

Pathways

News from the Eureka Springs United Methodist Church

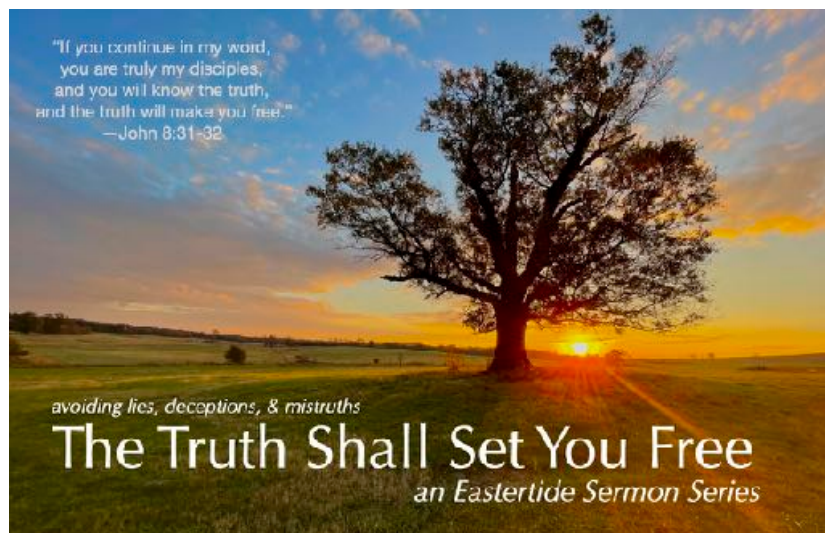
A Joyful Community of Faith, loving God
by serving all people including the least,
the last, and the lost.



The Season of Eastertide

19th of April 2026

Today is the third Sunday in Eastertide, and on the United Methodist Calendar, “Native American Ministries Sunday”, one of six church-wide Special Sundays designated to support ministries and causes important to the entire United Methodist Church. On this day, we come together to honor and support Indigenous peoples and communities. It’s a day to recognize the rich gifts, cultures, and contributions of Native Americans to both society and the Church. Many people—both in society and within the Church—lack understanding of Native American life, culture, and spirituality. Native American Ministries Sunday helps bridge this gap by celebrating Indigenous heritage and empowering Native voices in ministry. Native American Ministries Sunday matters because it addresses the critical shortage of Native American pastors and trained leaders, helping ensure that Indigenous communities have strong representation and leadership within the Church. During these special Sundays United Methodists are asked to give a little extra to support this ministry, and you can give here: donate.gcfa.org/nams. Simply click the link and you can give online. Half of the funds collected remain in your annual conference to support local Native American ministries through the work of the Committee on Native American Ministries (CONAM). A quarter of the money funds scholarships for Native American students pursuing ordained or licensed ministry at approved theological schools. The remaining funds support programs that develop new Native ministries, including mentoring, economic empowerment, and leadership development initiatives. Today is also the Festival of God’s Creation, to remember the gift of creation and our call to be stewards of this Earth. Our United Women in Faith will be hosting a special outdoor service this day beginning at 5 PM. Please come out and enjoy the beauty of the Spring weather and a time to celebrate the gift of this earth. The recent pictures from the Artemis mission really bring into focus the beauty of our blue earth floating in space — the only home we have.



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](https://www.lovespokenhere.org)>, or our YouTube Channel!

9:55 ~ Announcements

Sunday, 19th of April, 2026

Ushers: Audrey & Steve Falkowski **Communion Stewards:** Sandy Dunn, Martie Davis, Susan Reed, Candis Drechsler **Offering Counters:** Janet Arnett, Kim Stryker

We Gather to Worship

Welcome		
Rising of the Light, Lighting the Paschal Candle*	"Alleluia"	page 2078 Faith We Sing
An Affirmation of Faith*	"from the United Church of Canada"	page 883
UMC Hymnal		
Song Response*	"Glory Be to the Father"	page 70 UMC Hymnal
Community Prayer & Lord's Prayer		Janet Arnett, Lay Minister

Songs of the People

"Christ is Alive" page 318 UMC Hymnal*
"He Lives" page 310 UMC Hymnal*

We Listen for God's Word

A reading from Acts 19:23-41
Janet Arnett, Lay Minister
"Alleluia", a Choral Response

"Alleluia"

By J.S. Back arr: James Allan Dash
The Chancel Choir

A Video Reflection — "This Love"

"The Truth Shall Set Us Free: The Most Propagandized People in the World"

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. **We need an event lead for this Fundraiser. Contact Blake.**

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 [2PM Monday](mailto:2PM_Monday@esumc.org) at 417.393.6113 to be added to our very limited delivery schedule.

Make New Friends

Make a Difference

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

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

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. More volunteers are needed 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/FUtqb9QuPNvJj1g7A>

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 lodging: Do not abuse me! Tenderly use me, soothing my scars; my health is your health, my wealth is your wealth, shining with promise, set among stars. (Earth Prayer – FWS #2059). It's here! In celebration of Earth Day, a special service honoring Creator and Creation will be held in the Outdoor Chapel **this Sunday, April 19th at 5:00 pm**. This cooperative service is shared with you by the Holiday Island Presbyterian Women and the Eureka Springs United Women in Faith. Please come. **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

2026

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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 Caregivers Support Group 1 PM Church Library Ozarks Chorale 6 PM FHall	Widow(er)s Support Noon Library Jubilee Ringers 4:30 Bible Study 6 PM Library	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 Library	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		

