



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.

26th of July 2026

the Season of
Kingdomtide

Welcome to this special Sunday of worship — **United Women in Faith**, formally known as the United Methodist Women. Members of this organization have planned and are leading our worship service this morning to highlight the role of women in the life of the church as well as drawing attention to an organization that is known internationally for its work with women and children. Eureka Springs has always had an active women's organization going back to the founding of our church. Since I have been here (11 years now), I have seen them raise money thru chili suppers, quilt shows, and garage sales; money they then in turn gave away to local charities in our community such as the Purple Flower, ECHO Medical, ECHO Village, People Helping People, and numerous other wonderful ministries. We welcome Brenda Gullet who will be the guest speaker this morning. Brenda is very active in her church, our district, and our Annual Conference building up disciples. She is a very inspiring and funny speaker. I want to draw your attention to the **bulletin photograph**. I took this in a neighborhood of Rome. These bronze works by Canadian artist, Timothy P. Schmalz, are inspired by Matthew 25 when Jesus tells his followers, "When you do it to the least of these, you do it to me." What makes these works so powerful is that they are hidden in plain sight, tricking your mind to think there is actually a needy person there, so very often you do quickly walk on by, and that is the power behind these works. When we 'walk on by' we are walking on by Jesus as well. This particular one is of a homeless person with a hood pulled over his face, as if they were ashamed of their condition. Yet, if you look closely you will notice the feet. They bear the scars and wounds of Christ's crucifixion, and when that hits us we are taken back to his haunting words — "When you do it to the least of these, you have done it to me." The Christian faith does hold us responsible and accountable for the most vulnerable among us. Faith leaves no room for judgment or

condemnation; as Christ told the disciples when they were surrounded by hungry people, "You will give them something to eat." They had wanted to send the crowds away, their hunger was not the concern of the disciples, they were busy following Jesus — how wrong they were. **When in Romans** is our sermon series for August. We are going to strip away centuries of dogma and ask what Paul was really saying to the Christians of Rome. Romans has too often been used to justify all sorts of theological positions, from John Calvin's Predestination to Luther's 'saved by faith alone.' The bible is not a set of lego blocks where we get to pick and choose chapter and verse and create our own beliefs. We read it seriously, and we try to understand the writer's intent. Romans can be a convoluted book if read incorrectly, but I hope by the time we are finished we will all see and understand the beautiful message Paul is trying to convey.



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

United Women in Faith - Sunday 26th of July, 2026

Ushers: Ginger Kindig-Sparks, Becky Newhart, Sue Odom, Paula Burkes **Communion:** Robin Burk, Loretta Crenshaw, Sandra Spotts, Jane Stephens

Offering Counters: Janett Arnett

We Gather to Worship

Welcome

Reverend Blake Lasater

Opening song

"Surely the Presence of the Lord" page 328 UMC Hymnal

Loretta Crenshaw, Song Leader

United Women in Faith - Who We Are, What We Do

Lynn Baker, President United Women in Faith

Community Litany

"A Companion Litany to Our Social Creed"

Cheryl Rutledge

"A Prayer from the Heart" - "Our Lords Prayer"

Pam Steinke



Songs of Community & Challenge

"Gather Us In" #2236 FWS

"We Shall Overcome" #533 UMC Hymnal

We Listen for God's Word

Scripture

Matthew 5: 13-16

Sue Odom

John 10: 10b

Thanks be to God for the gift of the Scriptures. **Thanks be to God!**

Special Music

"One Voice"

Tina Laud, Robin Burk, Loretta Crenshaw, Lynn Baker

By the Wailin' Jennys

A Video Reflection - **Love in Action Can Change the World: UWFaith International Impact**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mVdvCWBOAQ&t=12s>

A Special Mission Recognition

Lynn Baker

Introduction of Guest Speaker

Lynn Baker

"Dream It! Believe It! Do It!"

Brenda Gullett

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)

**please stand if you are able*

News and Upcoming Events

Lay Servant Training - Happening Soon!

Want to deepen your discipleship, discover your spiritual gifts, find your place to serve in the church? The Arkansas Annual Conference is bringing the Lay Servant Academy to Eureka Springs. Class size is limited to 20 students and lunch is provided. Class will be Saturday, **July 25th from 8:30 till 4:00** with lunch provided. There is a \$15 registration fee, but there is a Scholarship Code available "LSM2026" that you can use when registering. Please go to the following link to register.

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

If you have any challenges registering please call: Tee Bolin 479-837-4764 or Karen Anderson 479-372-3191



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- **Friday, July 24, 10:00 am** - Set up for the Lay Servant training group we feed on Saturday. (Singers practice after setup.)
- **Saturday, July 25, 7:30 am** - 1:30 pm - Provide hospitality food as people arrive and lunch. There are still items that we will need, so look at the list. Some things were signed for by two different people, and we will need to see if one of them can change and bring something else.
- **Sunday, July 26** - United Women in Faith Sunday...we're in charge of worship!



Continuing Need for Volunteers

Shower and Laundry Ministry is starting to get a little more busy. This ministry has been held down by just two people and bringing them a little relief would be a wonderful gesture. This is held on Monday and Wednesdays 9-1. It is as simple as overseeing the use of the laundry facility and showing people where the shower facility is. You can read a book or just rest when it is slow.

If you have any interest in assisting, please call the office 479-253-8987

Mon- Thur 9-2 and we can answer any question you might have!



Bible Study Wednesdays - Will Return Soon!

Bible Study, led by Pastor Blake will return as of Wednesday July 29nd. One more week! Held in the church library every Wednesday evening at 6:00pm. Come join in interesting and enlightening discussions with Pastor Blake and others.

We are excited to announce that the church's Columbarium is fully installed in the Prayer Garden!

Each Niche can accommodate two urns at \$1,200. There are 48 niches.

We have a new updated Columbarium Contract that you can pick up at the church office. If you would prefer us to mail you one, please call the office and Charlotte will mail you the full packet.

If you have already purchased a Niche and have completed the new updated contract, please stop by the office Mon-Thur 9-2 and Charlotte will give you a schematic so you can choose the exact numbered Niche you would like to be listed in your file!

Call with any questions or for more information! 479-253-8987

Support Groups and Ministries

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

Parkinson's Disease Support Group

A support Group for People with Parkinson's and their Caregivers meets for the **first Wednesday** of each month in the Church Library at **10 AM**. This is open to anyone in the community!

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.

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**.

(Last load of laundry can be started at 11 due to timing)

Volunteers are needed, flexible scheduling!

Answering The Call

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

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/FUtb9QuPNvj1g7A>

Dream It! Believe It! Do It!

Today is United Women in Faith Sunday. We welcome Brenda Gullett as our guest speaker! Thank you, Brenda, for your commitment to social justice and your challenge to us to "dream it, believe it, do it!"

United Women in Faith believe that *love in action can change the world.*



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More Meetings and Events at the ESFUMC

- **Jubilee Ringers Practice**, Every Wednesday **4:30-6:00 PM**, in the Sanctuary
- **Eureka! Quilters** meet in Fellowship Hall the **2nd Wednesday of each month** for conversation, information and lunch, **11:00-1:30**. Open to all skill levels!
- **Yoga Class 9:00-10:00 AM** every **Tuesday Morning**. Meet in the Fellowship Hall, \$8. All are welcome!
- **Scouts Tuesday and Wednesdays**, Youth Room **6:00 PM**



June Earnings

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Income:	974	280,367
Expenses:	23545	234,928
Columbarium: 9 Niches Sold -		

July

2026

June

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
28	29	30	1	2	3	4
“There is no Other Option (But, to call on God)” John Wesley’s Birthday	Al-Anon 10:00	Yoga 9-10 FHall Al-Anon 12:00	Parkinson’s Group 10:00 AM Library Widow(er)s 12:00 Library Jubilee Ringers 4:30	Al-Anon 10:00		
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“Who Always Triumphs?”	Al-Anon 10:00	Yoga 9-10 FHall Al-Anon 12:00	Mobile Pantry 8am Eureka! Quilters 11:00 -1:30 FHall Jubilee Ringers 4:30	Al-Anon 10:00		
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“Understanding the Almighty”	Al-Anon 10:00	Yoga 9-10 FHall Al-Anon 12:00 Caregivers Group 1:00 PM	Widow(er)s 12:00 Library Jubilee Ringers 4:30	Al-Anon 10:00		
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
“Seditious Salutations” (When a standard greeting is a radical call to revolution) UWFaith - FHall After Service	Al-Anon 10:00	Yoga 9-10 FHall Al-Anon 12:00 Leadership Team 4:30 - Library	Mobile Pantry 8am Jubilee Ringers 4:30	Al-Anon 10:00		
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
UWFaith Worship Service Brenda Gullett	Eureka! Quilters Class 9:00-4:00 FHall Al-Anon 10:00	Yoga 9-10 FHall Al-Anon 12:00	Widow(er)s Luncheon Outing Jubilee Ringers 4:30 Bible Study 6:00 pm Church Library	Al-Anon 10:00		