

Epworth United Methodist Church Newsletter

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Birthstone: Diamond

Flower: Sweet Pea

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Epworth United Methodist Church Mission Statement

To be a support at the beginning – **Birth**.

To be a support during the good times and the hard times.

To be a support at the end – **Death**.

To be a place of and for faith to bloom.

EPWORTH... A place for life:

To go from this place to love and serve the Lord,
Through service to mankind.

Amen.

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This is the year for Epworth to experience the

miracle of God's power "No Wind and no Rain; Yet the Valley will be filled with Water

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Musing From the Pastor

These past two months have been a great time of renewal and insights from the Lord to me and I am in a position to say that the Lord has given me a fresh vision. All the power that he has for me has not yet been manifested or revealed. Yet, I know that God is doing something new; there is a great shaking going on and God will reveal more as he makes us more fruitful.

Some of you are aware that at the first of the year it was my good pleasure to attend the "Congress on Evangelist" it was held in New Orleans. Much of what came out of that meeting was revealing in that they spent a lot of time and effort in a discussion on how to win new people to Christ thru the United Methodist Church. It was indeed a good place to meet the leadership of

that effort from various places within the United States. It appears that the UMC is having some success in other parts of the country, yet it is not easy anywhere.

The primary message was that it is our Christian duty to reach out beyond our self and touch the life of others for Christ.

Later in the month of January; I was asked to attend a meeting in Phoenix, AZ on new church growth. It was a very good meeting in that we again had a lot of influence placed on the recruitment of Hispanic people within the US to the UMC. Hispanics will become the largest single group of people within the US to the UMC. Hispanics will become the largest single group of people that will populate the western US. It is just a matter of good stewardships of what God has called us to for the church to place some importance on this matter.

There was also a push on starting new African American churches. I was ask to take a test that showed if you have the aptitude to start a new church; it would appear that I do and they said they will be in touch with me

It was my pleasure as I was on vacation that I also attended the “Britte Lecture Series”. The Lecturer was Adam Hamilton; he is the pastor of the United Methodist Church of Resurrection”. Adam’s message was clear; it calls the church to bring its message to all people with emphases on young people. It is Adams position that we must:

1. Speak to both the heart and the head.
2. Tell the story of Jesus in a way that people clearly understand how it relates to them.
3. When we speak church explain what it is that we are saying.
4. Show ourselves to be friendly, and care about the person to whom we are speaking.

Adam is very much in the “Rethink Church mode, and he is urging all of us to join him. The challenge my Sisters and my Brothers; **have you heard and do you believe that you can and will be a part of what the Lord has reveal to me. Know that when you come here you should expect to have an encounter with the Holy, with the one for whom you were created to have a relationship with GOD.**

Rev. King H. Harris, Senior Pastor at Epworth UMC
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Spanish Speaking Worship Services

Epworth UMC has its Spanish speaking worship services every Saturday evening starting at 6 p.m. Plan on coming out and joining Rev. King Harris and Pastor Jeff Kanost every Saturday evening.

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Spanish Classes on Sunday

Epworth has started offering Spanish Classes every 2nd and 4th Sunday from 3-4 p.m. The total cost for each class period is \$5.00 (which will cover your material costs, and a small meal). If you don’t have the money, don’t be concerned!

Registration, orientation, and distribution of materials will begin at 2 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Victoria (Vicky) Alvarado will be looking forward to seeing you every 2nd and 4th Sunday.

Rocky Mountain Annual Conference

Annual Conference 2010 will begin at 1 p.m. Thursday, June 17th and run through noon on Sunday, June 20th. Ordination will be the last action of the Conference on Sunday.

This year's emphasis will be on Leadership Development. Adam Hamilton will be the primary presenter and will provide a "Leading Beyond the Walls" presentation in three parts on Saturday, June 19th.

All members will receive a postcard with more information when registration booklets and other information are available on the website.

The location, this year will be the Marriott Denver Tech Center, 4900 South Syracuse, Denver, Colorado.

A link to the AC 2010 Page:
<http://rmcumc.org/rmc/annualconference/519-annual-conference-2010.html>



Around Town and Epworth.....

Now this is news! The entire senior class at Chicago's only public all-male, all African-American charter high school has been accepted to 4-year colleges. All 107 seniors earned spots at 72 schools across the nation. How about that? Here in Denver, all graduating seniors in 2008 from the Denver School of Science and Technology of whom one is my granddaughter, Gabrielle, was accepted at more than one college with full tuition paid; however, she chose Mesa State in Grand Junction. I'm not sure if all the DSST graduates went to 4-year colleges; however, Gabrielle's plans are to spend her last two years at a more prestigious school, unknown at this time. We are so proud of her. Don't know the statistics from DSST's 2009 graduating class.

Here's a humorous little story: As you know, I'm working on the Epworth history and I had to practically nail Pastor King's feet to the floor to get him to stay still long enough for an interview. I finally succeeded, but there were questions that remained so I was on the

phone several times and also in his face here at church asking, "but what about?..." etc. and was making a conscious effort to minimize my interruptions of his busy schedule. He has been very gracious and cooperative, I might add, and that has been appreciated. However, after I finally got his story finalized I thought, and Pastor was satisfied with it, Bro. Clarence waltzes in last week with a stack of Epworth papers which he hands to me and says: "I found these and thought they might be helpful for the history." In that stack of papers was an almost 10- page, fairly current, resume/history of Pastor King's life-- interesting stuff-- So back to the computer it is. There is no justice!

We regret that Bible study participants, Bro. Albert Green lost a son and Bro. Curtis Washington lost his mother. Please lift them up in prayer. Also, some of you may know Orville Springs, he too lost his mother. Also please give Jessica Walters as much support and prayers as you can. As you know, she's studying to become a pharmacist and organic chemistry is testing her mettle. Sometimes we're tempted to say, "hang in there," however, Pastor reminds us that Christians

don't "hang," they stand. Remember that, Jessica. You can do it! I'm already planning to attend your graduation and watch as you flip the tassel to the other side and a salute to the teacher who told you to drop organic chemistry. YEAH!

Wallace Yvonne Tollette
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Who's Ushering In April for the 11a.m. Service?

- April 4th:
Sis. Myrtle Davis
Sis. Rudy Robinson.
- April 11th:
Brother Clarence Williams
Sis. Vera Castille.
- April 18th:
Sis. Grace Stiles
Sis. Kimberly Smith
- April 25th:
Sis. Myrtle Davis
Sis. Rudy Robinson

April Acolyte Schedule

Note: Sis. Myrtle Davis will need your help with names and who is available to serve in this position.

- April 4th:

Melissa Wilson & Connine Sauls

- April 11th:
Joshua Wilson & Kitana Aragon
- April 18th:
Arlene Hill & Cheyenne Sharp.
- April 25th:
Melissa Wilson & Connine Sauls

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Epworth's Birthdays for April 2010:

Congratulations to:

1. Ruderial Robinson – 04/01
2. Adria Carr – 04/05
3. Manny Masin – 04/06
4. Tyler Donrico Qahzell Davis – 04/07
5. Charles Goodman – 04/09
6. Jesse Melson – 04/09
7. Damian (Sharky) Williams – 04/09
8. John Vigil – 04/15
9. Shanie Henderson – 04/15
10. John Knight – 04/16
11. Robertha Willingham – 04/23
12. Lorenzo Guerero – 04/23



Epworth's Calendar

- Morning Worship Services. Rev. King Harris will be conducting Morning Worship services M – Sun. starting at 6 a.m. in the Sanctuary.
- Adult, Youth & Children Sunday school classes. All classes start at 9:45 a.m.
- Adult Bible Study. Every Wednesday evening a meal is served starting at 5:45 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Bible study starts at 6:30 p.m. All activities end at 7:30 p.m. Rev. King Harris and Pastor Jeff Kanost heads this class.
- Epworth's Mens Choir Rehearsal. They rehearse every Wednesday evening from 7:30-8:30 p.m.
- Epworth's Adult Choir Rehearsal. They rehearse every Friday evening from 6:30-8 p.m.
- Epworth's Children's Choir / Youth Rehearsal and Fellowship. They rehearse every Friday evening from 6:30 – 8 p.m.
- Epworth's UMW

United Methodist Women the Hispanic Circle meet every Saturday evening in the Fellowship Hall at 5:00 pm on the 2nd and 4th Saturday of the month. For more information, please call Sis. Vicky Alvarado at 720-276- 9870

- **Epworth's UMYF.** (United Methodist Youth Fellowship) meet on Sundays at 4 p.m. For more information, please call Pastor Jeff Kanost at 720-364-8417.
- **The Fatherhood Initiative.** A group of men meet every Tuesday evening to discuss fatherhood and how to become better fathers. An evening meal will be provided. Activities start at 6:30 p.m. and end at 8 p.m. Please call Thom Foster at 303-296-6287 for more information.

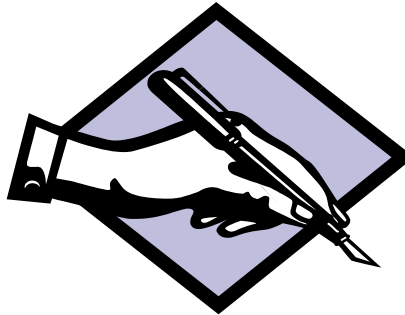


"Hear Our Prayer Oh Lord"

- Health – Zina Phillips, Timothy Williams, Ted White, Sherlyn Thomas, Lauren Watson, Charles Jackson, Monica Jolivette, all the Youth, Theo Barrows, Chris Davis, Jere'

Procopio and Opalanga Pugh (www.caringbridge.org) then go to visit a website type in Opalanga), Albert Green

- Comfort & Care – Valley Vista UMC
 - Encouragement – Jose Orlando and Yolanda Rivera Argentina (Missionaries).
- Protection – For our Armed Forces serving here and in distant lands.



The Poet's Corner

The Knots Prayer

Dear God:
Please untie the knots
That are in my mind,
My heart and my life.
Remove the have nots,
The can nots and the do nots
That I have in my mind.

Erase the will nots,
May nots,
Might nots that may find
A home in my heart.

Release me from the could nots,

Would nots and
Should nots that obstruct my
life.

And most of all,
Dear God,
I ask that you remove from my
mind,
My heart and my life all of the
"am nots"
That I have allowed to hold me
back,
Especially the thought
That I am not good enough.
Amen

Author Known to God
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What's Happening at Epworth in April?

1. **April 1st:** 1st Thursday of the month, Admin. Board Minutes, Agenda and reports turned in to Rev. King Harris for distribution on April 4, 2010.
2. **April 1st:** Maundy Thursday Service at 6 p.m. at Epworth UMC.
3. **April 2nd:** Good Friday Service at 12 noon at Cleave CME on Marion and 22nd. At 6:30 p.m. Worship Service at Merritt Memorial UMC. Located at 23rd and Irvin.
4. **April 3rd:** Epworth's Committees Meetings. Start times maybe different for each committee. Please check with your committee chair.

5. **April 4th**: Easter Sunrise Service and breakfast at Epworth. Worship Service at 6 a.m. and breakfast at 7 a.m. until 8:30 a.m.
6. **April 4th**: First Sunday Pot-Luck. Bring your favorite dish; enough for your family and a friend!
7. **April 4th**: Easter egg hunt for Epworth's children.
8. **April 3rd, 10th, 17th and 24th**: Epworth's Spanish speaking worship services at 6 p.m.
9. **April 4th, 11th, 18th & 25th**: United Methodist Youth meeting at 4 p.m.
10. **April 6th, 13th, 20th & 27th**: The Fatherhood Initiative meeting at 6 p.m.
11. **April 7th, 14th, 21st & 28th**: Adult Wednesday night Bible study and meal at 6 p.m.
12. **April 10th**: Admin. Board Meeting at 9 a.m.
13. **April 11th**: Spanish Class from 3-4 p.m. at Epworth. Total cost is \$5.00 each class period. A small meal will be served. If you don't have the money, don't be concerned.
14. **April 25th**: Spanish Class from 3-4 p.m. Total cost is \$5.00 each class period. A small meal will be served. If you don't have the money, don't be concerned.

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Some Things To Remember

- Wallace Yvonne Tollette has a catalog, Internet and souvenirs business. "Shel-

Vonne TS Gifts & Souvenirs" a variety of unique, quality, gifts and souvenirs primarily made in Colorado. Please call 303-830-1691 for more information or to place an order. Wallace also conducts walking tours of historic Five Points.

- The Kenyan Worship services will be held every Sunday in April. Their services are in English, so feel free to join them. Services start at 2:30 p.m. and ends at 4 p.m. Please call Epworth's Office at 303-296-6287 for more information.
- **Epworth UMC & Family-To-Family Office Hours:**
Mon. – Thurs. – 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Friday – Noon – 5 p.m.
Office ph. # 303-296-6287 Office Fax # 303-296-7475
E-Mail address: www.epworthumcdenver.org
- **Every (Sunday) In April** Please bring your None-Perishable foods to the 11 a.m. Worship Services for Epworth's Food Bank. All Food collected will provide more food to those who need it and eliminate the need for Chris Davis to close the Food Bank early. Chris also needs volunteers on Tuesdays and Thursdays to prepare food for distribution to clinics.
- **Methodist Day at the Rockies June 20**

Plan now to share the fun of a Sunday afternoon at beautiful Coors Field in downtown Denver with Methodist friends. Here are the details on the closer of the 2010 Rocky Mountain Annual Conference meeting in Denver June 17-20:
WHAT: United Methodist Day at the Rockies:
WHEN: Father's Day, June 20, 1:10 p.m.
WHO: 500 RMCUMC lay and clergy delegates and members of all conference UM congregations
COST: \$15/ticket (Upper deck shaded group seating along third base line)
Conference leaders will participate in an onfield, pre-game ceremony. The Chancel Choir of Trinity United Methodist Church of Denver will sing the National Anthem. Tickets for the Rockies-Brewers game may be purchased online at an exclusive link to be announced soon. The special ticket price includes the service charge. The goal of baseball and Christianity is the same: To get home safely. Don't miss this special Father's Day treat!

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Epworth's Pastors Available for Counseling

- Rev. King H. Harris
- Assistant Pastor, Jeff Kanost
- Assistant Pastor, Marvin Lazo
- Assistant Pastor, Manuel Jimenez

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Epworth's Music Ministers

- Connie Sauls-Wilkins (Director)
- George Nelson
- Joshua Wilson
- Robert Martinez
- Jackie Perkins
- Steven Wilkins
- Michael Jones
- Joy Harris

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Refreshing the Soul Collection

Hello My Friend,

Since 1996 God has inspired me to write the "Refreshing the Soul" Collection. This article comes to you like a long drink of water on the road side of life, written and designed to inspire, encourage and uplift you on your journey. God is truly amazing, the main source of my life and it is my heart felt desire to share with you what His word has given me through a reflection of life that inspires the soul.

My prayer is that you will be blessed with all of the love, joy and peace that are found in a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. For those of you who are not sure about a relationship with Jesus Christ may these monthly articles inspire and

encourage you to seek Him. If this email does not load correctly, you can access the article from the website at www.refreshingthesoul.com.

Until next time.....

In Him,
Linda Rose

“Purpose – A Lesson From A Tree”

When the daily routines of life get you down, stop and listen to the message of God's creation –the tree. The tree speaks volumes about its identity and purpose and gives us, as one of God's creations, lessons about our purpose. Rick Warren says in his book *The Purpose Driven Life*, “when you understand your purpose, it brings meaning, simplifies, motivates, focuses, and prepares you for eternity”.

Take a moment and envision a tree growing without any fanfare. You can find a tree just about anywhere. It stands tall no matter what conditions it must weather. It doesn't complain to God about where it is planted. You

never hear a tree say to God, “I don't like it here; can you put me somewhere else?” Or, “It's too hot or too cold or the wind is too strong.” The tree never asks God why it can't be a different kind of tree. It never complains about its size, kind, shape, or color.

When the seasons change, the tree also changes according to its design and purpose. No one has to tell the tree that its springtime and you need to sprout new leaves, or it's fall and it's time to change for the winter; it does so by design. The tree provides shade from the sun; a home, food, and playground for birds and animals. It provides tranquility for those who stop to listen to its branches as they sway in the gentle breeze—a very present resting place for a weary soul.

The lesson the tree teaches us is that **it has no worries** because its purpose is to **please and glorify God**. That is why a tree can: **1)** bloom where it is planted—no matter what the conditions or hardships; **2)** be revitalized — no matter how many times its leaves and branches are broken off or blown away; **3)** be sustained - no matter how hot the sun gets or how cold the wind blows; **4)** be protected — no matter how long the squirrels run up and down its bark or the birds play sing or build nests in

its branches because **God takes care of it!**

We, too, can be like the tree. For our purpose is to “Love the Lord thy God with all of your heart, soul and mind” and “To love your neighbor as yourself” (Matthew 22:37-39). When we understand our purpose, which is to please God through our love for Him and each other, then we, too, will be “like a tree planted by the water that sends out its roots by the stream. It does not fear when heat comes, its leaves are always green. **It has no worries** in a year of drought and never fails to bear fruit” (Jeremiah 17:8).

So, when the daily routines of life get you down, let's remember the lessons from the tree. For the tree **has no worries** because it does what God created it to do; and its purpose is to **PLEASE GOD!**

*“I am just an Ordinary
Woman, On an
Extraordinary Journey,
With an Awesome God”
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