



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.

The Season of Eastertide

26th of April 2026

I would like to introduce our new Administrative Assistant, Charlotte Vail. As most know, Lark is stepping down to pursue other avenues, and we deeply appreciate her years of service and all the work she has done for our homeless population in Eureka Springs. She has facilitated showers, laundry, and supplies helping to offer them assistance in making it thru the week. Charlotte Vail is a Eureka Springs local, and has been running a small family business that has served the resort communities in the surrounding areas. She is looking for a new beginning, and we are very excited to have her join our mission and ministries. She is stepping in at a time when I will be stepping away for a few weeks on sabbatical as I join my wife in Rome, Italy as she teaches a study abroad group from the University of Arkansas. I plan to use this time to recharge and to plan for next year's ministry. Janet Arnett, our Lay Minister, will be filling the pulpit. This is a new role for her as it is for our conference. Lay Ministers have completed an extensive education and training regime and it is an appointed position, which grants her a little bit of authority. Janet has worked so very hard for this, and I hope you will support her with all your prayers and presence. I'll be sharing stuff on Facebook from Rome, so you can follow me. When I get back we are planning to host our own Lay Servant workshop here at the church, taught by Jay Parker. Here's a chance to learn more about the United Methodist Church and how you can deepen your involvement in our ministries. Speaking of which, we are in need of ushers, greeters, and Communion Stewards. We are using the same folks over and over, so please step forward and talk to Janet about getting on the schedule. It is easy and yet so important to our church. Another reminder, at 9 AM on Sunday mornings we gather for an informal time of fellowship and community. People bring baked goods and there is coffee, tea, and sodas offered. Come early and meet new people and build up our community of faith. Remember Virginia Voiers' Celebration of Life this Friday, May 1st at 10 AM here at the church.

"If you continue in my word,
you are truly my disciples,
and you will know the truth,
and the truth will make you free."
—John 8:31-32

avoiding lies, deceptions, & mistruths

The Truth Shall Set You Free

an Eastertide Sermon Series

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](https://www.lovespokenhere.org)>, or our YouTube Channel!

9:55 ~ Announcements

Sunday, 26 of April, 2026

Ushers: Dennis & Shirley Lykins **Communion Stewards:** Sandy Dunn, Kevin Graham, Jay Parker, Jess Wade **Offering Counters:** Janet Arnett, Paul Gandy

We Gather to Worship

Welcome		
Rising of the Light, Lighting the Paschal Candle*	"Alleluia"	page 2078 Faith We Sing
An Affirmation of Faith*	"from the Korean Methodist Church"	page 884
UMC Hymnal		
Song Response*	"Glory Be to the Father"	page 70 UMC Hymnal
Community Prayer & Lord's Prayer		Janet Arnett, Lay Minister

Songs of the People

"Christ is Risen" page 2115 Faith We Sing*
"Now the Green Blade Riseth" page 311 UMC Hymnal*

We Listen for God's Word

A reading from Acts 24:1-23
Janet Arnett, Lay Minister
"Alleluia", a Choral Response

"The Truth Shall Make You Free"

By Buryl Red
The Chancel Choir

A Video Reflection — "Celebrate Jesus"

"The Truth Shall Set Us Free: Cherry Pickers"

Rev Blake Lasater

We Give & Receive Love

Remembrance of our Baptism

Holy Communion

Song Response for the Gift of Communion "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" page 95 UMC Hymnal

(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 from UAMS Schmieding Center for Senior Health & Education.

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.

Save the Dates!

CS Parking Lot Fundraiser downtown ES, Saturday, May 16. (aka easiest fundraiser ever!) In a couple weeks we will be passing around volunteer sign up sheets. Please consider taking a shift and spreading God's love and joy. **We need an event lead for this Fundraiser. Contact Blake.**

Important Happenings in the Life of ESUMC

UWF Meet following Sunday service:

May 17, Fellowship Hall after Sunday Service

June 21, Fellowship Hall after Sunday Service

Get Involved!

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 2PM Monday at 417.393.6113 to be added to our very limited delivery schedule.

Make New Friends

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

Make a Difference

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

Serve Others

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. More volunteers are needed for this ministry. Thank you.

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

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/FUtb9QuPNvJj1g7A>

Lay Servant Training Rescheduled

The Lay Servant Training previously scheduled for April 11 had to be rescheduled. The new date is May 9th, with May 23 being held as an alternate date just in case. Contact Blake for more information or Jay Parker at 620.717.3790, or jayp.onthego@gmail.com. This is a special opportunity to grow in your faith and service to others.



United
Women
in Faith

I am your lodging: Do not abuse me! Tenderly use me, soothing my scars; my health is your health, my wealth is your wealth, shining with promise, set among stars. (Earth Prayer – FWS #2059). It's here! In celebration of Earth Day, a special service honoring Creator and Creation will be held in the Outdoor Chapel **this Sunday, April 19th at 5:00 pm**. This cooperative service is shared with you by the Holiday Island Presbyterian Women and the Eureka Springs United Women in Faith. Please come. **United Women in Faith believe that love in action can change the world.**

May

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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Cherry Picking Acts 24:1-23	AI-Anon 10:00	Yoga 9-10 Fall AI-Anon 12:00 Ozarks Chorale 6 PM F Hall	5th Wednesday Widow(er)s Outing Jubilee Ringers 4:30 Bible Study 6 PM	AI-Anon 10:00	Virginia Voiers' Celebration of Life 10 AM	
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"Tin Foil Hats" Matthew 12:22-30	AI-Anon 10:00	Yoga 9-10 Fall AI-Anon 12:00 Ozarks Chorale 6 PM F Hall	Parkinson's Group 10:00 AM Widow(er)s 12:00 Library Jubilee Ringers 4:30 Bible Study 6PM	AI-Anon 10:00		
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"But Uncle Bob's Friend Says Otherwise" Acts 10:1-18	AI-Anon 10:00	Yoga 9-10 Fall Eureka! Quilters 11:00 -1:30 FHall AI-Anon 12:00 Caregivers Group 1:00 PM Ozarks Chorale 6 PM F Hall	Mobile Pantry 8 AM Widow(er)s 12:00 Library Jubilee Ringers 4:30 Bible Study 6PM	Ascension of the Lord Day AI-Anon 10:00		
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Pentecost Sunday	Memorial Day AI-Anon 10:00	Yoga 9-10 Fall AI-Anon 12:00 Ozarks Chorale 6 PM F Hall	Mobile Pantry 8 AM Widow(er)s 12:00 Library Jubilee Ringers 4:30 Bible Study 6PM	AI-Anon 10:00	Pastor's Sabbatical begins – thru 18th July	
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Trinity Sunday Janet Arnet, Lay Minister	AI-Anon 10:00	Yoga 9-10 Fall AI-Anon 12:00 Ozarks Chorale 6 PM F Hall	Widow(er)s Noon Library Jubilee Ringers 4:30			