

# 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*

Well, has it been too cold for you? I am sure you've been complaining about the cold and can't wait for it to get warm. When it gets warm again you will complain it's too hot. I understand how Moses must have felt about how the Israelites brought out of slavery were always complaining about something. It seems to be our human nature doesn't it? The church today is not immune from the complaint bug. Whether we complain about the preacher preaching too long or the musician making mistakes or the building being too hot or too cold , it's always something. Then we in the church complain about what we don't have. We don't have enough young people, giving or attendance is down, etc. Of course we could invite people, we could tithe, or make Sunday worship a priority. But of course it is easier to complain. Just watch TV there are people who are called commentators who spend all day being critical, complaining and never do anything to change things (meaning get personally involved) they just complain. You might say the church (not just ours) has become a building of political and social commentators, complaining but rarely doing anything about it. Jesus asks us to be doers of the word, not hearers only. Let us in 2021 resolve to complain less and do more for Christ.

Your friend,  
Pastor Ted A.

# EUMC CONNECTION

EVANGELIZING UNIFYING MATURING COMMISSIONING

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

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

Look at Peter who was pondering the frailty of human relationships and wrestling with how to forgive someone who had wronged him.

March 7— "The Crowd and the Uncertainty of Worry" Luke 12:13-34

Look at the voice from the crowd whose dispute with his brother over an inheritance prompted Jesus to teach them about how to find security in a future filled with worry.

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

Look at Mary and Martha grieving over the death of their brother Lazarus, angry at Jesus over his supposed indifference and staring squarely at the reality of their finite human existence.

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

Look at Zacchaeus the tax collector who made a career out of cheating people, coming to the blessed realization that his corrupt ways did not constitute the most holy life.

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

Palm Sunday. Look at Jesus whose blood-stained prayer in the garden of Gethsemane was a struggle to discern the mystery and complexity of God's will.

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



Ash Wednesday - February 17

Palm Sunday - March 28

Good Friday - April 2

Easter Sunday - April 4

## LENTEN CALENDAR

### Holy Week

Monday—Devotions—Noon—Soup & Bread

Tuesday—Devotions—Noon—Soup & Bread

Wednesday—Devotions—Noon—Soup & Bread

Thursday— Maundy Thursday—Service of Light and Darkness— 7:00 pm

Friday—Community Good Friday—Noon—Town Square

During Holy Week at noon we will remember Jesus' last week on Earth before his crucifixion and resurrection. Each day we will have a single meal of soup and bread to remember Jesus' sacrifice.



Follow us on Facebook! Eureka United Methodist Church, Eureka, IL.  
Look for the videos and stay connected!



# EUMC MISSIONS & MINISTRY

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

## March Mission and Outreach Support

- **Alicia Wright-India, 1st quarter (Jan, Feb, March)** Our very own Alicia Wright has been working in full-time missions since 2012. She has spent time sharing the good news in unreached nations like Turkey, Lebanon, Tajikistan, and China. For the last four years, she has been serving the Lord in Northern India amongst a predominantly Hindu population. One of her favorite things is teaching music classes, sharing the Word of God in villages, and most recently helping to create Christian Music content online with local ministries. She will be returning to India in a couple of weeks, and asks that we pray for the ministry of 'Alabaster' as her team aims to share the story of Mary of Bethany alongside the good news. Missions exists because worship doesn't, so sharing her story is sure to encourage devotion to Jesus alone.
- **In March, we will focus on the Heifer International.** Heifer International (also known as Heifer Project International) is a global nonprofit working to eradicate poverty and hunger through sustainable, values-based holistic community development. Heifer International distributes animals, along with agricultural and values-based training, to families in need around the world as a means of providing self-sufficiency. Based in Little Rock, Arkansas, United States, Heifer International started with a shipment of 17 heifers to Puerto Rico in 1944. Since 1944, Heifer International has distributed livestock such as goats, bees, and water buffalo, along with training and other resources, to 20.7 million families, or more than 105.1 million people in more than 125 countries. \*\*\*\*\* Ending Hunger and Poverty While Caring for the Earth | Heifer International! According to the Chinese zodiac, 2021 is the year of the Ox or Golden Cow. Because we love cows and the Lunar New Year, we're celebrating with a fun game! Starting on February 12, search our website ([www.heifer.org](http://www.heifer.org)) to find the 8 golden cows hidden around [heifer.org](http://heifer.org). If you find all 8 Golden Cows, you win a free gift! \*\*\*\*\*

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.

## 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

**At EUMC there is a Sunday School class for every age!**

**Attend one that's perfect for you.**

**Classes are Sundays at 9:20am and everyone is welcome.**

**Grab a friend and we'll see you there!**

**Childrens Church following the Childrens message during 10:30 am worship!**

**Jr. High and High School Youth Group meets at 6:00 pm every other Sunday; check out the dates on our Mission and Ministry calendar and join us!!**



Calling all kids! Join Children's Church following Children's message at 10:30 service

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!

If you would like to help in our children's ministry, whether Children's Church, Sunday School, or the different youth activities we have throughout the year please let the office know. We'd love to have more volunteers!

# 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

March 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.





# March

## The Peace of God

Day 1 – 1 Peter 3:9-11  
Day 2 – Proverbs 16:7  
Day 3 – Isaiah 26:3  
Day 4 – 1 Peter 5:6-7  
Day 5 – Romans 12:18  
Day 6 – John 16:33  
Day 7 – Romans 15:13  
Day 8 – Hebrews 12:14  
Day 9 – Psalm 4:8  
Day 10 – Isaiah 12:2  
Day 11 – 1 Corinthians 14:33  
Day 12 – Philippians 4:4-7  
Day 13 – Colossians 3:15  
Day 14 – Galatians 5:22-23  
Day 15 – Romans 8:6  
Day 16 – Philippians 4:8-9  
Day 17 – Psalm 119:165  
Day 18 – Isaiah 54:10  
Day 19 – Romans 5:1

Day 20 – James 3:17-18  
Day 21 – Romans 14:17  
Day 22 – Isaiah 32:17  
Day 23 – Matthew 6:31-33  
Day 24 – Psalm 29:10-11  
Day 25 – Isaiah 41:10  
Day 26 – 1 Thessalonians 5:23  
Day 27 – Isaiah 53:5  
Day 28 – Proverbs 3:21-24  
Day 29 – Isaiah 9:6  
Day 30 – Matthew 5:9  
Day 31 – 2 Thessalonians 3:16



# 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

## **National/International Concerns**

Our Nation, State, County and Local Government  
All those dealing with natural disasters  
COVID—19, Cold, and Flu Sufferers



- 21 Dick and Vickie Ridle
- 26 Bob and Kathy Facker



- 2 Tammy Traywick
- 4 Norma Attig
- 5 Charlie Weinrich
- 10 Nancy Aldridge
- 12 Eloise Berner
- 30 Richard Small

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>28</b> 8:00 Worship 9:20 S.S. 10:30 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> 8:00 Worship 9:20 S.S. 10:30 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  6:00 Finance 6:30 Bible study	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>  Spring Forward!  Turn your clocks <b>ahead</b> 1 hour before bed!
<b>14</b> 8:00 Worship 9:00 Card Party 9:20 S.S. 10:30 Worship  6:00 Youth group	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</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>  5:00 Scouts Blue and Gold Banquet
<b>21</b> 8:00 Worship 9:20 S.S. 10:30 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>
<b>28 Palm Sunday</b> 8:00 Worship 9:20 S.S. 10:30 Worship  6:00 Youth	<b>29</b> Noon Devotions for Holy Week	<b>30</b> Noon Devotions for Holy Week	<b>31</b> 9:30-11:30 Food Pantry  Noon Devotions for Holy Week  Worship music due by noon	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
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.						



Bite-size changes can lead to a longer, healthier, more fun – filled and flavorful lifestyle. Nutrition doesn't have to be overwhelming!

Learn how to Eat Smart all year long this Nutrition Month by joining the [Healthy for Good](#) movement found on the American Heart Association website.

## BREAKING THE HABIT

Vegetable oils such as canola, corn, soybean or olive make good substitutions for butter or margarine in recipes, according to the American Heart Association. To make substitutions easier, the North American Olive Oil Association offers this conversion guide:

### NO SUGAR BANANA WALNUT CAKE

**2/3 c. mashed banana**  
**1/2 c. soft butter**  
**3 lg. eggs**  
**3/4 c. water**  
**1 c. walnuts or 1/2 c. walnuts and 1/2 c. raisins**

**2 c. unbleached flour**  
**2 tsp. baking powder**  
**1 tsp. baking soda**  
**1 tsp. cinnamon**

In mixing bowl, beat banana and butter until creamy. Add eggs and water, beat well. Stir in flour, baking powder and soda and cinnamon. Beat until smooth. Add walnuts (& raisins). Spread evenly into a prepared 9 x 13 baking pan. Bake at 350° for 20 minutes or until knife inserted into center comes out clean. Cool and cut into squares. Serves 12-20.

*Kathi Lehman - 1990*

### LEMON DESSERT - FAT FREE

**1 fat free pound cake loaf**  
**1 (3 oz.) pkg. lemon Jello**  
**1 c. sour cream, fat free**

**1 lg. can lemon pie filling**  
**1 (8 oz.) carton lite Cool Whip**  
**1 c. hot water**

Lay thin slices of pound cake in bottom of a 9 x 13 pan, covering completely. Mix Jello with 1 c. hot water, fold in sour cream and 1/2 of Cool Whip and can of pie filling. Pour over pound cake in pan and refrigerate. Spread balance of Cool Whip on top at serving time.

*Iris DeWilde - 1999*

### GRANOLA

**1/2 c. margarine**  
**1/2 c. honey**  
**6 c. rolled oats (regular or quick)**  
**2 c. coconut (optional)**  
**2 c. sunflower seeds (untoasted, unsalted)**

**3 tsp. cinnamon**  
**1 c. wheat germ (optional)**  
**1 1/3 c. raisins**

In a lg. oven-proof pan, melt the butter and stir in the honey. Add the remaining ingredients except the wheat germ and raisins. Bake in a 350° oven for 15 minutes, stirring several times. Stir in the wheat germ and bake 10 minutes longer or until the mixture is lightly browned. Remove from the oven, stir in the raisins and cool before transferring to a storage container.

*Pat Carlson - 1999*

**1 tsp. butter = 3/4 tsp. oil**  
**1 T. butter = 2 1/4 tsp. oil**  
**2 T. butter = 1 1/2 T. oil**  
**1/4 c. butter = 3 T. oil**  
**1/3 c. butter = 1/4 c. oil**  
**1/2 c. butter = 1/4 c. plus 2 T. oil**  
**2/3 c. butter = 1/2 c. oil**  
**3/4 c. butter = 1/2 c. plus 1 T. oil**  
**1 c. butter = 3/4 c. oil**

*Rhodabel Doty - 1999*

### HOW TO OBSERVE NATIONAL NUTRITION MONTH

1. Move your body  
 Nutrition doesn't end at what we eat. The Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics encourages making exercise an integral part of our lives. Try a new activity like Zumba, swimming, or spinning to keep workouts fresh and exciting.
2. Find inspiration  
 Feeling stale in the kitchen? Pinterest provides an infinite loop of recipes and inspiration to kick-start any nutrition journey. Picking up a new cookbook or following a cool food blogger works too!
3. Meet with a dietician  
 They'll provide you with a detailed meal plan that makes sense for your lifestyle and goals. While this service can prove expensive, a healthier, happier outlook on life is priceless!