

the season of

Kingdomtide

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.

21st of September 2025

Today we are taking a gander at a ‘baby’ apocalypse, the one found in Mark 13 that takes up the whole chapter. I know what you are thinking, “Didn’t we just do the entire gospel of Mark?” Yes we did, but we skipped — or shall I say, ‘saved’ — this chapter for this particular sermon series on the End. If you read this chapter in Mark I think you will find Jesus did not stutter when he said, “No one knows the hour or day” when the world will end. Why is that so hard to understand? Christians have an unhealthy obsession with the end times, so we’ll look at what Mark is teaching us about it, and perhaps see that it has nothing to do with what far too many Christians think and believe. Our Chancel Choir is practicing for their Christmas Cantata, “A Weary World Rejoices”. There is still time to get involved if you are interested. Practice starts at 8:15 on Sunday mornings. We are very blessed to have Jess Wade and Patricia Taylor heading up our music ministry — talk about talent! We’ve had some busy bees repairing, cleaning, and staining our ramp into the fellowship hall. We are exceedingly grateful for the hard-work they put into the project, and if you would like to thank them all, just look for the paint stains on their skin, I think it is called “John-the-Baptist-Camel-Hair-brown”. We have also completed our upgrade to LED lighting throughout the church, as well as repairing the outside lights that have been out for many years. Next time you drive by at night take a look. Our garage sale is coming up mid-October during War Eagle Weekend. We are raising money for local charities in our community, so if you would like to donate some of your gently loved belongings you no longer need, drop them off by the church office during business hours (M-Thur, 8:30 to 3 PM). I would like to encourage you to come to church early and join in on the fellowship from 9 till 10. We have coffee, tea, sodas, and wonderful baked goods. It is a chance to be in community and get to know one another.



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, 21st of September, 2025

Ushers: Chris Ritthaler, Mike Schomaker **Communion Stewards:** Janet Arnett, Sandy Dunn, Lori Luney, Patti Marler

Offering Counters: Janet Arnett, Chris Ritthaler

We Gather to Worship

Greeting

Kingdomtide Opening

"Thy Word is a Lamp Unto My Feet"

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Community Prayer

Janet Arnett, Lay Minister

Our Lord's Prayer

Songs of Celebration

"Standing on the Promises" page 374 UMC Hymnal
"I Want to Be Ready" page 722 UMC Hymnal

The Prayer of Illumination

a reading from the Gospel of Mark 13:1-8

Thanks be to God for the gift of the Scriptures

Thanks be to God!

"Ain't No Grave Can Hold My Body Down"

arr: Paul Caldwell & Sean Ivory

The Chancel Choir

A Video Reflection — "This Table"

Mark: the beginning of the Good News

"The End: a 'baby' apocalypse"

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 officer the Pastor.

Save the Dates! Important Happenings in the Life of ESUMC Get Involved! Make New Friends Make a Difference

Annual Church Yard Sale October 16-18 7:30 AM - 4 PM

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 Tuesdays, from 6-8pm in Fellowship Hall.

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

Theology on Tap

We had a wonderful and wide ranging conversation last week about deconstructing our faith. It was probably one of the best talks we have shared. Thank you to all who participated, and it was great to see Doug Philips, our former Associate Pastor there as well. Stay tuned for next months event, topic to be announced later.

Transportation Ministry Drivers Needed

The church was gifted a **Nissan Murano** 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. 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. 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

Educated: A Memoir (B/Wes) by Tara Westover is a unique "back to school" story. The author was seventeen before she first entered a classroom. Born to survivalists in the mountains of Idaho, she spent her young years preparing for the end of the world by stockpiling food and preparing herbal remedies. She survived an abusive brother, helped her midwife mother, and salvaged metal in her father's junkyard. By seventeen she taught herself enough basics to pass the ACT and enter Brigham Young University. From there she went on to Harvard and Cambridge University.

Church Finances

	<u>August</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Giving:	\$ 14,051.22	\$ 15,163.43
Expenses:	\$170,409.29	\$221,129.51

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!



Shirley Erena Murray's hymn, A Place at the Table (Worship & Song #3149) begins with these words: "**For everyone born, a place at the table, for everyone born, clean water and bread. A shelter, a space, a safe place for growing, for everyone born a star overhead.**" We are reminded that God so loved the world. God's table is big enough... all are welcome. United Women in Faith has been intentionally expanding the table for over 156 years. What can you do to include everyone? The hymn ends: "And God will delight when we are creators of justice, compassion and peace. **Yes, God will delight when we are creators of justice...justice and joy!**" United Women in Faith - we believe that love in action can change the world.

September

2025

August							October						
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27	28	29	30	31	1	2	28	29	30	1	2	3	4
3	4	5	6	7	8	9	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
10	11	12	13	14	15	16	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
17	18	19	20	21	22	23	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
24	25	26	27	28	29	30	26	27	28	29	30	31	1
31	1	2	3	4	5	6	2	3	4	5	6	7	8

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31	1	2	3	4	5	6
	Labor Day (office closed)	Al-Anon/Mixed 10 AM Youth Rm	Parkinson's Group 10 AM FHall Widow(er)s Group Noon Jubilee Ringers 5:00 PM Bible Study 6 PM	Al-Anon/Mixed 10 AM Youth Rm		
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Mark: Endings? United Women in Faith meet following service	Al-Anon/Mixed 10 AM Youth Rm	Al-Anon/Mixed 10 AM Youth Rm Caregivers 1 PM Library Ozarks Chorale 6-8 PM FHall	Mobile Pantry Eureka! Quilters 11-1:30 PM FHall Jubilee Ringers 5:00 PM Bible Study 6 PM	Al-Anon/Mixed 10 AM Youth Rm		
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
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21	22	23	24	25	26	27
The End: an Old Apocalypse	Al-Anon/Mixed 10 AM Youth Rm	Al-Anon/Mixed 10 AM Youth Rm Leadership Team Library 5 PM Ozarks Chorale Leadership 5 PM Rehearsal 6-8 PM	Mobile Pantry Jubilee Ringers 5:00 PM Bible Study 6 PM	Al-Anon/Mixed 10 AM Youth Rm Carrol County Library Fundraiser: The Great Gatsby		
28	29	30	1	2	3	4
The End: a Baby Apocalypse Jubilee Ringers Playing	Al-Anon/Mixed 10 AM Youth Rm	Al-Anon/Mixed 10 AM Youth Rm Ozarks Chorale 6-8 PM FHall	The End: Sorting Truth from Fiction			