

THE GOOD NEWS

EUREKA UMC MISSION: TO KNOW, LOVE AND SERVE GOD

JULY 2022

A Pastor's Perspective

*“Where there is no vision, the people perish: but he that keepeth the law, happy is he.”
Proverbs 29:18 KJV*

When a runner enters a race, he or she has one vision in mind. That is to be the first person to cross the finish line, thus winning the race. However for many who are racing for the first time, their vision may be to simply cross the finish line regardless of where they may place. Either way he or she practices running in preparation for race day. They have a vision, a goal, and they will focus on how they will attain that goal. If they do not have a goal, they will never finish the race. They will burn out. Quit. Perhaps they will not even try.

The author of Hebrews uses running a race as a metaphor for the Christian life in chapter 12. He writes, “Let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us.” So if we are running a race, then the question is: “What is our goal? What is our vision?”

Likewise, we raise the banner of our future filled with hope. This too has to do with people. It is about building relationships with the community around us. We pray this every Sunday in the Lord's Prayer. ‘Thy Kingdom come. Thy Will be done on earth as it is in heaven.’

I would suggest that the first part of our vision is about being kingdom builders. If heaven is a place where we value relationships with God and our neighbor, then to be kingdom builders on earth means that we build relationships with God and our neighbors here in the present. It means that we need to be a place where God and the community meet.

But we must be prepared. We need to practice as a runner would practice preparing for a race. We need to be in community ourselves so that we can model what community is for the people around us. We need to worship and study together. We need to join in meals together and to celebrate life together. And we need to give thanks to God for the blessings of life together.

I am excited about all the possibilities that lie before the Eureka and Roanoke Churches. We have a proud past and a future filled with hope! Let's be prepared for all that God has in store for us!

I'll see you in church!

In Christ,
Pastor Bob



GROW IN FAITH

Sunday Sermon Series

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

A bush, a harem, a road and a stream: Answering God's Call

July 10 - "A bush, a harem, a road and a stream: responding to God's call: Moses" Exodus 2:1-10 and Exodus 3: 2-4

July 17 - "A bush, a harem, a road and a stream: responding to God's call: Esther" Esther 2:5-7, 8b, 17-18 Esther 4:4-8, 11-16

July 24 - "A bush, a harem, a road and a stream: responding to God's call: Saul/Paul" Acts 7:54-8:1 and 9:1-12

July 31 - "A bush, a harem, a road and a stream: responding to God's call: Lydia" Acts 16:13-15, 40

Thank you

Juliana and I want to thank everyone for their prayers, cards and well wishes as I have gone through chemotherapy and prepare for our move. Your words of encouragement and prayers have given both of us strength and hope as we have travelled to Iowa City for treatments. We are looking forward to our move to Eureka and our ministry together! God has great plans for the Eureka United Methodist Church and we are excited to become a part of your church family. I'll see you in Church! In Christ, Pastor Bob Herath

In case of rain - worship will be held at the Eureka Middle School

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.

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.

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 = TBA

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

July Mission Spotlight



DOING THE MOST GOOD*

Our Mission Statement : The Salvation Army, an international movement, is an evangelical part of the universal Christian Church. Its message is based on the Bible. Its ministry is motivated by the love of God. Its mission is to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ and to meet human needs in His name without discrimination.

The Salvation Army care for homeless and needy families, but also helps serve 30 million people through a myriad of other services all year long. These include:

[Religious Services](#) provide a place of worship and community without discrimination in every zip code across the United States; [Disaster Response Services](#) which include assisting survivors of natural and man-made disasters to recover and rebuild their lives; [Social Service programs](#) provide food, shelter, clothing, and financial assistance; [Casework and Counseling](#) with programs for health care and residential assistance and abuse counseling; [Youth Services](#) with programs for music, athletics, arts, and crafts, camping and family counseling; [Senior Centers](#) focused on assisting the needs of older adults --including eight Silvercrest centers where seniors' assistance is partially subsidized by federal government dollars; [Christmas Programs](#) in which the famous Red Kettles are a centerpiece, to help families and individuals financially at year-end with toys, meals and other assistance; [Human and Sexual Trafficking Advocacy](#) where Army officers and staff are focused on public policy in Washington, D.C., and providing services and advocacy for victims of this international crime; [Veterans Services](#) provide a range of support, gifts, counseling, housing assistance, and comfort to those in need; [Prison Services](#) include Bible correspondence courses, gifts/material aid, prerelease job training programs, employment opportunities in cooperation with parole personnel, and spiritual guidance for both prisoners and their families

CHILDREN & YOUTH



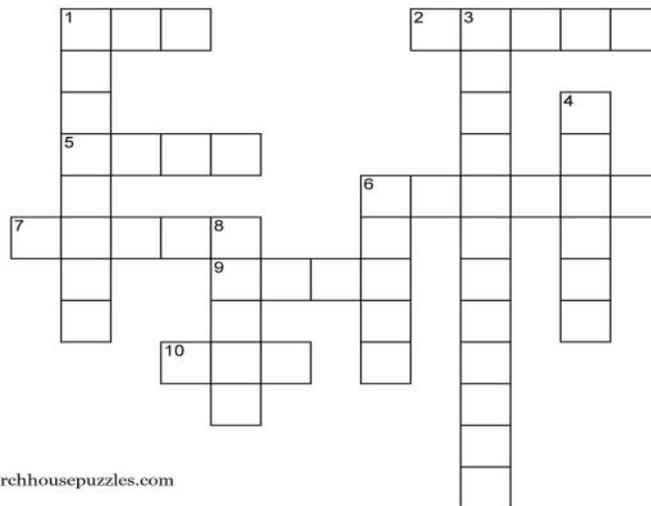
Calling ALL Youth!!!

EUMC would like to have a float in the 4th of July parade this year! The Robenstein's are providing the tractor and trailer!

If you are able to ride the float, text Nancy Hoelscher at 309.256.2119 so that we are able to get a head count.

Ice Cream Cone

"Jesus Is Sweet"



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ACROSS

- 1 You freeze water and get this.
- 2 You need this if you put your ice cream in a bowl.
- 5 Ice cream is not hot, but what?
- 6 Eating ice cream during this hot time is perfect.
- 7 He is sweet like ice cream.
- 9 This is what you put your ice cream in.
- 10 Who made the cow so we could get the cream to make ice cream?

DOWN

- 1 What do you put in an ice cream cone?
- 3 My meditation of him shall be sweet I will be glad in the Lord.
- 4 If you eat the ice cream to fast you will get a brain what?
- 6 You should be this all the time, because Jesus is watching you.
- 8 You use this to get the ice cream out of the carton.

WORD BANK: Cold, cone, freeze, god, ice, icecream, jesus, psalms104:34, scoop, spoon, summer, sweet.

BLESSINGS AND PRAYER

Birthday Celebrations

- 5 - Al Hinnen
- 6 - Jadon Bunting
- 10 - Marilyn Bachman
- 18 - Dennis Crouch
- 29 - Andy Schertz



Anniversary Celebrations

- 1 - Dennis and Joy Crouch
- 9 - Gary and Sue Knepp



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



JULY MINISTRY CALENDAR

- 1 - Office will be closed until July 18, Pastor Bob will be available by phone or email
- 3 - 10am Community Worship at the Park
- 4 - Happy 4th of July
- 10 - 8am Welcoming Breakfast, 9am Worship
- 12 - 6pm Church Council meeting
- 13 - 5:30pm Trustees meeting
- 17 - 9am Worship, 10am Fellowship time
- 24 - 9am Worship, 10am Fellowship time
- 31 - 9am Worship, 10am Fellowship time

2022 Illinois Great Rivers Conference Summary

The Illinois Great Rivers Annual Conference gathered in a first-ever, hybrid annual conference session June 9-11. The theme of annual conference session was *A Time for Love and a Time for Peace, the second of four themes focusing on a quadrennial theme of God Has Made Everything Beautiful in His Time, based upon Ecclesiastes 3.*

The Conference provided opportunity for celebration on a number of fronts – the 25th anniversary of the annual conference following the merger of the former Central and Southern Illinois conferences in 1996 and the approaching bicentennial of Methodism in Illinois when the first session of the antecedent Illinois Conference convened in 1824.



Conferees also celebrated the completion of the six-year Our Conference, Our Kids campaign, in which funds were raised to finance the chaplaincy programs at the five children's health and welfare agencies in the IGRC – The Baby Fold, Chaddock, Cunningham Children's Home, Lessie Bates Davis Neighborhood House and Spero Family Services. The \$2.5 million goal was eclipsed and the Conference celebrated total giving of \$3,000,130.76. The Conference also approved the naming of the endowment as the Bishop Frank J. and Melissa K. Beard Our Conference, Our Kids Endowment.

The generosity of the Annual Conference was evident as a report showed that IGRC churches contributed \$6,619,996 to missions beyond apportionments through The United Methodist Church. Special offerings during the Annual Conference included: \$21,900; John Kofi Asmah School in Liberia, \$3,750; Tom Brown Scholarship at Wiley College, \$4,500; and funds for the 2023 Ordinands' Trip, \$4,600.