

# THE CROSS ROAD

## EUREKA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



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THE EUREKA UM CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT: TO KNOW, LOVE, AND SERVE GOD

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### From the Pastors Heart:

February 5th is National Weather Forecaster Day, **BIGGIE!**

Here are some special days I propose

1. National "D" Average Day  
(In recognition of all the students who felt they would fail, but pulled out with a D with hard study)
2. National "I didn't make the Pro's" Day  
(A day set aside for all who attended pro tryouts and were told 'Don't call us, we'll call you')
3. National "Pastor I'll see you on Easter and Christmas Eve" Day  
(Lots of people would be honored)
4. National "If you think you have a problem, you should hear mine" Day  
(In honor of those who talk but won't listen)
5. National "I'm loyal to my church" Day  
(may the church increase)

February 14th is Valentines Day. A day of cards, flowers, gifts, and hearts. I remember often not getting very many cards on this day or anything special. As a child at school, that is tough. I would suggest a better holiday. "1st Corinthians 13 Day". A day where we practice love like the scripture suggests. Love that is patient, kind, not jealous, not rude, or irritable, etc. Actually how about not just a day but 365 days a year.

I truly love this church and its people. May this article be my valentine to you. Love God with all you have and love your neighbor.

Your Pastor,  
Rev. Ted A.



# EUMC CONNECTION

EVANGELIZING UNIFYING MATURING COMMISSIONING

## Lent Sermon Series "Embracing the Uncertain" Sermon for Unsteady Times

Feb 14—"True Love" 1 Corinthians 13

Feb 21 - "The Desperate Father and the Uncertainty of Faith" Mark 9:014-29

Feb 28—"Peter and the Uncertainty of Forgiveness" Matthew 18: 21-22

March 7—"The Crowd and the Uncertainty of Worry" Luke 12:1-34

March 14—"Lazarus and the Uncertainty of Morality" John 11: 1-44

March 21—"Zacchaeus and the Uncertainty of Surrender" Luke 19: 1-10

March 28—"Jesus and the Uncertainty of Obedience" Matthew 26: 36-46

April 4—"The Empty Tomb and the Proof of Resurrection" John 20: 1-18



This year Valentine’s Day comes on a Sunday. So, to make it special we will have that day Reaffirmation of Wedding Vows. This will give couples a chance to reaffirm the vows they made 50,20,10,5 years ago again. That Sunday each lady will receive a special flower and the couple a certificate of renewing their vows. I know that would be difficult for widows and widowers so we will have a special blessing and remembrance for those in attendance. This will happen at both services on February 14<sup>th</sup>. Please contact the office and make your reservation so we can have your gift, certificate, or remembrance on that special day. If you have questions please feel free to contact Paster Ted A. or Jenny.

Ash Wednesday—February 17, 2021 Lent begins with the placing of ashes on the forehead. Ash Wednesday emphasizes a dual encounter as we confront our own mortality and confess our sins before God. The use of ashes as a sign of mortality and repentance has a long history in Jewish and Christian worship and the Imposition of Ashes can be a powerful non verbal and experiential way of participating in the call to repentance and reconciliation.

We will have two brief services on that day. One will be at 11am and the other at 6:30pm. The ashes will be applied COVID safely and Communion will also be given. Please begin Lent with this sacred service. It is one of our most powerful services at the church.



Ash Wednesday - February 17  
Palm Sunday - March 28  
Good Friday - April 2  
Easter Sunday - April 4

## LENTEN CALENDAR

# EUMC MISSIONS & MINISTRY

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

## February Mission and Outreach Support

- Alicia Wright-India, 1st quarter (Jan, Feb, March)

Each quarter a Local, Conference, and National / International mission will be featured. We will have a loose change bucket to place noisy or quiet ( bills/checks) financial support. During the month we will learn about the mission and maybe how we can get involved personally.



In February, we will focus on the **Illinois State Wesley Foundation**. We have 5 campus ministries in our Conference. These ministries depend on appointments, special offerings, and individual giving. This ministry is more important at this time more than ever. If our denomination is to survive, we must reach young people. During the month we will learn more about this Ministry and hope to have some of the college students come and visit. Illinois State is one of the strongest campus ministries in the state.

## CARLE EUREKA HOSPITAL PRAYER SHAWLS

The Eureka United Methodist Church and the Eureka Greater Area Kiwanis Club have joined together on a project to furnish prayer shawls to be given to hospital patients. These shawls will each be blessed with a special prayer and then donated to the hospital. They are asking help in making the shawls.

The shawls can be crochet, knitted or sewn. They need to be made out of a new washable material, not wool. The yarn is best if 100 % acrylic in medium (4) weight. Shawls can be sewn using single thickness fleece material. All materials must be new for sanitary reasons. Suggested size is 24" X 60".

If you can't make one, we are asking that you make a donation to buy the materials for others to make them. Send donations made out to EUMC and mark missions shawls. There is a basket available for items or money to be dropped off in the foyer.

If you have any questions, please call Nancy Aldridge 309-467-4750 or questions about crocheted or knitted items call Diana Brehmer 467-3228.

Patients will know that they are wrapped in God's Love, who made the shawl, and that it was made with love and care.

# EUMC YOUTH 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

For God so loVed the world,  
That He gAve  
His onLy  
BegottEn  
SoN  
That Whosoever  
Believeth In Him  
Should Not perish  
But have Everlasting life."  
-- John 3:16

**BIG THANKS** to all the youth and parents who helped paint the youth area. Special thanks to Chris Lee for his work on the ceiling and leading us in what to do.



Upcoming Youth Group activities:

Feb 14th 6PM—Regular youth meeting. We will prepare valentines for Veterans in the Veterans Hospitals throughout the state.

Feb 26th-27th—Youth Lock In 9PM—7AM

# WHAT IS LENT AND WHY DOES IT LAST FORTY DAYS?



Lent is a season of forty days, not counting Sundays, which begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on Holy Saturday. Lent comes from the Anglo Saxon word lencten, meaning “lengthen” and refers to the lengthening days of spring. The forty days represents the time Jesus spent in the wilderness, enduring the temptation of Satan and preparing to begin his ministry.

Lent is a time of repentance, fasting and preparation for the coming of Easter. It is a time of self-examination and reflection. In the early church, Lent began as a period of fasting and preparation for baptism by new converts and then became a time of penance by all Christians. Today, Christians focus on relationship with God, growing as disciples and extending ourselves, often choosing to give up something or to volunteer and give of ourselves for others.

Sundays in Lent are not counted in the forty days because each Sunday represents a "mini-Easter." This is why you will see the designation "Sunday in Lent" rather than "Sunday of Lent" in the naming of these Sundays. On each Lord's Day in Lent, while Lenten fasts continue, the reverent spirit of Lent is tempered with joyful anticipation of the Resurrection.



## Winter Card Party

February 7th and 14th

Fellowship Hall

9 to 10:15 AM



Stop by to make cards or to suggest someone to send a card to or just sign your name on a card. Please bring addresses with you. We are focusing on those staying home at this time because of health concerns. Family, friends, church family, and anyone in the community that would enjoy hearing from Eureka United Methodist Church. Sunday school classes and Youth Group are welcome to join us in the fellowship hall or make their cards in their own classroom.

We are accepting donations of cards, supplies to make cards or funds to purchase stamps. Please leave in the basket in the fellowship hall marked Winter Card Party.

Brought to you by Joy Crouch, Julie Steinbeck and Lou Strong as an activity of the Hospitality Team.

Any questions contact Joy Crouch at 309-360-1118 or [sheep@mtco.com](mailto:sheep@mtco.com)

Covid 19 guidelines will be observed.



# February

## The Love of God

Day 1 – John 3:16-17  
Day 2 – Romans 5:8  
Day 3 – 1 John 4:7-8  
Day 4 – Romans 8:35-39  
Day 5 – Zephaniah 3:17  
Day 6 – Galatians 2:20  
Day 7 – 1 John 4:16-19  
Day 8 – 1 John 3:1  
Day 9 – Jeremiah 31:3  
Day 10 – Ephesians 2:4-5  
Day 11 – 1 Peter 5:6-7  
Day 12 – John 15:13  
Day 13 – Ephesians 3:14-19  
Day 14 – Psalm 86:15  
Day 15 – Isaiah 54:10  
Day 16 – Psalm 136  
Day 17 – Romans 5:5  
Day 18 – 1 John 4:9-11

Day 19 – John 13:34-35  
Day 20 – 1 Corinthians 13:4-8  
Day 21 – Deuteronomy 7:9  
Day 22 – Isaiah 49:15-16  
Day 23 – John 15:9-11  
Day 24 – Lamentations 3:22-23  
Day 25 – Psalm 103:8-17  
Day 26 – Titus 3:4-5  
Day 27 – Luke 12:6-7  
Day 28 – Ephesians 1:3-6



# 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  
COVID—19, Cold, and Flu Sufferers

*Happy Anniversary*

14 Gilbert and Shirley Wilson

  
BIRTHDAYS!

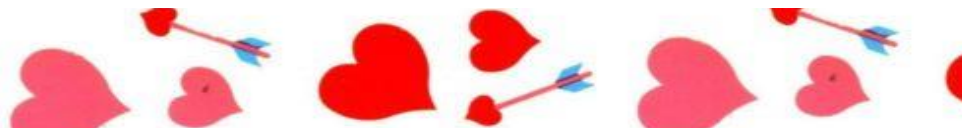
- 1 Judy Kanaga
- 2 Linda Anderson
- 3 Jennings Schertz
- 3 Lou Strong
- 8 Shirley Litwiller
- 10 Gary Knepp
- 11 Vickie Ridle
- 14 Heather Lehman
- 19 Tim Sylvester
- 22 Marilyn Kern
- 23 Arlene Staff
- 29 Bill White

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
<b>31</b> 8:00am Worship 10:30am Worship	<b>1</b> 11:00 lunch bunch Bible study	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 8:30 Eureka Ministerial Assoc.  9:30-11:30 Food Pantry  Worship music due by noon  6:30 Bible study	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b> 8:00am Worship 9:00am Card Party 10:30am Worship	<b>8</b> 11:00 lunch bunch Bible study  6:30 Scouts	<b>9</b>  6:30pm Church Council	<b>10</b> 9:30-11:30 Food Pantry  Worship music due by noon  6:30 Bible study	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>14 Valentines Day</b> 8:00am Worship 9:00am Card Party 10:30am Worship  6:00 Youth group	<b>15 Presidents Day</b> Office closed	<b>16</b>	<b>17 Ash Wednesday</b> 9:30-11:30 Food Pantry  11:00am Worship Worship music due by noon  6:30 Worship	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>21 Lent Begins</b> 8:00am Worship 10:30am Worship	<b>22</b> 11:00 lunch bunch Bible study  6:30 Scouts	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 9:30-11:30 Food Pantry  Worship music due by noon  Newsletter articles due  6:30 Bible study	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
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<b>7</b> 8:00am Worship 10:30 am Worship		BECAUSE OF COVID-19 CONCERNS, THE MISSION AND MINISTRY CALENDAR OF MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE.  LOOK FOR MISSION AND MINISTRY UPDATES IN YOUR EMAIL.				

Youth Group Lock In  
9:00 PM—7:00 AM



## FRIENDSHIP TEA

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|--------------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1 lb. 11 oz. Jar Tang                | 3 c. sugar           |
| 1 (12 oz.) pkg. Wyler's lemonade mix | 3 tsp. ground cloves |
| 1½ c. instant tea                    | 3 tsp. cinnamon      |
|                                      | 1½ tsp. nutmeg       |

Mix together. Serve 2 to 3 tsp. to a cup of boiling water.

*Ruth Thomas - 1974*

## PIGS IN A BLANKET

Hot Dogs

ready to bake crescent rolls

Wrap each hot dog with a crescent roll triangle. Bake 350° for 15 minutes or until hot dog is hot and roll is browned.

*Cyndi Brush - 1999*

## HONEY CHICKEN WINGS

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| 3 lbs. chicken wings                             | 2 T. vegetable oil (I omit)  |
| 1 c. honey (or mix with brown sugar - ½ c. each) | 2 T. catsup                  |
| ½ c. soy sauce                                   | 3 lg. cloves garlic, chopped |
|  | ½ to ¾ tsp. Dijon mustard    |

Cut off and discard wing tips if you desire. Cut each wing into 2 parts at the joint; add salt and pepper to taste. Combine remaining ingredients and mix well. Place wings in slow cooker and pour sauce over. Cook for 5 hours on rather high heat (3 to 4) or on lower all day if you want. Or, preheat oven to 375°. Place wings in shallow casserole. Pour sauce over and cook until chicken is done and sauce is caramelized, about 1 hour. Makes 10 servings. (Good as leftovers in your lunch, cold).

*Bonny Noll - 1999*

## SECRET KISS COOKIES

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|------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1 c. butter or margarine, softened | 1 c. finely chopped walnuts    |
| ½ c. sugar                         | 1 bag (6 oz.) Hershey's Kisses |
| 1 tsp. vanilla                     | Powdered sugar                 |
| 1¾ c. flour                        |                                |

Preheat oven to 375°. In a large bowl, beat butter, sugar and vanilla until light and fluffy. Add flour and walnuts until well blended. Cover; refrigerate dough 1 to 2 hours or until firm enough to handle. Remove wrappers from Kisses. Using approximately 1 tablespoon of dough for each cookie, shape dough around each Kiss, making sure to completely cover Kiss. Bake 10-12 minutes or until cookies are set but not brown. While still slightly warm, roll in powdered sugar. Cool. Store in tightly covered container. Roll again in powdered sugar just before serving. Yield: approximately 3 dozen.

*Ivonne Folkerts - 1999*

