

Pathways

News from the Eureka Springs United Methodist Church

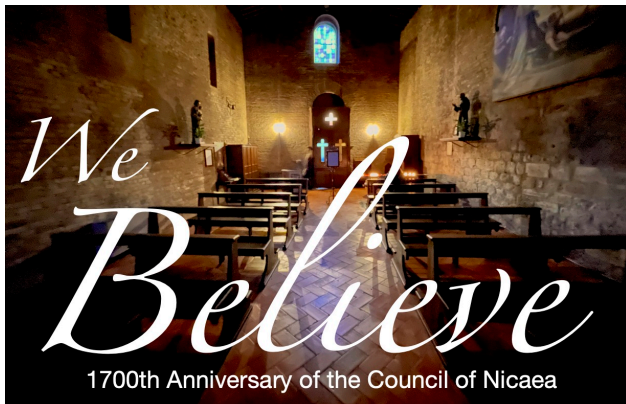
A Joyful Community of Faith, loving God by serving all people including the least, the last, and the lost.

Kingdomtide

22nd of June 2025

We are now in the season of Kingdomtide or “Ordinary Time”. The color switches to green, the color of growth and life. The scriptures move from Jesus’ life to his teachings. We will be in this season until Advent comes along at the end of November to herald the start of a new Christian year. Our two **sermon series** this summer are: first, “We Believe: 1700th Anniversary of the Council of Nicaea”. These remaining Sundays of June we will discuss the impact of this first ecumenical Council and ask some tough questions of faith. Then in July we start a teaching series, “The Gospel of Mark”, as we go thru the gospel exploring Mark’s portrait of Jesus and the message he taught. Mark is our earliest gospel, and it is the shortest. The gospels of Matthew and Luke build upon Mark’s story. Today we are asking the question, “Who decides who is and who isn’t a Christian?” Have you ever thought about that? 48,000 denominations out there believe they are the gatekeepers, deciding who does and doesn’t belong. Perhaps we need to rethink this, and take a broader approach to being a follower of Christ. Perhaps it’s not our doctrines that define us, but our love. **Theology on Tap** is tonight at 5 PM at Gotahold Brewing. This evening’s topic is, “Writing Your Obituary”. Yes, it sounds a bit morbid, but have you ever thought about what others may think of you? Or, what do you think of yourself?

Then there is the truth that we are not the person we were 30 years ago, 10 years ago, or even 10 months ago. We are always changing and growing, so who are we really? What do we want to be remembered for? What do we think others will remember us for? The taco truck will be open, and Gotahold serves both alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks. It is always a fun evening just to gather together and be in community. Aren’t the **Opera Singers** quite amazing? Last week Pang really vibrated the building with that stunning rendition of “The Lord’s Prayer”. I’m sure Ms Hampton will be just as amazing with “Ave Maria.”



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, 22nd of June, 2025

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

Offering Counters: Janet Arnett, Christ Ritthaler

We Gather to Worship

Greeting

Kingdomtide Opening

"Thy Word is a Lamp Unto My Feet"

page 601

Community Prayer

Janet Arnett, Lay Minister

Our Lord's Prayer

Songs of Celebration

"Great is Thy Faithfulness" page 140 UMC Hymnal

"Grace Alone" page 2162 Faith We Sing

The Prayer of Illumination, Janet Arnett — Lay Minister

a reading from the Gospel of Luke 9:46-50

Thanks be to God for the gift of the Scriptures

Thanks be to God!

"Ave Maria"

By Franz Schubert

Hanna Frampton

Opera of the Ozarks

A Video Reflection — "We are Church"

"We Believe: 1700 Years after the Council of Nicaea"

"Who Decides Who Is or Isn't a Christian?"

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. 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.

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.

Theology On Tap, Sunday, June 22, 5 PM at GotaHold Brewing. All are welcome. Twisted Taco Food truck on site. This evening's topic is, "Writing Your Obituary". Come eat, listen, learn, and make new friends!



Our actions have always spoken as loud as our words. Acts of love. Acts of faith. Acts of change. For more than 156 years, our members have been showing up and getting things done. Together, we're making the world a better place: locally, globally, fearlessly. We invite you to join us, because **United Women in Faith believe that love in action can change the world.**

Theology on Tap

Our next Theology on Tap is on **Sunday, June 22nd** at Gotahold Brewery. Save the Date. Discussion starts at 5, but come early and grab some dinner at the Twisted Taco! This evening's topic is, "Writing Your Obituary".

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.**

Youth Night-Out

The Youth Group will resume in the fall. Thank you to all the volunteers who kept this group together, inspired, and learning. Your ministry is very much appreciated.

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 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 Esfumclnfo@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

If you are familiar with Tuesdays with Morrie (362.1/Alb) by Mitch Albom, you may want to check out Morrie: In His Own Words (362.1/Sch) by Morrie Schwartz. Morrie was the remarkable teacher/friend and subject of Albom's book. In the fiction section you will also find The Five People You Meet in Heaven, For One More Day and The Time Keeper by Mitch Albom. All are relatively short books that contain life lessons for all.

Church Finances

	<u>May</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Giving:	\$31,499.80	\$125,735
Expenses:	\$18,716.07	\$123,618

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!** Clean, good working donations are accepted during office hours, including tools, furniture, furnishings. We do not accept clothing items. Those can be donated to Echo Thrift Store.

June

2025

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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Ascension Sunday	AI-Anon/Mixed 10-11 Youth Rm	Yoga 9-10 AM Fellowship Hall AI-Anon Mixed 10-11 AM Youth Rm	Parkinsons Group 10 AM library Widow(ers) Group Noon, library Jubilee Ringers 5 PM Bible Study 6 PM	AI-Anon/Mixed 10-11 AM Youth Rm	D-Day 1944	
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Father's Day Trinity Sunday (1700th Anniversary of the Council of Nicaea)	AI-Anon/Mixed 10-11 Youth Rm	Yoga 9-10 AM Fellowship Hall AI-Anon Mixed 10-11 AM Youth Rm	Widow(er)s Group Noon Library	AI-Anon/Mixed 10-11 AM Youth Rm Juneteenth	Summer Solstice	
UMC Annual Conference Hot Springs Arkansas						
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