

THE CROSS ROAD


EUREKA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



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

DECEMBER 2021


From the Pastors Heart

We just saw “The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe” at our family movie night. There is a quote in the movie by Mr. Tumnus, “It is winter in Narnia and has been for ever so long...always winter, but never Christmas”. I feel the winter of this weary world. The death of a longtime friend or family member, divorce in a long time marriage. All of them seem too soon. The day by day onslaught of the news of the world is more often than not a window into a heartache and horror that seems impossible to explain.

Then I remember I have staked my life on something more. That this wounded world, this very broken world, is not the last word. Simply said I believe in Christmas. Christmas is coming again and I long for its blessings to flow. Now I know many of you like winter weather. My son is one of those. There is nothing wrong with that. Sometimes I long for the Christmas of long ago. It was a simpler time with the love of family, the services at church and for a moment the imagination of a young boy who loved Jesus’ birthday.

Merry Christmas Church family,

Rev. Ted A. Hartley



ADVENT SERMON SERIES

November 28 - 1st Sunday of Advent - Sermon Series: “Almost Christmas”

“An Altogether Peace”, John 14:27

December 5 - 2nd Sunday of Advent - “Almost Christmas, An Altogether Hope”, 1st Peter 1: 3-5

December 12 - 3rd Sunday of Advent - “Almost Christmas, An Altogether Love”, Luke 1: 46-55

December 19 - 4th Sunday of Advent - “Almost Christmas, An Altogether Joy”, Psalm 30:1-5

December 24 - Christmas Eve Worship at 7pm and 11pm

In 1741, John Wesley preached his famous sermon titled “The Almost Christian” in which he encouraged people to follow Christ wholeheartedly, striving to be altogether Christians. In our sermon series, “Almost Christmas”, we will explore through sermon and bible study how we can make the same commitment to Christ during Advent connecting our Wesleyan heritage with the traditional Advent themes of Peace, Hope, Love and Joy.



BIBLE STUDY

December 1 - 6:30pm

December 6 - 11:00am - LAST LUNCH BUNCH UNTIL JANUARY 17, 2022

December 8 - 6:30pm

December 15 - Lunch Bunch and Wednesday Night Bible Study groups are invited to
Pastor Ted A.’s house at 6:30pm. Refreshments will be served.

December 20,22,27,29 - NO BIBLE STUDY

Lunch Bunch—Mondays at 11am

Bible Study 2022

Wednesday Nights—6:30pm

Revelation - Breaking the Code

Join us starting Monday, January 17 and Wednesday, January 19 to get a clearer understanding about what Revelation says about the End Times.

YOUTH BELL RINGING

The Youth Group will be at IGA ringing the bells for the Salvation Army on Saturday, November 27th from 4-6pm. 100% of money raised stays in Woodford County! Woodford County Heartline will disburse it among those in need in our community.

HANGING OF THE GREENS

Advent begins on November 28th. At worship on that Sunday, we will have a special worship service of decorating the church and singing carols. This is always a special service to get us in the mindset for Advent and Christmas.



DECEMBER 22 PEORIA POPS CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Pastor Ted and Stephanie Haney invite you, your family, and your friends to Five Points Caterpillar Performing Arts Center, 360 N. Wilmor Dr, Washington, IL for A Christmas Extravaganza.



THE PEORIA POPS ORCHESTRA
PRESENTS
* A CHRISTMAS *
EXTRAVAGANZA

DECEMBER 22
7:00 PM
FIVE POINTS
WASHINGTON

\$12 ADULTS
\$10 SENIORS
\$8 STUDENTS
\$8 GROUPS OF
10 OR MORE

TICKETS AVAILABLE AT WWW.FIVEPOINTSWASHINGTON.ORG

EUMC YOUTH

December 12, 6pm - Christmas party!

December 26 - no meeting tonight



Your support at our Peoria Pops Fundraiser brought in around \$800.00!

New officers:

President - Kane Schertz

V. President - Brody Littlejohn

Secretary - Mia Hoelscher

Council - Tanner Ellis

Blake Littlejohn

Jadon Bunting

THANKSGIVING OFFERING

Your love for your church shows! The “Thanks” for our church offering was \$2,500.00. God bless all who were able to give so generously!

CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP

7:00pm - Family - Casual with candlelight, Communion, and Praise Band will play the music of the season.

11:00pm - Traditional - Lessons and carols, candlelight and Communion. See Christmas Day begin after service.

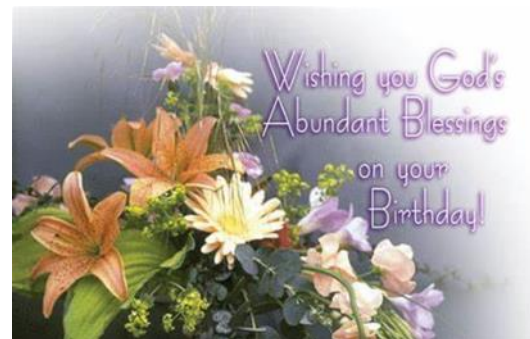


For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given, and the government will be upon His shoulders. And He will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

December Birthdays:

- 4 - Evelyn Collins
- 8 - Sandi Sylvester
- 22 - Alice Zimmerman
- 27 - Stephanie Haney
- 28 - Julie Steinbeck
- 30 - Christopher Bunting
- 30 - Pete Micca



ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

December Anniversaries:

- 6 - Don and Shirley Litwiller



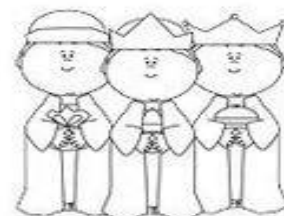
A Savior is Born!

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DECEMBER MINISTRY CALENDAR

1—**6:30pm** Bible Study, **7:30pm** Choir practice

5—**9:00am** Worship/Communion, **10:00am** Fellowship and Sunday School

6—**11:00am** Lunch Bunch Bible Study—**LAST LUNCH BUNCH UNTIL JAN 17TH**

7—**6:30-8pm** Scouts

8—**6:30pm** Bible Study, **7:30pm** Choir practice

9—**6:00pm** Trustee mtg

12—**9:00am** Worship, **10:00am** Fellowship and Sunday School, **6:00pm** Youth Christmas party

13—**NO** Lunch Bunch Bible Study

14—**6:30pm** Church Council meeting

15—**6:30pm** Bible Study Open House for both study groups at the parsonage, **7:30pm** Choir practice

19—**9:00am** Worship, **10:00am** Fellowship and Sunday School

20—**NO** Lunch Bunch Bible Study

22—**NO** Bible Study

24—**7:00pm** Worship, **11:00pm** Worship

25—Hark the Herald angels sing! Glory to the new born KING! Merry Christmas!

26—**9:00am** Worship, **10:00am** Fellowship and Sunday School

27 & 29—**NO BIBLE STUDY**



DECEMBER SUNDAY GREETERS

5— Linda Anderson

12 — Leonard and Norma Savage

19— Gary and Judy Robenstein

26 —Donna Wettstein