

THE GOOD NEWS

EUREKA UMC MISSION: TO KNOW, LOVE AND SERVE GOD

NOVEMBER 2023

Robert's Reflections

"Whoever belongs to God hears what God says. The reason you do not hear is that you do not belong to God." John 8:47 NIV

It was the week after Christmas. Many people had begun to discard their real Christmas trees and were leaving them out with their garbage to dispose of them. They laid in the street curbs, many still glistening with the leftover tinsel that clung to their branches.

Corey Anderson, a new friend of mine, went out driving that Friday night and crammed his Vega station wagon full of used trees and brought them to my house in the dark of night. I still do not know how many trips he made to collect trees. But when the sun rose on that Saturday morning, there were a couple dozen used Christmas trees firmly planted in the 10 inches of snow in my yard. Nearby, there was a sign scribbled on a cheap piece of cardboard. "Used Christmas Trees 10 cents," it read. Then at 15 minute intervals, friends of Corey's (and now of mine) rang the doorbell, and when my mother answered they each picked out a tree and handed her a dime. Yes, I did hear my first, middle and last name shouted that morning. I didn't care. You see, I belonged.

I had just moved to a new town and new school my senior year of High School. To have friends try a stunt like this let me know that I was welcome, and that I was one of them.

As Christians, we too belong. We belong to a church family, and we belong to Jesus Christ. To belong means that we help carry each other's burdens. It means that we cheer each other on.

Even more important, when we belong, we are also called to forgive. When people live in a close relationship with others, hurt and pain will inevitably happen. It's not intentional, but it does happen. But forgiveness allows us to move past and move forward.

This Thanksgiving, I am thankful that I belong to you as your pastor, and that I belong to Jesus Christ. You belong to Him too! And I am also thankful for the forgiveness He has given both you and me! What are you thankful for this year?

I'll see you in church!

In Christ,

Pastor Bob

GROW IN FAITH

Sunday Sermon Series:

11/5 "Testify" 1 Thessalonians 2:9-13
11/12 "Choices" Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25
11/19 "Only One?" Luke 17:11-19
11/26 "What Does the King Request?" Matthew 25:31-46

"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



COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE

EUMC will host a Community Thanksgiving service for all who want to attend November 19 at 7 p.m.! Light refreshments will be served following the worship service.

T-SHIRT/ POLO SALE

We are again offering a T-shirt and Polo sale. There is a minimum order of 12 items so we will begin collecting orders and as soon as we have that number, we will turn the order in. The cost of the shirts is as follows:

T-Shirts

Adult S-XL \$15

Adult 2XL \$18

Adult 3XL \$19.50

Polos

Adult S-XL \$20.50

Adult 2XL \$23

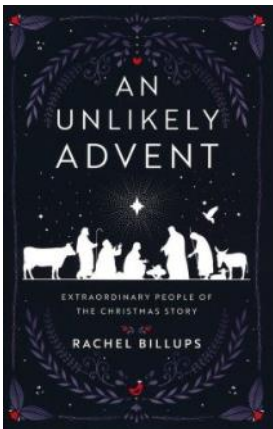
Adult \$24.50

If you have any questions, you can contact the office.

Order forms are at the Welcome Center Desk.



4 WEEK ADVENT STUDY IN DECEMBER



Advent means to prepare. Plan to prepare for this Christmas season as we study Rachel Billups book An Unlikely Advent. In her book, Rachel Billups explores some of the smaller characters in the Christmas story such as Zechariah, Elizabeth, and the magi.

We will meet on Mondays beginning November 27, 2023. The morning group will meet at 11 AM in Conference Room 1 @ EUMC

The evening group will meet at 6 PM at RUMC in the classroom off the fellowship hall.

Books are \$14 each and can be ordered by calling the EUMC church office @ (309) 467-3026 by Nov. 15th.

THANK YOU!

Juliana and I want to thank you for the gifts and cards during Pastor Appreciation month! The greatest gift you gave us is your friendship and prayers! Thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

MISSION AND MINISTRY

NOVEMBER MISSION DAYSPRING NATIVE AMERICAN UMC

This month, our Mission is the DaySpring Native American UMC. We are a Christ-following, Bible-believing faith community that embraces Native American traditional practices as an expression of love, relationship, and connection to Creator—Father, Son, and Spirit. We believe that people of all nations and races are called to be Christ's Church and that it is not necessary to renounce your heritage or ethnicity in order to be Christian. Because our church members represent many different heritages—of both Native and settler ancestries—we do our best to share and respect each other's ways and traditions.

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

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.

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

11/12 5 p.m. @ EUMC Board Game Night! Think you can beat Pastor Bob at Trivial Pursuit? Are you a business tycoon in Monopoly? Sloppy Joe sandwiches, chips and drinks will be provided. Bring your friends that night and bring your game!

11/26 5 p.m. @ EUMC Youth Christmas Decorating Party! We will begin the night with pizza and drinks, followed by Christmas music and decorating. We will end the night reading the Christmas story out of Luke 2. Bring your friends and your Christmas spirit!

JOINT WORSHIP

Worship
TOGETHER

YOU'RE INVITED TO WORSHIP

Join us on Sunday, December 31 at 10:00 a.m. at RUMC for Joint Worship with Roanoke United Methodist Church.

SENIOR FELLOWSHIP



Eureka United Methodist Church Fellow-
ship Hall November 16 @ 5:15PM Central
Illinois Banjo Club.
208 N. Callender St.
Eureka, IL 61530
(309) 467-3026

CHARGE CONFERENCE

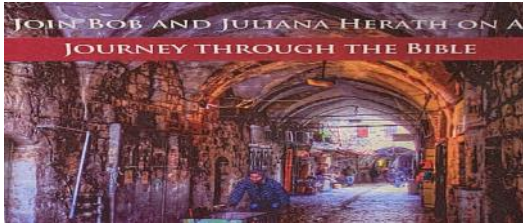


Rev. Mike Crawford, the District Superintendent of the new North District has set the Charge Conference schedule. Roanoke and Eureka United Methodist Churches will have their Charge Conference @

Peoria First United Methodist Church
116 NE Perry Avenue
Peoria, IL

Sunday, November 5, 2023 at 1:30pm
All are encouraged to attend!

2024 HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE



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

ISRAEL TRIP MEETING
POSTPONED 1 YEAR

Anyone planning to join Pastor Bob and Juliana as we travel to Israel in a year, is invited to join us on November 12 @ 3 p.m. Those enrolled on the trip and anyone else who is interested in learning more about Israel is welcome to attend.

CHRISTMAS DECORATING

Join us for Christmas Decorating of our church on Saturday, November 25th at 10am.



GREETER MINISTRY

11/5	Jyl Zubiato
11/12	Gary & Carolyn Schoof
11/19	Richard Small
11/26	Barry & Mary Lou Littlejohn



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

EUMC HISTORY CORNER

By. Sue Knepp

We left off in October with 1901.

It wasn't until 1903 that the Village of Eureka employed its first full-time police officer, a night watchman. Automobiles first appeared in 1904. The editor of the Woodford County Republican (the predecessor to the Woodford County Journal) made the observation that almost every day during the summer an auto or two passed through town. In 1904, Eureka also saw its first movie. That year, a Mr. Wolf advertised a show every Tuesday night. He used one of the buildings on the east side of North Main Street and charged 10 and 15 cents admission. He advertised, "Everything moral and refined."

Not until 1907 did the State of Illinois decide to license automobiles and give each a number. For a time, until plates were issued, the numbers were painted on the glass by the sidelights.

1908 was the 50th year anniversary of Methodism arriving in Eureka and the formation of the first group of individuals meeting under the direction of Zaddock Hall.

With the addition of vehicles, the next need were gas stations and in 1909, the first garage and oil station appeared in Eureka. It was located on the location of the current Pizza Hut.

In 1910, the Episcopal Church of Cruger closed. They had land on the hill above where the Kaufman Golf Course Club house is located that was their cemetery. It consisted of 1 acre in size. When the church closed, there is documentation that the Trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Eureka, Illinois was deemed owner of the acre of land. There are 2 Civil War veterans buried in the Cemetery, Private John Wiley Adams 5/10/1836 to 4/6/1877 and David Jones Hedges 5/7/1827 to 5/14/1868.

An interesting note that I discovered in my research about postal service, was that for many years the post office was open on Sundays, with window service. In 1911, it was announced that Sunday window service would be limited to one hour from 8-9am. After trucks replaced the railroads, there was no incoming mail on Sundays.

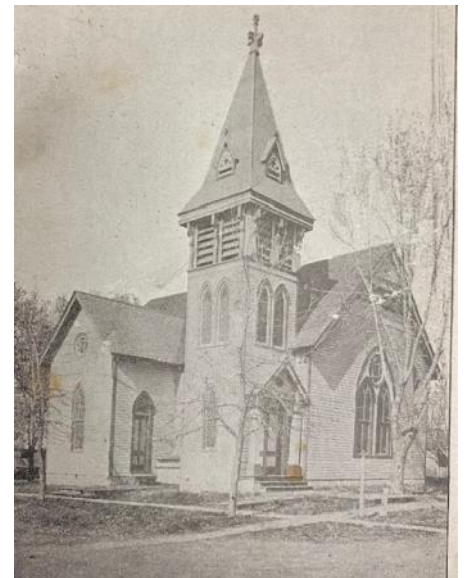
1912 was the 50 year anniversary of our church building that was constructed in 1862 (during Abraham Lincoln's presidency). The exact location of that building is unknown but it assumed it was used for 21 years until the current building was built in 1883.

Many pastors came and went from our church up to the year 1917. Then for more than two years, the church was without a pastor, although during this period, the church organizations remained intact; the Sunday School along with the Ladies Aid Society. Additionally, occasional services, and quarterly conferences were held.

On April 6, 1917, the US declared war on Germany. Coach George Pritchard began military drill at Eureka College. The Eureka Committee sold Liberty bonds to 149 subscribers for a total of \$31,400. This was the first of several bond sales campaigns during the war. On July 1, 1917, at a Sunday evening union service in our church, there began a series of appeals for food conservation, accompanied by recipes designed to encourage the use of substitutes for wheat flour in bread. In August a Red Cross drive resulted in signing up hundreds of memberships and some large contributions. Gasoline was not rationed but there were "gasless" Sundays and public opinion backed the principle so well that hardly any autos were to be seen on the streets.

When World War I ended, in November of 1918, Methodist Churches were again free to expend their energies in other directions. One of their perennial concerns was temperance, and they were quick to recognized it among their highest priorities. Methodist Churches published and distributed large amounts of temperance literature. Members were asked to pledge that they would abstain from alcoholic beverages. The United Methodist Church still encourages such abstinence.

We will continue in December with 1920.



CHRISTMAS HOME TOUR

The Hospitality Team has decided to resurrect the Christmas Home Tour. Eureka United Methodist Church has a long history in the past with hosting a Christmas Home Tour. We haven't been able to locate the files but going through old newspapers, we know they started as early as December 6, 1986 when Rev. Danny & Carol Cox, George & Jean Hearne, Jim & Jo Finch, Dr. David & Bonnie Miller and Gilbert & Ferne Yordy opened their homes for the first known Tour. We know for certain there were more Tours in 1988, 1990, 1992, 1993, 1995, and 2003. Some remember them being held yearly. The Tour will be held on Saturday, December 9th. See the flyer below for more information.



Tickets \$10—available at:

Kirby Foods/IGA Goodfield State Bank, Eureka
Flower Basket Heartland Bank & Trust
Online eurekailumc.org, select "click here to donate" and
select "Christmas Home Tour."

Homes:

Rev. Danny & Carol Cox	1002 Simon Court
Jim & Nancy Maccari	2023 Marshall Road
Dr. David & Bonnie Miller	1431 Church Road
Nick & Erin Miller	301 Parkway Drive
Donnie Stevenson	903 S. Main St.

Call (309) 467-3026 for more information

BLESSINGS AND PRAYER

Birthday Celebrations

Diane Hinnen	11/9	Stephanie Haney	11/27
Bob Herath	11/13	Dorothy Curtis	11/29
Doug Lehman	11/14		
Joyce Borzello	11/15		
Kathy Facker	11/16		



Anniversary Celebrations

11/24 Paul & Norma Attig



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



MISSION & MINISTRY CALENDAR



2023

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5 9 AM Service	6 415 Theater Group FH 6:30 Scouts	7	8	9 1:30 Diabetes Clinic 7 PM Historical Society Meeting FH	10	11
12 9 AM Service 3PM Holy Land Meeting 5 PM Youth Group (Game night)	13 415 Theater Group FH 5:30 Trustees Meeting C1	14 5 PM SPRC Meeting 6PM Church Council Meeting	15 1:30 pm CHARGE CONFERENCE 1st United Methodist Church Peoria, IL	16 5:15 PM Senior Fellowship @ EUMC FH Central, IL Banjo Club Starts at 6 PM	17	18 6:30 PM EM-MAUS sanctuary
19 9Am Service 7 PM Community Thanksgiving Service @EUMC	20 415 Theater Group FH 6:30 Pack Meeting FH	21 4 PM Food Pantry Board Meeting C1	22	23	24	25
26 9AM Service 10AM Hospitality Meeting 5 PM Youth Group Christmas Decorating	27 415 Theater Group FH	28	29	30	<div style="background-color: #e0e0e0; padding: 10px; border: 1px solid #ccc;"> <p style="margin: 0;">Pastor Bob's Schedule: Eureka - Monday & Wednesday 9 a.m. to noon Roanoke - Tuesday & Thursday 9:15 a.m. to noon</p> </div>	