

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

Fall is here! Can you believe it? I know the official day of fall is not September 1, but our mindset leans that way. School and all of its events are starting and life gets busier. Church is also getting in gear for fall. Bible study is back, as well as youth and other events. Also the Delta Variant is very active and our vigilance that had relaxed over the summer is back. I pray this variant will go away soon like it did in England, but who knows. Continue to be Christ-like in your dealings with people during this time. Be patient, kind, compassionate and selfless. Of course, this should be all the time.

My porch visits are continuing and I hope to see you soon. I cannot tell you how much my visits mean to me. Getting to know you has been a great happening in my soul. A lady called me this week with concerns, and she said she wanted me to know because I was her Pastor. That brought joy to me. I truly want to be your pastor and I do care. Please call me when you need me. I do care and love each of you very much.

See you Sunday,

Pastor Ted. A.

FALL SERMON SERIES—

Aug. 29 - “Leaving the Ark—What can the church learn from Noah Post Pandemic”
Genesis 8:15-22, Genesis 9: 1-7. Also 5th Sunday hymn sing! Sing your favorites!

September 5—The Compassion of the Christ. Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

September 12 (Grandparent and Rodeo Roundup) - Stretcher Bearers. Mark 2:1-12

September 19—Connie Wieck: Ministry to China

September 26—10:30 am All are invited to the Crouch Farm for outdoor worship!



YOUTH SCHEDULE

August 29, 6pm— Parents and youth should attend. Prepare Teacher Appreciation bags and talk fall schedule. Food will be provided.

September 12, 6pm—regularly scheduled meeting, games and food.

September 24, (**FRIDAY**) immediately following EHS home football game— 5th Quarter, come to church with friends for volleyball, game room, basketball and food. Ends at 11pm.

October 24, 4pm—Peoria POPS Orchestra Concert Fundraiser for Youth, we will serve cookies, cake, pie ice cream and drink to raise funds for our program.

November 14, 6pm—regularly scheduled meeting, food, games

November 28—no meeting tonight

December 12, 6pm—Christmas party! Also in December we will sign up for Salvation Army bell ringing at IGA

December 26—no meeting tonight

RODEO ROUNDUP

Sunday, September 12—This is a special event for Sunday School start up and Back to Church rally. After worship we will have events and games with a cowboy theme and even a real horse. Everyone is encouraged to wear cowboy / cowgirl clothes. So pardners, lets giddy up and roundup for fall church start!

GRANDPARENT’S SUNDAY

Sunday, September 12—On this day, we encourage grandparents to invite grandchildren and grandchildren to invite grandparents. We will have a special recognition gift and a photo booth.

SEPT. MISSION EMPHASIS: OUR CONFERENCE, OUR KIDS

September appeal for Our Conference, Our Kids in honor of Bishop Beard's fifth anniversary

Sept. 1 marks the fifth anniversary of Bishop Frank Beard's tenure as Bishop of the Illinois Area and the Committee on Episcopacy and Our Conference Our Kids Steering Team are collaborating to underscore our appreciation for Bishop Beard’s leadership.

Bishop Beard’s passion in caring for children is but one more of his acts of Christian love. Introducing children to Christ is at the heart of the vision for **Our Conference, Our Kids:** Endowing the Spiritual Life Ministries at The Baby Fold, Chaddock, Cunningham Children's Home, Lessie Bates Davis Neighborhood House, and Spero Family Services to ensure the continued inclusion of Christ-centered spiritual care in their healing work.

Pray for Bishop Beard and for the needs of the children and families served by our conference agencies.

Alongside our prayers, let’s honor Bishop Beard with our financial gifts to Our Conference, Our Kids. Out of the abundance of God’s blessing, let us give abundantly.

We know that prayers without financial gifts won’t get the job done; and neither will our financial gifts without prayers. It is exciting to envision what God might do through our prayers and financial gifts as we faithfully ensure that spiritual care is provided at each of our children and family agencies while demonstrating our gratitude for Bishop Beard’s leadership among us. Please join us in celebrating his ministry by engaging in prayer and by collecting a special offering in September from Sunday, Sept. 5 to Sept. 26.

NEW DISTRICT 2021-2022

For many years our church has been part of the (Peoria) Illinois River District. With Mary Kathrine retiring at the end of this year, our district will be overseen by Vermillion River District Supt. Rev. James Barnett. Our charge conference this October will be overseen by Rev. Barrett. At the July 2022 General Conference, a vote will be brought forth determining if the Illinois River District will be absorbed into nearby districts, or if it will remain the Illinois River District but continue to be overseen by a neighboring superintendent.

EUMC FALL BIBLE STUDY

Lunch Bunch—Mondays at 11am

Beginning August 30th

Wednesday Nights—6:30pm

ON THE ROAD WITH JESUS
- BIRTH AND MINISTRY -

Travel to the Holy Land with New Testament scholar Ben Witherington and experience the birth and ministry of Jesus. You will visit the places Jesus walked and ministered. You will see God’s grace at work with a refreshed heart. You will learn about places such as Bethlehem, Nazareth, The Sea of Galilee, the Jordan River and more!

5TH ANNUAL WEINER ROAST

Sunday, September 26, Worship will be at the home of Dennis and Joy Crouch at 10:30am. A wiener roast will follow with hotdogs, buns, condiments, table service and bottled water provided. Please bring a dish to share and lawn chairs. A hayrack ride, barn tour and yard games will finish up a wonderful Sunday together! PLEASE RSVP to Joy by text or call—309-360-1118.

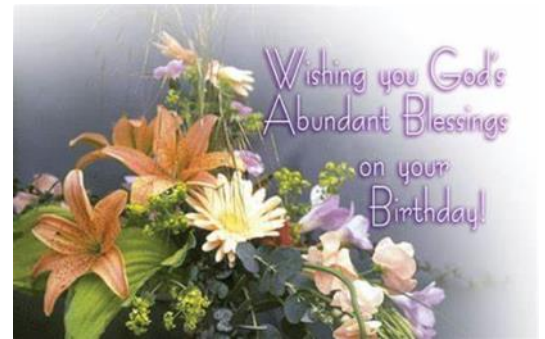
HEARTLINE & HEART HOUSE SPAGHETTI SUPPER

Woodford County Heartline and Heart House will be having their annual Spaghetti Supper on Thursday, September 2nd. It will be drive-thru event at Crosspoint Community Church (951 County Road 1625 E, Eureka) The supper will be from 3:30pm-7:00pm. The cost is \$8.00 per person. Our own Pastor Ted A. will be serving up spaghetti from 4:30-6:00!

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

September Birthday's:

- 1— Edie Jackson
- 11—Lola Dickey
- 14—Michael Borzello
- 17—Sylvia Micca
- 20—Gary Robenstein
- 23—Ken Jackson
- 24—Richard Tennis



ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

September Anniversaries:

- 9—Andrew and Natasha Schertz
- 11—Jim and Cheryl Kenagy
- 14—Brian and Nancy Hoelscher



FROM THE CROW'S NEST

For those of you asking how am I going to do this (raise your kids by yourself, pay for something, go on without someone, help a struggling parent, friend or family member, survive with a broken heart, deal with a bad report from the doctor, lawyer, bank or realtor, depression, confusion, exhaustion, etc), I wanted to give you the answer:

With your eyes on Jesus!

Praising Jesus continually.

Hand in hand with Jesus.

Focusing on Jesus.

Knowing who God says you are and knowing what Jesus already provided for you on the cross.

Do you see a pattern here?

YOU are going to get through this WITH Jesus.

He WANTS to help.

It is not a burden for Him!

HE has already mapped out a way, a solution, a victory, a healing and everything you need along the journey to get there!

Now it's up to you to call on Him.

JESUS!!

SEPTEMBER MINISTRY CALENDAR

- 1— **8:30am** Eureka Ministerial Assoc mtg., **6:30pm** Bible Study, **7:30pm** Choir practice
- 2— **3:30–7:00pm** Heartline / Heart House Spaghetti Supper
- 5— **9:00am** Worship with Communion, 10:00am Fellowship
- 6— Office closed, **no Bible Study**
- 8— **9:30-11:30am** Food Pantry, **6:30pm** Bible Study, **7:30pm** Choir practice
- 12— time TBA Worship, followed by fellowship and Sunday School, **6:00pm** Youth Group
- 13— **11:00am** Bible Study
- 14— **6:30pm** Church Council
- 15— **9:30-11:30am** Food Pantry, **6:30pm** Bible Study, **7:30pm** Choir practice
- 19— time TBA—Worship, followed by fellowship and Sunday School
- 20— **11:00am** Bible Study
- 22— **9:30-11:30am** Food Pantry, **6:30pm** Bible Study, **7:30pm** Choir practice
- 24— Youth Group 5th Quarter—immediately following EHS home football game
- 26— (Crouches Farm) **10:30am** Worship and **11:30am** cookout & fellowship
- 27— **11:00am** Bible Study
- 29— **9:30-11:30am** Food Pantry, **6:30pm** Bible Study, **7:30pm** Choir practice

Just for thought—Experts made the Titanic, amateurs made the Ark.

SEPTEMBER SUNDAY GREETERS

- 5—Ken and Edie Jackson
- 12—Bill White
- 19—Clara and Donna Neaveill
- 26—Gary and Sue Knepp