenging of

worldly power by refusing to retaliate, to extending mercy to those around him, and ultimately his death. Most years, the church covers these profound moments during Holy Week—the days between Palm Sunday and Easter. This year, we will go deeper, spending our entire Lenten season with Jesus during these last 24 hours. Today, we start with the Garden of Gethsemane. Jesus had eaten the Last Supper with the disciples, they had sung the final hymn, and headed to a familiar place where Jesus had often prayed. There, Jesus took his closest three disciples—Peter, James, and John, further in the garden, asking them to stay alert. He needed space for his heart to break open and wrestle with the upcoming events, and he needed to know that his closest friends had his back. But, they did not. They kept falling asleep. Hamilton writes that the time was well past midnight. Perhaps they were tired. Perhaps they had drunk too much wine. Perhaps they had seen Jesus in trouble multiple times and always watched him find a way out. Clearly, though, this time Jesus truly needed them to stay awake and watch. He was anxious and troubled. Jesus must remain anxious and troubled when he looks at our world today. We hate and argue and mock and betray each other, which must break Jesus' heart. He invites us to stay awake and pray. His disciples could not. Can you?

NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 8, 2020

2ND SUNDAY IN LENT

SERMON SERIES:

24 HOURS THAT CHANGED THE WORLD

FOCAL LESSON: PSALM 88:1-4;

MARK 14:53-65

PREACHER: REV. TODD SHULTZ

Interested in Becoming a Member of the Epworth Church Family?

If you would like to become a member, our next set of Belongings classes will be March 4, 11 & 18 from 5:30-7:30 p.m.. 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 Sunday morning, 3/29, at the service that you prefer. If you would like to become a member of our church, please call Barbara 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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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. 23, 2020

7:45	9:15	11:15	Nursery	SS	Total
	280	139	3	23	345

✠ ENTER GOD'S HOUSE WITH PRAISE ✠

Praise Gathering *Open Up The Heavens*
Welcome & Sharing the Mission & Ministry of Epworth
*Passing the Peace of Christ
*Singing in Praise *Build Your Kingdom Here*
Children's Celebration Linda BenderHilt

✠ BE SHAPED BY GOD'S WORD ✠

Song *What The Lord Has Done In Me*
Old Testament Lesson *Psalm 118:5-6, 13-17* Virgil Night
*Gospel Lesson *Mark 14:26, 32-42*
Song *To See The King of Heaven Fall (Gethsemane Hymn)*
Sermon Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

✠ RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD ✠

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: *Eye Of The Storm*

Sharing our Joys & Concerns

Prayer of Confession

Words of Assurance

*The Great Thanksgiving Prayer (*SUNG*)

The Lord's Prayer

UMH 895

Music during Communion

Doug Yetter, keyboard

✠ SHARE GOD'S GRACE WITH THE WORLD ✠

*Benediction

*Sending Song *Friend of God*

* = Please stand as you are able; \$ = congregational response

Place for Taking Notes

This Week at Epworth

SUNDAY, MARCH 1

- 8:00 a.m. Fair Trade Sales
- 9:30 a.m. Confirmation Class
- 12:30 p.m. Epworth Writer's Fellowship
- 12:30 p.m. YUMS
- 1:00 p.m. Food & Love
- 6:30 p.m. Youth Group

MONDAY, MARCH 2

- 10:00 a.m. Great Decisions
- 3:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry Training

TUESDAY, MARCH 3

- 9:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study
- 9:00 a.m. Worship Planning
- 10:00 a.m. Program Planning
- 11:00 a.m. Staff Bible & Prayer
- 12:00 p.m. Pastoral Care
- 6:00 p.m. Disciple I & II

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4

- 3:00 p.m. Planned Giving
- 5:30 p.m. Memorial Bells
- 5:30 p.m. Belongings
- 6:30 p.m. Disciple III
- 6:30 p.m. Climate Conversation
- 7:00 p.m. Choir

THURSDAY, MARCH 5

- 2:00 p.m. Stitches of Love
- 6:30 p.m. Pickleball
- 6:30 p.m. 24 Hours that changed the World
- 7:00 p.m. Praise Team

FRIDAY, MARCH 6

No Church Meetings

SATURDAY, MARCH 7

- 9:00 a.m. Stephen Ministry Training
- 10:00 a.m. Safety Team

Chancel Flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of their parents, Florence & Charles Rinker and Harriet & Charles Brenton by Sue Brenton & Beth Rinker. **Bulletins** for the month of March are sponsored by Russ Mullen.

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: Chase Reynolds **Greeter:** Marjorie Mounts

Head Ushers: Jim Blakeslee, Russ Mullen

9:15 a.m.: Duncan & Weezie Leet, Michael Fehrenbach, Coles Marsh, Dale & Sandy Biller

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—Back to 3 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.

Community Climate Conversation March 4

Epworth will co-host with Delaware Interfaith Power & Light (DeIPL) 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 DeIPL 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 reserve your spot on Eventbrite. For more information, go to 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.

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.germain1@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.

Easter Egg Supplies

We will be collecting small wrapped candy to fill the plastic Easter Eggs for our Easter Egg Hunt. Collection containers will be at the WINGS table on March 1, 8, 15 and 22. The eggs will be filled the week of March 22. Remember small candy, individually wrapped is what is needed.

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.

K-Cup Recycling Will Continue

Thanks to the continued generosity of participants, our K-cup recycling will continue. Currently, this is the only Green Team@Epworth campaign that charges for its service. The cost is \$119 to purchase 5 large collection boxes. Only through donations will this very popular campaign continue.

Snack Bag Collection—NEW

Through Terracycle, The Green Team@Epworth added a new campaign. We now have a collection box for snack bags. Family-size snack bags, individual snack bags, and multipack snack bags are accepted. Please make sure that all excess product is removed before placing in the box.

Repurposing Your Old Markers

Your Green Team@Epworth is always on the lookout for more ways to recycle/repurpose items that would otherwise end up in landfills. Our Candy Wrapper campaign has ended. Thank you so much for participating! Our new campaign is repurposing old markers through the Crayola Colorcycle. Crayola will recycle any markers, not just their own. Crayola has found a way to turn dried up markers into clean fuel. Thank you for your support.

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.

Calling All Scripture Readers

Epworth currently has 33 scripture readers at the 7:45 a.m. service, 58 at the 9:15 a.m. service and 46 on the list for the 11:15 a.m. service. Each reader receives the scripture reading for the service they are assigned to about 1 month in advance via email. Readers are welcome to read at just one service, or at two, or even all three. We work alphabetically backwards through each of the three lists of readers. If you are interested in joining the reader list or just in confirming which lists you are on, please email Bill Martin at William.martin.de@icloud.com.

Epworth Hosts Spring Ring Festival

Epworth's Memorial Bell Choir will be a participant in the Spring Ring Festival on Saturday, March 14, at 7:00 p.m. sponsored by the Capital Ringers. Several church bell choirs will spend the day working on 3 pieces to ring *en masse* under the direction of Linda Simms, artistic director of Capital Ringers. Each choir will have an opportunity to ring individually. Bay2Bay Ringers, a feeder group for Capital Ringers, directed by Judy Moore, will present 2 selections. The full Capital Ringers Ensemble will perform 2 rock selections from their Spring Tour **Handbells ROCK!** All are welcome to attend. A free will offering will be collected for Jusst Souop Ministry.

Simpson Men's Group

Simpson Men's Group will hold its monthly meeting, Saturday, March 14, at Sammy's Kitchen in downtown Rehoboth Beach at 8:00 a.m.

Community On Tap—Update

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.

Epworth Writer's Fellowship

Epworth Writers Fellowship will meet promptly this Sunday, March 1 at 12:30 until 1:45 PM in Baker Lounge. All writers are welcome! Bring a cup of coffee from Fellowship Hall, and a pen and a friend. We will look at how Celtic spirituality can impact our writing.

Social Justice

Our annual Earth Day celebration is scheduled for Sunday, April 19, 2020.

Immanuel Shelter Says Thank You

Thank you, thank you, thank you! Epworth is well known for being active and making a difference in our community. The collection of much needed items for those in need at Immanuel Shelter was no exception. Approx. 1,254 items were donated to the shelter in the "Each One, Bring One" campaign. Your generosity is well appreciated and extraordinary

Caring Pathway - Prayer List

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

MARCH 1, 2020

CONCERNS

Al Abrams
John August
Mike Ballenger
Karen Bengston
Deb Bievenour
Dale Biller
Nicki Black
Andy Brangenberg
Mary Braun
Ron Breeding
Jeff Cirscher
Mike Davitt
Kathy Dinsore
Tanya Ehlers
Emmanuel Family
Liam Fanning
Carol Frampton
Jeff Gerbler
Rick Green
Don Griner
Pat Hansen
Harry
Kim Harstner
Jim Hess
Shelby Hilt
Ellen Hilt
Irene
Kline Family
Darlene Laughlin
Jim Long
Peggy Long
Helen McCallister
John Madron
Loretta Mahan
Leona Mahon
Harry & Marilyn Martins
Jim Mastoris' mother
Bob Mazur
Charlie McLaughlin Family
J.B. Melson
Judy/Norm Moore
Jim Mounts
Jamie Mounts
Mary Lou Murray
Dorothy Outland
Christine Peak
Lois Pennington
Quinn Family
Bobbie Redefer
Jonathan Reed

Agnes Reno
Beth Rinker
Bill Robbins
Ruff Family
Michael Santome
Clarrisa Shook
Denise Simpson
Fred/Sharyn Smith
Keott Starnes-Gomez
Wave Starnes
Noreen Strohmer
Gwen Summey
Marty Thomas
Eugene Thompson
George Troutman
Jeremy Warga
Cheryl Webster
Doris Wert
Carol Wetherhold
Dee Windsor
Jan Woodard
Carol Woodcock
Steven Worrall
Amee Wrotn
Paula Xenos

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

50+ years—CONGRATULATIONS!

SYMPATHIES

- ❖ To Sue Brenton, family & friends, on the death of her cousin, Harry Congdon, 2/22.

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.

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.

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.

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!

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.