



EUREKA UMC NEWS

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PASTOR MICHAEL MILLER'S MINUTE

It's Fall. I understand that the weatherman doesn't agree, and it doesn't feel like fall yet. However, here at Eureka UMC, we are busily preparing for our Fall Activities.

We are excited to be offering two studies in addition to our ongoing quilting group. One study will be our Desert and Devotional group, which will meet monthly and be hosted by Paul and Laura Osiecki. This group will study *The Walk*, written by Adam Hamilton. We can come, fellowship over dessert, and then have a time to share in this devotional. This group will meet on the first Monday of each month at 5:30 PM.



The second group will be studying the Book of Amos from the Old Testament. While this was written twenty-five hundred years ago, it surprisingly speaks to our lives today. Bring a sack lunch and come to the church at noon on Mondays beginning September 14th.

Also, look for details about our planning meeting, where we hope to begin creating plans for our church's future. Everyone is cordially invited to attend. This meeting will be on September 14th.

I'll have more information in upcoming newsletters regarding our outreach ministries in the next edition.

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Open hearts. Open minds. Open doors.

DATE

SCRIPTURES

LITURGIST

SERMON SUBJECT

September 6

Heb. 10: 24-25; Eccl. 4: 9-12

Paul Osiecki

A Life of Presence

September 13

Acts 20: 35; 2 Cor. 9: 10-11

Mike Wisdom

A Life of Generosity

September 20

Matt. 25: 34-40; Romans 12: 1

Laura Osiecki

A Life of Service

September 27

Genesis 3: 1-24

Ron Mick

The First Promise



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UPCOMING EVENTS

Every Monday—Quilting Club meets from 9:00am to noon

Every Monday— Amos Bible Study at noon

Every Tuesday—Alcoholic Anonymous Meeting at 6:00pm

Sept 7—Monthly Dessert & Devotional at The Osiecki's Home (221 Tonkawa Trl) from 5:30 to 7:00

Sept 14—Church 5 & 10 Year Planning Meeting at 6:00pm @ EUMC

Sept 27—Annual Church Charge Conference following 11:00 Church Service

Oct 31—Trunk or Treat— Church Parking Lot at 5:30-7:30pm (K-5th grades)

Nov 3—Voting at EUMC

PRAYER REQUESTS

Becky Burns

The Curtis Family

Jo Hinshaw

Jim Jackson

Pat Kelly's

Family Member

Randy Miller

Bowen Pennington

Myrtle Pritchett

Ann Ricker

Leo Telavera

PRAYING FOR MISD TEACHERS

Charles Barham

Kimberly Berry

Jason Bottoms

Randal Flickinger

Daphane Garrett

LaAmber Gunn

Jennifer Harrington

Arron Kinney

David Mathews

Mack Payne

Brianna Snider

Courtney Spruce

Jennifer Thompson

George Torrejon

CHURCH UPDATES

- **Two New Bible Studies** are starting up this month. One is every Monday at noon (bring your bag lunch) to study Amos of the Old Testament. This will be following the Quilting Club's weekly gathering. The second Bible Study will be held the 1st Monday of every Month (Sept 7th start) at Paul & Laura Osiecki's home at 221 Tonkawa Trail starting at 5:30. We will begin with a yummy dessert and then discuss Adam Hamilton's book called *The Walk*. We will meet at the church at 5:15 and drive over together. Books are available.
- **New Electronic Sign** is becoming more real with Pastor Michael working with our DS, Dr. Mary Spradlin and our conference's Growth Group. The hope is to have it in place by yearend.
- **Church Council Meeting** on August 31 discussed The Lord's Acre letters and tickets going out to church members for the upcoming Quilt Raffle on October 31. Please have all raffle money in by Sunday, October 25. Also discussed was EUMC helping out families during the Christmas Holidays, as we have done in the past. The number of families will be provided in October.
- **5-10 Year Planning Meeting is NEW!** All are welcome to discuss the future of our Church. Let's put together ideas, plans and most important, actions to see our Church grow over the next 5-10 years. This may be the first of several meeting to discuss our future. The first meeting is on Sept. 14 at 6:00pm @ EUMC.
- **EUMC Facility Usage Agreement is NEW!** We have put in place a document for outside groups to use our facilities. This document is to protect EUMC in case of an incident while groups use our facility.
- **EUMC Annual Church Charge Conference** will be held on Sunday, September 27 following church service. Our 2027 budget will be discussed and approved along with nominations for volunteer positions within the church.
- **Did You Know?** EUMC provides the above listed MISD teachers a maroon & white prayer shawl. We have already received gratitude of thanks from the teachers!

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

John Curtis—September 1

Corrine Thompson—September 1



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METHODISM 101: THE EPWORTH YEARS

by Toni Gatlin

"Welcome to Eureka United Methodist Church!"

We're very familiar with that sentence, but there are a couple words in there that bear investigating. "Eureka" and "Church" are fairly straightforward: one's a geographic location, and one indicates a gathering of Christian believers. But what in the world is a Methodist, much less a United one?

Let's begin this series, as they say, at the beginning, with the birth of John Wesley in Epworth, England in 1703.

John Wesley (and his brother Charles--more on him in future installments!) came from a long line of English clergymen and scholars. John was the 15th and Charles the 18th of nineteen children; their mother Susanna was herself one of 25. In an era of high child mortality, of Susanna's 19 children, only ten survived infancy.

John himself nearly died at just 5 years old when his home caught fire in the middle of the night and the rest of the family escaped into the garden. As the roof threatened to collapse, flames trapped John in his room; neighbors who saw John in the window climbed atop one another to form a human ladder and rescue him just before the wooden rectory burned down altogether. This event led Susanna to refer to John as her "brand plucked from the burning," a reference to Zechariah 3:2 and an identity that John would internalize and carry throughout his life.

Samuel Wesley, John's father, was a clergyman of the Church of England who focused his energies on writing poetry and commentaries on the Scripture. As the monarch was both the head of state and the head of the Church of England, Samuel was sometimes caught up in theological and political conflict, including disagreements within his own marriage.

Before his son John was born, Samuel was appointed by Queen Mary to lead the parish of Epworth, a country town in Lincolnshire. This assignment was not a good fit and Samuel was not well liked in his parish; he was occasionally put in jail for failure to pay his constant debts, and sometimes he left the area for extended periods of time.

By contrast, Susanna was sought out by the community for spiritual guidance, holding well-attended services while Samuel was away. She also put much effort into the early spiritual mentoring and academic education of her children, making certain that her daughters were as thoroughly trained as her sons.

Even in the midst of a large household and busy parish life, Susanna set aside time each week to meet individually with each child to oversee their growth; John's hour was on Thursday, and Charles's on Saturday. Susanna was also a prolific writer on spiritual topics, though many of her documents were lost to the fire.

By the age of 11, John was sent from Epworth to boarding school 150 miles away in London, and then at 17 went up to Oxford to attend college at Christ Church. It's there that the term "Methodist" was first used, and we'll look at the Oxford years in our next newsletter.

Reflection questions:

Who were the spiritual influences in your childhood?

In what ways have your family of origin and early church community formed your faith?

What childhood experiences or "labels" given to you by others helped shape your self-perception?



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Quilting CLUB

Meets every **MONDAY** from 9:00am to Noon






TICKETS ARE SOLD THROUGH THE **MONTH OF OCTOBER**



THE WINNING TICKET IS DRAWN DURING THE **HALLOWEEN TAILGATE**



PROCEEDS GO TO *The Lord's Acre* to help pay for insurance, maintenance and other needed items.

'Sewing together for fellowship, fun and a good cause! ♥

New! ✨

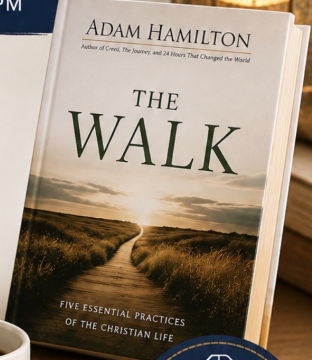
DESSERT and Devotional BIBLE STUDY

STARTING **Sept 7** | 5:30 PM

📍 *Osiecki's Home*
221 Tonkawa Trail

WE WILL BE STUDYING
Adam Hamilton's **THE WALK**





GROW IN FAITH. BUILD FRIENDSHIPS. SHARE DESSERT!

Rides FROM THE CHURCH WILL BE AVAILABLE.

All are welcome! ♥

BRING A FRIEND. COME FOR THE DESSERT. STAY FOR THE DEVOTIONAL.

For questions call 214-213-1685

ALCOHOLIC ANONYMOUS

Meeting



TUESDAYS @ 6:00 PM

Contact **CASSIE HARRIS** @ **325-998-8418**

FOR QUESTIONS

You are not alone. ♥



Mildred ISD Prayer Shawl