

Gathering for Worship

Welcome & Announcements | Pat Engel

Call to Worship & Gathering Prayer | Pastor Rodney Frieden

Worship: Our Gift to God

*Hymn of Worship | Love Lifted Me | Worship & Song 3101

Giving our Tithes and Offerings to God

*Offertory | Brethren, We Have Met to Worship | Chancel Choir

*Song of Thanksgiving | Praise God | Hymnal 95

*Prayer of Dedication | Usher

Listening for God

Prayer in Song | Lord God, Almighty | Faith We Sing 2006

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer | Hymnal 895

Prayer Response in Song | Lord God, Almighty | Faith We Sing 2006

Message | A Donkey Speaks | Numbers 22:1-35 | Pastor Rodney Frieden

Committing to God

Song of Commitment | I Surrender All | Hymnal 354

*Words of Dismissal | Pastor Rodney Frieden

*Song for Traveling | Family Prayer Song | Faith We Sing 2188

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Volunteers:

This Week

Ushers: The Thompson Family
Karen Burch, Christine Billings

Greeters: Matt Steiner and Mat Billings

Next Week

Ushers: Peggy Bryan and Jean Franz
Stuart Hart and Jan Whitten

Greeters: Vern and Jane Cookson
Karen Schaefer

Usher Captains: Deb & Dennis Wood

Our Mission:

To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

Prayers & Celebrations

Please keep the following in your prayers:

Refugees; Ken and Brenda Adkins' daughter, Amy; Frank Tinsley; Brian and Nancy Owen's friend Zac; Joe Smallwood; Margaret Edward's friend, Rae; Lynn Shoger; Nancy Beal; Nancy Greve; Tom Cooper's mom, brother and daughter; Suzie Schmitz's Sister; Cathy Alley's brother; Karen Siebert's cousin; Kristy Thompson's grandpa; Jane Rominger cousin Debbie; Alta Coplen's daughter; Deb Wood's sister; Val Miller; Robert Scheirenberg; Bill Carr; Michelle Russell; Hurricane Harvey and Irma victims; Emma Miller; Brad Gilb; Congratulations to Mr. Scott Dorrell and Mrs. Alyson (Chesney) Dorrell who were married at Epworth on Saturday, September 9.

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Hours:

Monday-Thursday

9:00 am—3:00 pm

A Word From The Pastor

I'm glad that you've joined us for worship today. We do things a little differently. Here at Epworth it's not about how you dress or act that matters to us. So relax and enjoy your time with us. Sing some songs or just listen. In all we hope you will discover that we aren't your typical church. And yet while we are different, our message is always the same -

God loves you, Jesus died for you, and how you live your faith matters

-Pastor Rodney

CONNECTION CARD

The Basics

Name: _____

E-Mail: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

I am:

- Visiting for the First Time
- Regular Attender
- A Member

I'm Interested In:

- Signing up for the E-News
- Becoming a Member
- Other: _____

How Can We Pray For You?

- Add to Public Prayer List
- Add to Private Prayer List

CONNECTION CARD

I'm interested in . . .

- I am interested in going on the Mission Trip to Guatemala.
- Sign me up for Sacred Rhythms.
- I will attend the "Solitude and Presence" workshop.
- I want to serve with Baby Boomers at Midnorth Food Pantry.
- I would like to help with the Epworth Dad Event.

How Can We Help You Get Connected?

Your Weekly Feed:

'Parenting With Orange' Workshop

On **Sunday, September 10 at 10:45** we invite you for a special workshop about **Parenting With Orange**, our new curriculum for Children, hosted by our Director of Family Ministries, Aaron Taylor. Please sign-up via your connection card.

All Church Celebration & Luncheon

September 10, join us after church for a catered lunch and fellowship in preparation for the new church year: to celebrate the ministries of Epworth; to dream about our future together. Please RSVP via your connection card, or simply contact our Church Office.

Pitch-In at Turkey Run

Didn't have the opportunity to sign up for our Annual Camping Weekend this year? There's no need to worry, you can still join us for a special pitch-in and outdoor worship service on **Saturday, September 16 at 6:00PM** in the Sugar Ridge area of the park. Be sure to bring a lawn chair, tableware, and of course, a dish to share!

Mission: Guatemala Info Meeting

Would you like information about joining us this summer on a trip to Guatemala? Join us for an informational meeting on **Monday, September 18 at 7:00pm**.

Sacred Rhythms

Spiritual Practices that Nourish Your Soul and Transform Your Life. A six-week, DVD-driven course on Mondays from **7-8:30PM**, led by Dawn Blake and Susie Dorrell. Beginning **Monday, September 18**. Sign up on your connection card.

Baby Boomers to Serve

September 23, 9:45-12:15 at Midnorth Food Pantry (33rd and Meridian)

Solitude and Presence

Join us on Sun, **September 24, 6-7:30PM** as we learn to improve our ability to be alone with God in focused slence....and as we get better at being fully in GOD'S presence, it can help us be more present with those we love and who need someone to just be with them during rough times. Sign up on your connection card today!

New Fall Classes

On Sunday Evenings beginning **October 1**, we invite you to join us for one of our new evening classes. Sacred Days is a look at the various holidays of the church, including a special time for kids each week. The Blessing is a class, that guides us through blessing our spouses, children, and others with the love and acceptance we have to offer. Both classes begin at **6pm**, and continue until **November 5**.

Electronics Recycling Event

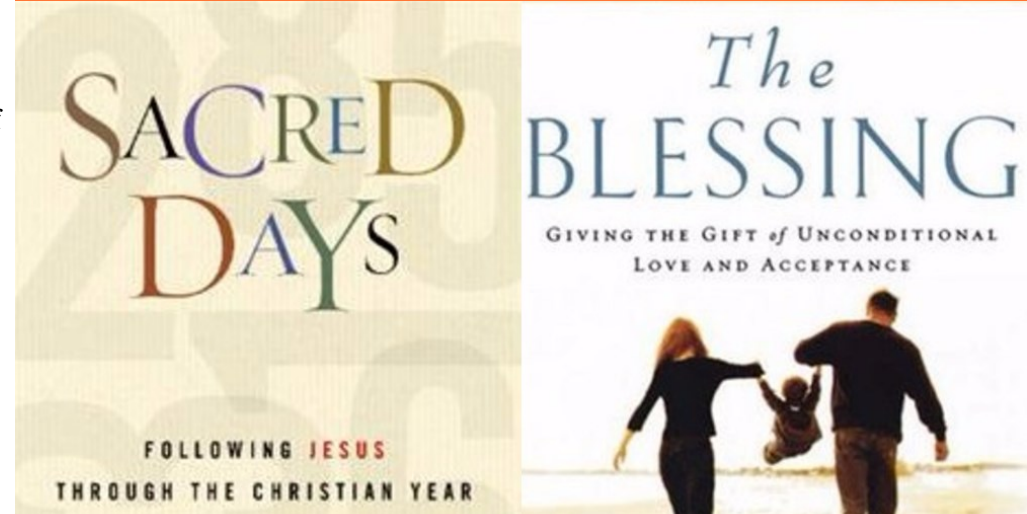
October 7, 10-2PM, bring your batteries, phones, computers, keyboards, etc. to the parking lot for recycling

Dads Serving Dads

Every year, the fathers of our preschool gather together with their kids for a special event hosted by the Church. We're looking for a couple dads who are willing to help out with our different activities including pumpkin decoration and woodworking on **Saturday, October 21**.



Help Us Pack 50,000+ Meals!



New Classes This Fall



Celebrating Ministry Building For The Future
September 10, 12:00pm

Enjoy Lunch On Us!