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Please join us for
Sunday School • 9:30 - 10:30 a.m.
Classes for Adults, Youth, & Children
Fellowship Time • 10:30 a.m.
in the Sanctuary Lobby
Worship in the Sanctuary • 11:00 a.m.

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How do you understand faith? I heard Dr. Wende, who is the senior pastor at First UMC Houston, speak several weeks ago and he shared some thoughts from James Hopewell about how people think about faith and what it means to be Christian. Hopewell breaks it into four basic categories or languages, and argues that each of us has a primary language, but we are all able to speak the others on some level. Preachers also have a primary language and tend to preach out of one area more than the other, I am not exempt to this idea either. All four are true, and we experience all four on some level at different points in our lives. It is a statement about how big faith can be and how big God truly is.

Matthew 27:46- This is the famous line from Jesus on the cross. My God, My God, why have you forsaken me. This language acknowledges that sometime God feels far away, and we feel alone. Christ remained faithful even in those moments. We all go through difficult periods in our lives, time when we feel like God is far away, times we feel alone. Faith calls us to be still in those moments, and to know that it is a very real, powerful, and difficult moment. But it is only a moment. This language challenges people to remain faithful, even in those time when God seems far away and we doubt.

Mark 8:34- Take up your cross and follow me. This language speaks to the difficulty of being Christian, the sacrifice it takes to follow and the willingness to deny things of the world, to be a follower of Christ. I tend to speak this language pretty often.

Luke 2:10- This is the passage were the angels are speaking to the shepherds about Christ being born. It was a time of celebration and excitement. This language says Jesus is here, let's celebrate. A powerful message on both Christmas and Easter. God has conquered everything, Jesus is with us and it is a wonderful time to celebrate

John 14:12- This is the story of Jesus talking to his disciples and telling them that if they believe that will be able to do the things he has done. Paul echoes this in his letter with the famous, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me". This language speaks to the wonderful power of God and the faith that Christians, and the church can accomplish great things through God.

All four of these ideas are true. I have experience all these thoughts and emotions at different points in my life, and all four are certainly grounded in Scripture and the life of Jesus. There are times when God feels far away and times we feel like we can do anything through God. Times when we want to celebrate all that God is doing in our lives and times that it seems hard to be a Christian. Know that they are all part of our journey and that Christ experienced and spoke to them all.



Apr 4 Eric Swafford
 Apr 7 Taylor Rodgers
 Apr 8 Emily Young
 Apr 9 Stan Chapman
 Apr 10 Larry Bencick
 Apr 12 David Dean
 Apr 14 Abbie Pressgrove
 Apr 14 Sue Rownd
 Apr 16 Ryan Le'Clair
 Apr 20 Mary Ridgeway
 Apr 25 Andy Adams
 Apr 27 Lynn Wood Berky

Prayer Concerns

Please continue to let us know of your prayer, joys, and concerns:
 Rev. Jeremy Pressgrove,
 501-733-3981 or email
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Grief:

Rehab & Nursing Centers

Loran & Marinelle Page - Fox-Ridge Chenal

Treatment and Concerns:

Hugh Adcock	Fay O'Donnel
Lanye Adcock	Linda Pressgrove
John Bencick	Don Ridgeway
Vivian Bencick	Mary Ridgeway
Gussie Bridges	Victoria Ross
Marie Brown	Lilly Smith
Sherry Cardell	Dana Stout
Michelle Watson	Rodney Swaty
Copeland	Charles Turley
Mildred Chenault	Elaine Watson
Daniel Dean	Hazel Wilson
Rose Kelly	Barbara Wood
Tom Kelly	Becky Shelton
Hildegard May	Young
Linda McCown	Ruby Hogg

**Wednesday Night Fellowship
 Wednesday Evenings
 at 5:30 pm**

Adults: \$3 Children: \$1 Any of the host groups welcomes your help.

April 6	UMW
April 13	Blackwell
April 20	Wesley
April 27	UMM
May 4	Meyers
May 11	New Beginnings



Apr 6 Ernie & Celia Decker



The Food Pantry continues to feed the hungry in our neighborhood. This would not be possible without the generous support of our congregation. Donations to the Food Pantry may be given directly to Terri Hammond or to the office with a designation "Food Pantry" on your envelope.

Thanks to GSUMC

Dear Geyer Springs United Methodist Church,

Thank you for your donation of clothes to our Trojan Career Closet. Your donation will assist us in giving our students at least one professional outfit for interviews or for work. We truly appreciate all that you do.

An Invitation

You are all invited to join me in a celebration of my 95th birthday on Sunday afternoon, April 17th, at 2 p.m. in the sanctuary of the church. There will be a program of spirituals by Jess Essex and Debbie Briggs from the First United Methodist Church of DeWitt before we go to Fellowship Hall for refreshments. Bring friends if you wish but NO gifts or cards. Just be sure to sign the guest-book for my memories. Please come and enjoy my party with me.

Sue Rownd

Geyer Springs UMC Community Garden

Our church will host a community garden this summer in the area between Geyer Springs Road and the playground. The gardeners are food pantry clients with an interest in growing their own vegetables and sharing with friends, neighbors and the food pantry.

Twenty-six food pantry clients applied this month. The maximum number of plots is 36. This project is taking shape rapidly with the area tilled up by the time you read this. Geyer Springs and St. Luke youth built nine 8' x 4' frames at the beginning of spring break. UALR Wesley Foundation students plan to help after break. Men from Geyer Springs and St. Luke have already pitched in to help. The gardeners themselves have offered hoses, composted manure, and their own expertise and labor.

We have a community outreach grant that is funding the materials and expenses to get this project started. We need donated items if you have a shovel or hoe that you no longer use, or if you just want to buy yourself a new one.

Community Garden Continued...

Some of the items that we can use in the garden:

Garden shovels, digging forks, rakes, hoeshand shovels, trowels, and weeders.....hoses, hose carts, gentle spray nozzles, quick connects and s h u t o f f s k n e e l i n g pads.....gloves.....watering cans & buckets.....tomato cages....fencing with 4"x4" or 6"x6" spacing to make cages.....wheelbarrow or garden cart...rain barrel...landscape cloth, cardboard, newspapers....compost or mulch....old nylons (for tying tomatoes). You can bring your items to the donation box in the fellowship hall or for pickup call Kathy Kline at 501-590-5211.

In addition to fresh vegetables, the garden will provide an opportunity for exercise and fellowship with other gardeners and church members. Stop by and say hello when you see someone working!

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 Easter - 9:30 AM Sunday School - 10:30 AM Fellowship time - 11:00 AM Worship	28	29 RUBY PRESCOTT	30 - 5:30 PM WNF	31	1 April Fools Day - 10:00 AM	2
3 - 9:30 AM Sunday School - 10:30 AM Fellowship time - 11:00 AM Worship	4 ERIK SWAFFORD	5	6 ERNIE & CELIA DECKER - 5:30 PM WNF	7 TAYLOR RODGERS - 9:00 AM Food Pantry 9 – NOON - 6:00 PM 4-H Meeting	8 EMILY YOUNG	9 STAN CHAPMAN
10 LARRY BENCICK - 9:30 AM Sunday School - 10:30 AM Fellowship time - 11:00 AM Worship	11	12 DAVID DEAN	13 - 5:30 PM WNF	14 SUE ROWND ABBIE PRESSGROVE - 1:00 PM Game Day 1:00 – 3:00	15 Tax Day	16 RYAN LE'CLAIR
17 - 9:30 AM Sunday School - 10:30 AM Fellowship time - 11:00 AM Worship	18	19	20 MARY RIDGWAY - 5:30 PM WNF	21 - 9:00 AM Food Pantry - 4:00 PM Newsletter Article Deadline	22 Earth Day	23
24 - 9:30 AM Sunday School - 10:30 AM Fellowship time - 11:00 AM Worship	25 ANDY ADAMS	26 - 6:30 PM 4-H meeting	27 LYNN WOOD BERKY - 5:30 PM WNF	28 - 1:00 PM Game Day 1:00 – 3:00	29	30