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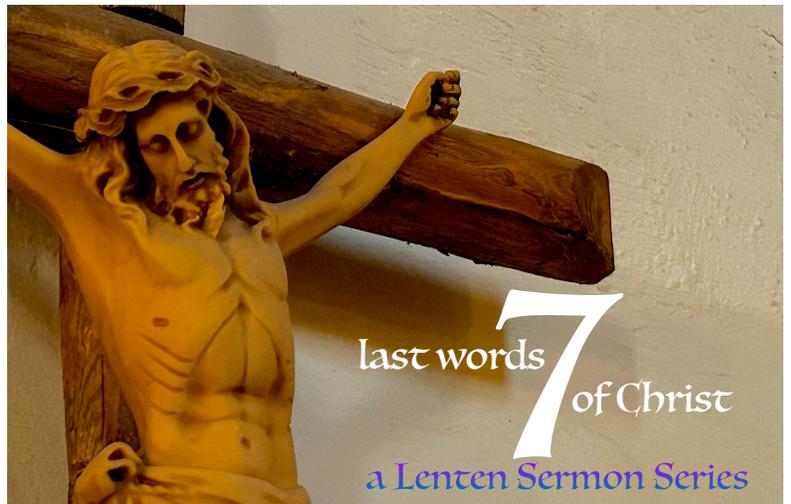
News from the Eureka Springs United Methodist Church

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

5th Sunday in Lent

22nd of March 2026

Next week is Palm Sunday, can you believe it? And that kicks off our Holy Week activities. So, the Chancel Choir will be performing their Passion Cantata, "A Journey to Hope: a Cantata Inspired by Spirituals" written by Joseph M. Martin. Jess Wade will be conducting, Patricia Taylor will be playing piano, and Cheryl Rutledge will be doing the narration. This begins at 10 AM, so invite some people to hear our amazing choir and prepare yourself for the final week of Lent. Maundy Thursday will be our traditional Last Supper Commemoration, and Good Friday is a meditation on the Cross. Both services will begin at 6 PM. Saturday is the great Easter Vigil, and I ask that at some point that day you pause to pray for our church — our people, our mission, our ministries, and the vision for our future. If you have Facebook, I encourage you to post on our page that you have prayed, and perhaps that might be a reminder for others who may have forgotten or "neglected" to read the bulletin. Sunday morning at 6:30 we will gather in our outdoor worship area (weather permitting, and if not, then in the sanctuary) for our Sunrise Easter Service. This will be followed by breakfast in the Narthex, which Martie Davis is putting together (she may need your help, so grab her on Sunday). Then we will celebrate Easter at 10 AM. Many Christians skip Holy Week, going from Palm Sunday's celebrations to Easter's joy, but Holy Week was meant to prepare us for the joy of Easter by walking with Christ during his Passion Story. Easter cannot fully be experienced without first going to the Cross. Revelation has been in the news a lot this year. PayPal founder and billionaire, Peter Thiel, is running around the world warning people of the Anti-Christ and a one-world government (neither have anything to do with Revelation), but he seems to think so. This first half of the year we are doing a very deep dive into the meaning of the most controversial book in the Bible. Don't let the kooks teach you it's about 21st Century Americans — it's not. It is a message of hope.



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, 22nd of March, 2026

Ushers: Dave & Martie Davis **Communion Stewards:** Candis Drechsler, Karen Kinsel, Susan Reed, Chris Ritthaler

Offering Counters: Janet Arnett, Kevin Graham

We Gather to Worship

Welcome

A Lenten Candle Ritual

by Pam Steinke

Opening Song

"Jesus Remember Me"

page 488 UMC Hymnal

Prayers of the Congregation & Our Lord's Prayer

Janet Arnett, Lay Minister

Songs of the People

"Trust & Obey" page 467 UMC Hymnal

"Lord, Speak to Me" page 463 UMC Hymnal

We Listen for God's Word



A reading from Isaiah 40:27-31
Thanks be to God for the gift of the scriptures
THANKS BE TO GOD!

"Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy"

By Keith Christopher

The Chancel Choir

A Video Reflection — "At the Cross"

"Seven Last Words: Father, Into Your Hands I Commit My Spirit"

Trust Issues

Rev Blake Lasater

We Give & Receive Love

Remembrance of our Baptism, a Liturgy of Compassion

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*

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.

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. Several of our clients have joined the church.

Save the Dates!

Important Happenings in the Life of ESUMC

Get Involved!

Make New Friends

Make a Difference

Serve Others

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 Noon Monday](mailto:by.Noon.Monday) at 417.393.6113 to be added to our very limited delivery schedule.

United Women in Faith was organized on March 23, 1869. Our name has changed over 24 times throughout these 157 years, the four tenets of our Purpose have never changed: 1) to know God, 2) to be free in Jesus Christ, 3) to have a supportive fellowship, and 4) to be involved in mission. All women are invited to our meetings, events and ministries.

April 19, 5 PM Creation Care Outdoor Service

May 17, Meet in Church Library after Sunday Service

Lay Servant Ministries Training, Saturday, April 11 9-4:30 PM, REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS FRIDAY, APRIL 3 (Further details in below in Bulletin)

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

Ozarks Chorale Rehearsals Tuesdays, from 6-8 PM, Fellowship Hall

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

Scouts Tuesday-Wednesdays, Youth Room, 6 pm

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. 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. PS: Several new members have come to us through this ministry.

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

Lay Servant Ministries

One-Day Training

Intro to Lay Servant Ministries Training, Saturday, April 11 9-4:30 PM onsite ESUMC, **REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS FRIDAY, APRIL 3!** We are so excited to be able to nurture and develop up to 15 people as Lay Servants to support our church ministries in meaningful service within the church and local community. This training will provide you with tools for servant leadership rooted in spiritual practices. Jay Parker will be our facilitator in partnership with the ARUMConference. There is a \$15 fee for course book materials, scholarships are available. Lunch will be served. Follow this link to register:

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

Questions: Jay 620.717.3790; jayp.onthego@gmail.com Or Karen at LSM@arumc.org

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/FUtbq9QuPNvJj1g7A>

Eureka! Quilters

For a couple years now, we host the monthly meetings of the Eureka! Quilters. What a wonderful talented group of men and women! Last month (as is their custom) they presented us with a dozen+ beautiful handmade quilts that we can hand out to our homeless clients in need. What pure joy to behold on their faces when they see the tag "This Quilt was lovingly made for you." We are so grateful for this group partnering with our homeless ministries. A recent quilt donation went to a 9-year-old boy living in a trailer (no water for the last 5+ weeks) who is afraid of the dark. He was also gifted with a head lamp. Thank you for your kindness and sharing of your talents!



United
Women
in Faith

Happy Birthday, United Women in Faith! On March 23, 1869, United Women in Faith was organized. Although our name has changed over 24 times throughout these **157 years**, the four tenets of our Purpose have never changed: 1) to know God, 2) to be free in Jesus Christ, 3) to have a supportive fellowship, and 4) to be involved in mission. That is quite a lot to celebrate! **United Women in Faith believe that love in action can change the world.**

Church Financials

	<u>FEBRUARY 2026</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Giving:	\$ 18,648	\$ 47,074
Expenses:	\$ 15,771	\$ 39,715

March

2026

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"Family, It Ain't a Nuclear Thing"	Al-Anon 10 AM Church Youth Room Ozarks Chorale 6 PM FHall	Yoga 9-10 FHall Al-Anon Noon Church Youth Room	Parkinsons Support 10 AM Library Widow(er)s Support Noon Library Jubilee Ringers 4:30 Bible Study 6 PM	Al-Anon 10 AM Church Youth Room		UWF Women's Soul Care Retreat 11-3 PM FHall \$10
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"Thirsty, Hungry, & Afraid" Spring Forward, Daylight Saving Time begins	Al-Anon 10 AM Church Youth Room	Yoga 9-10 FHall Al-Anon Noon Eureka! Quilters 11-1:30 FHall Church Youth Room Caregivers Support 1 -3 PM Library Ozarks Chorale 6 PM FHall	Mobile Pantry 8 AM Jubilee Ringers 4:30 Bible Study 6 PM	Al-Anon 10 AM Church Youth Room		
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"Abandoned, Forgotten, Neglected" UWFaith after Service Library Bill Featherstone Celebration of Life Service 1-4 PM Lake Leatherwood	Al-Anon 10 AM Church Youth Room	Yoga 9-10 FHall Al-Anon Noon Church Youth Room Saint Patrick's Day Ozarks Chorale 6 PM FHall	Widow(er)s Support Noon Library Jubilee Ringers 4:30 Bible Study 6 PM	Al-Anon 10 AM Church Youth Room		
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"Trust and Obey"	Al-Anon 10 AM Church Youth Room 157th Anniversary of UWF Formation	Yoga 9-10 FHall Al-Anon Noon Church Youth Room Ozarks Chorale 6 PM FHall	Mobile Pantry 8 AM Jubilee Ringers 4:30 Bible Study 6 PM	Al-Anon 10 AM Church Youth Room		
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PALM SUNDAY Chancel Choir Cantata	Al-Anon 10 AM Church Youth Room	Yoga 9-10 FHall Al-Anon Noon Church Youth Room Ozarks Chorale 6 PM FHall	Widow(er)s Support Noon Library Jubilee Ringers 4:30 Bible Study 6 PM	Al-Anon 10 AM Church Youth Room Maundy Thursday 6 PM	Good Friday 6 PM	
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Sunrise Outdoor Worship Service 6:30 AM EASTER SUNDAY 10 AM	Al-Anon 10 AM Church Youth Room	Yoga 9-10 FHall Al-Anon Noon Church Youth Room Ozarks Chorale 6 PM FHall	Mobile Pantry 8 AM Jubilee Ringers 4:30 Bible Study 6 PM			