

# Pathways

News from the Eureka Springs United Methodist Church

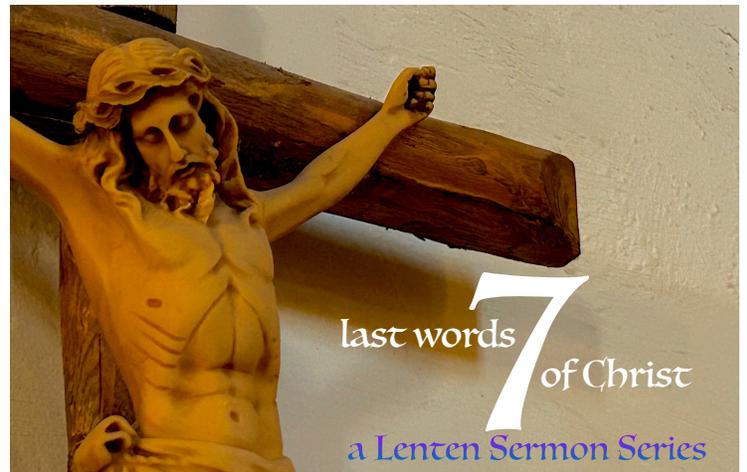
A Joyful Community of Faith, loving God by  
serving all people including the least, the last, and  
the lost.



1st of March 2026

## 2nd Sunday in Lent

As of this writing Bill Featherstone is in the hospital after suffering a massive stroke; the doctors do not expect him to make it. I want to share something about Bill: back when the Pandemic hit and the world shut-down, it did feel as though things were ending. The days, the weeks, and the months that lay before us were uncertain and fearful. It was a few days into this crisis I received a challenge from a very generous donor — “What could you do to save your community if I gave you a grant?” This seemed like an impossible challenge, so I turned to three people I knew weren’t bothered by the impossible — Kim Stryker, Martie Davis, and Bill Featherstone. “Are we talking several hundred dollars or several thousand?” he asked. “I’m talking tens of thousands if we can come up with an idea.” They went to work and created Answering the Call. Bill immediately challenged the community to match the grant dollar for dollar and quickly did so. What we thought would run out in months turned into years as he continually raised money. He often delivered the food whenever I called upon him, no matter the day or night. He even purchased extra food out of his own pocket if he thought the situation was dire enough. Later on he recruited and organized our delivery drivers for the Mobile Pantry, and used his own money to advertise across social media programs to get the information to as many people as he could. As I sat with Connie



on Monday she shared with me there was a coat he had ordered from Amazon sitting on her kitchen table. Bill had heard a woman talk about she had no winter clothing. He was all set to deliver it to her on Wednesday. Bill worked every-single delivery and mobile pantry, showing up in his shorts even with snow on the ground. He was generous and loved this community of Eureka Springs. He often shared stories and jokes, making the time go by a little faster, and he was always ready to solve the world’s problems even if he was also a little frustrating. Please hold Connie and his two children in your prayers.

# The Gathering

## Order of Worship

Janet Arnett, Lay Minister  
Jubilee Ringers conducted by Beverly Beard  
Patricia Taylor, Pianist  
Jess Wade, Chancel Choir

Join us in-person or via our Livestream that is broadcast thru our Facebook Page, our website <[lovespokenhere.org](http://lovespokenhere.org)>, or our YouTube Channel!

9:55 ~ Announcements

**Sunday, 1st of March, 2026**

**Ushers:** Mike Shomaker & Gary Johnson **Communion Stewards:** Jean Reed, Mike Reed, Susan Reed, Paul Gandy  
**Offering Counters:** Janet Arnett, Dan Bell

### We Gather to Worship

Welcome

A Lenten Candle Ritual

by Pam Steinke

Opening Song

"Jesus Remember Me"

page 488 UMC Hymnal

Prayers of the Congregation & Our Lord's Prayer

Janet Arnett, Lay Minister

### **Songs of the People**

"God Made From One Blood" page 2170 Faith We Sing  
"Jesus Walked this Lonesome Valley" page 2112 Faith We Sing



### We Listen for God's Word

A reading from the the Epistle of Genesis 29:31-30:24  
Thanks be to God for the gift of the scriptures  
THANKS BE TO GOD!

### **"Peace I Leave With You"**

*By Walter Pelz*

The Jubilee Ringers

A Video Reflection — "Nothing Can Separate Us"

### **"Seven Last Words: Woman, Here is Your Son....here is your Mother**

Families Aren't Nuclear

Rev Blake Lasater

### We Give & Receive Love

#### **Remembrance of our Baptism, a Liturgy of Compassion**

#### **Holy Communion**

(We believe in the Open Table, all are welcome at God's table. We take Communion by 'Intinction', simply break off a piece of the bread and dip it in the cup, or you may wish to use our gluten free station on the altar.)

#### **Sending Song**

**"Spirit Song"** Page 288 UMC Hymnal

#### **Benediction**

*(The words of Blessing that send us forth into the world to be the hands and feet of Christ to a broken world)*

*\*please stand if you are able*

## Caregivers Support Group

Caregivers Support Group meets each month on the **second Tuesday at 1:00 pm** in the church library. Join other Caregivers to gain information, share ideas, problem solve, and support each other. Facilitated by Brandi Schneider, LMSW.

## Widow(er)s Support Group

Our support group for Widow(er)s meets at the church library at **Noon** on the **first and third Wednesdays** of each month. If you grieve, you don't have to grieve alone. This is such a loving, encouraging, and supportive group of people. You will feel welcome and cared for. There are occasional luncheon outings, particularly on the 5th Wednesdays of months.

## Parkinson's Disease Support Group

A support group for people with Parkinson's and their Caregivers meets the **first Wednesday** of each month in the church library at **10 am**. This is open to anyone in the community.

## Bible Study Wednesdays

Pastor-led bible studies are on **Wednesday evenings at 6 PM**. We are doing a deep dive into the book of Revelation, learning what it is and isn't, and hopefully rescuing it from the kooks who have turned it into their own personal book of prophecy.

## Shower & Laundry Ministry

Our church showers are open to men and women so they can freshen up, do a load of laundry, and be ready for a job interview, medical appointment, or just a chance to be clean. Showers are available **Monday and Wednesdays, 9 AM till 1:00 PM**. Volunteers are needed, flexible scheduling.

**Needed Winter Items:** Small propane tanks for outdoor cooking camp stoves, thermal mens underwear (medium & large), men's hoodies/jackets, gloves, beanies, wool soft granola bars, multi-packs oatmeal. Thank you to all who have dropped off items.

## Church Warming Center

Our warming shelter for women and children when the temperature is 9 degrees or below. Clients can check in from 4:30 PM-8:00 PM. We need volunteers (minimum of two each night) who are able to stay overnight; you can also schedule a 4-6 hour shift, perhaps serve a meal. Blake will post on FB when the shelter is open. Please consider signing up for this very important life saving ministry. Questions: Blake 479.426.2547

## Save the Dates! Important Happenings in the Life of ESUMC

Get Involved!  
Make New Friends  
Make a Difference  
Serve Others

**Mobile Food Pantry** church parking lot the **2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month**. Cars start lining up at 7:30 AM and we distribute until the food runs out, typically within 45 minutes. If you are homebound and do not have a friend or neighbor who can pick up for you, contact Bill Featherstone (479.981.1991) by Noon on Mondays to be added to our very limited delivery schedule.

**United Women in Faith:** **February 15**, meet following Sunday service, Library  
**February 21, Saturday 11 AM - 3 PM Women's Soul Care Retreat** Refresh, Restore, Renew; Fellowship Hall  
**March 15**, meet following Sunday service, Library

**Lay Servant Ministries Training, Saturday, April 11 9-4:30 PM, REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS FRIDAY, APRIL 3**

**Jubilee Ringers Practice, Wednesdays 4:30-6 PM, Sanctuary**

**Ozarks Chorale Rehearsals** Tuesdays, from 6-8 PM in Fellowship Hall

**Eureka! Quilters** meet in Fellowship Hall the **2nd Wednesday of each month** for conversation, information and lunch. Open to all skill levels

**Yoga 9-10 am Tuesdays** in Fellowship Hall, \$8. All are welcome

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## Transportation Ministry Drivers Needed

We have a Transportation Ministry through the generosity of a donor who gifted the church with a Nissan Murano for the designated purpose of providing transportation to the least, the lost, and the last so they can get to various medical, dental, eye appointments. If you would like to be part of this ministry, please contact us 479.253.8987 or [EsumcInfo@gmail.com](mailto:EsumcInfo@gmail.com)

When we get a request an email goes out to the volunteer driver team with dates, times, location and client name. If you are available to take that appointment, you respond to the email accordingly and I make the arrangements. You will be so blessed serving in this role, and meeting some of these amazing people. We could really use a few more volunteers for this ministry. Thank you.

## Church Columbarium

We are excited to announce that the church is going to install a Columbarium in the Prayer Garden. Each niche will accommodate two urns at \$1,200. There are 48 niches. Columbaria Contracts are located in the literature rack near the narthex desk. You can pick up a contract at the church office or call for more details. There is also a link on our website where you can download a contract form.

## Lay Servant Ministries One-Day Training

**Intro to Lay Servant Ministries Training, Saturday, April 11 9-4:30 PM** onsite ESUMC, **REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS FRIDAY, APRIL 3!** We are so excited to be able to nurture and develop up to 15 people as Lay Servants to support our church ministries in meaningful service within the church and local community. This training will provide you with tools for servant leadership rooted in spiritual practices. Jay Parker will be our facilitator in partnership with the AR UMConference. There is a \$15 fee for course book materials, scholarships are available. Lunch will be served. Follow this link to register: <http://lay-servant-ministries-feb-2026.raiselysite.com>

Questions: Jay 620.717.3790; jayp.onthego@gmail.com Or Karen at [LSM@arumc.org](mailto:LSM@arumc.org)

## Prayer Tree Ministry

Prayer Tree Link: We are implementing a confidential Prayer Tree Ministry to our tool box of ways we can support others. If you are interested, please follow this link below to sign up. Part of the sign up process is a short assessment which will identify your spiritual gifts as referred to in 1 Corinthians 12: 4-11, Romans 12:6.

<https://forms.gle/FUtqb9QuPNvJj1g7A>

## Church Financials

	<u>January</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Giving:	\$ 26,614	\$ 26,614
Expenses:	\$ 12,309	\$ 12,309

\*Fiscal year begins July 1



United  
Women  
in Faith

**Standing with Our Neighbors ~ For over 150 years,** Methodist women have been at the forefront of social change, advocating for issues that are central to our calling as women of faith. Methodist women have responded to the scriptures that command us to see Jesus in "the least of these". The Eureka Springs United Women in Faith reaffirm our commitment to the UMC Charter for Racial Justice and we affirm that all residents of Carroll County – regardless of immigration status – are beloved children of God, created in God's own image. We stand with our neighbors. **United Women in Faith believe that love in action can change the world.**

## Old Cell Phones

If you happen to have an old cell phone (doesn't need to be working) that you no longer need, it would be quite beneficial to our homeless clients. Susan Reed through Cup of Love has been working to help get them low cost or free phone service.

# March

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2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
<b>"Family, It Ain't a Nuclear Thing"</b> Church Youth Room Ozarks Chorale 6 PM FHall	AI-Anon 10 AM Church Youth Room Ozarks Chorale 6 PM FHall	Yoga 9-10 FHall AI-Anon Noon Church Youth Room	Parkinsons Support 10 AM Library Widow(er)s Support Noon Jubilee Ringers 4:30 Bible Study 6 PM	AI-Anon 10 AM Church Youth Room		
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<b>"Thirsty, Hungry, &amp; Afraid"</b> Spring Forward, Daylight Saving Time begins  Texas A&M here thru the 14th	AI-Anon 10 AM Church Youth Room Ozarks Chorale 6 PM FHall	Yoga 9-10 FHall AI-Anon Noon Eureka! Quilters 11-1:30 FHall Church Youth Room Caregivers Support 1 PM Library	Mobile Pantry 8 AM Jubilee Ringers 4:30 Bible Study 6 PM	AI-Anon 10 AM Church Youth Room		Texas A&M Springbreak volunteers working at Turpentine Creek Wildlife Refuge leave today
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<b>"Abandoned, Forgotten, Neglected"</b>  UWFaith after Service Library	AI-Anon 10 AM Church Youth Room Ozarks Chorale 6 PM FHall	Yoga 9-10 FHall AI-Anon Noon Church Youth Room  Saint Patrick's Day	Widow(er)s Support Noon Jubilee Ringers 4:30 Bible Study 6 PM	AI-Anon 10 AM Church Youth Room		UWF Soul Care Retreat 11-3 PM FHall
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<b>"Trust and Obey"</b> Church Youth Room Ozarks Chorale 6 PM FHall	AI-Anon 10 AM Church Youth Room Ozarks Chorale 6 PM FHall	Yoga 9-10 FHall AI-Anon Noon Church Youth Room	Mobile Pantry 8 AM Jubilee Ringers 5 PM Bible Study 6 PM	AI-Anon 10 AM Church Youth Room		
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PALM SUNDAY Chancel Choir Cantata	AI-Anon 10 AM Church Youth Room Ozarks Chorale 6 PM FHall	Yoga 9-10 FHall AI-Anon Noon Church Youth Room	Widow(er)s Support Noon Jubilee Ringers 4:30 Bible Study 6 PM	AI-Anon 10 AM Church Youth Room  Maundy Thursday 6 PM		
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Sunrise Outdoor Worship Service 8:30 AM  EASTER SUNDAY 10 AM	AI-Anon 10 AM Church Youth Room Ozarks Chorale 6 PM FHall	Yoga 9-10 FHall AI-Anon Noon Church Youth Room	Mobile Pantry 8 AM Jubilee Ringers 4:30 Bible Study 6 PM			

