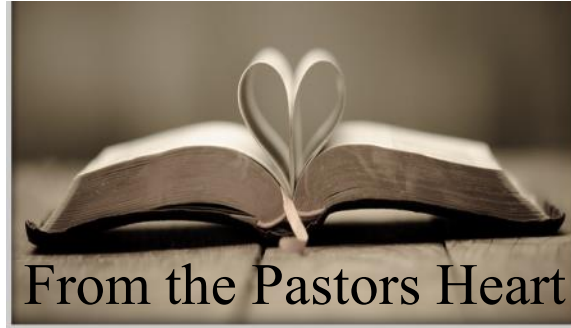


# THE GOOD NEWS

EUREKA UMC MISSION: TO KNOW, LOVE AND SERVE GOD

MARCH 2022

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Who does God say I am? Have you ever wondered what God thought of you? Here are five thoughts backed with Scripture:

1. A Child of God - John 1:12
2. New Creation - 2nd Corinthians 5:21
3. A Masterpiece - Ephesians 2:10
4. Friend - John 15:15
5. Loved - John 3:16

Join me this Lent as we look at what Christ said in those last hours on the cross. It has been said that Lincolns Gettysburg Address said more in a few words than the other main speaker said in an over 2 hour speech. I feel the same with what Jesus said on the cross. What would you want your last words to be? John Wesley, the founder of Methodism, on his death bed spoke these final words:” The best of all is God is with us”.

To these last words of John Wesley, I say AMEN!

Give up hate, anger, divisiveness for Lent and practice love, forgiveness, and unity.

*Rev. Ted A. Hartley*

# GROW IN FAITH

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## Sunday Sermon Series

During Lent, our sermon series will be “The Seven last words of Christ”.

These powerful words, though short, speak to the heart of what Jesus Christ did for us on the cross.

**March 2** - Ash Wednesday, First Word “Father, forgive them for they know not what they do” Luke 23:34

**March 6** - 1st Sunday of Lent, Second Word “ Today you will be with me in Paradise” Luke 23:43

**March 13** - 2nd Sunday of Lent, Third Word “Woman behold thy son” John 19:26-27

**March 20** - 3rd Sunday of Lent, Fourth Word “ My God, my God, why have you forsaken me” Matthew 27:46

**March 27** - 4th Sunday of Lent, Fifth Word, “I Thirst” John 19:28

**April 3** - 5th Sunday of Lent, Sixth Word “It is Finished” John 19:30

**April 10** - Palm Sunday - Confirmation Sunday

**April 14** - Maundy Thursday, Seventh Word “Father, into your hands I commit my spirit” Luke 23:46

## Supper Parties With Jesus

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. The supper parties will begin March 6 and end April 3. Please see Pastor Ted A. to sign up

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.

### **Menu**

(all meals include dessert and drink)

<u>March 6</u>	<u>March 13</u>	<u>March 20</u>	<u>March 27</u>	<u>April 3</u>
Vegetable Beef Soup	Cheesy Baked Potato Soup	Beef Stew	Olive Garden Gnocchi Soup	Chicken Noodle Soup
Crusty Bread	Corn Rolls	Biscuits	French Bread	Crackers

### Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday emphasizes a dual encounter: We confront our own mortality and confess our sin before God. The service focus is on the dual themes of sin and death in the light of God’s redeeming love in Jesus Christ.

The use of ashes as a sign of mortality and repentance has a long history in Jewish and Christian worship. The Imposition of Ashes can be a powerful non verbal experiential way of participating in the call to repentance and reconciliation.

This year on March 2nd, we will have two services. A noon service that will be brief and is perfect for those who do not like to get out at night. The longer service will be at 6:30pm and include a sermon.

# 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 this 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 - 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

## The Compassion Closet

Hi all, As many of you already know, Eureka Hospital maintains a "Compassion Closet," a supply of new clothing that we provide to patients who need them. The primary users of these clothes are patients who come into the Emergency Dept with either soiled or damaged clothing, and need clean things to go home in. Other times, we have patients staying for several days or weeks who do not have access to their home closets. Many of them desire to be dressed in "real" clothes during the day, especially when working with physical therapists trying to get stronger before discharge. It is a service that continues to help us show our patients that their whole selves are cared for, not just whatever illness or injury brought them to us. We currently need the following items to replenish the supply here at Eureka Hospital:

### Sweatpants:

Size Large, men's and women's

Size XL, men's and women's

Size 2X, men's only

Sizes 3X-4X, men's and women's

### Sweatshirts:

Size 2X-4X, men's and women's

### Socks:

Women's only

Thank you for your continued support of the patients and staff of Eureka Hospital.

Rev. Robin Robinson Chaplain, Carle Eureka Hospital

# 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!

## Confirmation

Confirmation is going well and three of our six have already accomplished the following memorization:

1. Lord's Prayer
2. Ten Commandments
3. Apostles Creed
4. Old Testament - name Books in order
5. New Testament - name Books in order

## 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.

Youth Calendar:

March 5 – Youth Lock In, 6pm - 9pm, invite friends for food, games and fun!

March 6, 13, 20, 27, & April 3 – Confirmation  
5:30 meal  
6:00pm – 7:15pm class  
7:15pm – 7:30pm worship

March 19 – Bowling

Week of March 20 – Confirmation trip to Midwest Mission Distribution Center

April 10 – possible bowling / laser tag in Washington



# BLESSINGS AND PRAYER

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## Birthday Celebrations

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



## Anniversary Celebrations

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



## 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



# MARCH MINISTRY CALENDAR

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2 - **Noon** Ash Wednesday worship, **6:30pm** Ash Wednesday Worship

5 - **6-9pm** Youth Lock In

6 - **9am** Worship, **10am** Fellowship/Sunday School, **5:30pm** Jesus Meal, class and worship, **6pm** Confirmation

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

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

9 - **6:30pm** Bible study

13 - **9am** Worship, **10am** Fellowship/Sunday School, **5:30pm** Jesus Meal, class and worship, **6pm** Confirmation

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

16 - **6:30pm** Bible study

20 - **9am** Worship, **10am** Fellowship/Sunday School, **5:30pm** Jesus Meal, class and worship, **6pm** Confirmation

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

23 - **6:30pm** Bible study

27 - **9am** Worship, **10am** Fellowship/Sunday School, **5:30pm** Jesus Meal, class and worship, **6pm** Confirmation

29 - **7pm** Hospitality meeting

## **Peoria Pops Concert**

Many of you have enjoyed the Peoria Pops Orchestra that performed here and also at Christmas time in Washington. On March 16th, the day before St. Patrick's Day, the orchestra will play a concert of Irish music at the Scottish Rite Theatre in Peoria. The concert will include favorites like *Danny Boy* along with bagpipes, drums, and a violin soloist. Stephanie Haney and Pastor Ted A. will participate in the concert.

If you are interested let Pastor Ted A. know and he will get you tickets.