

EPWORTH UMC

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Weekly Edition

Celebrations

Seventh Sunday Of Easter

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Flag Retirement
Ceremony

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Membership Inquiry TODAY

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.

Come to an Inquiry Session **today, from 9:30am to 10:20am. in the Sunrise Room (east of the Community Room).**

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.)



Flag Retirement Ceremony

Come and join us at the Carport today, at 9:30am as the Boy Scout Troop #128 hold their 12th Annual Flag Retirement Ceremony.

Father's Day

Give a donation to a Man in Need!

Similar to Mother's Day, the Worship Committee has decided that in lieu of giving a small gift to the fathers in our congregation, we would continue the tradition of asking for donations to support men in our Community. Like last year, our donations will go to PADS (Public Action To Deliver Shelter). With your help, we are asking people to bring in any of the following items:

- ◆ Adult Backpacks,
- ◆ Inexpensive Men's Wristwatches
- ◆ Walmart Gift Cards in the amounts of \$10.00 or \$15.00.

Please bring your items to church on Father's Day (June 21st). These gifts will bring hope to men in need! What better way to honor fathers struggling in our Community.



Epworth UMC Summer Worship Services at 8:15, 9:30 and 10:30 a.m.

Beginning June 7, and continuing thru Labor Day.

8:15 - 9:10 a.m. Traditional Service
9:30 - 10:15 a.m. CONNECTIONS Service
10:30 - 11:30 a.m. Praise Service



Thank You

those who prepared some delicious salads, breads, muffins and desserts as well as those who helped with the set-up and clean-up.

to everyone who supported the UM Women's Spring Salad Luncheon. Attendance was excellent. Special thanks to all

KWWWJ

(Kids Who Walk With Jesus)

Hey Everybody..... it's Spring.....

EVIE was our star child last Sunday..... We talked about being OUTSIDE and being FREE!!!! We discussed how 4 yr old Evie and her mom could go to any Church they wanted that morning. They had this FREEDOM because of military PERSONNEL OVER THE YEARS who fought for our Country. Brave soldiers still fight in countries TODAY for FREEDOM.

We talked about the fact that Memorial Day was coming TODAY and everyone could be outside... maybe at a parade... and that we were all FREE to go to such a parade or a picnic if we wanted to with our friends or family!!!

So let's honor a Veteran's memory or thank a soldier you know for this treasure -- our FREEDOM..... GOD BLESS OUR SOLDIERS, GOD BLESS OUR VETERANS!!!


WE ARE FREE IN THE U.S.A.!!!

w/ Red, White & Blue Pride,
Childcare Coordinator

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.





Open Minds. Open Hearts. Open Doors.
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May Rainbow Covenant Special Offering

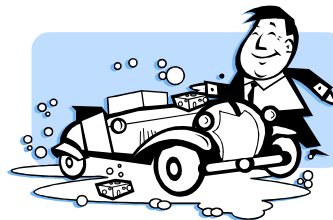
Northern Illinois Food Bank, a non-profit, 501(c)(3) charity organization and member of Feeding America (formerly America's Second Harvest - The Nation's Food Bank Network) was founded in May 1983 in Wheaton, Illinois and distributed 7,000 pounds of food in its first month. NIFB has grown tremendously in the past 24 years - distributing more than 22.5 million pounds of food in 2008 and currently serving over 520 food-assistance sites in 13 northern Illinois counties.

Men's Friday Breakfast

At 7:00 a.m. every Friday morning, a group of men gather for breakfast and devotions. Come on by before work or before you begin your day's chores.



Need Your Car Washed?



When: Saturday,
May 30th

Where:
Epworth UMC

Time: **9am – 2pm**

Cost: **Donations Appreciated**

The Boy Scout Troop #128 will be happy to wash your Car/SUV.

Evening Meal

Reminder - There will be no Wednesday Evening Meals until the Fall.

Bible Study & Exercise

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.





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.

May 31st: 2:00pm – 3:00pm – Youth planning session in the Youth Room. I need your ideas for Summer.

Questions: Contact the Church Office at 847-931-5400.

Rummage Sale



The date for the Rummage Sale is fast approaching, **June 19th from 9AM to 4PM and June 20th from 9AM to 2PM.** You can bring your clean, usable items to church beginning Sunday, June 14th. (No clothing please).

Help is needed all week for setting up, pricing, staffing the sale and taking down. **We especially need help picking up larger items, so if you have a pick-up and are willing to help, let us know.** Whether you can do one day or multiple days, your support would be greatly appreciated. A sign-up sheet has been placed in the Community Room.

For more information on how you can help, contact the Church Office at 847-931-5400.

Box Tops - Garfield School, Elgin

Don't forget to bring in the Box Tops for our Education project. These Box Tops Rewards will go to a school in our own community; Garfield School in Elgin. Each Box Top Coupon is worth 10¢.

Box Tops has helped America's schools earn **over \$250 million** in the past 12 years. Remember, Box Tops are available on so many products. If you are online type: check out their website at: www.boxtops4education.com.



Friendship Club Luncheon

Over 55? Come and join us at the next Friendship Club Luncheon. The June luncheon will be held on Wednesday, June 10th, 12:30pm at the Burnt Toast Restaurant at 2492 North Randall Road in Elgin.



Sign-up in the Community Room. To carpool, meet at the Church at 12:00pm. Any questions, please contact the Church Office at 847-931-5400.

Flower Chart

Would you like to purchase flowers for one of our Sunday Services?



All you need to do is sign-up and pay. Someone will pick them up and deliver them to church for you. If you would prefer to make a donation to Missions, in lieu of flowers, list it as Bread and Water when you sign-up. A pitcher and loaf of bread will be placed at the worship center to symbolize your gift.

To cut down on administration time we are asking that you pay when you sign-up. Please place a \$10 donation labeled for flowers or bread and water in the envelopes provided in the Community Room and place this into the large white envelope next to the flower chart.

If you have any questions, please contact the office.

Flower Hanging Baskets Just a few left ...



Just a few hanging baskets remain. New Creations Preschool reduced the price last week. The cost is now \$15.00 each or 2 for \$25.00. The hanging baskets are on the coat rods. Please make checks payable to New Creations Preschool and place your check on the desk in M3, the room next to the Nursery.



We have just received our check from the Benefit Bar for the month of March. The highest we've ever received; \$99.30. **Thanks** for all your searches on the internet!

Some of you may be asking what is the Benefit Bar? This Benefit Bar is a new way to earn money for Epworth ministries from the comfort of your own home.

What do I do? All you have to do is install the trusted and easy to use Benefit Bar onto your internet browser and continue to do your internet searches that you do each day. Each search will earn \$0.10.

How do I get it? Go to our website; www.epworthumcelgin.org, scroll down on the home page and you will see the details located on the right hand side. Or alternatively, contact the Church Office 847-931-5400, or Kara Berg at 773-412-8018, for your copy and instructions on how to use this amazing tool and start earning free \$\$ for Epworth just by clicking your mouse.

Going Green ... Do you wonder where all your garbage goes in Kane County?

1. Picking it up ...

Each recycling truck services about 800 houses each day. All recyclables (paper and containers) are mixed together, a process known as "Single Stream". Some companies use trucks with two compartments, one for recyclables and one for garbage.

2. Transfer to the Sorting Plant ...

When full, the trucks drive to a plant in South Elgin where the load is dumped. The mixed recyclables are loaded into a larger truck trailer and taken to Resource Management Company in Chicago Ridge (a south suburb). Most recyclables from Kane County go to either this sorting plant or a similar one in Grayslake.

An end loader pushes the mixed recyclables onto four conveyors. The sorting plant uses sophisticated technology to separate paper from containers. The mixed paper is then sorted into newspaper, cardboard, and mixed paper piles. The containers are separated into glass, aluminium, steel, and plastic piles. The plant sorts about 1,350 tons (that's 2.7 million pounds!) of recyclables each day. The process is mostly automated – only a few workers do a final sort for quality.

Only 6% of the material delivered to the plant ends up in a landfill. The residue is mostly Styrofoam, plastic bags, and other items which can't be recycled. (So remember to take your recyclable bags when you go shopping!)

4. Bales, Bales, Bales ...

After everything is sorted, each recyclable item is compressed into large bales, for ease of handling and shipping. Each bale measures about 5' x 5' x 4'. A bale of newspaper weighs about 2,200 pounds. A bale of PET soft drink bottles weighs 1,100 pounds.

5. Off to Market ...

Milk Jugs - Clear and colored (like laundry detergent) #2 HDPE bottles go to KW Plastics in Troy, Alabama. KW sorts and washes the bottles and turns them into pellets, which are sold to many companies to make new plastic products.

Aluminum Cans - are trucked to the Alcoa Company in Knoxville, Tennessee, where they are melted and formed into new aluminum cans.

Soda & Water Bottles - #1 PET bottles go to Mohawk Carpets in Rome, Georgia, where they are turned into new polyester carpeting.

"Tin" Cans - Actually made from steel, the baled cans are trucked to Inland Steel in Gary, Indiana. They are melted and made into a variety of new steel products – new cans, auto parts, bridges, etc.

Glass Bottles & Jars - are crushed into a sand-like consistency and shipped to several Midwestern companies who use the recycled sand to make fiberglass.

Newspapers - are loaded into rail boxcars and shipped to the Abitibi Consolidated Company in Ontario, Canada. Abitibi makes 100% recycled newsprint and sells some of it's newsprint to the Chicago Tribune.

Cardboard - is loaded onto shipping containers and sent to companies in China. There, it is made into "linerboard", the outer layer of cardboard boxes.

Mixed Paper - Old mail, magazines, and cereal boxes are trucked to the Rock-Tenn Company in Aurora, IL, where it is made into paperboard for book covers and bindings. Some mixed paper is also shipped to China to make paperboard and packing paper. (Source: www.co.kane.il.us)

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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, May 24

8:15am - Traditional Worship
9:30am - Membership Inquiry Session
9:30am - Scout Troop #128 Flag Retirement Ceremony
10:30am - CONNECTIONS Worship
11:30am - Praise Worship

Monday, May 25

Memorial Day – Office Closed

Tuesday, May 26

6:00am - Walking Bible Study, at The Centre, Elgin
6:30pm - Beacon Praise Band Rehearsal
7:00pm - Community Outreach Committee Meeting
7:00pm - Finance Committee Meeting

Wednesday, May 27

6:00am - Bible Study at Panera Bread, South Elgin
5:30pm - 6:45pm Freed-Up Financial Living Class
6:00pm - Youth Choir Practice
7:00pm - Adult Choir Practice

Thursday, May 28

6:30pm - Cub Scout Pack 19, Den 1 & Den 5
7:00pm - Prayer Shawl Ministry

Friday, May 29

7:00am - 8:00am Friday Guys-Men's Devotional Breakfast

Saturday, May 30

8:30am - Noon Education Summit
9:00am - Boy Scout Troop #128 Car Wash Fundraiser
9:30am - 11:30am Disciple Bible Study-Jr. High Room

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11:30am - Praise Worship
2:00pm - 3:00pm Mosaic Youth Group Planning Session

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