

The Rev. Dr. K. Steve McCormick Accepts Role As Epworth's Wesleyan Overseer

The Rev. Dr. K. Steve McCormick has accepted the invitation from Epworth Chapel on the Green to become Epworth's new Wesleyan overseer. The acceptance was announced to Epworth's board by the Rev. Dr. Brook Thelander, pastor, on Tuesday.

Dr. McCormick succeeds the Rev. Dr. William M. Greathouse in that role, following Dr. Greathouse's retirement in that capacity.

Dr. McCormick is professor of historical theology at Nazarene Theological Seminary at Kansas City, Missouri. He received his doctorate in historical theology from Drew University, with particular emphases in British and American Methodism, the historical development of the Wesleyan doctrine of Christian perfection, John and Charles Wesley, and St. John Chrysostom. He has taught in Switzerland and the United States, is past president of the Wesley Theological Society, and is chair of its Systematic Theology section. He chairs the Wesley Studies Group in the American Academy of Religion. He has been an ordained elder in the Church of the Nazarene since 1985.

God Is Faithful to Us in Uncertainty and Transitions

As Jesus prepared his disciples for his departure—as it turned out, by ascension—this was “unsettling” for them, the Rev. Dr. Brook Thelander said in his Ascension Sunday sermon, “because they want to hold on to Easter and the risen Lord. And yet their risen Lord is now calling them to let go, and to look to the coming Spirit as the One who will lead them into the future. . . .

“And so it is with us. . . . This is a little unsettling. It sometimes can require of us that we ‘let go’ of our comfortable ways of knowing Jesus so that God can move us into the next phase of his work in our lives. And it can be unsettling (p. 2→)

Epworth Plans Pentecost Birthday-of-the-Church Celebration for This Sunday, and Picnic after Service



“Pentecost”, by Jean Restout II (1692-1768), © Web Gallery of Art.

“Here we are,” from nations all across the Middle East, “and we all hear these people speaking in our own languages about the wonderful things God has done!” As Christians at Epworth and in churches throughout the world hear those words from the New Testament reading Sunday and recount the story of the flames or tongues of fire as pictured above, we may pray for renewal in our commitment and zeal, and that of the whole Church, to communicate effectively to others “the wonderful things God has done”—and continues to do.

As we **wear red this Sunday**, we will acknowledge that we know that it's now our time and our turn to be the Church, and that the hopes of the *whole world* depend upon our being God's worshipping, faithful, committed and holy people. All else pales.

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Sundays	10:00 a.m.: Word & Table service	We welcome donations for The Harbinger.
	11:30 a.m.: Refreshments, conversation	
	11:45 a.m.: Post-service discussion.	

6:00 p.m.: (First Sundays only) Evensong, tea, refreshments.

Thursdays: 5:30 p.m.: Evening Prayers. 6:00 p.m.: Singing & discussing hymns.

Readings, 5/27: Acts 2:1-11; Ps. 104:25-37; 1 Cor. 12:4-13; John 20:19-23.
6/3, 10 a.m.: Is. 6:1-8; Ps. 29; Rev. 4:1-11; John 6:5-15. **6/3, 6:00 p.m.:** Ps. 112; Job 38:1-11; Rev. 19:4-16.

Prayer Emphases: Costa Rica; Church of God of Prophecy; Church of God of Prophecy, Boise, and the Rev. Robert Miller; Feed the Children, Inc.; parishioners on Covina Circle.

Sermon, cont'd.) for the Church, as she struggles to come to grips with the daunting task of being Jesus' hands, feet, and voice in a hurting world. . . . May the Spirit who clothed the disciples with power from on high also clothe us and give us our true identity. May we receive grace to 'let go' of our comfortable ways of knowing Jesus, and faith to follow him into an uncertain future."

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If you are receiving the paper version of The Harbinger, please send your e-mail address, as soon as possible, to the harbingermail@aol.com. We don't want anyone to miss out. This summertime change is occurring because Szabina Revelle, who is Epworth's gifted and brilliant office secretary who usually prints The Harbinger, has a wonderful opportunity for foreign travel.