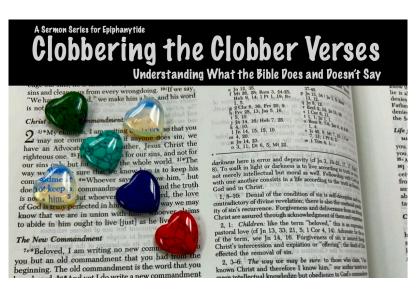


Recently I received news from the Arkansas United Methodist Foundation that Joe and Melva Luker have gifted our church an annuity to be paid out each year as long as we are a congregation. The annual sum will be a few thousand dollars. Joe and Melva were faithful members of our congregation before his death in 2015. Melva moved to be near her children, but always stayed in touch asking about her friends in Eureka Springs. They never told us of this gift they intended to give, but they set aside money for this endowment thru the Foundation. Our church also holds a scholarship fund given by Linda Ward, and a music endowment given by other faithful and generous members. We also have a general endowment. We have been wonderfully blessed by these lifetime gifts of members who want to make sure there is always a United Methodist witness in our community. We are beyond grateful for their gifts and planning. If you would like to be a part of this legacy, please talk to me so I can put you in touch with the Foundation who can guide you in the various ways you can leave a lifetime legacy for the church's mission and ministry. Our generator campaign has 'generated' nearly \$15,000. Of course we need to 'amp' that up to \$30,000. A generator will allow us to become a community shelter in times of natural disaster. With our showers and laundry we can easily take care of many people if we have an



independent power supply. We would like to get this purchased and installed before the Spring as prices are volatile and uncertain. We prefer checks of course, but you can give online as well. The Unitarian Church is now 'tithing' to our shower and laundry service. This is becoming a great ecumenical outreach, and we are grateful for this witness from our brothers and sisters over there. We still need volunteers on Mondays and Wednesdays to help with the laundry/shower service. It does get overwhelming at times, so please consider giving of some of your time. Snowy weather is still a possibility, so keep in mind we always livestream our services and our doors will always be open. Our snow policy is to simply encourage you to be safe when thinking of getting out.



Janet Arnett, Lay Speaker Melodye Purdy, Video Production 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, or our YouTube Channel!

9:55 ~ Announcements

Sunday, 19th of January, 2025

Ushers: Bill & Connie Featherstone **Communion Stewards:** Sandy Dunn, Kevin Graham, Chris Ritthaler, Jess Wade **Offering Counters:** Janet Arnett & Paul Gandy

We Gather to Worship

Greeting

Prayer for Illumination

Opening Song:

"This is the Day" Page 657 UMC Hymnal

Communal Prayer: The Lord's Prayer

Songs of the Community



"Woman in the Night" Page 274 UMC Hymnal "Many Gifts, One Spirit" Page 114 UMC Hymnal

We Listen to God's Spirit

A reading from Ephesians 5:22-33
Thanks be to God for the gift of the Scriptures
Thanks be to God

"Like a River in My Soul" Written by: Tim Osiek The Chancel Choir

A Video Reflection: "I am Not Alone"

The Message:

"Clobbering the Clobber Verses: Misogyny" Rev Blake Lasater

We Give Thanks for the Gifts of God

Baptism Renewal

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)

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
Spread Joy

Bible Study Wednesdays 6 pm in the church library. We use Dr. Amy Jill Levine's <u>Great Courses Lectures</u> 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 <u>by Noon on Mondays</u> to be added to our very <u>limited</u> 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.

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

Church Financials

In an effort to be informative and transparent, here are the December financials:

DecemberYTDGiving:\$24,941.56\$244,591.95Expenses:\$24,078.04\$242,517.38

Special Giving Giving Generation: \$11,597.15

Theology on Tap

Date TBD

Update or Add Information for Church Records

For your convenience, laminated QR codes are available in the pews as well as posted around the church and narthex for ease in keeping our member records accurate. Please take a moment to follow this link to make sure your information is current. 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 and Wednesdays**, **9 AM till 1:00 PM**.

Current needs: Nutrient Dense canned goods: Chili, Ravoli, pasta & sauce, soups, breakfast bars, oatmeal, Study Bibles, Men & women's warm outerwear & sturdy sneakers/hiking boots, Lg & med. size thermal underwear (men & women), hoodies, 1.5 QT crock pots, toasters, hot plates, electric fry pans, toilet paper. Please make sure clothing donations are clean. Donations can be dropped off at the church. **Thank you to all our faithful donors and supporters of this ministry!**

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.** Thank you to the faithful women who have provided faithful leadership to this group, including **Candis Drechsler**, **Audrey Falkowski**, **Leslie Cagle.**

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.

Shower Ministry
Volunteer
Opportunities

Our Shower/Laundry Ministry is a much needed mission in this community and has experienced exponential growth over the last couple years. Going forward we are implementing Mondays & Wednesdays as shower/laundry days from 9-1PM. We are **looking for volunteers in the office to help facilitate this ministry.** Training is provided. This could be one Monday or Wednesday per week or month to suit your schedule. Contact the office for more information on serving the least, the lost, and the last. You will be so blessed serving in this role. 479.253.8987. EsfumcInfo@gmail.com.

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