



March 28, 2025

Dear parents,

Spring greetings to each of you. As the seasons change, we give thanks for new life, budding trees, and warmer weather. There are several new things happening at Epworth Preschool and Kindergarten.



Epworth Community Easter Egg Hunt

We are gearing up for our annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday April 12 from 11:30-1:30.

Please go to Epworth's website to register your family. Advance registration is very helpful to us as we plan.

https://www.epworthunited.org/event-details/epworth-easter-egg-hunt

Please remember we have two egg hunts:

1st Hunt: 12noon 2nd Hunt: 1pm

In addition, there will be the usual crafts, cookies, moon bounce, games, and fun.

This year we have many preschool specific things planned.

We are in the process of making buttons for you to wear. The button will identify you as an EPK family. This is to further introduce the community to our preschool and kindergarten. Buttons will be available for those parents who want to wear them. We will also have EPK teachers available for short tours of our classrooms, if you have any friends who want to see.

In addition, we will have an Ask me Anything (A.M.A.) EPK table at the event. We will begin next week to sign up parents willing stand at the table for 30 minutes and talk to families who are interested. We continue to look for volunteers who want to help with the event. If you would like to help, please sign up here: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0F4AA5A822A1F85-55644857-easter#/





Many of these great ideas are coming from Rida Rizvi, our new Preschool Development Specialist. Rida is working with us as we live into our full day care options and as we further grow in family engagement. Rida will be one of the individuals present at the EPK table. She can be contacted to help with any of these opportunities:

Help EPK Grow!

Parents, we need your help! We have some upcoming opportunities where you can make a difference at the upcoming Easter Egg Hunt.



- Sign up for a 30 minute shift at the #AMAEPK table!
- Help us decorate the AMA table!
 Balloon arch? Backdrop stand?
 Bring your creativity!
- Please wear your "I'm a parent pin" & be an EPK ambassador
- Leave a review on our google page & FB page!



Questions? Ideas? Comments? Reach out to Rida @ rida.bukhari@gmail.com

If you want to meet Rida, please consider joining one of the 2 egg stuffing parties during preschool hours on Wednesday April 2 and Wednesday April 9. This is a great time to meet Rida and to help stuff the 12,000 easter eggs we prepare each year. Sign up here or just stop by between 9:30-11am to lend a hand and meet Rida.

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0F4AA5A822A1F85-55920519-eggstuffing





www.epkgaithersburg.org



April Chapel Tuesday April 1 and Wednesday April 2

Chapel in April will be focused on the resurrection story. Please remember parents are welcome and encouraged to join for chapel.

Tuesday Chapel for T/TH Lambs and Bunnies is in the Lambs room. TK chapel is also on Tuesday in the TK room.

Wednesday chapel will be in the Sanctuary at 10:30am on April 2. Please consider joining us as we tell the story of Jesus resurrection.

Holy Week and Easter Events

Epworth Easter Egg hunt kicks off our Holy week events.

Sunday April 13 we have one single service at 10am were we celebrate Jesus' triumphant entrance into Jerusalem. Come get a palm branch and bring your children to engage in the festivities.

Additionally, Epworth will have Holy Thursday April 17 at 7pm and Good Friday Service April 18 at 7pm for those who want to make the full journey

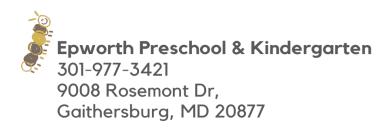
Celebrate easter with us at one of the 4 opportunities on Sunday April 20.





- COMMUNITY SUNRISE SERVICE AT BOHRER PARK
- 9:00AM EASTER SERVICE WITH EASTER CANTATA
- 11:00 AM EASTER CELEBRATION IN PRAISE AND WORSHIP
- 1:00PM DOMINGO DE RESURRECCION







Registration for the 2025-2026 school year continues. Your word-of-mouth recommendations are what EPK is built on.

Please direct your friends to www.epkgaithersburg.org for all the registration details needed.

Summer Camp registration is also underway. We have camps in June and August.





Finally, we remind you that tomorrow, Saturday March 29 is all hands clean up day from 9am – 12noon.

EPK families, church families, ESOL students, and community members join together to help spread mulch and clean inside as we ready our building and grounds for the new season. Sign up for a task here or just show up. Bring a shovel, wheelbarrow, or other tools to move mulch if you can. We love to have your little helpers as well. https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0F4AA5A822A1F85-work#/

We are grateful to be in ministry and community with you. Please remember Pastor Jen is accessible Jennifer.fenner@eumc-md.org and Pastor Tammi at tammi.brantley@eumc-md.org

Pastor Jen, Pastor Tammi and Andy Doerrman

Epworth Preschool and Kindergarten

All School Calendar: April 2025

April Bible Memory Verse: "I am alive forever and ever" Revelations 1:18

April Key Point: Jesus is Alive.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 CHAPEL	2 9:30-11 Egg Stuffing and meet Rida CHAPEL	3 Pizza Thursday	4 Pizza Friday	5
6 Worship 9amTraditional 10:30 Praise 12:30 Español	7 Individual class pictures Lambs MWF Bunnies MWF Ponies Butterflies	8 Individual Class Pictures Lambs T/TH Bunnies T/TH Pandas Kangaroos TK	9 9:30-11am Egg Stuffing and Meet Rida	10 Easter Parties T/TH classes EPK Easter Egg Hunt	11 Easter Parties- MWF/M-F classes EPK Easter Egg Hunt	EASTER EGG HUNT 11:30am- 1:30pm
Palm Sunday 10am Worship Come get a palm branch and celebrate!	14 NO SCHOOL SPRING BREAK	15 NO SCHOOL SPRING BREAK	16 NO SCHOOL SPRING BREAK	17 NO SCHOOL SPRING BREAK Holy Thursday 7pm Service	18 NO SCHOOL SPRING BREAK Holy/Good Friday Service 7pm	19
20 EASTER Sunrise 9am traditional 11am praise 1pm Español	21 NO SCHOOL SPRING BREAK	22	23	Pizza Thursday	Pizza Friday	26
27	28 Parent/Teacher Conferences Ponies(MWF), Bunnies (MWF) Lambs (MWF)	29 Parent/Teacher Conferences Kangaroos, Pandas, Butterflies, Bunnies(T/TH), Lambs (T/TH), & TK **TK classes will have school**	30			

APRIL

Preschool



Jesus is alive.



Week One

Mary Pours Perfume on Jesus John 12:1-8

During a dinner honoring Jesus, Mary pours perfume on Jesus' feet and wipes His feet with her hair.

Week Two

Palm Sunday

Matthew 21:1-11; John 12:12-15

People hear that Jesus is coming so they spread coats and palm branches on the road and shout, "Hosanna!"

Week Three

Easter

Matthew 26:36, 47-50; 27:1-2, 11-66; 28:1-8

People hurt Jesus, and He dies. On the third day, Jesus comes back and is alive forever!

"I am alive forever and ever!" Revelation 1:18, NIV

MEMORY VERSE

Week Four

Breakfast on the Beach

John 21:1-14

After Jesus comes back, He cooks breakfast for His friends, the disciples, and they are so happy to see Him!



Morning Time

When you go into your child's room, cuddle them and say: "Good morning, [child's name]! Today is a happy day! Do you know why it's a happy day? Because God loves us so much God gave us Jesus!"



Cuddle Time

Cuddle with your child and pray: "Dear God, knowing You makes every day a happy day! Thank You for ____. And thank You that Jesus is alive! We love You!"



Drive Time

While on the go, take turns saying this sentence: "Thank You, God, for ____." End by saying: "Thank You, God, for Jesus!"



Bath Time

Add body wash and a cup to bath time. Smell the body wash and talk about how good it smells. Put a little body wash in the cup with some water. Pour the water on your child's feet. Say: "Mary poured perfume on Jesus' feet and wiped them with her hair to show Jesus she was thankful for Him."

More Ways to Engage with Your Kid





Worship Song of the Month



Download the Parent Cue app

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