

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.

2nd of November 2025

All Saints Day

And God will wipe away all the tears of our eyes, and death will be no more.
from the book of Revelation

Our liturgy today is an Easter liturgy, for it finds all of its meaning in the Resurrection. Because Jesus was raised from the dead we know that we too, shall be raised. Our service is therefore characterized by joy, in the certainty that neither 'death nor life, nor angels or principalities, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all of creation will ever be able to separate us from the love we have found in Christ Jesus. This joy, however, does not make our grief unChristian; the very love we hold for one another brings us much sorrow when we are parted by death. Jesus too, wept at the grave of his friend. Today we gather to share in our grief and gratitude to the lives God has shared with us. We give thanks for all of them who have made us who we are this day — teachers and preachers, grandparents, aunts and uncles, mothers and fathers, siblings and friends. We light votives as a symbol of our prayers, the thanksgiving of our hearts, and the pain we still carry in our spirits over the grief we still have. All Saints Sunday is that time of the Christian year we set aside to remember the honored dead. A list of names will be read of those who have died since the last All Saints Sunday. As their names are read a bell will toll and a candle placed in the baptismal font where all of our journeys began. Then, during Holy Communion, you may come and place votive candles along our altar table to remember those special



people in your life that you are grateful for having had. All Saints is one of our oldest traditions in the church. Remembering our ancestors is a near universal ritual across cultures and religions. Our prayer is that this service helps you to sit with your grief and know that you are never alone. If you are watching from home, we encourage you to gather votives of your own and join us in this time of remembrance. As Linda Hogan reminds us so beautifully, "Suddenly all my ancestors are behind me. Be still, they say. Watch and listen. You are the result of the love of thousands." We are indeed, and this day we honor and remember them. Thanks be to God.

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, 2nd of November, 2025

Ushers: Gary Johnson, Jonathan Street **Communion Stewards:** Sandy Dunn, Jean Reed, Pam Steinke, Janet Arnett

Offering Counters: Karen Kinsel & Shirley Lykins

We Gather to Worship

Gathering & Words of Grace

Processional

"For All the Saints"

Jubilee Ringers

Prayer of Bede Jarrett

Janet Arnett, Lay Minister

Our Lord's Prayer

Songs of Celebration

"For All the Saints" page 711 UMC Hymnal
"In Unity We Lift Our Song" page 2221 Faith We Sing

The Prayer of Illumination

a reading from the Gospel of John 14:1-4,18-19,25-27

Thanks be to God for the gift of the Scriptures

Thanks be to God!



"Amazing Grace"

arr: Robert Sterling
The Chancel Choir

A Video Reflection — "Psalm 23"

All Saints' Sunday

"The One Who Comes Along"

Rev Blake Lasater

We Give & Receive Love

Remembrance of our Baptism

We Remember

(The names of those who have died in the last year will be read, a bell will toll, and a candle placed in the Baptismal Font)

June Westphal, Bob & Patricia Messer, Melva Luker, James Mitchell, Terese Brown, William Harris, Charlie Ferrill, Jade Fultz

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!

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.**

Temporary Volunteer Church Custodians

Thank you to all the individuals who have stepped up in a big way to keep our church, narthex, bathrooms, and church offices and meeting areas spic & span! You really make a huge difference!

Scout Troop 67 Food Drive

Emergency Food Relief. We are asking that the next couple of Sundays you clean out your pantries and bring canned food to the church to be given to people in need. We are partnering with Scouts Troop 67, so if you haven't received your collection bag from them just bring your food here. Government benefits are ending and this will hurt many in our community.

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 8:45 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, contact Bill Featherstone (479.981.1991) 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. Open to all skill levels.

Jubilee Ringers Practice, Wednesdays 5 - 6 PM, Sanctuary

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

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 & Yard Sale Proceeds

	<u>Giving</u>	<u>Expenses</u>
September:	\$ 17,296.78	\$ 23,129.95
YTD:	\$191,528.70	\$244,259.46

Yard Sale Proceeds: \$2,185.50. Thank you to all the volunteers who donated multiple hours and to our donors in kind, as well as our Scout Troop 67. This could not happen without all your help and dedication.

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 dates thru November. Distribution in December. Organized by The Schmieding Center for Senior Health and Education. **Help our Elder Saints feel COZY & CARED for this Holiday Season!**



United
Women
in Faith

We are an organization with a Purpose! For 156 years United Women in Faith have been a community of women whose purpose is to know God and experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative, supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church. **We gather next Sunday, November 16, following worship.** The meal will be a **baked potato bar** and all interested women are invited. **United Women in Faith - we believe that love in action can change the world.**

November

2025

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
	Al-Anon 10 am Youth Room	Al-Anon 10 am Youth Room Ozarks Chorale 6-8 PM	Widow(er)s Fall Foliage Tour	Church-wide Fall Foliage Tour 9 AM Al-Anon 10 am Youth Room	All Hallows' Eve	All Saints' Day
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All Saints' Sunday	Al-Anon 10 am Youth Room	Al-Anon 10 am Youth Room Ozarks Chorale 6-8 PM	Parkinsons Group 10 AM Widow(er)s Support Noon Jubilee Ringers 5 PM Bible Study 6 PM	Al-Anon 10 am Youth Room		Ozarks Choral Board Meeting 1 PM Library
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Celebration of Lay Minister	Al-Anon 10 am Youth Room	Al-Anon 10 am Youth Room Caregivers Group 1:00 PM Ozarks Chorale 6-8 PM	Mobile Pantry Eureka! Quilters 11-1:30 PM Jubilee Ringers 5 PM Bible Study 6 PM	Al-Anon 10 am Youth Room		UWF CS Bank Parking Lot Downtown ES
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
UWF Meet After Service & will share a baked potato bar- YUM! Charge Conference Springdale UMC 2:30-4 PM	Al-Anon 10 am Youth Room	Al-Anon 10 am Youth Room Leadership Team Meeting 4:30 PM Ozarks Chorale 6-8 PM	Widow(er)s Support Noon Jubilee Ringers 5 PM Bible Study 6 PM	Al-Anon 10 am Youth Room		
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Christ the King Sunday	Al-Anon 10 am Youth Room	Al-Anon 10 am Youth Room Ozarks Chorale 6-8 PM	Mobile Pantry Jubilee Ringers 5 PM Bible Study 6 PM	Thanksgiving		
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First Sunday in Advent	Al-Anon 10 am Youth Room	Al-Anon 10 am Youth Room Ozarks Chorale 6-8 PM	Parkinsons Group 10 AM Widow(er)s Support Noon Jubilee Ringers 5 PM Bible Study 6 PM	A Weary World Rejoices an Advent Sermon Series		