

THE CROSS ROAD

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From the Pastor's heart

September is here! With Labor Day weekend everyone understood fall was around the corner and school and church activities got into high gear. When I was a boy Labor Day weekend meant it was my family's last weekend on the Ohio River in Rosiclare, IL.

2020 with COVID seems so different. Schools have started with caution with each school running differently. Church is also facing the fall with caution. How do we start S.S., youth, Children's Church back up and still keep it safe. Dear church family I want you to know as your Pastor I will make sure anything that we do will be done safely. I am working on fall startup and will share in a Thursday Blog soon.

So as Christians how do we handle change oftentimes that is out of our control. Here are some thoughts.

1. Jesus is the same yesterday, today, tomorrow (Hebrews 13:8) The world may change but Jesus doesn't. Put your hope, faith and love in Jesus.

2. Psalm 23 reminds us we never face anything alone. The great shepherd of the sheep will watch over us and guide us through anything including COVID that comes our way.

3. Don't dig a hole and crawl in and hide. Of course we need to be safe! But isolation can cause many problems. Stay in touch as a family of God by phone, social media, emails. Stay connected to your church family.

4. Don't watch 24 hour news (Fox, CNN, etc.) it can make you negative, hopeless, angry and misled. Stay focused on the things of God (bible, devotion, prayer, nature, family).

We will get through this together. On Christ the solid Rock I Stand!

Your friend,
Pastor Ted A.

EUMC CONNECTION

EVANGELIZING UNIFYING MATURING COMMISSIONING

Our modified worship schedule is 8:00am (inside) and 10:30am (outside when possible) on Sunday mornings. In the months that have 5 Sundays, worship with one service on the 5th Sunday. Please visit our website, eurekailumc.org for any updates or changes. Join us as we worship God and celebrate His love given for all.

Sermon Schedule for September

September 6 - "Is work a four letter word?" Psalm 104, Genesis 1: 1-5, 31
Synopsis - What does the bible say about work (labor)? You might be surprised.
Sermon Series : Lessons from the woman at the well—John 4:4-42

September 13 - "Who is welcome at the table?"
Synopsis - 1. Who does God love? 2. Who is welcome in church and in Communion?

September 20 - "What is TRUE worship"
Synopsis - Is it traditional or contemporary?

September 27 - "Invitational Evangelism"
Synopsis - How does evangelism (sharing the Good News) work?
How do you invite people to church?

Worship at EUMC in state COVID Phase 4 will be
8:00 AM - Inside

10:30 AM - Outside in North Parking Lot
If its too hot or bad weather it will be held in the Fellowship Hall

Fall Bible Study

As your Pastor I feel Bible Study is very important. Just hearing the bible read on Sunday morning before a sermon is not enough. Or having an occasional Bible study (Advent, Lent) is not enough. Small group study is important for all believers whether in Sunday School or small group. I find often many people know very little or what the Bible says even though they say the Bible is important.

In the studies I will lead you will not have to be super knowledgeable about the Bible. You will not be called upon to read out loud unless you volunteer. I will offer 2 Bible studies a week to make sure people have a choice. Here are the choices:

1. Lunch Bunch will meet Monday at 11:00am afterwards we will go to a restaurant for lunch or bring a brown bag lunch
2. Evening Bible study will be Wednesday evening at 6:30pm

Our first study will be on "Angels". Here are some of the lessons that will be taught:

1. Angels are Real
2. Angels: Visible or Invisible
3. Angels : How they Differ from Humans
4. Angelic Organizations
5. Satan and the Angelic Rebellion
6. The Personal Ministry of Angels
7. Angels Protect and Deliver Us
8. Angels and Death



Our first Bible study will begin the week of September 13th. We will ask people to wear masks and we will socially distance. Questions? Call the office or Pastor Ted A.

"Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path"



Please be sure to keep the office updated on any new contact information you have! ~ thanks!



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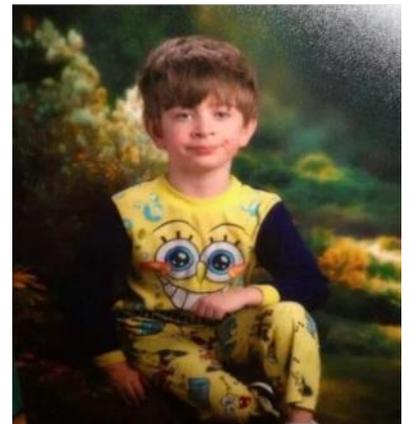
A new Ministry to EUMC!

Hospitality Ministry

In August, a Hospitality Ministry was formed with the following team members: Sue K., Edie J., Renee H., Christi L., Joy C., Judy R., and Tim S.

Be on the lookout for exciting things from this group!

A picture directory is coming soon!
If you have a particular picture you'd like to use, please send it in, along with contact information you'd like published.



EUMC MISSIONS & MINISTRY

“GO AND MAKE (NEW) DISCIPLES OF ALL NATIONS.....” MATTHEW 28: 18-20



Back row, left to right: Sue Knepp, Rev. Ted A. Hartley, Donna Wettstein, Judy Robenstein, Judy Kanaga and Richard Small.

Front row, left to right: Dr. Gary Knepp, Nancy Hoelscher, Mia Hoelscher and Marilyn Lamb. Photo courtesy of Lou Strong

Approximately 50 bags were put together! Thank you volunteers!



Left to right: EMS Principal Mr. Kelly Nichols, Rev. Ted A. Hartley, EMS Assistant Principal Mrs. Cindy Wondercheck, Richard Small, and EMS teacher Nancy Hoelscher. Photo courtesy of Lou Strong
Teacher Appreciation Bags delivered!
Thank you teachers!

A BIG THANK YOU!

Our Teacher Appreciation Bags were a BIG success. 50 bags were filled with gifts you collected to show support and appreciation for our Middle School teachers, administrators and staff.

Eleven people helped on Aug. 23rd to fill the bags.

Also a BIG thank you to all who took the time and interest to be in mission.

The Teacher Appreciation bags were presented on August 26th.

FOR SALE!

A JLCC Inventory sale notice will be advertised in the paper. Please note that our congregation will be able to have first pick before the public. If you're interested, mark your calendar for Thursday, September 10th, from 3-7pm. Most items are priced as donation; pay what you can. The public is invited on the 12th during the Eureka Town Wide sales from 8-5.

EUMC KIDS CORNER

JESUS SAID "LET THE LITTLE CHILDREN COME UNTO ME AND DO NOT HINDER THEM, FOR THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN BELONGS TO SUCH AS THESE". MATTHEW 19:14



+ Thank you God +

Thank you God for this new day,
In my school to work and pray,
Please be with me all day long,
In every story, game and song,
May all the happy things we do,
Make you, Our Father, happy too!



Back to School Word Search



d	b	u	h	b	y	c	y	c	l
c	v	t	i	o	u	f	g	t	p
a	j	e	q	o	t	p	l	a	y
k	h	a	w	k	i	d	b	l	p
r	b	c	r	c	o	m	a	p	a
l	u	h	e	b	m	c	h	g	i
y	e	e	a	n	d	v	d	z	n
i	l	r	d	u	p	n	e	c	t
w	a	v	s	u	m	s	s	z	h
d	f	u	n	i	g	n	k	u	f

book
map
read

desk
paint
sums

fun
play
teacher

FAITHFUL IN PRAYER

THERE IS POWER IN PERSISTENT PRAYER - MICAH 7:7

Requests

Erin Taylor, great niece of Linda Anderson
Emma Asendorf, the Schoofs granddaughter

Our Missionaries

Priscilla Legay Jaiah
Brad & Maria Festen
Jonathon & Amanda
Jeff & Shauna Spence and children
Pete & Carol Hughes
Alicia Wright

Missions & Ministry

Threads, Hope & Love, NFP
Eureka Food Pantry Ministry / Volunteers
EUMC Ministries and Missions
Rev. Ted A. Hartley & family
Rev. Mary Kathryn Pearce (Dist. Supt. of the IL River District)
Rev. Frank Beard (IGRC Bishop)

Local

Carle Eureka Hospital- Emergency Department
Heart House and Heartline
Eureka College
Congerville-Eureka-Goodfield Dist.#140
Congerville, Eureka-Goodfield Fire and EMS volunteers

Those in Service to God and Country

Dakota Copeland
Nick Miller
Christian Stenzel
Micah Schumacher

National/International Concerns

Our Nation, State, County and Local Government
All those dealing with natural disasters
Corona Virus, Cold and Flu Sufferers



- 9 Andrew and Natasha Schertz
- 11 Jim and Cheryl Kenagy
- 11 Alan and Joan Royer
- 14 Brian and Nancy Hoelscher
- 17 Blaine and Shirley O'Marah



- 1 Edie Jackson
- 5 Devin Harrison
- 11 Lola Dickey
- 14 Michael Borzello
- 17 Shelly Lehman
- 17 Sylvia Micca
- 19 Kay Curley
- 20 Gary Robenstein
- 23 Ken Jackson
- 24 Richard Tennis
- 26 Tanner Crow

We'd love to celebrate you! If you would like your birthday or anniversary listed in the newsletter, please let the office know.

MISSION & MINISTRY CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 9:00am Hospitality mtg. at the park 10:00am One Worship at the park, bring your own picnic afterwards	31 Office closed until noon— Conference Training in Peoria 3:00pm-7:00pm Congregation help with JLCC sale items	1 3:00pm-7:00pm Congregation help with JLCC sale items	2 8:30 Eureka Ministerial mtg. 9:30-11:30 Food Pantry Worship music due by noon	3	4	5
6 8:00am Worship 10:30 am Worship	7 Labor Day Office Closed	8 6:30 Church Council mtg	9 9:30-11:30 Food Pantry Worship music due by noon	10 JLCC Inventory Sale - Congregation invite only 3-7pm 6:00 Trustees mtg 6:30 Finance mtg (as needed)	11	12 JLCC Inventory Sale - Open to the public 8am-5pm
13 8:00am Worship 10:30 am Worship	14 11:00 Lunch Bunch Bible Study (bring a bag lunch if you'd like)	15	16 9:30-11:30 Food Pantry Worship music due by noon 6:30 Bible Study	17	18	19
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27 8:00am Worship 10:30 am Worship	28 11:00 Lunch Bunch Bible Study	29	30 9:30-11:30 Food Pantry Worship music due by noon 6:30 Bible Study	1 Jenny vacation Office Closed	2 Jenny vacation Office Closed	3
4 8:00am Worship 10:30 am Worship	5 Jenny vacation Office Closed	<p>BECAUSE OF COVID-19 CONCERNS, THE SEPTEMBER MISSION AND MINISTRY CALENDAR OF MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE.</p> <p>LOOK FOR MISSION AND MINISTRY UPDATES IN YOUR EMAIL.</p>				

YOUR HEALTH MATTERS

It's that time of year again. Kids are getting back to school, and everyone is beginning to prepare for the winter months ahead. It's important to take stock of how to start off the day. Consuming a well-balanced breakfast in the morning gives our bodies energy to get our day started the right way. Breakfast is essential, but don't skip the fun of preparing breakfast with your kids!

Originating during World War I, the United States government encouraged citizens to eat a Better Breakfast. The program gained momentum again during World War II. Then, in 1951, the Cereal Institute promoted Better Breakfast Month for the first time in September. Research gathered by the institute suggested that breakfast was the most important meal of the day. They selected the month to coordinate with children returning to school and businesses gearing back up after the lull of summer vacation.

Check out this mother and daughter team and their breakfast recipes below!

EGG CASSEROLE

10 slices cubed white bread	1 c. cream
1 lb. browned sausage	1 tsp. salt
½ c. shredded swiss cheese	1 (4 oz.) can mushrooms
¼ c. shredded cheddar cheese	½ tsp. pepper
6 eggs	½ tsp. Worcestershire sauce
1 c. milk	

In greased 9 x 13" pan, layer bread, sausage, and cheese. Beat remaining ingredients, pour over layers. Cover and refrigerate overnight. Bake uncovered for 45 minutes at 350°. Serves 5 to 6.

Renee Hinnen - 1999

OAT PANCAKES

1 c. quick-cooking oats	2 eggs, lightly beaten
1 c. all-purpose flour	½ c. milk
2 T. sugar	¼ c. vegetable oil
2 tsp. baking powder	1 tsp. lemon juice
1 tsp. salt	

Combine oats, flour, sugar, baking powder and salt in a mixing bowl. Make a well in the center. Combine egg, milk, oil and lemon juice; pour into well and stir just until moistened. Pour batter by ¼ cupfuls onto a lightly greased hot griddle. Turn when bubbles form on top of pancakes. Cook until second side is golden brown.

Lynn Hinnen - 1999

Celebrate Better Breakfast Day September 26th, and use the hashtag #BetterBreakfastMonth.

SEPTEMBER HISTORY...DID YOU KNOW?

“The Star-Spangled Banner” is the national anthem of the United States. The anthem's history began the morning of September 14, 1814, when an attorney and amateur poet named Francis Scott Key watched U.S. soldiers raise a large American flag over Fort McHenry in Baltimore, Maryland.

Simmering anger at Britain for interfering in American trade, impressing U.S. sailors into the Royal Navy and standing in the way of westward expansion led the United States to declare war in June 1812. That August, British troops invaded Washington, D.C. and set fire to the White House, the Capitol and other government buildings. The Royal Navy then trained its sights on the key seaport of Baltimore, Maryland.

On September 13, U.S. soldiers at Baltimore's Fort McHenry withstood some 25 hours of British bombardment. Early the next morning, they hoisted a gigantic U.S. flag over the fort, marking a crucial victory and a turning point in what would be considered a second war of American independence.

A Maryland-born attorney with a thriving practice in Washington, D.C., Francis Scott Key watched the bombardment of Fort McHenry from a ship anchored in Baltimore's harbor. Key had been helping to negotiate the release of an American civilian, Dr. William Beanes, who had been captured in an earlier battle. As a condition of the release, the British ordered the Americans not to return to shore during the attack on Baltimore. Francis Scott Key wrote “The Star Spangled Banner” and its initial verse on the back side of a letter while watching the large American flag waving over the fort that morning. Back in Baltimore, he continued working until he had completed four verses (only one of which is commonly known today).

After a local printer issued the song, originally called “Defence of Fort M'Henry,” two Baltimore newspapers printed it, and it spread quickly to various cities along the East Coast.

By November 1812, Key's composition had appeared in print for the first time under the name “The Star-Spangled Banner.”