

This Week at Epworth

Sunday, January 21

- 9:00am Sunday School
- 10:00am Coffee Fellowship
- 10:30am Worship
- 3:00pm Christian Unity Service

Tuesday, January 23

- 1:30pm Bible Study
- 5:15 Backpack Program Meeting

Wednesday, January 24

- 7:00pm Youth
- 7:00pm Choir

Thursday, January 25

- 10:00am Pastor's Bible Study
- 7:00pm Cub Scouts

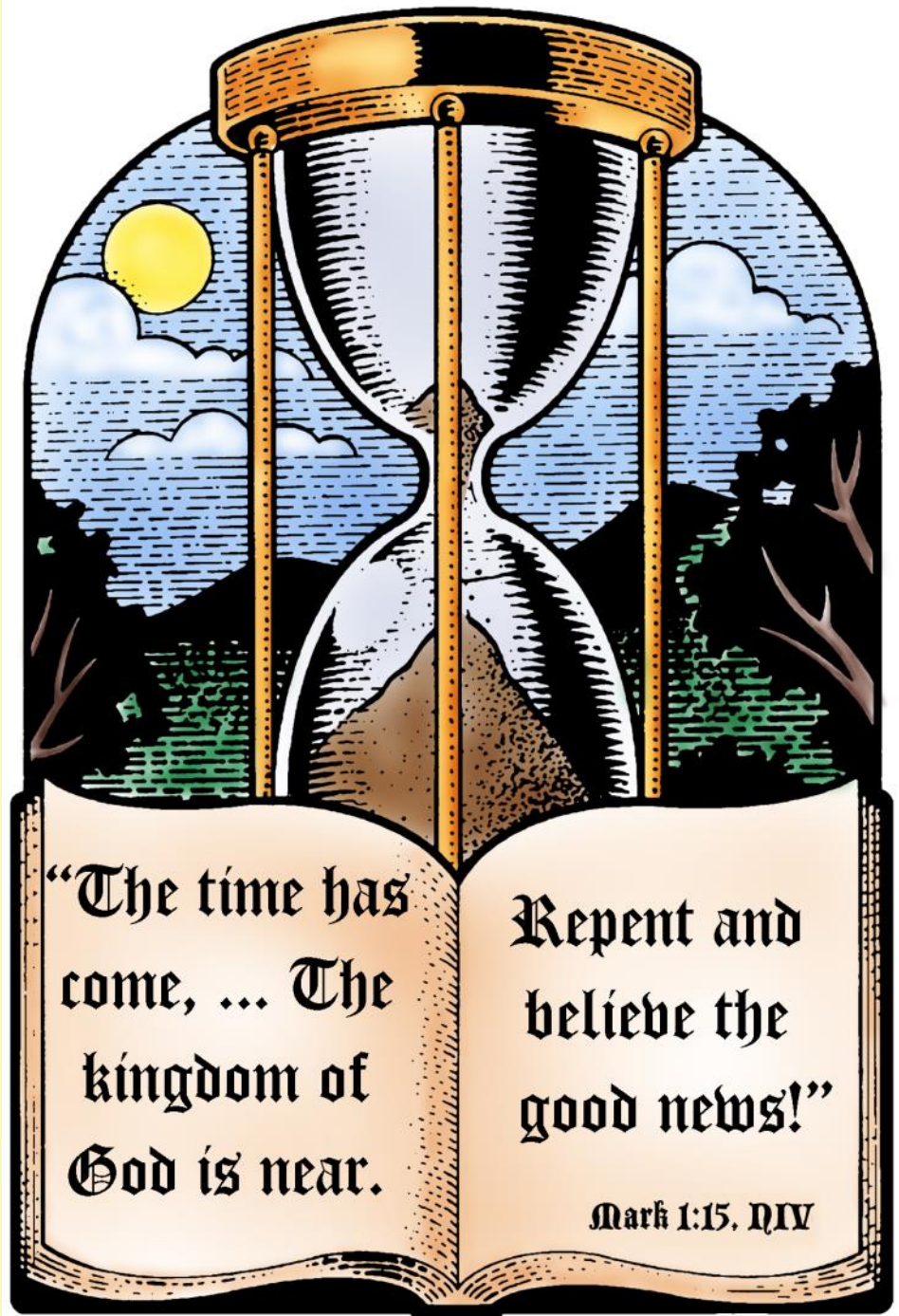
Sunday, January 28

- 9:00am Sunday School
- 10:00am Coffee Fellowship
- 10:30am Worship

Welcome! If you're a guest, know that we're glad you're here, and that we'd love to get to know you better. If this is your first visit, welcome. If you are returning, welcome back!

Coffee Fellowship time is at 10:00 a.m. Enjoy coffee, lemonade, water, and a treat. We welcome our visitors to join us!

This service is livestreamed at
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Sermon Series

Previous Sundays—

*Do You Taste What I
Taste?*

*Do You Feel What I
Feel?*

*A Very Dakotas
Christmas*

Led by the Light

Today—

Jesus Calls Us

By Duane Coates

Our Mission

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

Our Vision

Living, sharing and growing
in God's love by bringing
the world to Christ and
Christ to the world through
open hearts, open minds,
and open doors.

Our Strategy

Radical Hospitality
Spiritual Growth
Signature Ministries
Collaborative Leadership

Where + is indicated, standing or sitting, we praise God.

*You are invited to read aloud the **bold text**.*

Large print hymnals are available upon request to an usher

On the screen—Leader=white text, People=yellow text

The Church Gathers to Worship

+ Call to Worship –

Leader: Come, let us worship God, who is our rock, our fortress, our salvation.

All: On God rests our honor, our deliverance, our refuge.

Leader: Let us worship God in whom we place our confidence.

All: We do not set our hearts on vain hopes of taking material wealth from others, instead we see that power and steadfast love belong to God. We put our trust in God at all times. Amen.

Based on Psalm 62:5-12

+ Opening Song – *A Mighty Fortress is Our God*

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The Church Lifts Prayers to God

Unison Prayer –

O Christ, who commanded the apostles to go into all the world, and to preach the gospel to every person, let your name be great among the nations from the rising of the sun to its going down, now and forever. Amen.

Lancelot Andrews, The United Methodist Book of Worship © 1992, The United Methodist Publishing House

Lifting our Joys and Concerns

Leader: Lord, in your mercy / in our joy

People: Hear our Prayer

A Time of Silent Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer in Unison

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come,

Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Announcements —

Call for Children — No. 191

Jesus Loves Me vs. 1

Time Mostly for Children —

First Reading — Jonah 3:1-10 (Jonah preaches to Nineveh)

Response — Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God

Scripture Hymn — No. 2152

Change My Heart, O God

The Church Hears God's Word

Sermon Scripture — Mark 1:14-20 (Jesus calling his disciples)

Response — Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God

Message — *Jesus Calls Us*

Pastor Duane Coates



In Our Prayers This Week

Fighting Cancer

Jan Barlow
Jo Thorson
Jill Olson
Arin Lutiker
Dale Neuberger
Don Baasch

Prayer Requests

Our 4GoG Ministries
mental health concerns

Lori Glaser
World Leaders
Military
Jaxon Horsager
Kathy Mah
Mark Ziebert
Vivian Ziebert
LeRoy Magnuson
Wayne McKirdy
Wyatt Tulp
Gail Pederson
Ashley Enright
Jerry & LaWanna Hieb
Macy Raven
Family of Rev. Dick
Unkenholz
Jackie Owen

In Joy

If you or a member of your family is going into the hospital or moving from one care center to another and you would like the church to know about this, please call the church office at 701-845-0340 or email office@epworthvalleycity.com. This helps our church family care for one another.

Ministers of the Gospel

All members of the congregation.

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The Church Responds to God's Word

Offertory –

+ Doxology No. 95

+ Prayer of Dedication

+ Closing Song — No. 2130 *The Summons*

+ Dismissal with Blessing —

Leader: Beloved disciples, go forth today in the assurance that whether you answer the first time, the second time, or the hundredth time, God never stops calling, never stops guiding, and never stops forming you because God's love never fails.

All: Thanks be to God. Amen.

Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, August 2023

+ Postlude —



We Care For Our Community

Please share with the church office if you, a family member, or another in our church family are experiencing illness, hospitalization, or need of pastoral care.

Pastor Duane Coates, Office: 845-0340 Cell: 605-695-5561

JANUARY

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Casper Jacobson
Dee Ranum
Tanner Clark
Jill Rischmiller
Ben Northridge
Trevor Breske
Lane Nielson
Ellen Lint
Abigail Martineck
Judy Nicholson
Neil Skarloken
Scott Cummings
Anita Tulp
Phil Mueller
Mae Ranum
Grace Michele Olauson
Liz Fick
Brittney Torbenson
Dennis Fick



Epworth Ministry Review

Attendance: Sun. January 7

In-person— 78 Online—19

Attendance: Wed. January 10

Youth— 16

Attendance: Wed. January 17

Youth— 14

Stewardship: January 7—January 13, 2024

Glory of God's House— \$7,792.00

General Fund Giving— \$3,889.00

Parking Lot— \$2,500.00

Building & Maintenance— \$77.00

Matthew 25— \$12.00

Stewardship: January 14—January 20, 2024

General Fund Giving— \$2,475.00

Glory of God's House— \$425.00

Building & Maintenance— \$115.00

Parking Lot— \$50.00



In Ministry Today

Pianist— Hayley Winkler

Tech Team—

Lector— Anita Tulp

Ushers—

Ushers Needed



Address Change?

If your address has changed, please notify the church office @ 845-0340 or e-mail:
office@epworthvalleycity.com

Please help us keep our postage costs down by notifying the church of your address change.

Human Relations Offering to be Collected Today—

The 2024 Human Relations Sunday offering will be received today. This is one of the eight special offerings each year requested by our connectional structure. Human Relations Day is typically observed each year on the Sunday before the Martin Luther King, Jr. Day holiday. Due to the cancellation of church service last week, this special offering will be collected today. The observance of this special Sunday with offering calls United Methodists to recognize the right of all God's children to realize their full potential as human beings and in relationship with one another. This offering benefits neighborhood ministries through community developers, community advocacy and ministry with at-risk teens.

Former Pastor Dies in Arizona—

The Rev. Dr. Richard Unkenholz died Jan. 6, 2024, in Prescott, Arizona, at the age of 96. Rev. Unkenholz was pastor of Epworth from 1963 to 1969 during the construction of our current building. He is survived by his wife, Pat, of 72 years, who is a retired diaconal minister in our conference. Condolences may be sent to her at 1039 Scott Drive A218, Prescott, AZ 86301. He is also survived by Mark (Karla) Unkenholz, Jeanne (Robert) Kolberg, Carol Sue (Dan) Morgan, David (Lisa) Unkenholz, seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Service of Prayer for Christian Unity—

The Barnes County Ministerial Association will hold a service of prayer for Christian Unity today, Jan. 21, at 3 p.m. in the chapel of SMP Health/St. Raphael at 979 Central Ave. N. in Valley City. The preacher for the service will be the Rev. Kyle Symanski, pastor of Our Savior's Lutheran Church here in Valley City. The theme for the service will be loving God and loving neighbor. This is in observance of the annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity set by the National Council of Churches. All are welcome.

Christmas Eve Offering to Feed People Update—

Thank you to all who gave at our 2023 Christmas Eve service. We raised a total of \$920.00 this year to split between the Backpack Program and the Barnes County Food Pantry. These donations will help to provide food to those in our community who need it most.

Epworth United Methodist Men's Brunch—

The Methodist Men are having a French Toast Brunch on Sunday, February 25th at Epworth United Methodist Church. We will be serving French toast, sausage, assorted fruit, juice, and coffee. We will be serving from 9:00 – 12:30. The cost of the brunch will be \$8.00 for adults, \$4.00 for grades 1-6 and preschoolers will dine for free. We thank you for your support throughout the years and we hope to see you on the 25th.

Loving our Neighbors Food Drive to Start Early—

During the month of Valentine's Day, we ask the congregation to show Christian love to neighbors by collecting food for the Barnes County Food Pantry. Everyone is encouraged to bring various items as donations. Please think in terms of no extra ingredients, supplies, or utilities needed. As such, we invite you to think about how persons would access the items without a can opener, a pot, electricity, or even running water. We will start collecting those items next Sunday, Jan. 28, and run through the month of February.

Here are suggestions of various categories of items to bring:

Easy-to-open: Beef jerky, crackers, canned fruit, vegetables with pull-up lids, tuna pouches or kits.

Dry good: Pasta, rice.

Breakfast items: Cereal, Pop-tarts, bread, peanut butter.

Paper products: Facial tissue, toilet paper.

Personal-care items: Toiletries, baby wipes.