



# Epworth UMC

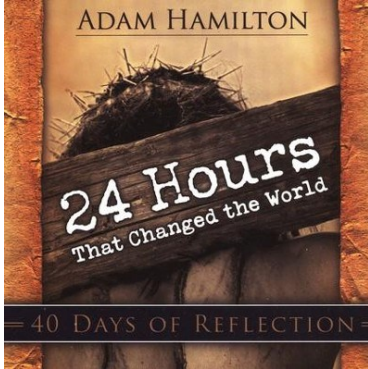
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## Welcome to Epworth!



We have reached the final act before the crucifixion of Jesus. The soldiers take Jesus to the courtyard to be whipped. They dress him in a purple robe to mock him and they put a crown of thorns on his head. They spit on him and struck him on

the head and “bowed” down to taunt him. I cannot imagine the strength Jesus needed to survive this torture. No wonder he eventually prayed from the cross: “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” This passage invites us to reflect on the evil which can spread when no one feels responsible for the behavior. It asks us to examine our own ability to be swayed by the crowd to commit unthinkable actions. And, Jesus calls us to remember his invitation to take up our cross and follow him, knowing all that this path of faith will entail. Do we have the courage to follow Jesus?

**NEXT SUNDAY, APRIL 5, 2020**

**PALM/PASSION SUNDAY**

**SERMON SERIES:**

**24 HOURS THAT CHANGED THE WORLD**

**FOCAL LESSON: PSALM 22:1-5**

**MARK 15:25-39**

**PREACHER: REV. TODD SHULTZ**

**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***

## 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.

## Long-Term Prayer Concerns

Printed out and located near the Caring Ministries Bulletin Board

### Attendance Sunday, Mar 15, 2020

7:45	10:00	11:15	Nursery	SS	Total
0	116	0	0	0	116

✠ ENTER GOD'S HOUSE WITH PRAISE ✠

Praise Gathering *Worthy Is The Lamb*

Welcome & Sharing the Mission & Ministry of Epworth

\*Singing in Praise *Dream Small*

✠ WE ENGAGE THE WORD ✠

Old Testament Lesson *Psalms 22:14-21a*

\*Gospel Lesson *Mark 15:15b-23*

Sermon Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

✠ RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD ✠

Explanation of 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 when you leave, if you wish*

*Bless your heart for supporting our ministries!*

Offertory: *King of Kings*

Morning Prayer

The Lord's Prayer *(sung responsively)*

✠ SHARE GOD'S GRACE WITH THE WORLD ✠

\*Benediction

\*Sending Song *At The Cross (Love Ran Red)*

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

**Place for Taking Notes**

## *This Week at Epworth*

### **SUNDAY, MARCH 29**

CLOSED

1:00 p.m. Food & Love To Go

### **MONDAY, MARCH 30**

CLOSED

### **TUESDAY, MARCH 31**

CLOSED

### **WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1**

CLOSED

### **THURSDAY, APRIL 2**

CLOSED

7:00 p.m. Praise Team Practice

### **FRIDAY, APRIL 3**

CLOSED

### **SATURDAY, APRIL 4**

CLOSED

**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:** Greeter:

**Head Ushers:** Jim Blakeslee, Russ Mullen

7:45 a.m.:

9:15 a.m.:

11:15 a.m.

### **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](mailto: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!

### **Church Offerings**

Even though we have to worship on line, the day-to-day operational expenses of the church are still on-going. If you don't already give electronically, please remember to mail your offerings to the church at 19285 Holland Glade Road, Rehoboth Beach, DE, 19971 or call the church office to find out how you can start giving electronically, 302-227-7743.

### **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.

### **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.

### **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.

### **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.

### **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](mailto:dennis.germain11@gmail.com).

### **New HVAC System Form**

This year, because we will not be having an Easter Worship service here at the church and therefore, there will be no Easter Lilies, we are giving you the opportunity to donate towards our new HVAC system's costs in honor of/in memory of a loved one. If you would like to make a donation towards the new HVAC system, please complete the form below and mail it to the church at 19285 Holland Glade Road, Rehoboth Beach, DE 19971

### **All orders must be in by Monday, Apr. 6**

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

### **HVAC System Donation by:**

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**In Memory of**

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**and/or In Honor of**

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**Phone** \_\_\_\_\_

# Caring Pathway - Prayer List

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

**MARCH 29, 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  
*Lee Ramsden*  
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

3/28—Jeff & Susie Bond  
4/2—Jim & Gayle Brebner  
50+ years—CONGRATULATIONS!

## SYMPATHIES

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## CONTINUED PRAYERS

### HOMEBOUND, HOSPICE OR LONG TERM CARE

Donna Bloomquist  
Anne Chambers  
Helen Finchbaugh  
Nancy Hecker  
Connie Horne

Shari Launa  
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



## **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.

## **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.

## **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.

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.

## **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.