



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Epworth United Methodist Church

Wednesday, April 29th, 2020



Walk *in the* LIGHT

1 JOHN 1:5-10

Dear EUMC, We ask that you please continue to offer your gifts during this time if you are able. We know these are hard times for many. Our Church still needs faithful givers to sustain the operations needed for the Church.

Thank you to everyone who has sent them. ❤️

Please send your Offerings to:

**Epworth United Methodist Church
P.O. Box 56
Epworth, IA 52045**



Sunday Live Worship at 10:00 am



Scripture:
John 10:1-10

Sermon:
The Way of the Shephard

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A Note from the Pastor

Dear Friends,

As much as I had hoped to be reunited on Sunday, I am afraid that is not the case. Our Governor Reynolds has not released Dubuque County from quarantine until May 15. Also, I have received word from Bishop Laurie Haller that she is not allowing face to face worship until June 1, 2020. I have included part of her letter in order to give you understanding.

This is truly sad for us, but we must look to see where attitude of gratitude will overshadow our sadness. God gives us the good AND the bad (frustrating). We must be like Job and remain faithful and thankful throughout it all, and remember that he is in complete control. God is doing a work in our world. We will be together as soon as we can and what a party there will be!!

On another note, I am enjoying our Daily Devotion Chat time every weeknight. I have a great group of regulars and I invite everyone that hasn't joined us to come on board. Some of you have been asking if we can continue after the quarantine is over. My answer is emphatically YES! I will continue on a Monday, Wednesday, Friday schedule starting in June. Until that time I will be there every weeknight as always. I am grateful for all of the wonderful comments you have shared. It is a great time for all.

Just a reminder that this Sunday online Worship will include Communion. Please have your choice of bread and beverage ready. Remember the elements can be anything you have on hand: bread, toast, rolls, or donuts. Any juice, coffee, milk, or water will work for the liquid. Have a blessed week and enjoy the warmer weather. Keep looking to God for love and strength.

Love and Peace, *Pastor Julie*



Our mission:

To make disciples of Jesus Christ
for the transformation of the world.

Our Vision:

Empower all people to live the Christian faith in everyday life.

Unite communities in God's grace.

Mentor through friendship, fellowship, and learning.

Connect Christians to the world to share God's love in lasting ways.

EUMC Bible Study

When: Tuesday Evenings at 7:00 p.m.

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

EUMC- An email went out with information on how to join. We invite you to our bible study. We are trying a zoom meeting so it should be FUN! We are covering the Bible Projects weekly email - during this time frame just as a way to connect and stay in touch. If it works for you we would love to have you join us.

For Log on info please see your email or contact Us!

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Starting Monday, March 30th



Join
Pastor Julie
for..

Daily DEVOTIONS



 Monday - Friday at 6:00 p.m. CST 

A friendly reminder to everyone. EUMC is doing it's best to try and follow the guidelines from our Governor and our Bishop. We look forward to the day where we all can gather again at our Church. For the month of May the doors will remain locked and we will only be at the Church to complete the essential duties. We appreciate your patience and understanding during this time.



Be the Light in
Someone's Day!
Spread Love!



Friends!

EUMC is finding ways to connect and spread the love and light!

You can be a part of this project also. For more information please contact-

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From the Office of
Bishop Laurie Haller

Dear Friends,

In light of the expectation that positive cases of COVID-19 will peak in Iowa in the next few weeks, I am strongly encouraging all United Methodist churches in Iowa to refrain from in-person worship until June 1, when I will reassess. I am going beyond the Governor's recommendations despite my previously stated intention of following Governor Reynolds's guidelines around worship.

My reasoning is that our first priority as disciples of Jesus Christ is to protect those who are most vulnerable, which includes the elderly, the very young, and those with underlying health conditions. Even though we all want to return to our churches and be a part of the body of Christ in person, I believe that it is more important to assure the safety of our communities from further infections.

John Wesley's Three General Rules included: Do no harm. Do good. Stay in love with God. In the midst of our own personal desires to get back to normal, our faith requires us to seek the good of all. By practicing good judgment and common sense and out of a concern for the welfare of our neighbor, we must continue to stay the course by being diligent around social distancing and refraining from being in large groups. At the same time, there are ample opportunities to safely engage in mission and outreach in our communities.

During the past five weeks, I have participated in a number of online worship services and have been truly blessed by your creativity, your deep desire to share Christ's love in new ways, and your warm invitation to be a part of a faith community. Statistics are already showing strong indications of a resurgence in participation in worship and small groups.

These are not easy times. Yet the body of Christ remains strong and faithful and is making a huge difference in our state and around the world. I will keep you informed in the days ahead. May God bless you and keep you.

Bishop Laurie