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# The Informer

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## A Season of New Beginnings

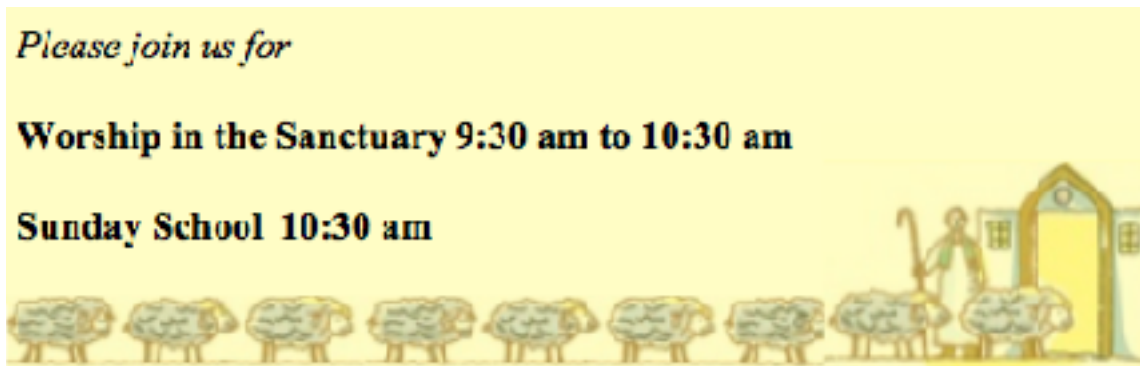
As I am writing these thoughts, the season of Lent is coming to an end and Easter occurs the first day of April. Where has your Lenten discipline brought you? Did you discover anything about yourself you didn't realize before? I hope it gave you pause to see which of your faith habits you should cultivate and which should be given up. Maybe you even formed some new habits, just in time for Easter.

Easter always falls near the time of the Jewish Passover in the spring of the year. Passover is a celebration marking the delivery from Israel's exile in Egypt and their journey to the promised land. Likewise, Easter is a delivery for us; a delivery of us from the bondage of human existence without God to a life's journey in God's grace and mercy.

Each time you see changes in nature marking the arrival of spring, notice the new life around you such as the length of the days and the budding of trees and flowers. Soon new born animals make their first appearances. Think to about the new life you have received and the chance to begin again like an ultimate "do-over."

Better yet, don't wait for spring or Easter to begin again. Take the time to seek forgiveness and to reconcile with God and seek God's path for your journey to come. The possibility of beginning again is not just for Easter only, it can happen daily. As a matter of fact, I suggest you begin every day seeking forgiveness and direction before you do anything else.

I hope your thought of doing this every day doesn't make you feel like you've fallen into monotony. The daily habit should create a discipline,





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

**Treatment and Concerns:**  
 Please continue to let us know of your prayer, joys, and concerns:  
 Rev. David Hoffman, (501) 475-6397  
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**Grief:**

**Rehab & Nursing Centers:**

**Home Bound:**

Mildred Chenault  
 Carol Haskins  
 Charles Turley  
 Betty Stout  
 Lloyd & Hazel Wilson

**Treatment and Concerns:**

John Bencick	Fay O'Donnell
Marie Brown	Victoria Ross
Sherry Cardell	Janet Swaty
Martha Drennon	Rodney Swaty
Mildred Chenault	Rose Teter
Glenda Clay	Lloyd Willson
Carol Haskins	Hazel Wilson
MARY Sue Henry	
Barbara Jarvis	
Rose Kelly	
Tom Kelly	
Hildegard May	
Linda McCown	

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

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

<b>April 4</b>	<b>UMW</b>
<b>April 11</b>	<b>New Beginnings</b>
<b>April 18</b>	<b>Myers</b>
<b>April 25</b>	<b>UMW</b>
<b>May 2</b>	<b>Blackwell</b>



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.



Apr 6 Ernie & Celia Decker

but not a drudgery. If you feel you are just going through the motions, find something to change the daily pattern of how you do it or perhaps you might involve some devotion material.

As a side note, worship in the early church used to be celebrated between sundown on Friday and sundown of Saturday to coincide with the Jewish Sabbath. It was then moved to Sunday mornings, as it is believed that Easter took place on a Sunday morning. Our regular worship is intended to be a little Easter each week. There is great significance in Sunday worship a new beginning every week.

As a new beginning for the church, I challenge you to find one new ministry to incorporate into the life of the church. We had a wonderful Sunday of service with the Pac Shack. It was great to see both churches having fun while we worked. I have prayed that this success spurs us onto new things and I expect you to do the same. Choose something that will assist our neighbors and let them see us doing what Christ has asked us to do. Maybe that is just the thing to make them seek our door.

Shalom, David

### **We Are Asking for Help**

In order to help prolong the life of our old ice maker, we are asking that the members of the church please empty the ice maker whenever they are in the church. Just dump the ice in the sink or take some home for a party. Thanks a bunch.

### **Thank you**

We all enjoyed the Sunday activity so much. Could not have done it without the Geyer Springs UMC folks.

Bobbie and Marylyn  
Faith UMC

# April 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Easter Sunday 9:30 AM Worship 10:30 AM Sunday School	2	3 5:00 PM ESL class	4 ERIK SWAFFORD 5:30 PM WNF 5:30 PM UMM Meal Cook	5 El Zocalo 9:00 AM Food Pantry 9 - NOON	6 ERNIE & CELIA DECKER	7 TAYLOR RODGERS
8 El Zocalo EMILY YOUNG 9:30 AM Worship 10:30 AM Sunday School	9 Hugh Jarvis STAN CHAPMAN	10 LARRY BENCICK 5:00 PM ESL class	11 5:30 PM WNF	12 El Zocalo DAVID DEAN	13	14 ABBIE PRESSGROVE
15 9:30 AM Worship 10:30 AM Sunday School	16	17 Tax Day 5:00 PM ESL class	18 5:30 PM WNF	19 El Zocalo 9:00 AM Food Pantry 4:00 PM Newsletter Article Deadline	20	21
22 9:30 AM Worship 10:30 AM Sunday School	23	24 5:00 PM ESL class	25 ANDY ADAMS 5:30 PM WNF	26 El Zocalo	27 LYNN WOOD BERKY	28
29 9:30 AM Worship 10:30 AM Sunday School	30	1 5:00 PM ESL class	2 5:30 PM WNF	3 El Zocalo Don Ridgway 9:00 AM Food Pantry 9 - NOON	4 Jeanne Wood	5 Robin Jones Cinco de Mayo Vernette Grizzelle