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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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Season's Greetings

Sometime around the end of November each year, we close the church year and begin another. The four-week season of Advent is the beginning of the Christian year. Advent is a season of anticipation looking forward to the celebration of Christmas. Our church usually marks this season with dark, somber hymns and messages of spiritual preparation.

The birth of Jesus Christ is the single most important event humankind recognizes. It was so highly regarded that time is now measured from that event. Though now we use the same dating structure, but us the phrase "the common era," we originally marked dates as "before Christ" (B.C.) and "Anno Domini" (A.D., "the year of our Lord"). No other event in history is treated so significantly.

The story of the man who changed time begins with a child, conceived in a very unusual way, and born to a peasant girl mother who delivered her baby in a stable. This rude beginning was established by God as a new beginning for humankind. Jesus brought God's entire being to us in human form. He was entrusted to bring us the wisdom of God, to reveal God in a completely different way. He was sent to be our path to salvation and eternal life, the long-promised Messiah. The greatest gift ever known.

When the Greens are hung in the church for Advent and our house is decorated for Christmas, I can't help being in the Christmas spirit. The world just seems a little happier for a time.

As I considered what gifts I would give this year, I realized how much my world has changed in this year. The medical issues I encountered this year has made me think about gift-giving in a different way. I now realize I have to give myself all over again. Let me share my gift giving list.

I intend to give myself to God all over again. God has given me salvation, and the blessings of family, friends and two good churches. God deserves my absolute best in return. My life is happy because of the things God has done for me. Count your blessings and consider each one to be another reason to love God a little more.

I would give my family more love and consideration than ever before. I have a wife, son, daughter, daughter-in-law and the greatest grandchild on the entire earth, each of whom are truly gifts from God. I encourage you to

find new reasons to rejoice in your families, as well.

This year I want to give my churches a pastor who is more passionate about his faith and his work as a servant leader. Faith and Geyer Springs are wonderful churches with rich histories, great people and unlimited futures. I hope to find new ways to bring the Word to you and to help you share your spirit with others. Look to find new ways to show your love for your neighbor.

You can give these gifts, too.

Remember to give each gift with a prayer. These gifts aren't expensive, but they are beyond value. No worry about sizes, each is a perfect fit.

Christmas is about the gift of love.

God's love for us. Our love for God. The mutual love of families and friends. Just love.

Shalom, David

FOOD PANTRY NEWS

We have been serving **many** families and our money is getting low. Please participate in our Caring Tree fundraiser this December to replenish our funds. WE have done other things this fall for our community. We have offered coats and clothes to our pantry clients 4 different times. Some were left from the rummage sale and a great many were provided by our sweet generous Ruby Faye O'Donnell.

On Nov. 10th we provided a free community meal which 115 attended.

(counting all our volunteers who helped.)

THANK YOU ALL WHO HELPED IN ANY WAY!!!!

Jim Washburn set up the stage and he, Lisa, Chuck, Leah and my grandchildren all sang. A BIG special thank you to Jim Washburn for that music!!!!

WE had crafts enjoyed by kids and adults. WE gave away 60 door prizes. Our meal was enjoyed by all courtesy of Chris Kline grilling all those wonderful Nathan hot dogs! Kathy Rodgers was my right arm on Friday and Saturday. Special thanks!!

Thank you to Barbara and Stan and Betty Ross and Kathy R and Carol Danner and Martin and Karen in the kitchen helping and cleaning up!! Leah and Susie, thanks for helping with crafts. I've probably left someone out so God Bless and thank you whoever I forgot.

WE'VE GOT THE BEST LITTLE CHURCH EVER!!!!

PRAISE BE TO GOD!!!

Terri



In honor/memory of: _____

Given by: _____

The Caring Tree is located in the narthex and is sponsored by the Outreach Committee as one of two fund raising events. If you would like to participate, please fill out a form and place in the offering plate or deliver to the church office by Sunday, December 16th. The Outreach Committee will send a card of acknowledgement for your donation. A minimum of \$4.00 is suggested for each person named. All money is used in mission projects including the Food Pantry.

Please include the address of the person the card is sent to even if they are church members.



Given by: _____

In honor/memory of: _____

It's time to order your Poinsettias! If you would like to order a poinsettia in honor or memory of a loved one, please fill out the order form, **circling honor or memory**, and drop it in the offering plate or turn it in to the office.

The cost of each poinsettia is \$10.00.
Deadline is Sunday, December 9th.



Dec 3 Chris Kline
 Dec 4 Stefan Swafford
 Dec 6 Ellie Jones
 Dec 9 Janet Swaty
 Dec 11 Ellie Pressgrove
 Dec 15 Marie Brown
 Dec 17 Joe Young
 Dec 17 Joe Shelton
 Dec 21 David Nutt
 Dec 23 Ernie Decker
 Dec 24 Rose Kelly
 Dec 25 Winston Motley

**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:**

Charles Turley Brookdale on Napa Valley
 Betty Stout Col. Barnes Health & Rehab, Lonoke, AR

Home Bound:

Mildred Chenault
 Carol Haskins
 Rose Teter

Treatment and Concerns:

Marie Brown	Hildegard May
Allyson Cheyene	Debbie Morehart
Glenda Clay	Kathy Rodgers
Kelly Cook	Anna Templeton
Lynn Hoggard	Tony Tompkins
Rose Kelly	Rita Williams
Tom Kelly	

Wednesday Night Fellowship
Wednesday Evenings
at 5:30 pm

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

Dec 5	UMW
Dec 12	UMM
Dec 19	Blackwell
Jan 9	New Beginnings
Jan 16	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.

December 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25 - 9:30 AM Worship - 10:30 AM Sunday School	26	27 - 5:00 PM ESL class	28 - 5:30 PM WNF	29 El Zocalo	30	1
2 - 9:30 AM Worship - 10:30 AM Sunday School	3 CHRIS KLINE	4 STEFAN SWAFFORD - 5:00 PM ESL class	5 - 5:30 PM WNF - 5:30 PM UMM Meal Cook	6 El Zocalo ELLIE JONES - 9:00 AM Food Pantry 9 - NOON	7	8
9 JANET SWATY El Zocalo - 9:30 AM Worship - 10:30 AM Sunday School	10 LORAN & MARINELLE PAGE	11 ELLIE PRESSGROVE - 5:00 PM ESL class	12 - 5:30 PM WNF	13 El Zocalo	14	15 MARIE BROWN
16 CORINNE GEORGE - 9:30 AM Worship - 10:30 AM Sunday School	17 JOE YOUNG JOE SHELTON	18 BEN & GLENDA CLAY - 5:00 PM ESL class	19 - 5:30 PM WNF	20 El Zocalo - 9:00 AM Food Pantry - 4:00 PM Newsletter Article Deadline	21 EARLENE DERYLAK DAVID NUTT	22
23 ERNIE DECKER - 9:30 AM Worship - 10:30 AM Sunday School	24 ROSE KELLY	25 WINSTON MOTLEY - 5:00 PM ESL class	26 - 5:30 PM WNF	27 LLOYD & HAZEL WILSON El Zocalo	28	29
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