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SUNDAYS AT A GLANCE...

January 7 - Worship and Communion

**January 14 - Human Relations Day - Zoila Airall will preach at
all 3 services**

- Erin Engel's Capstone Celebration Pancake Lunch

January 21 and 28 - Youth Mental Health First Aid Course

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Feb. 11, 8:45 & 11:00 worship: Bishop Hope Morgan Ward will preach



SUNDAY, January 7 Worship and Communion at 8:30, 9:00 and 11:00

8:30 and 11:00 Sermon: "You Are My Beloved" Rev. Karen H. Whitaker

Scripture: Psalm 29, Genesis 1: 1-5, Mark 1: 4-11

Hymns: "I Sing the Almighty Power of God" "Spirit Song"

"Shall We Gather at the River"

8:30 Response Hymn "When Jesus Came to Jordan"

9:00 Sermon: "Arise, Shine" Rev. Dr. Sangwoo Kim

Scripture: Isaiah 60: 1-6

Songs: "Here I Am to Worship" "Shine on Us" "Song Alleluia to the Lord" "The First Noel" "This Little Light of Mine"

Ushers 8:30 Mike Shiflett

11:00 John Rasmussen, Fred Mowry, Jim Goacher, Johnie Joyce

Counters Brent Engel and Bill Matteson

Liturgists 8:30 Maureen Oakes 11:00 Todd Benware

Greeters Belinda Rasmussen, Clara Airall Bus Driver Joe Gibbs

Youth Reader Julia Boltz

Crucifer Acolyte

Altar Guild Sharon Walker, Kay Carlton, Judy Daymont

Nursery Marcey Harp, Theresa Shebalin,

Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of James W. Hamill by Carl and Sue Hamill.

GIFTS AND REMEMBRANCES

A contribution has been made to Hurricane Matthew Victims in honor of the Ipock Families by Alan and Nancy Payne.

A contribution has been made to the Fairey Pastors' Discretionary Fund in memory of Nita and Frank Fairey by Bob and Sarah Fairey.

A contribution has been made to the Pastor's Discretionary Fund by Anne Cordts in memory of "all my friends who have died this past year".

YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID (Jan. 21 and Jan. 28, Feb. 11 and 18, 5:30 - 7:30) is a course designed to teach parents, family members, caregivers, teachers, school staff, peers, neighbors, health and human services workers, and others how to help an adolescent (age 12-18) who is experiencing a mental health or addiction challenge or is in crisis. It is primarily designed for adults who regularly interact with young people. The course introduces common mental health challenges for youth, reviews typical adolescent development, and teaches a 5-step action plan for how to help young people in both crisis and non-crisis situations. Topics covered include anxiety, depression, substance use, disorders in which psychosis may occur, disruptive behavior disorders (including AD/HD), and eating disorders. Participants must attend each session in order to receive a certificate. The certificate is issued by The National Council for Behavior Health and can be used to renew a variety of licenses. Participants will also receive a manual to take home. Registration is required. Minimum age is 18. Go to our church website or to <http://bit.ly/2CLlw24>

BACKPACK DELIVERERS

As we continue our backpack program, we are in need of people to deliver the backpacks to Hope Valley Elementary each Friday morning. If you are willing to help with this mission, please contact Greg Barrow at gregbarrow7@gmail.com. If you have delivered in the past or if you are a new delivery person, please email Greg to let him know you can help this next semester and he will prepare a delivery schedule. As always we thank you for your support of this vital program.

ERIN ENGEL'S CAPSTONE CELEBRATION PANCAKE LUNCH!

In my senior year I did a Capstone Project in Haiti. My project was teaching people to read music. In this I designed a curriculum and brought down simple instruments for the students to use. If you love music, learning about Haiti, or even just pancakes, please come enjoy some delicious food and listen to my Capstone presentation on Sunday, January 14 following 11:00 worship. Lunch is free, but donations for Haiti are accepted. Everyone is welcome!

FROM STAFF PARISH RELATIONS COMMITTEE We are collecting a Love Offering for the church staff to show our appreciation for their dedication and performance. All year, they carry out the necessary duties required to complete Epworth's obligations and commitments both within our church and our surrounding communities. If you would like to participate, please make checks payable to Epworth and note "Love Offering" on the memo line. You may place your gifts in the offering, mail them in or bring them to the church office. We are all blessed to remain committed to doing His will....

Thank you.

THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY will resume on Jan. 18 at 11:00 a.m. Please read chapters 19-20, 24 in preparation for the first class. New members are welcome!

YOUTH NEWS...



- This Friday, January 5th - Lock-In 7 PM- 9 AM!
 - No UMYF Sunday, January 7th!

OUTREACH AWARDS, PRESENTED, DECEMBER 24, 11:00 SERVICE

BY THE UMW

Each year Epworth United Methodist Women give a monetary gift to missions in honor of someone who has dedicated much time and effort to service of United Methodist Women. A gold pin is given to the recipient. For a decade this year's recipient has helped with UMW events, especially the Loving Hands Meals and ringing Salvation Army Bells.

Sharon Walker, former UMW president, shared the following, " I couldn't have done all the transporting, cooking and serving of the casseroles without the help of this year's recipient.

Judy Bolt added, "He is just always there, a wonderful "behind the scene" person that we can depend on".

United Methodist Women's emphasis is on women, children, and youth & the past 3 years, through the tutoring program, I have been blessed to work with this retired superintendent of schools.

This fall Epworth UMW voted by written ballot & by an overwhelming vote, and this year's recipient is **Kenneth Roberts**. Sue Stutz

BY THE OUTREACH COMMITTEE

As most of you know Epworth has a very active Outreach program which supports local, national and international ministries. Each year the Outreach committee chooses an individual who best represents the spirit of the program and has made major contributions. The Outreach award comes with \$1000 and award winner will decide which charity will receive that amount.

While there are many, many Outreach activities in which **Kenneth Roberts** has participated over the years, the two most significant have been tutoring and the back-pack ministry.

Kenneth and John Lott were co-chairs of the Congregations for Children committee for the district which has recently become a focus activity for our district. They organized a meeting at Epworth where delegates from other

congregations shared their ideas for how to grow tutoring and back-pack ministry with Epworth playing a leading role.

Kenneth and Greg Barrow have grown the back-pack ministry from 10 bags per week to over 50 per week. They have gotten the whole congregation involved in the donating and packing of the bags. The efficiency both financially and logistically has been amazing.

Kenneth has been involved in tutoring from day one. Now, in our 5th year the program has grown from 4 students to 22. We've come a long way from walking the students from the school to arranging Epworth be a bus stop. Having been a school superintendent for many years, Kenneth has just the right experience and temperament to lead the program. It is a very large program with lots of folks involved. It entails staffing and training the the tutors and substitute tutors, interfacing with Hope Valley Elementary school, coordinating snacks and helping the tutors with challenging students, encouraging the students, coordinating after tutoring activities and pickup, and oh Kenneth even drives the kids home when their rides don't show up.

In addition to his work with UMW and Outreach, Kenneth has been chair of Church Council, Chair of the Worship Committee, is active in Methodist Men and sings in the choir. Now you are beginning to see that if you are at Epworth, Kenneth probably is too. He touches Epworth in so many ways.

Bill Matteson

WITH THANKS

Thank you for all you do for Hope Valley School and our students!

Kristin Tate, Principal

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JANUARY, 2018

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Epworth United Methodist Church declares itself a Reconciling Congregation, seeking to welcome all persons, regardless of age, race, ethnicities, disabilities, gender or sexual orientation, into the discipleship of Christian living and proclaim our commitment to seek the reconciliation of all persons to God and to each other through Jesus Christ