

Pathways

News from Eureka Springs United Methodist Church

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

the Season of

Kingdomtide

11th of August 2024

It's hot. Politics are ramping up. The world is crazy. We all need to take a collective breath and count our blessings. We live in a wonderful country. That's what I love about traveling and experiencing new cultures because it does give you a deeper appreciation for being an American. Not that other countries are inferior or lacking in something. America is a great place to live and we are the envy of the world, we take that for granted as both political parties want to make us focus on the negative. The world has always been crazy, and we Christians have been screaming the world is ending for two thousand years now. It's time we take a step back and let God be God and quit worrying. As Christians our priority is to build community, reconcile people, and work for peace. Carlie Luney has approached me about the church hosting a "Teen Night Out" here at the church. It is a wonderful idea and she has great enthusiasm for the project. We will need adult mentors and volunteers to help make this happen. If you are interested, please see me about helping. The youth are the future of the church, and though we live in an aging area, there are still plenty of young people who are searching for community. Let's help Carlie make this happen. We have started a new type of bible study on Wednesday evenings. We are utilizing the Great Courses, college level classes on the Bible, Christian history, and theology. Our first course is called, "From Jesus to Constantine: The first 300 years of Christian History." The format is a thirty-minute video followed by another thirty- minute discussion of the subject covered. Come out and discover how the church developed, how we ended up believing what we believe, and how the Bible was created. Our sermon this morning draws upon the story of Cain and Abel and the ending to Revelation — War and Peace. We will cover the age old question, "Are we indeed our brother's/sister's keeper?" Human history is one of tribal divisions, violence and warfare, and dehumanizing ideologies. It all started with Cain's jealousy, but that's not how it ends. The future is filled with hope because God is working to make all things new. God is teaching us how to heal our violent natures so that we can finally start seeing one another as our 'brother's keepers'.



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, 11th of August, 2024

Ushers: Martie and Dave Davis

Communion Stewards: Janet Arnett, Lori Luney, Candis Dreschler, Sandy Dunn

Offering Counters: Janet Arnett, Dan Bell

We Gather to Worship

Greeting

Jubilee Ringers

"Haleluya"

A traditional Tanzanian melody by Tyler Stults

Opening Song:

"Every Time I Feel the Spirit," Page 404 UMH

Communal Prayer:

The Lord's Prayer

Songs of the Community

"When Cain Killed Abel" Page 2135 UMC Hymnal

"Change My Heart, O God" Page 2152 the Faith We Sing



We Listen to God's Spirit

Reading of Scripture

Genesis 4:1-8 & Revelation 21:1-7

*Thanks be to God
For the Gift of the Scriptures*
THANKS BE TO GOD!

Jubilee Ringers

"How Great Thou Art"

by trio: Kim Stryker, Harry Swarts, Linda Ward

by Stuart K. Hine with handbell setting by Brian Childers

"Come and Sit with Me"

John Holtzman

A Video Reflection: Scars

The Message:

"The End is the Beginning: a Hope filled Future — War & Peace"

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

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!

Take a Homeless Client for lunch *FREE* Compliments of Harold's Diner in ES

We are so blessed to have faithful supporters and mentors that partner with us in our homeless/shower ministry. Harold's Diner has donated tokens that we can distribute to a homeless person which can be turned in for a free nutritious meal. Some of our donors &/or church members have expressed that you would love the opportunity to sit down in a safe environment with one of our clients, share a meal and conversation. If that sounds like you, call the church office and I can facilitate an opportunity for you to take a client to Harold's Diner for a meal and conversation, using the token for the homeless meal. If you haven't been to Harold's Diner (17 White Street) you are in for a treat! Their menu is creative, healthy and delicious. Plus, they have a record collection which you can select from and play on their record player.



Reflection These words were shared in a class during the Mission U "Welcome Home" study. What is home for you?

Lights on bright, a nice, trimmed lawn, Laughter and...people inside – this must be the place! Quietly entering, no one notices. Not one hello. This isn't it. No, it's not the one. I must go. Down the road, looking, searching ~ Tired, lonely, sad, disappointed...

Then, a clearing in the woods ahead!

Light filters in, no walls, an open place. A true calm, breathing space...

YOU appear with arms open wide, smiling, welcoming me. Yes, this it. I'm home!

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 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 Tuesday to be added to our limited delivery schedule.

Yoga 9-10 am Mondays & Tuesdays. Fellowship Hall. All are welcome.

Church Yard Sale will be **October 18-19, Friday and Saturday** to entice traffic from the War Eagle Sales occurring on the same dates. Donations (clean and in good working order) are accepted year-round (no clothes) during office hours. We are grateful for the continuing work of Shirley Lykins who works year-round organizing donations.

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 Requested Items

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, ingredients to make nutrient-dense meals; refried beans, peanut butter & crackers, granola-type bars (the soft kind because they often have dental issues), men & women sturdy sneakers/hiking boots. 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.**

Youth Night-Out

Carlie and Grace are wanting to start a **Youth Night Out**, but we need volunteers and sponsors to make that happen. Would you be willing to be a mentor? Volunteer? Make snacks? The youth are the future of the church, and we have two young people who are eagerly wanting to do this. Let's help them out and make this a reality. Contact Blake to learn more or to sign up. This is a great opportunity to bring youth to the church!

Chapter and Verse

Chapter and Verse: If you want to delve deeper into the Bible, The New Testament (Video/225/Ehr) may be a good place to start. This set consists of four DVDs and a guidebook. New Testament scholar, Bart D. Ehrman, approaches the New Testament from a historical perspective in 24 lectures of 30 minutes each. These lectures are well-researched and well-presented. They will give you a better understanding of the New Testament and the individuals and communities who created its texts.

Jesus, the First 300 Years

Beginning this week we delve into a different type of "bible study" by examining the first 300 years of church history — how the Bible developed, how the early creeds were created, how the idea of Jesus changed over time, and the varieties of Christianities that were thriving until Constantine. We will be using Dr. Bart Erhman's Great Courses Lectures for the first 30 minutes and then using some study questions to start a discussion. **6 PM Wednesday nights in the library.**

Opportunities to get Involved & Serve

We are looking for volunteers of form a Worship Planning Team for special services. Contact Blake or the church office if interested: blakelasater@gmail.com, 479.426.2547. See sign up sheet this Sunday.

We are looking for volunteers to come in once a week to scrub & sanitize the showers. We are very appreciative of our current two volunteers, but would like to add more to the team to make this less burdensome. Contact the church office (479.253.8987) or Blake if interested: blakelasater@gmail.com or 479.426.2547.

Summer Meal Deliveries for Kids

A HUGE Thank You to Bill Featherstone and his volunteer drivers who have been delivering nutritious meals each week for youth in Eureka Springs and Holiday Island throughout the summer. This has made a big difference ensuring that our school age children have healthy meals through the summer. Thank you so much for your time and commitment.

August

2024

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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The End is Just the Beginning: a Hope Filled Future August's Sermon Series						
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"Creation & New Creation"	Yoga 9 AM AI-Anon/ Mixed 10 AM Youth Room	Yoga 9 AM AI-Anon/Women 10 AM Youth Room	Parkinsons Group 10 AM Library Widow(er)s Support Group Noon in Library Jesus: the 1st 300 Years 6 PM Library	AI-Anon-Mixed 10 AM Youth Room		
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"Falling & Healing"	Yoga 9 AM AI-Anon/ Mixed 10 AM Youth Room	Yoga 9 AM AI-Anon/Women 10 AM Youth Room Caregiver's Support Group 1 PM Library	Quilter's Retreat 8-5 Fellowship Hall Mobile Food Pantry 9 AM Jesus: the 1st 300 Years 6 PM Library	AI-Anon-Mixed 10 AM Youth Room		
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