

Pathways

News from the Eureka Springs United Methodist Church

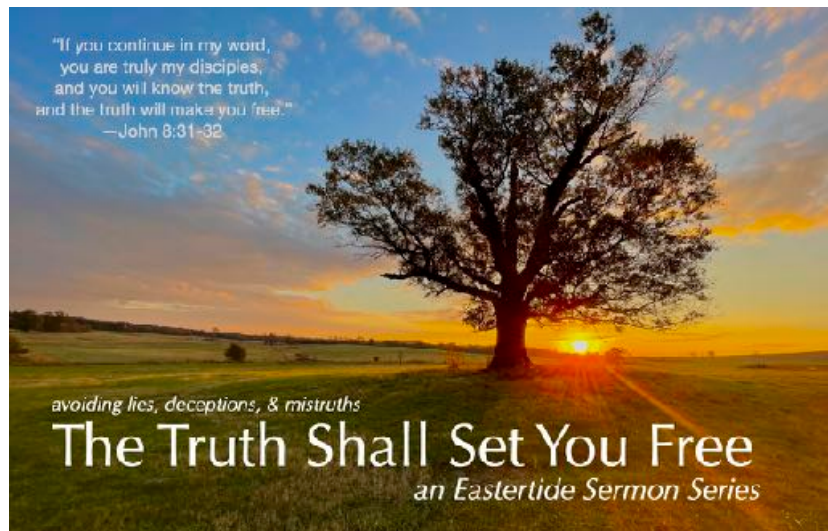


A Joyful Community of Faith, loving God
by serving all people including the least,
the last, and the lost.

The Season of Eastertide

12th of April 2026

Eastertide is the season of 50 days that come after Easter, culminating on Pentecost — the fiftieth day — and the celebration of the coming of the Holy Spirit. The colors are white, and the theme is resurrection and new life. Throughout this season we sing our “Alleluias” and we light the Paschal Candle symbolizing Christ rising in glory, the light of life that no darkness can overcome. For this season our Eastertide sermon series will take its inspiration from Jesus’ words, “The truth shall set you free,” and we’ll look at ways we can avoid lies, deceptions, and mistruths. We live in a society where the “truth” is often ridiculed and even denied. We fall for ‘fake news’, scams, and misleading claims, and with the advent of AI this is becoming harder and harder to overcome. Pilate muttered to Jesus, “What is truth?” a cynical response to a religious argument that would eventually see Jesus condemned to death. Perhaps if Pilate had been more serious about the truth these events never would have transpired, but they reveal the human condition that refuses to acknowledge that truth exists. We live in a “Post-Truth Culture” with people claiming they live their own truth, or that truth is whatever it is we wish to believe. We’ll let the wisdom of scripture guide us as we explore the promise, “the truth shall set you free.” Our beloved Virginia Voiers passed away this week on her 91st birthday, April 7th. Virginia has been a part of our congregation for decades, teaching Sunday school classes, leading prayer groups, and stealing the baby Jesus from downtown. Prayer was very important to her, and she insisted we pray weekly. Prayer was for everyone in her church; she loved each of you whether she knew you or not. When her husband Bill died in 2017, she helped start our Widow(er)s Support Group that has grown to over fifty people. As of this writing we do not know any details about her memorial, but as soon as we do we’ll send out an email and post on Facebook. Please keep her daughter Chris, and granddaughter Jolie, in your prayers as they say goodbye to someone they loved dearly.



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, 12th of April, 2026

Ushers: Dave & Martie Davis **Communion Stewards:** Sandy Dunn, Karen Kinsel, David & Lynn Baker **Offering Counters:** Janet Arnett, Chris Ritthaler

We Gather to Worship

Welcome		
Rising of the Light, Lighting the Paschal Candle*	"Alleluia"	page 2078 Faith We Sing
An Affirmation of Faith*	"the Apostles' Creed"	page 881 UMC Hymnal
Song Response*	"Glory Be to the Father"	page 70 UMC Hymnal
Easter Prayer & Lord's Prayer		Janet Arnett, Lay Minister

Songs of the People

"Easter People Raise Your Voices" page 304 UMC Hymnal*
"Up from the Grave He Arose" page 322 UMC Hymnal*

We Listen for God's Word



A reading from John's Gospel, 18:28-40
Janet Arnett, Lay Minister
"Alleluia", a Choral Response

"He is Risen"

By Dan Carter
The Chancel Choir

A Video Reflection — "Risen"

"The Truth Shall Set Us Free: Our Post-Truth Culture"

Rev Blake Lasater

We Give & Receive Love

Remembrance of our Baptism

Holy Communion

Song Response for the Gift of Communion "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" page 95 UMC Hymnal

(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)

**please stand if you are able*

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 from UAMS Schmieding Center for Senior Health & Education.

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.

Bible Study Wednesdays

Pastor-led bible studies are on **Wednesday evenings at 6 PM**. We are doing a deep dive into the book of Revelation, learning what it is and isn't, and hopefully rescuing it from the kooks who have turned it into their own personal book of prophecy.

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.

Save the Dates!

CS Parking Lot Fundraiser downtown ES, Saturday, May 16. (aka easiest fundraiser ever!) In a couple weeks we will be passing around volunteer sign up sheets. Please consider taking a shift and spreading God's love and joy.

Important Happenings in the Life of ESUMC

UWF Meet following Sunday service:

April 19, 5 PM Creation Care Outdoor Service

May 17, Fellowship Hall after Sunday Service

Get Involved!

Mobile Food Pantry church parking lot the **2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month**. Cars start lining up at 7:45 AM and we distribute until the food runs out, typically within 45 minutes. If you are homebound and do not have a friend or neighbor who can pick up for you, contact Butch [by Noon Monday](mailto:by.Noon.Monday) at 417.393.6113 to be added to our very limited delivery schedule.

Make New Friends

Jubilee Ringers Practice, Wednesdays 4:30-6 PM, Sanctuary

Make a Difference

Ozarks Chorale Rehearsals Tuesdays, from 6-8 PM, Fellowship Hall

Serve Others

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

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

Scouts Tuesday-Wednesdays, Youth Room, 6 pm

Transportation Ministry Drivers Needed

We have a Transportation Ministry through the generosity of a donor who gifted the church with a Nissan Murano for the designated purpose of providing transportation to the least, the lost, and the last so they can get to various medical, dental, eye appointments. 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 use a few more volunteers for this ministry. Thank you.

Church Columbarium

We are excited to announce that the church is going to install a Columbarium in the Prayer Garden. Each niche will accommodate two urns at \$1,200. There are 48 niches. Columbarium Contracts are located in the literature rack near the narthex desk. You can pick up a contract at the church office, call for more details, or visit our website to download a contract form. www.lovespokenhere.org

Help Wanted: Administrative Assistant

We are looking for a part time Administrative Assistant for the church. Office hours are from 9 till 2, Monday thru Thursday. The AA is the voice of our church, offering a friendly greeting to callers and guests. Bulletin prep. Various admin duties. \$15 per hour plus vacation.

Prayer Tree Ministry

Prayer Tree Link: We are implementing a confidential Prayer Tree Ministry to our tool box of ways we can support others. If you are interested, please follow this link below to sign up. Part of the sign up process is a short assessment which will identify your spiritual gifts as referred to in 1 Corinthians 12: 4-11, Romans 12:6. <https://forms.gle/FUtbq9QuPNvJj1g7A>

Lay Servant Training Rescheduled

The Lay Servant Training previously scheduled for April 11 had to be rescheduled. The new date is May 9th, with May 23 being held as an alternate date just in case. Contact Blake for more information or Jay Parker at 620.717.3790, or jayp.onthego@gmail.com. This is a special opportunity to grow in your faith and service to others.



United
Women
in Faith

I am your nurture: Do not destroy me! Love and enjoy me, savor my fruit; my good is your good, my food is your food, water and flower, branches and root. (Earth Prayer – FWS #2059)

Sunday, April 19th at 5:00 pm you are invited to a special service held in our Outdoor Chapel celebrating Creator and Creation. This is a cooperative service prepared by the Holiday Island Presbyterian Women and the Eureka Springs United Women in Faith. **United Women in Faith believe that love in action can change the world.**

Community News

The Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Eureka Springs will be holding their annual Rummage and Bake Sale on April 23-25. They are also accepting donations beforehand.

April

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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Palm Sunday: Chancel Choir's Passion Cantata	AI-Anon 10 AM	Yoga 9-10 FHall AI-Anon Noon Ozarks Chorale 6 PM FHall	Parkinsons Support Group 10 AM Library Widow(er)s Group Noon Library Jubilee Ringers 4:30 Bible Study 6 PM	AI-Anon 10 AM Maundy Thursday 6 PM	Good Friday 6 PM	
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Easter Sunrise 6:30 AM Easter Celebration 10 AM	AI-Anon 10 AM	Yoga 9-10 FHall AI-Anon Noon Ozarks Chorale 6 PM FHall	Mobile Pantry 8 AM Eureka Quilters 11-1:30 FHall Jubilee Ringers 4:30 Bible Study 6 PM	AI-Anon 10 AM		
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The Truth Shall Set You Free: Our Post-Truth Culture	AI-Anon 10 AM	Yoga 9-10 FHall AI-Anon Noon Ozarks Chorale 6 PM FHall	Widow(er)s Support Noon Library Jubilee Ringers 4:30 Bible Study 6 PM	AI-Anon 10 AM		
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The Truth Shall Set You Free: Most Propagandized People on Earth UWF Creation Care Outdoor Service 5 PM	AI-Anon 10 AM Leadership Team Meets 4:30 PM	Yoga 9-10 FHall Pastor & Leadership Team Members to ESHS for Rotary Impact presentation for Bill Featherstone memorial. AI-Anon Noon Ozarks Chorale 6 PM FHall	Mobile Pantry 8 AM Jubilee Ringers 4:30 Bible Study 6 PM	AI-Anon 10 AM		
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The Truth Shall Set You Free: Picking Cherries	AI-Anon 10 AM	Yoga 9-10 FHall AI-Anon Noon	Jubilee Ringers 4:30 Bible Study 6 PM	AI-Anon 10 AM		

