



the season of

Kingdomtide

Pathways

News from the Eureka Springs United Methodist Church

27th of July 2025

Here is you a little “Jesus” for your life, and a reminder of God’s love for you. People have been placing this little Jesus’ around town, and what a kind gesture. Far too many Christians post menacing signs of hell and damnation, of God’s wrath, and what terrible people we all are, but there are also many who are simply out there reminding folks of God’s love for all of us. Don’t we all need to be reminded of that from time to time? For some, “the good news”, is nothing but a horror story. God is going to destroy sinners, our enemies are going to burn in hell, and the world is going to be destroyed. What motivates people to embrace that so-called “good news” is more revealing of their broken hearts than it is of God’s promises for the world. In our lesson on Mark’s gospel today, we are going to be asking what the “good news” actually is. It’s far more than a sinner’s prayer and a free trip to heaven. It is the transformation of life, and in our stories today we are going to see how people were touched by the “good news” and how it changed their lives. Joeta Christiansen will be moving to Omaha this week. Joeta has recovered remarkably from her stroke, but she and her family feel now is the time to make a transition. We will deeply miss her laugh, her humor, her sense of adventure, and for the many great feelings she brought to church. Joeta has been a part of our shower/laundry ministry, and a vital and original member of our Widow(er)s support group. She won’t have a chance to be back in church to say goodbye, but if you would like to send a card or letter, drop that by the church office and we will make sure she gets them. Enjoy the end of July, but I’m sure August and September will be just as hot — the dog days of summer. Stay cool, stay hydrated, and come to church and chill with us on Sunday mornings. Thank you to all who helped Ginger move last Saturday! Truly being the hands and feet of Christ to one of our own. There will be no Theology on Tap for the month of August, but we’ll return in September.



The Gathering

Order of Worship

Janet Arnett, Lay Speaker
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, 27th of June, 2025

Ushers: Dennis & Shirley Lykins **Communion Stewards:** Janet Arnett, Sandy Dunn, Lori Luney, Chris Ritthaler

Offering Counters: Janet Arnett, Shirley Lykins

We Gather to Worship

Greeting

Kingdomtide Opening

"Thy Word is a Lamp Unto My Feet"

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Community Prayer

Janet Arnett, Lay Minister

Our Lord's Prayer

Songs of Celebration

"Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service" page 581 UMC Hymnal

"Wounded World that Cries for Healing" page 2177 Faith We Sing

The Prayer of Illumination

a reading from the Gospel of Mark 1:29-39

Thanks be to God for the gift of the Scriptures

Thanks be to God!

"Come, Thou Font"

Arr: Craig Courtney

Becca Ritter & Paul Gandy

A Video Reflection — "Love"



Mark: the beginning of the Good News

"Healings, Miracles, & Exorcisms — Oh My!"

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. Questions? Call Peggy Way 479.253.1583 Masks are optional.

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. Join us as we gather to share experiences and support each other on this journey. All are welcome. If you know a widow(er), let them know about our group. In July there is a 5th Wednesday, which means we will have a luncheon outing at Abuellas in Rogers. YUM!

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!

Save the Dates!

Important Happenings

in the Life of ESUMC

Get Involved!

Make New Friends

Make a Difference

Spread Joy

Bible Study Wednesdays 6 pm in the church library. We use Dr. David Brakke's Great Courses Lectures for the first 30 minutes and then use study questions to start a discussion. These lectures take us thru the books of the New Testament.

Mobile Food Pantry church parking lot the **2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month**. Cars start lining up at 8:45 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, call the church by Noon on Mondays to be added to our very limited delivery schedule.

Eureka! Quilters meet in Fellowship Hall the **2nd Wednesday of each month** for conversation, information and lunch. A great group of men & women quilters, open to all skill levels. Thank you for the recent contribution of 24 beautiful hand made quilts that were delivered to local non-profit groups!

Widow(ers) Group meet the **first and third Wednesdays of each month from Noon - 1 PM in the church library**. Occasionally, they plan a luncheon outing. 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.

Yoga 9-10 am Tuesdays in Fellowship Hall, \$8. All are welcome.

Theology On Tap will resume in September when (hopefully) the weather is cooler.



United
Women
in Faith

We believe that every person is created in the image of God and should have equal rights, no matter their location, identity, religion, or status. For 156 years, we have been working for justice and advocating for change to policies or systems that prevent all God's children from thriving. Micah 6:8 ... and Jesus' advocacy for the vulnerable and challenging unjust systems tells us what is right in the eyes of God. **United Women in Faith - we believe that love in action can change the world.**

Theology on Tap

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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.**

Youth Group

The Youth Group will resume in the fall. Thank you to all the volunteers who kept this group together, inspired, and learning. Your ministry is very much appreciated.

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.

Ride to Sunday Church Services Needed

There is a woman who has called several times looking for a ride & back to Sunday Services. She lives in an apartment at 15 Pivot Rock Road, ES. If you might be able to offer her a ride from time to time, that would be appreciated. We have the church Nissan Murano available for use if you like. Please let Blake know or call the church office to volunteer. 479.253.8987 Thank you.

Transportation Ministry Drivers Needed

The church has a **Nissan Murano** (thanks to the generosity of a church member) 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 Esfumclnfo@gmail.com and we will add your name to the list. When we get a request I send out a group email with dates, times, location and client name and if you are available to take that appointment, you respond to the email accordingly and I make the arrangements. This is a great way to serve the least, the last, and the lost. 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 Library Chapter & Verse

This week the book recommendation is **Daily Wisdom & Empowerment for Widows, 365 Day Devotional (242.4/Moo) by Carolyn Caple Moor.** The author, founder of Modern Widows Club and a friend of our pastor, sent this signed copy for our church library. She crafted this devotional to guide, uplift, and empower widows through the complex journey of loss and renewal. Reflections, journaling prompts, and quotes are designed to nurture your spirit, rekindle your strength, and help you find peace in the midst of grief.

Church Finances

	<u>June</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Giving:	\$16,335.01	\$142,070.64
Expenses:	\$32,143.15	\$175,864.92

Annual Church Yard Sale

We will hold our annual church yard sale in conjunction with the War Eagle Craft Fair taking place on **October 16-18, 2025. SAVE THE DATE!** Clean, good working donations are accepted during office hours, including tools, furniture, furnishings, sporting goods, etc. We do not accept clothing items. Those can be donated to Echo Thrift Store.

August

2025

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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Gospel of Mark: Healings, Miracles, & Exorcisms, Oh My!	Al-Anon 10 AM/Mixed	Yoga 9-10 AM Al-Anon 10 AM Mixed	Widow(er)s Outing Jubilee Ringers 5 PM Bible Study 6 PM library	Al-Anon 10 AM/Mixed		
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Gospel of Mark: Secrets	Al-Anon 10 AM/Mixed Apostle Paul Beheaded in Rome 67 AD	Yoga 9-10 AM Al-Anon 10 AM Mixed	Widow(er)s Group Noon Library Jubilee Ringers 5 PM Bible Study 6 PM library Atomic Bombing of Hiroshima	Al-Anon 10 AM/Mixed Estate Planning Workshops ?'s Call Peggy 479.253.1583		Atomic Bomb dropped on Nagasaki
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Gospel of Mark: Sandwiches	Al-Anon 10 AM/Mixed	Yoga 9-10 AM Al-Anon 10 AM Mixed	Mobile Pantry 8-10 Eureka! Quilters 11-1:30 PM Jubilee Ringers 5 PM Bible Study 6 PM	Al-Anon 10 AM Mixed 80th Anniversary of V-J Day Eureka! Quilters'	Death of Mary, mother of Jesus 41 AD Retreat Fellowship Hall & Kitchen	
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Gospel of Mark: Jesus Loses an Argument	Al-Anon 10 AM/Mixed 19th Amendment Ratified!	Yoga 9-10 AM Al-Anon Mixed 10 Leadership Team meeting 5 PM Death of Caesar Augustus, 14 AD	Widow(er)s Group Noon Library Jubilee Ringers 5 PM Bible Study 6 PM library	Al-Anon 10 AM/Mixed		
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Gospel of Mark: Suffering Messiahs?	Al-Anon 10 AM/Mixed	Yoga 9-10 AM Al-Anon 10 AM Mixed	Mobile Pantry 8-10 Jubilee Ringers 5 PM Bible Study 6 PM	Al-Anon 10 AM/Mixed		
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Gospel of Mark: Sightless or Senseless?	Al-Anon 10 AM/Mixed	Yoga 9-10 AM Al-Anon 10 AM Mixed	Widow(er)s Group Noon Library Jubilee Ringers 5 PM Bible Study 6 PM library	Al-Anon 10 AM/Mixed		