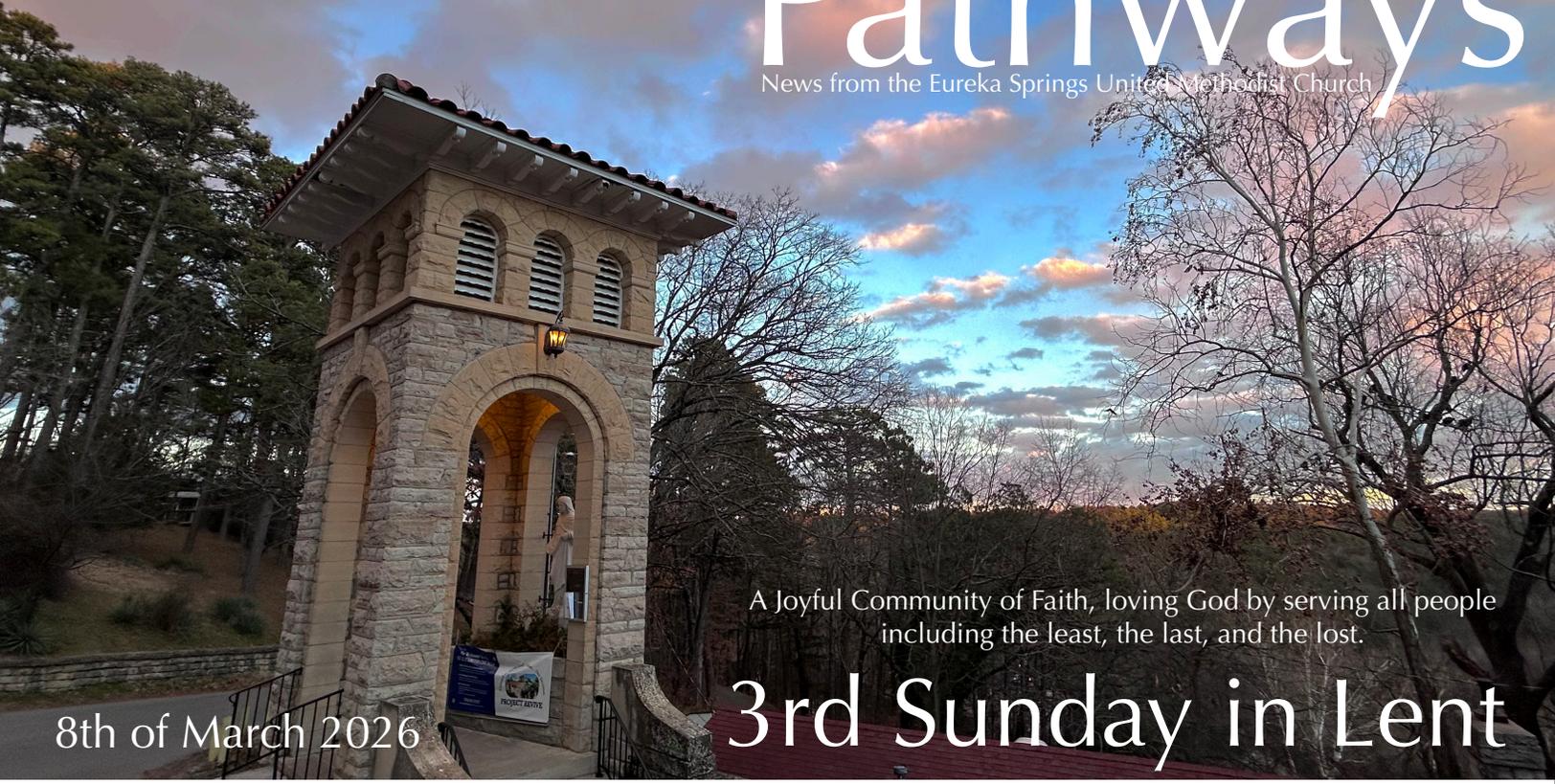


Pathways

News from the Eureka Springs United Methodist Church

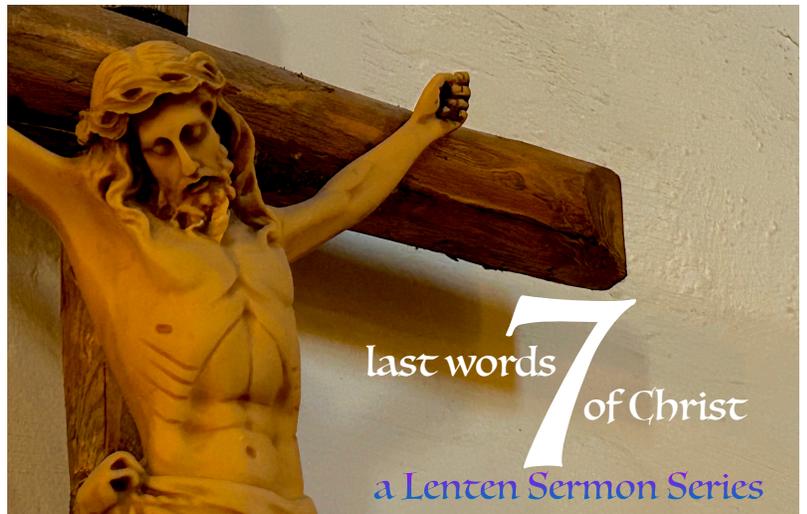


8th of March 2026

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

3rd Sunday in Lent

Sunday will mark the beginning of **Daylight Savings Time**, so BE SURE to move your clocks ahead one hour — spring forward, or you may be just in time for choir practice! Work begins on our **Columbarium** next week. Workers will be here to pour the footings, and we hope to have everything installed by June. We are selling 48 niches that can contain two urns, and several have already purchased these niches. These niches are about \$1200, and the black marble can be engraved with names, birth and death dates. If you would like to reserve a spot please contact the church office for a contract and exact prices. **Sabbatical Leave:** Marilou will be teaching in Rome, Italy this summer, giving us the opportunity to go overseas. I plan on taking my full six weeks of vacation time and going there as well. This will give me a chance to recharge and plan the rest of the year. I do have a problem though....Sunday's overhead display. These are created thru Keynote, Apple's version of PowerPoint. It is easy to use and mainly the work is adding the background and typing out the hymns. I need a couple of volunteers to take this on for me when I am gone. We are leaving the 30th of May, but that gives me plenty of time to train some of you. Our Lay Minister, Janet Arnett, will be filling the pulpit as she is appointed to our church in that capacity. I hope you will give her all the support she needs. I would like to thank Pam Steinke for writing the devotionals for our Tenebrae liturgy that begins our Lenten Worship. Pam is a local writer and has published several books. In April the Conference is going to host at Lay Servants Class here at our church. This is a wonderful opportunity to discover your spiritual gifts, learn more about the Methodist Church, and help you find your place to serve in our church. We need 15 people, and I do strongly urge you to enroll. This is a wonderful opportunity to deepen your faith and fellowship. Talk to the office about more details.



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a Lenten Sermon Series

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The Gathering

Order of Worship

Janet Arnett, Lay Minister
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, 8th of March, 2026

Ushers: Dennis & Shirley Lykins **Communion Stewards:** Sandy Dunn, Kevin Graham, Jean Reed, Jess Wade

Offering Counters: Janet Arnett, Martie Davis

We Gather to Worship

Welcome

A Lenten Candle Ritual

Opening Song

Prayers of the Congregation & Our Lord's Prayer

"Jesus Remember Me"

by Pam Steinke
page 488 UMC Hymnal

Janet Arnett, Lay Minister

Songs of the People

"O How He Loves You and Me" page 2108 Faith We Sing

"Lamb of God" page 2113 Faith We Sing

We Listen for God's Word

A reading from the the Epistle of Psalm 69:1-21
Thanks be to God for the gift of the scriptures
THANKS BE TO GOD!



"How Will They Know"

By Mark Patterson

The Chancel Choir

A Video Reflection — "Blessing in the Chaos"

"Seven Last Words: I Thirst

Thirsty, Hungry, Afraid

Rev Blake Lasater

We Give & Receive Love

Remembrance of our Baptism, a Liturgy of Compassion

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)

**please stand if you are able*

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.

Bible Study Wednesdays

Pastor-led bible studies are on **Wednesday evenings at 6 PM**. We are doing a deep dive into the book of Revelation, learning what it is and isn't, and hopefully rescuing it from the kooks who have turned it into their own personal book of prophecy.

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.

Needed Winter Items: Small propane tanks for outdoor cooking camp stoves, hot plates, thermal mens underwear (medium & large), men's hoodies/jackets, gloves, beanies, soft granola bars, multi-packs oatmeal. Thank you to all who have dropped off items. YOU make a difference.

Church Warming Center

Our warming shelter for women and children when the temperature is 9 degrees or below. Clients can check in from 4:30 PM-8:00 PM. We need volunteers (minimum of two each night) who are able to stay overnight; you can also schedule a 4-6 hour shift, perhaps serve a meal. Blake will post on FB when the shelter is open. Please consider signing up for this very important life saving ministry. Questions: Blake 479.426.2547

Save the Dates! Important Happenings in the Life of ESUMC

Mobile Food Pantry church parking lot the **2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month**. Cars start lining up at 7:45 AM and we distribute until the food runs out, typically within 45 minutes. If you are homebound and do not have a friend or neighbor who can pick up for you, contact Butch [by Noon Monday](#) at 417.393.6113 to be added to our very limited delivery schedule.

Get Involved! Make New Friends Make a Difference Serve Others

United Women in Faith: Women's Soul Care Retreat, **Saturday, March 7 11-3pm**, Fellowship Hall, \$1 registration, snack & craft fee **FUN!**
March 15, Sunday meet following Sunday service, Library
April 19 5 PM Creation Care Outdoor Service

Lay Servant Ministries Training, Saturday, April 11 9-4:30 PM, REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS FRIDAY, APRIL 3

Jubilee Ringers Practice, Wednesdays 4:30-6 PM, Sanctuary

Ozarks Chorale Rehearsals Tuesdays, from 6-8 PM, Fellowship Hall

Eureka! Quilters meet in Fellowship Hall the **2nd Wednesday of each month** for conversation, information and lunch. Open to all skill levels

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

Transportation Ministry Drivers Needed

We have a Transportation Ministry through the generosity of a donor who gifted the church with a Nissan Murano for the designated purpose of providing transportation to the least, the lost, and the last so they can get to various medical, dental, eye appointments. If you would like to be part of this ministry, please contact us 479.253.8987 or EsumcInfo@gmail.com 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. 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.

PS: Several new members have come to us through this ministry.

Church Columbarium

We are excited to announce that the church is going to install a Columbarium in the Prayer Garden. Each niche will accommodate two urns at \$1,200. There are 48 niches. Columbaria Contracts are located in the literature rack near the narthex desk. You can pick up a contract at the church office or call for more details. There is also a link on our website where you can download a contract form.

< www.lovespokenhere.org >

Lay Servant Ministries One-Day Training

Intro to Lay Servant Ministries Training, Saturday, April 11 9-4:30 PM onsite ESUMC, **REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS FRIDAY, APRIL 3!** We are so excited to be able to nurture and develop up to 15 people as Lay Servants to support our church ministries in meaningful service within the church and local community. This training will provide you with tools for servant leadership rooted in spiritual practices. Jay Parker will be our facilitator in partnership with the ARUMConference. There is a \$15 fee for course book materials, scholarships are available. Lunch will be served. Follow this link to register:

<http://lay-servant-ministries-feb-2026.raiselysite.com>

Questions: Jay 620.717.3790; jayp.onthego@gmail.com Or Karen at LSM@arumc.org

Prayer Tree Ministry

Prayer Tree Link: We are implementing a confidential Prayer Tree Ministry to our tool box of ways we can support others. If you are interested, please follow this link below to sign up. Part of the sign up process is a short assessment which will identify your spiritual gifts as referred to in 1 Corinthians 12: 4-11, Romans 12:6. <https://forms.gle/FUtbq9QuPNvJj1g7A>

Eureka! Quilters

For a couple years now, we host the monthly meetings of the Eureka! Quilters. What a wonderful talented group of men and women! Last month (as is their custom) they presented us with a dozen+ beautiful handmade quilts that we can hand out to our homeless clients in need. What pure joy to behold on their faces when they see the tag "This Quilt was lovingly made for you." We are so grateful for this group partnering with our homeless ministries. Thank you!!



United
Women
in Faith

Standing with Our Neighbors ~ For over 150 years, Methodist women have been at the forefront of social change, advocating for issues that are central to our calling as women of faith. Methodist women have responded to the scriptures that command us to see Jesus in "the least of these". The Eureka Springs United Women in Faith reaffirm our commitment to the UMC Charter for Racial Justice and we affirm that all residents of Carroll County – regardless of immigration status – are beloved children of God, created in God's own image. We stand with our neighbors. **United Women in Faith believe that love in action can change the world.**

Old Cell Phones

If you happen to have an old cell phone (doesn't need to be working) that you no longer need, it would be quite beneficial to our homeless clients. Susan Reed through Cup of Love has been working to help get them low cost or free phone service.

March

2026

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"Family, It Ain't a Nuclear Thing" Al-Anon 10 AM Church Youth Room Ozarks Chorale 6 PM FHall	Al-Anon 10 AM Church Youth Room Ozarks Chorale 6 PM FHall	Yoga 9-10 FHall Al-Anon Noon Church Youth Room	Parkinsons Support 10 AM Library Widow(er)s Support Noon Library Jubilee Ringers 4:30 Bible Study 6 PM	Al-Anon 10 AM Church Youth Room		UWF Women's Soul Care Retreat 11-3 PM FHall \$10
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"Thirsty, Hungry, & Afraid" Spring Forward, Daylight Saving Time begins Texas A&M here thru the 14th	Al-Anon 10 AM Church Youth Room	Yoga 9-10 FHall Al-Anon Noon Eureka! Quilters 11-1:30 FHall Church Youth Room Caregivers Support 1 -3 PM Library Ozarks Chorale 6 PM FHall	Mobile Pantry 8 AM Jubilee Ringers 4:30 Bible Study 6 PM	Al-Anon 10 AM Church Youth Room		Texas A&M Springbreak volunteers working at Turpentine Creek Wildlife Refuge leave today
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