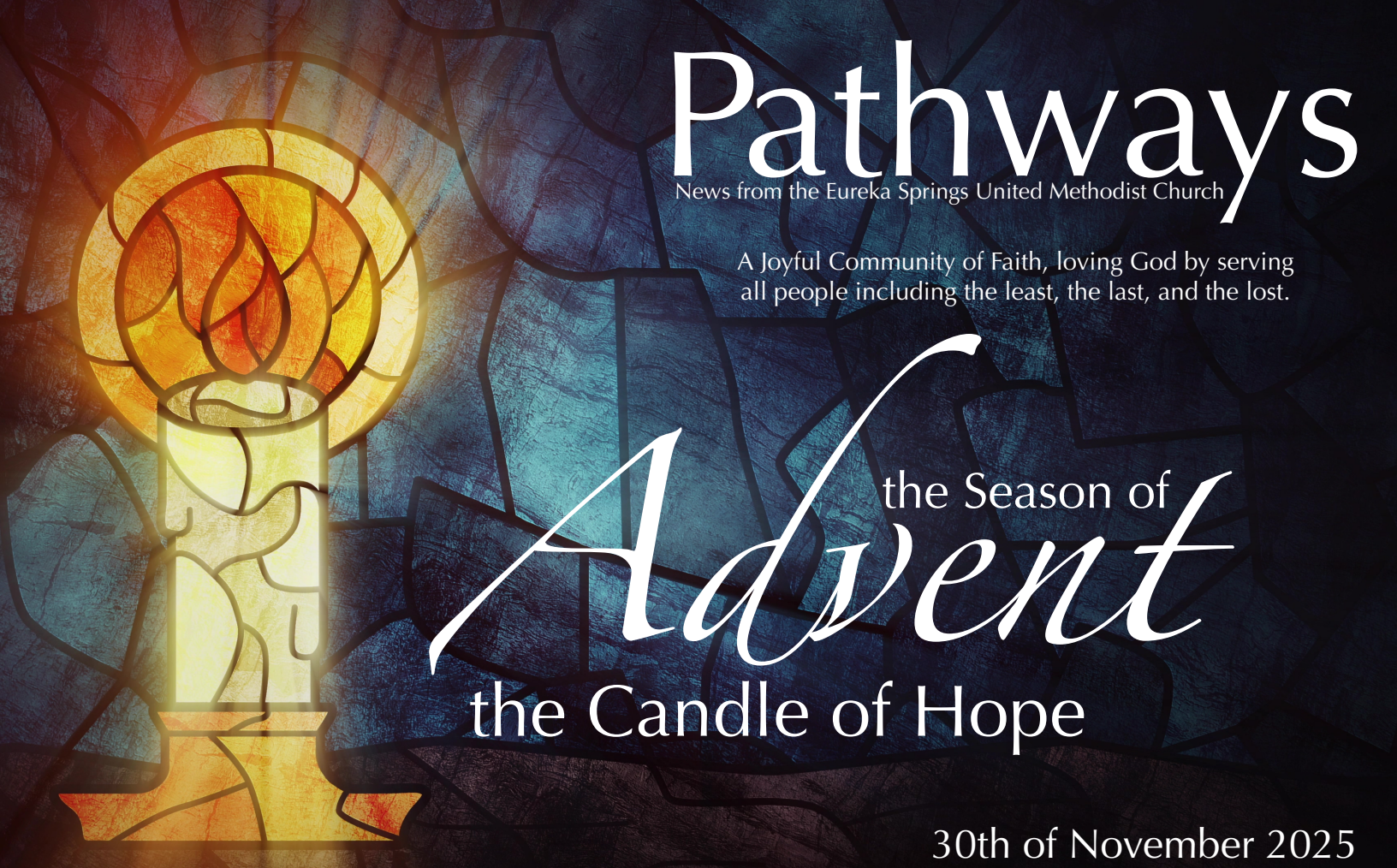




Pathways

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.

the Season of *Advent* the Candle of Hope

30th of November 2025

Columbarium: We announced last Sunday the church is moving forward with purchasing a columbarium to be placed in the prayer garden here in front of the church. It will have 48 niches, each niche can hold two urns. It is gray marble with black marble as the cover over each niche. Names will be engraved along with birth and death dates on the black marble, which makes it easily seen from the parking lot. We are pre-selling these niches for \$1200. Couples being interred together only need to pay the \$1200 if they are sharing a niche. If later you or your family decide that this is not where your remains will be placed, then the church will purchase back the niche at 70% of the original cost (\$840). You may call the office for further details or to pick up an application. We are surprised by the number of people interested so please, if you are, consider purchasing a niche. We are looking at summer for this to be available. **Choir Cantata** "A Weary World Rejoices" will be performed the third Sunday of Advent, December 14th. They have been working very hard on this production and it will be a part of our worship service so invite people to enjoy this wonderful program. **Blue Christmas:** The holidays are not always the most joyous time of the year, and on Friday, December 19th we open our doors for a more somber and reflective Christmas observance. If you are feeling a little "blue" this season or know of someone, consider joining us that evening at 6 PM. **Christmas Eve** Candlelight & Communion will be at 5:30 Christmas Eve night. We have special music lined up and an evening of carols. We hope all of you had a very blessed Thanksgiving Holiday, now let us prepare our hearts as we journey to Christmas.



For unto us a child is born...

-Isaiah 9:6

Advent
a weary world rejoices

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, 30th of November, 2025

Ushers: Karen Kinsel & Cheryl Rutledge **Communion Stewards:** Candis Drechsler, Sandy Dunn, Susan Reed, Christ Ritthaler
Offering Counters: Janet Arnett, Paul Gandy

We Gather to Worship

Welcome

Lighting the Advent Wreath

Responsive Singing

"The Candle of Hope"

"O Come, O Come Emmanuel" (first verse, page 211 UMC Hymnal)

Communal Prayer

Our Lord's Prayer

Janet Arnett, Lay Minister

Songs of Celebration*

"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" page 196 UMC Hymnal

"Hail to the Lord's Anointed" page 203 UMC Hymnal

We for God's Word



A reading from the Prophet Isaiah 11:1-10

Thanks be to God for the gift of the Scriptures

Thanks be to God!

"Come, Messiah!"

By Lloyd Larson

The Chancel Choir

*A reading from the Gospel of Luke 2:25-32

*an Advent Affirmation

A Video Reflection — "Hope"

"A Weary World Rejoices: the Promise of Prophets"

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)

**please stand if you are able*

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.

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.

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.

Needed Winter Items: Small propane tanks for outdoor cooking camp stoves, small cast-iron pots/pans, thermal mens underwear (medium & large), warm men's hoodies/jackets, gloves, beanies, wool socks, cans of hearty soups/chili/SPAM, multi-packs oatmeal. One full-size mattress, full size sheets. Items can be left on narthex desk or at church office.

Save the Dates!

Important Happenings in the Life of ESUMC

Get Involved!

Make New Friends

Make a Difference

Mobile Food Pantry church parking lot the **2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month**. Cars start lining up at 8:00 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, contact Bill Featherstone (479.981.1991) by Noon on Mondays to be added to our very limited delivery schedule.

Blue Christmas, Friday, December 19, 6 PM

Christmas Contata, December 21 during worship service

Christmas Eve Candlelight & Communion Service, 5:30 PM

Jubilee Ringers Practice, Wednesdays 5 - 6 PM, Sanctuary

Ozarks Chorale Rehearsals Tuesdays, from 6-8pm in 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.

Theology on Tap

We had a wonderful and wide ranging conversation last week about deconstructing our faith. It was probably one of the best talks we have shared. Thank you to all who participated, and it was great to see Doug Philips, our former Associate Pastor there as well. Stay tuned for next months event, topic to be announced later.

Transportation Ministry

Drivers Needed

The church was gifted a **Nissan Murano** 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 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.

Church Finances

	<u>Giving</u>	<u>Expenses</u>
October:	\$ 15,826	\$ 12,874

Church Columbarium

We are excited to announce that the church is going to have a Columbarium in the Prayer Garden. Each niche will accommodate two urns at \$1,200. There are Columbaria Contracts with info located in the literature rack near the narthex desk. You can also pick up a contract at the church office or call the church office for more details. There is also a link on our website < www.lovespokenhere.org >

The Schmieding Center for Senior Health and Education

What is the definition of COZY for a Carroll County Senior? A NEW pair of socks! Or a NEW blanket! Please consider adding these items to one of the bins located in the Church Welcome Center and Office. Collection ends today, distribution take place in December. Organized by The Schmieding Center for Senior Health and Education. **Help our Elder Saints feel COZY & CARED for this Holiday Season! Thank you to all who have donated, you are appreciated.**



United
Women
in Faith

Emmanuel ~ God WITH us

What an amazing realization! This calls for a celebration!

The women of Eureka Springs UMC are invited to join in "Sharing Our Blessings". At this gathering our unit of United Women in Faith empties our treasury to benefit women, children and youth. The event will be on **Saturday, December 6 at 12:30 pm** in the home of Lynn Baker, 17 Starlite Avenue, Holiday Island. Call 501.339.3458 for directions. Bring your favorite snack, but no crazy Santa gift to exchange...we'd rather collect new socks and feminine hygiene products to share. **United Women in Faith believe that love in action can change the world.**

December

2025

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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A Weary World Rejoices: the Promise of Prophets	Al-Anon 10 AM Youth Room	Yoga 9-10 AM Al-Anon 10 AM Youth Room Ozarks Chorale 6-8 PM FHall	Parkinson's Group 10 AM Library Widow(er)s Support Group Noon Library Jubilee Ringers 5 PM Bible Study 6 PM	Al-Anon 10 AM Youth Room		UWF - Sharing Our Blessings At home of Lynn Baker, 17 Starlite Avenue, Holiday Island
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A Weary World Rejoices: the Promise of Peace	Al-Anon 10 AM Youth Room	Al-Anon 10 AM Youth Room Caregivers Group 1 PM church library Ozarks Chorale 6-8 PM FHall	Mobile Food Pantry Eureka! Quilters Meeting & Lunch Jubilee Ringers 5 PM Bible Study 6 PM	Al-Anon 10 AM Youth Room		
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A Weary World Rejoices: the Chancel Choir Cantata The Promise of Joy	Al-Anon 10 AM Youth Room	Al-Anon 10 AM Youth Room Leadership Team 4:30 PM Ozarks Chorale 6-8 PM FHall	Mobile Food Pantry Widow(er)s Support Group Noon Library Jubilee Ringers 5 PM Bible Study 6 PM	Al-Anon 10 AM Youth Room	Service of the Longest Night: a Blue Christmas Observance 6 PM	
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A Weary World Rejoices: the Promise of Love	Al-Anon 10 AM Youth Room	Al-Anon 10 AM Youth Room Ozarks Chorale 6-8 PM FHall	Christmas Eve Candlelight & Communion 5:30 PM	Christmas Day!		
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Wesley's Covenant Renewal Service	Al-Anon 10 AM Youth Room	Al-Anon 10 AM Youth Room	New Year's Eve	New Year's Day Al-Anon 10 AM Youth Room	A Weary World Rejoices an Advent Sermon Series	