



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Epworth United Methodist Church

Wednesday, August 12th, 2020

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Good Morning Epworth Church family,

First and foremost I wanted to ask everyone to be praying for those that have been affected by the storm. Many of us have close friends and family that have been impacted and by the storm and the clean up will be a hard process. Even made more so with people having to be extra careful because of Covid. My former church as well as my family have had major damage as well so I can only imagine the amount of people we all know that have at least minor if not major damage. Please take a few mins out of your days to ask God to be with them and ask for ideas on how we may help.

On a different note, I was excited to have our first worship service in the sanctuary since I have been here. Although it wasn't planned, Amy was ahead of the game and had much of the room ready to go. I tried to get a Facebook message out as early as I could but as we saw Monday, the weather in Iowa can change quickly. Please keep an eye on Facebook for last minute cancellations. If you can stay home and watch please do, but if you do come masks are required. If you do not wear a mask you will be asked to leave. Sorry for the inconvenience but right now we need to be overly cautious to protect everyone we can. With that being said I would like to apologize that our family did not have our masks this week as we were running so far behind trying to move everything from outside to inside and ran out of time to get our kiddos masks. I assure you we will be bringing them, just in case, every week.

Lastly, thank you to everyone who participated in the last sermon series. I hope you enjoyed it as much as I did. Over the coming weeks we will be discussing the Apostles Creed. We will talk about what the words we are saying mean and how it should unify us and a church. Then finally we will talk about why it is important for us to say these things together. I am so excited to get this new series underway and hope we all can learn from each other on this next journey.

Pastor Mike

Sunday Worship at 10:00 am

Scripture: Jeremiah 10:12-13

Sermon: The Father

Connect With Us

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Email: Epworthumc.iowa@gmail.com

Phone: 563-876-3193

EUMC Prayer Hotline: 928-328-1523

This Week at EUMC

Sunday August 16th:

10:00 a.m.- Outdoor Worship on the lawn

Pastor Mike leading worship.

6:00 p.m.- Board Meeting at Church

Tuesday August 18th:

7:30 p.m.- Zoom Bible Study

Where: <https://nicc.zoom.us/j/6504217943>

Join by phone:

+1 646 876 9923 or +1 312 626 6799 US Toll

Meeting ID: 650 421 7943

Sunday August 23rd:

10:00 a.m.- Outdoor Worship on the lawn.

Pastor Mike leading worship.

Mid Week Homework Reminder!

Ask yourself these questions:

How did you do on your previous 3 assignments?

How can you be a light to our community during the crazy time?

What are some ways we can, as a church, be more of a light during this pandemic?

This last question might be tough. Are you spending more time on social media arguing your opinion on this issue then you are with God? Is it time to stop reading every article on Covid-19 and put that time into growing our relationship with God and being a light to the community?

It's time to pray for God to help us bring people back together and not put more negative out! Amen?

Hey Everybody! Pastor Mike encourages you to bring your Bible to worship on Sundays. Take notes and follow scripture readings. †

Upcoming at EUMC

Worship Attendance

(for in person worship on the lawn)

8-9-2020 = 42

If you have feedback from attending worship and would like to share with Pastor Mike.

Please email us, we would love to hear from you!

PastorMikeEUMC@gmail.com

Or epworthumc.iowa@gmail.com

Offering can still be sent if you choose to worship at home.
Please send them to:

**Epworth UMC
P.O. Box 56
Epworth, IA 52045**



Thank you to everyone who has sent them. ♥

Dear EUMC,

We will continue our Worship on the Lawn as weather allows us.

When inclement weather occurs we will try to have a Facebook post prior to service on Sunday mornings letting you know if Worship on the Lawn would be cancelled.

When the weather does not allow us to have worship outside, we are asking ALL worshipers that have Facebook to stay home and attend worship via Facebook live. This allows the group of people that do not have this option to come and worship at the Church.

When Inside worship occurs, ALL worshipers will be required to wear a mask. We appreciate your patience and understanding. We want to be able to offer a way to worship to all that want to partake in a safely manner. Let us be in prayer during these times of transition. Blessings to you!



TAKING BACK SUNDAY

TBS - "Take Back Sunday" Family Ministry

We are going to "Take Back Sunday" for God and for families. On the second Sunday of each month, we are encouraging families to come to 10:00 worship and stay for our new family ministry, TBS.

10:00-11:00 outdoor worship

11:00-11:30 picnic lunch - each family should bring picnic lunch and picnic blanket to enjoy on the church lawn

11:30-12:00 recreation activities

12:00-12:30 Bible study for PK-12th grade, parent group

Please mark the following Sundays on your calendar and join us for TBS.

Sunday, September 13

Sunday, October 11

Sunday, November 8

Sunday, December 13

We are looking for 2 recreation leaders and 6 Bible Study leaders to help on these Sundays. Please contact Shelly Rollins (563-543-4515) if you are interested in volunteering. Please note that our LOGOS program on Wednesday nights will not take place this fall due to restrictions in place with COVID-19. We hope that all of our LOGOS families will join us for TBS on Sunday mornings once a month instead!

Epworth United Methodist Church

Board of Stewards

Sunday, August 16

Prayer/Devotion – Shawn

Approval of July minutes

Pastor’s Report

- Sermon series

Worship Committee – Pastor Mike

- Discussion

Finance Report – Chris, Shawn, Val

- Loan for \$14,200
- Church debit or credit card

Outreach/Hospitality – Shawn

- Update on Hospitality basket for families
- Congregational Care Committee

Trustees – Tom & Pat

- Receipts from updates - total outstanding \$\$ to be reimbursed
- Renting or borrowing items policy

Education

Children – Kris

- TBS – Take Back Sundays

Youth – Lindsay

- August 2 Cookout – 10 youth attended with families & Pastor Mike’s family
- Working on September event – most likely service project at Cooper’s home

Adult – Dawn

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Board Goals

- “Getting to know the board” in the newsletter
- Ideas for paying bills
- Regularly scheduled committee meetings

SPRC – Jane

- Report from recent meeting

Adjourn
