

THE GOOD NEWS

EUREKA UMC MISSION: TO KNOW, LOVE AND SERVE GOD

AUGUST 2022

A Pastor's Perspective: New Creations

So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! 2 Corinthians 5.17

The Gospels are filled with stories of Jesus' healing miracles. He healed a woman who had been bleeding for 12 years. Bartimaeus had his sight restored. The Gerasene Demoniac had his life restored after Jesus cast out the many demons who had taken over his life. And the people with leprosy were healed of their disease.

But when the Gospels were written, not much thought was given to following up with each person as to how their lives were changed after their encounter with Christ. For instance, I would have liked to know the reactions of their family members when they arrived home after being healed. Did they rejoice? Were they skeptical? I would imagine there were all kinds of reactions. In Jesus' time, people just did not become healed from leprosy or blindness. People were often powerless against the demons in their lives. This is why these actions of Jesus are truly miraculous!

Often, we read these stories in the Bible almost as fairy tales. They may have happened back then, but what does the science say? Could these miracles still happen today?

For me, the miracles of Jesus are less about the "wow factor" and more about restoration. The healing Jesus offered each person restored them to health and their family. It opened new opportunities for each person to more fully participate in God's abundant creation. I truly believe God still heals today and that each act of healing is a miracle in itself. I know because I experience God's healing each day.

As a church we carry on the ministry of Jesus Christ in the communities where we are located. We often refer to the church as Christ's hands and feet. We are to be in the work of healing and restoration of the people around us. We exist to bring life changing change in the lives of people, our siblings in Christ!

So where in your life do you need restoration or healing. Where can you help bring healing to the lives of those around you? I invite you to be in prayer with me as we discern God's will and direction for our churches as we seek to be agents of positive change in our communities. Then let us work together to bring about that change!

I look forward to seeing you in church this Sunday!

In Christ,

Pastor Bob Herath

Roanoke UMC invites Eureka UMC to Roanoke for Food and Fellowship!

Sunday, August 21st at noon

Roanoke UMC will provide everything; hope to see you there!

GROW IN FAITH

Sunday Sermon Series: Spiritual Gifts

Sun. August 7 - Sermon: What are Spiritual Gifts? / Scripture reading: 1 Corinthians 12: 1-11 / Communion

Sun. August 14 - Sermon: Unwrapping my Spiritual Gifts / Scripture reading: Romans 12: 6-8 / Backpack Blessing

Sun. August 21 - Sermon: Spiritual Gifts: Building Community / Scripture reading: 1 Corinthians 12: 12-31

Sun. August 28 - Sermon: The Gift of Grace / Scripture reading: Ephesians 4:4-16 and John 15: 13



Aren't able to physically make it to church? We welcome you to watch Sunday Worship online on our Facebook page! Search for Eureka United Methodist Church, Eureka IL



THE CHOSEN DVD SERIES!



The Chosen is a series about the life of Jesus, bringing the Old and New Testament to life in a fresh way.

The DVD's will be shown starting **August 1, 2022**.

Each week, the same DVD will be shown at both times so if you miss one, you can catch the next!

Monday, 11:00 AM
Wednesday, 6:00 PM

Please consider joining us for the DVD series which will run for 8 weeks. You do not have to attend each session but once you see one, you won't want to miss!

SCHEDULE

Week 1: "I Have Called You By Name" (54:35)
Week 2 "Shabbat" (41:33)
Week 3 "Jesus Loves the Little Children" (30:27)
Week 4 "The Rock on Which it is Built" (48:50)
Week 5 "The Wedding Gift" (56:28)
Week 6 "Indescribable Compassion" (51:55)
Week 7 "Invitations" (37:10)
Week 8 "I Am He" (60:01)

The 2nd series start date will be decided by the group that is attending after we finish the first one

Week 9 "Thunder" (60:01)
Week 10 "I Saw You" (52:37)
Week 11 "Matthew 4:24" (38:25)
Week 12 "Perfect Opportunity" (58:41)
Week 13 "Spirit" (47:44)
Week 14 "Unlawful" (44:34)
Week 15 "Reckoning" (42:58)
Week 16 "Beyond Mountain" (59:07)

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 = 500.00

June - Love Packages = 400.00

July - The Salvation Army = TBA

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

August Mission Spotlight

EVENGLOW LODGE, PONTIAC, IL

OUR MISSION

Experience Christ's love through caring staff and a continuum of retirement choices and services that promotes senior independence. Affiliated with the Illinois Great Rivers Conference of the United Methodist Church, Evenglow offers a variety of residential options that best suits lifestyle needs.

ABOUT

Evenglow is a nonprofit retirement and healthcare facility formed within the Illinois Great Rivers Conference of the United Methodist Church that is operated by a volunteer Board of Trustees as a nonprofit retirement community.

Our Life Plan Community offers a wide range of living environments and arrangements to accommodate resident needs. Evenglow has four buildings that represent different levels of care: The Residences at Evenglow (independent living), The Lodge at Evenglow (assisted living), The Inn at Evenglow (memory care), and Tjardes Health Center (skilled nursing and rehabilitation) at Evenglow.

HISTORY

Evenglow opened in October 1958 in response to an obvious need of quality care for seniors. Mrs. Ada Swords, a retired Livingston County farmer's wife, was concerned with the number of retired people she knew living alone who craved friendship and social relationships. Her endowment helped to establish a United Methodist retirement home that would be open to all regardless of religious denomination. Evenglow's first home was the former Pontiac Hotel.

ACCREDITATION

Evenglow has been accredited by the United Methodist Association of Health and Welfare Ministries' EAGLE (Education Assessment Guidelines Leading toward Excellence) program since 1991. Accreditation verifies our commitment to provide the highest quality of programs, services, and facilities to our residents and their families. It also testifies to Evenglow's financial strength, professional management, and sound governance practices. Evenglow has also received The Life Services Network Seal of Confidence.

AMERICAN RED CROSS



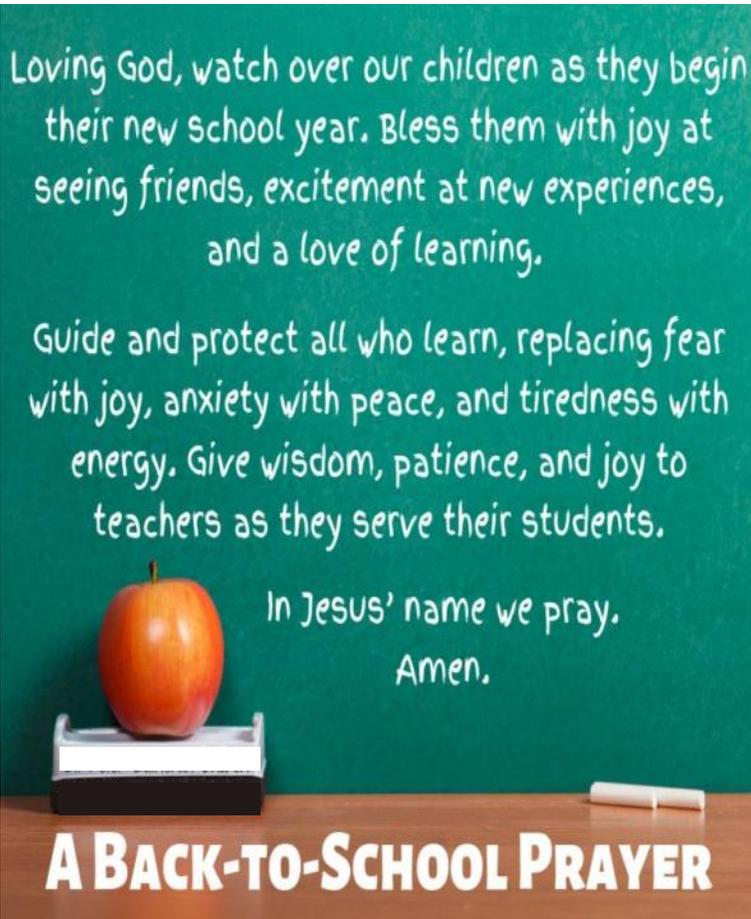
EUMC Fellowship Hall

August 22nd Noon — 6pm

Schedule your appointment online or call

Nancy Aldridge at (309) 261-5910

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 Nancy Hoelscher for more information.

Back to School Blessing

Join us for a Blessing of the Backpacks! Sunday August 14th during 9am Worship, all students, teachers, and educators are encouraged to bring your backpacks to be blessed for the new school year!

HARVEST FALL RALLY

SAT. OCTOBER 29 9:30AM - 4:45PM

All students (6th-12th grades) are invited to the FALL RALLY in Troy, IL on Saturday, October 29, 2022.

This one-day event, packed with worship, teaching, prayer, community, and fun will focus on Jesus and a call to follow him with our whole hearts.

The registration covers the program, refreshments, Chick-Fil-A lunch, and a free t-shirt (if you register early enough!)



Meals and Refreshments will be provided with registration at the FALL RALLY!

MORNING COFFEE HOUSE MENU: Coffee, Hot Chocolate, Pastries, Granola Bars (Pre-packaged)

LUNCH MENU: Chick-Fil-a Sandwich, Chips, Fruit, Cola, Bottle Water, Dessert (Pre-packaged)

ON YOUR WAY OUT: Roast a Hotdog and/or a S'more before you go (Weather permitting)

Register at [FALL RALLY \(harvestministryteams.com\)](https://www.harvestministryteams.com)

BLESSINGS AND PRAYER

Birthday Celebrations

5 - Alexis Lehigh

11 - Sue Knepp

13 - Jim Kenagy

17 - Clara Neaveill

18 - Bill Baer

31 - Paul Attig



Anniversary Celebrations

30 - Tim and Sandi Sylvester



Keeping you in Prayer

Pray for.....

the people of Ukraine

our Pastor and his wife

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



AUGUST MINISTRY CALENDAR

1 - 11am Bible study - *The Chosen*

3 - 6pm Bible study - *The Chosen*

7 - 9am Worship, 10am Fellowship time

8 - 11am Bible study - *The Chosen*

9 - 5pm SPRC, 6pm Church Council

10 - 6pm Bible study - *The Chosen*

14 - 9am Worship, 10am Fellowship time

15 - 11am Bible study - *The Chosen*

17 - 6pm Bible study - *The Chosen*

18 - 11am Senior Fellowship, School Days

21 - 9am Worship, 10am Fellowship time, noon cookout and fellowship with Roanoke UMC

22 - 11am Bible study - *The Chosen*, noon Red Cross Blood Drive

24 - 6pm Bible study - *The Chosen*

28 - 9am Worship, 10am Fellowship time

29 - 11am Bible study - *The Chosen*

31 - 6pm Bible study - *The Chosen*

SENIOR FELLOWSHIP



11:00 AM Thursday, August 18

Inviting all seniors from EUMC, RUMC and their friends to our first Senior Fellowship Activity. The Theme is “School Days” and the program will be presented by Karen Fyke of the Woodford County Historical Society, on her book, “One Room Schoolhouses in Woodford County”.

Please bring a sack lunch and let’s take a trip back to our “old time” school days. Feel free to bring any pictures you have of when you were in school or any items that you may have used and want to share.

Please RSVP number attending to EUMC Office (309) 467-3026.

Organized by EUMC Hospitality Team