

WEEKLY UPDATE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LEADERSHIP

Lead Pastor

Rev. Jennifer Fenner

Associate Pastor

Rev. Tammi Brantley

Pastor Emeritus

Rev. Yolanda Pupo-Ortiz

WORSHIP SERVICES

9:00am- Arise

(Traditional)

10:30am- Celebrate

(Praise & Worship)

12:30 pm- Camino

(Spanish)

EPWORTH UMC

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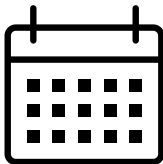
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CALENDAR

BE TRANSFORMED | SEA TRANSFORMADO

- Sept. 15- "Get out of the Boat | Salte de la Barca" NEW Sermon Series & Life Groups Begin
- Sept. 15- 1:30pm | Food Distribution
- Sept. 17 5-7pm | Mid Atlantic Event at Grace UMC: Funding Ministry Through Legacy Giving
- Sept. 20- 6:30pm | Greater Gaithersburg Youth Ministry
- Sept. 21- 9:00am-1pm | "Como esta estructurado el Metodismo" en Salem UMC
- Sept. 22- 2:00-5:00pm | Starting Point for anyone interested in more info about EUMC
- Sept. 27- 6:30pm | Greater Gaithersburg Youth Ministry
- Sept. 28 - Executive Retreat
- Sept. 29 HISPANIC/LATINO HERITAGE Celebration in Worship Services followed by 1:30pm Potluck Celebration Dinner with Epworth and Salem UMC - ALL WELCOME in Lounge
- Sept. 29-1:30pm | Food Distribution
- Oct. 4-6- Change the World Weekend Service projects (sign up on website or yellow table)
- Oct. 6- 10:00am | Change the World | World Communion Single Service & EPK Sunday
- Oct. 9- 7pm | All Church Finance Conversation | Zoom or In-person
- Oct. 12- 10:30-12:30 Pumpkin Fest
- Oct. 12- Young Adult Event
- Oct. 13- 1:30pm | Food Distribution
- Oct. 19- 9am | All Hands Work Day

**FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR EVENT REGISTRATION,
PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT WWW.EPWORDHUNITED.ORG**

September Sermon Series: Get Out Of The Boat

Sermon Series To Begin: September 15 - October 13

Peter was a water walker. Jesus told Peter to “Get out of the boat”! He said, Come to me, Peter! And Peter did just that. This sermon series will be a call to action for the water walker in each of you. A life lived in service to God should be exciting. Water walking wasn’t just for that day. This biblical incident is a challenge to all of us to “Get out of the boat” and attempt to do only what we can do with God’s help. Join us as we get out of the boat for our fall sermon series!



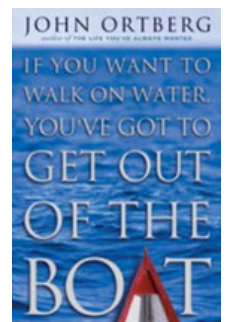
Starting Point | Sunday, September 22 | 2-5pm

This is an opportunity to learn about Epworth, meet our pastors, learn about Methodism, hear about places to serve, consider joining a lifegroup, and consider joining Epworth as a member. Attending starting point is focused on providing information, connecting to pastors and leaders, and understanding Epworth vision, structure, and ministry. Interested persons should contact Pastor Jen jennifer.fenner@eumc-md.org or Dianne Downs shadowstar617401@gmail.com

Sermon Series Book | John Ortberg, If You Want to Walk On Water... Get Out Of The Boat

For our fall sermon series, books that correlate with the series will be available for purchase in the entry area for \$12 each.

Series will begin on September 15. Get your book and following along by yourself or join as a life group as we grow together, learning to trust God.



Ways To Give Your Offering



Givebutter

OR

Vanco



Coffee Hour Fellowship & Greeters

Support our worship services by signing up to help our connect team greet persons before service or help set up coffee for fellowship after service. Plan on coming 15 minutes early for service and staying 30 minutes after service to help clean up. For additional questions, please contact Judy Fenner at jadrfenner@verizon.net



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Altar Flowers

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Flowers are a wonderful way to brighten our altar for worship. Sunday arrangements are \$45 each and may be taken home after the 12:30 service. Your dedication will be printed in the bulletins on Sunday. If you would like to order flowers, please scan the QR Code. Please place your flower order by the Wednesday, prior to the Sunday you would like them dedicated.

Serve Our Community | Food Distribution

Every other Sunday, Epworth distributes food to families who are food insecure. These families are selected through our community partners. Help is needed in delivering food and packing food. Scan the QR code to get more information.

Food Distribution Upcoming Date:
September 15 | 1:30pm



**Volunteer
To Pack
Food**



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**Volunteer
To Deliver
Food**



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EPWORTH
ENDOWMENT

Grants

The Epworth Endowment Grant Application Deadline is approaching. All applications for grants from the Epworth Endowment funds must be **submitted by September 30th** for consideration in this year's grant process. The application, as well as additional information about the grants and the funds available, is available on the Epworth website:

<https://www.epworthunited.org/endowment-grants>

If you have any questions feel free to reach out to Dave Beeler (dbbeeler@yahoo.com or 301-252-3439) or any member of the Endowment Committee.

Children's Ministry



We are excited to announce the launch of our new preschool and elementary Sunday school program, along with the introduction of a music ministry tailored for our preschool and children's ministry students. This initiative will begin on Sunday, September 21st, and aims to enrich the spiritual and musical development of our young learners. Additionally, we are seeking dedicated volunteers to serve as teachers for our preschool and early elementary students. If you are interested in making a meaningful impact in the lives of our children, we invite you to consider teaching one Sunday a month during the 10:30 AM worship service and the 12:30 PM Spanish worship service. Your involvement can help nurture the faith and growth of our children within our community. Thank you for considering this opportunity to serve!

Greater Gaithersburg Youth Ministry

GGYM meets weekly on Fridays at 6:30PM. Join us for a night of friendships, laughter, games, and Godly conversations.

Students interested in confirmation should attend the info session at Mill Creek Parish on October 20th at 5pm



Young Adult Ministry



Young Adult Fellowship Events:

- Oct 12 - Nov 9 - Dec 14

Contact Julie Malone for specifics at julchazen@gmail.com

In Person YA Life Groups:

Sundays 5-7pm Contact Pjen

Thursdays 7pm start Contact Christina Castillo or Julie Chazen

Adult Ministry | Epworth Life Groups

Join A Life Group | Life Group Sign ups underway now
Epworth adult discipleship is based on life groups. . Studies will last for 4 weeks starting the week of September 15 following the sermon series. We will be using the John Ortberg book If you want to walk on water...Get out of the Boat



Epworth Preschool & Kindergarten



PRESCHOOL & KINDERGARTEN

1 John 4:16 God is love

We still have openings!
Contact Director Andy Doerrman to enroll
www.epkgaitersburg.org or 301 977 3421

Thank you to those who offered scholarships. We are in the process of receiving student information for Summit Hall scholarship recipients!

Epworth's Ana A. Brito Foundation

Fall Trimester starts Tuesday, September 10.

Please contact Deacon Megan Blanchard for any questions about ESOL. esolmanager@eumc-md.org

Add yourself to the Wait list:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScnQvb2YoJpAvLcza1KwoDFoONDTujvF94I2DPGjSFE66h7Sg/viewform>



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Life Groups at Epworth

Fall Adult Groups

Tuesday Noon Zoom/201

Pastor Jen jennifer.fenner@eumc-md.org

Tuesday Night 7pm Zoom and In person

Judy Fenner Jadrfenner@verizon.net

Dave Beeler dbbeeler@yahoo.com

Wednesday Night Women's Group Zoom 8pm

Pastor Tammi and Pastor Jen

tammi.brantley@eumc-md.org

Thursday Night Women's group in person 7pm Dawn

DiCandilo dawndicandilo@yahoo.com

Sunday 12noon in person (after 10:30 service)

Scott Parsons; Scott.D.Parsons@gmail.com

Saturday afternoon (starting Sept 28) at Parsonage

5pm - 7pm Pastor Jen

Fall Young Adult Groups

1-2 Sundays month 5-7pm EUMC Pastor Jen

Thursday 7pm off site in person

Julie Chazen julchazen@gmail.com and Christina

Castillo disciple@eumc-md.org

Life
GROUPS



GET OUT OF THE BOAT
SALTE DE LA BARCA



Change The World Weekend | October 4-6

Change the World Projects:

Paper sign ups on yellow table.

Online sign up ready by Sept 22



SATURDAY

1. Packing boxes for Active Military

Lead: Maribel and Migue Lopez

2. Packing boxes for College Students

Lead: Meron Debru

3. Making/Bringing Baked Goods to the Muncaster Mill Fire station *NEED LEAD*

SUNDAY

1. Voter Registration Drive

Lead: Miriam Williams; United Women in Faith

2. Stream Clean up

Lead: Edgard Tellez (Need second adult)

3. Making baskets for new mothers

Welcome Baby Project of Mujer Fuerza y Coraje) LEAD: Milagros Flores (need second adult)

4. Resume writing workshop

Lead Elisa Parsons Facetti

VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED

Pumpkin Fest Volunteer Sign up



NEED Change the World Project leads*

1. Children Decorating Placemats for the Lord's Table 40th anniversary celebration
2. Making Fleece Pet Blankets for the Montgomery County Humane Society * Can also take pet food and cleaning supplies
3. Thank you for Police Stations
Need Lead - Chris/Tracie Barney Hackley to supply ideas and contact.
4. Assembling Birthing kits and Sewing Menstrual pads for Sierra Leone via Helping Children Worldwide.

*CTW project leads can choose October 5, or 6 for project. See Elisa and Scott Parsons or Pastor Jen.

Pumpkin Festival REGISTRATION

Epworth's Pumpkin Fest will be Saturday October 12. Sign up genius link for volunteers is on website and above.

**Sign up to attend this fall fun at:
www.epworthunited.org**

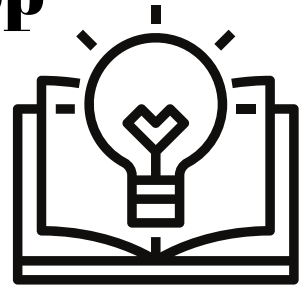
We will have

Moon Bounce
Tractor Rides
Crafts
Face Paint
and lots of fun!

Contact Amy Brown or PJen with questions.

JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL
PUMPKIN FESTIVAL
FESTIVAL DE CALABAZAS
Sat | Sabado October 12 | 10:30am-12:30pm
Admission is Free! | Gratis
Games - Bounce House - Face Paint -
Tractor rides - Crafts- and Pumpkins
EPWORTH UMC
9008 Rosemont Drive | Gaithersburg
Registration opens
by September 15
Inscripción abrirá
el 15 septiembre

Legacy Giving Workshop



Where? Grace UMC, 119 N Frederick Avenue, Gaithersburg

When? Tuesday, September 17th 5pm-7pm

What? A light supper, followed by a presentation from the Mid-Atlantic United Methodist Foundation

If your church does not currently have an endowment, you are missing out on a vital component of the long-term sustainability of your mission and ministry. We know that 60% of United Methodist churches in our area haven't received a legacy gift in the last 5 years - let's change that statistic and develop a plan.

The Foundation can help! This event is appropriate for pastors and any interested laity, including finance chairs, trustees, treasurers, key donors and more.

Register at: <https://web.charityengine.net/graceumclegacy>



ALL CHURCH CONVO
CONVERSACION DE TODA LA IGLESIA

Epworth

*Discussing the finances of Epworth
Una conversación sobre las finanzas de Epworth*

WEDNESDAY | MIERCOLES
OCTOBER 9, 2024 | 7 PM
VIA WORSHIP ZOOM
OR IN ROOM 201 IN PERSON

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**ALL CHURCH
CONVERSATION**

**DONT FORGET
TO JOIN US**

TALLER en Español



sabado 21 septiembre

Estructura Metodista

EXPLORANDO EL CONTEXTO WESLEYANA JUNTOS
CON PASTORES CARLOS, CASSIE Y JENNIFER

sabado 21 septiembre | 9:00am-1pm | Salem UMC
3403 Gough St. Baltimore, MD 21224
Comida, compartir, aprendizaje, convivio

MINISTERIOS HISPANIC LATINO BWC

RSVP: Texteando 4439283771



CELEBRATE

HISPANIC/LATINO HERITAGE SUNDAY SEPT 29

Testimonies in all three services.
POTLUCK CELEBRATION DINNER IN LOUNGE
1:30pm ALL WELCOME

EPWORTH & SALEM UMC

CONTACT PJEN if you want to
help with dinner



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CELEBRATES
HISPANIC
LATINO
HERITAGE