

19th of July 2026

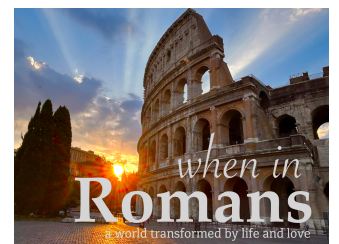
Pathways

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
Kingdomtide

Hopefully, by this Sunday, planes and trains and automobiles will have all been on time and I will be back from the summer sabbatical. It has been a wonderful time of renewal and healing. Thank you all for understanding and giving me this time. A huge thank you to Janet Arnett, our Lay Minister, for taking on the challenge of the past 8 weeks. She is truly an example of faith, when God calls, you simply go forth. For the rest of July and August we will be tackling one of the most quoted books of the Bible, as well as the one most likely to be taken out of context — Paul's Letter to the Romans. Unlike his other letters he writes this to a church he did not establish. He was never one of their leaders or teachers, but had only heard of their faith thru others. He longs to visit them, and he writes to explain his dream of what the gospel means (and hopes it might open some financial pathways that will carry him to Spain). Romans has long been a favorite of theologians and preachers. Augustine's famous conversion came when he heard children singing, "Take up and read", and entering his house he opened the Bible to "Romans", forever changing his heart. Martin Luther begins the Protestant Reformation when, tormented by guilt, reads Roman's 1:16-17, "the just shall live by faith." It's astonishing to think that such an event came from one little verse in the Bible. John Wesley, the founder of Methodism, experienced his conversion while listening to Luther's preface to the Letter of Romans, famously saying he found his heart strangely warmed. Yet Romans has also been weaponized, and used as a tool of bigotry and exclusion. We do well to remember that the Bible can be made to support any belief by a verse taken out of context. Paul would be imprisoned in Rome, along with Peter, and both would meet their deaths in the world's greatest city. How did this letter impact the Christians of Rome? How did it inspire them, and what sort of world did it call them to create? We'll go chapter by chapter, verse by verse to unpack this amazing letter, and hopefully be able to see the beautiful portrait of a world transformed by love.



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 19th of July, 2026

Ushers: Audrey and Steve Falkowski **Communion:** Susan Reed, Chris Ritthaler, Kim Stryker, Candace Drechsler **Offering Counters:** Janett Arnett and Kim Stryker

We Gather to Worship

Welcome

Opening song

"Surely the Presence of the Lord"

page 328 UMC Hymnal

Prayers of the congregation & Our Lord's Prayer

Janet Arnett, Lay Minister

Songs of the People

"God of the Ages" page 698 UMC Hymnal*

"They'll Know We are Christians by Our Love" page 2223 UMC Hymnal*

We Listen for God's Word



A reading from Romans 1:1-15

Janet Arnett, Lay Minister

Thanks be to God for the Gift of the Scriptures

THANKS BE TO GOD!

Opera In the Ozarks

Cole Sherwood

"Comfort ye, my people" and "Every valley shall be exalted

From: *Messiah*

By: George Frederic Handel

- A Video Reflection -

"Seditious Salutations "

(When a standard greeting is a radical call to revolution)

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)

**please stand if you are able*

News and Upcoming Events

We are excited to announce that the church's Columbarium is fully installed in the Prayer Garden!

Each Niche can accommodate two urns at \$1,200. There are 48 niches.

We have a new updated Columbarium Contract that you can pick up at the church office. If you would prefer us to mail you one, please call the office and Charlotte will mail you the full packet.

If you have already purchased a Niche and have completed the new updated contract, please stop by the office Mon-Thur 9-2 and Charlotte will give you a schematic so you can choose the exact numbered Niche you would like to be listed in your file!

Call with any questions or for more information! 479-253-8987



United
Women
in Faith

- **Sunday, July 19, 11:15 am** - Gathering in the Fellowship Hall; bring a bag lunch or something to share; Robin will lead the group in a short program and final plans for Saturday, July 25 and Sunday, July 26.
- **Friday, July 24, 10:00 am** - Set up for the Lay Servant training group we feed on Saturday. (Singers practice after setup.)
- **Saturday, July 25, 7:30 am** - 1:30 pm - Provide hospitality food as people arrive and lunch. There are still items that we will need, so look at the list. Some things were signed for by two different people, and we will need to see if one of them can change and bring something else.
- **Sunday, July 26** - United Women in Faith Sunday...we're in charge of worship!

Volunteers Needed

Answering the Call - Mobile Food Pantry is increasingly in demand.

The number of deliveries and onsite pickup has continued to grow.

Butch, who is the coordinator for the food delivery drivers would love to have some extra hands to help sort food items or people who can be delivery drivers.

If you are interested in assisting, the Mobile Food Pantry is the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month.

Volunteers would meet between 7:30 & 8:00 in the ESFUMC Parking lot.

For more details, feel free to contact Butch at:

atccarrollcounty@gmail.com or 417-393-6113

Thank you!



Bible Study Wednesdays - Returns!

Bible Study, led by Pastor Blake returns Wednesday July 22nd. Held in the church library every Wednesday evening at 6:00pm. Come join in interesting and enlightening discussions with Pastor Blake and others.

Lay Servant Training - Happening Soon!

Want to deepen your discipleship, discover your spiritual gifts, find your place to serve in the church? The Arkansas Annual Conference is bringing the Lay Servant Academy to Eureka Springs. Class size is limited to 20 students and lunch is provided. Class will be Saturday, July 25th from 8:30 till 4 with lunch provided. There is a \$15 registration fee. Please go to the following link to register.

<https://lay-servant-ministries-feb-2026.raiselysite.com/>

Support Groups and Ministries

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

Parkinson's Disease Support Group

A support Group for People with Parkinson's and their Caregivers meets for the **first Wednesday** of each month in the Church Library at **10 AM**. This is open to anyone in the community!

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.

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**.

(Last load of laundry can be started at 11 due to timing)

Volunteers are needed, flexible scheduling!

Answering The Call

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 by 2PM Monday at 417.393.6113 to be added to our very limited delivery schedule.

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/FUtb9QuPNvj1g7A>

"This is the sound of all of us!" Next Sunday, July 26th will celebrate Eureka Springs United Women in Faith (UW Faith) and everyone's invited.

Brenda Gullett from Fayetteville Central UMC will be our guest speaker to challenge and inspire us. And a special singing group will remind us that we are all called to change the world. ***United Women in Faith believe that love in action can change the world.***



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More Meetings and Events at the ESFUMC

- **Jubilee Ringers Practice**, Every Wednesday **4:30-6:00 PM**, in the Sanctuary
- **Eureka! Quilters** meet in Fellowship Hall the **2nd Wednesday of each month** for conversation, information and lunch, **11:00-1:30**. Open to all skill levels!
- **Yoga Class 9:00-10:00 AM** every **Tuesday Morning**. Meet in the Fellowship Hall, \$8. All are welcome!
- **Scouts Tuesday and Wednesdays**, Youth Room **6:00 PM**



June Earnings

YTD

Income:	974	280,367
Expenses:	23545	234,928
Columbarium: 12 Niches Sold -		

July

2026

June

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
28	29	30	1	2	3	4
“There is no Other Option (But, to call on God)” John Wesley’s Birthday	Al-Anon 10:00	Yoga 9-10 FHall Al-Anon 12:00	Parkinson’s Group 10:00 AM Library Widow(er)s 12:00 Library Jubilee Ringers 4:30	Al-Anon 10:00		
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“Who Always Triumphs?”	Al-Anon 10:00	Yoga 9-10 FHall Al-Anon 12:00	Mobile Pantry 8am Eureka! Quilters 11:00 -1:30 FHall Jubilee Ringers 4:30	Al-Anon 10:00		
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“Understanding the Almighty”	Al-Anon 10:00	Yoga 9-10 FHall Al-Anon 12:00 Caregivers Group 1:00 PM	Widow(er)s 12:00 Library Jubilee Ringers 4:30	Al-Anon 10:00		
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
“Seditious Salutations” (When a standard greeting is a radical call to revolution) UWFaith - FHall After Service	Al-Anon 10:00	Yoga 9-10 FHall Al-Anon 12:00 Leadership Team 4:30 - Library	Mobile Pantry 8am Jubilee Ringers 4:30 Bible Study 6:00pm Church Library	Al-Anon 10:00		
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UWFaith Worship Service Brenda Gullett	Eureka! Quilters Class 9:00-4:00 FHall Al-Anon 10:00	Yoga 9-10 FHall Al-Anon 12:00	Widow(er)s Lunchen Outing Jubilee Ringers 4:30 Bible Study 6:00 pm Church Library	Al-Anon 10:00		