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*Please join us for*

**Worship in the Sanctuary 9:30 am to 10:30 am**

**Sunday School 10:30 am**



# The Informer

Geyer Springs United Methodist Church

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What Brought You Here?

What brought you to your church? As Methodists, you likely began attending your church because it was the neighborhood church. This is where our neighbors were and our children were with their school friends as well. You became connected and stayed. Even when you moved to another neighborhood, you stayed. Why?

If we dug deep into your reasons, I think it will boil down to the belief the church fit who you were at the time. It was relevant to your life and the life of your neighborhood.

There is no secret that churches are losing members. The main reason for the trend is that church quit being relevant. We quit being a part of regular lives. We quit being a part of community activities, secular and religious. We let sports leagues and other activities win over church. We were silent while voices on the extreme ends spoke for the church, creating an image of faith many will never agree with. We are quick to say we love God and Jesus, but we are not so quick to act in their names.

The church frankly lost relevance because we became more interested in making ourselves happy and comfortable than reaching out to those who make disciples. We shifted into maintenance mode, as if we said, "We want new people, but we're not going looking for them. They can come to us if they are interested." Even our mission work became more about how I feel rather than truly helping someone.

We can regain relevance. I reissue a challenge that we look at our neighborhoods to see what changes have occurred over the years and what can we expect in the future. From there, we identify needs of the neighborhood the church should be meeting. Then, do it!

I cannot guarantee what the church will look like in ten years. I can assure that if we do these things prayerfully and consistently to regain our relevance, we will still be here. And we will be stronger than ever, making new disciples.



Aug 2 Michelle Watson Copeland  
 Aug 3 Christopher Rodgers  
 Aug 9 Brian Young  
 Aug 9 John Bencick  
 Aug 10 Elaine Watson  
 Aug 11 Gussie Bridges  
 Aug 13 Betty Ross  
 Aug 18 Lillian Shelton  
 Aug 22 Terri Hammond  
 Aug 25 Betty Simpson  
 Aug 27 Lillie Young  
 Aug 28 Charles Turley  
 Aug 30 Randy Dungy  
 Aug 30 Susie Shelton



Aug 6 Karen & Martin Nutt  
 Aug 10 Chris and Kathy Kline

**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:**

Ruby Fay O'Donnell in death of grandson

**Rehab & Nursing Centers:**

**Home Bound:**

Mildred Chenault  
 Carol Haskins  
 Loran Page  
 Charles Turley  
 Betty Stout

**Treatment and Concerns:**

John Bencick	Hildegard May
Marie Brown	Linda McCown
Sherry Cardell	Fay O'Donnell
Mildred Chenault	Victoria Ross
Glenda Clay	Betty Simpson
Michelle Copeland	Lily Smith
Carol Danner	Janet Swaty
Martha Dennon	Rodney Swaty
Carol Haskins	Elaine Watson
Rose Kelly	Hazel Wilson
Tom Kelly	Barbara Wood

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

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

<b>Aug 2</b>	<b>UMW</b>
<b>Aug 9</b>	<b>Blackwell</b>
<b>Aug 16</b>	<b>UMM</b>
<b>Aug 23</b>	<b>New Beginnings</b>
<b>Aug 30</b>	<b>Myers</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.



## GOOD NEWS

Greetings from the Adams family and your Candidate for Ministry,

We appreciate and love you all at Geyer Springs UMC. I have been appointed to Perryville UMC as a full time local pastor. Praise God! I had an opportunity for interviewing to be a Provisional Elder, working toward Ordination. I did not pass one

of the interviews, but they have invited me to apply again this fall. Thanks for your prayers!

Congratulations to the graduates - I can't believe our young ladies have grown so quickly. We keep up with the congregation through the great work of your office staff's emails and Kathy Kline's newsletters.

God bless you all. Praise God that we still worship together in God's household every week. Peace!

Chanda Adams  
Andy, Maggie and Emma

## Rummage Sale

The rummage sale will be Saturday, September 9th from 7am till 12:00pm.

You may bring items to the gym beginning August 23rd.

Clean out your closets, kitchen, pantries, and garages and donate to the church.

## A SHOUT OUT TO FOOD PANTRY VOLUNTEERS

We have the most wonderful volunteers at our pantry. On Wednesdays we have Terri, Ralph, Cope, Becky, Chuck, Dorothy and Lawrence picking up and unloading two trucks and two cars of food! The Wesley students meet us and help unload, pack, recycle and stock! When they are free, we have Leslie, Conrad and Hugh (Anna's family). Lately, Leslie's friend Jeff has been volunteering.

On Thursdays we have Anna checking returning clients in. Kim Jones and Carol Haskins and Chuck sign up new clients and welcome them. Ann Howell and her sister, Myra, have joined us to help pack boxes and give out food. Dorothy and Chuck, now retired, are a blessing. Betty Ross and Carole Keeland are the workhorses in the packing room. They never miss and do fantastic work packing boxes and restocking shelves. Annie Ross, Kristianna and John Pittenger and Dorothy Gantz pack meat, bread, frozen goods,

and miscellaneous stuff. Gwen Hauser, Terri or Ralph man the pick up station or recycle. Chris and Leah and Lisa and Marlee help in the summer. Kathy Kline does all the computer reports to the foodbank!! Kathy Rodgers works in the office on Thursday morning and helps wherever needed. Carol Danner and Kim Hoffman come help when they are able. Thanks to Rev David for donating shelves and putting them up in the packing room!!!! We have a village and an army working like crazy and we have FUN!! It is exhausting but rewarding.

**THANK YOU TO ALL VOLUNTEERS!!!!!!!**

**Thank You**

Friends of Geyer Springs Church,

Thank you for the "welcome back" gift card and such kind wishes expressed. It is a pleasure to serve Geyer Springs and I look forward to what God has in store.

Thank you as well for making Kim and I so comfortable loved and appreciated.

Blessings,  
David and Kim