

Pathways

June 26th 2022

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

Kingdomtide

Summer is officially here, the longest day (at least in the amount of daylight) has come and gone; the nights will gradually get longer again as we begin the trek back towards winter. Time flies and this church has overcome a lot of trials and challenges the past two years. No one expected a pandemic would close our Sunday morning doors, but we pivoted, learned new things, brought in new people, and we crashed into the digital world with a livestream, revamped website, online giving, and screens in the sanctuary. Melody Purdy has gone above and beyond in helping us navigate this brave new world. It is thrilling to see our virtual faith community grow, and it has proven to be a way for former members to stay connected with us. We hired a new music minister right as the pandemic hit, and Bren Marshall has brought a passion for worship and brings our services to a new level, and he did this during a time when no one was in the sanctuary. When we reopened he got the choir back

together and doubled their numbers, and their music is phenomenal. Beverly Beard kept the Jubilee Ringers, well, ringing, and that has added so much to our livestream. We hope she and her family move back soon! But most of all, I have been overwhelmed by your faithful generosity. Thru a pandemic, a partisan divide, and now skyrocketing inflation, everyone has kept the faith and kept this church operating. Yet not just operating, but adding new missions and projects. We are on budget. This is simply amazing. So many churches in our conference have had to slash budgets dramatically. I cannot thank you enough for your faithfulness. I am way behind on my handwritten notes of thanks, but I am plowing thru them each time I get a chance to breath, but I wanted to take this space to

Back to the Basics (of Faith)

Summer School

Sermon Series

thank you all for your gifts, your prayers, your presence and service in both worship and in all our missions, and most also your faithful witness bragging about our church, inviting others to join us virtually or in-person, and being that voice of positivity and inspiration. When we brag on our church it is like a fire others want to gather around and join. Thank you for believing in what we do. You should be very proud of the lives we are impacting and changing on a daily basis! Thank you, Eureka Springs United Methodist Church.

The Gathering

Order of Worship

Janet Arnett, lay Speaker
Bren Marshall, Music Minister
Melodye Purdy, Video Production

Join us in-person or via our Livestream that is broadcast thru our Facebook Page, our website, or our YouTube Channel!

We Gather to Worship

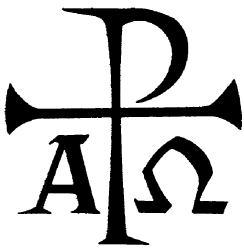
Prelude and Greeting

*As we gather may your Spirit work within us
As we gather may we glorify Your name
Knowing well that as our hearts begin to worship
We'll be blessed because we came.*

Opening prayer

*Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdoms come. Thy will be done. On Earth, as it is in Heaven.
Give us this day, our daily bread, and forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the Kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.*

Praise and Worship (see lyrics below)



We Listen for God's Word

A Reading from the Scriptures

Matthew 18:6-9

Thanks be to God for the Gift of the Scriptures
THANKS BE TO GOD!

Special Music:

"My Tribute" by Andrae Crouch
- Bren Marshall

"The Great Divide" — A Video Reflection

The Message

"The Schoolyard Bully"

Rev Blake Andrew Lasater

We Give and We Receive

Remembering our Baptism and the Promises of God

*(We invite you to participate with us by touching your hands in water
and making the sign of the cross)*

Sharing in Holy Communion

(if watching virtually, please have ready your bread and wine/juice in order to share with us)

We are Sent forth to be God's People

The Benediction

A Musical Benediction

*Go in Peace, and may the good Lord bless and keep you,
may the good Lord bless and keep you,
till we meet, till we meet again. Amen, Amen, Amen.*

Our Music for today

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"Those who sing, pray twice!" — Saint Augustine

Opening Music:

More Love, More Power

More love, more power, more of You in my life.
More love, more power, more of You in my life.
And I will worship You, with all of my heart,
And I will worship You, with all of my mind,
And I will worship You with all of my strength,
You are my Lord, You're my Lord.

More love, more power, more of You in my life.
More love, more power, more of You in my life.
And I will worship You, with all of my heart,
And I will worship You, with all of my mind,
And I will worship You with all of my strength,
You are my Lord, You're my Lord.

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand,
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.
Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light,
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

When my way grows drear, precious Lord, linger near,
When my life is almost gone.
Hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall;
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

When the darkness appears, and the night draws near,
And the day is past and gone,
At the river I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand,
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.



June marks the beginning of Kingdomtide, and our Summer Sermon Series is entitled, "Summer School: back to the basics (of faith)", as we explore the ideas and beliefs we need to return to in order to bring reform and renewal to the Christian church. We'll look at "Prayer in School", "Schoolyard Bullies", "Bonus Points", "Verbs & Nouns", "Can't See the Chalkboard?", "Too Cool for School", and "Smoking in the Boys' Room". Of course, what stands behind these titles are some important truths we need to get back to. So join us throughout these Summer weeks as we go back to school!

Help spread the word about this new ministry. People will be able to text "SHOWER" to 479.981.1680 to make arrangements to use our facilities. Our ministry team will meet them at church between 12 and 2 PM. This is one small way we can help people who are homeless. Summer months will see an increase of people needing showers. Many people flock to Eureka during these months and many end up sleeping in cars or tents as they struggle to find jobs. Thank you for volunteering to make this possible.

We would like to thank Martie Davis for eight wonderful years serving as our Administrative Assistant. She will be retiring at the end of this year so we are looking to hire. The job is 30 hours a week, office hours are flexible, two weeks of vacation, and starting pay is \$13 an hour. Knowledge of computers is a must. We hope to have this person in place by August/September so they can shadow Martie for some on-the-job training. Application may be downloaded at www.lovespokenhere.org

So far only a handful of smaller churches have started the process towards disaffiliation, and only a couple of larger ones have begun that same process. Even if they garner a three fourths vote of their membership they would still need the approval of the Annual Conference. Schism is always an ugly process, and we had hoped that the long pause of the pandemic would allow cooler heads to prevail. General Conference is still two years away, so major decisions are postponed till then.

We are still delivering weekly, frozen meals to those in need, and the need is increasing as inflation hits the pocketbooks of many Americans. Choices are being made between buying medicine and eating. Our next mobile pantry will be on July 13th. We hope to increase the giveaway to include 200 families, who will receive a box of fresh produce, some meat, and a box of dry goods/pantry items. Thank you to all who support this ministry of the church!

All the photos used are from my collection (it avoids the copyright hassle). Today's photo comes from the Western Coast of Ireland. The Celtic Cross is an iconic symbol of eternity and holiness. The round circle represents eternity, and they were erected to honor the local saints of the community.

Shower/Laundry Ministry

Job Opening

Update on Disunity

Answering the Call

Top Photo

Giving

Inflation is hitting all of us pretty hard, but the work of the church continues. Unlike businesses we can't shrink packages nor can we reduce our hours. We have a world to serve. Thank you to all who are giving! We could not do the many wonderful things we do were it not for your generosity. Consider setting up auto draft so that your contributions are always coming in. As always, there are numerous ways to give online. Visit our website, www.lovespokenhere.org

Leadership Team

The Leadership Team met on the 20th of June. A decision was made to hire a landscape firm to take care of the grounds and to begin the process of removing the gravel beds and replace them with mulch and ground cover. As you have probably noticed the weeds are taking over and the gravel and barrier has created a perfect environment for weeds.

Theology on Tap

Theology on Tap is held monthly at the Gotahold Brewery. This month's topic is: "Violence and Culture." This is not a conversation on guns, but on how we might build a culture that is less violent. We will gather again on June 27th at 5 to 6 pm If there is a topic you would like to discuss please shoot me an email: blakelasater@gmail.com

Memorial Obelisk

In front of the church is a memorial obelisk that was placed there to honor members of the church who passed triumphantly thru death to life-everlasting. You may place a plaque to honor your loved one. Plaques cost a few hundred dollars.

Caregivers Support Group

Caregivers Support Group will meet, the second Tuesday of every month, in person, on Tuesday at 1:00 in the Fellowship Hall. Questions? Call Peggy Way 479.253.1583. No Masks required.

Widow(er)s Support Group

Our support group for Widow(er)s meets the first and third Wednesdays of each month at noon in the church library. All are either widows or widowers sharing their journey and experiences, supporting one another, and discussing the different issues that widow(er)s face. If you know of a widow(er) let them know about our group. No one should be left to grieve alone or misunderstood.



United
Women
in Faith

From 1860 until 1978 approximately 357 boarding schools operated across 30 states, housing over 60,000 Native American children who were taken from their families. *Dawnland*, a film sharing part of their story, will be shown at 2:00 & 6:00 pm on June 28, Carroll Electric Co-Op community room, Berryville. Light refreshments will be served, and all are invited. For more information contact lynn.baker.umw@gmail.com or 501.339.3458.

July

2022

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"Bonus Points" Romans 6:1-23 No Yoga	OFFICE CLOSED No Yoga		Answering the Call 9-11 Fellowship Hall Widow(er)s Support Group Library Noon			
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"Verbs & Nouns" James 2:14-26	No Yoga	Caregivers Support Group 1 PM Fellowship Hall	Answering the Call 9-11 Fellowship Hall Mobile Food Pantry starting at 10			
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"Can't See the Chalkboard" John 1:1-18	Yoga @ 9 AM Fellowship Hall Leadership Team Meeting 6 PM Library		Answering the Call 9-11 Fellowship Hall Widow(er)s Support Group Library Noon			
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"Too Cool for School" 1 Corinthians 1:1-13	Yoga @ 9 AM Fellowship Hall		Answering the Call 9-11 Fellowship Hall			
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"Smoking in the Boys Room" Matthew 7:15-23		August Sermon Series: Red Sea Rules: Faithful Strategies for Facing Tough Times				

