

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

Church family,

Change is never easy but if we have an open mind and spirit God can do great things in us and through us. I told the Worship Team the other night that my goal for worship is for people to know and experience the love and grace of Jesus. Your Worship Team and I work hard every week to make this happen. This summer we are trying one service that is a blend of traditional and contemporary. Worship will also have some surprises, new ideas, and lots of fun. Music will have a variety of hymn's, praise songs, tuba solo, brass group, and praise band. The sermon series is, "God in the Movies", and will be biblically based. After worship we will have a great time of fellowship.

I prefer having an organ at worship, but few churches have those now, but I still connect to God through piano or guitar. Worship is a key part of being a Christian and I come not to be entertained by having my favorite music (hymn or praise song) but to focus on Jesus. So come to worship this summer with open minds, hearts and spirits and let Jesus fill your soul with his love and grace.

See you at church,

Pastor Ted A.

EUMC CONNECTION

EVANGELIZING UNIFYING MATURING COMMISSIONING

Summer Sermon Series

June 6— Connie Wieck is a missionary from China. Pastor Ted A and Connie will share about missions in other countries.

June 13— A message on God's grace and love

June 20— Fathers Day—A gift for all men. Sermon "A Fathers Love"

June 27— "The Hobbit"—Little is much when God is in it! We will have a hymn sing that day. Call out your favorites and we will sing them.

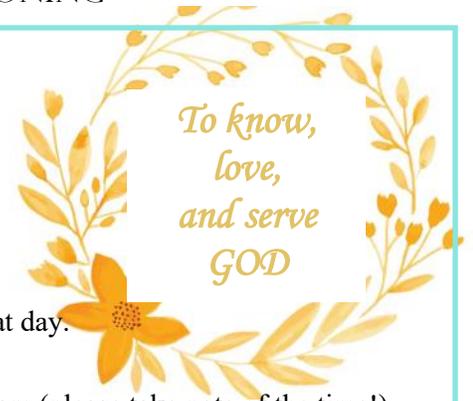
July 4— Community Worship in the park (Eureka Lake) with the other churches at 10:00am (please take note of the time!) Our praise Team will lead the music!

July 11— "The Wizard of Oz" What do you do when a storm enters your life without warning! Tuba solo by Pastor Ted A.

July 18 — "Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade" How do we step out in faith.

July 25— "Star Wars—A New Hope" The power of the Holy Spirit. What is the Holy Spirit.

Aug 1— "Places of the Heart" How does God's grace and Holy Communion help us not to hate and allow us to forgive.



Come, lets sit a while. . .

When people used to come by and visit it would be on the front porch or back porch (at my parents house it was the carport). With a cool glass of tea or lemonade, people would laugh and share their lives with each other (sometimes with a tear). This summer in June or July I want to come by and visit. The visit will be no longer than an hour at the most and can be on a porch, carport, or front steps, (even inside if you feel comfortable). I still feel like we don't know each other well enough. You are my flock and church family and I want to be your pastor. I will be contacting you to set up a time. I also am fine if you would like to come to my house. I have a porch and a deck. Lets get to know each other as pastor and congregation. ~ Pastor Ted A.

EUMC CONNECTION

**Bible Study for Mondays Lunch Bunch (11am)
and
Wednesday Evening (6:30pm) groups**

Half Truth's by Adam Hamilton

God helps those who help themselves and other things the Bible DOESN'T SAY. They are simple phrases that sound Christian. They also capture some element of truth. We will compare some popular sayings and how they match up with wisdom found in scripture.

Everything happens for a reason.

God helps those who help themselves.—week of June 2

God won't give you more than you can handle.—week of June 7

God said it, I believe it, that settles it.—week of June 14

Love the sinner, hate the sin.—week of June 21

and John Wesley's 318th birthday – a look at his life *see below for this study

11am Lunch Bunch

May 31st - NO STUDY

June 7

June 14

June 21

***June 30**

6:30pm Wednesday Evening Bible study

June 2nd

June 9

June 16

June 23

***June 30—both groups will meet at Eureka Lake for a picnic at 5:30pm**

Dear Church Family,

Jenny and I have been working on a new church directory and we need your picture!

Starting Sunday (May 30) through Labor Day we will be having one service on Sunday starting at 9 a.m. Please stop by the Fellowship Hall after the service and let me quickly take your picture. There is a coffee fellowship you can enjoy as well!

We want to finish this as quickly as possible so please come by before the end of July. We can work with your vacation schedule! You can also send a picture to Jenny in the office.

Thank you and we hope to see you soon!

Blessings,
Sandi Sylvester

IM LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS TO PUT TOGETHER THE WORSHIP PROGRAMS AGAIN, THURS. OR FRIDAYS. I WILL HAVE THEM PRINTED AND FOLDED. I JUST NEED SOMEONE TO PUT THE FINISHING TOUCHES ON. EASY PEASY ~ JENNY

Hello! I am the volunteer prayer coordinator for the Joni and Friends Family Retreat. I ask you to join me in prayer for families that bring their special needs children to experience Bible study, crafts, and recreation.

~ Pray for Jesus to raise up the staff we still need in order to serve these families.

~ Pray for the Lord to provide the amount of chlorine needed to open the Timber Lakes swimming pool for the summer.

~ Pray for God's protection over these families, and that He removes any obstacles that try to prevent them from coming to receive Him at camp, this applies to staff too!

~ Richard Small

EUMC MISSIONS & MINISTRY

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

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.

June Mission Emphasis: Red Bird Mission

Poverty, isolation, and lack of economic opportunity are the overarching circumstances we see in the community that create a variety of needs that are basic to human life and existence. Poverty rate among all people in our counties averages 30%. Hunger is widespread among all age groups. Access to quality education is limited in the public schools that are more distant from these remote communities. The availability of jobs is shrinking in our region as the coal industry in Kentucky has been hard hit by environmental regulations. Housing is inadequate and unsafe for many. The well being of our elderly population is fragile due to their isolation and lack transportation.

Red Bird Mission addresses every one of the needs as funding and resources are available because we live in these communities and have been a part of bringing hope since 1921. We will continue to address hunger and other basic needs of families through case management and delivery of services by our Community Outreach ministries. Our Community Store and Craft Marketing will continue to provide jobs and income for over 100 families and over 90 people are employed through Red Bird Mission and Red Bird Clinic. Housing improvements will continue to be made for hundreds of families and a new home program is beginning that will benefit families whose homes are beyond repair and income is so low that they cannot afford even subsidized low income mortgages.

Red Bird Mission, guided by Jesus Christ, empowers individuals and advocates justice through spiritual, educational, health and community outreach ministries. So that each person fulfills their God given abilities for the good of their family and the community where they live.

Operation Backpack is an equalizing program where Woodford County children, rich or poor, start out the school year just like everyone else - with new school supplies! Last year we served over 165 children in need. This year the sign up for Operation Backpack begins the first week of July, and we are asking that all school supply donations be delivered to Heartline and Heart House **by July 26th**.

If you know of any children who reside in Woodford County and need help with school supplies, please refer their parents to Heartline. We would love to reach out to and help as many children as possible!

Thank you!
Brenna Taufer
Heartline Program Manager
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It is time we sing again. I know you have missed it. I sure have missed singing in a choir. Kathy and the Praise Band are doing a great job, but I think they would appreciate some more vocal support. Interested in choir? Signup is on the table in the library! Always glad to have new members! Any questions, contact Pastor Ted A. or Stephanie Haney.

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.

EUMC FAMILY

From the Crow's nest....

I was watching my grandson learn to walk the other day. This cute little boy fell and got up. And fell and got up, again and again. Too many times to count.

He didn't sit and cry. He even fell onto a slight ramp at one point and rolled back about a foot. Something that would have discouraged anyone and make them upset. But he just got right back up.

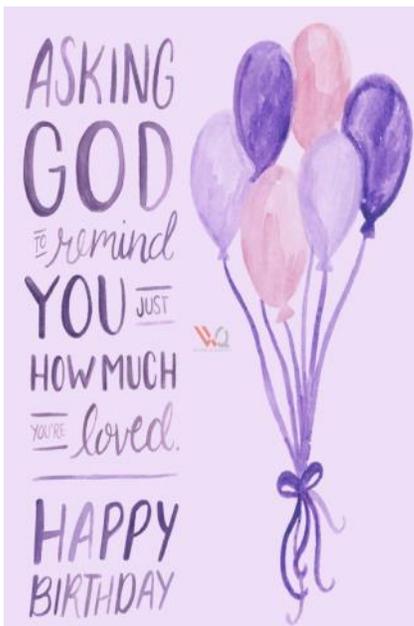
Each time he looked straight ahead to where he wanted to be, pulled up his chubby little legs and stepped. There were no tears at each of his failed attempts. He didn't question his legs or comment about how maybe he isn't "meant to" walk. He didn't throw his toy and just sit, in tears or frustration. He tried. Again. And again.

Sometimes he walked great. Other times he toddled and fell back. Plop. Sometimes he fell forward and it looked like it hurt. Ye ouch! But he just got back up and started again. He didn't tell himself he was stupid or that he would never be able to walk. He didn't point to walking people wanting to know why they could walk. He didn't compare his ability or skill to anyone else.

He was a small child learning a big task. Beautifully imperfectly. Jesus calls us to be like a little child. Not childish. But with this kind of attitude. Just do it. If you fall. Get up. If you have a great run, awesome! Keep going! If things don't turn out the way you think, the way you planned, hoped or expected, keep going anyway! You may make mistakes along the way, perhaps even ones that may cause you to roll back farther than you were before. But that is just an opportunity to stable yourself, get back up on your legs and try again.

So, the next time you fall or fail or you feel like life knocks you down, think of this little guy. And then realize that you did the same thing when you walked. When you learned how to get into a chair. When you learned how to go up stairs, grunting, with your little hind end in the air, using the wall to pull yourself forward. But you never gave up!

You have that determination in you! It never left. Pull yourself up! Allow God to help you and **KEEP MOVING!** It may not always be pretty but keep going! ~ Jenny



3—Hudsyn Schertz
6—Lynn Hinnen
11—Joy Crouch
15—Donna Neaveill
17—Dixie Ackley
20—Sophia Jackson
23—Randy Miller
24—Mike Ackley
26—Robert Facker
28—Morgan Jackson



2—Brad & Marilyn Bachman
6—Leonard & Norma Savage
8—Ed & Julie Steinbeck
21—Doug & Heather Lehman
24—Pete & Sylvia Micca
26—Gary & Judy Robenstein
26—Richard & Margo Tennis

JUNE MINISTRY CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	31 Office closed Memorial Day	1 8:30 Eureka Ministerial mtg.	2 9:30-11:30 Food Pantry Noon Kiwanis Worship music due by noon 6:30 Bible study	3	4	5
6 Connie Wieck 9:00 Worship 10:00 Fellowship	7 11:00 lunch bunch Bible study	8	9 9:30-11:30 Food Pantry Worship music due by noon 6:30 Bible study	10 6:00 Trustees meeting	11 Pastor Ted A. out of office Annual Conference	12 Heartline/Heart House — Race with Your Heart
13 9:00 Worship 10:00 Fellowship 4:00 Men's Bake Off	14 11:00 lunch bunch Bible study	15	16 9:30-11:30 Food Pantry Noon Kiwanis Worship music due by noon 6:30 Bible Study	17	18	19 Eureka Market on the Courthouse lawn
20 Happy Fathers Day! 9:00 Worship 10:00 Fellowship	21 11:00 lunch bunch Bible study	22	23 9:30-11:30 Food Pantry Worship music due by noon 6:30 Bible study	24	25	26
27 9:00 Worship 10:00 Fellowship	28 6:00 Hospitality mtg.	29	30 9:30-11:30 Food Pantry Worship music due by noon Newsletter articles due 5:30 Bible study @ Eureka Lake	1	2	3
4 Happy 4th of July Community Worship at 10 at Eureka Lake!	5 Office Closed	<p>BECAUSE OF COVID-19 CONCERNS, THE MISSION AND MINISTRY CALENDAR OF MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE.</p> <p>LOOK FOR MISSION AND MINISTRY UPDATES IN YOUR EMAIL.</p>				