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Greeters Needed

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You are invited to volunteer to serve as a greeter for Sunday worship. This is a great way to get meet one another as we gather for worship. There is a signup sheet on the bulletin board in the narthex.

Beyond serving in this special way, each of us should do our part to greet one another. Take some time to seek out someone you might not know and say hello. Let's work together to be a place where we welcome one another in the love of Christ.

Planned Giving

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On May 30th, we will celebrate Memorial Day, taking time to acknowledge and remember all the men and women who have made the ultimate sacrifice to keep our country safe and free. During this time of remembrance, we would ask that you also consider another “memorial” opportunity - The Epworth Memorial Endowment. This program was established to provide members of our congregation with the opportunity to participate in the long-term life and growth of our church. The Epworth Memorial Endowment enables members of our congregation to memorialize a family member, friend or church member who has made a significant impact on the life of our church. We encourage you to spend a moment viewing the “remembrance wall” in the hallway outside the Sunday School rooms. Several individuals have already been honored through this recognition.

To memorialize an individual, we request a donation of \$100 per person. There is no limit to the number of people who can memorialize the same person with their contribution.

With your help, this endowment will not only honor your cherished friends and family members, but will also help to sustain the long-term life and growth of Epworth. Your contributions will be collectively invested in an endowment portfolio, with the income used to support identified needs for the operation of our church. It is our hope that you will prayerfully consider this opportunity to invest in our future while creating a lasting memorial to those you hold dear.

Who has touched your church life? Who would you like to acknowledge this Memorial Day?

What will General Conference mean to my United Methodist church?

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As a United Methodist, you are probably aware that [General Conference](#), the once-every-four-years official meeting of the church is happening in [Portland, Oregon, May 10-20](#), 2016. What may be far less clear, however, is what happens there and what it means to your local congregation.

The best-known aspect of General Conference is the [legislation](#). General Conference is the body that determines direction and speaks officially for our denomination. 864 delegates elected by their annual conferences will consider 1044 petitions. Half the delegates are clergy and half are laity. Bishops lead the sessions, but have neither voice nor vote.

Amendments to [The Book of Discipline](#) that guides the work of local churches, pastors, annual conferences, general agencies, and bishops, are adopted. Delegates also vote on resolutions that give the official positions of The United Methodist Church on social issues which are published in our [Book of Resolutions](#).

The General Conference covers a wide array of issues that affect all levels of our church. A small percentage of them receive a great deal of attention. Others will pass or fail without much fanfare, but will have lasting impacts in the life of our local churches.

At the 2016 General Conference legislation will be presented and debated on human sexuality, the budget of the general church for 2017-2020, a more global church structure, the ordination process for our pastors, formation of a hymnal revision committee, and more.

Whether widely publicized or not, General Conference legislation directs our work globally, regionally, and locally in our congregations.

General Conference receives reports, votes on legislation, and passes a budget, but it is more than a business meeting.

The General Conference sessions are the only time The United Methodist Church gathers from across the globe in a single location. In that sense, it is something akin to a family reunion—albeit a ridiculously large one. When we come together every four years, we take the opportunity to worship, remember, and celebrate.

More information and to stay up to date you can go to [UMC.org](#) and click on General Conference.

Order Your T-Shirt Today!

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You have the opportunity to share your faith and make a statement. For \$15 you have the choice of color and size with proceeds going to support pilgrims from Epworth who will be going on the Walk to Emmaus. They make a great gift! Orders will be taken through May 8th so don't miss out.

Memorial Day Flags

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To honor our fallen heroes and those we have loved, the youth group will be selling small American flags that will be placed in and around the Memorial Garden and front church grounds. Each flag is \$5 and the names of those to be remembered will be placed in an insert that will be part of our service on Sunday, May 29th. Order forms can be found in your Sunday bulletin or in the narthex. Checks should be made out to Epworth and memo youth group.

Epworth Remembers

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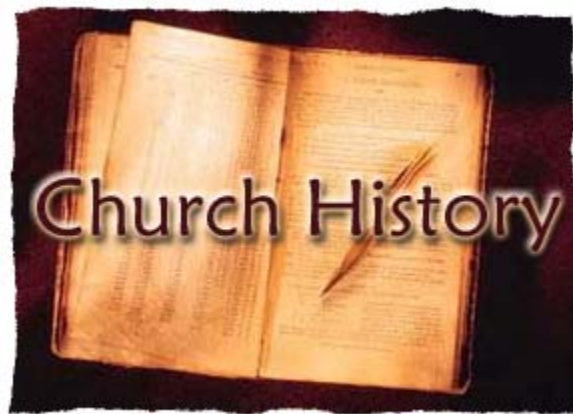
Alberta Cheeseman was recently added to our Memorial Endowment Plaque. Sadly, she left us just after

Christmas this past year and is missed. She was a regular member of our Bible study groups such as Sunday School, Monday morning, Lenten Soup Supper or various other study classes. Alberta enjoyed learning and discussing her faith. For a while she was there to watch the children of Mom's Morning Out. Alberta was part of several other groups of the church always bringing her beautiful smile and charm. There is no doubt that she valued the fellowship and relationships that she had here at Epworth.

It is important that we remember those who have been part of our faith journey both individually or here at Epworth. Is there someone you wish to be remembered? The Memorial Endowment Plaque offers the opportunity to keep the memory of those special people before while knowing that the gift of \$100 ensures the future ministry of Epworth. Contact Jean Cook, Pastor Charlie or the church office for more information.

History Committee Members Sought

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The History Committee has always been an important part of Epworth's fabric. Epworth's past is a story that needs to be preserved and retold. This important work can only be done by a group dedicated to this aspect of our ministry. We are looking to re-form this team and continue to build upon the foundation laid by others before. If you have an interest in history and especially that of Epworth we ask that you talk with Pastor Charlie. The rich history of Epworth is waiting for you to discover the next story that needs to be told.

Parking Reminder

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We all realize that parking around the church is limited. There are limited spaces available behind the church in the gravel parking area. These are usually open for evening meetings and gatherings. The bank parking lot on the corner of Garfield and Broad is open to be used on Sunday mornings. Don't forget that sharing rides also helps in opening spaces for others.

Calling All Graduates

By Amy | May 2016



Are you or someone you know graduating? Please let the church office know as we plan to recognize all our graduates on **June 12**. We would love to help you celebrate this special time and recognize your achievements.

