

the season of

Kingdomtide

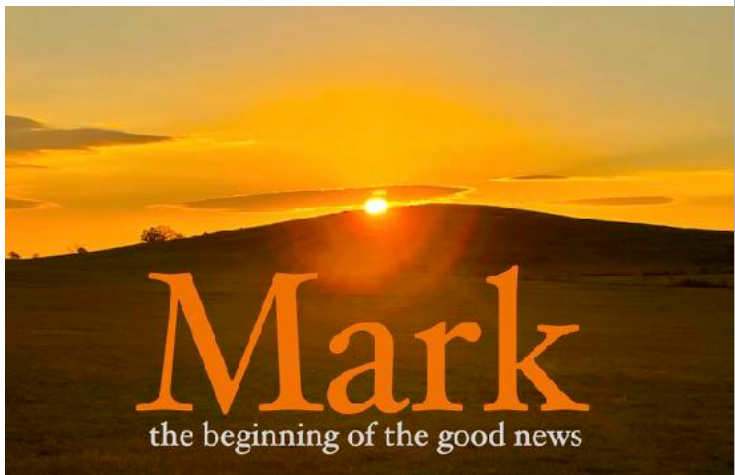
A Joyful Community of Faith, loving God by serving
all people including the least, the last, and the lost.

Pathways

News from the Eureka Springs United Methodist Church

17th of August 2025

The Chancel Choir returns next week and they are always looking for new voices to sing. We have wonderful chorale conductor and music minister, Jess Wade. Not many churches get the blessing of such talent and experience so now is your time to fulfill that goal of being a singer. Come learn from the best, and as Saint Augustine taught his congregants, "Those who sing, pray twice." Our **Mobile Pantry** is still going strong, but in this heat we need a few more volunteers. It's hot out there and the more we have helping the easier it is on all of us. We host the mobile pantry on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month. People begin showing up at 8, but we are at the mercy of the mobile pantry truck. The drivers are usually here by 9 AM. If you can give of your time those two Wednesdays it would be greatly appreciated! **The Gospel of Mark** continues thru the end of the month and we are already half-way through with August. I am filling in some of the blanks between sermons if you are on Facebook; if you are not, shoot me an email — blakelasater@gmail.com — and I'll share the PDF of these daily devotions. Today we are looking at the woman who argues with Jesus, but it will prove helpful if you look at the stories that come before and after this one from Mark 7:23-30. They will guide us in understanding this rather odd scripture today. **2nd Annual Literary Tastes** supporting the Carroll and Madison County Libraries takes place on September 25th from 5:30-7:30 PM. The theme this year is the "Great Gatsby" by F. Scott Fitzgerald. The novel is 100 years old this year. Tickets are on sale and people are invited to wear their Jazz Age finery. I have been invited to give the program on Fitzgerald's work. Why? Because the local retired English teacher told me I would. Libraries are important pillars of community, serving so many people in so many ways, and ours is a phenomenal resource. Please consider supporting them. In September we will be starting a short sermon series on the "End Times", because we need the reminder most of what you hear is not biblical.



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, 17th of August, 2025

Ushers: Karen Kinsel & Cheryl Rutledge **Communion Stewards:** Janet Arnett, Dan & Suzie Bell, Sandy Dunn

Offering Counters: Janet Arnett, Paul Gandy

We Gather to Worship

Greeting

Kingdomtide Opening

"Thy Word is a Lamp Unto My Feet"

page 601

Community Prayer

Janet Arnett, Lay Minister

Our Lord's Prayer

Songs of Celebration

"He Touched Me" page 367 UMC Hymnal

"Just a Closer Walk with Thee" page 2158 Faith We Sing

The Prayer of Illumination

a reading from the Gospel of Mark 7:24-30

Thanks be to God for the gift of the Scriptures

Thanks be to God!

"Sonata in D Minor/Our Great Savior"

By Domenico Scarlatti Arr: Melody Shipley

Andi Shomaker & Lynn Baker, Flute Duet

A Video Reflection — "King Above All Psalm 95"

Mark: the beginning of the Good News

"Losing an Argument"

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.**

Outreach to Youth/Kids

We are gauging interest in starting a monthly program that reaches out to the youth of our community — elementary and younger — perhaps a movie night with hotdogs and a discussion afterwards. This would give young parents the opportunity to have a few hours of peace and quiet. Of course such a ministry would require a cadre of volunteers. Would any of you be interested? Please reach out to the office.

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 8:45 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. A great group of men & women quilters, open to all skill levels. Thank you for the recent contribution of 24 beautiful handmade quilts that were delivered to local non-profit groups!

Ozarks Chorale Rehearsals will resume on September 9, Tuesday, from 6-8pm in Fellowship Hall and will continue on Tuesday evenings throughout the year.

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

Theology on Tap

Theology On Tap will resume in September when the weather is cooler.

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 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. 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. **We could really use a few more volunteers for this ministry.** Thank you.

Church Library Chapter & Verse

The library recommendation for this week is a beautifully illustrated book from National Geographic. In the Footsteps of Jesus: A Chronicle of His Life and the Origins of Christianity (232.9/Isb) is written by Jean-Pierre Isbouts, an award-winning filmmaker and lecturer in the Great Courses series. Pivotal places and events are brought to life through artwork, artifacts, photography, cartography, and expertly crafted text.

Church Finances

	<u>July</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Giving:	\$14,660.03	\$156,880.07
Expenses:	\$22,085.84	\$199,075.05

Annual Church Yard Sale October 16-18

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!** 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 will need lots of volunteers** to make this a success from set up, merchandising & display, organizing, cashiers, greeters. Please consider serving during this 3-day extravaganza!



United
Women
in Faith

God speaks in infinite ways. Step out into the full moonlight at three in the morning. Crickets, katydids and tree frogs greet you with their quiet night sounds. A gentle breeze stirs the oak leaves, as if God has breathed life into the very air. The moon – glowing big and round – casts a gentle aura of golden light on every flower and blade of grass. “The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims God’s handiwork... There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard; yet their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world.” Psalm 19: 1, 3-4 **Our souls need to listen. God is speaking. United Women in Faith - we believe that love in action can change the world.**

August

2025

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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Gospel of Mark: Healings, Miracles, & Exorcisms, Oh My!	AI-Anon 10 AM/Mixed	Yoga 9-10 AM AI-Anon 10 AM Mixed	Widow(er)s Outing Jubilee Ringers 5 PM Bible Study 6 PM library	AI-Anon 10 AM/Mixed		
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Gospel of Mark: Secrets	AI-Anon 10 AM/Mixed Apostle Paul Beheaded in Rome 67 AD	Yoga 9-10 AM AI-Anon 10 AM Mixed	Parkinson's Group 10 AM Library Widow(er)s Group Noon Library Jubilee Ringers 5 PM Bible Study 6 PM library	AI-Anon 10 AM/Mixed Estate Planning Workshops 2-4 PM Fellowship Hall		Atomic Bomb dropped on Nagasaki
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Gospel of Mark: Sandwiches	AI-Anon 10 AM/Mixed	Yoga 9-10 AM AI-Anon 10 AM Mixed Caregivers Group 1 PM Library	Mobile Pantry 8-9:30 AM Eureka! Quilters 11-1:30 PM Jubilee Ringers 5 PM NO Bible Study	AI-Anon 10 AM Mixed 80th Anniversary of V-J Day Eureka! Quilters'	Death of Mary, mother of Jesus 41 AD Retreat Fellowship Hall & Kitchen	
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Gospel of Mark: Jesus Loses an Argument	AI-Anon 10 AM/Mixed 19th Amendment Ratified!	Yoga 9-10 AM AI-Anon Mixed 10 AM Leadership Team meeting 5 PM Death of Caesar Augustus, 14 AD	Widow(er)s Group Noon Library Jubilee Ringers 5 PM Bible Study 6 PM library	AI-Anon 10 AM/Mixed		
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Gospel of Mark: Suffering Messiahs?	AI-Anon 10 AM/Mixed	Yoga 9-10 AM AI-Anon 10 AM Mixed Leadership Team 5 PM Library	Mobile Pantry 8-9:30 AM Jubilee Ringers 5 PM Bible Study 6 PM	AI-Anon 10 AM/Mixed		
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Gospel of Mark: Sightless or Senseless?	AI-Anon 10 AM/Mixed	Yoga 9-10 AM AI-Anon 10 AM Mixed	Widow(er)s Group Noon Library Jubilee Ringers 5 PM Bible Study 6 PM library	AI-Anon 10 AM/Mixed		