



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

16th of November 2025

Pathways

News from the Eureka Springs United Methodist Church

2026 Pledge Campaign: “Arise, Shine” and let’s begin thinking about 2026 and the gifts we will bring to the service of the Lord. As United Methodists we promise to give of our prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness. All are vital to the health and spirit of our church, without you the church could not fulfill its many missions and ministries. Our prayers matter. Our presence uplifts. Our service touches others. Our witness brings others to our fold. And of course our gifts help us keep everything running. Soon pledge cards will be mailed out to each of us, and we ask that you prayerfully consider what you pledge to give next year. Yes, your financial giving is important, but please prayerfully consider those other areas too. Your presence on Sunday morning builds up our community. Inviting people to church spreads our work and message. The time you give volunteering is important, and most especially, are you praying for our church daily? **Advent Season** begins in a just a few short weeks, the Sunday right after Thanksgiving. Our sermon series is called, “A Weary World Rejoices.” We’ll be lighting the Advent Wreath each Sunday as we countdown the days till Christmas. The Choir is busy practicing their cantata that is also called, “A Weary World Rejoices,” and they will perform on the third Sunday of Advent. Our Blue Christmas Service will be on Friday the 19th at 6 PM. This is a more somber and reflective service geared for those grieving or who just don’t think Christmas is the most joyous time of the year. Christmas Eve we will host our Candlelight Communion Service beginning at 5:30 PM. It’s always a busy time of the year, but at least let’s try to make it a holy time.



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, 16th of November, 2025

Ushers: Candis Drechsler & Susan Reed **Communion Stewards:** Dave & Lynn Baker, Janet Arnett, Sandy Dunn

Offering Counters: Janet Arnett, Kim Stryker

We Gather to Worship

Welcome

Opening song.

"This Is The Day"

Communal Prayer

Janet Arnett, Lay Minister

Our Lord's Prayer

Songs of Celebration

"For the Beauty of the Earth" page 92 UMC Hymnal
"Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken" page 731 UMC Hymnal

The Prayer of Illumination

a reading from Philippians 4:4-23

Thanks be to God for the gift of the Scriptures

Thanks be to God!



"This Little Light of Mine"

arr: Mark Hayes

The Chancel Choir

A Video Reflection — "Gratitude"

"Our Annual Gratitude Sermon"

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.

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.**

Friendsgiving, Sunday 11/23 All are Welcome

We are happy to sponsor a **Friendsgiving Potluck on Sunday, November 23 at 5:30 PM** in Fellowship Hall. The church will provide turkey & ham, and we ask people to bring a side dish or dessert to share. This is open to all, bring a friend!

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 8:00 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.

United Women, of Faith will be volunteering at the CS Bank Parking Lot downtown ES on **Saturday November 15** from 8-4 PM. On **Sunday, November 16**, UWF will gather after Sunday Service and share fellowship and a baked potato bar-YUM!

Friendsgiving, Sunday, November 23 5:30 PM, Fellowship Hall. All are welcome.

Christmas Contata, Sunday, December 14 during the service by our chancel choir. Blue Christmas Service, Friday, December 19, 6 PM

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

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 ride 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 Finances

	<u>Giving</u>	<u>Expenses</u>
September:	\$ 17,296.78	\$ 23,129.95
YTD:	\$191,528.70	\$244,259.46

The Schmieding Center for Senior Health and Education

What is the definition of COZY for a Carroll County Senior? A NEW pair of socks! Or a NEW blanket! Please consider adding these items to one of the bins located in the Church Welcome Center and Office. Collection dates thru November. Distribution in December. Organized by The Schmieding Center for Senior Health and Education. **Help our Elder Saints feel COZY & CARED for this Holiday Season!**

Scout Troop 67 Food Drive

A huge **Thank You to Scout Troop 67**, our members, and the community at large for making this annual event such a huge success. It is especially important this year with the recent cutoff of SNAP benefits and overall reductions in benefits. Your gifts made a difference!



United
Women
in Faith

Gratitude in the spirit of hope – Living in a spirit of scarcity can prevent us from leaning into our community. It can be isolating, and the burden becomes great. The widow in Mark 12: 41 - 44 gave from a spirit of abundance with her two small coins. This practice of giving from a spirit of abundance is a practice of faith, and a choice to hope. United Women in Faith have chosen to hope through the World Thank Offering, celebrated during the Thanksgiving season. Our time for World Thank is **today, November 16th**. All women are invited to gather in the library **following worship for food (potato bar!), fellowship and sharing our gratitude for God's blessings.**

November

2025

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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	Al-Anon 10 am Youth Room	Al-Anon 10 am Youth Room Ozarks Chorale 6-8 PM	Widow(er)s Fall Foliage Tour	Church-wide Fall Foliage Tour 9 AM Al-Anon 10 am Youth Room	All Hallows' Eve	All Saints' Day
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All Saints' Sunday	Al-Anon 10 am Youth Room	Al-Anon 10 am Youth Room Ozarks Chorale 6-8 PM	Parkinsons Group 10 AM Widow(er)s Support Noon Jubilee Ringers 5 PM Bible Study 6 PM	Al-Anon 10 am Youth Room		Ozarks Choral Board Meeting 1 PM Library
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Celebration of Lay Minister Janet Arnett	Al-Anon 10 am Youth Room	Al-Anon 10 am Youth Room Caregivers Group 1:00 PM Ozarks Chorale 6-8 PM	Mobile Pantry Eureka! Quilters 11-1:30 PM Jubilee Ringers 5 PM Bible Study 6 PM	Al-Anon 10 am Youth Room		UWF CS Bank Parking Lot Downtown ES
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
UWF Meet After Service & will share a baked potato bar- YUM! Charge Conference Springdale UMC 2:30-4 PM	Al-Anon 10 am Youth Room	Al-Anon 10 am Youth Room Leadership Team Meeting 4:30 PM Ozarks Chorale 6-8 PM	Widow(er)s Support Noon Jubilee Ringers 5 PM Bible Study 6 PM	Al-Anon 10 am Youth Room		
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
Christ the King Sunday FRIENDSGIVING POTLUCK 5:30 Fellowship Hall	Al-Anon 10 am Youth Room	Al-Anon 10 am Youth Room Ozarks Chorale 6-8 PM	Mobile Pantry OFFICE CLOSED	Thanksgiving OFFICE CLOSED A Weary World Rejoices an Advent Sermon Series		
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