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# Epworth's Christmas Concert

By Tina Weiler | December 2016



## December 11th at 6:00pm

We hope you will join us for a special music event as our choirs come together for our annual Christmas Concert. A special gift of music will feature music from our handbells and vocal choir as well as other ensembles and small groups. We will come together on Sunday evening, December 11th at 6pm in the sanctuary. Following the concert we will be sharing refreshments in the parlor. Take a break from all of the Christmas bedlam and enjoy our musical gift presented especially for you. Invite others to come too!

# Christmas Caroling

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We invite you and your family to join us as we head out *caroling on Saturday, December 17th at 5:15pm* to bring the joy of Christmas to some area folks. ***We will gather at the Tippenhauer's home***, around 5:15pm on and leave by 5:30 to carpool to the homes of those who are homebound and also to some area assisted living homes. After we finish singing you are invited back to the Tippenhauer's for dessert and snacks which you asked to bring to share. Sponsored by the Goodtimers, our hope is that many will come and lend their voices to sing the carols of Christmas and bring joy to others. Don't forget your festive hat and ugly sweater!

Do know someone who might enjoy hearing our carols please call Reva Luce.

## Christmas Eve Services

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You and your family are invited to join us for one of our Christmas Eve Worship Services. Our 7 pm service is a family-friendly service with readings and carols. Our 11 pm service is a traditional service with choirs and a message. Both services are candlelight services.

## **PC's Different Gift List**

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Each year, we stress out about what we are going to get that special someone. Often the people we shop for have everything they probably want or need. But still we go out, buy gifts and hope they like them. What if instead you consider some other gift ideas to honor them and make a difference in someone else's life? Send them a Christmas card and inside include a message that you have given their gift in one of the following special ways:

Memorial Endowment Plaque ~ a \$100 gift can remember and honor someone

Youth group ~ \$75 will sponsor a youth to go to the Mid-winter Advance at Keswick

Music anthem ~ \$50 will purchase an anthem for one of our choirs

Food pantry ~ a donation of any size helps feed those in need in our community

Mary's closet ~ a donation helps the closet buy items needed to clothe children and women

Angel tree ~ Take an angel for each person you need to get a gift

Prayer shawl ministry ~ a donation helps them buy supplies needed to bring comfort to someone

Sunday school ~ honor a loved one with a donation to help our children on their faith journey

You can really make a difference with gift giving and still express your love and appreciation.

## **A Note to Members & Friends of Epworth**

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*\*\*\* Epworth is closing the 2016 Financial Books on January 8th*

Some of us consider a year end gift to the church to “catch up” on our giving or to make an additional gift. We are asking that all donations for 2016 be into the church, by no later than January 8, 2016. This will allow us to close the year and do the necessary work that needs to be accomplished in a timely manner. Donations made between January 1 and January 8th must have a note to designate it towards 2016, otherwise they will be applied to 2017. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation. Thank you.

## **Epworth's Birthday Bash**

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Everyone is invited to join us to celebrate your birthday, or your unbirthday! Come out on Sunday, January 15th at 6 pm for balloons, cake, ice cream, games and much more! This is sure to be a fun time of fellowship. Bring a picture of yourself as a baby and we will have fun, guessing who's who.

## **Christmas Day Service**

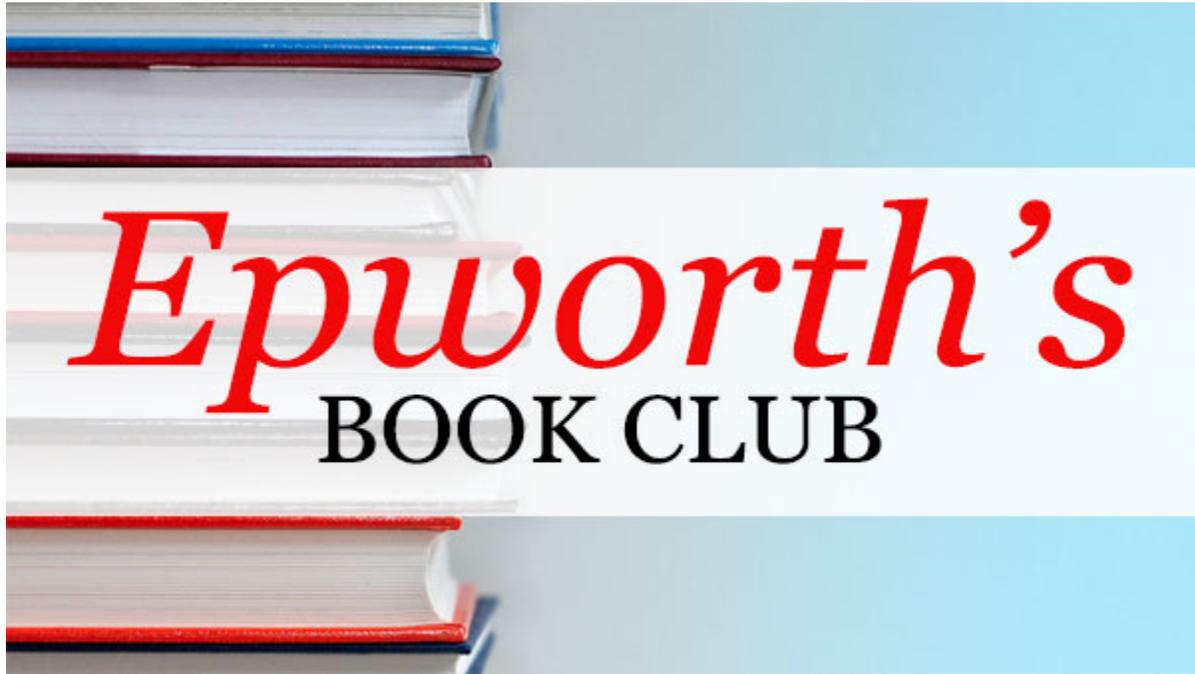
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We hope you will join us for a casual Christmas Day service at 10 am. Feel free to wear your Christmas pajamas or ugly Christmas sweater.

## **Book Club News**

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We will be discussing "*Chasing the Divine in the Holy Land*" by Ruth Everhart. Travel along as Ruth takes part in a ministerial trip to the Holy Land as part of the documentary on pilgrimage. We invite everyone to join us on this journey. We meet every 2-3 months over a meal to discuss our thoughts on the book and the topic that is presented. We welcome all to join our fellowship. We will be meeting in the bell choir room on January 8th right after the worship service. If you would like to read the book, please contact Lynn Truax.