

the season of

Kingdomtide

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.

3rd of August 2025

Ah August. School is back in session and we begin looking forward to the fall and cooler temperatures. The 8th month of year was originally called “Sextillis”, as it was in the year 753 BC the 6th month, but in 700 BC the two months of January and February were added to the calendar year, causing August to be the 8th month. It was renamed “August” in 14 BC to honor the Roman Emperor, Caesar Augustus, or Octavian. Octavian picked this month because this was the month when he won nearly all his important battles with the capture of Egypt and death of Cleopatra being his most consequential victory, giving Rome the ancient kingdom of Egypt. It is also the month Augustus would die in — the 19th of August. August is also the 80th anniversary of America dropping the Atomic Bomb on Hiroshima and Nagasaki, heralding a new age in warfare. The bomb probably saved tens of millions of lives as an invasion of the Japanese homeland might. For 80 years we have been able to keep a nuclear peace thru mutual assured destruction and the signing of arms control treaties. Yet today we are watching as nation after nation seeks to learn how to split the atom. We perhaps live in a more dangerous age than at any time during the Cold War. The Japanese have two memorials to these catastrophic events. A reminder of the horrifying destruction the atomic bomb unleashed. In 79 AD Mount Vesuvius erupts burying the town of Pompeii beneath tons of ash — it would be until the 1800s when it would be uncovered again. For the Romans and early Christians this was the worst natural disaster that could be imagined, and it would provide lots of imagery for the Bibles’ apocalyptic imagery — mountains crumbling into the sea, sun and moon refusing to shine, the earth trembling, people disappearing. And for you ladies, the 19th Amendment passed 105 years ago on the 18th, giving you the right to vote. On the 2nd, Wild Bill Hickok was killed during a poker game; he was holding the dead man’s hand. Do you know what it was?



The Gathering

Order of Worship

Janet Arnett, Lay Speaker
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>, or our YouTube Channel!

9:55 ~ Announcements

Sunday, 3rd of August, 2025

Ushers: Gary Johnson & Jonathon Streety **Communion Stewards:** Janet Arnett, Dave & Martie Davis, Paul Gandy

Offering Counters: Janet Arnett, Dan Bell

We Gather to Worship

Greeting

Kingdomtide Opening

"Thy Word is a Lamp Unto My Feet"

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Community Prayer

Janet Arnett, Lay Minister

Our Lord's Prayer

Songs of Celebration

"When God Restored our Common Life" page 2182 Faith We Sing
"Wonderful Words of Life" page 600 UMC Hymnal

The Prayer of Illumination

a reading from the Gospel of Mark 4:1-12

Thanks be to God for the gift of the Scriptures

Thanks be to God!

"Thou Art God"

Arr: Lionel Bourne

Cathy Hansen

A Video Reflection — "Waterfalls"



Mark: the beginning of the Good News

"Secrets"

Rev Blake Lasater

We Give & Receive Love

Remembrance of our Baptism

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)

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. Questions? Call Peggy Way 479.253.1583 Masks are optional.

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!

Exploring the New Testament

We are exploring the New Testament thru a series of lectures from the Great Courses called, "Understanding the New Testament" by Dr David Brakke. This will take up about thirty minutes, and then we'll spend 30 minutes discussing the topics he raises. We meet **Wednesdays in the church library at 6 PM**. All are welcome to attend.

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.**

Youth Group

The Youth Group will resume in the fall. Thank you to all the volunteers who kept this group together, inspired, and learning. Your ministry is very much appreciated. If you would like be a part of the youth group volunteers, please contact Candis at 55.368.1012. Thank you.

Save the Dates!

Important Happenings in the Life of ESUMC

Get Involved!

Make New Friends

Make a Difference

Mobile Food Pantry church parking lot the **2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month**. Cars start lining up at 8:45 AM and we distribute until the food runs out, typically within an hour. If you are homebound and do not have a friend or neighbor who can pick up for you, call the church by Noon on Mondays to be added to our very limited delivery schedule.

Youth Group resumes in mid September. Let Candis know if you would like to be part of the youth leadership team.

Eureka! Quilters meet in Fellowship Hall the **2nd Wednesday of each month** for conversation, information and lunch. A great group of men & women quilters, open to all skill levels. Thank you for the recent contribution of 24 beautiful hand made quilts that were delivered to local non-profit groups!

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

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Transportation Ministry Drivers Needed

The church has a **Nissan Murano** (thanks to the generosity of a church member) for the designated purpose of providing transportation to the least, the lost, and the last who do not have means to get to various medical/dental appointments in Carroll County. If you would like to be part of this ministry, please contact us 479.253.8987 or EsfumcInfo@gmail.com and we will add your name to the list. 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. This is a great way to serve the least, the last, and the lost. 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 Library Chapter & Verse

Several of the retired books from the United Women in Faith reading program are available in the church library. **Escape from Slavery : The True Story of My Ten Years in Captivity and My Journey to Freedom in America (B/Bok) is an autobiography by Francis Bok.** At age seven Bok was kidnapped in southern Sudan and moved north, enslaved to rich Muslim farmers for the next ten years. After three more years of prison and refugee camps, UN officials granted him passage to the United States. He is now an anti-slavery activist who works to combat world slavery.

Church Finances

	<u>June</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Giving:	\$16,335.01	\$142,070.64
Expenses:	\$32,143.15	\$175,864.92

Annual Church Yard Sale

We will hold our annual church yard sale in conjunction with the War Eagle Craft Fair taking place on **October 16-18, 2025. SAVE THE DATE!** Clean, good working donations are accepted during office hours, including tools, furniture, furnishings, sporting goods, etc. We do not accept clothing items; those can be donated to Echo Thrift Store.



United
Women
in Faith

Women continue to be at the forefront of seeking justice for all. Our faith and hope in God demand that we, as God's co-creators, be advocates of policies that support gender equity, social justice, human rights and creation care. Jesus demonstrated advocacy for the vulnerable and challenged unjust systems. We know what is right in the eyes of God. **United Women in Faith - we believe that love in action can change the world.**

August

2025

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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Gospel of Mark: Healings, Miracles, & Exorcisms, Oh My!	AI-Anon 10 AM/Mixed	Yoga 9-10 AM AI-Anon 10 AM Mixed	Widow(er)s Outing Jubilee Ringers 5 PM Bible Study 6 PM library	AI-Anon 10 AM/Mixed		
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Gospel of Mark: Secrets	AI-Anon 10 AM/Mixed Apostle Paul Beheaded in Rome 67 AD	Yoga 9-10 AM AI-Anon 10 AM Mixed	Widow(er)s Group Noon Library Jubilee Ringers 5 PM Bible Study 6 PM library Atomic Bombing of Hiroshima	AI-Anon 10 AM/Mixed Estate Planning Workshops ?'s Call Peggy 479.253.1583		Atomic Bomb dropped on Nagasaki
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Gospel of Mark: Sandwiches	AI-Anon 10 AM/Mixed	Yoga 9-10 AM AI-Anon 10 AM Mixed Caregivers Group 1 PM Library	Mobile Pantry 8-10 Eureka! Quilters 11-1:30 PM Jubilee Ringers 5 PM Bible Study 6 PM	AI-Anon 10 AM Mixed 80th Anniversary of V-J Day Eureka! Quilters'	Death of Mary, mother of Jesus 41 AD Retreat Fellowship Hall & Kitchen	
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Gospel of Mark: Jesus Loses an Argument	AI-Anon 10 AM/Mixed 19th Amendment Ratified!	Yoga 9-10 AM AI-Anon Mixed 10 Leadership Team meeting 5 PM Death of Caesar Augustus, 14 AD	Widow(er)s Group Noon Library Jubilee Ringers 5 PM Bible Study 6 PM library	AI-Anon 10 AM/Mixed		
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