

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

9th of November 2025

Pathways

News from the Eureka Springs United Methodist Church

Today we celebrate the accomplishment of Janet Arnett fulfilling all the requirements in order to become a **Lay Minister**. The liturgy today was planned by Janet as part of her homework for these Lay Minister Classes. She has asked different people to participate in the liturgy. Lay Ministry is a new development in United Methodism, so whereas we “ordain” ministers and “commission” deacons, we have yet to come up for what we are going to do today. I guess in many ways this is a congregational blessing for one who has entered the lay ministry. **Pledge Campaign** will start this Sunday, and we will be asking all of you to think about how you will give to the church during the year 2026. The faithful generosity of our congregation has sustained the church thru some difficult years — pandemic, inflation, and a cultural change that is seeing fewer and fewer people attend church. Your giving enables us to do so many good things in our community, from the Mobile Food Pantry to a Widow(er)s Support Group. Of course giving is not simply limited to financial giving, but encompasses the promises we made when we became United Methodists. Will you pray for our church throughout the year? Will you attend worship services and bible studies and other events? Will you give of your time to serve? There are so many ways to serve. Finally, will you witness to your faith by inviting people to church, encouraging people, or performing random acts of kindness? **Advent** is just around the corner (right after Thanksgiving in fact). Our sermon series is called “A Weary World Rejoices”, and I hope it brings you some comfort as we navigate these troublesome days.

For unto us a child is born...

-Isaiah 9:6

Advent
a weary world rejoices

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, 9th of November, 2025

Ushers: Dennis & Shirley Lykins **Communion Stewards:** Sandy Dunn, Lori Luney, Patti Marler, Marilou Shreve

Offering Counters: Kevin Graham and Chris Ritthaler

We Gather to Worship

Welcome

Opening song.

"This Is The Day"

Communal Prayer

Janet Arnett, Lay Minister

Our Lord's Prayer

Songs of Celebration

"Come, Let Us Use the Grace Divine" page 606 UMC Hymnal

"O God, Our Help in Ages Past" page 117 UMC Hymnal

The Prayer of Illumination

a reading from 1 Timothy 6:11-16/Ephesians 3:17-21

Thanks be to God for the gift of the Scriptures

Thanks be to God!



"Nearer My God to Thee"

Lowell Mason arr: Jess Wade

The Chancel Choir

A Video Reflection — "Give Thanks"

Celebration of Lay Minister

"Sent Forth"

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.**

Temporary Volunteer Church Custodians

Thank you to all the individuals who have stepped up in a big way to keep our church, narthex, bathrooms, and church offices and meeting areas spic & span! You really make a huge difference!

Scout Troop 67 Food Drive

Emergency Food Relief. We are asking that the next couple of Sundays you clean out your pantries and bring canned food to the church to be given to people in need. We are partnering with Scouts Troop 67, so if you haven't received your collection bag from them just bring your food here. Government benefits have ended and this will effect many in our community.

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 8:30 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.

United Women, of Faith will be volunteering at the CS Bank Parking Lot downtown ES on **Saturday November 15** from 8-4 PM. On **Sunday, November 16**, UWF will gather after Sunday Service and share fellowship and a baked potato bar-YUM!

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

Jubilee Ringers Practice, Wednesdays 5 - 6 PM, Sanctuary

Ozarks Chorale Rehearsals Tuesdays, from 6-8pm in Fellowship Hall.

Theology on Tap

We had a wonderful and wide ranging conversation last week about deconstructing our faith. It was probably one of the best talks we have shared. Thank you to all who participated, and it was great to see Doug Philips, our former Associate Pastor there as well. Stay tuned for next months event, topic to be announced later.

Transportation Ministry

Drivers Needed

The church was gifted a **Nissan Murano** 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 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.

Church Finances &

Yard Sale Proceeds

	Giving	Expenses
September:	\$ 17,296.78	\$ 23,129.95
YTD:	\$191,528.70	\$244,259.46

Yard Sale Proceeds: \$2,185.50. Thank you to all the volunteers who donated multiple hours and to our donors in kind, as well as our Scout Troop 67. This could not happen without all your help and dedication.

The Schmieding Center for Senior Health and Education

What is the definition of COZY for a Carroll County Senior? A NEW pair of socks! Or a NEW blanket! Please consider adding these items to one of the bins located in the Church Welcome Center and Office. Collection dates thru November. Distribution in December. Organized by The Schmieding Center for Senior Health and Education. **Help our Elder Saints feel COZY & CARED for this Holiday Season!**



United
Women
in Faith

We are an organization with a Purpose! For 156 years United Women in Faith have been a community of women whose purpose is to know God and experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative, supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church. **We gather next Sunday, November 16, following worship.** The meal will be a **baked potato bar** and all interested women are invited. **United Women in Faith - we believe that love in action can change the world.**

November

2025

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
	Al-Anon 10 am Youth Room	Al-Anon 10 am Youth Room Ozarks Chorale 6-8 PM	Widow(er)s Fall Foliage Tour	Church-wide Fall Foliage Tour 9 AM Al-Anon 10 am Youth Room	All Hallows' Eve	All Saints' Day
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All Saints' Sunday	Al-Anon 10 am Youth Room	Al-Anon 10 am Youth Room Ozarks Chorale 6-8 PM	Parkinsons Group 10 AM Widow(er)s Support Noon Jubilee Ringers 5 PM Bible Study 6 PM	Al-Anon 10 am Youth Room		Ozarks Choral Board Meeting 1 PM Library
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Celebration of Lay Minister Janet Arnett	Al-Anon 10 am Youth Room	Al-Anon 10 am Youth Room Caregivers Group 1:00 PM Ozarks Chorale 6-8 PM	Mobile Pantry Eureka! Quilters 11-1:30 PM Jubilee Ringers 5 PM Bible Study 6 PM	Al-Anon 10 am Youth Room		UWF CS Bank Parking Lot Downtown ES
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
UWF Meet After Service & will share a baked potato bar- YUM! Charge Conference Springdale UMC 2:30-4 PM	Al-Anon 10 am Youth Room	Al-Anon 10 am Youth Room Leadership Team Meeting 4:30 PM Ozarks Chorale 6-8 PM	Widow(er)s Support Noon Jubilee Ringers 5 PM Bible Study 6 PM	Al-Anon 10 am Youth Room		
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
Christ the King Sunday FRIENDSGIVING POTLUCK 5:30 Fellowship Hall	Al-Anon 10 am Youth Room	Al-Anon 10 am Youth Room Ozarks Chorale 6-8 PM	Mobile Pantry OFFICE CLOSED	Thanksgiving OFFICE CLOSED		
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First Sunday in Advent	Al-Anon 10 am Youth Room	Al-Anon 10 am Youth Room Ozarks Chorale 6-8 PM	Parkinsons Group 10 AM Widow(er)s Support Noon Jubilee Ringers 5 PM Bible Study 6 PM	A Weary World Rejoices an Advent Sermon Series		