

*A Joyful Community of Faith,  
loving God by serving all people  
including the least, the last, and the lost.*

*The* **HOLY  
SPIRIT**

COMFORTER. COUNSELOR. INTERCESSOR.

# Pathways

News from the Eureka Springs United Methodist Church

28th of May 2023 Pentecost

It is the day of Pentecost! The moment the Holy Spirit descended upon a frightened band of confused followers, transforming them into a powerful movement that would change the world. Inspired by the breath of God they are 're-created', and one of the first amazing signs of this new power was their ability to speak in many different languages. Whereas in the beginning humanity was divided and scattered by the curse of Babel, here, the Spirit overcomes divisions and unites the people as one. God's love transcending our petty tribal divisions so that we can be one people. It's been over two thousand years since that initial outpouring of the Holy Spirit, but we have witnessed it time and time again when God's people are able to open their hearts and let the Spirit move them. The Holy Spirit unites, not divides; it fills hearts with love, not with fear. I think once more far too many churches are huddling behind locked doors, fearful of a world and culture they do not understand. Fear leads to anger, and anger leads to hate, and once more we divide the world between 'us' and 'them'. Our LGBTQ+ family is under attack more and more; Democrats and Republicans view each other as mortal enemies, and each day someone creates new divisions. This should not be our story. We are a people of the Spirit working to bring God's love to all. In all the ways we can we should work towards justice and reconciliation. We should overcome fear with God's gift of love. On that first Pentecost we like to think the church was born, but that is not exactly true. What came into being thru the Holy Spirit that day was a movement that ran counter to what the world was offering. Instead of division, they offered unity; instead of fear, they offered hope; instead of apathy, offered compassion. Rough and tumble fishermen, scandalous prostitutes, hated tax collectors, and sinners in general all became one, focusing not on what divided them but what united and defined them — God's love. Today on this Pentecost Sunday we look for a new birth of the people by water and the Spirit. Denominations are fading away, churches are closing, and God seems to be doing a new thing. So let us throw open the doors behind which we hide in fear so that we too may catch the Spirit and be a part of this new thing God is doing. New expressions of the faith and the church are emerging! God is breathing new life into these dry bones, and we are being sent forth to overcome the world's divisions so that all may know they are God's children, loved and redeemed by Jesus Christ.



# The Gathering

## Order of Worship

Janet Arnett, Lay Speaker  
Melodye Purdy, Video Production  
Jubilee Ringers conducted by Beverly Beard  
Jess Wade, 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

### We Gather to Worship

Opening Song:

*“Breathe on Me Breath of God”*

*Page 420 UMC Hymnal*

Joys & Concerns  
Communal Prayer  
The Lords Prayer

*Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done. On Earth, as it is in Heaven.  
Give us this day, our daily bread, and forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us;  
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the Kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.*

### Praise and Worship

*“Spirit of the Living God”* Hymn 539

*“Sweet, Sweet Spirit”* Hymn 334

### We Listen for God’s Word

**A Reading from the Scriptures**

Acts 2:1-13

Thanks be to God for the gift of the Scriptures

**THANKS BE TO GOD!**



**“Shine, Jesus, Shine”**

*By Graham Kendrick/arr. by Mark Hayes*

**The Chancel Choir**

*A Video Reflection*

The Message

**“Pentecost”**

**Rev Blake A. Lasater**

### We Are Touched by God’s Grace

**Remembering our Baptism**

**Sharing in Holy Communion**

*(if watching virtually, please have ready your bread and wine/juice in order to share with us)*

### We are Sent forth to be God’s People

The Benediction

**A Musical Benediction**

**“Spirit Song”, #347**

Verse 1 & refrain

## Lay Servant Training

Lay Servant Training coming soon! We are recruiting a team of lay servants to help with the missions and ministries of the church. Come learn what it is to be United Methodist and build a foundation that will help you lead and develop church ministries — from worship planning to congregational care, to prayer and bible study. If you are interested or want more information, call Pastor Blake 479.253.8987 or Janet Arnett 479.981.9201.

## CS Bank Parking Lot Fundraiser Date

THANK YOU so much all who have volunteered to manage the CS Bank parking lot on **Saturday, June 24 Saturday**. All parking and beverage sale proceeds received that date will go to support our church ministries. If you are interested in volunteering, please call the church to save your spot. Detailed instructions will be emailed to all volunteers in June. Thank you!

## Caregivers Support Group

Caregivers Support Group meet in person each month on the **second Tuesday at 1:00 pm** in the church library. 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, and the **2nd Wednesday** of each month at **5:30 pm**. 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. No one should be left to grieve alone or be misunderstood.

## 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!



United  
Women  
in Faith

**Joyful Celebration!** We are Women of Joy, Women of Faith, Women of Purpose. Come celebrate with us during morning worship on **United Women in Faith Sunday, June 4**. Come as you are. *You* are welcome.

## Church Part-Time Positions

1) We are still searching for our new **part-time Choir Director**. Choir practice is typically an hour prior to 10 am Sunday service.

2) Do you love to **cook**? Do you have the gift of hospitality along with a large dash of organizational skills? Are you energized by a crowd of hungry friends gathered to share a meal & fellowship? We are seeking someone who can **plan and prepare weekly buffet-style Wednesday dinners** in our commercial kitchen. We anticipate recruiting volunteers to help serve the meal, set-up, clean up, and take-down.

Call the church at 479.253.8987, or email Pastor Blake directly for further details on either position. < [blakelasater@gmail.com](mailto:blakelasater@gmail.com) > We Need You!

## Shower/Laundry & Homeless Ministry

Showers are available for use at the church. Help spread the word about this ministry. Clients can text "SHOWER" or call 479.981.1680 to schedule a shower and our ministry team will meet them at the church. We can always use more toiletries, hoodies, socks, gloves, sleeping bags, blankets, flashlights, umbrellas, batteries. Typically our clients live in an environment where there is no electricity, heat, or water. You can drop off donations at the church office. Thank you!

## Answering the Call

The United Methodist Foundation of Arkansas has awarded ATC an \$18,000 grant to continue delivering food to those in need. The Foundation is supported by people like you who have given money to establish an endowment that supports the missions and ministries of United Methodist Churches across our state. We are exceedingly grateful the Foundation has noticed our work here in our community providing food for those in need. For more information about the Foundation, please visit <https://www.methodistfoundationar.org> and begin planning your legacy that will help and inspire future generations.

## Mobile Food Pantry

The Mobile Food Pantry serves Carroll County residents in need of food staples on the **second Wednesday of every month, 10 am** until the food runs out, typically by 11 am. Friends and neighbors can pick up for someone who does not have transportation.

## Circle of Life Hospice Volunteer Training

The Circle of Life provides end-of-life hospice care throughout NW Arkansas, and is the number one hospice provider in NW Arkansas. They are seeking compassionate volunteers "to assist in any area their hearts and minds are leading them to serve". For more Information, call Susan Parish at 479.872.3392 or email at [sparish@nwacircleoflife.org](mailto:sparish@nwacircleoflife.org). They also accept donations of yarn, craft supplies, and greeting cards. [nwacircleoflife.com](http://nwacircleoflife.com).

## Church Entry Access & Energy Costs

We have a continual concern for doors that are left unlocked, or locked but not tested and clicked shut, particularly the door at the ramp entrance to Fellowship Hall. Please be mindful to **double check that the door is locked**. ALSO - During the time of seasonal transition, we keep the **thermostats** to the **off position**. Please make sure you comply upon exiting the building. When we are not in seasonal transition, leave thermostats as indicated at thermostat. You would be amazed what a difference this makes in our energy costs!

## Save the Dates! Important Happenings in the Life of ESUMC

**Theology on Tap** at GotaHold Brewery June date TBD

**Sunday - June 4, 10 am.** Sermon by Karen Anderson, Director of Ozark Mission Project. All are welcome to attend.

**CS Bank Parking Lot Fundraiser is June 24 Saturday.** Volunteers needed!

**LGBTQ+ Fellowship, Thursday, July 27,** Fellowship Hall. All are welcome.

## Cover Photo

All the photos used are from Pastor Blake's collection (to avoid copyright hassle). Today's photo is a depiction of Pentecost.

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# June

## 2023

May						
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July						
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
Pentecost	Memorial Day Office Closed		ATC 8-10 am Widow(er)s to Crystal Bridges Church bus leaves at 10 am			
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
United Women in Faith Sunday Karen Anderson Speaking	Yoga 9 am All are Welcome  Lark is out of office, returns June 13		ATC 8-10 am Parkinson's Support 10 am Church Library  Widow(er)s Support Group Noon Library	NATIONAL BEST FRIEND'S DAY!		
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
God's Love Story: A Journey thru the Bible, begins	Yoga 9 am All are Welcome	Caregiver's Support Group 10 am Library	ATC 8-10 am Mobile Pantry 10 am (until food runs out)			
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
TBD	Yoga 9 am All are Welcome OFFICE CLOSED FOR JUNETEENTH Leadership Team 6 PM Library	UWF Officers 10:30 am UWM 11:30 am Bring Lunch & a Friend!	ATC 8-10 am Widow(er)s Support Group Noon library	Annual Conference Hot Springs		ESUMC Parking Lot Fundraiser at CS Bank 8 am - 6 pm
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