

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.

Independence

the season of
Kingdomtide

6th of July 2025

Happy Independence Day “Weekend”! 249 years ago we declared our independence from Great Britain boldly believing that all were created equal and have the right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. Our Revolution would take many hard-fought years and a great number of sacrifices before freedom could ring throughout our land. This current year - 2025 - we are celebrating the 250th anniversary of our Army, Navy, and Marines. That’s right, before our Declaration of Independence came the story of our armed forces heroically laying down their lives for the love of their fellow man and for the belief in our ideals of liberty and justice. We recently celebrated the Army’s birthday, and the Navy will celebrate theirs in October, and the Marines in November. These brave men and women would defeat Britain and go on to defeat rebellious slave owners seeking to tear our nation apart. They would fight in two world wars, defending freedom around the world, and they are stationed around the world in numerous countries now standing the long watch over freedom. As a nation we have much to be proud of, but that doesn’t mean we don’t have work to do. We have also made many mistakes in our history that still reverberate across the ages. Owning

up to those mistakes is not unpatriotic, but a fulfillment of our hopes and dreams of freedom. One of the hymns we sing today is called, “America the Beautiful” - that almost became our national anthem. It is written as a prayer for what our great nation could become if we strove to live up the promises of freedom. America is a work in progress, always sacrificing to make for a more perfect Union and extending life, liberty, and prosperity to all. I am a very proud American, but I also know my true citizenship is in God’s Kingdom. As long as we serve God then I believe our nation will always be free.



Mark
the beginning of the good news

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, 29th of June, 2025

Ushers: Gary Johnson, Jonathon Streety **Communion Stewards:** Janet Arnett, Shirley Finish, Lori Luney, Patti Marler

Offering Counters: Janet Arnett, Kim Stryker

We Gather to Worship

Greeting

Kingdomtide Opening

"Thy Word is a Lamp Unto My Feet"

page 601

Community Prayer

Janet Arnett, Lay Minister

Our Lord's Prayer

Songs of Celebration

"This is My Song" page 437 UMC Hymnal
"America the Beautiful" page 696 UMC Hymnal

The Prayer of Illumination, Janet Arnett — Lay Minister

a reading from the Epistle of Hosea 6:1-8

Thanks be to God for the gift of the Scriptures
Thanks be to God!

"Rejoice, Greatly"
from Handel's "Messiah"
Ann Burgett
Opera of the Ozarks

A Video Reflection — "Jesus is Our King"

"God and Country"
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. Join us as we gather to share experiences and support each other on this journey. All are welcome. If you know a widow(er), let them know about our group.

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!

Save the Dates!

Important Happenings

in the Life of ESUMC

Get Involved!

Make New Friends

Make a Difference

Spread Joy

Bible Study Wednesdays 6 pm in the church library. We use Dr. David Brakke's Great Courses Lectures for the first 30 minutes and then use study questions to start a discussion. These lectures take us thru the books of the New Testament.

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.

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!

Widow(ers) Group meet the **first and third Wednesdays of each month from Noon - 1 PM in the church library**. Occasionally, they plan a luncheon outing. 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.

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

Theology On Tap, Sunday, July 20th, 5 PM at GotaHold Brewing. All are welcome. Twisted Taco Food truck on site. See below for more info.



Welcome to our sisterhood. Connecting together as community leaders, justice champions, and brave changemakers, we are women with more than a cause. We are on a mission to boldly act and transform communities. And we hope you will join us. **We believe that love in action can change the world.**

Theology on Tap

Our next Theology on Tap is on **Sunday, July 20th** at Gotahold Brewery. Save the Date. Discussion starts at 5, but come early and grab some dinner at the Twisted Taco! This evening's topic concerns the book by John Paul Lederach, "The Pocket Guide for Facing Down a Civil War". Let's be honest, the political climate in this nation is getting downright violent. Somehow we have to bring both sides back together in a civil discourse or more and more people will entertain the thought that violence is the answer. So pick up a copy of John Paul's book and let's have a conversation about being united again.

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.**

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.

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.

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 Esfumclnfo@gmail.com and we will add your name to the list. When we get a request I send out a group email with dates, times, location and client name and 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

The library recommendation for this week is another book by Mitch Albom. [Have a Little Faith: A True Story](#) (296.7/Alb) relates the author's efforts to eulogize a beloved rabbi who is near death, while at the same time befriendng a Detroit pastor who gives spiritual guidance to the poor and homeless. Albom describes how observing these two different religious leaders rekindled his own faith. A short, worthwhile read...

Church Finances

	<u>May</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Giving:	\$31,499.80	\$125,735
Expenses:	\$18,716.07	\$123,618

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. We do not accept clothing items. Those can be donated to Echo Thrift Store.

July

2025

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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1700th Anniversary of Nicaea: What is Faith?	Al-Anon 10 AM/Mixed	Yoga 9-10 AM Al-Anon 10 AM/Mixed	Parkinsons Group 10 AM Widow(er)s Group Noon Jubilee Ringers 5 PM Bible Study 6 PM	Al-Anon 10 AM/Mixed	Independence Day	Redbirds at Gotahold Brewing
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	Office Closed National Day of Rock n Roll	Yoga 9-10 AM Al-Anon 10 AM/Mixed Caregivers Group 1 PM Church Library	Mobile Pantry 8 AM Eureka! Quilters Jubilee Ringers 5 PM Bible Study 6 PM	Al-Anon 10 AM/Mixed	National Blueberry Muffin Day	
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United Women in Faith Sunday Roy Beth Kelly, DS, preaching	Al-Anon 10 AM/Mixed	Yoga 9-10 AM Al-Anon 10 AM/Mixed	Widow(er)s Group noon Jubilee Ringers 5 PM Bible Study 6 PM	Al-Anon 10 AM/Mixed		National Play Day
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Gospel of Mark: in the beginning Theology on Tap 5 PM GotaHold Brewing	Al-Anon 10 AM/Mixed	Yoga 9-10 AM Al-Anon 10 AM/Mixed Leadership Team Meets 5 PM	Mobile Pantry 8 AM Jubilee Ringers 5 PM Bible Study 6 PM	Al-Anon 10 AM/Mixed		
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Gospel of Mark: repentance & forgiveness	Al-Anon 10 AM/Mixed	Yoga 9-10 AM Al-Anon 10 AM/Mixed	Widow(er)s Outing Jubilee Ringers 5 PM Bible Study 6 PM	Al-Anon 10 AM/Mixed		