

Epworth United Methodist Church Newsletter

3401 High Street, Denver, CO 80205 Phone 303-296-6287

Rev. King H. Harris – Senior Pastor

[On the web at:www.epworthumcdenver.org](http://www.epworthumcdenver.org)

Date: July 01, 2010

NO.046

+++++



Birthstone: Ruby
Flower: Larkspur

+++++

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.

+++++

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"

+++++

Contents:

- Musing from the Pastor
- Fasting & Praying for 21 Days
- Congratulations
- Spanish Worship Services
- Spanish Classes on Sunday
- Fatherhood Initiative
- Around Town & Epworth
- Who's Ushering In July?
- July's Acolyte Schedule
- Birthdays In July
- Epworth's Calendar
- Prayers For...

- The Poet's Corner
- What's Happening?
- Some Things to Remember
- Epworth's Counseling
- Epworth's Music

Musing From the Pastor

It is still true that we are a strange lot! I mean we human beings. We know where the power is. We have seen it displayed and yet we do not act on our own to enlighten our best interest.

If we would just turn the battle over to the Lord he will give us victory. We seem to be so self-absorbed that we can not give it to God, we feel a need to hold on to what we see as our fights. Additionally we seem to forget to properly dress ourselves. Listen as David approached the giant called Goliath:

45 **Then David said to the Philistine, "You come to**

me with a sword, with a spear, and with a javelin. But I come to you in the name of the LORD of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. (Samuel 17:47).

From the time David began his conversation about Goliath he was sure as to what he was doing.

It is not your size that is the problem Goliath, it is your ignorance, and you do not know who you are up against. I am not what you should be looking at; I stand properly dressed and know that my God will deliver you into my hands. You see Goliath the God I serve has given me all the tools that I need; you see Saul tried to give me his armor. But that is not what I needed. My brothers did not think I should be here, but I know what God has given me. Yes, Goliath all you see is a little kid, but I am properly dressed.

You see Goliath before I left home, when my father sent me down here, I put on my best defense. I did not know what I was going to be coming against, but I know if I am suited up with the right stuff I will be alright. You see, when daddy said go; I went, and got my armor; I went and put on the whole armor of God. I did not know what I was going

to be up against, but, God knows. I know you are a big fellow, but, you are not as big as my God.

What you really are is not flesh and blood you are the manifestation of the principalities of darkness. You see Goliath I have girded my waist with truth. This truth is; God is on our side. This is not my battle I am just a tool of God's. God sent me in place of a bolt of lightning. Just as he uses others because this is his battle, He is going to use me.

Goliath you are not the first challenge I have faced in my young life, nor will you be the last, God has called me to a mighty work and I will trust him to take me through. Goliath I know you can not see it because your eyes are blinded but I have the shield of Faith and it will stop you from all the darts, arrows and spears that you send my way. My God can and will deliver you into my hands.

The Church knows that God will deliver your giants into your hands if you dress for what ever comes your way.

All those gathered here will know that it is not by sword or spear that the LORD saves; for the battle is the LORD's, and he will give all of you into our hands.

Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

14 Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness, 15 and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; 16 above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. 17 And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God; 18 praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints—19 and for me, that utterance may be given to me, that I may open my mouth boldly to make known the mystery of the gospel, 20 for which I am an ambassador in chains; that in it I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak. (Ephesians 6:14-20).

Rev. King H. Harris, Senior Pastor at Epworth UMC
+++++

**Fasting &
Praying for 21
Days**

Rev. King Harris made this announcement during his sermon on Sunday; ...Epworth is in the process of purchasing the old Epworth Church and its adjacent buildings (located on Lawrence Street); to start a Trade School to train young men and women for a career in construction. He's been praying about this property for a number of months and believes its time for all of Epworth to come together and focus on the purchasing and renovation of this property with "Fasting and Praying for 21 days" (Starting on June 27th and ending on July 17th). Many of you remember Epworth did a joint fasting and praying effort in 2009. Those who needed to take food with their medication; would eat breakfast and fast and pray until the next day at breakfast. Remember to consult your Dr. if you have concerns.

+++++

Congratulations!



Miss. Adriana Nicole Guzman was christened Sunday by Rev. King Harris, following the 11 a.m. worship services. Mrs. Guzman, her mother, attends the Saturday 6 p.m. services, but wanted the larger Sunday 11 a.m. congregation to witness this special event. Cake and punch completed the program.

+++++

Spanish Speaking Worship Services

Epworth UMC has scheduled its Spanish Speaking Worship service on Saturday evenings starting at 6 p.m. Make plans to come out and join Rev. King Harris, Pastor Jeff Kanost and our Spanish speaking members every Saturday.

+++++

Spanish Classes on Sunday

Epworth offers 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 light 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 for you. Bring along a friend.

+++++

The Fatherhood Initiative Program

This program is made up of men who meet at two different locations in Denver, once a week, to help each other. These men are part of the Fatherhood Intergenerational Group, a cadre of men united to help men become better dads.

Thom Foster, Darryl Clark and Dr. Will Miles co-facilitates the weekly

meetings. By gathering together these diverse men to share what it means to be a father, the Rev. King Harris, a co-founder of the group, said he hopes to make an investment in children who often grow up without positive male role models.

These dads meet at Epworth UMC every Tuesday evening from 6 - 8 p.m.

They also meet at Friendship Baptist Church, 880 Fairfax St., Denver, CO every Saturday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

+++++

An Opportunity to Serve

Myrtle Davis, Chair of the Usher Board, needs your help. Within a period of two months, she lost two ushers. These people need to be replaced so the Usher Board will have enough people to support its monthly requirements and not work more than one Sunday each month. If you have ever thought about being an usher but never acted on it, now is the time to step forward. See or call Myrtle at 303-375-0824 and let her know that you will become an usher. You

will be trained on what to do.

+++++

Come, Learn & Grow!

This is what occurs every Sunday morning at 9:45 in one of the rooms in the Fellowship Hall. The adult Sunday school class meets under the direction of Sis. Jackie Perkins.

Study materials are provided for each class. All that's required of you is to be on time, with your Bible. Everyone contributes to the discussions, questions are answered, doubts are eliminated and Faith grows. Join Carol Rose, Vicky Alvarodo, Kimberly Smith, Sis. Sabina and Clarence Williams next Sunday.

+++++



Around Town and Epworth.....

Hip, hip, hooray! I'm getting closer and closer to the finish line on the

Epworth history. Looks like the book will be a little more than 200 pages. However, a lot of decisions still have to be made in terms of size, number of copies etc. etc. But the greatest accomplishment will be to finish the writing and that is so exciting and I'm almost "home." I'm still trying to get some statistics on the food bank and the Thanksgiving basket distribution. So far to no avail.

I attended the Fatherhood Initiative to take pictures for the book. I was totally impressed with the large group and they seemed very committed. Hats off to Thom Foster and Darryl Clark who I think, are the guiding lights for the group.

Pastor Harris, Jackie Perkins and I spent four days at Annual Conference June 17-20. One of the most outstanding presentations that I attended was Rethink Church welcome training. The presenters pointed out and strongly emphasized that first impressions are crucial. People make up their minds about your church within the first ten minutes of contact. Three things that can sway

people are: 1) an open hand--that is the most welcoming; 2) having a smoking area, and 3) having good signage. There are also two tips for the whole congregation to do each Sunday: 1) Called the Circle of Ten-- Greet anyone, member or guest, who comes within ten feet of you. Make a special effort to greet the people you don't already know within your Circle of 10. Rule of Three: Try not to talk to other members for the first three minutes after the service. Talk only to those you don't know and to people who you know are guests. The presenters said that it takes guests about three minutes to exit the church after worship, so it's important to make sure someone has made contact with them before they leave.

Also, on a humorous note, I think you all's pastor likes a good argument. Just about all the way home (the Conference was at the Tech Center and he was gracious enough to pick me up each day) we argued about Juneteenth and its significance. I won't go into detail because he knows my phone number and where I live (only kidding), but

sometime when you want a good rise out of him, ask him how he really feels about Juneteenth. I told him he's just a contrarian. But it was all good.

And the biggie was that we got yet another tote bag--just what I needed to add to the 25 I already have. Now I need a tote bag for the tote bags. Peace.

Over and out. God bless.
Wallace Yvonne Tollette
303 830-1691
Shel-Vonne TS Gifts & Souvenirs

+++++

Who's Ushering In July

- **July 4th:**
Sis. Myrtle Davis
Sis. Rudy Robinson.
- **July 11th: Block Party!**
Sis. Sharon Davis
Sis. Kimberly Smith
- **July 18th:**
Sis. Rudy Robinson Sis.
Jessica Walters
- **July 25th:**
Sis. Myrtle Davis
Brother Clarence Williams

+++++
+++



July Acolyte Schedule

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

- **July 4th:**
Melissa Wilson & Connine Sauls
- **July 11th: Block Party!**
Kitana Aragon & Arlene Hill
- **July 18th:**
La'Renz Smith & La'Ronn Smith
- **July 25th:**
Melissa Wilson & Connine Sauls

+++++
+++



Epworth's Birthdays for July 2010:

Congradulations to:

1. Anthony Dion Valentine – 7/02

2. Pastor Jeff Kanost – 7/03
 3. Karen Lozoya – 7/07
 4. Josuc Argomedo Nova – 7/07
 5. Belenn Delgado – 7/10
 6. DaOnna Westbrooks – 7/10
 7. Marcus Gasco – 7/10
 8. Jacqueline Withers – 7/14
 9. Manual Masin Jr. – 7/16
 10. Luis Martinez – 7/17
 11. Dwight Anderson – 7/22
 12. Isaiah Johnson – 7/26
- +++++



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 Prayers Oh Lord"

- Health – Ted White, Sherlyn Thomas, Phyllis Robinson, Lauren Watson, Charles Jackson, Monica Jolivette, All the Youth, Chris Davis, Jere' Procopio, Albert Green, The Families of Timothy Williams and Jere' Procopio. Clarence Williams, Carol Rose and Jacqueline Withers.
- Comfort & Care – Valley Vista UMC, Ada Busby and Family and our Spanish Speaking Service. Vera Castille.
- Encouragement – Jose Orlando and Yolanda Rivera Argentina (Missionaries).
- Protection – For our Armed Forces serving here and in distant lands.

+++++

The Poet's



Corner

Favors

As the world goes around, to many people just pass by.
When we need to stop and help, or at least stop and try.
There's no need for thanks, the pleasures all mine.
For what I give today, I know, I will get back in time.
So I have done this for you, with hopes in return.
That someone in need will become your concern.
I don't expect you to run out and do it today.
I just ask that you stop to help, someone, somewhere, along the way.

By Pete Schwartz

+++++

The Dream

Last night I had a dream,
and it was quite a tale.

I met an angle, poor thing,
she wasn't quite well.

Her body was all bruised,
broken, and battered.
Her wings were all ripped,
torn, and tattered.

She seemed to be crying

and she was pointing at me.

When I got closer, she said "Come closer, come see."

She said "I am your guardian angel, and look what you have done.

While running around and having your fun.

My wings got all ripped,
sheltering you from sin.

Because of your misdeeds,
I may never fly again.

These bruises I got, while fighting evil away.

While you chased after harm,
day after day.

But never fear, I shall never let you fight alone.

I'll be by your side, until we meet again,
at our father's throne."

But when I woke up this morning,
I wondered why I should try?

And off in the distance,
you could hear an angle,
start to cry.

By Pete Schwartz

+++++

What's

Happening at

Epworth in July?

1. **July 1st:** 1st Thursday of the month, Admin. Board Minutes, Agenda and reports turned in to Rev. King Harris for distribution on July 4th, 2010.
2. **July 3rd:** Epworth's Committee Meetings. Start times maybe different for each committee. Please check with your committee chair.
3. **July 4th:** "NO" First Sunday Pot-Luck. Remember - Admin. Board Reports, Agenda and Minutes will be distributed following the 11 a.m. Worship Service. Turn in your reports on July 1st to Rev. King Harris.
4. **July 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th and 31st:** Epworth's Spanish speaking worship services at 6 p.m.
5. **July 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th:** United Methodist Youth meeting at 4 p.m.
6. **July 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th:** The Fatherhood Initiative meeting at 6 p.m.
7. **July 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th:** Adult Wednesday night Bible study and meal at 6 p.m.
8. **July 10th:** Admin. Board Meeting at 9 a.m.
9. **July 11th:** Epworth's "Block Party" for 2010. Street in front of Church is blocked off and 11 a.m. Worship Service is

held in the street.

10. **July 11th & 25th:** 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.

11. **July 12th – 23rd:** Vacation Bible School and Talent Camp. Volunteers are welcomed.

+++++
+++

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 June. 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 July**
Please bring your Non-Perishable foods to the Saturday, 6 p.m. Spanish speaking worship service. On Sundays, bring your items to the 11 a.m. Worship Service 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.

Counseling

- Rev. King H. Harris
 - Assistant Pastor, Jeff Kanost
 - Assistant Pastor, MarvManuel Jimenez
- +++++
++++

Epworth's Music Ministers

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