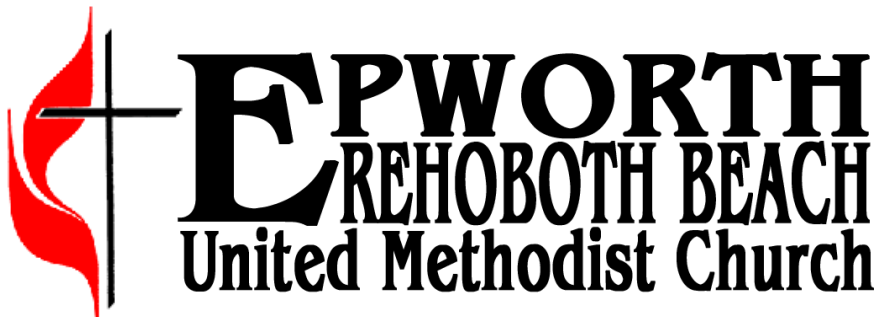




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Sunday, May 9, 2021

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



### THIS SUNDAY

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

Next Sunday, May 16, 2021

7th Sunday of Easter/Ascension Sunday

Worship Series: Communal Practices

**Stewardship: Everything belongs to God.**

**God entrusts us to care for these resources and use them to bless others.**

Focal lesson: Psalm 24

Preacher: Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

#### Epworth Staff

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Pastor of Community & Communication  
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Minister of Music: Doug Yetter  
Coordinator of Caring Ministries: Mickie McManamon  
Office Manager: Darlene Ford ... Special Projects: Debbie Hunt  
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*

### Long-Term Prayer Concerns

are on page 4 during the virus

### Attendance last weekend, May 2,-2021

| 10:00 am | Sunday Live stream | ASL | Total |
|----------|--------------------|-----|-------|
| 143      | 119                | 4   | 266   |
|          | (as of 5/6)        |     |       |

#### Our Spring Newsletter is Out

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

☞ WE GATHER IN COMMUNITY ☛

|                                                     |                                |              |
|-----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------|
| Prelude                                             |                                | Doug Yetter  |
| Gathering in Praise                                 | <i>Blessed Be Your Name</i>    |              |
| Welcome & Sharing the Mission & Ministry of Epworth |                                | Pastor Vicki |
| *Opening Hymn                                       | <i>The Earth Is The Lord's</i> |              |
| Children's Celebration                              |                                | Pastor Vicki |

☞ WE ENGAGE THE WORD ☛

|                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                                             |                         |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Sequence Hymn                                                                                         | <i>Heaven Waits With Eager Longing</i>                                                                                                      |                         |
| Hebrew Bible Lesson                                                                                   | <i>Leviticus 25:1-7</i>                                                                                                                     | Kathy Shook             |
| Anthem                                                                                                | <i>What A Wonderful World...</i> Bob Thiele/George David Weiss                                                                              | Epworth Chancel Choir   |
| We Pray for our Pastor                                                                                |                                                                                                                                             | Kathy Shook             |
| Sermon                                                                                                | <i>Care for the Earth:</i>                                                                                                                  | Rev. Dr. Bo Gordy-Stith |
| God instructs people to give the earth a Sabbath, demonstrating a respect and concern for the planet. |                                                                                                                                             |                         |
| Sermon Response                                                                                       | <i>All Good Gifts</i>                                                                                                                       |                         |
| Sharing Our Gifts                                                                                     | <i>Offerings are given through check, on-line giving, Texting at 302-488-0038</i><br><i>Bless your heart for supporting our ministries!</i> |                         |
| Offertory:                                                                                            | <i>Counting Every Blessing</i>                                                                                                              |                         |
| Prayers of Response                                                                                   |                                                                                                                                             | Pastor Vicki            |
| The Lord's Prayer                                                                                     | <i>(sung responsively)</i>                                                                                                                  |                         |

☞ WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD ☛

|                               |                              |                    |
|-------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------|
| Sending Forth                 | <i>The Way (New Horizon)</i> |                    |
| Benediction & Three-fold Amen |                              | Pastor Bo          |
| Postlude                      |                              | Doug Yetter, organ |

❖ = Please stand as you are able; § = congregational response



## *This Week at Epworth*

### **SUNDAY, MAY 9**

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 10**

CLOSED—Phone calls only 8:30 a.m.—4:30 p.m.  
1:00 p.m. WINGS  
4:00 p.m. First State Tutoring

### **TUESDAY, MAY 11**

CLOSED—Phone calls only 8:30 a.m.—4:30 p.m.  
10:00 a.m.- 12:00 p.m.—Good Sam Food Take-Out  
1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting

### **WEDNESDAY, MAY 12**

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

### **THURSDAY, MAY 13**

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  
2:00 p.m. Choir Practice  
6:30 p.m. Praise! Team Practice

### **FRIDAY, MAY 14**

CLOSED—Phone calls only 8:30 a.m.—12:00 p.m.  
10:00 a.m. Visitation  
11:00 a.m. Al Abrams Memorial Service

### **SATURDAY, MAY 15**

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 sponsored by Epworth.

**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](mailto:bkurtz@epworth.faith).

[coronavirus.delaware.gov/testing/](https://coronavirus.delaware.gov/testing/)

### **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](http://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](http://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—5/15**

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.



**You can help stop the spread.**

**Find a testing site near you.**

# Caring Pathway - Prayer List

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

**MAY 9, 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

50+ years—CONGRATULATIONS!

## SYMPATHIES

- ❖ To Sandy David, family & friends, on the death of her niece.
- ❖ To the family, friends and her four-legged furry friends, especially Roxie, on the death of Jean Waters, 5/2.

## 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:



**DEMONSTRATING CARE**