

the season of

Kingdomtide

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.

12th of October 2025

I'm taking a break this week and headed out to Santa Fe to experience the Balloon Festival and some great Southwest cooking. Our newly approved Lay Minister, Janet Arnett, will be delivering the message in our new sermon series — a fun one — “Ghost Stories: Spooky Stories from the Bible and What they Teach Us?” The first one comes from First Samuel where a king feels lost and seeks out a medium to summon a ghost from the dead. Saul is bewildered at God's lack of a response, and in his anxiety he turns to things not of God. How often do we seek answers from other places when God is silent? What do we summon to provide us answers when we are most worried? Saul discovers answers, but they are not the answers he was hoping for. All Saints Sunday is just around the corner; our special Sunday to remember all those who have passed triumphantly thru death to life everlasting. This is a candlelight remembrance for the dead. We have a special moment during the service where we call out the names of those who have past away during the last 12 months and place a candle in the baptismal font as the bell tolls. We want to honor and remember everyone in your life who has past this year. So please send in their names, birth/death dates, and a picture that we can display during the presentation. Send them to blakelasater@gmail.com. All Saints Sunday is on November 2nd and that is

also the end of Daylight Savings Time — ‘fall back’ as they say, an extra hour so sleep. On the 9th of November we are going to celebrate Janet Arnett's accomplishment of becoming a lay minister, with a special service of celebration and commissioning. As part of her requirements for Lay Minister, Janet was required to create a special worship service for this moment. We hope you all will make a special effort to be there on the 9th. Janet has spent many years preparing for this moment, and I think that in itself is a special message — always find something to retire to, not from, because God is never quite done with us in this world, no matter our age, we still have work to do.



ghost
stories

Spooky Stories from the Bible & What they Mean

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, 12th of October, 2025

Ushers: Karen Kinsel & Cheryl Rutledge **Communion Stewards:** Sandy Dunn, Lori Luney, Patti Marler, Kim Stryker

Offering Counters: Keven Graham, Paul Gandy

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

"Would I have Answered When You Called" page 2137 Faith We Sing

"My Jesus I Love Thee" page 172 UMC Hymnal

The Prayer of Illumination

a reading from the Book of 1 Samuel 28:3-17

Thanks be to God for the gift of the Scriptures

Thanks be to God!



"Canticle of Praise"

arr: Victoria C Johnson

Chancel Choir

A Video Reflection — "Above all Kings"

Ghost Stories: Spooky Stories from the Bible & What they Teach

"Summoning Ghosts"

Janet Arnett, Lay Minister

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 Needed

Our custodian, Mark will be off for a month October 15-November 16, recovering from cataract surgery. We hope to fill that need for the church and church offices with volunteers. Sign up sheet will be passed around this Sunday. Thank you.

Fall Foliage Trip

Save the date....**October 30th** we are taking the church bus to do a little fall foliage trip thru the Ozarks. We'll leave from the church at 9 AM and return around 3 PM with a stop in Jasper to eat at the Low Gap Cafe. We'll drive thru the Buffalo River Valley stopping along the way to enjoy the leaves of Autumn. Space is limited to 15 people, so we'll pass around the sign-up sheet.

Save the Dates! Important Happenings in the Life of ESUMC Get Involved! Make New Friends Make a Difference

October 5 directly following service, UWF meet in church library.

Annual Church Yard Sale Friday & Saturday, October 16-18 7:30 AM - 4 PM

October 30, 9-3 PM Church Leaf Peeping Tour. Sign up sheet on Sunday, or call the church secretary. Only 11 spots left.

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.

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 Library Chapter & Verse

The latest addition to your church library is **Jesus Wept: Seven Popes and the Battle for the Soul of the Catholic Church (282.09/She)** by Philip Shenon. This book, written by a noted NYT investigative reporter and published in 2025, takes you inside the Holy See to reveal the truth about power struggles and personality clashes among the most important Roman Catholic church leaders of the last seventy-five years. Books highlighted each week in the bulletin can be checked out from the small cart by the library computer desk.

Church Finances

	<u>Giving</u>	<u>Expenses</u>
August:	\$ 14,051.22	\$ 15,163.43
YTD:	\$170,409.29	\$221,129.51

Annual Church Yard Sale October 17-18 Friday and Saturday

We will hold our annual church yard sale on **October 17-18, 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. **We still need lots of volunteers** to make this a success from set up, merchandising & display, organizing, cashiers, greeters. Please consider serving during this 2-day extravaganza! All proceeds support our church & local ministries.



United
Women
in Faith

United Women in Faith know that financial gifts change lives. We support programs in the United States and around the world that improve life for women, children and youth and their communities. UWFaith does not fund projects and programs that: don't benefit women, children or youth; don't comply with our UMC Social Principles; are administered by discriminatory organizations. All women are welcome to meet today in the church library following worship. **United Women in Faith - we believe that love in action can change the world.**

October

2025

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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The End: An Old apocalypse: Daniel			Parkinsons Group 10 AM Library Widow(er)s Support Group Noon Jubilee Ringers 5:00 Bible Study 6 PM			
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The End: A very weird apocalypse: Revelation UWF in Church Library directly following service	Al-Anon 10 AM	Al-Anon 10 AM Ozarks Chorale 6-8 PM F-Hall Scout Troop 67 6 PM	Mobile Pantry 8-11 Eureka Quilters 11-1:30 F-Hall 1:30-2:30 Library Jubilee Ringers 5:00 Bible Study 6 PM	Al-Anon 10 AM		
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Ghost Stories: Spooky Tales from the Bible & What they Mean “Summoning Ghosts”	Al-Anon 10 AM	Al-Anon 10 AM Caregivers 1 PM Library Ozarks Chorale 6-8 PM F-Hall	Widow(er)s Support Group Noon Jubilee Ringers 5:00	Al-Anon 10 AM Yard Sale Set Up	Church Yard Sale Friday and Saturday 8 till 4:00	
Pastor on Vacation (9th thru the 18th)						
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Ghost Stories: Spooky Tales from the Bible & What they Mean “Disembodied Hands”	Al-Anon 10 AM Leadership Team Meets 5 PM	Al-Anon 10 AM Ozarks Chorale 6-8 PM F-Hall Scout Troop 67 6 PM	Mobile Pantry 8-11 Jubilee Ringers 5:00 Bible Study 6 PM	Al-Anon 10 AM		
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Ghost Stories: Spooky Tales from the Bible & What they Mean “Demons”	Al-Anon 10 AM	Al-Anon 10 AM Ozarks Chorale 6-8 PM F-Hall Scout Troop 67 6 PM	Widow(er)s Fall Foliage Trip Jubilee Ringers 5:00 Bible Study 6 PM	Al-Anon 10 AM Church Fall Foliage Trip 9 AM till 3	All Hallows Eve Reformation Day	All Hallows Day