

 **Geyer Springs**  
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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

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## **Laid By**

The growing season for a farmer is not an idle time. While the crop is growing, the farmer is fighting weeds, watering, and preventing insect damage. Eventually the crop is too high to plow without breaking down the stalks. During this time, a farmer trusts that any weeds that sprout will be shaded out, or the crop is harvested before any damage can result. This is the "laid-by" season. During the time a crop is laid-by, the farmer may take a small break, but the work just changes direction in order to preparation for harvest.

The church also has seasons, but there is little or no laid-by time. Our neighborhood is the land that God has given us to farm. We are to plant, tend, and harvest a crop of disciples. That is why you hear me urging you to move from mission to mission and to create new opportunities to learn and serve. If you need a rest take it, then return to the work.

Churches that succeed, do so because they, show God's love through the work they do for others. Anything we do should be done only because it is needed, and we can fill that need. What we do is never conditioned on their agreement to become a Christian or to attend our church. Instead, make them want to ask why we want to do these things, which gives us an opportunity to share our faith. Our goal is to make our church a place where people can come to explore their faith among believers who are willing to provide acceptance, love, and support. That is the recipe for the creation of disciples.

A strange thing usually happens. Some who have not received help from our church see what we do and are intrigued. They come asking questions about why we do what we do, and the disciple making process begins again. Believers who are looking for a church home will join us if they believe us to be sincere in our service and intentions.

Our faith is constantly on display. What we believe and how sincere we are in it are always being tested. Don't be concerned that people are scrutinizing your efforts. This is not to show how good we are, but how good God is. The best advertisement for any church is a working congregation showing God's love in what they do. John Wesley said, "Light yourself on fire with passion and people will come from miles to watch you burn." Be loud and proud.

Shalom, David



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  
 PastorDavid@GeyerSpringsUMC.org

**Grief:**

**Rehab & Nursing Centers:**

**Home Bound:**

Mildred Chenault  
 Carol Haskins  
 Charles Turley Brookdale on Napa Valley  
 Betty Stout Col. Glenn Rehab on Lawson  
 Lloyd & Hazel Wilson

**Treatment and Concerns:**

John Bencick	Hildegard May
Marie Brown	Linda McCown
Allyson Cheyene	Fay O'Donnell
Martha Drennon	Debbie Morehart
Mildred Chenault	Victoria Ross
Glenda Clay	Janet Swaty
Vance Gault	Rodney Swaty
Ralph Hammond	Rose Teter
Carol Haskins	Rita Williams
Mary Sue Henry	Lenny Hicks, "Lady K"
Vance Gault	Sue Wolfe
Rose Kelly	Becky Young
Tom Kelly	

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

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

<b>Aug 1</b>	<b>New Beginnings</b>
<b>Aug 8</b>	<b>Myers</b>
<b>Aug 15</b>	<b>UMW</b>
<b>Aug 22</b>	<b>Blackwell</b>
<b>Aug 29</b>	<b>UMM</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.

**Rummage Sale**

The annual rummage sale sponsored by the women of the church will be Saturday, September 8. Hours will be 7 am to 12 noon. Please start collecting items but do not bring to the church until August 18 Also, please make sure everything is clean and ready to be sold.

Thank you.

# August 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 9:30 AM Worship 10:30 AM Sunday School	30	31 5:00 PM ESL class	1 5:30 PM WNF	2 MICHELLE COPELAND El Zocalo 9:00 AM Food Pantry 9 - NOON	3 CHRISTOPHER RODGERS	4
5 9:30 AM Worship 10:30 AM Sunday School	6 Carlene Golden KAREN & MARTIN NUTT	7 5:00 PM ESL class	8 5:30 PM WNF	9 El Zocalo BRIAN YOUNG JOHN BENCICK	10 ELAINE WATSON Chris and Kathy Kline	11 Gussie Bridges
12 El Zocalo 9:30 AM Worship 10:30 AM Sunday School	13 Betty Ross	14 MARY TURLEY 5:00 PM ESL class	15 5:30 PM WNF	16 El Zocalo 9:00 AM Food Pantry 4:00 PM Newsletter Article Deadline	17	18 LILLIAN SHELTON
19 9:30 AM Worship 10:30 AM Sunday School	20	21 5:00 PM ESL class	22 TERRI HAMMOND 5:30 PM WNF 5:30 PM UMM Meal Cook	23 El Zocalo	24	25 BETTY SIMPSON
26 9:30 AM Worship 10:30 AM Sunday School	27 LILLIE YOUNG	28 CHARLES TURLEY 5:00 PM ESL class	29 5:30 PM WNF	30 El Zocalo RANDY DUNGY SUSIE SHELTON	31	1 BARBARA & STAN CHAPMAN GREG CLAY BETTY STOUT