

EPWORTH UMC

March 29, 2009
Weekly Edition

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Fifth Sunday In Lent

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Heifer International

During the month of April the Missions Committee is trying to earn enough money to send an ark of animals to Heifer International. We already have some in the ark, but we still need a little more.

There will be a bowlathon in April that you can sponsor a bowler or you can bowl yourself and get pledges. Watch for details.

We will also have the posters up in the Community Room and you can make donations to your favorite animals.

Also, don't forget your pennies  for the ark during Children's time. If you don't feel comfortable going up to Children's Time, ask one of the little ones. They'll be glad to deposit it for you.

Let's give it a shot and help the less fortunate out.

Missions Committee



Food Pantry

For April, Epworth is putting out a plea for Canned Meat or Fish. Please bring in your non-perishable food and supply items to worship on Sunday, April 5th and place them in the baskets at the back of the Sanctuary before services. These donations will be brought to the altar table with the offering. All items will be given to local food pantries.



2009 Rainbow Covenant Special Offerings – Last Chance for March

Soup Kettle

Funds will help support Elgin Cooperative Ministries which is a multid denominational religious organization that operates a food pantry and soup kitchens. They provide a meal for those less fortunate. For the past 10 years a number of local churches have collaborated with Elgin's Soup Kettle program, serving those in need with hot meals and warm smiles. Soup Kettle Kitchen provides meals to 60-100 needy individuals every night.

Last Chance Today ... Endowment Disbursement Application

We are pleased to announce that this year we will have our first disbursement from the Endowment Fund. Applications may be picked up in the church office. Epworth Endowment funds may be used for:

- 1) MISSIONS – projects that help Epworth “Share the Light”. Must be a Northern Illinois Conference Advance Special Mission, or approved by our local Missions Committee.
- 2) EDUCATION – scholarships and grants to students who are members of Epworth with priority given to those preparing for the ordained ministry and Christian service fields.
- 3) GENERAL ENDOWMENT - may be used for any special efforts that advance the ministry and mission of Epworth UMC.

Worship Schedule

8:15 – 9:10 a.m.
Traditional Worship

9:20 – 10:20 a.m.
Sunday School
For All Ages

10:30 – 11:15 a.m.
CONNECTIONS Worship

11:30 – 12:15 p.m.
Praise Worship

Wednesday Evening Dinner

Come and join us for Surf and Turf.

Come and join us this Wednesday, April 1st from 5:30pm - 6:45pm. We will be serving Surf and Turf dinners. Come one, come all for fellowship and a no cooking dinner!!

You can eat whenever it's convenient.



Monthly Breakfast

Each month a group of men gather on a Sunday morning for a delicious breakfast followed by a variety of wonderful speakers. This group also gathers for numerous other activities like Movie Night or cooking for UMW events.

Come and join us next Sunday, April 5th, at 7:00 a.m.

Our guest speaker will be "master gardener" Paul Stowell. Paul is going to get us motivated to start our planting for spring.

Paul also had a cup of coffee with the Cleveland Indians, and may be willing to talk baseball. Hope to see all of you gardeners there!



If you would like more information about this great organization, contact the Church Office at 847-931-5400.

Don't forget ...

All Men can join us every Friday Morning at 7:00 a.m. for breakfast and devotions. Why not start your weekend off by joining in!

UMW Event



All Women are invited to join us on Thursday, April 16th at 6:30 p.m. in M5, the meeting room next to the Kitchen. A teacher will be talking to us about her every day challenges.

Don't forget ... to mark your calendars for April 16th!



Come Rain or Shine on April 25th!

It's time for our annual Spring clean-up and all hands are needed. Sign-up in the Community Room. We need to have a headcount by Monday, April 20th as lunch/sandwiches will be provided. Can you come for one hour, a few hours?!

This is great opportunity to renew that spring vim, vigor, and vitality. We plan to start at 8:30 a.m. and finish by 1:00pm. See you there.

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

Epworth Health and Wealth



- Do you find yourself worried about money?
- Would you like to take control of your finances?
- Are you trying to dig out of the bondage of credit card debt?
- Would you like to work on a plan that will help secure your financial future?

If the answer to any of these questions is yes, then Freed-Up Financial Living is for you.

Beginning Wednesday, April 15 at 6:00pm, Epworth will offer a 6-week financial program geared to help all people, of all ages and from all walks of life. Freed-Up Financial Living is for everyone, regardless of their financial circumstances. The classes will be 90 minutes long and the cost is \$20 per participant, which covers all course materials. Couples are encouraged to attend together, and by sharing the materials two can attend for the price of one!

This course will cover practical solutions for those who would like to take control of their finances. The class is ideal for all households, especially families with young children, and college students. The course will help you find the peace and confidence that comes with being "Freed-Up" from concerns and worries about money.

If you are interested, please contact the Church Office. Registrations will be taken until Sunday, April 5th.

Epworth Mosaic Youth Group

This group is for all Youth 7th – 12th Grades.

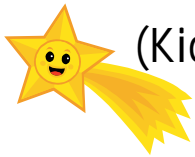
The purpose of Mosaic youth group is to come together to grow in faith and to nurture and care for each other in Christian love in a safe and pressure-free place through service and fun.

Mosaic Youth Group - Every Wednesday from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. The youth meet for Club F-Cubed. This club includes dinner (5:30), choir if interested (6:00), and at 6:30 we meet in the Youth Room for Bible study, games, and devotions. We're finished by 7:30p.m. It is a great chance to learn more about each other and grow as a group. Give it a try.



KWWWJ

(Kids Who Walk With Jesus)



STARS: Jayden & Drew helped each other gather wood for Road Building and, for being "building buddies", received STAR stickers -- cause they were just like Jesus who hung with buddies in Bible stories !!!

From Mother's Teachings: My mother taught me about the science of OSMOSIS: "Shut your mouth and eat your supper." (Anyone in our Epworth family know exactly how to do this??)

God bless, w/love and giggles,
Childcare Coordinator

Friendship Club Luncheon

Over 55? Why not plan on attending the next Friendship Club lunch on Wednesday, April 8th at 12:30 p.m. at The Silver Lake Chinese Restaurant which is located at the 881 South Randall Road in Elgin. To carpool, meet at the church at 12:00 p.m. Sign-up in the Community Room. Any questions, please contact the Church Office at 847-931-5400.



Prayer List

Our weekly Newsletter names persons who are in need of prayers. To include the name of someone you know who should be included on this list, phone the church office. You can also call the church office to remove that name when necessary. Continue to remember those in continuing care facilities as well as military personnel and college students.



New Creations Preschool would like to thank the UM Women for their very generous donation for the "Twins" Scholarship Fund. Your generosity will help ensure the educational opportunity and the means to a better future for this family for the coming year. The twin's mother passed away this Winter.

Our Upcoming Easter Worship Services

Palm Sunday is on April 5th at 8:15am*, 10:30am* and 11:30am*



Maundy Thursday is on April 9th at 7:00pm*



Good Friday is on April 10th at 7:00pm*



Easter Sunday is on April 12th.

Sunrise Worship is at 6:30am
Boy Scout Pancake Breakfast
7:00am - 10:30am

Traditional is at 8:15am*
CONNECTIONS is at 10:30am*
Praise is at 11:30am

Come and join in the Easter Fellowship!

*Childcare available



Epworth History

Part 3 of 3: Rev. Morton Culver Hartzell 1901-02: "Lost" but Now Found



At just 32 years of age, and in the midst of the Douglas Neighborhood controversy, his health began to fail. He had contracted bovine tuberculosis. By November of 1909 Rev. Hartzell suffered terribly from his disease. While a little boy, son Karl came down with typhoid fever. He and his father shared a hospital room, each joking as to who would get out first. Finally at the advice of his doctor, Morton, Bertha, and Karl moved to Pasadena, California. There he served in Lamanda Methodist Church.

Even in the midst of his sickness, Bertha showed her strength and humor. Before moving to California, the Hartzell family went to visit friends in New Mexico hoping his health would improve out west. He took with him "standard" Methodist minister luggage: a rifle, a pistol, and a set of golf clubs. Bertha remarked that she thought her husband looked good, and that he would teach those people something about being a cowboy.

Sadly, in 1916 on his 40th birthday, this young minister, husband, and father succumbed to the disease and died. The Chicago Tribune obituary writes: "Mr. Hartzell had a stormy career while pastor of South Park Methodist Episcopal Church. He advocated social service and aggressive methods in church work and received criticism within the church..." The obituary says that he accused Mayor Busse of protecting vice, which was an accurate depiction. He had made enemies of the Chicago political machine, but he won. Another Tribune article covering his funeral service includes these inspirational words in the title (regarding Rev. Hartzell), "Dared to Fight and Won."

The 25 year old minister, whose first Church was Epworth, was a man of great courage, abiding love, deep faith, and victorious living, even in the midst of corruption, pain, humiliation, and mortal disease. His short 15 year ministry touched our lives then; his personal faith and courage serve to inspire us now.

Tying up some loose ends:

- After his death Lamanda Methodist church was then renamed to Hartzell Memorial, in his honor.
- Hartzell Memorial UMC in Chicago is located at South King Drive and 33rd St. I am certain that it is the former South Park Ave Methodist Church. It appears he had at least 2 Churches named after him.
- Son Karl said that his father was to have become a Methodist bishop in California.
- In the days that followed his death, Bertha and son Karl moved back to Massachusetts. She received another college degree, in library science, and was the head of training at the Boston Public Library until 1946. She continued to be active in church and music until her death in 1950.
- The Hartzell's only child Karl Drew Hartzell died just a few weeks ago (Dec. 5th, 2008) at the age of 102. Karl was an important college professor, New York City historian, and author. He wrote a number of books, including a 3 volume set documenting New York's involvement in World War 2, a book about Atomic Energy, 2 books on religion on college campuses, and a book about 12th century English music.
- On Dec 20, 1920, retired Bishop Joseph Hartzell spoke at his son's former church, the 3000 member African American congregation of South Park Ave Methodist Church. He was there to dedicate the Morton Culver Hartzell Social Center, created in honor of his son.
- About 106 years after Rev. Hartzell left Epworth, we (*FINALLY*) have a picture of him. For that we have Arthur Rubinstein to thank. One Spanish website for the Albeniz Foundation, has a section dedicated to his memory. They just happened to have 3 pictures of Rev. Morton Culver Hartzell. Bertha, while in Berlin, Germany, took pictures of Arthur in a park called the Tiergarten. The pictures of Rev. Hartzell appear to be taken in the same place and time; probably by Bertha.

Next: Morton's illustrious father, Methodist Bishop Joseph Crane Hartzell.

Historian

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 a 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 being active in ministry at Epworth) and "Affiliative Members" (wish to keep primary membership with another United Methodist Church while being active at Epworth.)

Pastor's Get Acquainted Happy Hour's Focus!!!

On Friday, April 17th from 6:00 to 8:00pm Happy Hour will be dedicated to young adults. Pastor, his wife and the Member Care Committee are inviting all young adults to come together for dinner to see how we can be a ministry together. Dinner (Pizza) will be at the Church Parsonage.

If childcare is needed just indicate that in registering. Contact the church office or drop a note in the Sunday offering accepting this invitation. The Pizza will be provided by the Member Care Committee and guests will be invited to bring a side dish, appetizer, salad, or dessert of your choice. Beverages will also be provided along with dinnerware. (Special dietary needs should be communicated with registration.)

As we have many new households participating in the ministries of Epworth, we are hopeful to help develop some new friendships and offer some time for sharing of information and really getting acquainted. A church with three worship offerings needs all the options for extra innings of get-togethers we can "cook" up! All young adults are invited.

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.



Men of Faith class (Women are invited to join) starting Sunday, April 19th. We will be discussing the book: *Nine Innings: Baseball and Spirituality* by Derek Bryant.

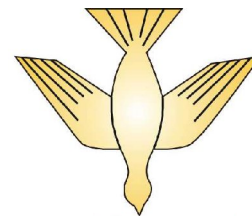
Former Oakland A's player Derek Bryant merges the very physical world of baseball with the spiritual world of Christianity. An exhilarating trip to the ballgame, this book grounds faith in something familiar and beloved: the great American pastime of baseball. Seen through the shade of a baseball cap, faith becomes accessible and fun. Through "Nine Innings," Bryant offers nine practical steps to a joyous life by combining baseball facts, Bible stories, and life experiences on and off the diamond into an inspirational mixture of sports and faith. Using an actual "scoreboard", Bryant divides each inning into two parts. Batting first, Bryant plays the role of the visiting team and introduces a new player and his role at the top of each inning. Then, the Lord, batting for the home team, follows each chapter with corresponding spiritual truths. At the end of nine innings, you will not only be knowledgeable in the sport of baseball, but, more importantly, you will be so immersed in spirituality you'll even want to go into extra innings! We will read the book as the class goes along.

Grab a copy at <http://shop.wnd.com/store/> for \$8.95 and join us on the 19th of April.

Confirmation Sunday, April 19th

Confirmation of all Students will be held on Sunday, April 19th.

In order to make confirmation special for this year's confirmands, we are asking for your help. We are asking for donations for a continental breakfast; juice, muffins, bagels, fruit, coffee cakes. There is a sign-up sheet in the Community Room starting today, to let us know what you can bring to this all-church celebration following the 8:15 service. This is a huge event for the congregation and we hope that everyone will welcome all the confirmands as Epworth church members. Questions, please contact the Church Office at 847-931-5400.



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Welcome Guests / First Time Attendees

We are privileged to experience worship with you today and value offering God's hospitality as a faith community where you will be enriched and served through Christian ministry. Epworth Church values relevant and inspiring messages, outstanding music, and meaningful programs for all ages, and a wide variety of ministries designed to include you and all loved ones. You will find welcoming materials on the cart in the Tower Hall Entrance and always feel free to request information from Greeters and Ushers.

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. - 12:30 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, March 29

8:15am - Traditional Worship
9:20am - Sunday School
10:30am - CONNECTIONS Worship
11:30am - Praise Worship
3:00pm - 5:00pm Wesley UMC Aurora Meeting, Upper Conf. Room

Monday, March 30

6:30pm - 9:00pm CTE Rehearsals
7:00pm - Community Outreach Meeting
7:00pm - Boy Scout Troop #128

Tuesday, March 31

6:00am - Walking Bible Study, at The Centre, Elgin
6:30pm - CTE Rehearsals / Beacon Praise Band Rehearsal
6:30pm - 8:00pm Stone Valley Creek Condo Assoc. Meeting, M5

Wednesday, April 1

Be Careful - April Fools Day!
6:00am - Bible Study at Panera Bread, South Elgin
9:00am - 12:00pm New Creations T Party
5:30pm - Alleluia Choir / Mosaic Youth Group /
Vision Team Meeting / Wednesday Evening Dinner
6:00pm - Youth Choir Practice

Wednesday, April 1 (Continued)

6:30pm - 9:00pm CTE Rehearsals
6:30pm - Wednesday Discovery Adults / Discovery Club for Kids
7:00pm - Adult Choir Practice

Thursday, April 2

6:30pm - 9:00pm CTE Rehearsals
6:30pm - Cub Scout Pack 19, Den 1 & Den 5
7:00pm - 9:00pm W.U.S.C. Study Group

Friday, April 3

7:00am - 8:00am Friday Guys-Men's Devotional Breakfast
9:00am - Noon New Creations Vision and Hearing Tests

Saturday, April 4

9:30am - 11:30am Disciple Bible Study-Jr. High Room

Sunday, April 5

7:00am - UMM Breakfast
Food Pantry Sunday: Canned Meat / Fish
Manna Orders Taken
7:30am - Troop 111 Pancake B'fast & Silent Auction, at
8:15am - Traditional Worship
9:20am - Sunday School
9:30am - Men, Song & Fellowship, Sanctuary
10:30am - CONNECTIONS Worship
11:30am - Praise Worship