

Epworth United Methodist Church Newsletter

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Birthstone: Pearl
Flower: Rose

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

Psalms 81:13 "Oh, that My people would listen to Me, That Israel would walk in My ways! 14 I would soon subdue their enemies, and turn My hand against their adversaries.

15 The haters of the LORD would pretend submission to Him, But their fate would endure forever.

16 He would have fed them also with the finest of wheat; And with honey from the rock I would have satisfied you."
“(Psalms 81:13-16).

We are a strange lot. We humans are supposed to be

the ones that help the rest of the earth understand what should be done. Yet, we have great difficulties in doing what is in our own clear best interest. God's word is clear when he calls for us to listen to Him and walk in His ways; yet we have great difficulty in doing so!

If we walk in the way of the Lord we will have God's favor. What does it mean to have God's favor? In this passage God says He will subdue your enemies; you no longer need to engage in the battle. God Himself will deal with your enemies. You must understand that it makes no difference who those enemies are. God can and will deal with them. If the enemies are financial in nature, God can. If they are relationship-based, God can. If your health is the enemy, God can. If your children have not been delivered, know that God can. The thing that He is waiting on is for you to turn and do as He has called you, because God can! In all the promises and evidence of God doing what he says he will do, yet we still have great difficulties.

You can see the great promises that God has for his people, the word ask a question "how can you love God who you have not seen and hate your brother who you have seen?" With that

in mind you see God will subdue the ones that hate Him. If they hate you they hate God. Yet, we have great difficulties!

God calls for us to turn to Him and, yet, we have great difficulties; because if we turn toward Him the word says that "goodness and righteousness will follow you all the days of your life." That is to say it will pursue you. You will be like D.L. Moody when he said "Too many blessings; Lord stop." The word is clear; listen to the Psalmist in 80:16, "**But you would be fed with the finest of wheat; with honey from the rock I would satisfy you.**" You see the word "but" that is an indication as to what your English teacher would call a "condition predicate", which simply means that something is required for the "this" to take place.

Let us see how it is set up in 2nd Chronicles 7:12-16. **12 the LORD appeared to him at night and said: "I have heard your prayer and have chosen this place for myself as a temple for sacrifices."**

13 "When I shut up the heavens so that there is no rain, or command locusts to devour the land or send a plague among my people, 14 if my people, who are called by my name, will humble

themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land. 15 Now my eyes will be open and my ears attentive to the prayers offered in this place. 16 I have chosen and consecrated this temple so that my Name may be there forever. My eyes and my heart will always be there. The "if" you see at the start of the 14th verse is in the Greek, what is known as a "hottie clause" which means "if this then that" you need to do something if you want God's blessing. Listen with care, I did not say that you can't do anything for your salvation; what I want you to understand is you are required to do something when you want more than to be saved. **IF YOU WANT GOD'S BLESSING YOU MUST ABIDE BY HIS SPIRITUAL LAWS.** Yes, we must turn and obey. Yet, we have great difficulties!!!

Rev. King H. Harris, Senior Pastor at Epworth UMC
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The family of Theodore V. Barros wishes to acknowledge the words of comfort, cards, prayers, food, flowers and other expressions of love, sympathy and kindness shown before, during, and after the loss of our loved one. No business is so pressing, nor is any sadness so sorrowful that one should not stop and say "thank you." In due course we hope to personally express our gratitude to each of you. Thank you and God bless you!

The Barros Family

If you want to view the power point picture presentation that was shown at the service on May 8, 2010. Go to rjluna.com then into sweet dreams link, then on the upper right hand corner go to view memories. Log in is: Ted. Password is: Barros.
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United Methodist Day at the Rockies

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 UMC congregations

COST: \$15/ticket

[More information is now available:](#)

The seats are in the infield upper deck and are shaded.

Last day to purchase on line is June 10!

[Visit this web site to purchase your tickets.](#)

Use Special Offer Code: UMC

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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.
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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.

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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>

This year the following individuals from Epworth will attend the Conference: Rev. King Harris, Sis. Wallace Yvonne Tollette and Sis. Jackie Perkins.

You will also see Pastor Jeff Kanost, Thom Foster and Clarence Williams volunteering and assisting with selected programs throughout the time of this Conference.
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God Is Love!



Around Town and Epworth.....

Hope everyone had a glorious Mother's Day! Pastor King distributed a book entitled, Blessed Among Women: God's Gifts to Mothers. It is very insightful and its size allows one to slip it in their purse to read on the bus or other places where you might have some down time. I love it because mothers are such special people. Thank you Pastor King.

The Epworth history is my main focus right now. It's coming along however s-l-o-w-l-y, but nevertheless moving along. I have two problems: one is this blankety, blank computer Vista software, that I've complained about all the time which has made me look more closely at a Macintosh. I'm told that a Macintosh doesn't do such weird things. But the flip side is I would still need to learn Macintosh software. Ah, well, c'est la vie (such is life.) The other is, some are so slow to respond to the questionnaire, however,

I've about got that done with a lot of harassment, pleading, begging and groveling, I've convinced about 100 people to participate. Now the truly hard part is the fact that some documents are not dated which makes sequencing a pain and very time-consuming. Oh, but good news, I did find Pastor Kiwanuka, she's in Pennsylvania. Interestingly enough, did you know that in Epworth's 120-year or so, history, she is only the second female to lead this congregation--the first one obviously was Melissa Briggs, the founder.

We are now at least three special people short in our Denver demographics: Long-time residents and extremely talented artists--Dawn Williams Boyd and Irvin Wheeler--who moved to Atlanta this past week to new challenges and hopefully even more artistic success. Unfortunately--and I ask prayers for Irvin-- he is in need of a liver transplant. The other is the Rev. Willard Johnson who was a long-time Baptist minister but has now made his transition. Arrangements are pending at Caldwell-Kirk Mortuary.

Granddaughter, Gabrielle, whom some of you know, is completing her second year at Mesa State College in Grand Junction. She says she's planning to head to Florida for her junior and senior years to study entertainment law.

And finally, I love to read, yes, I'd better list the Bible first and foremost; however, I read a lot of non-fiction and one that has captured my interest is entitled, "No One Would Listen" by Harry Markopolos. It's the story of Bernard Madoff, the greatest financial criminal in history becoming the king of the Ponzi Scheme. As head of the largest Hedge Fund in the world, a fund that eventually spread to over forty nations and handled TENS of BILLIONS of dollars--was all a fraud.

Over and out. God bless.

Wallace Yvonne Tollette
303 830-1691
Shel-Vonne TS Gifts & Souvenirs

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Who's Ushering In June

- June 6th:

- Sis. Myrtle Davis
- Sis. Rudy Robinson.
- June 13th: Block Party!
 Brother Clarence Williams
 Sis. Vera Castille.
- June 20th:
 Sis. Sharon Davis
 Sis. Kimberly Smith
- June 27th:
 Sis. Myrtle Davis
 Sis. Rudy Robinson

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June Acolyte Schedule

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

- June 6th:
 Melissa Wilson & Connine Sauls
- June 13th: Block Party!
 Joshua Wilson & Kitana Aragon
- June 20th:
 Arlene Hill & Cheyenne Sharp.
- June 27th:
 Melissa Wilson & Connine Sauls

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Epworth's Birthdays for June 2010:

Congratulations to:

1. Sharon Davis – 6/3
2. Kimberly Smith – 6/4
3. Leeodis (Lee) Davis – 6/8
4. Jacqueline Stitt – 6/10
5. Jessica Walters – 6/10
6. Eva Williams – 6/14
7. Kala Greene – 6/16
8. Kim Benjamin – 6/19
9. Virginia Guerrero – 6/20
10. Jessica Robinson – 6/20
11. Matthew Weatherspoon – 6/21
12. Kevin Vasques – 6/22
13. Alicia Mann – 6/23
14. Clarence Williams – 6/27



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.

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Let Light Shine Out of Darkness.

II Corinthians 4:6



"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, Opalanga Pugh (www.caringbridge.org then go to visit a website type in Opalanga), Albert Green, The Families of Timothy Williams and Jere' Procopio. Clarence Williams and Carol Rose.
- Comfort & Care – Valley Vista UMC, Theo Barrows

Family, Wallace Yvonne Tollette and Family and our Spanish Speaking Service.

- Encouragement – Jose Orlando and Yolanda Rivera Argentina (Missionaries).
- Protection – For our Armed Forces serving here and in distant lands.

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The Poet's Corner

The Last Request

Please don't say I gave up, just say I gave in. Don't say I lost the battle, for it was God's war to lose or win.
Please don't say how good I was, but that I did my best.
Just say I tried to do what's right, to give most I could, not to do less.

Please don't give me wings or halos, that's for God to do. I want no more than I deserve, no extras, just my due. Please don't give flowers or talk in harsh tones. Don't be concerned about me now, I'm well with God, I've made it home. Don't talk about what could have been, It's over and it's done. Just see to all my family needs, the battle has been won.

When you draw a picture of me, don't draw me as a saint. I've done some good, I've done some wrong. So use all your paint, not just the bright and light tones, use some gray and dark.

In fact don't put me down on canvas, paint me in your heart.

Don't just remember good times, but remember some bad. For live is full of many things, some happy and some sad. But if you must do something, then I have one last Request.

Forgive me for the wrong I've done and with the love that's left Thank God for my soul's resting,

Thank God for I've been blessed. Thank God for all who loved me Praise God who loved me best.

Taken from Theodore "Ted" V. Barros home going celebration on May 8, 2010 at Epworth UMC
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What's Happening at Epworth in June?

1. **June 3rd:** 1st Thursday of the month, Admin. Board Minutes, Agenda and reports turned in to Rev. King Harris for distribution on June 6, 2010.

2. **June 5th:** Epworth's Committee Meetings. Start times maybe different for each committee. Please check with your committee chair.
3. **June 6th:** First Sunday Pot-Luck. Bring your favorite dish; enough for your family and a friend!
Remember - Admin. Board Reports, Agenda and Minutes will be distributed following the 11 a.m. Worship Service. Turn in your reports on June 3rd to Rev. King Harris.
4. **June 5th, 12th, 19th and 26th:** Epworth's Spanish speaking worship services at 6 p.m.
5. **June 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th:** United Methodist Youth meeting at 4 p.m.
6. **June 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, and 29th:** The Fatherhood Initiative meeting at 6 p.m.
7. **June 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th:** Adult Wednesday night Bible study and meal at 6 p.m.
8. **June 12th:** Admin. Board Meeting at 9 a.m.
9. **June 13th:** 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. **June 13th & 27th:** 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. **June 20th:** Father's Day
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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 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 June** Please bring your None-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. Chris also needs volunteers on Tuesdays and Thursdays to prepare food for distribution to clinics.

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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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Feed your Faith and Starve Doubt to Death!

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

"His Eye Is on You"

God has His eye on you! You don't believe it? Well, I'm sure that after you have come through the storm of your

situation, you will find that it was God's hand moving you along when you thought you were standing still.

Let us look at a story found in Exodus 13-14. When the Israelites thought they were doomed, they had no idea that God's eye had never left them. Even when the Israelites were, in their eyes, caught in the middle between the Red Sea and the Egyptians, they still blamed Moses for bringing them to the desert to die. What they didn't know was that God had everything under control.

One of the most remarkable occurrences in the story of the Red-Sea experience is how accurate to details God is as He guides the Israelites to safety. The Bible tells us that the Israelites were trapped between the mountains on one side, the Red Sea in front, and the Egyptian army behind.

The Angel of the Lord, seeing the situation,

moves behind the children of Israel, causing the Egyptians to stay away from them. While the Egyptians were blinded by the cloud in front of them, the children of Israel were told to move forward.

As they began to move forward, the Red Sea began to part; and the Israelites moved across on dry land. God was carefully guiding them to the other side. But during the last watch, the Bible says that God looked down from the "pillar of fire and cloud" and saw the Egyptians making their way across the Red Sea. God threw the Egyptians into confusion, causing the wheels of their chariots to come off so that they had difficulty driving. The Egyptians became frightened and decided to retreat. In fact, a few of them were recorded as saying, ". their God must be fighting for them." Of course, it was too late. For the water, on God's command, returned to

its normal position; and the Egyptian army were never seen again.

After you come through a trial or test in your life, you may think that you made all the right moves. But you see you are incapable of causing the natural things created by God to obey you because you did not create them. The natural things created by God respond only to God. You have no power over causing the Red Sea of your situation to leave its bed of rest and stand tall on both sides, creating a pathway to freedom for you to cross safely to the other side. When you were walking blindly and had no clue as to where you were, it was God guiding you with a "cloud" by day and "fire" by night (Exodus 13:21-22).

It was God who changed the heart and mind of that bill collector; stopped the foreclosure of your house; spoke to the heart of that overbearing boss;

said, "yes," when the doctor said, "no"; and changed your mind when you were going in the wrong direction. It was God who made that \$10 in your pocket stretch to get all you needed and more, and it is still God who will "never leave you or forsake you" (Hebrews 13:5), and who will continue to supply all of your needs according to His riches in Glory in Christ Jesus (Philippians 4:19).

God is truly amazing. Time and time again, He has shown His power. And yet all He asks of us is to love Him. His desire to have fellowship with us is the whole reason we were created, and yet we are constantly moving away from Him by trying to live our lives without Him.

Are you standing in the middle of a problem, where you cannot see a way out? Are you blocked in on all sides, and your last option has failed? Just remember: There is a "cloud by day," a "fire by night," and a Red-Sea parting just

for you. Don't give up! You are not alone! David records in Psalm 121: 3-4 that God never slumbers or sleeps. God will not let your foot slip (vs. 3), and He will watch over your life (vs. 7). God sees your situation, and it won't be long before you will be walking on solid ground again! Stand firm, don't give up, and remember: *His Eye Is on You!*

*"I am just an Ordinary
Woman, On an*

*Extraordinary Journey,
With an Awesome God"*

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