

# Pathways

News from Eureka Springs United Methodist Church

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

the Season of

# Kingdomtide

7th of July 2024

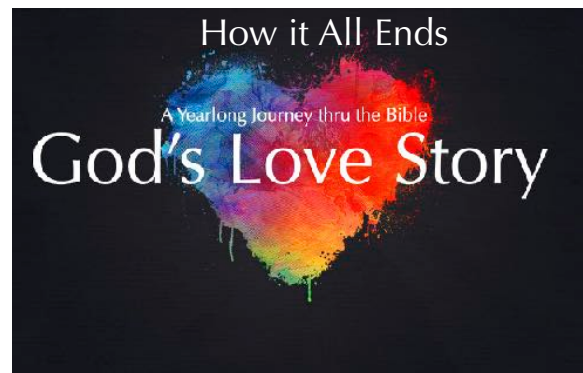
## HAPPY FOURTH OF JULY!

Our country has celebrated its freedom for 248 years. Picnics and barbecues and parades and fireworks are on everyone's calendar. As you stand on the sidelines watching the Stars and Stripes go marching by, take a moment to be thankful for our ancestors who fought to gain the valued life we take for granted. Freedom is a word that can stir your heart. We can worship and pray whenever and wherever we so desire. Americans can choose the god they wish to honor without retaliation. Methodism was s alive in colonial days. John Wesley was known far and wide as the itinerant preacher. He would be very pleased to see how Methodism has spread. Is the United States as a country perfect? Absolutely not! Because this nation is "free," we can be active citizens and take positive steps to correct the wrongs.

Let's all thank God for our precious freedom and for the wonderful country in which we live.

The Lasaters are enjoying a well-deserved vacation. Rev. David Baker is filling the pulpit today. We look forward to his meaningful message. See you this Sunday!

We are also grateful for our faithful Lay Speaker, Janet Arnett, John Holtzman, Patricia Taylor, and Melodye Purdy who provide much support behind the scenes, as well as our weekly Ushers, Communion Stewards and Offering Counters. We appreciate you!



# The Gathering

## Order of Worship

Janet Arnett, Lay Speaker  
Melodye Purdy, Video Production  
Jubilee Ringers conducted by Beverly Beard  
John Holtzman, Choir/Patricia Taylor, Pianist

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

9:55 ~ Announcements

**Sunday, July 7th, 2024**

**Ushers:** Jim Burke, Mike Schomaker

**Communion Stewards:** Janet Arnett, Kevin Graham, Pam Steinke, Jess Wade

**Offering Counters:** Janet Arnett, Shirley Lykins

### We Gather to Worship

Greeting

Opening Song:

**“Every Time I Feel the Spirit”** page 404

Communal Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer

Hymns:

**“Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee”** Hymn 175

**“Lift High The Cross”** Hymn 159

### We Listen to God’s Spirit

#### **A Reading from Mark 6:1-13**

*Thanks be to God for the Gift of the Scriptures*

**THANKS BE TO GOD!**



**“If With All Your Hearts”**

by Felix Mendelssohn

**Sung by Marcus Ochoa**

A Video Reflection: Jesus is Our King

The Message:

**“A Few Sick People”**

Rev David Baker

### We Receive God’s Grace

**Remembering Our Baptism**

**Holy Communion**

*(All our welcome to eat and drink at the table of Christ. The ‘Wine’ is just grape juice, but the Spirit of God is found in the breaking of the bread and sharing of the cup)*

Sending Song

**“Spirit Song”** page 347, 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)*

## Caregiver Support Group

Caregiver 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!

## CS Bank Parking Lot Fundraiser

We are grateful to Chris Ritthaler and the volunteers who will manage this fundraiser. Thank you so much for your willingness to serve! You will be receiving an email later in the week with details.

## CHAPTER and VERSE

If you are new to the congregation, you may not know that the library with over 2,500 items is located downstairs in the church office area. You are welcome to browse the shelves or use the card catalog (Resource Mate) program on the computer to find specific works. Categories include Bibles, references, Methodism, biographies, DVD/CD, fiction and non-fiction arranged by Dewey Decimal Classification. To check out an item complete the information on the card located in the item and place the card in the glass container on the librarian's desk. Return item(s) to the basket on librarian's desk when finished. Happy reading...or listening...or viewing.



United  
Women  
in Faith

**ADVOCACY** – What's Your Level? Since the beginning organization in 1869, United Women in Faith has been involved in advocacy issues. Advocacy 101 is learning about the biblical call to advocacy and how to participate. Advocacy 201 is contacting legislators and strengthening skills for deeper advocacy impact. Advocacy 301 is a collective effort and commitment for the long game of making a difference. Advocacy 401 is hands on, roll up the sleeves, get out in the streets, make your voice heard, be the feet and hands of Jesus Christ. Join with United Women in Faith to advocate for justice here in Carroll County and with our sisters worldwide.

**Theology on Tap** will resume in August.

## Save the Dates!

**July 13, Saturday, CS Bank Parking Lot Fundraiser.** Thank you to Chris Ritthaler our fundraiser chair, and to our amazing corp of volunteers! **You are so appreciated!!!**

## Important

**Al-Anon Meetings on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays, 10-11 am** in church youth room. All are welcome to attend.

## Happenings

**Yoga 9-10 am Mondays & Tuesdays.** Fellowship Hall. All are welcome.

## in the Life of ESUMC

**Church Yard Sale** will be in **October**. Donations (clean and in good working order) are accepted year-round (no clothes) during office hours. We are grateful for the continuing work of Shirley Lykins who works year-round organizing donations.

## Al-Anon Meetings

Al-Anon meets in the Youth Room down the hall from the church offices on **Mondays (mixed), Tuesdays (women), and Thursdays (mixed)**. All meetings **start at 10 am** and go for an hour. All are welcome to attend. Want more information? Contact Ellen at 479.244.7017 or Vonn at 214.605.0615, 47pileated@gmail.com.

Shower/Laundry &  
Homeless Ministry  
Requested Items

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 thru Thursday from 9 AM till 1:30 PM.**

We had a lot of homeless come through in the last two weeks, and have made quite a dent in our inventory.

**Pantry Current needs:** Mens heavy-duty work gloves, size 12 mens boots/running shoes, flashlights, food staples, ingredients to make nutrient-dense meals; peanut butter & crackers, granola-type bars (the soft kind because they often have dental issues), moisturizer lotion, nail clippers. If you have an abundance of produce or eggs, we would love to be able to pass that along to our clients. They also requested backpacks because it is an easier way than plastic bags to transport while on foot. Donations can be dropped off at the church. **We are looking for volunteers to come in once a week to give the showers a good cleaning.**

Mobile Food Pantry

The Mobile Food Pantry serves Carroll County residents in need of food staples. Our **next pick-up date is Wednesday, July 10, 9 AM.** We deliver food items on a very limited basis, only to those with no transportation or someone to pick up for them. Deadline for delivery requests is Noon on Tuesdays so that the schedule can be finalized & disbursed to volunteer drivers. We are very appreciative of our loyal band of volunteers who make this happen rain, heat, sleet, and sunshine.

Miracle Happened!

Very soon there will be a new to us Nissan Murano to augment our homeless / economically disadvantaged, homebound ministries. We are so thankful to have this additional means of helping people in our community. **We are looking for drivers.** If you have a good driving record and can join our volunteer corp of drivers, please contact the church office at 479.253.8987. You can also contact members of our leadership team with any questions. You can contribute to the vehicle gas and maintenance fund by marking that in the memo section of your tithes. Thank You!

Bible Debrief with  
Pastor Blake

Bible DeBrief will resume in August. Pastor Blake will be on vacation with his family during the month of July.

Theology on Tap

**Theology on Tap will resume in August;** Pastor Blake and family are on vacation for the month of July. Happy Vacation to the Lasater family!

Opportunities to get  
Involved & Serve

We are looking for volunteers of form a Worship Planning Team for special services. Contact Blake if interested: [blakelasater@gmail.com](mailto:blakelasater@gmail.com), 479.426.2547.

We are looking for volunteers to come in once a week to give the showers a good cleaning. Contact the church office to take a turn cleaning the showers. [esumcinfo@gmail.com](mailto:esumcinfo@gmail.com) or 479.253.8987.

Do you have a ministry that you would like to see happen at the church? Contact Pastor Blake, he would love to hear your ideas. [blakelasater@gmail.com](mailto:blakelasater@gmail.com) or 479.426.2547.

Summer Meal  
Deliveries for Kids  
VOLUNTEERS  
NEEDED!

Eureka Springs Schools has asked for our help delivering **summer meals to students.** There are nearly **300 kids** signed up for these weekly meals. Contact Bill Featherstone by texting 479-981-1991 or email [billfeatherstone@cox.net](mailto:billfeatherstone@cox.net). **Deliveries runs thru the first week of August.** We meet up on **Thursdays at 1:30** at the high school. No commitment to drive every week, just raise your hand when you can. Please provide name, email, and cell #. **We are in need of many more volunteers!**

# July

2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	1	2	3	4	5	6
	Memorial Day Offices closed  Al-Anon/Mixed 10 am Youth Rm	Yoga 9 am Alanon/Women 10 am Youth Rm	<b>Parkinsons Group</b> 10 am Library <b>Widow(er)s Support Group</b> noon in library	Al-Anon/Mixed 10 am Youth Rm		
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Rev. David Baker <b>"A Few Sick People"</b>  7th Sunday after Pentecost	Yoga 9 am Al-Anon/Mixed 10 am Youth Rm	Yoga 9 am Alanon/Women 10 am Youth Rm <b>Caregivers Support</b> 1 pm Library	<b>Mobile Pantry</b> 9 am	Al-Anon/Mixed 10 am Youth Rm		
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
<b>Caring for God's Creation</b> Janet Arnett  8th Sunday after Pentecost	Yoga 9 am Al-Anon/Mixed 10 am Youth Rm	Yoga 9 am Alanon/Women 10 am Youth Rm	<b>Widow(er)s Support Group</b> noon in library	Al-Anon/Mixed 10 am Youth Rm		
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Janet Arnett  9th Sunday after Pentecost	Yoga 9 am Al-Anon/Mixed 10 am Youth Rm	Yoga 9 am Alanon/Women 10 am Youth Rm <b>Leadership Team Meeting 5 pm</b>	<b>Mobile Pantry</b> 9 am	Al-Anon/Mixed 10 am Youth Rm		
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
<b>Having Faith and Hope</b> Janet Arnett 10th Sunday after Pentecost	Yoga 9 am Al-Anon/Mixed 10 am Youth Rm	Yoga 9 am Alanon/Women 10 am Youth Rm	<b>Widow(er)s Support Group Lunch Outing</b>	Al-Anon/Mixed 10 am Youth Rm		

PASTOR IS ON VACATION DURING THE MONTH OF JULY.