

EPWORTH UMC

April 12, 2009
Weekly Edition

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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



UMW Event

All Women are invited to join us this 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.

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

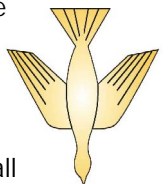
On Friday, April 17th from 7:00 to 9pm Happy Hour will be dedicated to young adults. Pastor and his Wife, and the Member Care Committee are inviting all young adults to come together for dinner to see how we can be in a ministry together. Dinner (Pizza) will be at the Church Parsonage.

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 are invited to bring a salad, or dessert of your choice. Beverages will also be provided along with dinnerware. (Special dietary needs should be communicated with registration.)

We have over 120 young adults with ties to Epworth. This will be a great chance to reunite, reconnect, and rethink what church might mean to those in their young adult years. 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.

Confirmation Sunday

Confirmation of all Students will be held next 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 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.



New Creations Preschool Flower Hanging Baskets



New Creations Preschool's annual Hanging Flower Baskets sale is here! Flower basket orders and money must in by Sunday, April 26th. An order form can be found in the Community Room, as well as on our website, under the "Community" tab. Need help choosing the flowers? Check the bulletin board in the Community Room, color photos were taken of last year's flower hanging baskets. Flowers will be available to pick-up beginning Wednesday, May 6th.

Thank you for your continued support and prayers.
Penny Ball, Director of New Creations Preschool.

Come experience

Super

Service

Saturday

Don't delay, it's time to sign-up for the Second Annual Super Service Saturday Event.

Mark your calendars for:

Saturday, May 2nd
from 10am - 6pm. (Supper - 5pm).

The cost will be \$15.00 for an individual or \$30 for a family of 3 or more.

Make checks payable to Epworth and write on the memo line: Super Service Saturday. Your money will cover a T-Shirt and Supper after the day is over. Bring a snack or small lunch to your project.

Sign-up in the Community Room.

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.

Alleluia Choir

Just a reminder that the Alleluia Choir has now finished practicing until the Fall. Thank you to all those who came. The Youth Choir will continue to practice on Wednesdays from 6pm to 6:30pm.

Men's Friday Breakfast

At 7:00 a.m. every Friday morning, a group of men gather for breakfast and devotions. Why not start your weekend off by joining in!



UM Women Style Show

United Methodist Women invite you to a Style Show Fashions by Christopher Banks, some of which will be modeled by our very own Epworth UMW. There will also be a Musical presentation. So join us on Saturday, April 18th at 2:00 p.m. at Wesley UMC, 1020 South Street, Elgin. There will be a buffet of some wonderful desserts and beverages.



A free-will offering will be taken to benefit the mission projects of Epworth and Wesley United Methodist Women.



Men of Faith class (Women are invited to join) starting next 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.

Pictorial Directory

We are in the process of updating our Pictorial directory. If you have moved, changed internet providers or have a new phone number, please let the office know as soon as possible.

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.

Don't forget Super Service Saturday on May 2nd from 10:00am to 6pm!



KWWWJ

(Kids Who Walk With Jesus)

It's EASTER.

We Kids:

1) WELCOMED our newest buddy to our Kids Who Walk With Jesus class!!!!

We Kids:

2) Are PROUD of our latest POSTER showcasing our CLUBHOUSE we built!!! Look for our PICTURES!!!

We Kids:

3) Received BOOKMARKS picturing Jesus and our Childcare Coordinator which will always tells us that Jesus is always with us. And We Kids will get EASTER stickers celebrating our reservation in Heaven with God thanks to OUR LOVE OF JESUS!!!

God bless, w/love and giggles,
Childcare Coordinator



Prayer Chain

Our Prayer Team is ready to take your needs and celebrations to the Lord in prayer. This team will lead the way with organizing a prayer chain of those who have expressed interest in being part of this ministry. Call the Church Office so that your joys and concerns will be prayed about and passed along the chain. If you are interested in being part of this Team, please give let us know and you will become part of this ministry.

Financial Statements

Help us conserve our costs by collecting your quarterly statement today! All statements are located on the table in the hallway outside the Sanctuary. Any remaining statements will be mailed out on Tuesday.

APRIL Rainbow Covenant Special Offering

[UM Volunteers North Central Division](#)

Our April Mission is to support the General Board of Global Ministries which is the global mission agency of The United Methodist Church, its annual conferences, missionary conferences, and local congregations. It is organized into eight program areas, the Women's Division, and General Administration.

The Gospel -- the Good News of God's love and gifts of redemption and reconciliation -- empowers the work of mission.

Making disciples, building up the church, alleviating suffering, and promoting justice, freedom, and peace are Global Ministries' mission goals.

Soup Kettle

Epworth helps at the Soup Kettle the third Tuesday of each month. The next date is Tuesday, April 21st at Zion Lutheran Church, 330 Griswold from 4:30 -6:45 p.m.

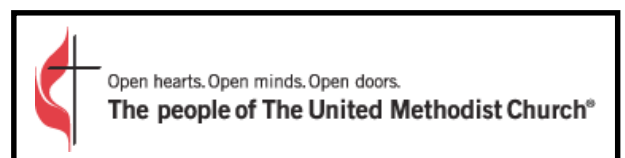
Our agenda is as follows:

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. Come for any or all of the time. For more information, contact the church office at 847-931-5400.





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 or a few hours?!

This is a 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.

Wednesday Evening Dinner

Come and join us for a delicious, hot Turkey dinner this Wednesday, April 15th from 5:30pm - 6:45pm. Come one, come all for fellowship and a no cooking dinner!!



You can eat whenever it's convenient.

Spring is here!



It is time to sign-up for softball. The season starts Saturday, April 25th. The cost again for this year is \$40.00. Please pay by May 2nd. It is our intention to have two teams again this year.

Book Club



The Book Club will meet this Wednesday, April 15th at 5:15 pm to discuss "Widow's War" by Sally Gunning. Come and join us for coffee, good discussion then followed by dinner here at Epworth.

For more information, please contact the Church Office at 847-931-5400.

Countdown

*** Only 20 days left until Green Expo ***

LIVE GREEN SAVE GREEN EARN GREEN

Saturday, April 25th
10:00am – 4:00pm

Elgin Community College
Fox Valley University & Business Center Building

1700 Spartan Drive in Elgin
Free Admission

Be a 'Green hero' it's easier than you think!

Bring the whole family and learn together what we can do in our homes, our business and community to create a more sustainable environment.

Presented by
Elgin Climate Change Organization – ECCO
Elgin Area Leadership Academy –
EALA www.slowglobalwarming.elgin.com



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 more.

There will be a bowlathon on May 17th that you can sponsor a bowler or you can bowl yourself and get pledges. See the display in the Community Room.

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.

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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 in the side pockets of the seating in the Sanctuary (along with the Hymnals). 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. - 12:30 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, April 12

Happy Easter!

6:30am - SunRise Worship Service
7:00am - 10:30am Boy Scout Pancake Breakfast
8:15am - Traditional Worship
10:30am - CONNECTIONS Worship
11:30am - Praise Worship

Monday, April 13

Office Closed

6:30pm - 9:00pm CTE Rehearsals
6:45pm - Worship Committee
7:00pm - Boy Scout Troop #128

Tuesday, April 14

5:30pm - Vision Team Meeting
6:00am - Walking Bible Study, at The Centre, Elgin
6:30pm - CTE Rehearsals / Beacon Praise Band Rehearsal
7:00pm - Finance Committee Meeting

Wednesday, April 15

6:00am - Bible Study at Panera Bread, South Elgin
5:30pm - Wednesday Evening Dinner
6:00pm - Youth Choir Practice
6:15pm - Staff Parish Committee Meeting
6:30pm - 9:00pm CTE Rehearsals
6:30pm - Wednesday Discovery Adults / Discovery Club for Kids

Wednesday, April 15 (Continued)

7:00pm - Adult Choir Practice

Thursday, April 16

9:15am - 10:15am Spring Senior Safety Academy
6:30pm - 9:00pm CTE Rehearsals
6:30pm - Cub Scout Pack 19, Den 1 & Den 5
6:30pm - UMW Event

Friday, April 17

Marriage Encounter Weekend, Bloomington, IL
7:00am - 8:00am Friday Guys-Men's Devotional Breakfast
7:00pm - ?pm Pastor's Get Acquainted Dinner at Parsonage

Saturday, April 18

Marriage Encounter Weekend, Bloomington, IL
9:00am - 3:00pm Confirmation Retreat
9:30am - 11:30am Disciple Bible Study-Jr. High Room
2:00pm - UMW 3rd Annual Fashion Show at Wesley UMC

Sunday, April 19

Marriage Encounter Weekend, Bloomington, IL
Men Of Faith Class / Manna Orders Taken
7:00am - Missions Committee Meeting
8:15am - Traditional Worship
9:10am - Blood Pressure Checks
9:20am - Sunday School
10:30am - CONNECTIONS Worship
11:30am - Praise Worship