

THE CROSS ROAD

EUREKA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



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

MAY 2021

From the  Pastors Heart

Dear church family,

I pour out my love and concern for us in this writing. First, I am so happy to be your Pastor. I am also happy that most of you are letting me be your Pastor. This is a wonderful church filled with many good and kind people. There are also many gifted and talented people that make our church be a church for our community. What I mean is a church is not supposed to be a club for its members, but the hands and feet for God in our community, state, and world. We have the ways and means to be a church on fire for God. Now I know you are saying our congregation is old, and tired and retired we can't be an active church. I say look at the Bible. Except for a few exceptions (Jesus, David) most of the servants of God were in their older years. (Abraham, Sarah, Ruth, Moses, Noah, etc.) As the old African American spiritual goes "God aint done with me yet"

My biggest concern at this moment is our finances. We have been going down steadily in our balance since January; by June we will be at 0 in our General Fund. We are not spending wildly (like a new latte machine in the Pastors office). We try to be good stewards of our resources. You have been a generous church (Heifer Project and others) but we need consistent giving each week or month. I hope you will continue to support ministry at EUMC. If you can give a little extra because God has blessed you, please do.

To know, love, and serve God!

Your friend,
Pastor Ted A.

EUMC CONNECTION

EVANGELIZING UNIFYING MATURING COMMISSIONING

May 2 – “The Still Point”, readings from 1st Samuel and Mark 4

Synopsis – A pair of stories, David and Goliath and Jesus calming the storm, guide us in responding to chaotic times

May 9 – “Anger” & Mother’s Day – Festival of the Christian home, reading from Ephesians 4: 25-32 and Matthew 5:21-24

Synopsis – Anger can be a destructive force in families. How do we handle anger and bring love.

May 16 – “Building from God”, readings from 2nd Corinthians 4: 13-5:1

Synopsis – How can buildings tell us what is essential to life on earth and in heaven?

May 23 – Pentecost – “A Spirit Filled Church”, reading from Acts 2:1-21

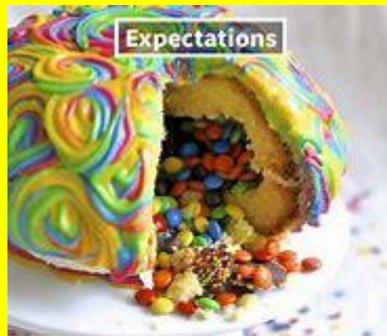
Synopsis – How does an active church stay active?

May 30 – “Memorial Daze”, reading from Ecclesiasticus 44: 1-15

Synopsis- Memorial Day is a day of remembering and rededication



Calling all dads and sons! Prepare the ovens, grease and flour those pans, put your aprons on and make sure the home insurance is up to date! You're invited to participate in a father/son cake bake-off for Fathers Day! Start looking for the best recipe now, and get to practicing! If you don't practice, you might end up with some of these:



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| 5 Mia Hoelscher | 22 Kane Schertz |
| 5 Margo Tennis | 23 Nancy Bishop |
| 6 Don Anderson | 27 Randy Miller |
| 7 Ed Steinbeck | 27 Judy Robenstein |
| 14 Brian Hoelscher | 29 Bailey Bachman |
| 17 Rosalee Shanklin | 30 Matthew Hoelscher |
| 21 Al Lehman | 31 Cohen Sweeney |
| 21 Reba Steffen | |

SPRING CLEAN UP!

Please sign up to help in our Spring Cleaning of the Church!

You can do it at your convenience, supplies will be furnished by the Trustees. We ask that you notify Lynn Hinnen when the project is completed and **that it is done before June 1st.**

- Paint shelves in kitchen storage / freezer room
- Clean exhaust fans in the kitchen
- Change and clean furnace filters
- Clean out Trustee closet
- Replace water filter for the ice maker
- Install paper towel dispensers in the upstairs bathrooms
- Paint the Food Pantry back door—both sides

Thank you for your help in these projects.



Check out the new Welcome mats by both entrances! Just another little touch to make everyone who comes to EUMC feel welcome!

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.

May Mission Emphasis:
East Bay Camp

How many remember going to church camp in the summer? I do! I not only went as a camper but for 6 years I was a counselor. We are so fortunate at Eureka to have one of our best Methodist camps so close in Bloomington. Every summer hundreds of children and youth attend some of the many camps that are offered. The camp can also be used for adult and church group retreats. What a wonderful mission and ministry for the Illinois Great Rivers Conference. One last thing, many children and youth accept Christ as their Savior or decide to be pastors, youth leaders and missionaries at camp. Camping does make a difference.



East Bay Camp



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

The Youth Group had a great Earth Day meeting. They cleaned and refreshed the red mulch along the carport, and also pruned the bushes and cleaned up the grounds behind the church and in the playground area. The Youth Group continues to improve the basement area where they meet. This summer they hope to make a trip to Knights Action Park in Springfield.

The Youth Group will meet on May 23rd only this month at 6pm! Bring a friend!

Have you checked out the remodeled Youth rooms downstairs? The youth and parents did a great job! The youth guys put the finishing touches on 4/25 by sorting, organizing and pitching outdated games, and cleaning up what was left. Great job guys!

BIBLE STUDY

**New Bible Study for Mondays Lunch Bunch (11am)
and
Wednesday Evening (6:30pm) groups beginning May 17th**

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.

God won't give you more than you can handle.

God said it, I believe it, that settles it.

Love the sinner, hate the sin.

and John Wesley's 318th birthday – a look at his life.

11am Lunch Bunch

May 3rd - sack lunch
May 10th - Cornerstone
May 17th - Subway
May 24th - picnic at Eureka Lake
May 31st - NO STUDY

6:30pm Wednesday Evening Bible study

May 5th
May 12th
May 19th
May 26th
June 2nd

Topic

lessons from the Wilderness
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don't forget, pass it on
Half Truths
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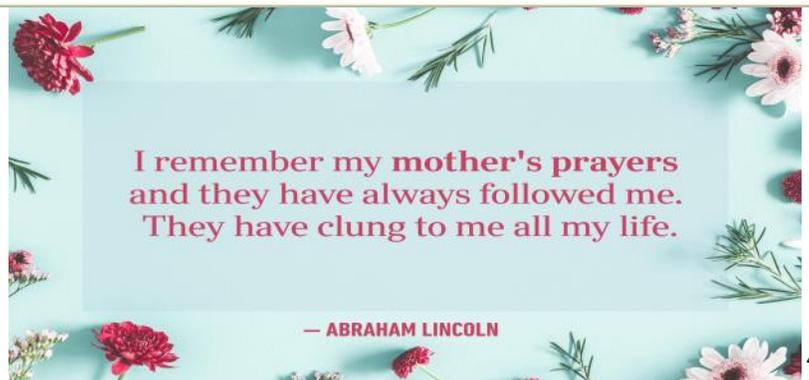


It is time we sing again.

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. Please watch bulletin and email for date and time of first practice.

Always glad to have new members!

Any questions, contact Pastor Ted A.



EUMC IN THE COMMUNITY

I am looking for friends who can sew to help with a project that I've just been told is a major need in our nursing units. Some patients who are agitated, suffer dementia or Alzheimer's, are confused, etc. try to pull out their IV's. Nurse leaders say we need to keep their hands busy. We're hoping some of our crafty/creative friends can create small fidget blankets or placemats with about four widgets on the material. They do not have to be large. An example of the widgets is: buttons, Velcro, child-size zippers, short shoe strings, pocket, fringe trim, fuzzy material, crinkled – noise fabric, etc. You also can search online for adult fidget sensory blanket for other ideas.

Because of infection control these cannot be reused and costs make purchasing prohibitive. We'll be happy to take any donations. Could you help me spread the word? Thanks, as always, for helping us care for our patients.

The Rev. Christine McNeal, M.Div., BCC

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CARLE EUREKA HOSPITAL PRAYER SHAWLS

The Eureka United Methodist Church and the Eureka Greater Area Kiwanis Club have joined together on a project to furnish prayer shawls to be given to hospital patients. These shawls will each be blessed with a special prayer and then donated to the hospital. They are asking help in making the shawls.

The shawls can be crochet, knitted or sewn. They need to be made out of a new washable material, not wool. The yarn is best if 100 % acrylic in medium (4) weight. Shawls can be sewn using single thickness fleece material. All materials must be new for sanitary reasons. Suggested size is 24" X 60".

If you can't make one, we are asking that you make a donation to buy the materials for others to make them. Send donations made out to EUMC and mark missions shawls. There is a basket available for items or money to be dropped off in the foyer.

If you have any questions, please call Nancy Aldridge 309-467-4750 or questions about crocheted or knitted items call Diana Brehmer 467-3228.

Patients will know that they are wrapped in God's Love, who made the shawl, and that it was made with love and care.

The Compassion Closet at Carle Eureka Hospital is an outreach program designed to provide appropriate clothing for patients who are sent home from the hospital. Many times emergency room patient's clothing ruined or needs to be cut. **What is needed?** NEW Adult items in any sizes especially extra-large through 5X. Long and short sleeve Tee shirts, sweat shirts, sweat pants, pajama bottoms heavy or light weight, socks. You may drop them off in the basket at the church

If you would like to make a monetary donation, checks can be made payable to EUMC Missions and mark for Compassion Closet. Donations of items or monetary are tax deductible. If you want a letter for tax purposes, fill out the sheet in the basket and it will be returned to you signed.

For more information, contact: Nancy Aldridge at tnt39@mtco.com

BUY AN' BUY

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.

MAY MINISTRY CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25 8:00 Worship 9:00 Fellowship 9:20 S.S. 10:30 Worship 4:00 Youth group, Earth Day project	26 11:00 lunch bunch Bible study, Michaels after 6:30 Scouts	27	28 9:30-11:30 Food Pantry Worship music due by noon 6:30 Bible study	29	30	1
2 8:00 Worship 9:00 Fellowship 9:20 S.S. 10:30 Worship	3 11:00 lunch bunch Bible study, sack lunch	4	5 8:30 Eureka Ministerial mtg. 9:30-11:30 Food Pantry Worship music due by noon 6:30 Bible study	6 National Day of Prayer 6:00 Trustees meeting	7	8
9 Mothers Day 8:00 Worship 9:00 Fellowship 9:20 S.S. 10:30 Worship No Youth Group tonight, spend time with your mom!	10 11:00 lunch bunch Bible study, lunch at Cornerstone 6:30 Scouts	11 6:30pm Church Council	12 9:30-11:30 Food Pantry Worship music due by noon 6:30 Bible Study	13	14	15
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30	31 Memorial Day Office Closed NO BIBLE STUDY	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.				