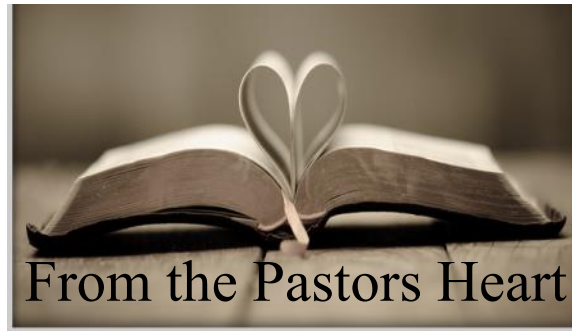


# THE GOOD NEWS

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

FEBRUARY 2022

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This is the month of Valentines Day, flowers, candy, and romantic dinners. Many people feel unloved and empty or even hurt. The Bible speaks of Agape love. This is the love that God gives us and that God wants us to have for one another. This is unconditional love. Here is a story that shows this kind of love we should have for one another.

There once was a boy, Billy, who was developmentally challenged. He often sat alone at lunch and other times was made fun of. His class was having a Valentine party and he wanted to give everyone a special valentine. His mother was afraid he would be hurt if he didn't get any at this party but she helped him make special valentines for everyone in his class. Thinking he might come home that day hurt and upset, she made him his favorite after school snack. When Billy came in the house after school he said "not one" several times. His mother got tears in her eyes, then Billy said this " I gave all my valentines and no one was missed, not one."

This folks, is the meaning of true love.

Love you all,

*Rev. Ted A. Hartley*

# GROW IN FAITH

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## Sunday Sermon Series

**February 6** - “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.

**February 13** - “Fan or Follower” Luke 9:23. *Souper* Bowl Sunday. This is football Sunday! Food, touchdowns, half time show, commercials and more food! On this Sunday we will have a football theme. If you have a favorite football team, at ANY level, wear something to show who you cheer for! My sermon will ask if you’re a Fan or Follower. Also were asking everyone to bring two or more cans of soup for the Food Pantry. *Soup* for *Souper* Bowl Sunday!

**February 20** - “Unreasonable Love” Luke 6:27-38. One of the most central teachings of Jesus is that we ought to love our enemies. How are we doing?

**February 27** - A guest from Joni and Friends will be here to tell you all about our March Mission Spotlight

## Supper Parties With Jesus

This year for Lent I am asking all of you to join me in having a Supper Party with Jesus. Each Sunday night in Lent we will begin with a light supper at 5:30 then from 6-7pm we will have classes for adults, youth and children. We will conclude from 7-7:15 with a celebratory worship. More details will come in the upcoming weeks. The supper parties will begin March 6 and end April 3. We will have a sign up sheet on February 13.

The adult class will study from “A Disciples Path” by James A. Harnish. Deepening your relationship with Christ and the church. This will also be for the youth not in Confirmation.

The youth will have Confirmation class and for the children, Nancy Hoelscher will have lessons and crafts.

## Bible Study: Lunch Bunch—Mondays at 11am & Wednesday Nights—6:30pm

Revelation - Breaking the Code Join us starting Mondays at 11 Wednesdays at 6:30 to get a clearer understanding about what Revelation says about the End Times.

## From the Illinois Great Rivers Conference:

Many people are weary of COVID, but this pandemic is not yet completed. As more people are vaccinated, as COVID continues to evolve, and as treatments continue to improve, this pandemic will become less severe. In the meantime, we need to fervently pray for our health care workers, our first responders, our public health leaders, our pastors, and all others fighting this pandemic. Please include those fighting COVID in your personal and congregational prayers each week, and join our churches in weekly prayer to end this pandemic.

# MISSION AND MINISTRY

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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.

"I believe I am an humble  
servant in the hands of our  
Heavenly Father;  
I desire that all my words  
and acts may be according  
to His will."

-- Abraham Lincoln

## Mission Spotlight for 2022

January - Heartline and Heart House

February - Midwest Mission Distribution Center

March - Joni 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 - Amity Bible Foundation

December - St. Andrews Potato Project

Missionary Support

Alicia Wright - India

Connie Wieck - China

Priscilla Jaiah - Liberia

Jeff Spence - Taiwan

**THANK YOU SOUP AND PIE VOLUNTEERS! YOU  
HELPED MAKE THIS YEAR A HUGE SUCCESS!**

## 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.

# CHILDREN & YOUTH

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## 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.

On January 23rd the Youth held their 2nd Annual Potato Golf Tournament. They played 18 holes and everybody had a good time. Adrian Lee went from most strokes last year to fewest this year!



Top 3 golfers (L—R)

Blake Littlejohn, Chris Bunting, Adrian Lee



Youth Calendar:

**Feb.13, 2-3pm** - Confirmation Class.

**Feb 13, 3-4pm** - Regular meeting but note the time change.

**Feb. 18, 6-9pm** - Friday Night Lock In for youth and their guests

# BLESSINGS AND PRAYER

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## Birthday Celebrations

- 1 Judy Kanaga
- 2 Linda Anderson
- 3 Lou Strong
- 8 Shirley Litwiller
- 10 Gary Knepp
- 11 Vickie Ridle
- 19 Tim Sylvester
- 23 Arlene Staff
- 29 Bill White



## Anniversary Celebrations

- 14 Gilbert and Shirley Wilson



## 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



# FEBRUARY MINISTRY CALENDAR

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2 - **8:30am** Eureka Ministerial mtg., **6:30pm** Bible study, **7:30pm** Choir

3 - **7pm** Trustees meeting

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

7 - **11am** Lunch Bunch Bible study

8 - **6:30pm** Church Council meeting

9 - **6:30pm** Bible study, **7:30pm** Choir

13 - **9am** Worship, **10am** Fellowship / Sunday School, **2pm** Confirmation class, **3pm** Youth Group

14 - **11am** Lunch Bunch Bible study

16 - **6:30pm** Bible study, **7:30pm** Choir

18 - **6-9pm** Youth Lock In

20 - **9am** Worship, **10am** Fellowship / Sunday School, **6pm** Confirmation class

21 - **11am** Lunch Bunch Bible Study

23 - **6:30pm** Bible study, **7:30pm** Choir

27 - **9am** Worship, **10am** Fellowship / Sunday School, **6pm** Confirmation class

"In regards to this great Book (the Bible),

I have but to say it is the best gift God has given to man.

All the good Saviour gave to the world was communicated through this Book.

But for it we could not know right from wrong.

All things most desirable for man's welfare, here and hereafter, are found portrayed in it."

-- Abraham Lincoln