

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

# Pathways

News from the Eureka Springs United Methodist Church



## Kingdomtide

August 7th 2022

The Cross & Flame, the symbol of United Methodists since its inception in 1968. The flame draws its inspiration from the book of Acts and the Holy Spirit, "Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them." The divided flame here represents the two denominations that came together in 1968, the United Brethren and the Methodist Church. It represents unity in the midst of division. The cross of course represents the sacrificial love of Jesus Christ and our calling to follow him. It is with great anguish today that we see churches disaffiliate from the denomination to form the "Global Methodist Church." The Holy Spirit was meant to make us all one, but human theologies often led us astray and into division. The church has had a long, long history of disunity, starting with those first two leaders, Saint Paul and Saint Peter, who argued over the inclusion of Gentiles. Today there are over 15,000 denominations and most think all the others are going to hell — a sad commentary of our belief in the Holy Spirit. I do not know what will become of the United Methodist Church: how many will leave? Will what is left be able to sustain itself as a denomination? Will it be so weakened that our presence and witness in this world be minimal? It is heartbreaking to see former friends and colleagues take up the siren call of division. Politics and religion have ruined many a good friendship. It is sad to see the church cannot rise above our national partisanship to show a better way. John Wesley offered two great pieces of advice: "In essentials, unity; in non-essentials, liberty; in all other things, charity" and, "We may not all believe alike, but we can all love alike. Okay, so the first quote might have been said by Wesley or maybe Augustine, or some German theologian, but you get the picture. Christ taught us there are only two essentials: love God and love everyone else. Ugly words and nasty actions have been taken by those seeking disunity, but we must stick to the essentials and yes, that means loving even them and forgiving them too. In the coming months you will hear of churches leaving and their reasons will often slander those of us who are staying United Methodist. It will be hurtful at times, but I hope we can rise above it and not get pulled down by division and anger. Once this is past us, the United Methodist Church will change, and prayerfully — hopefully — we will finally be able to welcome ALL people.



# The Gathering

## Order of Worship

Janet Arnett, lay Speaker  
Bren Marshall, Music Minister  
Melodye Purdy, Video Production

*Join us in-person or via our Livestream that is broadcast thru our Facebook Page, our website, or our YouTube Channel!*

### We Gather to Worship

#### Prelude and Greeting

*As we gather may your Spirit work within us  
As we gather may we glorify Your name  
Knowing well that as our hearts begin to worship  
We'll be blessed because we came.*

#### Opening prayer

*Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdoms come. Thy will be done. On Earth, as it is in Heaven.  
Give us this day, our daily bread, and forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us;  
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the Kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.*

#### Praise and Worship (see lyrics below)



### We Listen for God's Word

#### A Reading from the Scriptures

Matthew 7:15-23

Thanks be to God for the Gift of the Scriptures  
**THANKS BE TO GOD!**

#### Special Music:

*"You've Got a Friend" by Carole King  
Bren Marshall, piano*

#### A Video Reflection

#### The Message

#### "Red Sea Rules"

*You're Exactly Where God Wants You*

Rev. Blake Andrew Lasater

### We Give and We Receive

#### Remembering our Baptism and the Promises of God

*(We invite you to participate with us by touching your hands in water  
and making the sign of the cross)*

#### Sharing in Holy Communion

*(if watching virtually, please have ready your bread and wine/juice in order to share with us)*

### We are Sent forth to be God's People

#### The Benediction

#### A Musical Benediction

*Go in Peace, and may the good Lord bless and keep you,  
may the good Lord bless and keep you,  
till we meet, till we meet again. Amen, Amen, Amen.*

# Our Music for today

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*"Those who sing, pray twice!" — Saint Augustine*

## Opening Music:

### **Holiness, Holiness**

Holiness, holiness, is what I long for,  
Holiness is what I need

Holiness, holiness is what you want  
from me

Holiness, holiness, is what I long for,  
Holiness is what I need

Holiness, holiness is what you want  
from me

Righteousness, righteousness is what I  
long for, righteousness is what I need

Righteousness, righteousness is what  
you want from me.

Take my heart and mold it, take my  
mind, transform it,

Take my will, conform it, to Your, to  
Yours, Oh Lord.

Brokenness, brokenness is what I long  
for, brokenness is what I need

Brokenness is what you want from me.

Faithfulness, faithfulness is what I long  
for, faithfulness is what I need

Faithfulness is what you want from me.

Take my heart and mold it, take my  
mind, transform it,

Take my will, conform it, to Yours, to  
Yours, Oh Lord.

to Yours, to Yours, Oh Lord.

to Yours, to Yours, Oh Lord.

### **My Faith Looks Up to Thee**

My faith looks up to Thee, thou Lamb of  
Calvary, Savior divine!

Now hear me while I pray, take all my  
guilt away,

O let me from this day be wholly thine!

May Thy rich grace impart, strength to  
my fainting heart, my zeal inspire;

As Thou has died for me, O may my love  
to Thee,

Pure, warm and changeless be, a living  
fire!

## Red Sea Rules

The Dog Days of Summer are upon us — the Dog Star Sirius can now be seen, hence the phrase, “The Dog Days of Summer”. We are going to the book of Exodus to discover some rules for living thru days of uncertainty and confusion; when all seems to be coming apart at the seams, God tells Moses, follow these rules and you will be just fine. Moses is a very reluctant follower, and God continually must reassure him that everything will work out fine. I think we need that same encouragement.

## Shower/Laundry Ministry

Help spread the word about this new ministry. People will be able to text “SHOWER” to 479.981.1680 to make arrangements to use our facilities. Our ministry team will meet them at church between 12 and 2 PM. This is one small way we can help people who are homeless. Summer months will see an increase of people needing showers. Many people flock to Eureka during these months and many end up sleeping in cars or tents as they struggle to find jobs. Thank you for volunteering to make this possible.

## Theology on Tap

Climate Change was the topic of discussion at our last meeting, we saw some new faces from our community and had an enjoyable conversation. Our next Theology of Tap will be Monday, the 22nd of August, beginning at 5 PM and ending around 6:30 at Gotahold Brewery. The Twisted Taco will be open for food and the brewery has all sorts of beverages, alcoholic and non. Our theme for August is “Gotahold”, and we will share stories of how Eureka Springs got a hold of us and called us to move here. It is fascinating how and why people have made Eureka their home, and maybe we’ll just see if God had a hand in any of this.

## Answering the Call

A big thank you to the Living Legacy Foundation who awarded us last week a \$30,000 grant to continue our feeding ministry for the people of Carroll County. We hope to match this grant thru community fundraising. The pandemic maybe waning, but inflation is putting many people into food insecurity. We are doing are part in helping our community. Thanks to all you give of your time, your money, and your prayers to make this possible.

## Top Photo

All the photos used are from my collection (it avoids the copyright hassle). Today’s photo is from the office. When I first occupied the office downstairs I found a bag of these United Methodist pins. I still have a few left if you would like to have one.

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## Giving

Inflation is hitting all of us pretty hard, but the work of the church continues. Unlike businesses we can't shrink packages nor can we reduce our hours. We have a world to serve. Thank you to all who are giving! We could not do the many wonderful things we do were it not for your generosity. Consider setting up auto draft so that your contributions are always coming in. As always, there are numerous ways to give online. Visit our website, [www.lovespokenhere.org](http://www.lovespokenhere.org)

## Digital Church

It is so important that you like our page and that you share our livestream on your social media. Such traffic enables us to get our message out to a wider audience. Also, as church is beginning, take your phones out and welcome those who are joining us virtually. We want them to be more than an audience, but members of our community of faith.

## Naturals Baseball Game

The Naturals are inviting us to a ball-game on the 27th of August. A Christian concert by Ryan Ellis will be performed between 4:50 and 5:30 with the opening pitch at 6:05. Tickets are only \$10 per person if reserved in advance. We will be taking the new bus over, so please call the office and reserve your tickets! 253.8987. We need to know by August 15th, so make your reservations now.

## Caregivers Support Group

Caregivers Support Group will meet, the second Tuesday of every month, in person. Tuesday at 1:00 in the Fellowship Hall. Questions? Call Peggy Way 479.253.1583. No Masks required.

## Widow(er)s Support Group

Our support group for Widow(er)s meets the first and third Wednesdays of each month at noon in the church library. All are either widows or widowers sharing their journey and experiences, supporting one another, and discussing the different issues that widow(er)s face. If you know of a widow(er) let them know about our group. No one should be left to grieve alone or misunderstood.



United  
Women  
in Faith

Who can we be together? United Women in Faith will explore Mission U topics of soul care and being in community. Wednesday August 10th, 1:00pm on the Church library. All are welcome.

# August

2022

July						
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September						
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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August Sermon Series: Red Sea Rules: Faithful Strategies for Facing Tough Times			ATC Fellowship Hall 9-11 Parinson's support group at 10am Widow(er)s Support Group Noon in library			
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
		Caregivers meet at 1pm	ATC Fellowship Hall 9-11 Mobile Pantry 10am UWF meets 1pm in library Bell rehearsal 5:30pm			UAMS Health Clinic & Vaccination Site 11 AM to 3 PM
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
	Leadership Team Meeting 6 PM in Library		ATC Fellowship Hall 9-11 Widow(er)s Support Group Noon in Library Bell rehearsal 5:30pm			
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
	Theology on Tap: Why We Moved to Eureka?		ATC Fellowship Hall 9-11  Bell rehearsal 5:30pm			Naturals Baseball Game leaving church at 4 PM
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			ATC Fellowship Hall 9-11 Bell Rehearsal			