

THE GOOD NEWS

EUREKA UMC MISSION: TO KNOW, LOVE AND SERVE GOD

NOVEMBER 2022

From the Heart

“I give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart; before the gods I sing your praise;”

Psalm 138:1 NRSV

In a few weeks we will be gathering around our family tables and celebrating a meal together. We trace this sacred tradition back to the pilgrims celebrating their survival through the first winter after their arrival in the New World. This survival would not have been possible without the help of the Native Americans who taught them how to live in this strange new (to the pilgrims) world.

Thanksgiving has been celebrated at many times throughout our nation’s history. George Washington called for a day of thanksgiving during his presidency as the young nation was coming out of the American Revolution. Perhaps the best known presidential thanksgiving proclamation came during the civil war when in the midst of the war’s carnage, Abraham Lincoln invited the country to pause on the fourth Thursday in November to give God thanks for his blessings.

So what are you thankful for? Many of us will gather around our tables and pause to give thanks for the many things we have. A roof over our heads, food on our tables, or perhaps a new toy of some sort. We are used to answering this question with the things in our life.

But life is not about the “things.” It is about the relationships we have. I would suggest a better question then is “Who are you thankful for?” Parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins, siblings, friends, coworkers, and classmates. Children, teachers, neighbors, church family. The list can go on and on.

The psalmist also reminds us of our greatest relationship. The one we have with God. “I give you thanks with my whole heart.” he writes. But how does one give thanks to God with their whole heart? By remembering, and by serving. We remember what God has done for us through His Son, Jesus Christ, and his sacrifice for us on the cross. Jesus serves us, and we honor him by serving others. Perhaps this Thanksgiving season we can give thanks to God by donating a portion of our time to helping someone else. In so doing, we can make this world a better place to live and grow.

I will see you in church!

In Christ,

Pastor Bob

GROW IN FAITH

Sunday Sermon Series:

November 6, 2022 All Saints Sunday Scriptures: Ephesians 1:11-23 and Luke 6:20-31
Sermon: What is a Saint?

November 13, 2022 Scripture: Isaiah 65:17-25 Sermon: Get Ready!

November 20, 2022 Scripture: Luke 23:33-43 Sermon: A Thankful Heart
**Please stay after worship to help decorate for the season. Many hands make light work!*

November 27, 2022 (First Sunday of Advent) Scripture: Luke 1:5-25 Sermon: Expecting the unexpected

"Happy Sunday! If you are happy today, share this joy with the Lord, if you are sad, find strength in God, and remember that He is always in your heart." – Unknown

Crafts with Juliana



Decorating Christmas Wreaths

2-4 pm on Saturday, November 19
Eureka United Methodist Church
Cost: \$20 for materials

Snow Globe Ornaments

3-4 pm on Sunday, November 20
Roanoke United Methodist Church
Cost: Donation



Join Juliana for one or both craft days.

Thank you!

Juliana and I want to thank everyone for the cards and gifts during Pastor Appreciation Month. We are fortunate to serve two GREAT and caring congregations. Your prayers and friendships mean the world to us. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts!

Pastor Bob and Juliana Herath

MISSION AND MINISTRY

Mission Spotlight for 2022

January - Heartline and Heart House = \$150.00	Missionary Support
February - Midwest Mission Distribution Center = \$ 300.00	
March - Joni and Friends = \$ 650.00	Alicia Wright - India
April - Meals on Wheels = \$720.00	
May - Our Conference, Our Kids = \$500.00	Connie Wieck - China
June - Love Packages = \$400.00	
July - The Salvation Army = \$ 500.00	Priscilla Jaiah - Liberia
August - Evenglow Lodge = \$500.00	
September - UMCOR US Disaster Response = \$500.00	
October - ADDWC = \$500.00	Jeff Spence - Taiwan
November - Amity Bible Foundation =	
December - St. Andrews Potato Project =	

November Mission Spotlight:

AMITY BIBLE FOUNDATION

After the opening of China in the late 1970s, the Church in China was permitted freedom to worship and engage in ministry inside the church walls. It was not, however, allowed to do social ministries outside the church. Neither could it print Bibles which were scarce because so many had been destroyed during the Cultural Revolution.

The leadership of the China Christian Council found a way to address these needs by setting up a non-governmental organization (NGO), the Amity Foundation, in 1985. Its mission was to print the Bible for the churches in China and to serve the society of China through education, health, development, disaster relief, and other specialized ministries. Since Amity was set up as an “NGO” and not as a church, it was permitted to receive large donations from overseas churches and non-governmental organizations. Over thirty-three years it has leveraged those funds into projects that have blessed the Chinese people in many ways. Its work now extends beyond China into other parts of Asia and even into Africa.

One of the first gifts the Amity Foundation received was a printing press donated by the United Bible Society with support of churches like the PC(USA). Since 1986 the Amity Printing Company has printed more than 180,000,000 Bibles in Chinese and in dozens of other languages, not only for the Church in China, but also for churches and ministries throughout the world. In a relatively short time, Amity has become one of the largest printers of the Bible in the world.

2023 Mission and Ministry Giving

January: Local - HeartLine & Heart House
February: Conference - IGRC Camp Scholarship Fund
March: National - Joni & Friends
April: Local - Meals on Wheels
May: Conference - Mission Distribution Center
June: National - Love Packages
July: Local - Salvation Army
August: Conference - Leslie Bates Friendship House
September: National - UMCOR Disaster Relief
October: Local - ADDWC
November - DaySpring Native American UMC
December - Southside Mission

Holiday Food items for the Pantry:

canned beef stew
cookie mix
cranberry sauce
pineapple
Ramen Noodles
stuffing mix
canned sweet potatoes
canned pumpkin
or any other food donation
(please no green beans, they have an abundance)

Monetary donations are also accepted.

Please check expiration dates on items to be donated.

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Operation Christmas Child is a project of Samaritan's Purse, an international Christian relief organization headed by Franklin Graham. Last year, thousands of shoe box gifts were collected in the Peoria area for this project. These boxes reached children in 110 countries. Operation Christmas Child makes it possible for these children to experience God's love when receiving these shoe box gifts. Each box also includes literature in their native language telling of the Good News of Jesus Christ. The emphasis is on kids helping kids. This project provides a simple, yet tangible way for children and teenagers to join adults in sharing the job of giving to children around the world at Christmas time.

A sample shoe box gift package and brochures is on display in the Church Lobby.

Last year we provided close to 100 shoe box gifts for distribution to children around the world. What better way to spread the "Good News" of Jesus Christ than to reach out to children everywhere. Please pray for each person who packs a box and pray for the child who receives it.

Please pick up your brochure with instructions for filling the boxes in the church lobby. Final collection day will be Sunday, November 13th. Thanks to all for your continued support of this important mission project.



Heartline will again be hosting Thanksgiving from the Heart this year!

This event is a FREE Thanksgiving Day dinner that is held at the Heartline Community Room (300 Reagan Drive, Eureka) with the meal being served at 1:00pm.

Everyone is welcome to come!

Make a reservation by calling Brandi at 309-467-6101, ext 4.

Would you like to help with serving or preparing food? Call Brandi to sign up!

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The Baby Fold's 2022 Festival of Trees will be held at the Interstate Center in Bloomington and online November 17-19!

The Baby Fold's Festival of Trees is central Illinois's premier holiday extravaganza to kick-off the holidays and bless local children! This community tradition, now in its 29th year, provides critical funding to local children's programs through a [mobile auction](#) that features over 500 beautifully decorated Christmas trees, wreaths, and holiday décor. Get in the spirit of Christmas as you browse, bid and enjoy all that the Festival of Trees has to offer.



- October 1 – Online ticket sales begin
- November 17 - Mobile bidding begins at 3:00 PM
- November 17 - Festival of Trees open at the Interstate Center 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM
- November 18 - Senior Day Activities 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM
- November 18 - Festival of Trees open at the Interstate Center 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM
- November 18 - Avanti's Family Night #1 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM
- November 19 - Festival of Trees open at the Interstate Center 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM
- November 19 - Avanti's Family Night #2 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM



RED KETTLES HAVE UNITED METHODIST LINK

When Christmas shopping, many encounter the red kettles and ringing bells of The Salvation Army. Not all will know that the Salvation Army has Methodist roots. William Booth, a Methodist minister, started The Salvation Army in London in 1865. His passion for reaching the poor, homeless, and hungry with the gospel of Jesus Christ led him to open a mission to meet people's physical needs. That mission continues to grow today.

BELL RINGING CAMPAIGN WITH HEARTLINE

We are able to keep 100% of our donations collected through the Salvation Army Bell Campaign to disburse through our Heartline Program which directly assists individuals and families living in Woodford County.

We ring our bell on at least 5 different days during the holiday season at several Woodford County locations. Volunteers are needed to cover 1 (or more) hour time slots throughout the holiday season. To sign up for our kettle bell ringing campaign, please contact us at 309-467-6101.



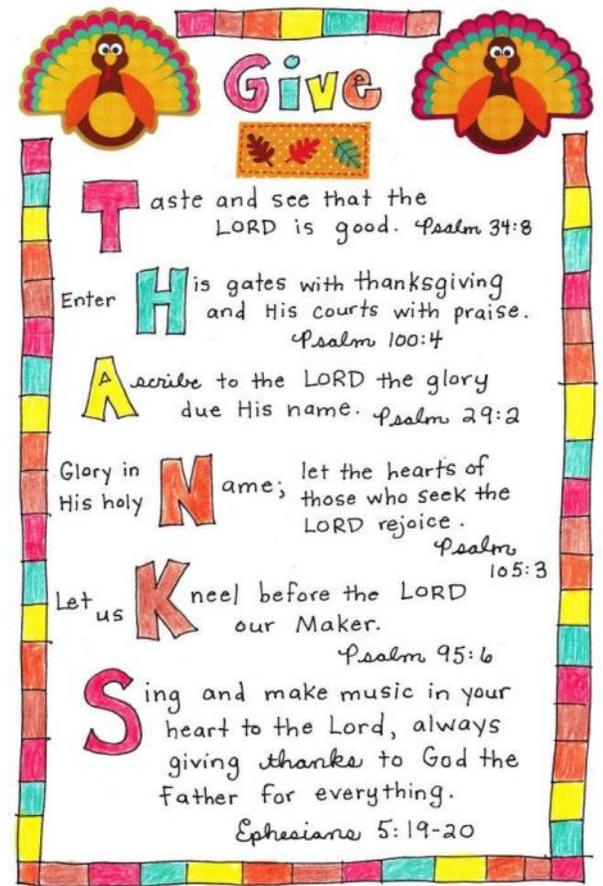
CHILDREN & YOUTH

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.



November Youth Calendar

The Eureka and Roanoke Youth group meets the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month. Check out our November schedule below:

November 13 - TBA.....(pssst.....its Pastor Bob's birthday!)

November 27 - 5pm at the church. Bring your holly jolly spirit to decorate the Youth area for Christmas!

“Tree of Hearts” is a program for Woodford County residents who can sign their children up to receive Christmas presents. We would like to invite you to join us in spreading the holiday cheer by purchasing Christmas presents for “Tree of Hearts.” This program has been going on since 1994 when 47 families signed up. Last year, we had 102 families sign up and served 277 children.

There are many ways that people can help with this program. One way is to shop for and donate new, unwrapped Christmas presents for kids 0-High School aged. **We need all donations to the Heart House by December 16th.** Another way to help is to volunteer! We will be sorting all the gifts the evening of December 16th, wrapping the gifts December 19-21st, and distributing the gifts Friday, Dec. 23rd. If you are interested in volunteering during any of these days, please call Janet at 467-6101 ext. 2 to sign up.





Pastor Bob's Birthday is
Sunday, November 13!

To celebrate Eureka and Roanoke
congregations are invited to
a noon potluck lunch at Roanoke UMC
after worship that day!



Pastor Bob's Schedule

Pastor Bob tries to keep hours at both churches
every week. Occasionally conflicts or
emergencies arise when he is called away from
the office.

**Monday and Wednesday Eureka office
hours
9 a.m. to 12 noon**

**Tuesday and Thursday Roanoke office hours
9:15 a.m. to 12 noon**

Pastor is available by appointment at other
times by calling his
cell number (309)252-1136.

Friday is Pastor's day off or sabbath day.

SOUP AND PIE DAY!
NOVEMBER 4TH FROM 11-2PM
EUMC FELLOWSHIP HALL
DONATIONS ACCEPTED!



SENIOR COMMUNITY FELLOWSHIP

SOUPER SENIOR LUNCH



11:00 AM Thursday, November 17, 2022

You are invited to a “Souper Senior Lunch” for a good meal and conversation.

Please call Eureka United Methodist Church to make reservations
by Monday, November 14 at 2:00 pm.

Please RSVP the number attending to the EUMC office (309) 467-3026

THE OL’ FARMERS BREAKFAST IS BACK!

Mark your calendars for the first Saturday in February!

Pancakes
Eggs
Sausage
Hashbrowns
Coffee
Juice



No ticket needed -
donations accepted and will
be used to further Mission
and Ministry opportunities
At EUMC!

BLESSINGS AND PRAYER

Birthday Celebrations

- 9 - Diane Hinnen
- 13 - Pastor Bob Herath
- 15 - Joyce Borzello
- 16 - Kathy Facker
- 22 - Charlie Vaccaro



Anniversary Celebrations

- 24 - Paul and Norma Attig



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



NOVEMBER MINISTRY CALENDAR

1 - 1pm Community Prayer Group

2 - 8:30am Ministerial mtg., 9:30 -11:30am Food Pantry, 11am - 2pm Carle Hospital building use

4 - 11 - 2pm Soup and Pie Day

5 - turn your clocks back before bed!

6 - 9am Worship, 10am Fellowship

7 - 6:30 - 8pm Scouts

8 - 1pm Community Prayer group

9 - 6pm Church Council mtg.

11 - office closed for Veterans Day

13 - 9am Worship, 10am Fellowship, **noon Potluck at RUMC for Pastors Birthday**

15 - 1pm Community Prayer Group

16 - 9:30 -11:30am Food Pantry

17 - 11am Senior Fellowship (RSVP required)

20 - 9am Worship, 10am Fellowship

21 - 6:30 - 8pm Scouts

24 - Office closed Thanksgiving

25 - Office closed

27 - 8am Breakfast, 9am Worship (1st Sunday of Advent)

29 - 1pm Community Prayer group



Worship Greeter Schedule:

11/6 - the Jackson's

11/13 - Lynn Hinnen

11/20 - the Crouch's

11/27 - Marilyn Kern

12/4 - Marilyn Bachman