

EPWORTH UMC

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Weekly Edition

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First Sunday After Christmas

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UM Men's Monthly Breakfast

A new year is just around the corner and with that in mind a new date has been established for the Men's monthly breakfast. They will now meet the 2nd Sunday of each month at 7:00am. So mark your calendars for the new date and come and enjoy a delicious breakfast and hearty discussions. The fellowship is always excellent!

The next breakfast will be on Sunday, February 14th at 7:00am.

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

Food Pantry



For January, Epworth is putting out a plea for Baby items such as Baby Wipes, Cereal, Formula, etc.

Please bring in your non-perishable food and supply items to worship on Sunday, January 3rd 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.

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"!



Flower Chart



The first 6 months of our 2010 Flower Chart is now on display in the Community Room. If you would like to purchase the 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 on the altar to symbolize your gift.



To cut down on administration time we ask that you pay when you sign-up. Please place a \$10 donation labeled for flowers or bread and water in the envelopes provided and place this into the large white envelope next to the flower chart. If you have any questions, please contact the office.

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 - Enjoy the weekend with your family...

Sunday, January 3rd - 1pm - Youth Club meeting and bible study. Begin leg 2 of Amazing Bible Race.

Sunday, January 10th - 1pm - Youth Club meeting and bible study.

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.



KWWWJ (Kids Who Walk With Jesus)

ON THE BEAUTIFUL "BRIGHT" God SIDE:

We had a cake and candles on Treat Sunday. So when we ask, "Whose birthday is on Christmas? Our kids answer 'JESUS'!!....and the Christmas Message is loved again!

ON THE "LIGHT" SIDE: *For God so loved the world, He didn't send a committee!

ON THE "CHRISTIAN (CHRIST ONE) SIDE": *Let go... and let God.



Love to my Church Family,
Childcare Coordinator

PADS

PADS is an ecumenical ministry to provide shelter for the homeless. Epworth supplies volunteers to help the second Wednesday/Thursday each month. The next date is Wednesday, January 13th and Thursday, January 14th. If you are able to give the gift of time, please contact the Church Office at 847-931-5400.

New Class at New Creations Preschool



New Creations Preschool is very excited to be opening a new morning class for children 3 to 5 years old on Tuesdays and Thursdays starting in January! If you know of anyone looking for a preschool where their child can learn in a loving and caring atmosphere, please have them call Penny at New Creations Preschool at (847) 931-5088.

Demolition Update

We have reached our goal! A very big **thank you** to everyone who kindly donated to the excavating costs for the removal of the Olwin house and Barn. Every goal we accomplish is due to your collective kindness and support. Thank you for helping.

Mosaic Youth Group Needs Your Help!

The Youth Group is planning a Mission trip to Rosebud Reservation in Mission, South Dakota for Summer 2010. We are taking 14 youth and 6 adult leaders. The total cost for the trip is an estimated \$10,000. You can help us out.

Ways you can help:

1. Sponsor a youth for a day - \$50
2. Donate your 7 passenger vehicle for the week - priceless
3. Donate an item for silent auction/raffle - limitless
4. Buy a ticket to spaghetti dinner - tickets go on sale Sunday, January 3rd
5. Purchase a mini tube of M&M's and return in 56 days full of quarters. (begins 1/23)
6. Pray for those going on the trip.



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Rainbow Covenant – Last Chance



December's ministry for our Rainbow Covenant is the Red Bird Mission, a non-profit agency located in the Appalachian mountains of Southeastern Kentucky, empowers individuals and advocates justice by providing educational, health, and community outreach ministries to area low-income residents. Areas of ministry: Education; K-12 Christian School, Residential Dormitories, Early Childhood Development, Health and Wellness; Medical and Dental Clinic and Lab, Pharmacy, X-Ray, Public Health, Community

Outreach: Community Aid Ministries, Elderly and Family Ministries, Economic Opportunities: Community Store, Craft Marketing, Community Housing Improvement: Work Camp, Home Repair, Mission Facilities. Visit our Mission Board in the Community Room for further details.

Live Nativity a Big Success

Last Sunday, Epworth UMC hosted its third annual Live Nativity for the community around Elgin. This year the Nativity featured live sheep, goats and a llama, a children's fair in the SonRise Room full of fun art projects, and a stocking stuffer service project, to benefit PADS of Elgin. The children stuffed the stockings until they ran out and over 20 stockings and 30 zip lock bags were donated for the holidays. Also, a free-will spaghetti dinner served over 120 meals to the community and raised over \$400 in donations. It was a wonderful evening, fun for the whole family! Many people, too many to name, were instrumental in planning and creating such a wonderful community event. Much thanks goes out to all that helped.



Sermon Seeds for January 3rd

John 1:1-2

The Word Became Flesh

¹In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was with God in the beginning.

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.



Open hearts. Open minds. Open doors.

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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, December 27

8:30am - Traditional Worship

9:45am - Sunday School for all

11:00am - Praise Worship

1:00pm - Spanish Language Worship service

Monday, December 28

1:00pm - Member Care Team Meeting, Upper Conf. Room

7:00pm - Boy Scout Troop #128 Meeting

Tuesday, December 29

6:00am - Walking Bible Study at The Centre in Elgin

Wednesday, December 30

6:00am - Bible Study at Panera Bread, South Elgin

5:30pm - Evening Dinners at Epworth / Alleluia Choir Rehearsal

6:00pm - 6:30pm - Youth Choir Rehearsal

6:30pm - 7:30pm - Discovery Club on Balcony

7:00pm - Adult Choir

Friday, January 1



Sunday, January 3

Manna Orders Taken Today!

Food Pantry Sunday: Baby Items

8:30am - Traditional Worship

9:45am - Sunday School for all

9:45am - Men, Song & Fellowship, M5

11:00am - Praise Worship

1:00pm - Spanish Language Worship Service

1:00pm - Mosaic Youth Group, Bible Study & Meeting

3:00pm - 5:00pm - Discipleship Study, Upper Conf. Room



Please help us keep our Church Tidy. Our Custodian, is taking his vacation and will not return until Monday, January 11th. Thank You!