

THE GOOD NEWS

EUREKA UMC MISSION: TO KNOW, LOVE AND SERVE GOD

JUNE 2022

This is my last newsletter article. On July 1, Pastor Bob Herath will be your new Pastor. I have enjoyed my brief stay (2 years) here. When I arrived, to say that it wasn't a challenge is an understatement. Of course COVID has and continues to be a challenge. A number of families left the church before I even preached my first sermon because they said we didn't have a strong youth program here. Now we have a great youth program that is active and growing. There was also when I arrived, pain, anger and distrust over the departure of the pastor before me. I feel that has gotten better. Our fellowship and hospitality has reached new heights and continues to improve.

I have made so many friends here that I will never forget. Many of you continue to treat me better than I deserve. Your cards, kind words and gifts during my stay has lifted my spirits and raised my hopes.

This is a good church with a great future. This church can continue to grow with everyone doing their part to invite, welcome, and serve. Don't grow weary in doing good. Seek God's will and blessing for your life and that of the church. Don't ever lose hope!

Now I begin retirement; though still with a part time church. I know this begins the last leg of my journey. I pray that God will continue to let me serve with the best of my abilities. All my life God has blessed me with His love. All I have ever wanted deep down in my soul was to be close to God and to serve others in His name. Many times I have come up short, but not because I haven't tried. Thanks Eureka UMC for being part of that journey. I will continue to pray for you. You are loved by this Pastor.

Yours in Christ,

Rev. Ted A. Hartley

GROW IN FAITH

Sunday Sermon Series

June 5 - “ Pray - Sing - Restore” James 5: 13-20

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

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

June 19 - Jill Zubiante will be our guest worship leader

June 26 - District Superintendent Jim Barnett will be our guest worship leader

July 3 - Community Worship at Eureka Lake Park at **10am (more details below)**



The community worship service will take place on **July 3rd at 10:00am** at the upper park at Eureka Lake.

Phil Somers, former pastor at New Castle Bible Church will give the message. Our theme for the morning will be loving our enemies.

Confirmed churches participating are: Eureka United Methodist, Living Faith, Roanoke Mennonite, Eureka Christian, Eureka Presbyterian, Crosspoint, and Eureka Bible.

An offering will be taken and divided up between Ukraine ministries associated with our churches.



We’ve decided not to offer a lunch after the service this year but will encourage people to bring a picnic lunch in order to fellowship over a meal after the service.

Faire Coffee will have their mobile coffee truck with drinks available for purchase both before and after the service.

Richard Small is collecting wheelchairs; old, new and everything in between, broken or not, or any wheelchair parts you may have. Joni and Friends distribute rebuilt wheelchairs around the world to individuals in need. He’s also looking for helmets. Joni and Friends is teaming up with the Christian Motorcycle Association (CMA) to offer motorcycle rides to the campers at the Family Retreat, August 6-13. Please see Richard for anything you have to offer!

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, Juliana.

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 Juliana 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!

PASTOR TED A.'S NEW PART TIME ASSIGNMENT!



**Northwest Peoria UMC
3800 W. War Memorial Dr.
Peoria, IL 61615**

Pastor Ted A. wants to keep in contact; feel free to write him a note of encouragement, or stop by for a visit; keep him up to date what's been going on in your life!



**Parsonage Address
3910 N Keenland Ave.
Peoria, IL 61614**

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 = TBA

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

June Mission Spotlight



Our vision is simple. We want to see all of our excess, the materials that are being wasted, placed on the mission fields of the world.

Today, Love Packages ships more than a thousand tons of donated bibles and other Christian media all over the world. But the humble story about the birth of the ministry may surprise you.

“You’re Wasting That.”

It was the summer of 1975: God spoke to me as clearly as could be. That summer, God showed me the abundance of Christian literature that I had at my disposal and the tremendous lack of literature in third world nations. Not realizing that everyone was as wasteful as I, I began to send my excess literature overseas. That first year my wife and I shipped sixty boxes of literature to missionaries in four countries. Soon the word spread about what we were doing. Friends started bringing their excess literature to us for shipment overseas. We never realized or imagined that from that small seed God would build an ever increasing world outreach.

Not long after that, we began to receive literature in the mail; slowly at first, then from all over the United States. That second year we shipped 3.5 tons. The third year: 7 tons. The fourth: 11, then 21, then 25, 27, 31, 51, 83, 100, 180, 250, and 600.

The Impact of Donated Bibles Today

We continue to send Christian literature to missionaries and Christian workers around the world. Statistics tell us that every piece of literature will be read by an average of 20 people. Each container has at least 1 million pieces, so **the potential is to reach 20 million every time we send a container.** We are thrilled that since the beginning of Love Packages in 1975, we have been able to send over 15,000 tons of literature. We have seen thousands of people saved, healed, and delivered as a result of this mission. Pastors and Sunday school teachers have, for the first time, materials to study and teach from.

Love Packages currently sends 20-foot ocean going containers to port cities around the world. These locations act as distribution points and have the capability to distribute these materials to thousands of churches overseas. Everywhere we have gone in America, we have found people with old or extra bibles or other Christian literature that they didn’t know what to do with it. If you are one of these people, Love Packages is here to help you put that literature in the hands of people who are hungry for the Word of God.

CHILDREN & YOUTH

On May 22, 10 youth and 4 adults went to Kartville in Peoria. From miniature golf to Go Karts, to Dune Buggies and cotton candy, hotdogs and soda, everyone had a good time! Pastor Ted A., Nancy Hoelscher, Chris Lee Adrian Lee, and Brody Littlejohn all got a hole in one!!

June 5th the youth will meet at 6pm. This will be the last Youth Group with Pastor Ted A.

Dear Youth,

Two years ago we started our time together. We have had a lot of fun, laughter, and tears. I have grown to know you and love you all during this time. I really thought after leading youth for 46 years that I was too old to continue to do this task. I found out differently. With the help of Nancy Hoelscher and Andrew Schertz, I once again remembered why I love leading the youth program. As a school teacher and Pastor I have always enjoyed interacting with young people. Seeing them grow and learn and eventually become adults has always been a blessing. I can say that without a doubt this youth group and Confirmation class will always be my #1 group of all the great youth groups I have led. I will always remember you and hope you will remember me.

I hope you will stay in touch and invite me to your life events (Eagle Scout, graduation, etc.). You are all so gifted, smart and talented. You will make a difference in this world. My main concern is keeping Jesus in your life. Stay with your faith and church. I hope Eureka UMC will encourage, support and love you. I truly believe a number of you will serve in the church as pastors and leaders.

I will always care and pray for you. ~ Pastor Ted A.



THANK YOU

Pastor Ted A.,

A warm thanks for all you've done in the Lord's service...

*Let your light so shine before men,
that they may see your good works
and give glory to your Father who is
in heaven.*

Matthew 5:16

You are indeed a reflection of God's love and we want you to know how very much we appreciate you and all that you've done.

Your Church Family,
Eureka UMC



BLESSINGS AND PRAYER

Birthday Celebrations

- 3 - Hudson Schertz
- 6 - Lynn Hinnen
- 11 - Joy Crouch
- 15 - Donna Neaveill



Anniversary Celebrations

- 2 - Bradley and Marilyn Bachman
- 6 - Leonard and Norma Savage
- 8 - Ed and Julie Steinbeck
- 24 - Pete and Sylvia Micca
- 26 - Gary and Judy Robenstein



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



JUNE MINISTRY CALENDAR

5 - 9am Worship, 10am Fellowship time, 6pm Youth Group

6 - 11am Lunch Bunch Bible study **and** 6:30pm Bible study will meet at Pizza Ranch for lunch

9,10,11 - Annual Conference - see information below

12 - 9am Worship, 10am Fellowship time, 3-5pm Pastors Retirement Open House

19 - 9am Worship, 10am Fellowship time, 6pm Youth Group

21 - 6:30pm Hospitality meeting

26 - 9am Worship, 10am Fellowship time

ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2022



The 2022 Annual Conference will be held on Thurs., June 9 - Sat., June 11 at the Peoria Civic Center.

Pastor Ted A. and Tammy Traywick will be attending as delegates of EUMC.

The theme is *A Time of Love, A Time of Peace*, taken from Ecclesiastes 3:8. The purpose of the annual conference is to make disciples of Jesus Christ by equipping its local churches for ministry and by providing a connection for ministry beyond the local church.

The annual conference is the basic unit of the connectional system and refers **both** to a yearly meeting of its members as well as the organizational structure that equips local congregations to do its ministries and provide a connection beyond the local church.