

the season of
Kingdomtide

Pathways

News from the Eureka Springs United Methodist Church

10th of August 2025

Now, I have been harping on reading the Gospel of Mark as a single, literary creation, ignoring chapter and verse and experiencing the work as the early Christians would have. Cutting and pasting different verses from different books of the Bible just creates a theological monstrosity that the authors of the Bible would find horrifying. However, it is a neat exercise to compare the Gospels. Matthew and Luke were written after Mark's Gospel and both contain word for word passages they copied from Mark (which is why we know Mark was first). Of course John is so unique that his material hardly derives anything from the other three besides the Passion and Resurrection and the feeding of the multitudes. Our passage today concerns the healing of two daughters, and this story is found in Matthew and Luke too. Except in Matthew the writer wants to emphasize that Jairus' daughter is dead, not just sick. In Mark, Jairus' daughter is sick at the beginning and is dead at the end. I've had literalists tell me there must have been two different people named Jairus and a daughter who is sick and dying. That's pretty ludicrous. I guess Matthew changes the story to emphasize there is not mistaking the fact the daughter was dead and not just sleeping. In Mark, Jesus is confused when the woman touches him, but in Matthew Jesus is fully aware of everything. Matthew removes the Aramaic phrase, "Talitha cumi", because that writer doesn't like the idea Jesus needs special words to heal. In Matthew there is no command to keep this a secret, everyone proclaims it far and near. In Matthew the little girl's father is simply a leader and has no name. In Mark (and Luke), he is the leader of a synagogue and his name is Jairus, which can mean, "to awaken" (nice touch Mark, because the little girl awakens). Of course there is much, much more to this story that we will cover on Sunday. Yet, when reading the Gospels compare the stories, ask why one says this and the other changes it. Such questions will open you eyes to all sorts of new insights.



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, 10th of August, 2025

Ushers: Dave & Martie Davis **Communion Stewards:** Janet Arnett, Beverly Beard, Kevin Graham, Jess Wade

Offering Counters: Janet Arnett, Martie Davis

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

"Heal us, Emmanuel, Hear Our Prayer" page 266 UMC Hymnal

"My Hope is Built" page 368 UMC Hymnal

The Prayer of Illumination

a reading from the Gospel of Mark 5:21-43

Thanks be to God for the gift of the Scriptures

Thanks be to God!

"Goodness of God"

Arr: Ben Fielding

Loretta Crenshaw & Kristal Kuykendall

A Video Reflection — "Scars"

Mark: the beginning of the Good News

"Sandwiches"

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. 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. 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.**

Youth Group

The Youth Group will resume in the fall. Thank you to all the volunteers who kept this group together, inspired, and learning. Your ministry is very much appreciated. If you would like be a part of the youth group volunteers, please contact Candis at 55.368.1012. Thank you.

We are accepting snack donations-there is a box for Youth Group in the Narthex.

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.

Youth Group resumes in mid September. Let Candis know if you would like to be part of the youth leadership team. Candis: 515.368.1012

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 in September when the weather is cooler.

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 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

Several devotionals have been recommended for your daily reading. If you want to study through the whole Bible in a year, check out The Grand Sweep: 365 Days from Genesis Through Revelation (242.2/Kal) by J. Ellsworth Kalas. Each day includes Bible selections, a reflection, and a prayer. This book can be useful as an individual Bible study, group Bible study, or with one special "Bible buddy."

Church Finances

	<u>June</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Giving:	\$16,335.01	\$142,070.64
Expenses:	\$32,143.15	\$175,864.92

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.



United
Women
in Faith

It's time to find JOY! We are reminded constantly of all the doom and gloom, the chaos and crisis, the loneliness and lethargy – **WE NEED JOY!** Today, look for glimmers of joy. You may find them in the eyes of a friend, a ripe tomato from your garden, or a tiny grasshopper resting on a daisy! "Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes with the morning." Psalm 30: 5b. **United Women in Faith - we believe that love in action can change the world.**

August

2025

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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Gospel of Mark: Healings, Miracles, & Exorcisms, Oh My!	AI-Anon 10 AM/Mixed	Yoga 9-10 AM AI-Anon 10 AM Mixed	Widow(er)s Outing Jubilee Ringers 5 PM Bible Study 6 PM library	AI-Anon 10 AM/Mixed		
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Gospel of Mark: Secrets	AI-Anon 10 AM/Mixed Apostle Paul Beheaded in Rome 67 AD	Yoga 9-10 AM AI-Anon 10 AM Mixed	Parkinson's Group 10 AM Library Widow(er)s Group Noon Library Jubilee Ringers 5 PM Bible Study 6 PM library	AI-Anon 10 AM/Mixed Estate Planning Workshops 2-4 PM Fellowship Hall		Atomic Bomb dropped on Nagasaki
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Gospel of Mark: Sandwiches	AI-Anon 10 AM/Mixed	Yoga 9-10 AM AI-Anon 10 AM Mixed Caregivers Group 1 PM Library	Mobile Pantry 8-9:30 AM Eureka! Quilters 11-1:30 PM Jubilee Ringers 5 PM Bible Study 6 PM	AI-Anon 10 AM Mixed 80th Anniversary of V-J Day Eureka! Quilters'	Death of Mary, mother of Jesus 41 AD Retreat Fellowship Hall & Kitchen	
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Gospel of Mark: Jesus Loses an Argument	AI-Anon 10 AM/Mixed 19th Amendment Ratified!	Yoga 9-10 AM AI-Anon Mixed 10 AM Leadership Team meeting 5 PM Death of Caesar Augustus, 14 AD	Widow(er)s Group Noon Library Jubilee Ringers 5 PM Bible Study 6 PM library	AI-Anon 10 AM/Mixed		
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Gospel of Mark: Suffering Messiahs?	AI-Anon 10 AM/Mixed	Yoga 9-10 AM AI-Anon 10 AM Mixed Leadership Team 5 PM Library	Mobile Pantry 8-9:30 AM Jubilee Ringers 5 PM Bible Study 6 PM	AI-Anon 10 AM/Mixed		
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Gospel of Mark: Sightless or Senseless?	AI-Anon 10 AM/Mixed	Yoga 9-10 AM AI-Anon 10 AM Mixed	Widow(er)s Group Noon Library Jubilee Ringers 5 PM Bible Study 6 PM library	AI-Anon 10 AM/Mixed		