

# 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.



## Pentecost Sunday

8th of June 2025

Today is Pentecost Sunday, the fiftieth day after Easter and the fulfillment of Jesus' promise that he would not leave us orphaned, but that the Holy Spirit would come to remind us and teach us everything. This day is also known as Whitsunday, an old English term referring to the color of white, for the last day of Eastertide. Our symbols are fire, wind, and the dove, and the color is red (I hope you will wear something red this day). This is the day the Holy Spirit descended upon the followers of Jesus like a dove, and tongues of fire rested upon their heads. It was a moment of transformation, as frightened disciples became bold proclaimers and doers of the Word. Much of the Pentecost story comes from the book of Acts, but there are echos of other stories. Perhaps the most familiar is the valley of dry bones in the book of Ezekiel. As Israel lay defeated, their hopes crushed, their future all but destroyed, God asks the prophet, "Can these bones live?" It is a beautiful and surreal moment in the Bible, as life triumphs over death and Israel is promised they have not been abandoned. The gift of the Spirit united people from all races, and this is a profound bit of

teaching we should really take more seriously. In Christ there is no longer divisions between Jew and Greek, male and female, slave and free — and that goes for all the other tribal divisions we use to exclude others. June is Pride Month, and next weekend we are going to be present to the LGBTQ community to overcome the prejudice that has too often been shown against them. We have a booth downtown and a parade to walk in, if you can be a part of any of that please consider signing up. In a world of divisions we must show the love of Christ and overcome all that separates us.

HOLY SPIRIT COME



# 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](https://lovespokenhere.org)>, or our YouTube Channel!

9:55 ~ Announcements

**Sunday, 8th of June, 2025**

**Ushers:** Dave & Martie Davis **Communion Stewards:** Janet Arnett, Sandy Dunn, Lori Luney, Chris Ritthaler

**Offering Counters:** Janet Arnett, Karen Kinsel

### We Gather to Worship

Greeting

Can these Bones Live?

a reading from Ezekiel 37:1-6

Prayer of Confession

Call to Worship

The Gift of the Spirit

a reading from Acts 2:1-12

A Processional of Chimes

the Jubilee Ringers

A Pentecost Prayer

Janet Arnett, Lay Minister

Our Lord's Prayer

### Songs of Celebration

"Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness" page 2120 Faith We Sing  
"Breathe on Me, Breath of God" page 420 UMC Hymnal  
"Spirit of the Living God" page 393 UMC Hymnal  
"On Eagle's Wings" page 143 UMC Hymnal

#### **"Sweet, Sweet Spirit"**

*By Doris Akers/arr: Joel Ramey*

**The Chancel Choir**

### **The Nine Candles, a Pentecost Ritual**

**A Video Reflection — "Pentecost"**

"Can these Bones Live?"

*Rev Blake Lasater*

### **We Give & Receive Love**

**Remembrance of our Baptism**

**Holy Communion**

(After the bread and cup raised, join us in singing "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" page 96 UMC Hymnal)

**Sending Song**

**"Spirit Song"** Page 288 UMC Hymnal

### **Extinguishing the Paschal Candle, an Ascension Liturgy**

**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. Amy Jill Levine'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 Old Testament.

**Youth Group Wednesdays, 4-5:30 pm. All are welcome!**

**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, June 22 at Gotahold Brewery**

**Jubilee Ringers - Wednesdays 5PM Sanctuary**



**"God of grace and God of glory, on thy people pour thy power...Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour..."** The words from hymn #577 were written in 1930. Yet, how appropriate they seem for today. United Women in Faith have stood strong and courageous for 156 years, speaking truth to power – and will continue to do so. There is strength in numbers. Come join us.

United Women in Faith believe that love in action can change the world.

## CS Bank Parking Lot Fundraiser Proceeds

Thank you very much to the volunteers who will make this happen! Your efforts brought in \$366. Thank you!

## Theology on Tap

Our next Theology on Tap is on **June 22nd at Gotahold Brewery**. This month's discussion is about 'Writing Our Obituaries'. It's not meant to be morbid, but a way of asking what would we want the world to know about us, and what do we think the world knows of us. Throughout our lives we are continually growing and changing, never the person we were last year or twenty years before. It's easy to be trapped into thinking we have never changed, but that just isn't true. So who are we? Who do we hope to be? Those are the questions we'll be asking, and maybe we'll be pleasantly surprised about what people think of us. Discussion starts at 5, but come early and grab some dinner at the Twisted Taco!

## 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.**

The ministry has gone back to the way it was initially set up. **Thank you to all who gave so generously in support of our Shower/Laundry Ministry.** You made a big difference!

## Youth Night-Out Wednesdays 4-5:30 pm Church Youth Room

**The Youth Group** is open to all teens aged 13-17. Transportation is available (Call 479.253.8987) This ministry will facilitate important connections with our youth, while providing a safe place to meet each week. Would you be willing to be a mentor? Volunteer? Make snacks? There is a **youth night out box for snack donations** in the Narthex. Your participation is appreciated. For **more information contact: 515.368.1012.**

## Exploring the Old Testament

We are starting a new bible study that will serve as an introduction to the Old Testament. These are lectures by Dr Amy Jill Levine, a noted biblical scholar. This will take up about thirty minutes, and then we'll spend 30 minutes discussing the topics she raises. We meet **Wednesdays in the church library at 6 PM.** All are welcome to attend.

## Church Library Chapter & Verse

The most recent topic for Theology on Tap was poverty and the book **Invisible Child: Poverty, Survival, and Hope in an American City** (362.7/Ell) by Andrea Elliott. The book follows eight years in the life of Dasani Coates from her Brooklyn homeless shelter to the Hershey boarding school in Pennsylvania as she helps guide her seven siblings through hunger, parental addiction, housing instability, and monitoring by child protection services. Dasani's story, a testament to the power of family, is not an easy read but definitely worth your time.

## Church Finances

|          | <u>May</u>  | <u>YTD</u> |
|----------|-------------|------------|
| Giving:  | \$31,449.80 | \$125,735  |
| Expenses | \$18,716.07 | \$123,618  |

## 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](mailto:EsfumcInfo@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.

## 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!** Donations are accepted during office hours.



# June

## 2025

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| SUNDAY  | MONDAY                       | TUESDAY  | WEDNESDAY  | THURSDAY                          | FRIDAY                   | SATURDAY               |
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| Ascension Sunday  | AI-Anon/Mixed 10-11 Youth Rm | Yoga 9-10 AM Fellowship Hall AI-Anon Women 10-11 AM Youth Rm                   | Parkinsons Group 10 AM library Widow(ers) Group noon library Youth 4-5:30 PM Jubilee Ringers 5 PM Bible Study 6 PM | AI-Anon/Mixed 10-11 AM            | D-Day 1944               |                        |
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| Pentecost Sunday  | AI-Anon/Mixed 10-11 Youth Rm | Yoga 9-10 AM Fellowship Hall AI-Anon Women 10-11 AM Youth Rm Care-Givers 1 PM  | Mobile Food Pantry Eureka Quilters 11-1:30 Youth Group 4-6 PM Jubilee Ringers 5 PM Bible Study 6 PM                | AI-Anon/Mixed 10-11 AM            |                          | Pride Parade 10-11:15  |
| 15  | 16                           | 17   | 18   | 19                                | 20                       | 21                     |
| Father's Day Trinity Sunday (1700th Anniversary of the Council of Nicaea) | AI-Anon/Mixed 10-11 Youth Rm | Yoga 9-10 AM Fellowship Hall AI-Anon Women 10-11 AM Youth Rm                   | Widow(ers) Group 10 AM Library Youth 4-6 PM Jubilee Ringers 5 PM Bible Study 6 PM                                  | AI-Anon/Mixed 10-11 AM Juneteenth | Summer Solstice          |                        |
| 22  | 23                           | 24   | 25   | 26                                | 27                       | 28                     |
| Theology on Tap 5 PM Gotahold Brewing                                     | AI-Anon/Mixed 10-11 Youth Rm | Yoga 9-10 AM Fellowship Hall AI-Anon Women 10-11 AM Youth Leadership Team 5 PM | Mobile Food Pantry Youth 4-6 PM Jubilee Ringers 5 PM Bible Study 6 PM  | AI-Anon/Mixed 10-11 AM            |                          | John Wesley's Birthday |
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