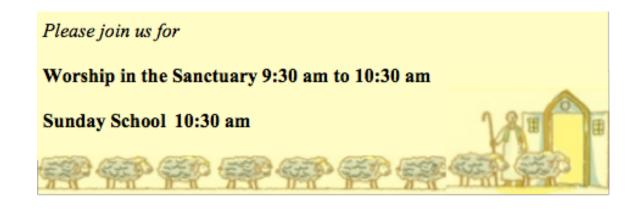


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Never Just Another Easter

Our winter was not awful, but I'm happy spring is finally here. The rain, however, is another story. Just when we thought things were drying out another weather system would come through bringing more rain. I heard a comedian say he was glad for the rain because his mud was getting dehydrated. The greatest thing about spring in the church is the celebration of Easter.

Easter happens in the spring when things are being renewed. The bleak winter gives way to the cheerful renewal of the earth in spring. It is more than just symbolic that Easter represents rebirth, it represents a hope and renewal for sinful humans. It means a "doover" in our relationship with God.

I hope your Lenten discipline is going well. Lent encourages us to recall our sins and shortcomings to prepare our hearts for renewal in Easter. This is a great time to deeply search ourselves to those discover parts of us that have been hidden in the bleakness of our winter. We often do a spring cleaning of our homes. We air the house to get rid of stale odors, we clean the corners of the cobwebs and we chase the dust bunnies out from under the bed. The house sure looks good when we're finished. In the same way, Lent is a spring cleaning of our hearts and souls to be ready for God's coming to live in us.

Yes, just as the house gets dirty again, our hearts and souls can get dirty again through sin. The cure? Clean up the mess. Simple as that, clean it up just as you would a mess you make in your home. In the case of sin, just call on God, declare the sin and ask for forgiveness.



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



Apr 6 Ernie & Celia Decker

Treatment and Concerns:

Please continue to let us know of your prayer, joys, and concerns: Rev. David Hoffman, (501) 475-6397 PastorDavid@GeyerSpringsUMC.org

Grief:

Rehab & Nursing Centers:

Betty Stout Barnes Health & Rehab, Lonoke, AR

Home Bound:

Mildred Chenault Carol Haskins Charles Turley

Treatment and Concerns:

Marie Brown Sherry Cardell Mildred Chenault Allyson Cheyene Kelly Cook Martha Drennon Lynn Hoggard Hildegard May Kim Hoffman Jim Washburn Linda McCown Faye O'Donnell Betty Ross Victoria Ross Janet Swaty Rodney Swaty Leslie Templeton Rose Teter

Wednesday Night Fellowship Wednesday Evenings at 5:30 pm

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

Apr 3	UMW
Apr 10	UMM
Apr 17	Blackwell
Apr 24	New Beginnings
May 1	Myers



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. We find our homes need more than just cleaning, they need regular maintenance. Our relationship with God does as well. You should not save all of our remorse for Lent. The basic elements of maintenance of our soul is to seek God's will frequently and forgiveness when you fail. A daily (or more frequent) prayer routine is the best way to maintain the soul. You can literally talk to God about anything. No special formula or pattern, just talk. God listens. And God answers.

I remember being told if something was worth having it was worth working for, or something like that. The most beautiful part of the Easter story is that Jesus did all the hard work for us. Our efforts are small in comparison. In our human brokenness we seek God and ask for forgiveness. Just remember that this is an ongoing, never ending process. Be sure to thank God for everything you have, spiritual and material, while you are at it. The result of this well-maintained relationship is the wonderful gift of salvation and eternal life.

Shalom, David

Easter Egg Hunt and Community Meal

Please plan to be at our Easter Egg hunt and community meal on Saturday April 20. Helpers come at 10 and activities start at 11.

We need egg hiders, help in the kitchen, and many to sit and visit with our neighbors as we get to know them.

If you would like to donate plastic eggs and wrapped hard candy, that would be great!!

Everyone is invited!!!!!

Happy Birthday to Stan

Please join us for a 80th Birthday Party Honoring Stan Chapman on Saturday, April 6, 2019 at 2 p.m. at Geyer Springs United Methodist Church 5500 Geyer Springs Road Little Rock, AR 72209

April 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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