Welcome to Epworth United Methodist Church
Worship: 9:30 AM

Minister- Rhonda Tucker, CLM
Lay Leader-Christine "Chris" Mosig
Pianist- Catherine Medovich

UPCOMING EVENTS

November 22, 2026---Parish Thanksgiving Service Halesford UMC 2pm

November 26, 2026---Thanks giving Day—NO SUNDAY SCHOOL

November 29, 2026 ---First Sunday in ADVENT

December 3, 2026--- Thursday "Sunday School" 7:30 on Zoom- "THE MARVEL AND MIRACLE OF ADVENT –Recapturing the Wonder of Jesus Living with Us " by Christine Caine & Lisa Harper

December 6, 2026---"Fifth Sunday" Combined Parish service 9:30am Epworth followed by fellowship meal.

December 7, 2026---Administrative Council Meeting, 6 p.m.

December 10, 2026-- Prayer meeting" 7pm on Zoom
December 10, 2026--- Thursday "Sunday School" 7:30 on Zoom- "THE MARVEL AND MIRACLE OF ADVENT –Recapturing the Wonder of Jesus Living with Us " by Christine Caine & Lisa Harper

December 17, 2026--- Thursday "Sunday School" 7:30 on Zoom- "THE MARVEL AND MIRACLE OF ADVENT –Recapturing the Wonder of Jesus Living with Us " by Christine Caine & Lisa Harper



WASHINGTON COOPERATIVE PARISH
November 22, 2026

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REIGN OF CHRIST
November 22, 2026

The Mission of the United Methodist Church:
To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world

THE CHURCH GATHERS

***PRAISE HYMN**
Hymn No. 2036 **(TFWS)** "Give Thanks" vv. 1-2

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*** GATHERING HYMN**
Hymn No. 131 "We Gather Together "

CALL TO WORSHIP
Enter God's gates with gladness,
and God's courts with praise.
Rejoice as God's people,
and rest as sheep in God's pasture.
Serve God with joyful hearts,
and worship God with justice and mercy.

UNISON PRAYER
Glorious God, enlighten our eyes to our hope in Christ. Help us claim the richness of our glorious inheritance in Christ, our shepherd. Reveal to us your ways, and guide us on right paths, that we might bring the light of your love to a world shrouded in shadow. Bless this church with unity and strength, that we may be Christ for the world. For our shepherd rescues the perishing and reclaims the lost and scattered through those who follow as his sheep. Amen.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

PASSING THE PEACE
God loves us with a tenderness that can heal the deepest wounds in our souls. Christ offers us shelter in green pastures and leads us beside still waters. The Spirit offers us a peace that passes all understanding. Let our hearts rejoice this day, as we turn to our neighbors and share the peace of our shepherd.

+JUNIOR CHURCH
Hymn No. 191"Jesus Loves Me, This I Know" v.1
+ Children are invited to follow teachers to Junior Church

TITHES AND OFFERING

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

***DOXOLOGY**
Hymn No. 95 "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"

OFFERING PRAYER

TO HEAR THE WORD

1st Lesson: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24
2nd Lesson: Psalm 100:1-5
3rd Lesson: Ephesians 1:15-23**
4th Lesson Matthew 25:31-46
Lectionary Reading* Sermon Lesson *

HYMN OF PREPARATION,
Hymn No. 454 "**Open My Eyes, That I May See**"

SERMON "Open the Eyes if Our Hearts" Minister Tucker

RESPONDING IN FAITH

THE APOSTLES' CREED No. 881

***CLOSING HYMN**
Hymn No. 694 "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"

***BENEDICTION**
Seek the lost and heal the injured.
We will encourage the fainthearted
and strengthen the weak.
Seek justice and love mercy.
We will share God's justice
and offer Christ's grace.
Go with God.

Leave carrying the light of Christ into the World

*please stand if able