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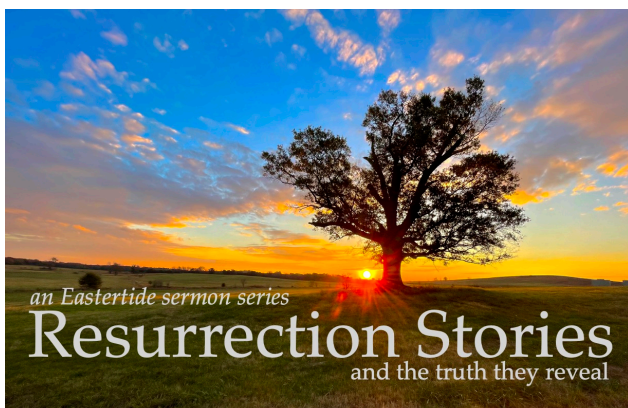
News from the Eureka Springs United Methodist Church

The Season of Eastertide

4th of May 2025

Five more Sundays left in Easter, and then we celebrate Pentecost and Trinity Sunday; then Kingdomtide begins — this is the cycle of time according to the church. The Eastertide Season centers around the Paschal Candle that is lit at the beginning of worship to announce that Christ is risen. It is a symbol and a reminder that God goes with us thru the darkness, leading us on to the land of promise and dreams. It's always nice to change up worship a bit during these festive days. In June we are inviting back our opera singers to do the special music, thereby giving our Chancel Choir some much needed rest. Speaking of time, my daughter, Grace will be turning 17 on the 5th of May. I can still vividly recall the evening she was born and me being the first to hold her. As I look back her life has gone by in a blur, and it is hard to believe she will soon be an adult making her own way thru life. We moved to Eureka when she was just seven years old, so she has spent most of her life in this church and in this community. Eureka Springs is definitely her 'tribe' and her 'vibe', and I thank you all for being a part of her life and helping her grow up. I left the Navy so that I

could spend these precious years with her and not deployed somewhere far away — though I miss the Navy greatly, I would not change that decision for anything in the world. I think we often sacrifice too much in this life. We don't spend time with our loved ones, and we neglect relationships because we are so busy. Family and community are very important, and I hope that none of you are so busy that you are neglecting your tribe. Time is something we never get back, don't postpone doing things with others, making those memories and just living.



an Eastertide sermon series

Resurrection Stories

and the truth they reveal

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, 4th of May, 2025

Ushers: Gary Johnson & Jonathan Streety **Communion Stewards:** Janet Arnett, Dave & Martie Davis, Paul Gandy

Offering Counters: Janet Arnett, Dan Bell

We Gather to Worship

Greeting

The Rising of the Light, the Paschal Candle

Opening Song:

"Alleluia"

page 2078 Faith We Sing

an Affirmation of Faith

"Statement of Faith of the United Church of Canada"

page 883

Response

"Glory Be to the Father"

page 70 UMC Hymnal

Community Prayer

Our Lord's Prayer

Songs of Celebration

"Now the Green Blade Riseth" page 311 UMC Hymnal

"Christ is Alive" page 318 UMC Hymnal

We Listen to God's Spirit

The Easter Gospel from John 20:24-29

Thanks be to God for the gift of the Scriptures

Thanks be to God

"Was a Morning Like This"

By Jim Cruegaerty/arr: Don Hurt

The Chancel Choir

A Video Reflection — "Celebrate Jesus"

The Message

"Thomas the Faithful"

Rev Blake Lasater



We Being Our Journey of Holy Week

Remembrance of our Baptism

Holy Communion

(After the bread and cup raised, join us in singing "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow page 96 UMC Hymnal)

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.

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. Amy Jill Levine'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 Old Testament.

Youth Group Wednesdays, 4-5:30 pm. All are welcome!

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.

CS Bank Parking Lot Fundraiser rescheduled to **Saturday, May 24, 8-4 PM**.

Church Parking Lot resurfacing May 1 & 2. You will NOT be able to access the building those two days.



United
Women
in Faith

Come, Bead a Prayer! Put the date on your calendar.

Sunday, May 18th all women are invited to stay after church service to enjoy a light meal and learn to make prayer beads! Experience the joy and fellowship that women provide. **All women are welcome! United Women in Faith believe that love in action can change the world.**

CS Bank Parking Lot Fundraiser Now Saturday, May 24

Due to the very inclement weather, this fundraiser was cancelled. We have been given a new date of **Saturday, May 24**. **Parking Lot Volunteers: Please let me know if you can remain as scheduled for this new date. We need more volunteers.** Please contact the office to volunteer for the easiest fundraiser EVER!! Thank you very much!

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.**

The ministry has gone back to the way it was initially set up. We have closed out the mini-pantry and the blessings closet. We are fully stocked with toiletries at this time. **Thank you to all who gave so generously in support of our Shower/Laundry Ministry.** You made a big difference!

Youth Night-Out Wednesdays 4-5:30 pm Church Youth Room

The Youth Group is open to all teens aged 13-17. Transportation is available (Call 479.253.8987) This ministry will facilitate important connections with our youth, while providing a safe place to meet each week. Would you be willing to be a mentor? Volunteer? Make snacks? There is a **youth night out box for snack donations** in the Narthex. Your participation is appreciated. For **more information contact: 515.368.1012.**

Exploring the Old Testament

We are starting a new bible study that will serve as an introduction to the Old Testament. These are lectures by Dr Amy Jill Levine, a noted biblical scholar. This will take up about thirty minutes, and then we'll spend 30 minutes discussing the topics she raises. We meet **Wednesdays in the church library at 6 PM.** All are welcome to attend.

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 EsfumcInfo@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.

Church Library Chapter & Verse

The reading recommendation from your library this week is [Mankind: The Story of All of Us](#) (909/Tol) by Dr. Pamela D. Toler. The author is the daughter of former members Gerry and Rosalie Toler. [Mankind](#) is an epic overview of the human race from surviving the Ice Age to mapping our own DNA. This book was written in conjunction with a 12 part History Channel series that is currently streaming on Amazon Prime.

Church Finances

	<u>March</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Giving:	\$15,391	\$ 75,796
Expenses:	\$16,471	\$198,287

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!** Donations are accepted during office hours.

May

2025

April

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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“The Thin Veneer” Luke 23:13-35 Chorale Concert	Resurrection Stories & the Wisdom they Teach			Parking Lot Closed for Resurfacing		Holiday Island Singers Concert 4 PM HI Country Club Ballroom \$10
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