



Sunday, October 3, 2021



Welcome to Epworth!

Sunday Worship in-person & livestream
9:00 Contemporary & 11:00 Traditional

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*VISION: Explore Faith,
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*MISSION: Inviting, Belonging,
Connecting, Caring*

All Means All

As a Reconciling Ministries Network congregation, we welcome all people, regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity, to share their prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness.



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Contemporary Worship Order

October 3, 2021 9:00 a.m.

WE GATHER IN COMMUNITY

Praise Song *Made To Worship*
Welcome Pastor Vicki
Song *This Is Amazing Grace*
Children's Celebration Pastor Bo

WE ENGAGE THE WORD

Song *Ancient Words*
Good News *Mark 6:6-13* Kathryn Burgwin
Song *Ancient Words (cont.)*
We Pray for our Pastor Kathryn Burgwin
Sermon Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith
*Community: Many-Gifted Collaborators:
Two By Two*

Sharing Our Gifts online, by texting GIVE to
302-488-0038, or in boxes at the main doors
Praise Offering *For Everyone Born*
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 Pastor Vicki
Sending Song *God Is Good All The Time*



Next Sunday: Community: Many-Gifted
Collaborators: All Hands on Deck
(Acts 6:1-7)

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Traditional Worship Order

October 3, 2021 11:00 a.m.

WE GATHER IN COMMUNITY

Welcome & Call to Worship Pastor Vicki
Opening Hymn *We Are God's People*
Morning Prayer Pastor Vicki
Response *This Is My Song*

WE ENGAGE THE WORD

Good News *Mark 6:6-13* Mark Horne
Choir Anthem *I Am Not Afraid*
We Pray for our Pastor Mark Horne
Sermon Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith
*Community: Many-Gifted Collaborators:
Two By Two*
Response *We All Are One In Mission*
Sharing Our Gifts *online, by texting GIVE to
302-488-0038, or in boxes at the main doors*
Offertory *The Welcome Table*
Prayer of Confession Pastor Bo
Words of Assurance Pastor Vicki
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The Lord's Prayer UMH 895
Sharing the Bread and Cup

WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD

Sending Forth
The Spirit Sends Us Forth To Serve
Benediction Pastor Vicki



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Calendar & Announcements

SUNDAY, OCT. 3

- 9:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship/[Livestream](#)
9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Free Flu Shots in FH
11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship/[Livestream](#)
1:00 p.m. Food & Love To Go
1:30 p.m. Blessing of the Animals

MONDAY, OCT. 4

- 2:30 p.m. Preschool Board Meeting
5:00 p.m. Skatepark Board Meeting

TUESDAY, OCT. 5

- 10 a.m.- 12 p.m.—Good Sam Food Take-Out
1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
5:45 p.m. Meditation
6:00 p.m. SPRC

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 6

- 5:30 p.m. Memorial Bells
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

THURSDAY, OCT. 7

- 2 p.m.—4 p.m.—Good Sam Food Take-Out
6:30 p.m. Praise Team Practice

FRIDAY, OCT. 8

No Church Meetings

SATURDAY, OCT. 9

- 8:00 a.m. Prayer On Wheels Cycling Group

Chancel Flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of Dave & Jean Waters by Janet Hroncich & Joanne Arehart.

Tech Team: Scott Button, Ben Carper, Bo Gordy-Stith, Shaun Redick, Noah Ryan, Thomas Vyas

To serve as an Acolyte: contact Gwen Osborne gosborne@epworth.faith or 302-227-7743, x.108

See the latest [Newsletter](#)

Check out our [Adult Groups this fall](#).

COVID-19 Information

Face masks are required in worship and during the week at Epworth for everyone for safety.

State of Delaware [COVID-19 Testing Info](#)

State of Delaware [COVID-19 Vaccine Plan](#)

Church Offerings—Thank You!

You may contribute your offering at the door, [online](#), by texting Give to 302-488-0038, or by mailing your check to Epworth at 19285 Holland Glade Rd. Rehoboth Beach, DE, 19971.

Get Your Flu Shot Today—October 3

This Sunday, Beebe Healthcare is sponsoring a Flu Vaccination Clinic at Epworth UMC after the 9 am and 11 am service in Fellowship Hall.

Blessing of the Animals—October 3, 2021

Our annual Blessing of the Animals service will be held today, October 3, at 1:30 p.m. The service will be held under the Bayside Portico, facing Royal Farms. All animals are welcome, but must be accompanied by their owners. There will be a memorial table to remember all the loving and caring animals that have enriched our lives. Bring a picture, candle or remembrance of your loving pet to place on the table during the service. If you would like to bring a bag or can of dog/cat food we will donate to our local shelter.

Peace Week Delaware

From October 2-10, 2021, peace-loving people across our state will celebrate [Peace Week Delaware](#)—a statewide series of events and actions raising awareness and hope for peace in our communities, nation, and world.

Building Bridges by Breaking Bread - A Peace Week Delaware Event - 7 pm Tuesday Oct. 5

Join this Seaside Jewish Community-sponsored Zoom event featuring a diverse representation of global cuisine, including African American, Moroccan, Chinese, and Israeli, during four speaker presentations. Register [here](#) for link.

Family Promise Event: A Night Without A Bed

Friday October 8 starting 4 pm at the Lewes City Park at the Overfalls, to raise awareness about families experiencing homelessness, spend a "Night Without A Bed", camping on the grounds by the Overfalls or sleeping in your car. Along with food and games, there will be presentations by the Board of Family Promise and by the Board of the Overfalls Foundation. Rain date is October 15th.

A Celebration of Life for Paula Turek Simpson will be held on Thursday, October 14 at 3 pm

at the Rehoboth Beach Yacht and Country Club. The service will be held outside, weather permitting, and will also be available by Zoom. If you plan on attending or would like a Zoom link, please call or text Susan Self (302-245-6193) by October 4.

Wed. Zoom Group Oct. Focus: Find Your Place

We'll get to hear from ministry leaders each Wednesday focusing on a different area of ministry involvement at Epworth: Inviting, Caring, Connecting, and Belonging. See [Epworth.faith](#) for more information.

WAVE Youth Rally is ON - January 7-9, 2022

We'll get to hear from ministry leaders each at the Roland E. Powell Convention Center Youth from both Peninsula-Delaware and Baltimore-Washington conferences met in July where they came up with a new name - WAVE - and a new logo! We had over 25 ideas for the name, but when 45 people can unanimously decide on a name, you know it's God-

inspired! It's important to know that the event is still youth designed and driven, still held at the Ocean City Convention Center and still focused on connecting youth to Christ and one another in fun and powerful ways.

To register and learn everything about Wave 2022, visit the website: <https://waveoc.org>

On August 31, Bishop LaTrelle Miller Easterling

held a town hall outlining what we can expect from our affiliation with the Baltimore Washington Annual Conference, effective September 1, 2021. Follow this [link](#) to meet our new Bishop virtually.

Opportunities to Serve at Epworth

Help Deliver Food once a month in our Partnership with Beebe Hospital

Join the Epworth—Seaside—Beebe Team with delivering food to recently discharged Sussex County residents who are food disadvantaged. We deliver to Sussex County the 2nd Wednesday morning of each month with an approximate 4-5 hour commitment. For more information, contact Carol Woodcock at 302-668-7963 or email clwoodcock@comcast.net. We would love to have you join us.

Good Sam ministry has openings for volunteers passionate about feeding the hungry.

The job description is a 2 ½ to 3 hour commitment, with 15-30 minutes for set up and take down and 2 hours giving out food to people in need. The volunteer days are Sunday from 1-3 pm, Tuesday from 10 to noon and Thursday from 2-4 pm. All of it is supervised so no one is ever on their own and there are 3 team members per shift to help with the distribution. Contact David Streit at 240-207-2500 or david@commoditywx.com.

Sponsors for Chancel Flowers Needed

Since Epworth is opening up for in-person worship services, we are again able to offer the opportunity to sponsor Chancel Flowers in celebration or in memory of someone. Please contact Barbara Kurtz at 227-7743 x100 or bkurtz@epworth.faith

Flower Deliverers Needed

The Flower Delivery Ministry is in need of volunteers to help deliver flower arrangements one Monday a month. These arrangements are created by our Flower Design Ministry every Sunday by repurposing the Chancel flowers. They are then delivered each Monday to members who are shut-ins, residents in care facilities or others who could use some flowers to brighten their days. If interested in delivering or to receive more information, please email

Dee Speck at dspeck206@gmail.com or call/text at 302-853-2305. Thank you!

Food Ministry Distribution & Donations

Food is available to anybody with an emergency need for food—Drive-up/walk-up service at our Oceanside Entrance. Tuesdays from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, Thursdays from 2:00-4:00 p.m. and Sundays from 1:00-3:00 p.m. with a hot meal from the Soup Kitchen. Food and monetary donations are accepted at the Bay-side entrance (drive-up) under the steeple during these hours or on our Giving page, designating “Good Sam” on the comment line.

Seeking Volunteers to remove and transport dead interior plants

We are seeking volunteers to remove and transport dead interior plants to Delaware Solid Waste Authority in Harbeson, DE. Ideally, a truck would be required and the ability to lift heavy plants over 10 lbs. Also, we need volunteers with sharp scissors to trim the peace lilies in the Sanctuary. Trash bags will be provided. Please call or email Gwen Osborne at 443-745-6950 or gosborne@epworth.faith if you can help in any capacity.

The Crucial Role of Caregiving

One of the most important jobs God calls us to is caregiving: loving others in God’s name. Our congregation’s Stephen Ministry is one way we accomplish God’s caring work. If you’re at a place where you feel ready to serve and bless others in this way, explore the possibility of Stephen Ministry by contacting the church office today to find out more about this ministry. A training class will be offered in 2022.

October 3 Prayer List

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

Moni Albert
Bill Bernhart
Beebe Hospital Staff
Melda Bengston
Paul Bengston
Carol Boyd
Andy Brangenberg
Ella Breese
Jeannette Bonner
Tim Bush
Barb Butta
Sylvie Drew
Emmalane Ewing
Karen Foery
Marion Ford
Fred Gentry
Joan Getsinger
Clella Harp
Linda Hess & Family
Tyler Hudson
Bev Johnson
Barbara Kurtz
Patrick Mahan
Jerry Mahon
Briana Massey
Chuck & Linda Massey
Nora Mastrippolito
Virgil Night
Ron Paxton
Thom Pemberton
Gary Ralph
Terry Rasberry
Bill Robbins
Barb Rowe
Dorothy & John Sadler
Elle Sheaffer
Fred & Sharyn Smith
Wave Starnes
Lillian Stellhorn
Noreen Strohmenger
Anne Valenti
Nick Waldee-Warden
Dan Wine
Jan Cutler-Wolfe
Gloria Woodson
Diana Young

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

50+ years—CONGRATULATIONS!

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SYMPATHIES

- ❖ To Kristin Weschler, family & friends, on the death of her step-mother, JoAnn;
- ❖ To Gayle & Keith Fitzgerald, family & friends, on the death of their daughter, Stacey.

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
Rosemarie Van Ingen, Willowbrooke, Seaford

SERVING OUR COUNTRY

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.S.A.
Chadd Shirk, U.S.M.C.

SERVICEMEN/WOMEN IN HARMS WAY:

Michael Sakurai Will, US Army Ft. Jackson,
stationed in Alaska
Luke Wilson, USCG Mohawk, Key West
Jacob Hudson, Quantico
Andrew Hudson, UT ROTC

RED CROSS VOLUNTEERS:

Ed Scarborough

COLLEGE STUDENTS:

Autumn Reynolds, Cedar Crest College
Wade Stout, Hillsdale College
Alec Tamburello, DE College of Art & Design
Thomas Vyas, Delaware Tech

Gifted Collaborators Sept. 12 - Oct. 10

Never Alone
Fierce Friends
Burden Bearing
Two By Two
All Hands on Deck



Handprints of Community

EPWORTH
REHOBOTH BEACH
United Methodist Church
2021-22
Worship Year

Collaborative
Called
Messianic
Shalom-Sharing
Discipling
Corinthian
Hamiltonian
Kingdom-Building

Epworth Staff Directory

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Custodian: Wanda Hudson

Maintenance: Mike Harrigan

ASL Interpreter: Sandy Davis

Nursery: Cathy Crawford

Cemetery Superintendent: Jay Stevenson

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Epworth Ministry Organization



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Lead Pastor: Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith
Governing Board Chair—Linda Kauffman
Lay Leader—Mike Tyler
Finance Chairs—David Hagelin and David
Streit
Staff Parish Relations Committee Chair—
Monica Chmielewski
Chair of the Board of Trustees—Bunny
Maher

STRUCTURE:

Four Ministry Teams

Inviting Team

Inclusive Ministries, Food Ministries, Ecu-
menical/Interfaith, Social Justice
Leadership Team: Rev. Dr. Bo Gordy-Stith
and Bob Joynson

Belonging Team

Small Groups, Belongings, Sunday School,
All Age Level Groups
Leadership Team: Gwen Osborne and
Cathie Lewis

Connecting Team

Worship, Music, Conferences, Retreats
Leadership Team: Doug Yetter and Murray
Archibald

Caring Team

Good Sam, Missions, Pastoral Care Team,
Care Ministries
Leadership Team: Mickie McManamon

Attendance last weekend, Sept. 26, 2021

9:00	11:00	Live stream	ASL	SS	Total
112	95	98	3	15	323

(as of 9/28)

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