

THE GOOD NEWS

EUREKA UMC MISSION: TO KNOW, LOVE AND SERVE GOD
APRIL 2024

Teacher!

*“She (Mary) turned and said to him (Jesus) in Hebrew, ‘Rabbouni!’ (which means Teacher).
– John 20:16 NRSV*

She was grieving. Mary had witnessed the crucifixion and death of her friend and mentor just three days earlier. It was an agonizing and humiliating death she saw Jesus experience. Now, as was custom, she went to the tomb to prepare Jesus’ body for a more permanent burial. This was difficult enough, but when they arrived at the tomb, the body was nowhere to be found.

Mary’s grief clouded her memory of Jesus’ prophesy that he would rise from the dead. As more tears cascaded down her cheeks, she asked a person she thought to be the caretaker of the tomb where they had taken Jesus’ body so she could care for it. Then something unexpected happened. The caretaker called her by name! And his voice sounded so familiar! Could it be? Could it be Jesus?

It never ceases to amaze me that in my travels all over the United States that no matter where I travel, I will run into someone I know. I may not have seen them in years, but either I recognize them, or they see me and it’s like old home week. I am comfortable talking with people I know. We share a kindred spirit. But meeting strangers...that is outside my comfort zone. I tend to shy away from strangers. After all, as children we were taught not to talk to strangers.

But the perceived caretaker of Jesus’ tomb seemed to be a stranger to Mary. It was only after she asked where they had taken Jesus that she realized that she was talking with the Savior himself. In Matthew 25 we are told that if we help anyone in need we are helping Jesus. The truth is we all stand in need of God’s grace. It is easy to help those we know. We sit with people we know in church or fellowship time, but how often do we move outside our comfort zone to sit with someone we don’t know or participate in a new mission experience where we will meet new people. When was the last time we invited someone to church or maybe even to join us for a meal at a nearby restaurant or even our home? When we do God will bless us with unexpected blessings!

I’ll see you in church!

Pastor Bob

GROW IN FAITH

Sunday Sermon Series:

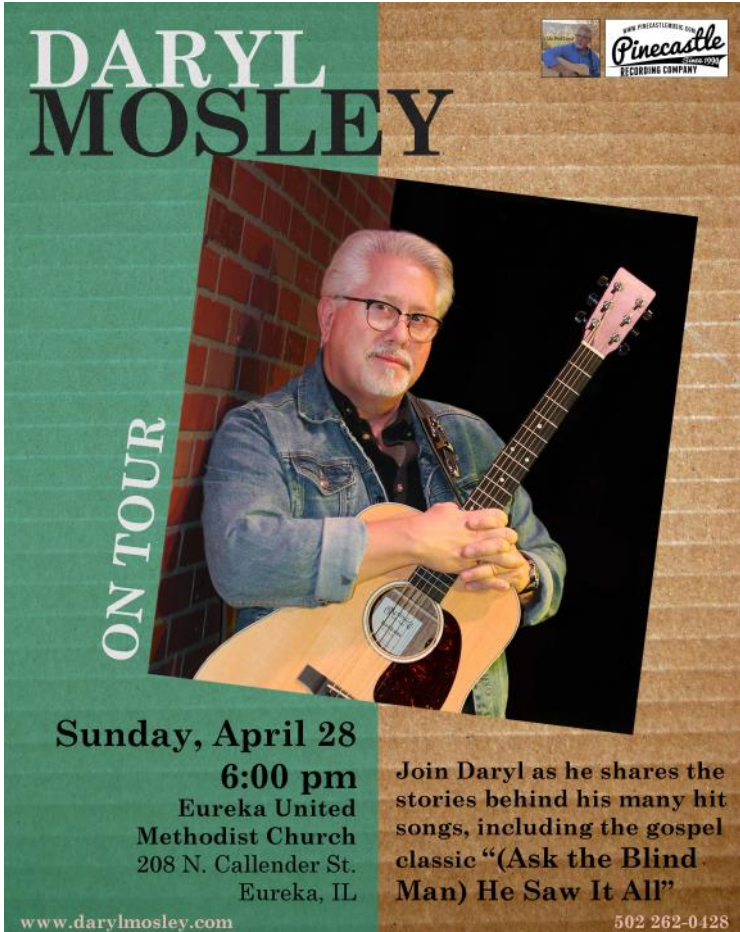
04/07: "Hear Ye!" 1 John 1:1-22 (Communion Sunday)

04/14: "Directions to Carnegie Hall" 1 John 3:1-7

04/21: Rev. Herath on Vacation.

04/28: "Clearing the Brush" John 15:1-8

SENIOR FELLOWSHIP



DARYL MOSLEY

ON TOUR

Sunday, April 28
6:00 pm
Eureka United
Methodist Church
208 N. Callender St.
Eureka, IL

Join Daryl as he shares the stories behind his many hit songs, including the gospel classic "(Ask the Blind Man) He Saw It All"

www.darylmosley.com 502 262-0428

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JOB OPENINGS

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

CHILDREN & YOUTH GROUP

Children's Church

Calling all kids! Join Children's Church following the children's message. Would you like to be added to a sub list for children's church? Contact the church office!

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 the office know if you are willing to help out. If we all took 1 Sunday a year, we'd have it covered! Many hands make light work.

Youth Group:

April 14, 5 - 6:30 p.m. : Crab Soccer at Eureka UMC. Spaghetti will be served for dinner.



Scavenger Hunt

April 28, 2 p.m. : Picture Scavenger Hunt meet at Eureka UMC.

(Drivers are needed for the scavenger hunt, if you are available please consider helping out.)

JOINT WORSHIP AT RUMC

Roanoke United Methodist Church

Worship
TOGETHER June 30
10 a.m.

GREETER MINISTRY

April:

04/07– Brad & Marilyn Bachman

04/14– Al & Diane Hinnen

04/21– Gary & Sue Knepp

04/28– Jyl Zubiato



UPCOMING EVENTS



**American
Red Cross**

Eureka Community Blood Drive

United Methodist Church

Monday April 8, 2024

Noon to 6 p.m.

For an appointment call 1-800-733-2767 or
visit RedCrossBlood.org

Blood Donors Make a Difference!



Scouts Blue & Gold Banquet

Saturday, April 13

5-6:30 p.m.

Daryl Mosley

April 28

Open to the Public

6 p.m.

A Love Offering will be accepted.



Heritage Sunday

May 19, 2024

Honoring Members with 50+ years

MISSION AND MINISTRY

APRIL MISSION: DAYSPRING NATIVE AMERICAN UMC

This month our mission is 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.

2024 Mission and Ministry Giving

January: Local - Heartline & Heart House
February: Conference - IGRC Camp Scholarship Fund
March: National - Joni & Friends
April: Conference - DaySpring Native American UMC
May: Local - Youth Group Mission Trip
June: International - Love Packages
July: Local - Carle/Eureka Hospital Ministry
August: Conference - Evenglow UMC
September: National - UMCOR Disaster Relief
October: Local - ADDWC
November: Local - Meals on Wheels
December: Conference - Baby Fold

Missionary Support 2024

Alicia Wright—India
Connie Wieck—Southeast Asia
Priscilla Jaiah—Liberia
Jeff Spence—Taiwan
Davies Musigo—Kenya
Jonathan Moore—Asia

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.

EUMC HISTORY CORNER

We left off in March with 1964 and will begin this month with 1965.

In February of 1965, the MYF were making plans for the showing of Billy Graham movies which were open to the public. During 1965, Mrs. Pott's Committee met and identified the need for a ramp to be built at the north door in September of 1965. Mrs. Potts also urged everyone to continue writing letters to stop the advertising of alcohol and tobacco on television. A discussion was held about whether we should continue phone service with the rising costs but the decision was made to continue the service.

1966 saw the remodel of the sanctuary. A new pulpit was donated by the Sharpe family. Altar chairs were donated by the Edwards family. New padded pews were installed. In memory of the Goebels, new choir chairs, robes and collars were purchased along with a new communion service. The walls were painted and the colored glass in the windows was restored as needed. On November 23, 1966 our church participated in a city-wide Thanksgiving Service at the high school. The Presbyterian minister gave the message and our church provided two ushers.

Our church's Hospitality Committee sent 7 bags to boys in Vietnam for a cost of \$3.50 to \$4.00 per bag, including postage. In June of 1967, George Harshbarger reported on an air conditioning survey. 13 were in favor and 11 opposed. A pledge was received for \$745. In 1967, the pastors salary was \$5,000 and the entire church budget was \$11,040.

In 1968 a need was identified to have a more reverent atmosphere to prevail in the sanctuary prior to the morning service. Quiet was to prevail as soon as the organ prelude started in an effort to promote and encourage a spirit of prayer proceeding church service. A kitchen stove was installed and paid for by the Methodist Men in the amount of \$75.86. On April 13, 1968, the United Methodist Church was officially created when Bishop H. Mueller, representing the Evangelical United Brethren Church, and Bishop Lloyd C. Wicke of the Methodist Church joined hands at the constituting General Conference in Dallas, Texas. The church had approximately 11 billion members, making it one of the largest Protestant churches in the world. The cross and flame were adopted to symbolize the new church.



A new furnace and AC was installed and the basement was redecorated during the late 1960's, early 1970's.

In early 1969, Leone Potts, a lifelong member died, leaving a sizeable Trust Fund to the Eureka United Methodist Church. Her appointed trustees were attorney Ben Leiken, Burrus Dickinson and Byron Colburn. The church was to receive \$3,000 yearly plus interest. The principle could be used as needed with the exception for the use in building a new church building. Otherwise, there were no stipulations on the use of the money. Also in 1969, the weekly church new bulletin began during the month of October, 1969 following a motion by Charles Hinnen during an administrative board meeting. All information was to be first cleared through Reverend Flynn before dissemination.

1970 saw the retirement of Reverend Leroy P. Flynn after 17 years. He had been the pastor of the Eureka church since 1953. As original occupants, he and his wife had been living in the church's first parsonage, located at 410 N. Main Street. The parsonage was sold to the Flynn's for \$8,500. Reverend Raymond Bjork followed Reverend Flynn as our pastor. In January of 1970 a motion was made to allow young boys to light the worship candles. This met with lively discussion and the motion passed 6 to 3 so long as the boys remained under the direct supervision of the worship chairperson.

In August of 1971, Beth Spence (Brush), representing the MYF, challenged the Methodist Men to a softball game. As predicted, the men won. The MYF also expressed a desire to perform a service project for the church. Suggestions included: maintenance of the old Cruger Methodist Cemetery located near the golf course; the upkeep of the church yard; and assisting some of our church's older members with minor upkeep and remodeling jobs.

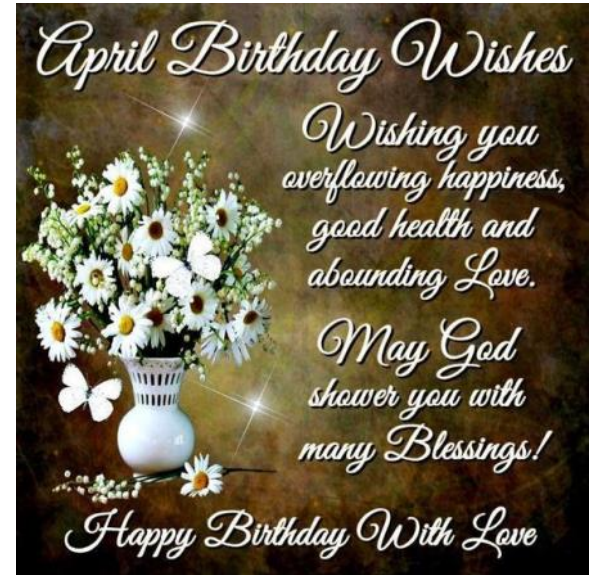
On February 1972, Reverend Bjork first used an overhead projector to present the previous month's minutes of the Administrative Board. In May of 1972, the first official softball team began. June 1972, the Women's Society of Christian Service, whose leader was Rosie Hinnen, officially became The United Methodist Women. Also in June of 1972, Pastor Bjork expressed appreciation for the cleaning of the old Cruger Methodist Cemetery by Randy Tennis and reported that Tim Lanier will maintain the cemetery over the summer. The names were copied off the tombstones and placed in the safe deposit box. December saw the Christmas Basket Committee distribute 17 fruit plates to home-bound members. Then Vietnam came to a close following the Paris Peace Accords.

Next month we will take up in 1974.

BLESSINGS AND PRAYERS

Birthday Celebrations

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| 4/04– Marcus Lehigh | 4/24– Diana Brehmer |
| 4/05– Ron Eeten | 4/25– Nancy Hoelscher |
| 4/13– Joan McClean | 4/28– Shirley O'Marah |
| 4/15– Mary Jane Griffith | 4/28– Leonard Savage |
| 4/18– Vada Schertz | |
| 4/23– John Lehigh | |



Anniversary Celebrations

- 4/07– Chris & Christy Lee
4/12– Bob & Nancy Bishop
4/20– Al & Diane Hinnen
4/25– Larry & Lois Bonin
4/26– Mike & Joyce Borzello
4/26– Jack & Diana Brehmer

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
the Carle Eureka Hospital Inpatient Unit
those in service to God, country and our community

We pray that you feel God's love and grace for you!



MISSION & MINISTRY CALENDAR

2024



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<u>Greeters</u> 4/07-Bachmans 4/14-Al Hinnens 4/21-Knepps 4/28-Zubiate	1	2 6 p.m. Finance Meeting-C1 7 p.m. SPRC Meeting-C1	3	4	5	6
7 9 a.m. Worship Communion Sunday	8 Blood Drive Noon-6p.m. -FH NTA-FH 4:15 p.m. Cub Scouts 6:30-8	9 6 p.m. Church Council Meeting C1	10	11 Girl Scouts– FH 4:30-8:15 p.m.	12 Book Club– FH 9:30-11:30 a.m.	13 Boy Scouts– Blue & Gold Banquet-FH 5-6:30 p.m.
14 9 a.m. Worship Youth Group 5-6:30 p.m.	15 NTA– FH 4:15 p.m.	16	17 Rev. Herath Vacation 4/17 - 4/22	18 Diabetes Clinic– C1 1:30 p.m. Girl Scouts-FH 5-8:30 p.m. Rev. Herath Vaca.	19 Rev. Herath Vaca	20 Rev. Herath Va-
21 9 a.m. Worship Rev. Herath Vaca.	22 NTA– FH 4:15 p.m. Rev. Herath Vaca.	23 General Conference 4/23 - 5/3	240	25 Girl Scouts –FH 4:30-8:15p.m.	26	27
28 9 a.m. Worship 10 a.m. Hospitality 2 p.m. Youth Group 6 p.m. Daryl Mosley Concert	29 NTA-FH 4:15 p.m. 6 p.m. Worship Meeting Cub Scouts 6:30-8	30	Pastor Bob's Schedule: Eureka - Monday and Wednesday 9 a.m. to noon Roanoke - Tuesday and Thursday 9:15am to noon			