September Messenger 2022

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PASTOR'S CHAT
w/ Pastor Krista

Pastor's Chat September 2022

BACK TO CHURCH SUNDAY!!

Another fall is approaching! Cooler temps and pretty colors! Change happens as we approach every season in life with the outdoors and in our own lives!

September 18th is our Worship on the Green! A little change is happening – don't fret!!! The time of worship will be at 10:30 am!!

We are trying something new, and we need your help to be here and invite a neighbor, a family member or co-worker to worship with us. We will have a sack lunch to follow worship along with games (like bags and Jenga), carnival games, inflatables, and a dunk tank (with yours truly in the tank to raise $ for HVAC)!!

We will have special guests, Harvest Ministry Team from Troy, IL. Tim Price and I went to seminary together and his dad was a UM pastor as well. Tim's ministry team is part of our IGRC conference missions! Also, Matt Henson (who has been here before) is the guest preacher! Matt also went to Asbury Seminary, but I was there with his brother Jeremy! So, lots of Asbury connections for me! I pray you will find this day set aside in prayer and a blessing to motivate us for our future! We have opportunities and we need to join God where He is already working in our midst! My goal for the 18th is to have 125 people in attendance! My goal to raise HVAC money is $350!! Now that's a lot of dunks!!

Our focus is Jesus and making others aware that Jesus is Alive, and we can have fun in worship and fellowship! Please get the word out for this awesome day as it is Back to Church Sunday as well!

Let's do this together and focus on team! Pastor Krista

Endowment Grant

The Endowment Committee is now accepting applications for 2023 grants.

Capital improvement, Programs, Missions

Applications for the grants are available on the mailbox table outside the church office. The completed application must be returned by October 1st.

Worship on the Green

It's almost here… September 18, 2022 at 10:30 a.m. Worship on the Green. See page 7 for more information!

Volunteer Opportunities

A/V Team - needing people to run the audio visual equipment on Sundays and other special occasions. We supply the training!

Food Pantry - Mondays and 1 Wednesday a month and 1 Friday a month. You can come when you are available!

Altar Flower Dedications

Sept 4 - Happy 35th Anniversary!
Mark & Jennifer Hill
Sept 11 - Patti Staley
Sept 18 - Worship on the Green
Sept 25 - Happy 30th Anniversary!
Dan & Barb Son

Theresa Tracy Trot
Strive to Survive

The Theresa Tracy Trot is a fundraiser to fight pancreatic cancer. They have regular fundraisers throughout the year, lots of food and fun!

Friday, September 2nd 11:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.
Saturday, September 3rd 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
Metamora IGA, Pork chop stand

Saturday, September 10th
Dodgeball Tournament at Eastside

Monday, September 19th 5:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.
Pizza Ranch, Morton

Choir Practice

Choir practice is on Mondays at 6:00 p.m. If you have not sung with us before, but would like to join, we would love to have you!

Committee Meetings

Outreach Committee: Thursday, Sept. 1 @ 5:30 p.m. in B1
Trustee Committee: Thursday, Sept. 8 @ 6:00 p.m. in B1
Finance Committee: Tuesday, Sept. 13 @ 2:00 p.m. via Zoom
Learning Center Board: Thursday Sept. 15 @ 6:00 p.m. in B1

UMWomen

Sept 11 - UMW Sunday
Sep 19 - District Fall Gathering
Bethel UMC
8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
Sept 27 - General Meeting / Fall Gathering
Ehrett Hall
5:30 p.m.
Men invited.

IGRC Charge Conference

Our 2022 Charge Conference will be held at Morton United Methodist Church on Sunday, October 16th, 3:00 - 5:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend but only members of the church council or administrative board or leadership team can vote.

Friends for Mission Breakfast

The Friends for Mission Breakfast is on the 2nd Sunday of the month, September 11th. Come have a delicious breakfast and support this important mission outreach.

Churchwide Special Sundays

October 2, 2022
World Communion Sunday

November 27, 2022
United Methodist Student Day Sunday

Kid's Club

Wednesday, September 14th is the start of Kid's Club. We had so much fun last school year! And have bigger plans for this school year! Tell all of your Pre-K - 5th graders! Let us teach your kids about Jesus in a fun and safe environment! We have games, crafts, story time and so much more!

Keep Up the Good Work Buying Those Gift Cards

Although we do not send in an order every week, we do keep some common gift cards on hand at the church for you to receive immediately. Some as low as $10 and others has high as $100. These include but not limited to:

Amazon
Bass Pro
Bed, Bath, & Beyond
Best Buy
Cracker Barrel
CVS
Dunkin'
Home Depot
Kohl's
Logan's Roadhouse
Lowes
Olive Garden/Longhorn Steakhouse
Panera
Starbucks
Steak 'n Shake
Subway
Texas Roadhouse
Ulta
Walgreens
Walmart

Think about giving a gift card for birthdays, anniversaries, thank yous or just because! You can purchase these during office hours and every Sunday morning before and after Worship Service. If we do not have on hand what you want, we would be happy to order them for you.

You can also shop online with your computers, tablets, and smartphones. Setup an account online at raiseright.com or use the RaiseRight app. But for us to earn money from your orders, you must sign up using our code: 9UHF1C8DBCUB All online orders will have an $8.75 shipping charge to send to you. You can save the shipping charge if you request your order to be included in our bulk order and then they will ship to the church. There is a small percentage transaction charge with online orders.

If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact Jennie Reeves at 309-256-7893.

Coffee & Conversation

Join us for Coffee and Conversation a fellowship opportunity with our parishioners, brought to you by the Education Committee. We encourage everyone on Sundays after Worship Service to come to Ehrett Hall and grab a drink. We have a theme of the day that we can discuss as a group. Each week there will be a different theme.

Small Adult Group Bible Study

In September there are several small group opportunities coming up. Not all specifics have been decided on. Please contact the instructor with any questions and/or to sign up for the class, or call the Office at 309-699-5417

Jennie Reeves
Women of the Bible
Beginning September 22nd
2nd & 4th Thursday at 2:00 p.m.

Phil Minear & Team of Teachers
Sundays following Worship beginning September 25th at 10:00 a.m.

Lynn Heisel
Psalms for Seniors - an 8 week study
Wednesday Oct 5th at 10:30 am

Ron Edwards
A Book of the Bible & Conversation
Sunday 8:00 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.

Danette Wetterauer
Wednesday evenings at 6:00 p.m.
beginning Sept 21st
Sharing Your Life Through Christ using photographs
MORE INFO TO COME!

Healing Hearts Ministry

We are fortunate to have a group willing to visit home and nursing home/ assisted living persons of our congregation. We have met with Pastor Krista, and she shared her guidance for the visitors and instructed us in her communion preferences. Our persons are beginning to visit. If you have family or friends that need visits, please let Pastor Krista know their contact information.

Operation Shoebox

September items needed - crayons
Medium girls t-shirts

October items needed - pencil sharpeners
Coloring books

Sunday Worship Services

- Are you unable to attend our Sunday Worship Service in person but would love to be able to watch it every week?
- Did you attend and would like to see it again?

Our weekly Worship Service is broadcast live to our Facebook page and remains there even after the Worship Service ends. The service is also available on YouTube and our website. We even create DVD copies of the service if you can't access it online.
If you have any questions about how to access these various platforms, please contact the Church office.

Church Info via Facebook

We are promoting the church and some church-wide events on our Facebook Page and in our Facebook Group. The name of our page and group is the same: East Peoria First United Methodist Church. If you have not yet 'liked" our Facebook page, please do so and "follow" us also. This will assure that you will be notified of our various posts and events. **Also, please "share" our posts and events with your friends and help promote the great happenings of our church.** If you are not yet a member of our Facebook group, please "join" our group.

Reporting a New Address

Have you moved? Please call the office at 309-699-5417 and let us know your new address.

NEW ADDRESS

Jerry & Janet Berkley
832 Oakwood Road
East Peoria, IL 61611

Hearing Assistance Units

If you have trouble hearing the sermon or any other part of the church service or events in the Sanctuary, we have Hearing Assistance units to help you. Please see the sound system attendant if you would like to use one.

If you are in the Hospital

With privacy laws, the Church is often not told about you being hospitalized. We call the hospitals every morning, but even if you specify that we be informed of your hospitalization we often are not told. **Please call us** or have a relative or friend notify the Church. We want to know when you are ill. We want to be praying for you as you are hospitalized.

LOST AND FOUND ITEMS

The lost and found is in the office. Stop in and pick up your belongings. We keep lost & found items for 3 months and if not claimed, we give away through the Food Pantry.

Gray sweatshirt with snaps
Silver rim prescription glasses
Brown rim reading glasses
Diamond stud earring

The Wired Word

A great study/growth opportunity is the Wired Word. This is a self-study that is emailed to you every week (usually on Thursdays) addressing current issues from a Biblical perspective. Email the Church office at epfumc@comcast.net and you will be added to the list.

Church Office Hours

The Church office is open
Monday through Thursday from
8:00.m. - 4:00p.m. and
Friday from 8:00a.m. - noon.

Your Church Staff

Rev. Krista Price, Directing Pastor
(217) 549-4544

Terri Bridges, Office Manager
e-mail: epfumc@comcast.net

Vicki Cox, Choir Director

Ryan Klaus, Pianist/Organist

Pastor Krista would like to find some creative people that would like to team up to decorate and donate a tree from the Church! Please let Pastor Krista or the office know if you would like to volunteer your creativity. If you would like this email, with active links, please contact the office and Terri will forward the email to you.

THE BABY FOLD'S
FESTIVAL of TREES

Hello, Auction Item Donors.

It's hard to believe that it's August! Back to school time always makes us think ahead to The Baby Fold's Festival of Trees. We hope you're already planning and designing amazing holiday items for this year's silent auction!

This year's Festival of Trees will truly be special as we commemorate the 120th anniversary of The Baby Fold. We look forward to celebrating the organization's 12 decades of devotion to kids and community.

As you know, the Festival of Trees has always been an important fundraiser for The Baby Fold, and we truly appreciate your auction item donations each year. Your support of this event helps fund the important work taking place daily in our schools and offices, as well as in homes throughout the state. We've made a couple of updates to this year's Festival of Trees in order to be better stewards of The Baby Fold's resources. Those updates were included in a letter mailed to our designers this past spring. If you'd like to review it, you can read a copy of it online.

We wanted to remind you, too, that the Auction Item Donor Manual is also available for review on the website.

Important Links

Application to design a 7-foot tree
Form to purchase a 7-foot or 4-foot tree to decorate (Please do not purchase a 7-foot tree until your application has been approved.)

Auction Item Donor Registration Form

Auction Item Description Form

Mark your calendar for these important dates and deadlines:

October 8: Join us at Jeffrey Alan's at 10 a.m. for our annual workshop. Registration is required and it's available at the bottom of the Auction Item Donor Registration Form.
October 31: All Auction Item Donor Registration Forms and all Auction Item Description Forms must be completed by 11:59 p.m. Items submitted after October 31, or items submitted with incomplete information, will be held for next year's Festival.

- **November 17 - 19:** Join us for the Festival of Trees! The auction is open these days.

Thank you for your continued support!
Best,
Jessica, Emily, and the Enchanted Forest Committee

Worship on the Green
September 18th 10:30am

Bring your lawn chairs,
come sit in the beautiful outdoors
and enjoy the Worship on the Green Service.

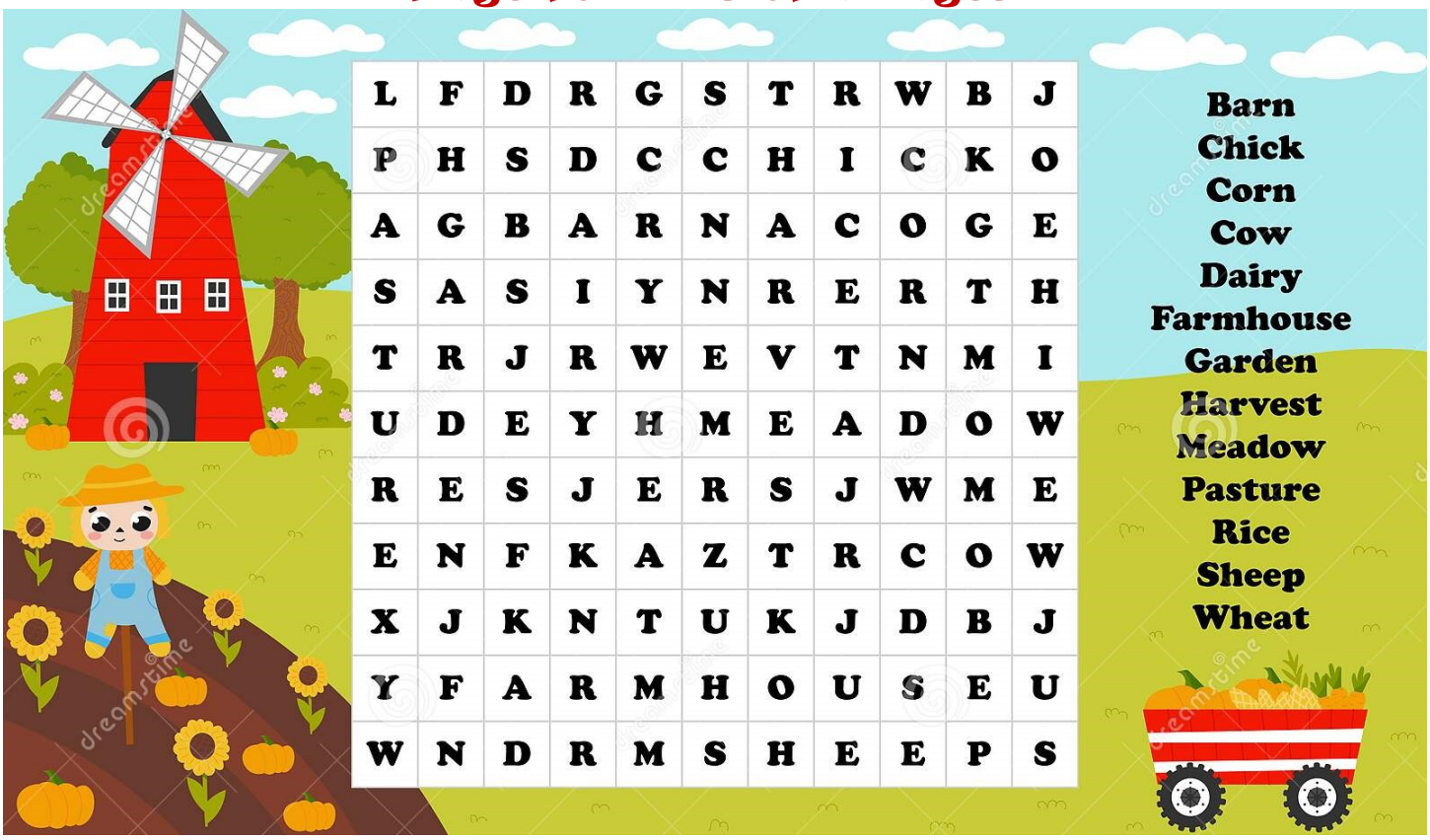
Meet our Speaker for Worship on the Green **Matt Henson:**
An energetic, dynamic, vision-casting adventurer for Jesus is one of the best ways to describe Rev. Matt Henson. Matt brings a fresh perspective and energy to the church and his ministry. He specializes in Evangelistic Preaching, Mission Experiences, Healing/ Reconciliation Ministry, and Youth/Young Adult Ministry, using his experience and passion to proclaim the message of Jesus Christ to all people.

Meet our Worship Leaders for
Worship on the Green.
Tim Price is the director of **Harvest Ministry:**
Harvest is a God glorifying non-profit mission ministry based in Troy, IL with a mission to GO OUT to sing and serve and to RAISE UP the next generation of disciples and ministry leaders. Since 1996 Harvest has led worship for conferences, churches, camps and ministry events.

After the Service take some time to fellowship with others while enjoying a Picnic Sack Lunch. While you are enjoying your fellowship time, we have a few activities planned for the children to enjoy.

Upcoming Event

Page for kids of all ages



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Chick
Corn
Cow
Dairy
Farmhouse
Garden
Harvest
Meadow
Pasture
Rice
Sheep
Wheat

Help the worm find its way out!

In Our Prayers

In the Hospital in the Past Month
Terry LaConte, Betty Stull

Fighting Cancer
Halle Bloom, Julie Jenkins, Pam Riley, Mark Gill, Sherry Throckmorton, Mary Mallory, Lynne Barker, Brian Engles, Rob Calder II, Katie Bishop, Sandy Crawford, Larry Purfield, Joette Blakesley, Gary Fargher, Norman Clark (asbestosis), Pat Gales, Merry Eccles, Mike Williams (Becky Emerson's nephew), Nancy Brooks, Debbie, Len Brockman, Francis Schumacher

Needing Prayer
Please pray for victory over COVID-19, our dear Church family who are struggling, and all who are unemployed, shut-in, those who are struggling with flu/colds, those who are grieving, all governmental leaders, those who are serving in our military, the youth and all caregivers.

Prolonged Illness / Challenges
Steve Darrah, Nancy Riddle, Betty Rabold, Margaret Johnston, Rev. Stan Haxton, Bonnie Lourash, Margaret Sides, Gail Morger, Beth Ball, Jim Spicher, Fred Darrah, Steve Smith RJ & Mike Wilbanks

Long Term Care / Assisted Living
Mary Daniel, Jeanine Franks, Katy Gnehm, Marge Wakeman, Julie Story

Military Service Members
Joe Rizzo (Air National Guard), Brad Wheeler (Air Force), Ryan Webb (Army), Jared Koch (Air Force)

September Birthdays

Sept 2	Marilyn Elward
Sept 3	Rich Gafford
Sept 5	Ernestine Dellaca 95
Sept 5	Cara Walker
Sept 6	Sharon Crawford
Sept 9	Jerry LaConte
Sept 9	Terry LaConte
Sept 9	Phil Minear
Sept 9	Lois Palmer
Sept 10	Chad McBrayer
Sept 11	Terry Smith
Sept 11	Erika Whitaker
Sept 13	Becky Emerson
Sept 14	Charlotte McBrayer
Sept 16	Abby Wheeler
Sept 20	Jack Ellingsworth
Sept 20	Julie Story
Sept 21	Ruth Cole
Sept 21	Ashley Hubbard
Sept 21	Regina Walker
Sept 22	Nancy Briggs
Sept 22	RJ Wilbanks
Sept 22	Jeanne Witherell 91
Sept 23	Gilbert Cruz
Sept 24	Jim Frey
Sept 25	Steve Emerson
Sept 27	Rosey Astle
Sept 27	Shirley Carlson
Sept 27	Jerry Moore
Sept 27	Charles Newlan
Sept 28	Sofia Munoz
Sept 29	Kenneth Meischner

Wishing you happiness
to welcome each morning,
Wishing you laughter
to make your heart sing
Wishing you friendship,
sharing and caring.
And all of the joy
a Birthday can bring.

Happy Birthday!

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 5:30 PM Outreach Meeting - B1 7:00 PM Singles-Ehrett	2	3
4 9:00 AM Worship 6:00 PM Youth Group	5 1:00 PM -3:00 PM Food Pantry 5:30 PM -8:30 PM BS & CS Pack 27 (Ehrett, Hosp, B1) 6:00 PM Choir Practice	6	7 10:30 AM -11:00 AM Leap of Faith Chapel Time 12:00 PM --REFRESH 6:30 PM -8:30 PM Puppets for Jesus - Ehrett Hall	8 10:00 AM E.P. Women - Ehrett Hall 7:00 PM Singles-Ehrett	9 5:00 PM Leap of Faith - Parents Night Out - Ehrett Hall	10 4:00 PM -6:00 PM Kitchen reserved for breakfast prep
11 9:00 AM Worship 6:00 PM Youth Group **Friends for Mission Breakfast**	12 1:00 PM -3:00 PM Food Pantry 5:00 PM Bells Practice 5:30 PM -8:30 PM BS & CS Pack 27 (Ehrett, Hosp, B1) 6:00 PM Choir Practice 6:15 PM -8:00 PM 4-H Meeting - 2nd Floor	13 2:00 PM Finance Meeting - Zoom 5:30 PM Worship Committee Meeting - B1	14 12:00 PM --REFRESH 6:30 PM -8:30 PM Puppets for Jesus - Ehrett Hall	15 10:30 AM -11:00 AM Leap of Faith - Chapel Time 6:00 PM Learning Center Board Meeting - B1 6:00 PM Trustee Meeting 7:00 PM Singles-Ehrett	16 12:00 PM Leap of Faith - Grandparents Day - Ehrett Hall	17
18 10:30 AM Worship on the Green 11:30 AM Community Picnic 6:00 PM Youth Group	19 1:00 PM -3:00 PM Food Pantry 5:00 PM Bells Practice 5:30 PM -8:30 PM BS & CS Pack 27 (Ehrett, Hosp, B1) 6:00 PM Choir Practice	20 6:00 PM Ad Council Meeting - B1	21 9:00 AM -12:00 PM District Committee Training Session - Ehrett Hall 9:00 AM -4:00 PM Leap of Faith - Fall Kid's Fun Day 12:00 PM --REFRESH 6:00 PM Small Group Bible Study - Back of Sanctuary 6:30 PM -8:30 PM Puppets for Jesus - Ehrett Hall	22 2:00 PM Small Group Bible Study - B1 7:00 PM Singles-Ehrett	23	24 10:00 AM -3:00 PM Leap of Faith Vendor Fair
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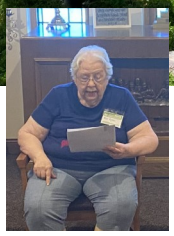
Our Church in Pictures



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Worship Schedule

9:00 a.m. Sunday Worship Service

12:00 p.m. Wednesday REFRESH