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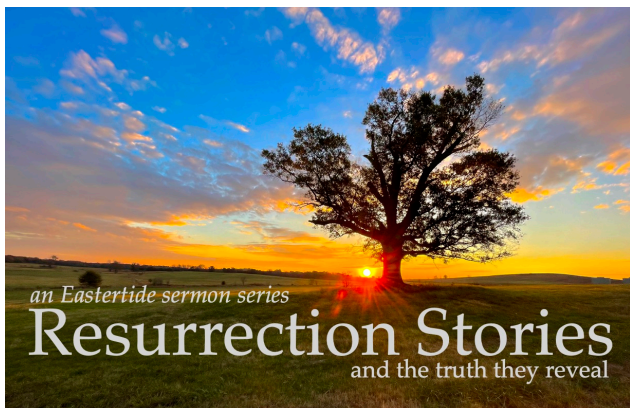
News from the Eureka Springs United Methodist Church

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

The Season of Eastertide

18th of May 2025

Next Sunday evening at 5 PM we are starting up our Theology on Tap series discussing the problem of poverty and how we do not understand it. Many have been reading the book, “The Invisible Child” by Andrea Elliot to prepare, but it is not necessary to have read it to participate (it’s a very difficult book to get thru). We all make assumptions (and judgements) about people in poverty, but the problem is far more complex than what we think. As one person commented, “It costs a fortune to be poor.” What we could consider a minor annoyance — like a flat tire — can be an impossible hurdle for those in poverty. If you can’t afford to fix a tire, you can’t make it to work, and if you can’t make it to work you lose your income. Traffic tickets annoy us, but for a poor person it means their monthly income was just wiped out and now they cannot pay rent and are homeless. Government assistance comes with so much red tape many just give up. Homelessness is dramatically increasing in our nation, as is food insecurity. Healthcare is beyond the reach of so many. As a church we are a mission to those in poverty. We are providing food, laundry, and showers (and sometimes rental and utility assistance if the situation is dire). We also have a church car to take people to doctor and dental appointments. It’s hard to distinguish between real need and those just looking for a freebie, but the real problem is getting people to understand the language of poverty. I hope you can attend next Sunday’s Theology on Tap as we struggle to understand it and hopefully come away knowing a little bit more about tackling it. Theology on Tap is co-sponsored by Gotahold Brewing, and that’s where we will be gathering for an evening of conversation.



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, 18th of May, 2025

Ushers: Dave & Martie Davis **Communion Stewards:** Janet Arnett, Lynn & David Baker, Chris Ritthaler

Offering Counters: Janet Arnett, Karen Kinsel

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

"A Modern Affirmation"

page 885 UMC Hymnal

Response

"Glory Be to the Father"

page 70 UMC Hymnal

Community Prayer

Janet Arnett, Lay Minister

Our Lord's Prayer

Songs of Celebration

"Because He Lives" page 364 UMC Hymnal

"Come Christians, Join to Sing" page 158 UMC Hymnal

We Listen to God's Spirit

from the Book of Acts, 9:1-19

Read by Janet Arnett, Lay Minister

Thanks be to God for the gift of the Scriptures

Thanks be to God



"Glory to the Risen Lamb!"

Arr: Lloyd Larson

The Chancel Choir

A Video Reflection — "I Surrender All"

The Message

"Who Sees the Light?"

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**.

Theology On Tap, Sunday, May 25, 5 PM at GotaHold Brewing. All are welcome. Food truck on site. Come eat, listen, learn, and make new friends!



It's a great day to pray! (And a great day for fellowship!) All women are invited to stay after church service today. We will share a light meal and make prayer beads together. Food, friendship, prayer...no better way to spend a couple of hours! **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

Thank you very much to the volunteers who will make this happen! You are much appreciated!!

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 or 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

The reading recommendation from your library this week is [Mankind: The Story of All of Us](#) (909/Tol) by Dr. Pamela D. Toler. The author is the daughter of former members Gerry and Rosalie Toler. [Mankind](#) is an epic overview of the human race from surviving the Ice Age to mapping our own DNA. This book was written in conjunction with a 12 part History Channel series that is currently streaming on Amazon Prime.

Church Finances

	<u>April</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Giving:	Not Available	
Expenses:		

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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