

The Season of
Kingdomtide

Teach us to Pray

The Lord's Prayer
a sermon series

Pathways

News from Eureka Springs United Methodist Church
13th of October 2024

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

Over the last few weeks our nation has been devastated by a series of hurricanes that have ravaged Georgia, the Carolinas, Tennessee, and now Florida. Hundreds have died and many more are still missing and unaccounted for. The economic loss is beyond imagining. Folks have lost homes, neighborhoods, and even their entire towns. It will take many years to recover from these disasters. My eyes are watering just writing this, never in my life imagining such disasters were even possible. Our church has an Emergency Response Team that our Annual Conference deploys in times of emergency. Currently we have a team traveling to the Carolinas to help with the disaster relief. Much of their work will be with chainsaws and debris clean-up. They will be gone for ten days. I ask that you consider a financial donation to help them with expenses, or, you may give to UMCOR — the United Methodist Committee on Relief. UMCOR is supported by the apportionments we pay as a church. 10% of our offering plate is given to the world-wide church to support missions such as UMCOR. Since those apportionments already pay for UMCOR administrative functions, 100% of your gift to them goes directly to those in need. You can donate at www.umcmision.org/umcor/. As members of this church we also have an obligation to pray for our folks who are deploying, as well as for all who have been affected. On a theological

note there is something else we should consider: it's easy to think we are blessed, or God answered our prayers or God spared us. In moments of tragedy that is the last thing you want to express to someone in crisis because it makes them wonder why God did not answer their prayer or save their house or whatever. God teaches us to always trust and have faith, but never said we would be spared the trials and tribulations of life. Just because a tornado skipped over our house or a disaster spared our family does not make us blessed. We simply do not know why bad things happen to good people. The rains fall upon the good and the bad alike, Jesus teaches us. Too many Christians like to say God was watching out for them, but please consider how others may hear that — God ignored my prayers and wasn't watching out for me or my family. When the storms of life strike, often all



we can do is simply bow our heads and weather the storm as best we can, trusting that somehow, someday God will make all things new again.

The Gathering

Order of Worship

Janet Arnett, Lay Speaker
Melodye Purdy, Video Production
Jubilee Ringers conducted by Beverly Beard
John Holtzman, 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

Sunday, 13th of October, 2024

Ushers: Susan Reed, Candis Drechsler

Communion Stewards: Kevin Graham, Mike Reed, Chris Ritthaler, Jess Wade

Offering Counters: Janet Arnett, Kevin Graham

We Gather to Worship

Greeting

Opening Song:

"Every Time I Feel the Spirit," Page 404 UMH

Communal Prayer:

The Lord's Prayer

Songs of the Community

"O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" Page 57 UMC Hymnal

"Blessed Assurance" Page 369 UMC Hymnal

We Listen to God's Spirit

Reading of Scripture



The Book of Job 1:13-27

Thanks be to God

For the Gift of the Scriptures

THANKS BE TO GOD!

The Chancel Choir

"Halle, Halleluja"

Arr: John Michniewicz

Giving Moment — Kevin Graham

A Video Reflection: "Waterfalls"

The Message:

"Teach us to Pray: the Lord's Prayer — Radical Acceptance"

Rev Blake Lasater

We Receive God's Grace

Remembering Our Baptism

Holy Communion

(All our welcome to eat and drink at the table of Christ. The 'Wine' is just grape juice, but the Spirit of God is found in the breaking of the bread and sharing of the cup)

Sending Song

"Spirit Song" Page 347 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)

Caregiver Support Group

Caregiver 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!

Charge Conference in Harrison

All church members are invited to participate in the Charge Conference TODAY in Harrison at **3 PM**. We will take the bus over and perhaps after, find a place for an early dinner. Roy Beth Kelly is our new District Superintendent and I'm sure she would be thrilled to meet many of you. The Charge Conference is the meeting of all church members to vote on Leadership Team officers and approve paperwork. If you would like to attend the Charge Conference, please let the office know. (esumcinfo@gmail.com)

And God saw everything that God made, and indeed, it was very good. Gen. 1:31

We celebrate the gifts of Life and Earth. We honor the people who held this land sacred long before we were here. We remember June Westphal and her gift to our church and community. Our United Women in Faith and the Holiday Island Presbyterian Women present a special vesper service in our outdoor chapel **this Sunday, October 13th from 5:00 – 6:00 pm**. Please join us.



United
Women
in Faith

Save the Dates!

Important Happenings

in the Life of ESUMC

Get Involved!

Spiritual Growth: Theology on Tap meets once a month, typically last Monday of each month, at **GotaHold Brewery in ES from 5-6:30 pm** for food, fellowship, and conversation. The Twisted Taco food truck is in the back and their food is amazing! The Brewery offers beer, wine and non-alcoholic beverages.

Bible Study Wednesdays 6 pm in the church library. We use Dr. Bart Erhman's Great Courses Lectures for the first 30 minutes and then use study questions to start a discussion. These lectures examine the first 300 years of church history; how the Bible developed, how the early creeds were created, how the idea of Jesus changed over time. Christianities that were thriving until Constantine. Bring a snack.

TODAY: October 13, 3 pm Charge Conference in Harrison, open to all church members. Meet our new District Superintendent, Roy Beth Kelly. We will take the church bus and have dinner afterwards. If you would like to attend the Charge Conference, please let the office know. (esumcinfo@gmail.com)

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.

Yoga 9-10 am Tuesdays in Fellowship Hall. All are welcome.

Church Yard Sale will be **October 18-19, Friday and Saturday**. Thank you for all the volunteers that signed up! I never worry if we will have enough volunteers, because God always provides. If you find yourself with extra time on Thursday, Friday, or Saturday, we would love to have your help. A huge thank you to Shirley Lykins and Martie Davis who have worked tirelessly for weeks and months sorting, cleaning, marking merchandise for sale. We are so blessed with your service to this church!

VOLUNTEER EMERGENCY RELIEF GROUP ORGANIZES TO SERVE FOR 10 DAYS

Paul Gandy and Cheryl Rutledge are organizing a 10-day trip to provide disaster relief on the east coast. If you are able to give of your time and talents (& muscle) please consider joining this effort. Details are still coming together, but the group will take the church van and leave at **7 AM on Saturday, October 19**. For more details, please contact Paul Gandy directly at 479.366.4996. We are also accepting cash donations to help offset travel and lodging costs for our volunteers. Thank you!

Shower/Laundry & Homeless Ministry Requested Items

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 thru Thursday from 9 AM till 1:30 PM.**

Pantry Current needs: Food staples, pasta noodles & sauce, men & women sturdy sneakers/hiking boots. Donations can be dropped off at the church. **We are looking for volunteers to come in once a week to give the showers a good cleaning.**

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 479.244.8987) 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**

Church Library

The book recommendation for this week is an autobiography—The Boy Who Carried Bricks (B/Car) by Alton Carter. Abandoned by his father and neglected by his mother, Carter describes a childhood of violence, hunger, and isolation. After living in a series of foster homes and a boys ranch the author longed for a “normal life.” He was the first in his family to graduate from high school and college. After working in law enforcement for several years he is now the director of youth ministries for First United Methodist Church in Stillwater, Oklahoma.

Jesus, the First 300 Years

Join us as we delve into a different type of “bible study” by examining the first 300 years of church history — how the Bible developed, how the early creeds were created, how the idea of Jesus changed over time, and the varieties of Christianities that were thriving until Constantine. We will be using Dr. Bart Erhman’s Great Courses Lectures for the first 30 minutes and then using some study questions to start a discussion. **6 PM Wednesday nights**

Emergency Response Training - Arkansas

The UM Disaster Response, Arkansas will be holding an **Emergency Response Training at the FUMC, Springdale on Saturday, November 9 , 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM.** For information or to sign up: FirstChurchSpringdale.org/connectional-missions. It would be great to add a few more people to our Emergency Response team.

Church Yard Sale

Next Weekend, Friday & Saturday, October 18 & 19, 8:30 am - 4 pm. Where else will you be able to find a portable massage table, treadmill, baby grand piano, lots of original art work, patio and household furniture & decor, a plethora of very nice Christmas decorations, a selection of over 500 books, cd,s and vhs tapes, etc. Help spread the word. Feel free to take a flyer or two and post in public places.

Day in the life of the Church

This just happened: Due to some circumstances, I needed to sit down with a frequent-flyer group of shower/laundry clients and share some rules and structure of the ministry. I was not looking forward to this. When they showed up first thing this morning, I realized that I wanted to pray a lot more about it before addressing some issues with them. I only had time to say, “Lord please give me the insight and words now, because this is happening.” We discussed several issues and had good conversation. A young lady new to the group asked if she could sing me a song. Earlier in the week while she was waiting her turn for a shower, she went outside and painted me a beautiful picture. We were all gathered by the office mailboxes, the four of us, and Ashley sang the most beautiful song without any accompaniment, based on Matthew 11:28-30, which happens to be one of my favorite bible verses. We were all so blessed by Ashley’s gift and I could not help but think how proud God must be of this beautiful soul. And, she asked how she can sing in the Choir!

Hurricane Relief UMCOR

Some community members and church members have reached out to us asking how they can help for disaster relief in the aftermath of Hurricane Helene and now Milton. 100% of your gift reaches the mission or ministry you select. Here is a link for more information to donate through UMCOR: <https://www.westohioumc.org/news/how-help-umcor-response-hurricane-helene#:~:text=You%20may%20GIVE%20to%20UMCOR%20-%20United%20Methodist%20Committee%20On>

Ozarks Chorale

The Chorale has a new director this year. Rehearsals are in our Fellowship Hall, we would love to have you participate. **Tuesdays, 6:30 pm.**

October

2024

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