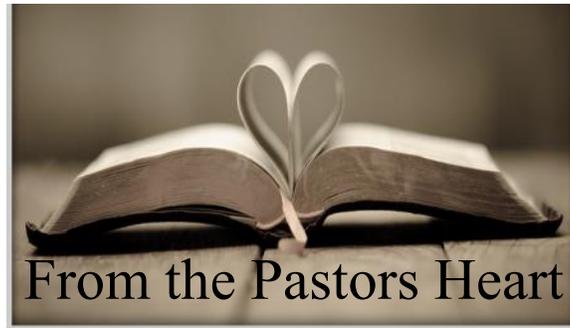


THE GOOD NEWS

EUREKA UMC MISSION: TO KNOW, LOVE, AND SERVE GOD

JANUARY 2022



Happy 2022! A new year is before us. New opportunities and blessings are before us. 2021 was a good year for Eureka UMC. I believe greater blessings are in store for our church family. Why? Because of Jeremiah 29:11 “I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord: they are plans for peace, not disaster, to give you a future filled with hope”. I accept and claim this promise. Let us work together in unity for the purpose of sharing God’s love and Christ’s salvation with our community. Let us meet the challenge with joy and hope. “Do not grow weary in doing good, for in due season you will reap a harvest”.

EUMC

2022

Here we come!

Your Friend,

Rev. Ted A. Hartley

GROW IN FAITH

Sunday Sermon Series

January 2 - Epiphany Sunday - visit of the Wise Men

January 9 - guest: our new Dist. Sup. Jim Barnett. "Here's Your Sign" Psalm 36:5-9, John 2:1-11

January 16 - Holy Communion, "Who does God love?" 1st John 4: 18-21

January 23 - "Heaven" Revelation 21: 11-27. This will be an interactive sermon where you can text questions or write them down and Pastor will answer them during his sermon.

January 30 - "Hell" Luke 16:19-31. This will be an interactive sermon where you can text questions or write them down and Pastor will answer them during his sermon.

Bible Study: Lunch Bunch—Mondays at 11am & 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.

From the Crows Nest

Every once in a while, a ewe will give birth to a lamb and reject it. There are many reasons she may do this. If the lamb is returned to the ewe, the mother may kick it away. Once a ewe rejects one of her lambs, she will never change her mind. These little lambs will hang their heads so low that it looks like something is wrong with its neck. Their spirit is broken. These lambs are called "bummer lambs." Unless the Shepherd intervenes, that lamb will die, rejected and alone. So, do you know what the Shepherd does?

He takes that rejected little one into His home, hand-feeds it and keeps it warm by the fire. He will wrap it up with blankets and hold it to His chest so the bummer can hear His heartbeat. Once the lamb is strong enough, the Shepherd will place it back in the field with the rest of the flock.

But that sheep never forgets how the Shepherd cared for him when his mother rejected him. When the Shepherd calls for the flock, guess who runs to Him first?

That is right, the bummer sheep. He knows His voice intimately. It is not that the bummer lamb is loved more, it just knows intimately the One who loves it and has experienced that love one on one.

So many of us are bummer lambs, rejected and broken. But He is the good Shepherd. He cares for our every need and holds us close to His heart so we can hear His heartbeat.

I've spent most of my life asking God why I had to be a bummer lamb, but now I am proud to be one of his chosen. Adopted and loved by The Good Shepherd instead of saying "Why me," I now praise God for the struggle and say "Use me." Use me dear Lord to give others hope and help them realize we live in a fallen world and bad things are going to happen to us. God doesn't cause the struggle, but he allows them to mature our faith, so we can be the special person he has called us to be.

"The Lord is my shepherd. I lack nothing. He lets me rest in grassy meadows; he leads me to restful waters; he keeps me alive. He guides me in proper paths for the sake of his good name.

Even when I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no danger because you are with me.

Your rod and your staff—they protect me. You set a table for me right in front of my enemies.

You bathe my head in oil; my cup is so full it spills over! Yes, goodness and faithful love will pursue me all the days of my life, and I will live in the Lord's house as long as I live."

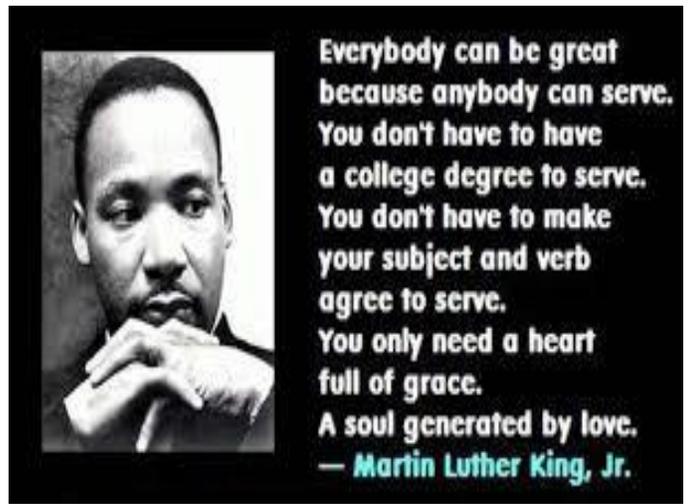
~ Psalm 23 CEB version

MISSION AND MINISTRY

Welcome new Ministry and Mission members!
We are blessed and thankful
you will be a part of serving
our church in the coming year!

Be sure to turn in your meeting dates to the office
as soon as you can.

If you would like anything published in the newsletter,
please turn it in by the 20th of every month.



Mission Spotlight for 2022

January - Heartline and Heart House
February - Midwest Mission Distribution Center
March - Johnny and Friends
April - Meals on Wheels
May - Our Conference, Our Kids
June - Love Packages
July - The Salvation Army
August - EvenGlow Lodge
September - Africa University
October - ADDWC
November - Amnity Bible Foundation
December - St. Andrews Potato Project

Missionary Support

Alicia Wright - India

Connie Wieck - China

Priscilla Jaiah - Liberia

Jeff Spence - Taiwan

Soup and Pie Day! January 21, 11am-2pm

Sign up sheets to work Soup and Pie Day are out. We need workers in all places.

On the Menu: Veggie Beef, Chicken Noodle, Ham and Bean, Chili and Butternut Squash soups.
BBQ sandwiches, hotdogs and Mexi - dogs. Assorted pies and baked goods.

Dine in and carry out, and delivery available.

Eureka Area Food Pantry

While grocery shopping, grab an item or two for the pantry.

Monetary donations for food can be mailed to the Food Pantry. Make your tax deductible check payable to Eureka Area Food Pantry and mail it to: 106 N Callender St. Eureka, IL 61530
Please check your donations for expiration dates. We cannot accept donations with expired dates.

The Compassion Closet

Located at Carle Eureka Hospital, this is an outreach that provides clothing for patients who are sent home from the hospital. Emergency room patient's clothing is often unusable. You may call 467-4750 or you may drop them off in the basket at the church.

**2022 COMMITTEES & MINISTRY TEAMS
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2022

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2023

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Ken Jackson

2024

Jim Kenagy
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Gary Schoof
Gary Knepp

2023

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Renee Hinnen
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2024

Jim Kenagy
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Bill White

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Gary Knepp
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2023

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Gary Robenstein
Dennis Crouch

2024

Karen Langley
Pete Micca
Lynn Hinnen

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Chairperson Pastor Ted A. Hartley

2022

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Joan McClean

2023

Kathy Bunting
Nancy Hoelscher

2024

Mia Hoelscher
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Tammy Traywick

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Diana Brehmer

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Kathy Bunting, Stephanie Haney, Gary Knepp, Sue Knepp, Carolyn Schoof, Christy Lee

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Clergy delegate:

Lay delegate: Nancy Aldridge

CHILDREN & YOUTH

Childrens Church

Calling all kids! Join Children's Church following Children's message.

Would you like to help out with Children's Church? Kathy is looking for anyone who would like to fill in when she is not available. Lesson plans would already be arranged!

Sunday School

Sunday School class for every age! Start the new year with attending one that's perfect for you.

Classes are Sundays following worship and everyone is welcome to attend. Grab a friend and we'll see you there!

Youth Group

Do you have a young person that would like to learn more about Christ and have fun while doing it? The EUMC Youth Group is the place to do it! The second and fourth Sunday at 6:00pm in the remodeled church basement is where its happening! See Pastor Ted for more information.

Confirmation Class offered for Youth

This is an important class to have the opportunity to accept Christ as their Savior, be baptized (if they haven't been already) and to understand the responsibilities of being a Christian. We will meet for 12 sessions starting January 16 and those who choose to be confirmed will be confirmed on Palm Sunday, April 10. The classes will be held on Sundays from 6:00pm - 7:30pm; on the Sundays Youth Group meets, we will meet before Youth Group from 5-6pm. They will also have a couple of mission projects to take part in. Each confirmand will receive an adult mentor. If you have any questions, please contact me. ~ Pastor Ted A.

Did You Know?

Sunday school started in England in the 1780s and truly was school. Due to the Industrial Revolution, poor children were working six days a week in factories and were illiterate. Visionary evangelicals like Robert Raikes devised a plan to gather poor, uneducated working children into education classes on Sundays, the children's only day off. Clean clothes and learning materials were provided, and instruction given in reading, writing, hygiene and good citizenship. The churches hoped that this effort would serve the dual purpose of bettering the future of society and curbing the rampant delinquency. Sunday schools started to teach the three Rs (reading, writing, and arithmetic) using the Bible. Though neither evangelism nor religious training were the expressed goals of the new schools, there was the hope that the morality taught, being based on the truths of Scripture, might bring about a transformation in the hearts of the children. Basic catechism, morality, prayers, and hymn singing were taught as well. And so the Sabbath or Sunday school was born.



Beverly, Mass. The first Sunday School in America, est. in 1810

BLESSINGS AND PRAYER

Birthday Celebrations

- 1 Adrian Lee
- 3 Natasha Schertz
- 8 Cheryl Kenagy
- 9 Gary Schoof, Carolyn Schoof
- 17 Denny Musick
- 21 Norma Savage
- 22 Jean Miller
- 27 Marilynn Lamb



Anniversary Celebrations

*no Anniversaries to share in January, if you have one, please let the office know, we'd love to celebrate it!



Keeping you in Prayer

Pray for.....

our Pastor

our Congregation

those in our community suffering with COVID and other illnesses

those who are grieving, hurting or lonely

the least, last and lost and those who do not yet know Jesus

those in service to God, country and our community

Pray that you remember God's Love and Grace for you



JANUARY MINISTRY CALENDAR

2 - **9am** Worship, **10am** Fellowship / Sunday School, “Un”decorate the church

4 - **7pm** Hospitality meeting

9 - **9am** Worship, 10am Fellowship / Sunday School, **6pm** Youth Group

11 - **6:30pm** Church Council meeting

16 - **9am** Worship, **10am** Fellowship / Sunday School, **6pm** Confirmation class

17 - **11am** Lunch Bunch Bible study

19 - **6:30pm** Bible study

21 - **11am - 2pm** Soup & Pie Day!

23 - **9am** Worship, **10am** Fellowship / Sunday School, **5pm** Confirmation class, **6pm** Youth Group

27 - **6pm** Finance meeting

28 - Scouts begin their Derby Car Event with weight ins

29 - Scouts hold the Derby Car races from **8am-noon**

30 - **9am** Worship, **10am** Fellowship / Sunday School

