

# EPWORTH UMC

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Weekly Edition

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## Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost



Come and join us on Saturday, November 7<sup>th</sup> from 4pm - 7:30pm for a delicious opportunity for fellowship and fundraising here at Epworth.

Purchase your tickets now for this famous, mouth-watering recipe- \$8.00 in advance, \$10.00 at the door and \$5.00 for children. Each meal includes your choice of beef or pork BBQ sandwiches, chips, slaw, dessert and a beverage.

Take some tickets to sell in advance to your friends and neighbors. Invite them to come and get their taste of this classic family fare and enjoy a fun time.

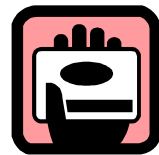
To purchase tickets, call or visit the church office-847-931-5400

## Blood Pressure Checks Today!

According to recent estimates, about one in three U.S. adults has high blood pressure, but because there are no symptoms, nearly one-third of these people don't know they have it. In fact, many people have high blood pressure for years without knowing it. Uncontrolled high blood pressure can lead to stroke, heart attack, heart failure or kidney failure. This is why high blood pressure is often called the "silent killer." The only way to tell if you have high blood pressure is to have your blood pressure checked. So stop by and get your blood pressure checked today, between services in the Community Room – it doesn't take long and no appointment is necessary!

Source: [www.americanheart.org](http://www.americanheart.org)

## Manna Orders Taken Today!



Give to Epworth through everyday shopping!! An easy way to participate in Manna gift certificate buying is simply order a certificate to a place that you shop often. Epworth will receive anywhere from 2% - 15% of the price of that certificate. Everyone comes out ahead! Order today by filling out an order from from the attendance folder or pick one up in the Community Room, drop it in the offering plate, or turn it in to the office, receive your order next Sunday then happy shopping!

The next order date will be November 1<sup>st</sup>. Questions, call the Church Office at 847-931-5400.

## World Community Day - November 6<sup>th</sup>

All Women of the Church are invited to celebrate World Community Day here at Epworth on Friday, November 6<sup>th</sup>, with the Elgin/South Elgin Church Women United. A covered dish luncheon at 12:30 p.m. will precede the program in the Sanctuary.

Gwen Kleinschmidt of Wesley UM Church is Chairman for the observance, "Piecing Earth Together." Bring your favorite dish to pass, table service and appetite for fellowship for this great event (and a friend or two). For more information call Lillian Mink or Carol Hecht.

*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.*

## 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, October 18: Crop Walk - we will once again do this Elgin area church event. The walk starts at the Civic Center in Downtown Elgin at 2pm. Pick up a sponsor form and start collecting sponsorships.

## Soup Kettle

Epworth helps at the Soup Kettle the third Tuesday of each month. Come and join us this Tuesday, October 20<sup>th</sup> 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.



## Sermon Seeds for October 25<sup>th</sup>

Mark 10:51-52

<sup>51</sup>"What do you want me to do for you?" Jesus asked him. The blind man said, "Rabbi, I want to see."

<sup>52</sup>"Go," said Jesus, "your faith has healed you." Immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus along the road.

Don't forget to sign up online for the Sermon Seeds E-Blast by going to [www.epworthumcelgin.org](http://www.epworthumcelgin.org) and clicking on the Community link, or follow [epworthumcelgin](#) on Twitter and Facebook.



A sincere and HUGE "THANK YOU" to each and every one of you that supported the Gingerbread Bazaar and Rummage Sale. From the numerous "worker bees" to those of you that so generously made donations, we couldn't have done it without you.



During our traditional "All Saint's Day" services on Sunday, November 1<sup>st</sup>, we will be remembering those members of our congregation who have died in the past 12 months. We'll read their names in a "Memorial Roll". If you have placed a name

on this list, there will be a candle for you to light "in remembrance" when their name is called. We are always happy to name friends and relatives of our congregation among the Saints. If you would like someone added to the "Roll of Saints", please contact the Church Office by Wednesday, October 28<sup>th</sup>.

## Make A Donation Today!

During the first week of November, Epworth will be having the farm house and barn on our property removed by Schneider Excavating.

Not only will this beautify the property, but it will help the church save money on property taxes we are paying. In order to do this we need to raise \$10,000. To-date we have raised \$2,250. Please help us achieve this goal by making a donation today!

## Church Office News

First of all I would like to thank everyone who helped out in the office while I took a two week vacation. Your help made my return a lot easier, thank you!

Secondly, I would like to thank everyone who helped out when the office and Pastor's study was remodeled, from moving furniture, painting, setting up cable lines, installing additional electrical outlets, moving and setting up computers, etc. Both rooms look wonderful.

*Office Manager*

## Rainbow Covenant

October's ministry for our Rainbow Covenant is the United Methodist Children's Fund for Christian Mission. Divided between 4 child-serving projects, this fund is all about "children helping children". It educates children, giving them the opportunity to learn about and donate to these projects; thus helping them understand the meaning of "being in mission".

## Boy Scout Kiddie Hike

Come visit the Kiddie Hike ¾ mile Trick or Treat Trail. Join the Scouts on October 24<sup>th</sup>, 1:30 - 4:00 PM. A \$6 admission will admit you to the fun! Activities will include Kid ID Program Registration, games for all ages, face painting, and treat bags full of goodies, great music and food. Also on-site Car Seat Inspections will be performed.

The event is open to the public. Join the Scouts at CAMP BIG TIMBER located at 37W955 Big Timber Road in Elgin. You do not have to be a Cub Scout or Boy Scout to enjoy this wonderful seasonal program. Bring the whole family for the 2009 Trick or Treat trail! For more information: visit <http://www.tfchauntedhike.org>.

## Helping Hands Network

Member Care Team is organizing a Helping Hands Network of caregivers, plumbers, electricians, landscapers, homemakers, etc. who can provide paid or unpaid services to members of Epworth UMC who need different kinds of help. Contact the Church Office at 847-931-5400 with your name, number, and service you are willing to provide.

## Ministry and Leadership at Epworth

Pick up a Ministry and Leadership form today in the Community Room. Review the form and take a look at each ministry team, nominate yourself or someone else that you believe would be a great match of interest and talents/gifts for the ministry area. Return the form to the office, there is drop box next to the door if the office is closed. While you're there, take a peek at the recently remodeled office.

## 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 they continue the discussion about Genesis.

## Wednesday Evening Dinners

Come and join us this Wednesday, October 21<sup>st</sup> from 5:30pm - 6:45pm. We will be serving Waffles and Pumpkin Waffles. Come one, come all for fellowship and no cooking dinner!! You can eat whenever it's convenient. Mark your calendars; we will be enjoying a Mexican Fiesta on October 28<sup>th</sup>. Questions, contact the Church Office at 847-931-5400.

## Married Couples:

Husbands and wives spend immense amounts of time on their job, careers, children and leisure. How much time do you spend just for the two of you as a couple? You can learn how to make the most of your time and relationship. Attend the Marriage Encounter United Methodist Weekend on November 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>, in Burr Ridge, IL. To make a reservation, go online at [www.ilencounter.org](http://www.ilencounter.org), [www.encounter.org](http://www.encounter.org) or call Jack and Yvonne Hall at 309-965-2343. Registrations need to be in by October 23<sup>rd</sup>.



## Elgin Joins Most Widespread Day Of Climate Action In History 2000 + Events Around The World

Next Saturday, October 24, people from around Elgin will gather to distribute and plant 350 trees as part of the largest global day of climate action ever. The event - one of more than 2,000 rallies in more than 140 nations - is coordinated by ECCO, LWV-Elgin Area, Davey Tree, Gail Borden Library and 350.org to urge world leaders to take fast and effective action on global warming. This is the first global campaign ever organized around a scientific data point: 350 parts per million CO2 is the safe upper limit for the atmosphere according to the latest scientific data.

WHAT: 350 Norway Spruce plantings are free to the first 350 library visitors. Simultaneously, people in every corner of the world will be taking similar action, from climbers with 350 banners high on the melting slopes of Mount Everest to government officials in the Maldiv Islands holding an underwater cabinet meeting to demand action on climate change before their nation disappears.



WHEN: October 24, 2009 from 9:30 AM to 10:30 AM  
WHERE: Gail Borden Public Library, 270 Grove, Elgin  
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:  
Photos from the event will be available at: <http://ecco-foxvalley.net/blog/>.



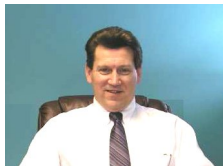
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See us at:

[www.epworthumcelgin.org](http://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, October 18

MANNA Orders Today / Blood Pressure Checks between services  
8:30am - Traditional Worship  
9:45am - Men, Song & Fellowship, Sanctuary/Sunday School for all  
11:00am - Praise Worship  
2:00pm - Mosaic Youth Group: CROP Walk  
3:00 - 5:00pm - Discipleship Study, Upper Conf. Room

### Monday, October 19

7:00pm - Boy Scout Troop #128 Meeting

### Tuesday, October 20

6:00am - Walking Bible Study at The Centre in Elgin  
4:30 - 6:45pm - Soup Kettle at Zion Lutheran Church  
6:30pm - Church Council Meeting with Trustees  
7:30pm - Stewardship Team Meeting

"You can preach a better sermon with your life than with your lips."

*Oliver Goldsmith*

### Wednesday, October 21

6:00am - Bible Study at Panera Bread, South Elgin  
5:30pm - Evening Dinners at Epworth / Alleluia Choir Rehearsal  
6:00pm - Technology Team Meeting  
6:00pm - 6:30pm - Youth Choir Rehearsal  
6:15pm - Staff Parish Team Meeting  
6:30pm - 7:30pm - Discovery Club on Balcony  
7:00pm - Adult Choir

### Thursday, October 22

6:30 - 8:00pm - Cub Scout Pack #19, M5  
7:00 - 9:00pm - W.U.S.C. Study Group

### Friday, October 23

7:00am - Friday Guys Devotional

### Sunday, October 25

8:30am - Traditional Worship  
9:45am - Sunday School for all  
11:00am - Praise Worship