

Hello,

We are excited to announce that the **Epworth Golf Outing** is coming back this fall! As a past sponsor of this event to *Drive Away Hunger*, we are reaching out to you in hopes that you will continue to support a much needed and wonderfully successful program. This year's event will take place on Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at The American Classic Golf Club in Lewes.

**Epworth United Methodist Church** has a thriving food ministry. It is home to three volunteerrun programs that collect, store, and distribute tons of food in our community

*Food Rescue* collected 282,292 pounds of food in 2023 that while in good condition would otherwise have largely been thrown away. That food, used by Epworth's soup kitchen and food pantry, and shared with other local food pantries and support services.

*The Food and Love Soup Kitchen* is staffed by five teams of ten to 12 volunteers from the congregation and the community at large. It offers hot meals and fellowship on Sunday afternoon. Going into their thirteenth year, they have only missed one Sunday. Food and Love served over 5,000 meals in 2023.

*Good Sam Mobile Food Pantry* provides assembled meals, fresh fruits and vegetables, eggs, frozen meats, desserts, and personal hygiene products to individuals and families three times a week. In 2023, it served over 11,000 people.

Epworth's food programs partner with area homeless shelters, the Community Resource Center, Beebe Cares, Milton Food Bank, La Esperanza, Pearl Domestic Violence Houses and other support organizations in Sussex County.

Regular contributors to Epworth's food programs include Aldi's, Chick-Fil-A, Beebe Cares, Delaware Food Bank, Fifer's, Giant of Millville and Rehoboth, Historic Lewes Farmer's Market, Mountaire, Outback Steakhouse, Panera Breads, Starbucks, Surf Bagel, The Point Bakery, Wawa, and others. Many homeowner associations are also regular contributors.

We will be following up in the coming weeks to discuss sponsorship opportunities, but please feel free to reach out to us via phone call/text or email and we will assist you in helping foster this wonderful part of what makes the area so special!

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