

Pathways

News from the Eureka Springs United Methodist Church

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

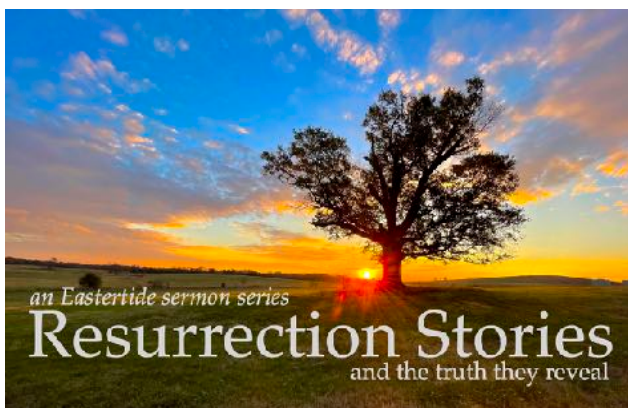
Happy
mother's day

The Season of
Eastertide

11th of May 2025

It's actually an ancient tradition, this day we call "Mother's Day". The Romans set aside time to honor their mothers, and Christians adopted it. In the United States, Ann Jarvis dedicated herself to establishing a special day to honor all moms, and she organized the first celebration in 1908. In 1914 President Woodrow Wilson proclaimed Mother's Day as a national holiday. Meant to be a day of celebration (it does form the third leg of CEM Christians — Christmas, Easter, Mothers' Day when churches are packed) this day can be painful for those who have lost their moms, or never had a loving mother to raise them. It can also be hard for those who have lost children, or have never had children. Yet motherhood is more than biology, it is the roles we can choose to play in the lives of young people in our community. Perhaps more importantly, a mother's love is a biblical image of God's love for us. There is a lot of bad theology out there concerning God, and I think it's more important than ever to reject any theology that takes away from this mothering image. I mother loves her children unconditionally, and would move heaven and earth to care for them and save

them. Theologies that are obsessed with damnation, condemnation, and hell are simply bad beliefs that make a mockery of God's love. Far from being a god that dangles our souls over the abyss of hell, the Bible tells us God's love for us is so deep and wide that the arms of love stretched out upon a cross is the very symbol of that love — a love that will not let us go. So today we honor the calling of motherhood that anyone can fulfill. There are so many who need a mother's love, someone to love them unconditionally. So thank you to all the moms out there!



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, 11th of May, 2025

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

Offering Counters: Janet Arnett, Martie Davis

We Gather to Worship

Greeting

The Rising of the Light, lighting the Paschal Candle

Responsive Song:

"Alleluia"

page 2078 Faith We Sing

an Affirmation of Faith

"Statement of Faith of the Korean Methodist Church"

page 884

Response

"Glory Be to the Father"

page 70 UMC Hymnal

Community Prayer

Janet Arnett, Lay Minister

Our Lord's Prayer

Songs of Celebration

"Up from the Grave He Arose" page 322 UMC Hymnal

"The Lamb of God" page 2113 Faith We Sing

We Listen to God's Spirit

The Easter Gospel from John 21:1-19

Read by Janet Arnett, Lay Minister

Thanks be to God for the gift of the Scriptures

Thanks be to God



"This Joyful Eastertide"

Arr: Linda Cable Shute

The Chancel Choir

A Video Reflection — "I Call You Mom"

The Message

"Thrice"

Rev Blake Lasater

We Give & Receive Love

Remembrance of our Baptism

Holy Communion

(After the bread and cup raised, join us in singing "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" page 96 UMC Hymnal)

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. 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!

Save the Dates!

Important Happenings

in the Life of ESUMC

Get Involved!

Make New Friends

Make a Difference

Spread Joy

Bible Study Wednesdays 6 pm in the church library. We use Dr. Amy Jill Levine's Great Courses Lectures for the first 30 minutes and then use study questions to start a discussion. These lectures take us thru the books of the Old Testament.

Youth Group Wednesdays, 4-5:30 pm. All are welcome!

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 Mondays to be added to our very limited delivery schedule.

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 hand made quilts that were delivered to local non-profit groups!

Widow(ers) Group meet the **first and third Wednesdays of each month from Noon - 1 PM in the church library**. Occasionally, they plan a luncheon outing. 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.

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

CS Bank Parking Lot Fundraiser rescheduled to **Saturday, May 24, 8-4 PM**.



United
Women
in Faith

Honor Your Mother with Prayer Beads! All women are invited to stay after church service next **Sunday, May 18th** to enjoy a light meal and make prayer beads together. Remember your mother and make something special to keep or give to someone you love. Food, fellowship, prayer...what could be better? **All women are welcome! United Women in Faith believe that love in action can change the world.**

CS Bank Parking Lot
Fundraiser Now
Saturday, May 24

Due to the very inclement weather, this fundraiser was cancelled. We have been given a new date of **Saturday, May 24**. **Parking Lot Volunteers: Please let me know If you can remain as scheduled for this new date. We need more volunteers.** Please contact the office to volunteer for the easiest fundraiser EVER!! Thank you very much!

Theology on Tap Returns

Theology on Tap returns May 25th, we are discussing poverty and the book, "The Invisible Child" by Andrea Elliot. It is a tough and heartbreaking read. Jesus taught us that when we do it to the least of these we do it to him. How do we build a society that cares for the poor without being their enablers? Do we even understand poverty in all its forms and hardships? 5 PM at Gotahold Brewing.

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.** The ministry has gone back to the way it was initially set up. We have closed out the mini-pantry and the blessings closet. We are fully stocked with toiletries at this time. **Thank you to all who gave so generously in support of our Shower/Laundry Ministry.** You made a big difference!

Youth Night-Out
Wednesdays 4-5:30 pm
Church Youth Room

The Youth Group is open to all teens aged 13-17. Transportation is available (Call 479.253.8987) This ministry will facilitate important connections with our youth, while providing a safe place to meet each week. Would you be willing to be a mentor? Volunteer? Make snacks? There is a **youth night out box for snack donations** in the Narthex. Your participation is appreciated. For **more information contact: 515.368.1012.**

Exploring the Old
Testament

We are starting a new bible study that will serve as an introduction to the Old Testament. These are lectures by Dr Amy Jill Levine, a noted biblical scholar. This will take up about thirty minutes, and then we'll spend 30 minutes discussing the topics she raises. We meet **Wednesdays in the church library at 6 PM.** All are welcome to attend.

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 EsfumcInfo@gmail.com and we will add your name to the list. When we get a request I send out a group email with dates, times, location and client name and 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.

Church Library
Chapter & Verse

Former members Gerry and Rosalie Toler are the authors of the library recommendation this week. Sheer Poetry: Words & Photographs (811.6/Tol) features poetry by Rosalie and black/white photography by Gerry. Rosalie's fun and fanciful words and Gerry's photographs of Eureka Springs and beyond invite you to bring your own experiences to each page. P. S. Read "Side Bar from God" first.

Church Finances

	<u>March</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Giving:	\$15,391	\$ 75,796
Expenses:	\$16,471	\$198,287

Annual Church Yard Sale

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!** Donations are accepted during office hours.

May

2025

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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“The Thin Veneer” Luke 23:13-35 Chorale Concert	Resurrection Stories & the Wisdom they Teach			Parking Lot Closed for Resurfacing		Holiday Island Singers Concert 4 PM HI Country Club Ballroom \$10
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Paul’s Resurrection Experience Acts 9:119 UWF Make Prayer Beads! 11:30-1 PM Fellowship Hall	Al-Anon/Mixed 10-11 M Youth Rm	Yoga 9-10 AM Fellowship Hall Al-Anon/Women 10-11AM Youth Rm	Widow(ers) Group Noon Church Library Youth Group 4:30-6 PM Jubilee Ringers 5 PM Bible Study 6 PM	Al-Anon/Mixed 10-11 M Youth Rm		Aldersgate Day CS Bank Parking Lot Fundraiser 8 - 4 PM
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