



Epworth UMC

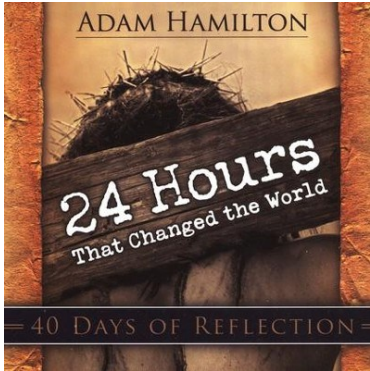
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Welcome to Epworth!



This week as we continue to walk the last 24 hours with Jesus, we hear the story of how Jesus' disciples all failed him during his last day on earth. We begin with Judas, as he betrays with a kiss. He may have wanted to force Jesus to act, since many times "messiah" figures arose

during Passover, hoping to overthrow Rome. Regardless of his motivation, he used a sign of affection for the betrayal, which must have stung Jesus even more. Yet, when the soldiers came to arrest him, all of his disciples fled; all of them abandoned him. People who had lived with Jesus every day for three years, all just fled when he was arrested. Only Peter found the courage to follow and enter the courtyard after Jesus. Yet, even Peter's courage failed him, when by-standers identified him as being with Jesus. He denied even knowing Jesus. What do these failures have in common? Fear. Self-preservation. Survival. Yet, Jesus loved them and never stopped loving them, even when they failed him. They broke his heart, yet his heart remained open to love and forgiveness and healing. Jesus offers us the same indescribable grace and love to us, no matter how we have failed or abandoned him. He invites us to keep our hearts open to receive and to give that same healing love to others.

NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 22, 2020

4TH SUNDAY IN LENT

SERMON SERIES:

24 HOURS THAT CHANGED THE WORLD

FOCAL LESSON: PSALM 27:1-3, 11-14

MARK 15:1-15

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 out for our next set of Belonging 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. If you would like to become a member of our church, please call Barbara in the office at 227-7743.

Pastors- Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith, Rev. Todd Shultz
Email: vgordy-stith@eumcrb.org / tshultz@eumcrb.org

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

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, Mar 8, 2020

7:45	9:15	11:15	Nursery	SS	Total
27	207	103	0	12	349

This Week at Epworth

SUNDAY, MARCH 15

- 9:30 a.m. Confirmation Class
- 1:00 p.m. Food & Love
- 6:30 p.m. Great Decisions
- 6:30 p.m. Youth Group

MONDAY, MARCH 16

- 10:00 a.m. Great Decisions
- 2:00 p.m. Green Team

TUESDAY, MARCH 17

- 9:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study
- 9:00 a.m. Worship Planning
- 10:00 a.m. Program Meeting
- 11:00 a.m. Staff Bible & Study
- 12:30 p.m. Pastoral Care
- 6:00 p.m. Disciple I & II
- 6:00 p.m. Governing Board

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18

- 1:30 p.m. Ministry Audit
- 5:30 p.m. Belongings Class
- 5:30 p.m. Memorial Bells
- 6:30 p.m. Disciple III
- 7:00 p.m. Choir

THURSDAY, MARCH 19

- 4:00 p.m. Finance
- 6:30 p.m. Pickleball
- 6:30 p.m. 24 Hours that changed the World
- 7:00 p.m. Praise Team

FRIDAY, MARCH 20

No Church Meetings

SATURDAY, MARCH 21

- 8:30 a.m. UMW Dover District

Chancel Flowers are given to the glory of God and in honor of the Stephen Ministry leaders, JoAnn Merrick and Karen Kaufman and her fellow Stephen Ministers, by Jo Pokorny.

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: Kayden Holt **Greeter:**

Head Ushers: Jim Blakeslee, Russ Mullen

7:45 a.m.: Bud Frampton, Sharon Wert, Gil Thompson

9:15 a.m.: Pat Thornton, Tom Lechner, Bunny Maher, Carol Pophan, Ginny Refsnider, Lori Watson

11:15 a.m. Harvey Waltersdorf, Chet Sprague, Russ Mullen

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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 today and on March 22. The eggs will be filled the week of March 22. Remember small candy, individually wrapped is what is needed.



Blood Drive

Epworth's Blood Drive will take place on Sunday, March 22, from 8:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall by Blood Bank of Delmarva.



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. The K-cup collection box and other collections have moved to the Baker hallway under our Green Team bulletin board. Look for the green lights.

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.

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.

Social Justice

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

Did You Know That "Handbells ROCK"???

Come to a Capital Ringers concert this spring and see for yourself. Selections include "Old Time Rock and Roll," "Crocodile Rock," "Bohemian Rhapsody," and more! There's a concert location for everyone—Milton, Lewes, Bethany, Rehoboth, Seaford, Milford and Millsboro. Visit www.capitalringers.org for tickets or see David Garrett, Judy Moore, Karen Mahaffie or Lynne Wilmer for more information.

Miriam's Table March Dining Out

We have a new venue for March. *Iron Hill Brewery* has invited us to be a part of their GIVE 20 program. On Tuesday, 3/24, you can dine anytime between 11:00 a.m. until 11:00 p.m. and 20% of your bill will be donated to Miriam's Table. **BUT, you must tell them you are there for Miriam's Table.** So please invite your friends and families to join you to help feed our children. We are excited to add them to our Dining Out restaurants. They are located at: 19815 Coastal Highway, Rehoboth, DE, phone 302-260-8000

You Don't Want to Miss This!

If you missed the Community Climate Conversation, here's your chance to talk about many of the issues we discussed with the experts. On April 19, from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m., to honor our 50th anniversary of Earth day, your Green Team has lined up 21 exhibitors: Plastics Free DE, Blume's Balloon Roundup, DSWA, DE Center for Inland Bays, DE Sierra Club, Veg Rehoboth, Abbott's Mill, DE Interfaith P&L, MERR Institute, Kelly's Totes, Milton Sustainability Committee, Citizens Climate Lobby, Dittmar Family Farms, Orsted Wind Farms, Sussex Health & Environmental Network, League of Women Voters Environment Comm., DE Electric Vehicle Association, Institute for Integrative Nutrition, Windows of Hope, Energize Delaware and Delaware Bee Keepers Association. Hope to see you there.

Women Build

Habitat for Humanity has a project in Milton, constructing a home for a family in Milton. The house will be built by Women. If you are interested in helping or know a woman who might be interested, please visit the website and sign-up. Construction is on Wednesdays and Saturdays. <https://www.sussexcountyhabitat.org/construction-calendar>. Click on the date you would like to work and follow the instructions.

Easter Lily Form and/or New HVAC System

This year, along with the opportunity to order Easter Lilies in honor of/in memory of a loved one, we are giving you the opportunity to do the same by giving Epworth a donation towards our new HVAC system's costs in honor of/in memory of a loved one. If you would like to place one or more lilies in the Chancel during Easter or make a donation towards the new HVAC system in honor of/in memory of a loved one, please complete the form below, place it in the collection plate or return it to the church office.

All orders must be in by Monday, Mar. 30

Make checks payable to: Epworth UMC and mark "lily" or "HVAC System" in the memo section.

Lilies \$15.00 per pot

Lily Flowers Given by:

----- \$ -----

In Memory of

And/or In Honor of

HVAC System Donation by:

----- \$ -----

In Memory of

and/or In Honor of

Phone -----

Total Amount Enclosed -----

After Easter do you wish to have your flower delivered to a homebound member? Yes/No (Please circle)

Caring Pathway - Prayer List

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

MARCH 15, 2020

CONCERNS

Al Abrams
John August
Lynn Aurand, Hospice
Mike Ballenger
Karen Bengston
Deb Bievenour
Dale Biller
Nicki Black
Ryan Blair
Andy Brangenberg
Mary Braun
Ron Breeding
Irene Brown
Jeff Cirscher
Mike Davitt
Kathy Dinsmore
Tanya Ehlers
Emmanuel Family
Liam Fanning
Carol Frampton
Jeff Gerbler
Rick Green
Don Griner
Pat Hansen, home
Kim Harstner
Jim Hess
Shelby Hilt
Ellen Hilt
Marie Juliano
Dutch Kelley
Kline Family
Jeff Kirshner
Lynn Kohler
Darlene Laughlin
Val Linder
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

Virgil Night
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
Scott Strickler
Noreen Strohmeinger
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

3/15—Diane & David Dean

50+ years—CONGRATULATIONS!

SYMPATHIES

- ❖ To Clarence Good, family & friends, on the death of his wife, Betty Lou Good.

CONTINUED PRAYERS

HOUBOUND, HOSPICE OR LONG TERM CARE

Donna Bloomquist
Anne Chambers
Helen Finchbaugh
Nancy Hecker
Connie Horne

Shari Launa
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