

the season of

Kingdomtide

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

7th of September 2025

September is upon us! Our journey thru the Gospel of Mark comes to an end today — sort of — as we look at the Passion narrative and the rather odd way of ending a gospel — no Jesus and the women running off in terror. After this, for the rest of the month we will be examining “The End” to try and sort truth from fiction when it comes to Revelation, Daniel, the baby apocalypse of Mark, and Paul’s First Letter to the Thessalonians. We’ll ask why the “Rapture” is such a big deal when it is no where to be found in the Bible. Why the Anti-Christ gets a lot of coverage when there is no Anti-Christ in the Book of Revelation, and perhaps just daring to take seriously Jesus’ warning that no one knows the time nor date of the end. **Theology on Tap** is next Sunday night at 5 PM. We will be discussing “Deconstructing Our Faith” and the journey from religious trauma to hopefulness. We have all been saddled with beliefs that simply no longer work, and hopefully, we’ll have a few special guests to talk about their own journey of doubt and faith. We meet at Gotahold Brewing! **Literary Fundraiser** — the Great Gatsby — is on the 25th of this month from 5:30 to 7:30 PM at the Saint Elizabeth’s Parish Center. Our community is raising money for our amazing library program and I, your pastor, am doing part of the program on “The Great Gatsby”. We’ll see if I’ve actually read it, simply watched the movie, or asked AI for a synopsis. Tickets are on sale and the theme is the “Roaring Twenties”, so come dressed for the Jazz Age. All Saints Sunday is the 2nd of

November, and if you have a loved one you would like remembered please send me their birth and death dates, their name, and a picture to blakelasater@gmail.com so that we can honor their memory. We’ll celebrate **Veterans’ Day** on the 9th and I am asking that any and all service members send me a photo of them in uniform that we might display during the service — our way of thanking you! Or send in a picture of your loved one in uniform. The Masters’ Family will be holding a memorial for their sister Terese Brown on September 22nd at 11 AM. Please keep Matt and his family in your prayers this month!



The End

sorting truth from fiction

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, 7th of September, 2025

Ushers: Gary Johnson & Jonathan Streety **Communion Stewards:** Sandy Dunn, Dave & Martie Davis, Chris Ritthaler

Offering Counters: Karen Kinsel, Kevin Graham

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

"O Sons and Daughters, Let us Sing" page 317 UMC Hymnal
"Christ has Risen" page 2115 Faith We Sing

The Prayer of Illumination

a reading from the Gospel of Mark 16:1-8

Thanks be to God for the gift of the Scriptures

Thanks be to God!

"Holy Lamb"

By Stan Pethel

The Chancel Choir

A Video Reflection — "Now and Forever"

Mark: the beginning of the Good News

"Where's the Ending?"

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.

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.**

Outreach to Youth/Kids

We are gauging interest in starting a monthly program that reaches out to the youth of our community — elementary and younger — perhaps a movie night with hotdogs and a discussion afterwards. This would give young parents the opportunity to have a few hours of peace and quiet. Of course such a ministry would require a cadre of volunteers. Would any of you be interested? Please reach out to the office.

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, contact Bill Featherstone (479.981.1991) 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 handmade quilts that were delivered to local non-profit groups!

Ozarks Chorale Rehearsals will resume on September 9, Tuesday, from 6-8pm in Fellowship Hall and will continue on Tuesday evenings throughout the year.

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

Theology on Tap

Theology On Tap will resume Sunday, September 14, 5 PM GotaHold Brewery. "Deconstructing our Faith" is the topic. Sorting thru beliefs that no longer work for us. Even the ancient Israelites had to deconstruct and let go of ideas of God that no longer worked for them. Rev Doug Philips will be our guest as he shares his own journey of deconstruction and deep questioning.

Transportation Ministry Drivers Needed

The church has a **Nissan Murano** (thanks to the generosity of a church member) for the designated purpose or 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 EsfumclInfo@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

To supplement the pastor's sermon series on Mark, you may want to check out Interpretation: A Bible Commentary for Teaching and Preaching: Mark (REF/220.7/Int) by Lamar Williamson, Jr. (Reference books are short term loan items.) This commentary treats the Gospel of Mark as a collection of traditions about Jesus presented in story form, a narrative constituting good news about God and his kingdom, and a writing which has a place of fundamental importance in the Scriptures.

Church Finances

	<u>July</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Giving:	\$14,660.03	\$156,880.07
Expenses:	\$22,085.84	\$199,075.05

Annual Church Yard Sale October 16-18

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. **We will need lots of volunteers** to make this a success from set up, merchandising & display, organizing, cashiers, greeters. Please consider serving during this 3-day extravaganza!



United
Women
in Faith

"For my people have committed two evils: they have forsaken me, the fountain of living water, and dug out cisterns for themselves, cracked cisterns that can hold no water." Jeremiah 2: 13 Sometimes we just have to face the facts. We make mistakes; we choose wrong; we make decisions without consulting God and the person or persons we should. At those times we are like cracked cisterns that cannot hold water. We aren't the vessel that God wants us to be.

Thankfully, God is a loving, forgiving God. If we pray and ask for forgiveness from God and the ones we've wronged, then our amazing God even uses cracked cisterns! United Women in Faith - we believe that love in action can change the world.

September

2025

August							October						
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17	18	19	20	21	22	23	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
24	25	26	27	28	29	30	26	27	28	29	30	31	1
31	1	2	3	4	5	6	2	3	4	5	6	7	8

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31	1	2	3	4	5	6
	Labor Day (office closed)	Al-Anon/Mixed 10 AM Youth Rm	Widow(er)s Group Noon Jubilee Ringers 5:00 PM Bible Study 6 PM	Al-Anon/Mixed 10 AM Youth Rm		
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Mark: Endings? United Women in Faith meet following service	Al-Anon/Mixed 10 AM Youth Rm	Al-Anon/Mixed 10 AM Youth Rm Caregivers 1 PM Library Ozarks Chorale 6-8 PM FHall	Mobile Pantry Jubilee Ringers 5:00 PM Bible Study 6 PM	Al-Anon/Mixed 10 AM Youth Rm		
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28	29	30	1	The End:	3	4
The End: a Baby Apocalypse Jubilee Ringers Playing	Al-Anon/Mixed 10 AM Youth Rm	Al-Anon/Mixed 10 AM Youth Rm Ozarks Chorale 6-8 PM FHall	Sorting Truth from Fiction			