



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

Pathways

News from Eureka Springs United Methodist Church

19th of November 2023 — Kingdomtide

We are approaching the final few weeks of the year. Thanksgiving is this week and then it will be Advent and Christmas. Please remember the church in your end of year giving. We are behind in our budget and yet doing so, so much. Remember that your end-of-year withdrawals from retirement may be given to the church as a tax deductible gift. As we begin planning for a new year, please be planning what your tithe will be in the year 2024. Our missions and ministries are dependent on your gifts and they allow us to do so much throughout the year. We have recently adopted an Al-Anon Group that is meeting on Tuesday and Thursdays. We sponsor a Widow(er)s Support group that meets twice a month that serves so many in our community. We host a Parkinsons' Support Group once a month and a Care-Givers Support Group.

We are working with the Northwest Arkansas Food Pantry to do a Mobile Pantry twice a month that serves over 600 families in need. Your gifts help pay all these bills that keep these groups functioning. We have a wonderful music ministry along with the Jubilee Ringers. We have a digital community of faith that is being served through our livestream, which requires multiple media platforms. On Sunday mornings before church we host a fellowship gathering. We are a very active church, and we have done so much for our community over the last few years, all in thanks to your faithful generosity thru the gifts that you give. We are grateful! Christ the King Sunday is next week, the end of the Christian Year. We will then be in Advent as we prepare for Christmas and the birth of Jesus. The Choir will be doing their Christmas Cantata on the 17th of December during the worship service. Our Blue Christmas Service — the Liturgy of the Longest Night — is



A Year long Journey thru the Bible

God's Love Story

Minor Prophets: Major Message

offered for those who need a more somber and reflective service as they navigate grief and loss. We will have a wonderful cellist playing "Hallelujah" and "Silent Night". So come and be a part of this beautiful and moving service. Christmas Eve is on a Sunday this year, so we will have our regular Sunday morning service (the 4th Sunday in Advent), and that evening at 5:30 will be our Candlelight and Communion Service. Whew! After that it will be the New Year as we welcome the year 2024. As we enter Advent we leave the Old Testament behind us and begin our journey thru the Gospels, especially the infancy narratives that can teach us so much about Jesus and the mission of the early church. I hope you have enjoyed our sojourn thru the Old Testament; there are lots of stories we missed but I hope it inspired you to read and study a little more. This week is Thanksgiving, so I wish you safe travels and sacred times with your families and friends.

The Gathering

Order of Worship

Janet Arnett, Lay Speaker
Melodye Purdy, Video Production
Jubilee Ringers conducted by Beverly Beard
Jess Wade, Choir/Patricia Taylor, Pianist

Join us in-person or via our Livestream that is broadcast thru our Facebook Page, our website, or our YouTube Channel!

9:55 ~ Announcements

Sunday, November 19th, 2023

We Gather to Worship

The Jubilee Ringers

"With Hearts and Hands and Voices"

by Douglas E. Wagner

Opening Song:

"First Song of Isaiah" Page 2030 Faith We Sing

**Joys & Concerns
Communal Prayer
The Lords Prayer**

*Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done. On Earth, as it is in Heaven.
Give us this day, our daily bread, and forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the Kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.*



Songs of Worship

"We Gather Together" #131

"We Sing to Thee, O God" #2001

We Listen for God's Word

A Reading from the Scriptures

Micah 6:1-8

Thanks be to God for the gift of the Scriptures

THANKS BE TO GOD!

"Make A Joyful Noise to the Lord"

by Anna Laura Page

The Jubilee Ringers

A Video Reflection

The Message

"Minor Prophets — Major Message"

Rev. Blake A. Lasater

We Receive God's Grace

Remembering Our Baptism

Holy Communion

Benediction and Sending Song

Caregiver Support Group

Caregiver Support Group meets in person 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. No one should be left to grieve alone or be misunderstood.

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!



GRATITUDE. The LORD is faithful and good. United Women in Faith are grateful for the mission with which God has entrusted us. Our personal Mission Giving is put to work in hundreds of places helping women improve their own lives, as well as the lives of their families and communities. Our group meets on **Tuesday, November 21 at 11:30 am** in the church library. All women are invited to come and express our gratitude to God.

Al-Anon Family Meetings

Al-Anon meets in the Youth Room down the hall from the church offices on **Tuesdays at 10 am (women) and on Thursdays at 10 am (mixed)**. All are welcome to attend. Want more information? Contact Melody Walker 501.319.3554 or melodywalker016@gmail.com; or Jenny Pierce at 479.981.1686 or jennyoshea@juno.com

Church Volunteer Roster

The Church receives many calls for help, almost on a daily basis. We would like to establish a Volunteer Roster so that when a need arises, we can send an email to the group and people can RSVP and let us know of interest & availability on a project-by-project basis. If you would like to be part of this effort, please send an email to esumcoffice@lovespokenhere.org or call the church to sign up. 479.253.8987. Currently we have requests for drivers to drive a shut-in to Sunday services and occasional church activities. (More details bottom of page 4.)

Part-Time Church Paid Positions (2)

1) Part-time **Choir Director** approximately 3 hours/Sunday. Choir practice is typically an hour prior to 10 am Sunday service. We are blessed and grateful that Jess Wade is filling in as interim Choir Director.

2) We are seeking someone who can **plan and prepare weekly buffet-style Wednesday dinners** in our commercial kitchen. These meals will not only provide sustenance, but also be a time for fellowship and meet new friends. We will recruit volunteers to help serve the meal, set-up, clean up, and take-down. Call the church at 479.253.8987, or email Pastor Blake directly for further details on either position: blakelasater@gmail.com We Need You!

Shower/Laundry &

Homeless Ministry

Showers are available for use at the church. Clients can text “*SHOWER*” or call 479.981.1680 to schedule a shower and our ministry team will meet them at the church. We are so grateful to the many people who support this ministry with their donations, financial and in-kind.

Currently, we have a specific need for men’s work boots & running-type shoes, size 13 /w as well as XXL (size 18) women’s sweats and heavy jacket. Men’s shoes are in high demand, so think of this ministry when discarding used shoes, boots, jeans, jackets, hoodies. Donations accepted at the church office. Thank you!

Bible Debrief -
Understanding Scriptures

Bible Debrief is **Wednesday evenings at 6 PM** in the Church Library with Pastor Blake. Bring your dinner or snack and questions.

Mobile Food Pantry

The Mobile Food Pantry serves Carroll County residents in need of food staples on the **second and fourth Wednesdays of every month**. Cars start lining up as early as 8:30 a.m.; we provide food staples until the food runs out, often within the first hour. Friends and neighbors can pick up for friends or neighbors who do not have transportation.

Save the Dates!

Ozark Chorale rehearsals are Tuesdays in Fellowship Hall at **6:30 pm**

Important Happenings
in the Life of ESUMC

Theology on Tap - November 20th, 5:30 pm Got-A-Hold Brewery

Church Post Thanksgiving Potluck Sunday, November 26th, Fellowship Hall

Theology on Tap

Monday, November 20th 5:30 pm at Got-a-Hold Brewery. Meet with Pastor Blake and others to discuss “Lost Gratitude.” Twisted Taco food truck is onsite in the back yard area. The Brewery has non-alcohol & adult beverages available. Coffee shop is adjacent to brewery for hot beverages.

Post-Thanksgiving
Potluck

We have not had a potluck in many years, and we need to so that we can break bread together as a community. So here’s the challenge, the Sunday after Thanksgiving **November 26th** immediately following the service, let’s be creative with our leftovers and share some dishes after church!

Rides Needed to
Church Services &
Events
Opportunity to Serve

We have several shut-ins that would love to attend Sunday services and other church events, like Theology on Tap, but they do not drive. If you think you could help occasionally and offer a ride from time to time in this way, please contact the church office: 479.253.8987. You could use the church bus or your own vehicle to transport.

If you are wanting transportation to Sunday services and church events, please call the office to be put on the list. 479.253.8987

Cover Photo

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November

2023

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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Ezekiel: Spooky Stuff Trunk or Treat	Yoga 9 am FHall	All Hallows Eve Al-Anon/Women 10 am Youth Rm Ozark Chorale 6:30 pm FHall Scouts 6 pm	All Hallows (All Saints Day) Parkinsons Group 10 am Library Widow(er)s Group Noon Library Jubilee Ringers 5 pm Bible DeBrief 6 pm Scouts 6 pm	All Souls Day Charge Conference 6 PM Fellowship Hall		
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All Saints Sunday	Yoga 9 am FHall LGBT+ Friendsgiving Dinner & Pie Auction at the Barn, Holiday Island	Al-Anon/Women 10 am Youth Rm Ozark Chorale 6:30 pm FHall Scouts 6 pm	Mobile Pantry 8:30 till 10 am Jubilee Ringers 5 pm Bible DeBrief 6 pm Scouts 6 pm	Al-Anon/Mixed 10 am Youth Rm Hatha Yoga 11 am FHall		Veterans' Day Thank you to all our service members & their families for their sacrifices.
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Daniel: End Times? UWF Meet after service	Yoga 9 am FHall	Al-Anon/Women 10 am Youth Rm Caregivers Group 1 pm Library Ozark Chorale 6:30 pm FHall Scouts 6 pm	Widow(er)s Group Noon Library Jubilee Ringers 5 pm Bible DeBrief 6 pm Scouts 6 pm	Beegle Institute: The Language of Poverty Workshop: 8:30 -to 3:30 Lunch Provided Al-Anon/Mixed 10 am Youth Rm Hatha Yoga 11 am		Family Volunteer Day
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Jonah: Forgiveness is a Pain	Yoga 9 am FHall Theology on Tap GotaHold Brewery 5:30 pm Topic: Lost Gratitude	Al-Anon/Women 10 am Youth Rm UWF 11:30-1pm Ozark Chorale 6:30 pm Hall Scouts 6 pm	Mobile Pantry 8:30 till 10 am Jubilee Ringers 5 pm Bible DeBrief 6 pm Scouts 6 pm	Happy Thanksgiving! Al-Anon/Mixed 10 am Youth Rm		
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