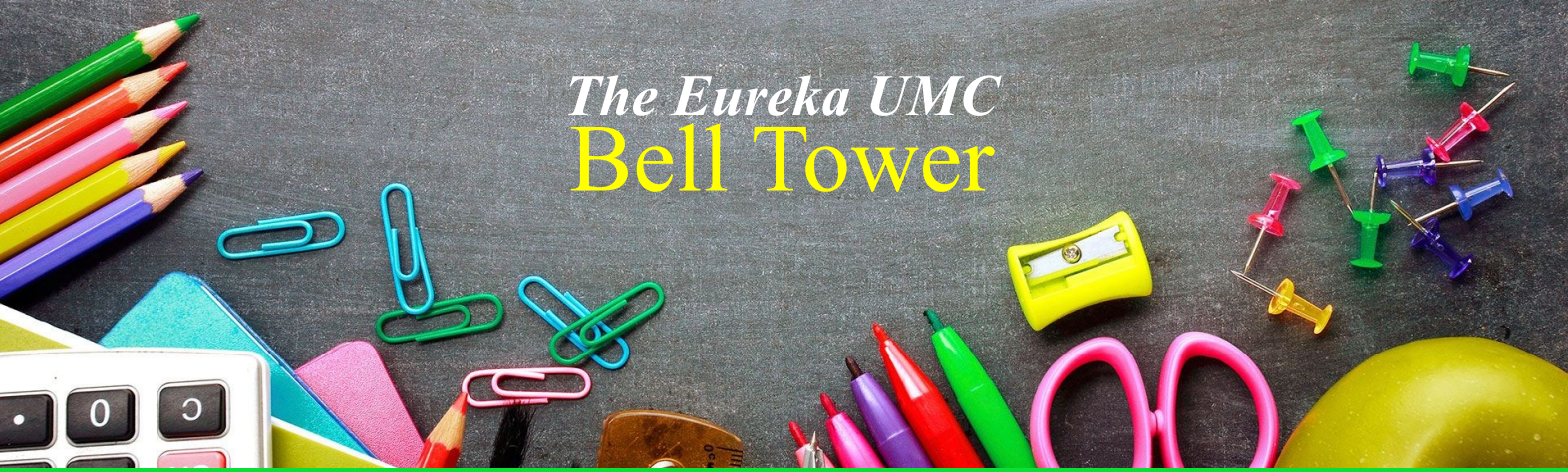




The Eureka UMC **Bell Tower**

The Monthly Newsletter of
First United Methodist Church of Eureka

August 2023



PAPAL PONDERINGS

Greetings! We have had a busy summer and we look forward to an exciting fall. It is the time of year that the Lay Leadership committee starts planning for church leadership in 2024. Our existing leadership has successfully led us through the Covid season and we are emerging strong and vibrant. We give thanks for our leadership that helps us grow in Christ and leads us into a ministry of vital worship, creative arts and community service.

I will be handing out 3x5 cards to church members asking you to write two things on the card:

- 1) Your Name,
- 2) The office you would like to hold for 2024.

I will take those cards to the Lay Leadership Committee as we begin nominating leadership for the coming year. If you are given a card, please prayerfully consider where God is calling you to serve and return the card to your pastor. It takes us all working together to make our ministry a faithful presence in our community.

Grace and Peace,
Rev. Linda C Pope

August Lectionary

Aug 6	Matthew 14:13-21; Psalm 17:1-7, 15	The Kin-dom of God is Like a Picnic
Aug 13	Matthew 14:22-33; Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b	The Kin-dom of God is Like Someone Who Walks on Water
Aug 20	Matthew 15:(10-20), 21-28; Psalm 67	The Kin-dom of God is Like a Canaanite Woman
Aug 27	Matthew 16:13-20; Psalm 138	The Kin-dom of God Might Look Like a Messiah

The Mission of the Eureka United Methodist Church: We are a community of Christ offering love and hope through dynamic worship, creative arts, and missional outreach.

WORSHIP & PICNIC BY THE RIVERSIDE

The Administrative Council at their July meeting received an exciting proposal for an early fall worship service and picnic by the riverside.

Charles Brodie has researched this idea, found a suitable place for it in a State of Kansas Use Land area beside the Fall River, and learned where appropriate tent, chairs and tables are available. He also proposed a bounce house and games for children. He described the idea as reminiscent of what grandparents might have enjoyed in the 20's and 30's of "just a group of Christian friends on a Sunday having church, BBQ, ice cream and some good fun by the river".

As the Council looked at photos he brought and discussed the possibilities, they favored including the other small United Methodist Church congregations in Greenwood County.

A motion passed to approve the idea, to ask Charles to serve as the coordinator and to choose October 1 as the target date. The Worship Committee will be asked to help with the planning and to recruit adequate help to carry out the many tasks involved.

Please consider how you can be involved, and watch for further descriptions of this exciting FIRST for our church families.

HELP US BE INFORMED

Deadline for September's newsletter is August 25th.

For articles, thank you's, or upcoming events you would like to see in the monthly newsletter, please submit them to:

1stumceureka@att.net or
call the church office at 620-583-5663

SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

The annual USD #389 School Supply Drive which is coordinated by volunteers, social service agencies, and the local school district, will be held at EUMC on Sunday, August 6th.

The church will provide a light lunch to parents and children who come and help them feel welcome during their sometimes tedious collection of proper supplies.



SYMPATHY

Prayers and sympathy are extended to the **Margaret McLean** family. Margaret died Monday, July 24, 2023. Memorial services will be held at 10:00 a.m., Friday, August 4, 2023 at EUMC with Rev. Linda Pope officiating.

MEMORIAL MONEY PAID OUT

2023

Elmer Wedlin Scholarship (Cash Fuesz)	\$ 200.00
USPS—Stamps	\$ 63.00
Seven Key—Leaf (Jo Davidson)	\$ 23.00
Computer for Pastor	\$ 656.99
Edwards Flooring — Sanctuary Carpet	\$ 3,215.00
Down Payment	\$ 700.00
Trustee's	\$ 1,026.55
Seven Key—Leaf (Don Stephens)	\$ 30.71
YTD TOTAL	\$ 5,915.25

2022

Seven Key—Leaf (Jack Knotts)	\$ 25.45
Fall Wreaths for Sanctuary	\$ 208.02
Seven Key—Leaf (Dave Barg)	\$ 24.55
TOTAL	\$ 258.02

2021

Elmer Wedlin Scholarship	\$ 200.00
Seven Key—Leaf (Bill Hart)	\$ 20.50
USPS—Stamps	\$ 58.00
Seven Key—Leaf (Peggy Bewley & Ed Hawthorne)	\$ 54.20
TV & Install in Sanctuary	\$ 4,201.90
Computers	\$ 805.18
TOTAL	\$ 5,340.28

2020

Lorenz—Music for Choir	\$ 69.95
Seven Key—Leaf (Catherine Truskett)	\$ 21.50
USPS—Stamps	\$ 55.00
Seven Key—Leaf (Kenneth Pike & Margaret Parks)	\$ 33.10
Lorenz—Music for Choir	\$ 148.71
Eureka Herald—Cards & Envelopes	\$ 75.10
Seven Key—Leaf (Barbara Lewis-Long)	\$ 21.25
Cameras with PTX Control	\$ 699.00
TOTAL	\$ 1,123.61

ONLINE TITHING AVAILABLE (2 options)

1. Online: www.1stumceureka.com click on the Give tab and fill out the form.
2. Download the smartphone app "Vanco Mobile App" and use that directly.

For more info, go to:

http://vancopayments.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/04/Vanco_GivePlus_Church_FAQs_for_Donors.pdf



August 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30 -9:30 AM Worship -Fellowship Coffee	31	1 4:30 PM Worship Meeting	2 8:00 AM Men's Breakfast 4:00 PM Youth Group 4:30 PM Grief Support Group @ EUMC	3	4 10:00 AM Margaret McLean's Funeral Service @ EUMC	5
6 -9:30 AM Worship w/Holy Communion -Fellowship Coffee USD #389 School Supply Drive @ EUMC	7 12:00-2:00 PM Ministerial Alliance Food Bank @ SDAC, 1710 E. River	8	9 8:00 AM Men's Breakfast 4:00 PM Youth Group	10	11	12
13 -9:30 AM Worship -Fellowship Coffee	14 12:00-2:00 PM Ministerial Alliance Food Bank @ SDAC, 1710 E. River	15 4:30 PM Dream Team 5:30 PM Ad Council	16 8:00 AM Men's Breakfast 4:00 PM Youth Group	17 10:00 AM Eureka Nursing Center Service - Richard Myer	18	19
20 -9:30 AM Worship -Fellowship Coffee	21	22	23 8:00 AM Men's Breakfast NO United Women in Faith 4:00 PM Youth Group	24	25 SUBMIT YOUR ARTICLES	26
27 -9:30 AM Worship -Fellowship Coffee	28	29	30 8:00 AM Men's Breakfast 4:00 PM Youth Group	31	1	2



YOUTH GROUP

6th - 12th Grades

Wednesdays @ 4:00 pm
Beginning August 2nd

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