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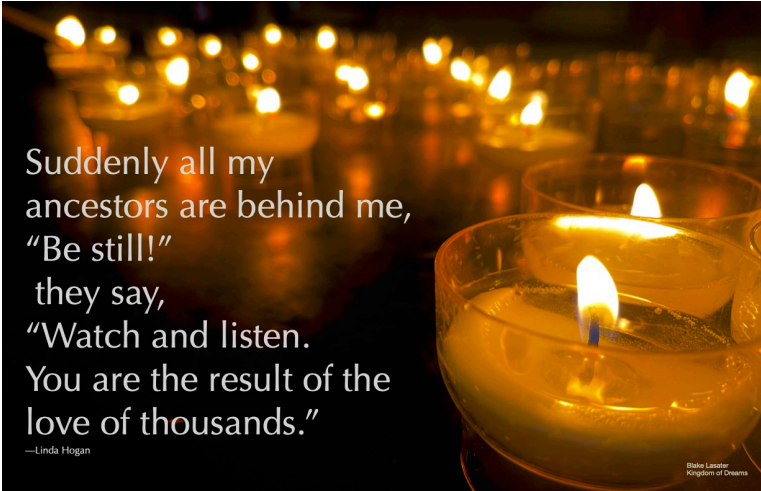
News from Eureka Springs United Methodist Church

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

All Saints Sunday

3rd of November 2024

Today is All Saints' Sunday. It is the moment in the Christian year when we honor and remember all those who have passed triumphantly thru death to life-everlasting. In the early days of the church all people were called saints, and so a special day was set aside to honor their memory. The color is white, symbolizing the triumph of faith. During our service we will read out the names of those loved ones who have died during the past year; a bell will then toll, and a candle lit and placed in the baptismal font. According to the book of Common Prayer, this liturgy is an Easter one, for it finds all of its meaning in the Resurrection of Christ; because Christ was raised from the dead we know that we too shall be raised. This service is therefore characterized by joy, "For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord." This joy does not make our grief unChristian; the very love we hold for one another brings us much pain when we are parted by death. Jesus too wept at the grave of his friend. Today we remember. Today we honor. And today we give thanks to God for the life that was shared, and for the life that in Christ will never, ever end. There will be a time in our service when you may come with a votive candle or two to remember all those who are gone now, but still remain important to who you are. Votives are a symbol of our prayers, and these lights bear witness to all those who have come before us who have made us who we are today. As these candles are placed upon the altar I hope it reminds you of that great river of light and life where are loved ones still stand, waiting for that final homecoming when we shall all be together. I hope and pray that the songs, the readings, and the liturgy bring you much comfort as we acknowledge our shared grief and as we proclaim the gospel — the good news — that what God has created, what God has breathed life into, will never cease and will never fade away. God is love, and those who abide in love will always abide in God. All Saints' is one of the church's oldest liturgies that has been a source of comfort for so many.



Suddenly all my
ancestors are behind me,
"Be still!"
they say,
"Watch and listen.
You are the result of the
love of thousands."

—Linda Hogan

Blake Lashor
Kingdom of Dreams

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, 3rd of November, 2024

Ushers: Shelley Barker and Gary Johnson

Communion Stewards: Janet Arnett, Mike & Susan Reed, Kim Stryker

Offering Counters: Janet Arnett, Shirley Lykins

We Gather to Worship

Gathering & Word of Grace

A Call to Worship

Prayer of Bede Jarrett

Opening Song:

"Hymn of Promise" Page 707 UMH

Communal Prayer:

The Lord's Prayer

Songs of the Community

"Swing Low, Sweet Chariot" Page 703 UMC Hymnal

"Soon and Very Soon" Page 706 UMC Hymnal

"Shall We Gather at the River" Page 723 UMC Hymnal



We Listen to God's Spirit

Reading of Scripture

Song of Songs 8:6-7

Thanks be to God

For the Gift of the Scriptures

THANKS BE TO GOD!

The Chancel Choir

"Heaven's Medley"

Arr: John Cates

A Video Reflection: "Cry of a Broken Heart"

The Message:

"All Saints"

Rev Blake Lasater

We Remember

Honoring the Saints

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!



United
Women
in Faith

Holiday Alert!! Mugs for Mission from the UWFaith will be available every Sunday in November. With a suggested donation of \$10 each, you can choose specialty mugs to give as holiday surprises! In December funds from the mugs will be shared with local groups and programs which benefit women, children and youth. United Women in Faith believe that love in action can change the world.

Save the Dates!

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.

Important Happenings

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.

in the Life of ESUMC

Get Involved!

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

Make New Friends

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.

Spread Joy

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

Sunday, November 17, Church 145 Anniversary Turkey Pot Luck Celebration! Please sign up (this Sunday) or contact the office, so we can prepare an adequate amount of food; let us know how many in your party and what dish you will bring to share. Thank you.

Arkansas UM Conference Emergency Response Training

It is not too late to sign up for this important Emergency Response Training on **November 9, Saturday, from 8:30 am - 4:30 pm at First UMC, Springdale, AR**. To sign up or get more specifics, follow this link: FirstChurchSpringdale.org/connectional-missions. There is a \$20 fee. Church transportation is available.

Update or Add Information for Church Records

It is important that we keep accurate records on church members and visitors. Please take a moment to follow this link to make sure your information is current.

< <https://forms.gle/oXx8ZdBH7fTA7WGdA> >

There are also posters around the church building that have the QR scan box, which will take you directly to the update information.

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.**

Pantry Current needs: Food staples, pasta noodles & sauce, canned meat, men & women sturdy sneakers/hiking boots, waterproof spray for outdoor gear, blankets, men's work & winter gloves, medium-size underwear, thermal & regular (men's & women's). Donations can be dropped off at the church. **We are looking for volunteers to come in once a week to give the showers a deep 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**

145th ESUM Church Anniversary

Come celebrate **145 years of Methodist in Eureka Springs! Turkey Dinner Potluck** will follow service on November 17th, along with cake and ice cream. Check out the new historical center displaying artifacts and old pictures that tell the story of our church. Please sign up on Sunday or contact the church office to let us know how many in your party and what dish you will bring to share. Thank you!

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.

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.

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. EsfumclInfo@gmail.com

Church Financials

September Giving
Received: \$12,887
Expenses: \$18,446

November

2024

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