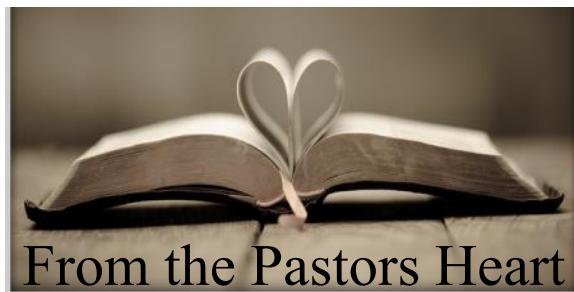


# THE GOOD NEWS

EUREKA UMC MISSION: TO KNOW, LOVE AND SERVE GOD

MAY 2022



From the Pastors Heart

April brought so many powerful and not soon forgotten moments at Eureka UMC. From Confirmation to Holy Week/Easter services and of course Scout Sunday. I feel the presence of the Holy Spirit and Christian joy and fellowship in the last few months. I believe the church is moving in the right direction, don't you?

My closing sermon series (with the encouragement and counsel of the Lunch Bunch Bible study) is in my favorite New Testament book James. This series will cover all five chapters and help everyone understand how to be a "real" Christian. James is a practical guide to living an authentic life for Christ. Too many people outside the church see the church as hypocritical and phony. Meaning the church is glad to judge and point out everyone else's shortcomings and sins, but they live a superficial and shallow life for Christ themselves. Please make this an important series to attend.

Finally, I am constantly amazed and proud of our response in giving for others, for missions, and to the people of Ukraine. You are truly a generous people. Our regular giving that which is your offering each Sunday has been down a little lately. Your offering is mainly for our church ministry. I know times are tough with inflation and a down stock market, but please remember your giving over the next few months to help us catch up. Thanks in advance!

Yours in Christ,

*Rev. Ted A. Hartley*

# GROW IN FAITH

## Sunday Sermon Series

“Real” Christianity

Thoughts from the Book of James.

**May 1 - "More listening, less talking"   James 1: 19-21**

**May 8 - "Faith and Works"   James 2: 14-26. Also celebrating Mothers Day with a small gift.**

**May 15 - Guest Speaker from the Conference Childrens Services**

**May 22 - "Taming the Tongue"   James 3: 2-12**

**May 29 - "How to handle conflict"   James 4: 1-12**

**June 5 - "Pray - Sing - Restore"   James 5: 13-20**

**\*June 12 - \*Pastor Ted A.’s final sermon “Glad to have been here” Philippians 1:3-11**

**\* Join us from 3-5pm June 12th as we celebrate Pastor Ted A’s retirement.**



Annual Conference 2022—Pastor Ted A. and Tammy Traywick will be attending on behalf of EUMC as our church delegate.



Six EUMC Youth were celebrated in April for completing their Confirmation class!

Pictured from L-R - Brody Littlejohn, Kane Schertz, Hudsyn Schertz, Pastor Ted A., Adrian Lee, Tanner Ellis and Chris Bunting are our 2022 Confirmation Class Confirmands!



Christopher Bunting (pictured) and Tanner Ellis (not pictured) were baptized on Palm Sunday by Pastor Ted A. in a horse trough.

And Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.- Acts 2:38 ESV

# GROW IN FAITH CONTINUED



## Appointment Announcement

A new dual charge has been created that will combine the Eureka United Methodist Church with the Roanoke United Methodist Church and will be served by the current Roanoke pastor the Rev. Bob Herath and his wife, Julianna.

Rev. Herath comes to us with 31 years of experience in pastoral ministry with 7 of those years appointed as an associate pastor in larger congregations with responsibilities in youth and family ministries. Pastor Bob and Julianna are looking forward to becoming a part of the Eureka United Methodist Church family. Their appointment will begin on July 1, 2022. With the appointment they will make their residence at our parsonage. Welcome Pastor Bob and Julianna!

## New way to give to EUMC!

Contributions can now be debited automatically from your checking or savings account or processed using your credit or debit card. Our new electronic giving program offers convenience for you and provides donation consistency for our congregation.

Vanco Online and Mobile Giving allows:

Anytime and anywhere giving, conveniently and securely.

Schedule for and manage recurring offerings.

View your complete online-giving history.

Make a donation online:

<https://secure.myvanco.com/L-Z55X/home> or click the donation button on our website  
www.eurekailumc.org.

You can also download the Vanco Mobile App through the Apple App Store or Google Play store. You will need to search for Eureka United Methodist Church.

\*\*Note: You will need to click on SIGN-UP to set up a profile the first time.

If you need assistance on getting this set-up, don't hesitate to reach out to Renee Hinnen. If there is a big enough interest, she will set-up a "training session"!

## Pet Blessing at Eureka Lake Park



The Eureka Kiwanis and Pastor Ted A. will once again be blessing pets and their owners on Saturday, May 21 from 10am - 2pm! Visit the pet blessing station with Pastor Ted A. who's giving a blessing to pets of all kinds and their owners! We could use a couple of volunteers to help Pastor that day.

# MISSION AND MINISTRY

## Mission Spotlight for 2022

January - Heartline and Heart House = \$150.00

February - Midwest Mission Distribution Center = \$ 300.00

March - Joni and Friends = \$ 650.00

April - Meals on Wheels = \$720.00

**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

May Mission Spotlight



Our Mission

**Sustaining Love's Embracing Arms.**

Our Vision

**Embracing the Spiritual Life Ministries at The Baby Fold, Chaddock, Cunningham Children's Home, Lessie Bates Davis Neighborhood House, and Spero Family Services to ensure the continued inclusion of Christ-centered spiritual care in their healing work.**

Our Conference Our Kids

**The churches and people of the Illinois Great Rivers Conference of the United Methodist Church are raising an endowment fund for the spiritual life and chaplaincy programs at our five children's agencies.**

Our Hope

**We invite all of our churches, our households, our people, and our communities to join us in celebrating and loving the spiritual lives of our kids by joining together in this special giving opportunity.**

# CHILDREN & YOUTH

## 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!

## 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.

### **Schedule:**

May 22 - TBA

June 5 - TBA

Our Youth Group on April 24 took on St. Marks Lutheran Church in Washington in bowling and laser tag. Adrian Lee had the highest score in bowling - 109! The Eureka UMC youth were victorious in both events. A paintball war is going to be rescheduled.

Have you noticed our youth taking on jobs at the church like Chris Bunting reading scripture and Brody Littlejohn helping prepare and serve in our fellowship time? What a great group of youth!

### Prayer for the end of the school year!

At the end of this school year we give thanks to God: For all the teaching and learning that has taken place in our school, both in and out of the classroom, for the talents and gifts that have been shared and the challenges that have been faced; for the burdens that have been lifted and the hurts that have been healed; for the respect and care that has been given. We give thanks for the friendships that have just begun and for those that have grown. For the faith that has been lived in our daily struggles, for the hope that has lifted our hearts on the dark days and for the love that has kept us going. We give thanks for the community that we are, and we ask you Lord - Bless our students as they take their exams: may your Spirit inspire them with confidence and calmness. Bless our families as we take our vacations, may our time together leave us with memories to cherish. Pour out your love on us that we may return renewed and refreshed to continue our journey together . We make this prayer through Christ our Lord, Amen.



Sunday, April 24, EUMC celebrated the Eureka Cub Scout Troop 257 along with Earth Day. Common theme - leave it better than you found it.



## Spring Cleaning 2022

Please look over the items listed below that you may be willing to take care of at your leisure. We ask that items be completed by July 1, 2022

- Fellowship Hall
    - o Remove Vent and clean - \_\_\_\_\_
  - Basement
    - o Clean/organize Trustee room - \_\_\_\_\_
  - Garage
    - o Organize!!! - \_\_\_\_\_
  - Outside
    - o Bushes trimmed - \_\_\_\_\_
    - o South side - \_\_\_\_\_
    - o East side - \_\_\_\_\_
    - o West Side - \_\_\_\_\_
  - Window Washing of all windows inside and outside (A member has hired a company and donated in the past)
  - Food Pantry
    - o Furnace filters changed - \_\_\_\_\_
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## The Senior Band



**Thursday, May 5th at 1:00pm**

**This toe tapping musical delight is sure to be  
enjoyed by all!**

**The musical performance begins at 1:00pm in the  
Fellowship Hall, with refreshments to follow  
Open to the public and free for all to enjoy!**

# BLESSINGS AND PRAYER

## Birthday Celebrations

5 - Mia Hoelscher  
5 - Margo Tennis  
7 - Ed Steinbeck  
15 - Kathy Jo Bunting  
17 - Rosalee Shanklin  
22 - Kane Schertz  
23 - Nancy Bishop  
27 - Judy Robenstein



## Anniversary Celebrations

Are you celebrating an Anniversary in May? Lets us know about it, we'd love to celebrate with you. Let the office know at [eumc61530@gmail.com](mailto:eumc61530@gmail.com).



## Keeping you in Prayer

Pray for.....

the people of Ukraine

our Pastor and incoming 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 feel God's Love and Grace for you



# MAY MINISTRY CALENDAR

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- 1 - 9am Worship, 10am Fellowship time
- 2 - 11am Lunch Bunch Bible study
- 4 - 6:30pm Bible study
- 5 - 1pm Senior Band Concert in the Fellowship Hall
- 6 - Fellowship Hall rental from 5-10pm
- 8 - Mothers Day - 9am Worship, 10am Fellowship time
- 9 - 11am Lunch Bunch Bible study (last one)
- 10 - 6pm Church Council
- 11 - 6:30pm Bible study (last one)
- 15 - 9am Worship, 10am Fellowship and Sunday School, 3pm EHS Graduation
- 19 - 7pm 8th Grade promotion at EMS
- 21 - 10am-2pm - Kiwanis Pet Blessing with Pastor Ted A. at Eureka Lake Park
- 22 - 9am Worship, 10am Fellowship time, 6pm Youth Group
- 29 - 9am Worship, 10am Fellowship time
- 30 - Memorial Day - Office closed

## May Greeters

- 1 - L. Anderson / R. Shanklin
- 8 - M. Lamb
- 15 - L. Hinnen
- 22 - Bown's
- 29 - Kenagy's



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