

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.



23rd of November 2025 — Christ the King Sunday

Our Friendsgiving Potluck is this evening at 5:30 PM, please join us as we gather in community to celebrate and be thankful for the past year. Community is important, and it is a way we can get to know one another outside the worship setting. Invite a friend as well, this is just a time of fellowship and eating. **Thanksgiving Holiday** We pray for each of you and your families as many will be traveling this week to be with loved ones. Stay safe, this is a busy week for travel. **Advent Season** begins next Sunday. I hope to have this year's Advent devotionals ready to go ahead of time. Usually I post daily devotions on Facebook, but this year I hope to have a full set available for those who don't have Facebook accounts, or simply don't want to be dependent on me getting my act together that day to post them. **Blue Christmas** will be observed on the 19th of December. Please invite those you know who are suffering a loss. Grief can make the Christmas season that much more painful, and we offer this service as a quiet and reflective time, because we know Christmas is not always the most joyful time of the year. On the Third Sunday of Advent, **Gaudete Sunday**, the Choir will perform their cantata. Thanks to Susan Reed we now have pink banners to match the color of that day. Chris Ritthaler even took the left over fabric and made a stole so that my clerical robes will match that day's color theme. Thank you to both for adding to our worship decorations. Our Sermon Series is called "**A Weary World Rejoices**" and we'll look at the many stories of Christmas and how they gave hope to those who experienced the weariness of life.

For unto us a child is born...

-Isaiah 9:6

Advent
a weary world rejoices



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, 23rd of November, 2025

Ushers: Dennis & Shirley Lykins **Communion Stewards:** Sandy Dunn, Kevin Graham, Chris Ritthaler, Jess Wade

Offering Counters: Janet Arnett, Dan Bell

We Gather to Worship

Welcome

Opening song.

"This Is The Day"

Communal Prayer

Janet Arnett, Lay Minister

Our Lord's Prayer

Songs of Celebration

"Now Thank We All Our God" page 102 UMC Hymnal
"Come, Ye Thankful People, Come" page 694 UMC Hymnal

The Prayer of Illumination

a reading from Colossians 1:1-14

Thanks be to God for the gift of the Scriptures

Thanks be to God!



"We Praise You, O God"

arr: Carolyn Jennings

The Chancel Choir

A Video Reflection — "Christ The King"

"Christ the King Sunday"

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.**

Temporary Volunteer Church Custodians

Thank you to all the individuals who have stepped up in a big way to keep our church, narthex, bathrooms, and church offices and meeting areas spic & span! You really make a huge difference!

Scout Troop 67 Food Drive

Thank you so much for all who contributed to the Scout Troop Food Drive. It went out into the local community and benefited many at this critical time when SNAP and other programs have been significantly reduced.

Save the Dates!

Important Happenings in the Life of ESUMC

Get Involved!

Make New Friends

Make a Difference

Mobile Food Pantry church parking lot the **2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month**. Cars start lining up at 8:30 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.

Friendsgiving, Sunday, 11/23, 5:30 PM

Blue Christmas, Friday, December 19, 6 PM

Christmas Contata, December 21 during worship service

Christmas Eve Service, 10 AM

Eureka! Quilters meet in Fellowship Hall the **2nd Wednesday of each month** for conversation, information and lunch. Open to all skill levels.

Jubilee Ringers Practice, Wednesdays 5 - 6 PM, Sanctuary

Ozarks Chorale Rehearsals Tuesdays, from 6-8pm in Fellowship Hall.

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 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.

Church Finances

	<u>Giving</u>	<u>Expenses</u>
October:	\$ 15,826	\$ 12,874

The Schmieding Center for Senior Health and Education

What is the definition of COZY for a Carroll County Senior? A NEW pair of socks! Or a NEW blanket! Please consider adding these items to one of the bins located in the Church Welcome Center and Office. Collection dates thru November. Distribution in December. Organized by The Schmieding Center for Senior Health and Education. **Help our Elder Saints feel COZY & CARED for this Holiday Season!**



United
Women
in Faith

God is a God of Abundance – “You will be made rich in every way so that you can be generous in every way. Such generosity produces thanksgiving to God through us.” 2 Corinthians 9:11 In this season of thanksgiving, United Women in Faith look for ways to share their blessings. At the end of every year our unit empties its treasury to assist in local ministries to women, children and youth. Some years we have much to share, some years our gift is small. No matter the amount, it is given in gratitude for God’s blessings. “Merciful God, your justice is everyone having what they need. Open our minds to know that the joy of having is in sharing. Open our hearts and hands until no one is in need. Amen.” **United Women in Faith - we believe that love in action can change the world.**

Our Next Event will be a **Sharing of our Blessings Christmas Gathering on Saturday, December 6, at 12:30 at the Home of Lynn Baker, 17 Starlite Avenue, Holiday Island.**

November

2025

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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	Al-Anon 10 am Youth Room	Al-Anon 10 am Youth Room Ozarks Chorale 6-8 PM	Widow(er)s Fall Foliage Tour	Church-wide Fall Foliage Tour 9 AM Al-Anon 10 am Youth Room	All Hallows' Eve	All Saints' Day
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All Saints' Sunday	Al-Anon 10 am Youth Room	Al-Anon 10 am Youth Room Ozarks Chorale 6-8 PM	Parkinsons Group 10 AM Widow(er)s Support Noon Jubilee Ringers 5 PM Bible Study 6 PM	Al-Anon 10 am Youth Room		Ozarks Choral Board Meeting 1 PM Library
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Celebration of Lay Minister Janet Arnett	Al-Anon 10 am Youth Room	Al-Anon 10 am Youth Room Caregivers Group 1:00 PM Ozarks Chorale 6-8 PM	Mobile Pantry Eureka! Quilters 11-1:30 PM Jubilee Ringers 5 PM Bible Study 6 PM	Al-Anon 10 am Youth Room		UWF CS Bank Parking Lot Downtown ES
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UWF Meet After Service & will share a baked potato bar- YUM! Charge Conference Springdale UMC 2:30-4 PM	Al-Anon 10 am Youth Room	Al-Anon 10 am Youth Room Leadership Team Meeting 4:30 PM Ozarks Chorale 6-8 PM	Widow(er)s Support Noon Jubilee Ringers 5 PM Bible Study 6 PM	Al-Anon 10 am Youth Room		
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