

Pathways

News from 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

Kingdomtide

28th of July 2024

PARENTS' DAY

We have celebrated Mother's Day and Father's Day. Today the calendar reminds us that it is Parents' Day. In 1994, Congress passed "The Parents' Day Resolution." This established the fourth Sunday of July as a perennial day of commemoration.

The role of a parent is difficult to define. The breadth of a parent's responsibilities would fill this page and more. Yet, we too often assume, take for granted, and overlook. A heartfelt "THANK YOU" and a hug can outshine flowers or gifts or an expensive dinner.

While we plan how to thank our earthly parents, we should honor our Heavenly Father....the Parent of all Parents. In our prayers let us express our gratitude to God, our Father, for His love and guidance dedicated to our earthly parents.

The Lasater Family will be with us next week. Please pray for their safe return.



The Gathering

Order of Worship

Janet Arnett, Lay Speaker
Melodye Purdy, Video Production
Jubilee Ringers conducted by Beverly Beard
John Holtzman, Choir/Patricia Taylor, Pianist

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

9:55 ~ Announcements

Sunday, July 28th, 2024

Ushers: Ben Eakin, Gary Johnson

Communion Stewards: Dan & Suzie Bell, Sandy Dunn, Jean Reed

Offering Counters: Janet Arnett, Paul Gandy

We Gather to Worship

Greeting

Congregational Reading:

The Apostle's Creed, Page 881 UMH

Opening Song:

"Every Time I Feel the Spirit," Page 404 UMH

Communal Prayer: Pam Steinke

The Lord's Prayer: Pam Steinke

Hymns:

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" Page 384 UMH

"Hymn of Promise" Page 707 UMH

We Listen to God's Spirit

A Reading from Psalm 4, Chapter 40, Verses 1-5 and Verse 11

Thanks be to God for the Gift of the Scriptures

THANKS BE TO GOD!

"You are Mine"

David Haas, Arr.: Mark Hayes

Duet by Kevin Graham and Jess Wade

A Video Reflection (Blake to choose)



The Message:

"Is That All There Is?"

Janet Arnett, Lay Speaker

We Receive God's Grace

Remembering Our Baptism

Holy Communion

(All our welcome to eat and drink at the table of Christ. The 'Wine' is just grape juice, but the Spirit of God is found in the breaking of the bread and sharing of the cup)

Sending Song

"Spirit Song" Page 347 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)

Caregiver Support Group

Caregiver 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.

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!

Unique Opportunity to Connect with one of our Homeless Clients

We are so blessed to have faithful supporters and mentors that partner with us in our homeless/shower ministry. **Harold's Diner** has donated tokens that we can distribute to a homeless person which can be turned in for a free nutritious meal at the Diner. Some of you have expressed that you would love the opportunity to sit down in a safe environment with one of our clients, share a meal and conversation. If that sounds like you, call the church office and we can facilitate an opportunity for you to take a client to Harold's Diner for a meal and conversation, using the free token for the homeless meal. If you haven't been to Harold's Diner (17 White Street) you are in for a treat! Their menu is creative, healthy and delicious. Plus, they have a record collection which you can select from and play on their record player.

Got Wide Mouth Mason Quart Jars?

We will be working with some of our homeless clients on a fundraiser that will require clean wide mouth quart Mason jars with lids. If you have any to donate, please drop of at Narthex of church office. Thank you.



United
Women
in Faith

Welcome Home! Just last week three members of our unit attended Mission U: two in person at Hendrix College and another virtually. This annual event offers time in classes, creative workshops and group gatherings to explore meaningful issues and ideas. The "Welcome Home" study focused on the relationship that God desires to have with us individually and the relationship God hopes we will embrace with one another. Amazing! That's the same plan for ESUMC - love God and love one another...welcome home!

Save the Dates!

Important

Happenings

in the Life of ESUMC

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, call the church by Noon on Tuesday to be added to our limited delivery schedule.

Naturals Baseball Faith & Family Night, Saturday, August 17. Christian concert with Ryan Stevenson from 4:50-5:30, first pitch is at 6:05. Sign up sheet in Narthex (Sundays) or church office. We will take the church van. Also, there is a donation jar for tickets to take some of our homeless friends.

Yoga 9-10 am Mondays & Tuesdays. Fellowship Hall. All are welcome.

Church Yard Sale will be **October 18 & 19th, Friday and Saturday** in conjunction with the War Eagle Fair. Donations (clean and in good working order) are accepted year-round (no clothes) during office hours. We are grateful for the continuing work of

Al-Anon Meetings

Al-Anon meets in the Youth Room down the hall from the church offices on **Mondays (mixed), Tuesdays (women), and Thursdays (mixed)**. All meetings **start at 10 am** and go for an hour. All are welcome to attend. Want more information? Contact Ellen at 479.244.7017 or Vonn at 214.605.0615, 47pileated@gmail.com.

Shower/Laundry & Homeless Ministry Requested Items

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 thru Thursday from 9 AM till 1:30 PM.**

Pantry Current needs: We are down to the bare bones in donations. We have had two large families come through on Wednesday which cleared out most of our stock. ANY donations would be much appreciated, including food staples, ingredients to make nutrient-dense meals; refried, pinto, kidney, garbanzo beans, peanut butter & crackers, sugar, flour, rice, pasta noddles, tomato sauce, granola-type bars (the soft kind because they often have dental issues), men & women sturdy sneakers/hiking boots. Women's good walking/hiking shoes, Size 10. Donations can be dropped off at the church. **We are looking for volunteers to come in once a week to give the showers a good cleaning.**

Mobile Food Pantry

The Mobile Food Pantry serves Carroll County residents in need of food staples. Our **next pick-up date is Wednesday, August 14, 8:30 AM.** We deliver food items on a very limited basis, only to those with no transportation or someone to pick up for them. Deadline for delivery requests is Noon on Tuesdays so that the schedule can be finalized & disbursed to volunteer drivers. We are very appreciative of our loyal band of volunteers who make this happen rain, heat, sleet, and sunshine.

Chapter and Verse

Chapter and Verse: In Walking the Bible: A Journey by Land Through the Five Books of Moses (915.604/Fei), Bruce Feiler travels across three continents in search of the stories and heroes shared by Christians and Jews. The companion DVD (VIDEO/915.604/Fei) is also available for check out in the church library. Enjoy the journey!

Annual Yard Sale

Our annual church yard sale will be held in conjunction with the War Eagle Fair, on **Friday and Saturday, October 18 and 19th.** We will need lots of volunteers as we get closer to that date to get this up and running. Shirley Lykins (God bless that woman!!) has worked tirelessly through the year sorting and marking donated items.

NATURALS BASEBALL! Faith & Family Night Saturday, August 17

Group Tickets are \$10 if reserved in advance with minimum of 11 people. Christian singing artist, Ryan Stevenson will perform and share testimony from 4:50-5:30 pm. The first pitch is 6:05 pm. There is a sign up sheet in the narthex, or call the church office. Also, we have a donation jar at the narthex (Sundays) and the church office. We are accepting donations towards tickets to that we can invite some of our homeless to the game.

Bible Debrief & Theology on Tap

Bible DeBrief and Theology on Tap will resume in August. Pastor Blake will be on vacation with his family during the month of July.

Opportunities to get Involved & Serve

We are looking for volunteers of form a Worship Planning Team for special services. Contact Blake or the church office if interested: blakelasater@gmail.com, 479.426.2547.

We are looking for volunteers to come in once a week to scrub & sanitize the showers. We are very appreciative of our current two volunteers, but would like to add more to the team to make this less burdensome. Contact the church office (479.253.8987) or Blake if interested: blakelasater@gmail.com or 479.426.2547.

Summer Meal Deliveries for Kids VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Eureka Springs Schools has asked for our help delivering **summer meals to students.** There are nearly **300 kids** signed up for these weekly meals. Contact Bill Featherstone by texting 479-981-1991 or email billfeatherstone@cox.net. **Deliveries runs thru the first week of August.** We meet up on **Thursdays at 1:30** at the high school. No commitment to drive every week, just raise your hand when you can. Please provide name, email, and cell #. **We are in need of many more volunteers!**

July

2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	1	2	3	4	5	6
	Memorial Day Offices closed Al-Anon/Mixed 10 am Youth Rm	Yoga 9 am Alanon/Women 10 am Youth Rm Leadership Team Meets 5 PM	Parkinsons Group 10 AM Library Widow(ers) Support Group Noon in Library	Al-Anon/Mixed 10 am Youth Rm		
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Rev. David Baker "A Few Sick People"	Yoga 9 am Al-Anon/Mixed 10 am Youth Rm	Yoga 9 am Alanon/Women 10 am Youth Rm Caregiver's Support Group 1 PM Library	Mobile Food Pantry 9 AM	Al-Anon/Mixed 10 am Youth Rm		CS Bank Parking Lot Fundraiser 9 AM-4PM
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
<i>Caring for God's Creation</i> Janet Arnett	Yoga 9 am Al-Anon/Mixed 10 am Youth Rm	Yoga 9 am Alanon/Women 10 am Youth Rm	Widow(ers) Support Group Noon in Library	Al-Anon/Mixed 10 am Youth Rm		Private Event Fellowship Hall 10 AM-3PM
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
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28	29	30	31	1	2	3
"Is That All There Is?" Janet Arnett	Yoga 9 am Al-Anon/Mixed 10 am Youth Rm	Yoga 9 am Alanon/Women 10 am Youth Rm Leadership Team Meets 5 PM	Widow(ers) Luncheon Meet at Sparky's at 11:30 AM	Pastor Blake Returns Al-Anon/Mixed 10 am Youth Rm		

PASTOR IS ON VACATION DURING THE MONTH OF JULY

Lark is on vacation July 25 - August 5