

EPWORTH UMC

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Weekly Edition

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Second Sunday After The Epiphany

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Our vision is to be a church where people's lives reflect God's passionate love in all ways ... always!

Our mission is to cultivate passionate relationships with God, each other, and our neighbors to nourish, grow and replant the seeds of God's love.

UMCOR Haiti Collection Today

So many of us have been stunned and deeply saddened as a result of a powerful earthquake that rocked the Caribbean nation of Haiti earlier this week. Hundreds of thousands of people are dead, many more injured, and a significant number of homes have been destroyed.

In response Epworth UMC will take a special collection today for the Haiti disaster relief by supporting United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR). UMCOR has close ties with the Methodist Church in Haiti and is responding to the devastating earthquake with funding, material resources and prayers. Please make your checks payable to Epworth UMC earmarked Haiti.

Your generosity to this Haiti offering provides hope amidst despair. Please continue to pray for all of the people affected by the earthquake in Haiti.

Spaghetti Fundraising Dinner



Come and support the Mosaic Youth Mission Trip Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser this Saturday, January 23rd at 5 p.m. and enjoy some wonderful food and fellowship. Tickets will be on sale between services on Sunday or by contacting Andy at andrewlindstrom@yahoo.com.

Tickets are \$8.00 for adults, \$4.00 for children under 12, and a Special Offer - a table of 8 for \$50.00. Only 19 tickets have been sold so far...

Tickets will be available at the door.

The event is our first fundraiser and we have a goal for the trip to raise \$10,000. During Dinner, we will have a silent auction with items from local sports teams, restaurants and more. If you have a business and wish to donate item(s) for the auction, let Andy know.

This is a great opportunity for you to invite your family, friends and neighbors and have a great evening together, while also helping a great group of young adults who are working extremely hard to reach their goal to take this trip.

Blood Pressure Checks and Chair Massages Today



All are welcome to have a free blood pressure check today, between services in the Community Room. It doesn't take long and no appointment is necessary.

High blood pressure is a risk factor for heart disease and stroke, as well as a number of other serious medical problems. Don't wait until something happens, come and be holy and healthy with us!

Don't forget Chair Massages will also be offered today. Come and get all that stress and tension out of you, your body will thank you!

Epworth Mosaic Youth Group

Mosaic youth group is open to Youth in 7th Grade and older plus their friends. Invite your friends to any of the events and earn a prize.



Today, Sunday, January 17th - 1pm - Youth Club meeting and bible study.

Saturday, January 23rd - 3pm - Youth Mission trip fundraiser spaghetti dinner set-up/prepare food. Serving dinner around 5:30pm.

Sunday, January 24th - 1pm - Mission trip celebration party.

Rainbow Covenant



January's ministry for our Rainbow Covenant is Heifer International. Since 1944, the Little Rock, Arkansas based secular organization has provided livestock and environmentally sound agricultural training for those who struggle daily for reliable sources of food and income. Heifer is currently working in 50 countries, including the U.S., to help families and communities become self-reliant. A cow, goat, flock of chicks or hive of honeybees provides transformational change. Heifers and goats give milk to drink and sell to make money for medicine or education. Chicks provide eggs for protein and profit. Sheep,

Alpacas and Llamas provide wool for clothing and to sell in the market. Each provides hope and opportunity for a better life. Your support will help projects around the world to end world hunger. Visit our Mission Board in the Community Room for further details.

Men, Song & Fellowship

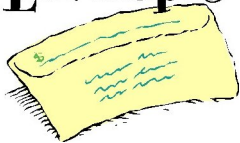
An invitation is extended to all Men in the Church to come and join us today at 9:45 a.m. to have some fun singing songs around the Piano in the Sanctuary. We will continue to meet each month on the 1st and 3rd Sunday. So come and join us today, don't be shy, if you have a bucket to carry a tune, we will provide the tunes!

Wednesday Evening Dinner / C.H.O.W. (Celebrate Hump Day Our Way)

Come and join us for dinner this Wednesday, January 20th. This free-will offering dinner is served each Wednesday from 5:30 to 6:45pm. Come for our picnic meal and receive a free shopping bag!

You can eat whenever it's convenient for you. Come and enjoy this special fellowship opportunity!

Offering Envelopes



Offering envelopes are available to anyone wishing to use them. We use a service which mails envelopes to you quarterly. You can also choose to have contributions made through your bank withdrawal process. If you would like envelopes or a bank withdrawal form, please contact the Church Office at 847-931-5400.



Open hearts. Open minds. Open doors.
The people of The United Methodist Church®



The organized unit of United Methodist Women shall be a community of women whose purpose is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative, supportive, fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church."

Membership: We welcome new members. We are always excited to share about the many ways that United Methodist Women are involved in mission, making a difference, every day, in the lives of women, children and youth, around the world, and in our own communities.

Upcoming Event:

Join us this Thursday, January 21st at 12:30pm, here at Epworth. Desserts will be served! The Women from First and Wesley UMC will be joining us too. Our guest speaker is Councilman for Elgin. He will be talking about the Elgin City budget. Mark your calendars and bring all your questions too!

UMW is a fun and exciting group of the women of our church family! All Women are welcome to attend any of our events. Questions, please contact the Church Office at 847-931-5400.

Tracking God Weekly Bible Study



Bring your walking shoes and join with others at The Centre's track down town Elgin on Tuesdays at 6am as we explore the coming week's scriptures or bring a Bible and join the group Wednesday, 6:00 a.m. at Panera Bread in South Elgin, on Randall Road, as we continue the discussion about Genesis.

Manna – Place your orders today!

What is Manna?

Manna is a program that raises money for our church. Many merchants participate in the program by allowing you to purchase gift cards that are used like cash at merchants' places of business. The merchants give Epworth Church a percentage of the cost of the gift cards. Buying Manna is the same as buying them from a merchant; it's worth the amount you pay for it. You can purchase Manna in advance and use it at your convenience.

How much does Epworth make from participating MANNA merchants?

The amount the participating merchants give back to our church varies. Stop by the Manna book in the Community Room to find out the exact percentages.

What does MANNA cost?

You purchase the Manna for the face value of the gift card. There is no additional cost to you and Epworth receives a percentage of the total cost of your Manna purchase. If you already shop at a participating merchant, then using Manna is the same as paying cash to the merchant. You can purchase Manna to be used as gifts for others!

The gift cards are exactly the same as you would buy from the merchant.

Please participate in this program!



It is a wonderful program that allows you to contribute to Epworth while purchasing items for which you have already budgeted.

Order today! The next order date will be February 7th.

If you have any questions, please contact the Church Office at 847-931-5400.

Volunteer Help Wanted!

Spanish Speaking Service is seeking additional Volunteer English Adult Teachers and Assistants to work with children from 5-11 years of age, during the 1:00 p.m. service on Sundays. Help is appreciated especially from 1:30 p.m. to 2:15 p.m., no later than 2:30 p.m. For additional information contact the Church Office at 847-931-5400.



The Men of Faith class (Women are always welcome) begins the first Sunday in February. We will be reading and discussing the book, *The Hole in Our Gospel: What Does God Expect of Us?* by Richard Sterns.

The Hole in Our Gospel is the compelling true story of a corporate CEO who set aside worldly success for something far more significant, and discovered the full power of the gospel of Jesus Christ to change his own life. He uses his journey to demonstrate how the Gospel was always meant to be a world-changing social revolution, a revolution that begins with you.

The book is available at most bookstores for around \$20 for hardcover. It seems like a very interesting book. Pick up your copy today and join us in February.

UNITED METHODIST



Friday Breakfast

All Men are invited to join us every Friday Morning at 7:00 a.m. for breakfast and devotions. Come on by before work or before you begin your day's chores.

2009 Financial Giving Statements



Financial Giving Statements for the 2009 year will be mailed out this week. If you have any questions regarding your statement please call Epworth's Financial Secretary, at 847-931-5400.

Membership Inquiry

Explore or Confirm Membership with Epworth UMC as your local family of faith!

Please indicate on the attendance register, provide a note in the offering or contact the Church Office if you feel the calling or want to explore your calling to make public your covenant of Christian service as part of the Epworth United Methodist Church. Options will then be developed to gather and examine the meaning and opportunities associated with Church Membership.

Membership is a blessing... to be a blessing for others. Keep in mind there are options for "Associate Members" (wish to keep primary membership with a congregation of another denomination while becoming active in ministry at Epworth) and "Affiliative Members" (wish to keep primary membership with another United Methodist Church while being active at Epworth.)

Soup Kettle

Epworth helps at the Soup Kettle the third Tuesday of each month. The next date is this Tuesday, January 19th at Zion Lutheran Church, 330 Griswold from 4:30 - 6:45 p.m.

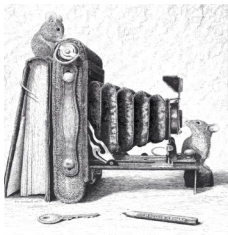


Our agenda is as follows:

- 4:30 - 5:30pm we will be preparing the meal and setting up the dining room;
- 5:30 - 6:30pm we will serve the meals to the guests;
- 6:15 - 6:45pm clean-up and reset the dining room.

Lots of people are needed for this wonderful and important ministry. For more information, contact the Church Office at 847-931-5400.

Pictorial Directory



A new Epworth Pictorial Directory is in the works and we want your family or individual photo included! Your help is needed in either having your photograph taken between services through January 31st, on one of two special days (February 6th or 7th), or by submitting a high quality digital photograph to the church office no later than February 7th, this photo will be returned to you. If a new photo is not taken or submitted, the photograph from the most recent version of the directory will be used. If the church office has not been made aware of changes to your family information, please provide those updates as soon as possible. Thank you and say cheese!

Women's 2010 Retreat

Mark your calendars for this year's Women's retreat which will be held on March 6th from 9:00am to 3:00pm here at Epworth. Each ticket will be \$20, if purchased by February 21st (\$25.00 thereafter). Tickets go on sale beginning February 7th. Watch for more details in future bulletins!

Table Hostesses Are Needed: for this year's retreat. You will decorate your tables and be the host to a group of ladies, some you'll know, possibly others you'll get to know. To learn more about this or sign up, please contact the Church Office at 847-931-5400.

Sermon Seeds for January 24th

1 Corinthians 12:18-20 (Today's New International Version)

¹⁸...God has placed the parts in the body, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be. ¹⁹ If they were all one part, where would the body be? ²⁰ As it is, there are many parts, but one body.

Don't forget to sign up online for the Sermon Seeds E-Blast by going to www.epworthumcelgin.org and clicking on the Community link, or follow epworthumcelgin on Twitter and Facebook.

There are no gains without "pains"
Benjamin Franklin

1900 to Present Day: George and Marie Sidenius Zendt: Longtime Friends of Epworth – Part 2 of 3

Previously we met the Sidenius family. They were members of the church. Records show that Mr. and Mrs. Sidenius joined Epworth in 1900. Their son joined in 1897 while Charles A. Briggs was Pastor. Their daughter, Marie although no records show that she joined Epworth, was a member of the Epworth Choir. She had a beautiful soprano voice.

Meanwhile, a second family, the Zendts lived at 535 Wellington Avenue. In 1900, twenty year old George Zendt headed a family that consisted of his older Sister, Mary and his divorced Mother, Susan. They lived about 3 blocks from the Sidenius family. George, by trade, was a butter maker. At that time, the city of Elgin essentially set the nation's price for butter. He would become quite wealthy in the dairy and cold storage industry.

George and Marie met while attending Elgin High School. On September 4, 1901 George H. Zendt married Marie Sidenius. Marie's maid of honor was Lucille Briggs. Miss Briggs was the daughter of Rev. Charles A. Briggs, Epworth's first Minister from 1894 to 1899. The marriage was performed by Rev. Steven H. Zendt, George's brother, and Rev. F. F. Farmiloe at Grace Methodist Church. The newlywed Zendts lived four years at 638 St. Charles Street, 3 blocks from the first Epworth building, and a block from the second building.

George and Marie seemed to have been something of a "power" couple. In 1905 they moved to Chicago where both flourished in their individual careers, while at the same time working, traveling, and doing charitable work together. Both became wealthy.



They lived to see their 65th anniversary. During that time Marie performed with various musical organizations. Her forte seems to have been Swedish folk music, with her musical group performing at the Chicago Orchestra Hall, Carnegie Hall in New York, and in her birth country of Sweden. At one time she sang for the revivals that Billy Sunday held.

In her later years she hosted charitable events, and was often there to greet famous musicians visiting Chicago. In August of 1963, she was the honored guest of the 34th Annual Chicago Music Festival.

George headed up the successful Central Cold Storage facility then located at 350 N. Dearborn, in Chicago.

During their marriage they were very successful in their endeavors. In addition to their careers, they traveled in Europe including the land where she was born, Sweden. The two clearly had a loving Christian marriage. They each had careers that complimented each other. While in Europe, she performed in several countries, including Sweden, the land of her birth. They traveled to Alaska. Locally, they purchased a farm south of Crystal Lake, Illinois and even purchased and restored a one-room school house. (Don't let me get on my One Room School House soap box©)!

However, one thing they did not have, and that was children.

To be continued...

Epworth UMC Historian.

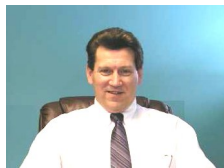
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We're on the Web!

See us at:

www.epworthumcelgin.org

Welcome Guests / First Time Attendees

Welcome Packets are available for all visitors. The green packets are located on the Worship Center Table in the Sanctuary (as you enter/exit the Sanctuary). Please take the information home to read and fill out. Response cards can be returned in the offering basket on Sundays, or mailed directly to the church office. There is also a variety of materials, about UMC beliefs and activities and events at Epworth UMC, available at the information kiosk in the Tower entrance. And please feel free to ask the Greeters and Ushers for any additional information you may require.

Fellowship Time

Please enjoy Christian hospitality in the Community Room, directly behind the Sanctuary, with service starting between services. Have a cup of

coffee, juice and/or a snack.

Sunday Nursery

Parents are welcome to take their children, Kindergarten and younger, to the Nursery Care Room. An Infant Soothing Room/Nursing Room for parents is adjacent to the nursery. A closed-circuit television enables your Worship experience to be uninterrupted. Greeters and Ushers are always glad to assist in locating these rooms and the professional staffing. The Childcare spaces are available each Sunday morning from 8:15 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Qualified and experienced adults and support staff are eager to meet you and your special little ones!

Children's Worship Resources

Children are always welcome in Worship. Coloring resources and age appropriate coloring

bulletins as well as other activity supplies may be found on the back bookcase in the Sanctuary or may be secured from the Ushers.

Hearing Devices

Hearing devices are available from the ushers. If anyone wishes to purchase their own device to go with our current system, submit your request to the ushers or the church office.

Safety First

As a loving congregation, we must support legal guardians and parents in limiting all unsupervised movement by children and/or youth in the church facilities. Our goal is always to provide safe, secure, loving, and responsible accommodations and spaces for all. Together we must be alert to situations that present risk and help to ensure that supervision and security are uncompromised.

This Week's Calendar At A Glance:

Sunday, January 17

Haiti Special Offering
Manna Orders Taken
7:00am - Missions Team Meeting
8:30am - Traditional Worship
9:45am - Blood Pressure Checks & Chair Massages
9:45am - Sunday School for all / Men, Song & Fellowship
11:00am - Praise Worship
12:30pm - Spanish Language Worship Service
1:00pm - Mosaic Youth Group, Bible Study & Meeting
2:30pm - Eagle Court of Honor, Sanctuary & Community Room

Monday, January 18

Office Closed in Observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day
7:00pm - Boy Scout Troop #128 Meeting
6:00pm - CTE Auditions
6:30pm - Finance Team Meeting, Upper Conference Room

Tuesday, January 19

6:00am - Walking Bible Study at The Centre in Elgin
4:30pm - Soup Kettle @ Zion Lutheran Church
6:00pm - CTE Auditions, Community/Choir Room & Basement
7:00pm - Stewardship Team Meeting

Wednesday, January 20

6:00am - Bible Study at Panera Bread, South Elgin
5:30pm - Alleluia Choir Rehearsal / Evening Dinners
6:00pm - Youth Choir
6:15pm - Staff Parish Team Meeting
6:15pm - PADS - Contact J Fazel to volunteer the gift of time
6:30pm -7:30pm - Discovery Club on Balcony
7:00pm - Adult Choir
7:00pm - Spanish Band Rehearsal

Thursday, January 21

12:00pm - UM Women's Event at Epworth
6:00pm - CTE Auditions

Friday, January 22

7:00am - Men's Breakfast

Saturday, January 23

5:00pm - Mosaic Youth Group Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser

Sunday, January 24

8:30am - Traditional Worship
9:45am - Sunday School for all
11:00am - Praise Worship
1:00pm - Spanish Language Worship Service
1:00pm - Mosaic Youth Group, Celebration
3:00pm - 5:00pm - Discipleship Study, Upper Conf. Room