

THE GOOD NEWS

EUREKA UMC MISSION: TO KNOW, LOVE AND SERVE GOD
MARCH 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 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:

- 03/03: "The Almost Disciple" Mark 10:17-22
03/10: "Easy Questions/Difficult Answers" Mark 10:35-45
03/17: "New Eyes" Mark 10:46-53
03/24: "Get Ready" Mark 11:1-11
03/28: "In Remembrance" John 14:1-17, 31b-35 (Maundy Thursday 7 p.m.)
03/31: "Trembling and Afraid" Mark 16:1-8 (Easter 7 a.m. and 9 a.m.)

LENTEN SERVICES



Maundy Thursday 3/28
7 p.m. EUMC

Good Friday 3/29
Noon at Eureka Presbyterian Church
7 p.m. Roanoke UMC

EASTER SERVICES

Eureka United Methodist Church
Son Rise Service: 7 a.m. (Joint Service)
Breakfast Served: 8 a.m.
Regular Service: 9 a.m.

Roanoke UMC: 10:45 a.m.



Thank you to those who purchased the beautiful Easter flowers in honor or memory of loved ones to decorate the Sanctuary for Easter services.

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:

3/14: 4 p.m.—Winter Jam at Peoria Civic Center. The cost is \$15 and please bring money for dinner, we will be stopping to get fast food on the way to the concert.

3/24: 5 p.m.—We will be doing a service project at church, where we will be making blankets for Carle Eureka Hospital Inpatient Unit. We will have pizza for dinner.



JOINT WORSHIP AT EUMC

EASTER SUNDAY
7 a.m.
Sun Rise Service

GREETER MINISTRY

March:

3/03— Paul and Norma Attig

3/10— Ken and Edie Jackson

3/17— Lynn and Renee Hinnen

3/24— Dennis and Joy Crouch

3/31— Marilyn Kern



EUREKA COMPASSION CLOSET

Eureka Hospital's Compassion Closet needs: As winter continues we find ourselves in low supply in the Compassion Closet. We are in most need of sweatpants (and eventually shorts) of all sizes. Our Emergency Department staff tell us we go through more larger sizes than others, but for now we are short on all sizes from small to 5X. Please drop off any items to the church. If you need a tax form they are posted right inside the door to your left where the library used to be. Please leave the completed form with your donation. Be sure to include your name and address on the form. If you have any questions contact Nancy Aldridge 309-261-5910 or tnt39nja@gmail.com.

SENIOR FELLOWSHIP



March 16
9 a.m.- 1 p.m.

March Senior Fellowship will be held in the Fellowship Hall. The church will be having an Art Show hosted by Rev. Dan Doty. Please come and enjoy the ambiance and fellowship!



KIWANIS NEEDS YOUR HELP

The Eureka Greater Area Kiwanis Club has been participating in an Ink Recycling Program for over 10 years. They use the proceeds from the return of used cartridges and toner to purchase paper and other office supplies for ADDWC, Eureka Public Library, Meals on Wheels, Head Start as well as many other charities. Collection boxes have been placed at the following locations: Eureka Post Office, Eureka Public Library, Heart House, Eureka United Methodist Church or contact any Kiwanis Member. By recycling ink cartridges, you will not only be helping many programs but you will be helping our environment. Please help us to continue this project. Any questions call Nancy Aldridge at 309-261-5910. Kiwanis is donating paper to Eureka United Methodist Church.

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

MISSION AND MINISTRY



This month, our Mission is Joni and Friends, a not for profit organization that carries the message of Christ's salvation to thousands of people with disabilities around the globe. One of their outreach programs is Wheels for the World. Richard Small brought this program to EUMC by collecting discarded wheelchairs from health care facilities in the Woodford County area. Several members of our congregation including Gary and Carolyn Schoof, Ron Eeten, and Marty Lehman help transport the wheelchairs to a contact in Decatur, IL a couple times each year. The used wheelchairs were then trucked to a prison in Missouri where they were rebuilt and gifted to people with mobility issues in 24 countries. "Every wheelchair...shows the visible love of Jesus to families struggling with disability." Would you like to help EUMC continue this important ministry outreach? You might contact area nursing homes and arrange to pick up their discarded wheelchairs or maybe you have storage space to hold 12-15 wheelchairs until we collect enough wheelchairs to fill a pick up truck. If you would like to help show our love for others, please contact Lou Strong, Mission Team chairman...text 815-383-8257.

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.

CELEBRATING MISSIONS FOR 2023– THANK YOU!

January– Heartline & Hearthouse= \$152.15
February– IGRC Camp & Scholarship Fund= \$400.00
March– Joni & Friends= \$500.00
April– Meals on wheels= \$209.49
May– Mission Distribution Center= \$
June– Love Packages= \$129.07
July– Salvation Army= \$500.00
August– Leslie Bates Friendship House= \$500.00
September– UMCOR Disaster Relief= \$500.00
October– ADDWC= \$175.06
November– DaySpring Native American UMC= \$500.00
December– Southside Mission= \$500.00

Missionary Support 2023

Alicia Wright– India= \$1000.00

Connie Wieck– China= \$1000.00

Priscilla Jaiah– Liberia= \$1000.00

Jeff Spence– Taiwan= \$500.00

Davies Musigo– Kenya= \$1000.00

Jon & Amanda Moore– Asia=

OTHER MISSIONS SUPPORTED FOR 2023

Society of St. Andrew= \$208.01
Midwest Distribution Center= \$500.00
Chaddock Children= \$100.00
Children's Rescue Mission= \$550.00
Children's Rescue– Bunting's= \$1250.00
Lifewise Academy= \$300.00
Preacher's Aid Society= \$100.00
Food Pantry= \$25.00
Amity Bible= \$32.51



EUMC HISTORY CORNER

We begin March 2024 with 1959

1959 was our 76th year in our current building which was built in 1883. Sometime in 1959, there was remodeling of the “front” of the building which faced Court Street. This remodel included a new front and entrance with concrete steps and glass doors. The vestibule was enlarged, the bell tower replaced by a cross. A new stairway and rooms were added to the basement.

Before 1959 remodel

During remodel

After remodel in 1959



Also in October of 1959, the board reported we had permission to convert to city gas, with notification to the city within 10 days. It would end up costing \$185 to convert. Trustee Mr. Baker made the notification to the city and Charles Hinnen made a motion to inquire into the cost of having a telephone installed in the building. After the gas installation, the church purchased and installed a gas conversion furnace.

In January of 1960, permission was given to the Sunday School board to convert the old basement coal room into a classroom for Sunday School use.

Mr. Golden reported in February of 1960 that the new addition to the building had all been completed except for an outside light. These improvements include the removal of the old steeple and bell on the southeast corner of the church, the addition of what now is referred to as the south porch, and enlargement of the basement. The improvements totaled \$5,179.19. Plans were made to retain the bell and have it mounted somewhere on the church property. It presently sits on the east side of our church.

During January 1961 official board meeting, Chairman Charles Hinnen announced he wished to go on record as opposing the petition now circulating for the City of Eureka to make available liquor licenses.

The official board met in May of 1971 and Mr. Hacker brought up the notion of installing sanitary drinking facilities within the church. Charley Kenney was appointed to see this was taken care of. By June, a water fountain was attached to the water faucet in the basement at no charge.

December 1961 saw church members save four cent stamps and those of greater value to be used in the purchase of milk for overseas relief. Additionally, members were urged to write letters to television stations concerning liquor advertising on their TV channels.

In 1962 the bell from the bell tower was mounted in the church yard. Also, in July of 1962, plans were being made to remodel the basement kitchen.

1963 saw the completion of the basement kitchen remodel. The south side of the building was reroofed and new carpet was donated and installed in the vestibule.

On April 4, 1973, Leone Potts reported to the W.S.C.S. on behalf of the Christian Social Concerns and Christian Social Relations that our church's conference had taken up the initial work of the women opposing liquor on radio and TV. In support of this, our church was given the responsibility of writing 50 letters on the subject. In addition, the women's group wrote a letter to Governor Kerner opposing horse betting at the state fair.

An entry in the Women's Society of Christian Service November minutes reported, “Talking before church services on Sunday morning was discussed and all agreed to be more quiet.”

During this entire period, Rev. Leroy Flynn was the Pastor. He served from 1953-1970, a total of 17 years.

In April, we will begin with 1965.

BLESSINGS AND PRAYERS

Birthday Celebrations

- 3/4– Norma Attig
- 3/5– Charlie Weinrich
- 3/10– Nancy Aldridge
- 3/12– Eloise Berner
- 3/19– Nicole Martin



Anniversary Celebrations

- 3/26– Bob and Kathy Facker

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

MARCH 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><u>Greeters</u> 3/3– Attigs 3/10– Jacksons 3/17– Lynn & Renee Hinnen 3/24– Crouches 3/31– Marilyn K.</p>					1 World Day of Prayer	2
3 9 a.m. Worship Communion Sunday 3 p.m. SPRC meeting – C1	4 NTA-FH 4:15 p.m. Boy Scouts 6:30-8 p.m.	5 Finance Meeting-C1 @ 6:30 p.m.	6	7 Girl Scouts– FH 4:30-8:15 p.m.	8 Book Club– FH 9:30-11:30 a.m.	9
10 9 a.m. Worship No Youth Group	11 NTA– FH 4:15 p.m.	12	13	14 Youth Group- Winter Jam 4 p.m. @ Peoria Civic Center (\$15)	15	16 9 a.m.-1 p.m. FH Art Show hosted by Rev. Dan Doty
17 9 a.m. Worship	18 NTA– FH 4:15 p.m. Boy Scouts 6:30-8 p.m.	19	20	21 Girl Scouts –FH 4:30-8:15p.m.	22	23
24 9 a.m. Worship 5p.m. Youth Group Service Project @ EUMC	25 NTA-FH 4:15 p.m.	26	27	28 Maundy Thursday EUMC 7 p.m. Girl Scouts-FH 5-8:15 p.m.	29 Good Friday Eureka Presbyterian @ Noon RUMC 7 p.m.	30
31 EASTER 7 a.m. Son Rise @ EUMC (joint service) 8 a.m. Breakfast 9 a.m. EUMC 10:45 a.m. RUMC				<p style="text-align: center;">Pastor Bob's Schedule: Eureka - Monday and Wednesday 9 a.m. to noon Roanoke - Tuesday and Thursday 9:15am to noon</p>		