

# the Season of Kingdomtide

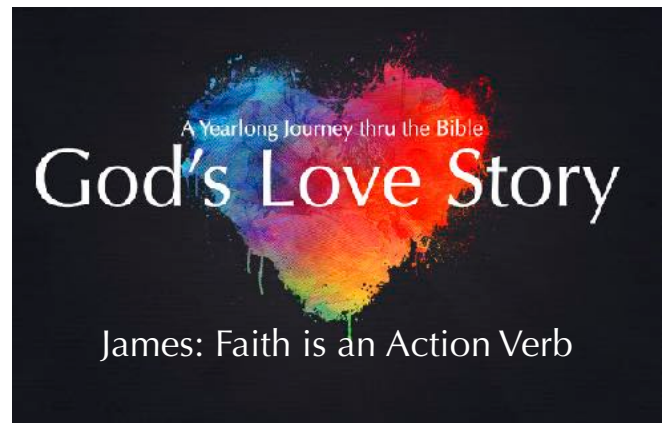
A Joyful Community of Faith, loving God  
by serving all people including the least,  
the last, and the lost.

9th of June 2024

## Pathways

News from Eureka Springs United Methodist Church

It is hard to believe that summer is upon us, and hopefully behind us will be all the spring storms. Recent tornados have left a large swath of destruction through many communities in our area. The hardest hit have been the cities of Rogers and Bentonville. If you have been over there you will have seen that Walnut Avenue is virtually unrecognizable. Our Emergency Response Teams have been over there for several days now helping to clean up debris and cut trees. If you would like to be added to our Emergency Response Team please call the office. Various trainings are held throughout the year and we are always in need of help. Sometimes we deploy locally and sometimes in other states. We bring hope and help to those who are suffering. Beginning in July, I will be taking by vacation time. This year we are taking my 82 year-old aunt back to her place of birth and childhood - the Fiji Islands - to see family and to relax. Janet Arnett, our amazing lay servant and leader, will be stepping into the pulpit to take my place. Please give her all the love and support you can; Janet is a great blessing to our church and she works hard. John Holtzman will be taking a two-month break after next Sunday, but we are lining up some wonderful opera singers to fill the void. The schedule for the Opera can be found here: <https://opera.org/2022-oio-show-schedule/> Our community is so fortunate to have this amazing resource, so please take advantage of these opportunities. At the end of June, our Journey thru the Bible will come to an end. It has been a fun experience for me weaving all the books of the Bible together in one theme — God's love story, and I hope that no matter what you take from this series you will know the heights and depths of God's love for all us — everything else is just commentary on that singular theme. The bible debriefs have been great conversations and we are going to continue that Wednesday night study by using the Great Courses. I have a subscription to their streaming service and in August we are going to do a class on the first three centuries of Christian history, looking at how we went from a Jewish Rabbi in Galilee to a Roman Emperor in Constantinople. We'll look at how the idea of heaven and hell developed, the changing meaning of salvation, and how a tiny group of people became the Empire's dominant religion. Each Wednesday we will cover a 25 to 30 minute lecture, followed by another 30 minute discussion. This is a wonderful opportunity to dig pretty deep into this fascinating era of Church history to learn about our origins. The library contains other Great Courses you are free to check out including a wonderful study of the Old and New Testaments along with classes on the great religions of the world. These college level courses are easy to access and will teach you so much.



# 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, June 9th, 2024**

**Ushers:** Dennis & Shirley Lykins

**Communion Stewards:** Janet Arnett, Sandy Dunn, Connie & Bill Featherstone

**Offering Counters:** Janet Arnett, Milo Warner

### We Gather to Worship

Greeting

Opening Song:

**"Every Time I Feel the Spirit"**

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Communal Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Hymns:

**"Grace Greater than Our Sin"** Page 365 UMC Hymnal

**"Blessed Assurance"** Page 369 UMC Hymnal

### We Listen to God's Spirit



**A Reading from James 1:27; 2:14-26**

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

**THANKS BE TO GOD!**

**"You are My All in All"**

Dennis Jernigan, Arr: Bruce Greer

**The Chancel Choir**

A Video Reflection: We Are Church

The Message:

**"Faith is an Action Verb"**

Rev Blake Lasater

### 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

The CS Bank (downtown Eureka Springs) has assigned our church **Saturday, July 13**, as an opportunity to direct & monitor cars into their lot, and the church gets to keep all the proceeds. We typically also sell water. We need someone to chair the event as well as volunteers to take a shift. This is about **the easiest fundraiser ever** with guaranteed proceeds! To **volunteer or chair this fundraiser**, please contact Blake or the church office.



United  
Women  
in Faith

**SUPPORTIVE COMMUNITY!** The Purpose of United Women in Faith includes the phrase, "to develop a creative supportive community." This includes meeting together, checking in on one another, and praying for each other. Please add Diana Hendricks to your prayer list. Diana lives near Russellville, she is our conference representative to the national UWFaith Program Advisory Committee and is now in hospice care with ALS (Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis). Diana is an inspiration to everyone she meets. Your prayers would help her in this difficult journey. Thank you.

Save the Dates!

Important

Happenings

in the Life of ESUMC

Opportunities for

FUN & Service

**Mobile Food Pantry** church parking lot the **2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month**. Cars start lining up at 9 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 Tuesday to be added to our limited delivery schedule.

**THIS SATURDAY, JUNE 8: Eureka Springs Pride Parade & Lunch. Let's all gather to show our faith in action.** We need many more volunteers to represent our church. This is a great opportunity to show God's love in action. We will **meet at Carnegie Library at 10 AM**. To sign up or more info, contact Melodye: 479.244.5120 or Blake.

**Theology on Tap, June 17, Monday 5-6:30 pm.** Food truck on site. Topic: "You Can't Step into the Same River Twice - dealing with change."

**July 13, Saturday, CS Bank Parking Lot Fundraiser.** Need committee chair & volunteers to take shifts! We don't want to miss out on this opportunity to raise funds, typically between \$400-\$500. Grab a friend and take a shift to collect money, sell some bottled water all while taking in the tourist foot traffic.

## 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

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.**

**Pantry Current needs:** Food staples, pasta & sauce, bug spray, sun screen; baked beans, pinto, kidney, black-eye peas, etc. to make nutrient-dense meals. If you have an abundance of produce or eggs, we would love to be able to pass that along to our clients. Both male & females often have very worn-out shoes. If you have any used shoes (running or hiking type) they are very grateful to receive those. 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, June 12, 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.

## Bible Debrief with Pastor Blake

We are in the final epistles and Revelation as we journey thru the Bible in this thing called "God's Love Story". These debriefs happen on **Wednesday evenings at 6 PM** in the church library. We go a bit more in-depth of the books of the Bible we talked about on Sunday. Feel free to bring drinks, snacks, or dinner. All our welcome to

## June Church Events: Pride Parade & Lunch at Peckers Summer Kick Off Party

Join us as we **Live Our Faith Out Loud & Proud** on **Saturday, June 8.** We will meet at the **Carnegie Library at 10 am.** Dress in **Rainbow Colors.** Following the Parade, we will have lunch together at Pecker's Chicken. Please RSVP to Melody: 479.244.5120.

**Summer Kick Off Party, Sunday, June 23rd**, immediately following Sunday Service. Dress as a tourist on a tropical vacation. Bring a Polynesian-inspired dish to share. Questions: Melody: 479.244.5120.

## Opportunities to get Involved & Serve

We need a chairperson and volunteers to oversee the **easiest fundraiser we will ever have** as parking lot attendants at the CS Bank, downtown Eureka Springs. Our assigned date is **Saturday, July 13.** Please consider volunteering! It would be a shame to have to pass up this opportunity.

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.

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## Theology on Tap

**June 17, 5-6:30 PM** at **GotaHold Brewery, ES.** Food truck on site. "You Can't Step into the Same River Twice - dealing with change." Change is the one constant in life and yet it is the thing we fight against the most, especially as we age. Join us for a conversation on change, the major changes we've been through, how we have adapted, and how we can embrace it.

## Summer Meal Deliveries for Kids

Eureka Springs Schools has asked for our help delivering **summer meals to students.** There are nearly 150 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 start on June 6th and 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 #.

# June

2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
Trinity Sunday	Memorial Day Offices closed  Al-Anon/Mixed 10 am Youth Rm	Yoga 9 am Alanon/Women 10 am Youth Rm <b>Leadership Team Meets 5 PM</b>	<b>Mobile Pantry</b> 9-10 am <b>Widow(er)s Outing 10:30</b> Church Parking Lot <b>Bible DeBrief</b> 6 pm Library	Al-Anon/Mixed 10 am Youth Rm		
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<b>United Women in Faith Sunday</b> Guest Speaker Cindy Miller	Yoga 9 am 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 <b>Bible DeBrief</b> 6 pm Library	Al-Anon/Mixed 10 am Youth Rm		<b>ES Pride Parade &amp; Lunch</b> Meet at Carnegie Library at 10 am
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
3rd 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> 9-10 am <b>Bible DeBrief</b> 6 pm Library	Al-Anon/Mixed 10 am Youth Rm		
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Father's Day	Yoga 9 am Al-Anon/Mixed 10 am Youth Rm <b>Theology on Tap</b> Gotahold Brewery 5-6:30 pm	Yoga 9 am Alanon/Women 10 am Youth Rm	<b>Widow(er)s Support Group</b> noon in library <b>Bible DeBrief</b> 6 pm Library	Al-Anon/Mixed 10 am Youth Rm		
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
<b>Summer Kick Off Party</b> following service	Yoga 9 am Al-Anon/Mixed 10 am Youth Rm	Yoga 9 am Alanon/Women 10 am Youth Rm <b>Leadership Team Meets 5 PM</b>	<b>Mobile Pantry</b> 9-10 am <b>Bible DeBrief</b> 6 pm Library	Al-Anon/Mixed 10 am Youth Rm		
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Annual Conference Hot Springs