

# THE GOOD NEWS

EUREKA UMC MISSION: TO KNOW, LOVE AND SERVE GOD

OCTOBER 2024

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Robert's Reflections

*“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: [a] The old has gone, the new is here new is here!” 2 Corinthians 5:17 NIV*

It is All Hallow's Eve. The year is 1517 A.D. The Roman Catholic church has a monopoly of the religious experience of all western Christianity when a young monk and professor named Martin Luther saw the many flaws of the church. He felt moved to debate what he saw were the shortcomings of the church and posted 95 Thesis statements on the door of the church at Wittenberg, Germany. His purpose was not to create a new church. He was wanting to bring renewal to the church he served. Instead, he started the reformation!

Every church as well as any other human institution has flaws. None of us are perfect. We also have a duty to stand for the right and fix what is wrong. As individuals and as a church we must seek forgiveness when we sin and seek to correct our future behavior.

Oh how much we have to debate and seek forgiveness for in our churches today! And like Luther we are called to return to God and His revelation to us in Holy Scripture.

The period following Luther's desire for a debate was filled with more fighting and bloodshed. It was a terrible time in the church. Family divorces are never good. But what eventually came was renewal. The Apostle Paul tells us that if we are truly in Christ, we are becoming a New Creation. I am an impatient person, and I want that day to be now. It is not here yet, but it is coming!

As we celebrated the Great Reformation this month, instead of focusing on all that is wrong in the world, I invite you to be looking to the new creation that God is bringing about in all of us, our church, our community, and the world. Let us pray that as this change comes about that above all else, God will write his love on our hearts as we seek to be His people. I'll see you in church!

In Christ,

Pastor Bob

# GROW IN FAITH

## Sunday Sermon Series:

- 10/1/2023 “Joseph: Forgiveness” Genesis 44:1 to Genesis 45:15  
10/8/2023 “The Key” Matthew 21:33-46  
10/15/2023 “Are you REALLY READY?” Matthew 24:4-14 & Psalm 37:4-5  
10/22/2023 “In the Image of...” Matthew 22:15-22  
10/29/2023 “G.O.A.T.” Matthew 22:34-46

“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

## THE CHOSEN DVD SERIES



### *THE CHOSEN Season 3*

*The Chosen*, Season 3 will be wrapping up this month and we will be anxiously awaiting the release of Season 4 after the first of the year.

**Mondays at 11:00 AM and 6:00 PM**  
**(note that we will have the same episode at both times on Mondays)**

Please consider joining us for the DVD series which will run for 8 weeks. You do not have to attend each

## TRUSTEE SAFETY UPDATE

In an attempt to expedite response time for fire/ police issues at our church (should they be needed), all exterior doors have been numbered. Please familiarize yourself with the numbering system in the event you need to communicate location with emergency response.

- 1 Callender St double glass doors (east)
- 2 Handicapped double glass doors under drive thru (north)
- 3 Man door under drive thru (north)
- 4 Man door in alley closest to dumpster (west)
- 5 Man door in alley kitchen (west)
- 6 Man door between kitchen and sanctuary addition (north)
- 7 Man door Court St. (south)

# MISSION AND MINISTRY

## OCTOBER MISSION ADDWC

This month, our Mission is the Association for the Developmentally Disabled of Woodford County (ADDWC). This small, nonprofit agency provides quality, person-centered, individualized services for adults with developmental disabilities. They offer home-based support services, employment and training programs, and advocacy for residents in central Illinois to improve the quality of life for people with developmental disabilities and their families of Woodford County and the surrounding areas.

### 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 - Lessie Bates Neighborhood House  
September: National - UMCOR Disaster Relief  
October: Local - ADDWC  
November - DaySpring Native American UMC  
December - Southside Mission

### Missionary Support 2023

Alicia Wright—India

Connie Wieck—China

Priscilla Jaiah—Liberia

Jeff Spence—Taiwan

Davies Musigo—Kenya

### Option to give to Missions and Ministry at Eureka UMC

Contributions can now be debited automatically from your checking or savings account or processed using your credit or debit card.

Make a donation online:

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

If you need assistance on getting this set-up, don't hesitate to reach out to Renee Hinnen.

# 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!

## Nursery

We need Volunteers to sign up to cover the Nursery each Sunday. A TV has been installed in the Nursery so you won't miss the service! Please let Kathy or the office know if you are willing to help out. If we all took 1 Sunday a year, we'd have it covered! More hands make light work.

## Youth Calendar

October 8, 2023 4 p.m.

All Churches Wiener Roast and Hayride! We want to have a big showing of youth at the Bachman farm. 1526 CR 1500 N Roanoke, IL. You just need to come and have fun! There will be plenty of food and fun! Call the church office if you need a ride.

October 22, 2023 Kartville trip!

Bring a friend. We will leave the church at 3 p.m. and return by 8 p.m. Cost will be \$10 per person. Youth group will pick up the rest! We will need parents to help with transportation. Please call the Eureka church office to register by October 20. We hope to see you there!

## JOINT WORSHIP

*Worship*  
**TOGETHER**

### YOU'RE INVITED TO WORSHIP

Join us on Sunday, October 29, 2023  
at 10:00 AM at EUMC for Joint Worship  
with Roanoke United Methodist Church.  
A meal will follow the service.

## SENIOR FELLOWSHIP

10/26/2023 the October Senior Fellowship will gather at the church at 1045 AM to carpool to lunch in Peoria and then to the Wheels of Time Museum, 1710 W. Woodside Dr., Dunlap, IL. Cost for the event will be \$9.00 per person payable at the door. Please call the church by Monday 10/23 so we know how many to expect.

## GREETER MINISTRY

10/1/2023	Dennis & Joy Crouch
10/8/2023	Gary & Judy Robenstein
10/15/2023	Brad & Marilyn Bachman
10/22/2023	Al & Diane Hinnen
10/29/2023	Gary & Sue Knepp

# WELCOME DESK MINISTRY

10/1/2023	Edie Jackson
10/8/2023	Judy Robenstein
10/15/2023	Mary Lehman
10/22/2023	Sue Knepp
10/29/2023	Renee Hinnen

## WELCOME

Welcome to Heather Lehman, our new Administrative Secretary. You all know Heather as our custodian of the church for the last ten years. Heather and her husband Doug and their three children live in Eureka. Doug has been a member of EUMC since he was a child. She is very excited to take on this new role assisting the church and congregation.



## LIBRARY



With the addition of the Welcome Center and moving the furniture into the location of the prior library, Conference Room #2, Rhodabel Doty's classroom (in the hallway past Pastor Bob's office), has been turned into our new Library. The organization of the Library is ongoing but please feel free to stop in. There are many books available for all ages and they need to be used. At this point, there is no check out process, feel free to take, read and return when you are finished.

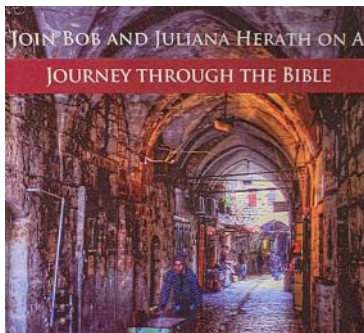
# 2023 CHARGE CONFERENCE



## Church Conference

The Roanoke and Eureka United Methodist Churches will celebrate our annual Church Conference on Sunday, November 5, 2023. The meeting will be held at Peoria First United Methodist Church, 116 NE Perry Ave. Peoria, IL at 1:30 p.m. All church members are encouraged to attend.

# 2024 HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE



There's still time if you're interested in going!

ISRAEL TRIP MEETING  
Sunday, 10/8 at 2:00PM  
Conference Room #1

Anyone planning to join Pastor Bob and Juliana as we travel to Israel in February is invited to join us for our first monthly meeting as we begin to make preparations for our trip. Those enrolled on the trip and anyone else who is interested in learning more about Israel is welcome to attend.

# PASTOR BOB'S VACATION & CHEMO SCHEDULE

Pastor Bob's will be taking vacation from 10/10/2023 to 10/18/2023. His next trip to Iowa City for Chemo treatments will be October 25, 2023. He will be out of the office. Please keep Pastor and Juliana in your prayers as they travel to Iowa City, IA for treatments.



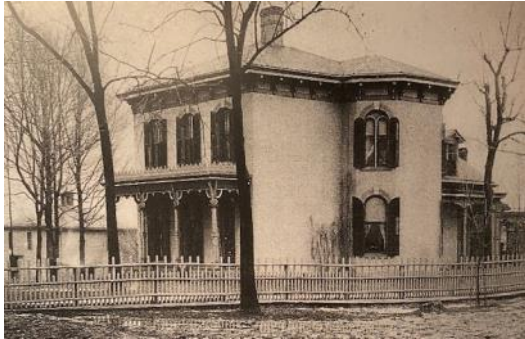
## YOUTH DIRECTOR

EUMC has an opening for a Youth Director. Interested parties should complete a Job Application available in the office and submit their resume to [eumc61530@gmail.com](mailto:eumc61530@gmail.com)

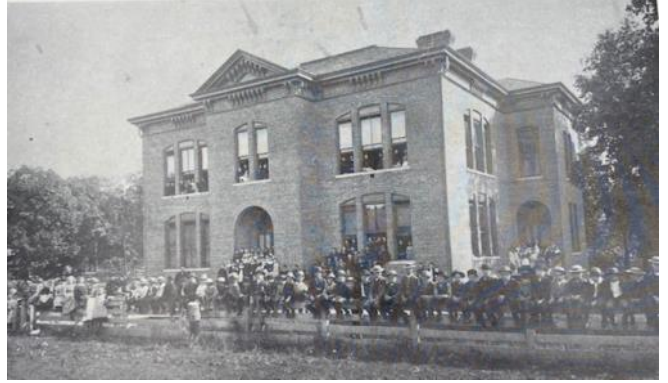


# EUMC HISTORY CORNER

We're picking up in 1885. That year, the first school building in Eureka approaching modern standards was constructed at the south end of Callender Street, three blocks south of our church. It provided not only for a graded common school, but also for a high school. That



same year saw Eureka's first phone installed. Dr. N.B. Crawford had a private telephone line installed between his office on Main Street and his home on Darst Street (Dick & Vickie Ridle's current home). It was the first telephone in Eureka and probably the first in Woodford County.



1886 saw the city of Eureka enter into the water business. The village acquired land at the north end Callender Street and authorized a \$5,000 bond issue. A well was drilled and a water tower was constructed, being a round brick structure rising 670 feet with a wood tank at the top. While it is unknown exactly when our church first acquired running water, it would take another 75 years before our church attained sanitary drinking water from a water fountain.

In 1889, the Epworth League was organized by the young people of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Cleveland, Ohio. It existed in both the northern and southern branches of the Methodist Episcopal denomination. The Epworth League was a structured youth group and the forerunner to what was referred to as the MYF group. The purpose of the league was the promotion of intelligent and vital piety among the young people of the church. The Directory of our church from 1917 shows that the Epworth League was active in our church at that time.

The Galey Chapel was erected south of Eureka and was for a short time an appointment of the Eureka charge. Later the chapel was attached to the Deer Creek Church. Secor was also at various times an appointment of the Eureka circuit. Lster Roanoke and Eureka united.

1893 saw the formation of the Eureka's first electric franchise. Under contract to the city, 20 arc lights were installed above city streets by the Eureka Brick, Tile and Electric Company.

On April 16, 1895 the village of Eureka became incorporated as a City following an election conducted by the village board. A quote from the Woodford County Courier stated, "A great many complaints have been registered against the poor water that the city furnishes. About every other day it has a consumptive color."

Eureka had a one man cigar factory for about 15 years. Albert Gaylor, a native of Germany, came to Eureka in 1897. He was an experienced cigar maker, turning out more than 6,000 cigars annually, rolling each by hand. The brands "Justice" and "Eureka" were a quality smoke priced at ten cents.

In 1898, Roger B. Dickinson, a farmer living south of Eureka purchased and succeeded in reopening the defunct cannery by the railroad after an earlier one season failure. The first season they had some 50 men working, packing corn, beans, and tomatoes with an output of around 7,000 cans a day.

In 1901, Dr. J.D. Wyatt purchased a small residence on the corner just south of the Presbyterian Church. In August of that year, he received permission from the city council to remodel the house to provide for his professional office in the north part of the structure and living quarters in the south part. This was the beginning of the facilities which are now known as Carle BroMenn Hospital.

Next month, we will begin with 1903



# BLESSINGS AND PRAYER

## Birthday Celebrations

Christy Lee	10/1	Adrian Lee	10/21
Ellie Lehigh	10/10	Don Litwiller	10/25
Dick Bown	10/12	Dan Doty	10/26
Bev Doty	10/14	Libbie Lehman	10/30
Donna Wettstein	10/16		



## Anniversary Celebrations

10/5	Allen & Joan McClean
10/5	Gary & Carolyn Schoof
10/8	Ken & Edie Jackson
10/13	Marty & Mary Lehman
10/23	Mike & Dixie Ackley



## Keeping you in Prayer

Pray for.....

the people of war torn countries  
our Pastor and his wife  
our Congregation  
those in our community suffering with 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





# OCTOBER MISSION & MINISTRY CALENDAR



2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Communion	2 11A Chosen 415-615P FH Theater Grp	3 6pm Church Council Conf #1	4	5	6	7
8 2P Holy Land Mtg Conf #1 4P Cookout Bach- man's	9 11A Chosen 415-615P FH Theater Grp	10 Pastor Vacation	11 Pastor Vacation	12 Pastor Vacation 7P Woodford Cty Historical Society FH	13 Pastor Vacation 930-1130A Book Club FH	14 Pastor Vacation
15 Pastor Vacation	16 Pastor Vacation 11A Chosen 415-615P FH Theater Grp 6P Chosen	17 Pastor Vacation 4-5P Food Pantry Board Conf #1	18 Pastor Vacation	19 Pastor Vacation 130-330 Diabetes Clinic Conf #1 530P Trustees Conf #1	20 <b>SOUP &amp; PIE DAY</b>	21
22 10A Hospitality Team	23 415-615P FH Theater Group 6P Chosen	24	25 Pastor Chemo IA	26 10:45A Sr Fellow- ship Wheels of Time	27 930-1130A Book Club FH Charge Confer- ence Reports Due	28
29 10A Joint Service at EUMC	30 415-615P FH Theater Group	31				

**Pastor Bob's Schedule:**  
**Eureka - Monday and Wednesday**  
**9 a.m. to 12 noon**  
**Roanoke - Tuesday and Thurs.**  
**9:15am to 12 noon**