

Pathways

News from the Eureka Springs United Methodist Church



P A L M S U N D A Y

— MATTHEW 21:8-9 —

6th Sunday in Lent

The Chancel Choir presents, “A Journey to Hope” by Joseph M. Martin, a **Passion Cantata** this Sunday as we enter this Holy Week that is filled with sacred meaning. **Palm Sunday** begins this special week, as we reflect on Jesus’ triumphal entry into Jerusalem as the crowds shouted “Hosanna”; by the end of the week they will be shouting for his death. **Maundy Thursday** derives its name from ‘mandatum’, commandment, and this evening we reflect on Jesus’ call to love one another, a new commandment. It is the only time during Holy Week we celebrate Communion. As we do, we ponder the meaning of the table, how, despite the presence of Judas and the knowledge that all will abandon him, Jesus still washes their feet and feeds them. Perhaps if we spent more time washing feet, we would have less time judging one another. **Good Friday** is a guided meditation on the meaning of the cross. A table of candles will form the cross, and everyone is invited to light one of the candles as they enter into worship. This is an ancient service, and one that is very meaningful. **Holy Saturday** is known as the great Easter Vigil. Nothing happens on this day except for prayer and reflection. We ask that each of you remember on this Saturday to pray for our church and all of brothers and sisters in Christ. We would love for you to post that to Facebook too, just a brief message — “I’ve prayed for you today.” Perhaps that might make others pray too. Then as the darkness of Saturday gives way to the dawning of **Easter morning**, we gather (weather permitting) in the outdoor worship center (in the sanctuary if raining) to greet the rising Sun and the Day of Resurrection. This is a candlelight light service, as we light our candles from the Easter Candle to proclaim, “He is Risen!” Several folks in the church are also preparing breakfast for us afterwards in the Narthex, which will be served immediately after the Sunrise Service. At 10 AM we meet in the sanctuary for our Easter Morning Celebrations! Make this week holy!



Maundy Thursday 6 PM

We gather at the table to share Communion and a meditation on the Last Supper, betrayal, and abandonment.

Good Friday 6 PM

Tonight we gather around a cross of candlelight as we reflect on Christ’s Passion and the meaning of the Cross.

Easter Sunrise 6:30 AM

We gather in darkness to await the dawn and the rising of Christ. Weather permitting we will be in the outdoor worship area.

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

Sunday, 29th of March, 2026

Ushers: Dennis & Shirley Lykins **Communion Stewards:** Sandy Dunn, Lori Luney, Patti Marler, Marilou Shreve

Offering Counters: Janet Arnett, Kevin Graham

We Gather to Worship

Welcome

A Lenten Candle Ritual

Opening Song

“Jesus Remember Me”

by Pam Steinke
page 488 UMC Hymnal

A Palm Sunday Prayer

Songs of the People

“Hosanna, Loud, Hosanna” page 278 UMC Hymnal

A Video Reflection — “Hosanna”



The Chancel Choir

Passion Cantata:

“A Journey to Hope”

Jess Wade, Conductor
Patricia Taylor, pianist
Cheryl Rutledge, narrator

We Listen for God’s Word

A Video Reflection — “At the Cross”

A reading from John’s Gospel: the Palms and the Passion
John 12:12-15 & 19:1-30

“Seven Last Words: It is Finished”

Rev Blake Lasater

We Give & Receive Love

Remembrance of our Baptism, a Liturgy of Compassion

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.

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. Several of our clients have joined the church.

Save the Dates!

Important Happenings in the Life of ESUMC

Get Involved!

Make New Friends

Make a Difference

Serve Others

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 Noon Monday](mailto:by.Noon.Monday) at 417.393.6113 to be added to our very limited delivery schedule.

United Women in Faith was organized on March 23, 1869. Our name has changed over 24 times throughout these 157 years, the four tenets of our Purpose have never changed: 1) to know God, 2) to be free in Jesus Christ, 3) to have a supportive fellowship, and 4) to be involved in mission. All women are invited to our meetings, events and ministries.

April 19, 5 PM Creation Care Outdoor Service

May 17, Meet in Church Library after Sunday Service

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

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

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. 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. PS: Several new members have come to us through this ministry.

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

Help Wanted: Administrative Assistant

We are looking for a part time Administrative Assistant for the church. Office hours are from 9 till 2, Monday thru Thursday. The AA is the voice of our church, offering a friendly greeting to callers and guests. Bulletin prep. Various admin duties. \$15 per hour plus vacation.

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/FUtbq9QuPNvJj1g7A>

Eureka! Quilters

For a couple years now, we host the monthly meetings of the Eureka! Quilters. What a wonderful talented group of men and women! Last month (as is their custom) they presented us with a dozen+ beautiful handmade quilts that we can hand out to our homeless clients in need. What pure joy to behold on their faces when they see the tag "This Quilt was lovingly made for you." We are so grateful for this group partnering with our homeless ministries. A recent quilt donation went to a 9-year-old boy living in a trailer (no water for the last 5+ weeks) who is afraid of the dark. He was also gifted with a head lamp. Thank you for your kindness and sharing of your talents!



United
Women
in Faith

I am your mother: Do not neglect me! Children, protect me – I need your trust! (Earth Prayer – FWS #2059)

United Women in Faith invite you to a special service celebrating our Creator God and the our beautiful Earth. The early evening service will be held in our Outdoor Chapel on Sunday, April 19th.

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

Church Financials

	<u>FEBRUARY 2026</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Giving:	\$ 18,648	\$ 47,074
Expenses:	\$ 15,771	\$ 39,715

April

2026

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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Palm Sunday: Chancel Choir's Passion Cantata	Al-Anon 10 AM	Yoga 9-10 FHall Al-Anon Ozarks Chorale 6 PM Fhall	Parkinsons Support Group 10 AM Library Widow(er)s Group Noon Library Jubilee Ringers 4:30 Bible Study 6 PM	Al-Anon 10 AM Maundy Thursday 6 PM	Good Friday 6 PM	
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Easter Sunrise 6:30 AM Easter Celebration 10 AM	Al-Anon 10 AM	Yoga 9-10 FHall Al-Anon Ozarks Chorale 6 PM Fhall	Mobile Pantry 8 AM Eureka Quilters 11-1:30 Fhall Jubilee Ringers 4:30 PM Bible Study 6 PM	Al-Anon 10 AM		
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The Truth Shall Set You Free: Our Post-Truth Culture	Al-Anon 10 AM	Yoga 9-10 FHall Al-Anon Ozarks Chorale 6 PM Fhall	Widow(er)s Support Noon Library Jubilee Ringers 4:30 PM Bible Study 6 PM	Al-Anon 10 AM		
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The Truth Shall Set You Free: Most Propagandized People on Earth	Al-Anon 10 AM	Yoga 9-10 FHall Al-Anon Ozarks Chorale 6 PM Fhall	Mobile Pantry 8 AM Jubilee Ringers 4:30 PM Bible Study 6 PM	Al-Anon 10 AM		
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The Truth Shall Set You Free: Picking Cherries	Al-Anon 10 AM	Yoga 9-10 FHall Al-Anon		Al-Anon 10 AM		