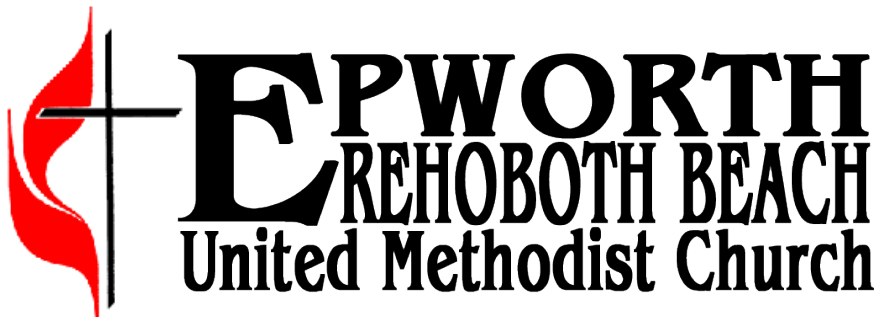




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Sunday, May 2, 2021

10:00 A.M.

Welcome to Epworth!

Sunday indoor Worship—10 a.m.

Starting March 21

(Reservations required and COVID social distancing requirements will be required)

Call the church office at 227-7743 to reserve

Sunday Live stream Worship—10 am

YouTube: Epworth UMC Rehoboth Beach DE

ASL Interpretation on YouTube:

Epworth UMC ASL Rehoboth Beach, DE

Epworth Staff

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Minister of Music: Doug Yetter
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 Administrative Assistant: Barbara Kurtz
 Lead Interpreter: Sandy Davis ... Accompanist: Linda Jo Hess
 Sound Tech: Ben Carper ... Video Production ... Thomas Vyas
 Preschool Director: Betsy Plowman ... Nursery: Cathy Crawford
 Custodian: Wanda Hudson ... Maintenance: Mike Harrigan
 Cemetery Superintendent: Jay Stevenson



VISION: Exploring Faith,
 Embracing Community;
MISSION: Inviting, Belonging,
 Connecting, Caring.

STRUCTURE:

Four Ministry Teams

Inviting Team

Inclusive Ministries, Food Ministries, Ecumenical/Interfaith, Social Justice

Belonging Team

Small Groups, Belongings, Sunday School, All Age Level Groups

Connecting Team

Worship, Music, Conferences, Retreats

Caring Team

Good Sam, Missions, Pastoral Care Team, Care Ministries

Affiliating with other United Methodists for greater inclusiveness through the Reconciling Ministries Network

THIS SUNDAY

Discernment: We hear the Holy Spirit's guidance and make the best decisions when we listen to one another.

Next Sunday, May 9, 2021

6th Sunday of Easter

Worship Series: Communal Practices

Care for the Earth: God instructs people to give the earth a Sabbath, demonstrating a respect and concern for the planet.

Focal lesson: Leviticus 25:107

Preacher: Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

Long-Term Prayer Concerns

are on page 4 during the virus

Attendance last weekend, April 25, 2021

10:00 am	Sunday Live stream	ASL	Total
116	189	4	309
	(as of 4/28)		

Our Spring Newsletter is Out

Read it online (eumcrb.org) or call the church office.

✠ WE GATHER IN COMMUNITY ✠

Prelude		Doug Yetter
Gathering in Prayer	<i>Deep (Way Down)</i>	Praise! Team
Welcome & Sharing the Mission & Ministry of Epworth		Pastor Bo
*Opening Hymn	<i>Come, Christians, Join To Sing</i>	
Children's Celebration		Pastor Bo

✠ WE ENGAGE THE WORD ✠

Sequence Hymn	<i>Praise The Source Of Faith And Learning</i>	
New Testament Lesson	<i>Acts 15:22-31</i>	Mike Ryan
Anthem	<i>Lord, Lead Me, Lord....</i> Gilbert M. Martin	Epworth Chancel Choir
We Pray for our Pastor		Mike Ryan
Sermon	<i>Discernment:</i>	Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith
We hear the Holy Spirit's guidance and make the best decisions when we listen to one another.		
Sharing Our Gifts	<i>Offerings are given through check, on-line giving, Texting at 302-488-0038</i>	
	<i>Bless your heart for supporting our ministries!</i>	
Offertory:	<i>Help From Heaven</i>	
Prayer of Confession		Pastor Bo
Words of Assurance		Pastor Vicki
*The Great Thanksgiving Prayer		
The Lord's Prayer		UMH 895
Sharing the Bread and Cup		

✠ WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD ✠

Benediction & Three-fold Amen		
Sending Forth	<i>What A Friend</i>	
Postlude		Doug Yetter, organ

❖ = Please stand as you are able; \$ = congregational response



This Week at Epworth

SUNDAY, MAY 2

10:00 a.m. In House and On-line Worship
11:30 a.m. Connective Group
1:00 p.m. Food & Love To Go

MONDAY, MAY 3

CLOSED—Phone calls only 8:30 a.m.—4:30 p.m.
4:00 p.m. First State Tutoring
4:00 p.m. SPRC

TUESDAY, MAY 4

CLOSED—Phone calls only 8:30 a.m.—4:30 p.m.
9:00 a.m.– 12:00 p.m.—Good Sam Food Take-Out
1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting

WEDNESDAY, MAY 5

CLOSED—Phone calls only 8:30 a.m.—4:30 p.m.
1:00 p.m. Choir Practice
4:00 p.m. First State Tutoring
5:30 p.m. Memorial Bells

THURSDAY, MAY 6

CLOSED—Phone calls only 8:30 a.m.—4:30 p.m.
2:00 p.m.—4:00 p.m.—Good Sam Food Take-Out

FRIDAY, MAY 7

CLOSED—Phone calls only 8:30 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, MAY 8

CLOSED

Bulletins for the month of May are sponsored in loving memory of Robert Greenawalt's death 8 years ago, May 5, by his Wife and Family.

Chancel Flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Robert Greenawalt's death 8 years ago, May 5, by his Wife and Family.

Acolyte:

Sound: Ben Carper, Mickie McManamon, Noah Ryan, Tommy Vyas, Alex Tamburello

Church Offerings

During these tough times of COVID, the day-to-day operational expenses of the church are still on-going. If you are not attending our in-house worship services and you don't already give electronically, please remember to mail your offerings to the church at 19285 Holland Glade Road, Rehoboth Beach, DE, 19971 or call the church office to find out how you can start giving electronically, 302-227-7743.

Sponsors for Chancel Flowers Needed

Since Epworth is opening up for in-house services, we are again in need of sponsors for Chancel Flowers beginning May, 2021. Please call the church office at 227-7743 or email Barb at bkurtz@epworth.faith.

COVID-19 Relaunch Plan Update

- ❖ Live Stream Worship is on Facebook and YouTube at 10:00 a.m. Join us at 10:00 a.m. Sundays! Subscribe and click the Bell.
- ❖ We live stream an ASL-interpreted version of the worship service at 10:00 a.m. on our YouTube ASL Channel. Be sure to subscribe and click the Bell.
- ❖ Good Sam Food Ministry & Soup Kitchen are OPEN. Food is available to anybody with an emergency need for food—Dive-up/walk-up service at our Oceanside Entrance. Tuesdays from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon, Thursdays from 2:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. and Sundays from 1:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m. with a hot meal from the Soup Kitchen. Food and monetary donations to restock our supplies are accepted at the Bayside entrance (drive-up) under the steeple during these hours or electronically on our Giving page, simply designate "Good Sam" on the comment line.
- ❖ Your continued financial support of the ministries of Epworth UMC by donating your time, food for the hungry, and financial support shines a light in the darkness of the COVID-19 crisis. Your may mail your check to the church office, give electronically at www.eumcrb.org/give or by texting GIVE to 302-488-0038 on your SmartPhone.

Sponsors for Bulletins & Newsletters Needed

We are in need of sponsors for the bulletins and newsletters for 2021. Here is what is needed: Bulletins for June, August, November & December. Newsletters for June/July/August, September/October/November and December/January/February. Please call the church office at 227-7743 and ask for Debbie.

Sunday School Online!

Please find Sunday School lessons, story sheets, spiritual practice suggestions, and craft sheets online on our website, eumcrb.org, for younger and older elementary children. We give thanks for Connie Holdridge and Linda BenderHilt for making the story recordings.

Construction Seaside Outlets 4/5—5/3

There will be construction going on from April 5 until May 3 in the Seaside Outlets and it will be very hard to exit that way. They suggest we try and avoid it.

coronavirus.delaware.gov/testing/



You can help stop the spread.

Find a testing site near you.

Inviting, Belonging, Connecting, Caring

Caring Pathway - Prayer List

**Names printed in Italics indicate additions to our prayer list this week.*

MAY 2, 2021

CONCERNS

Mary Ann Balcer-Cohen
Beebe Hospital Staff
Melda Bengston
Karen Bengston
Cathy Benson
Bill Bernhart
Gavin Birl
Andy Brangenberg
Nancy Brooks
Al Brown
Stu Bruce
Judy Buchanan
Bob Buchmann
Anne Buck
Margaret & Tom Cahall
Roger Caffier
Lynn Davis
Juliette Fath Downes
Emmalane Ewing
Bob Frame, Sr.
Joe Gentry
Susie Gorecki
Daryl Grimes
Andrea Harmer
Cecilia Hartman
Candice Highfield
Linda Hess & Family
Ray Hilt
Wanda Hummel
Dee Keaney
Barbara Kurtz
Paulette Lewandowski
Patrick Mahan
Jerry Mahon
Nora Mastrippolito
Ron Paxton
Peg Peet
Gary Ralph
Tahiry Rappo
Bill Robinson
Everly Arden Robinson
Barb Rowe
Dorothy & John Sadler
Fred & Sharyn Smith
George Smith
Hank Smith
Sue Spencer
Wave Starnes
Noreen Strohmenger
Chris Tyler

Laura Unruh
Rosemarie Van Ingen
Dan Wine
Gloria Woodson

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

5/2—Jim & Gayle Brebner
4/3—Walt Smith & Janet Taylor Smith
4/4—Linda & Stu Bruce
50+ years—CONGRATULATIONS!

SYMPATHIES

CONTINUED PRAYERS

HOMEBOUND, HOSPICE OR LONG TERM CARE

Connie Horne, Harbor Health +
Leon Cromer, Harbor Health +
Linda Rooney
Quinn Smith
Jesse Vyas, home w/ hospice
Lynn Aurand, Hospice

IN HEALTHCARE FACILITIES

BRANDYWINE

MEN & WOMEN OF OUR ARMED FORCES

Kristen Bakkegard, U.S.N.
Bradley Bliton, U.S.A.F.
Chase Collins, U.S.A.
Logan Collins, U.S.A.
Mark Freda, U.S.A.F.
Megan Gravette, U.S.N.A. Plebe
Capt. Michael Holdridge, USMC
Michael Knight, U.S.A.F.
James Lanman, U.S.N.G.
Matthew McMeekin, U.S.N.
Brendan Neagle, U.S.M.C.
Stephen James Norris, U.S.N.
Elena Rooney, U.St.S.A.
Chadd Shirk, U.S.M.C.
Luke Wilson, U.S.C.G. Cadet

SERVICEMEN/ WOMEN IN HARMS WAY:

Michael Sakurai Will, US Army Ft.

Jackson, stationed in Alaska
Luke Wilson, USCG Mohawk,
Key West

RED CROSS VOLUNTEERS:

Ed Scarborough

GOOD SAM MOBILE PRAYER LIST:

