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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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## THREE NOT-SO-SIMPLE THOUGHTS

January has come and is very nearly gone. I hope your new year has gotten off to a good start and the black-eyed peas and greens are beginning to show some results. February is now upon us and Valentine’s Day will come soon, then Lent and Easter.

February will also bring the special called General Conference in St. Louis, February 23-26. I would love for the Conference to be over so we can go back to being the church. Perhaps I 'm too optimistic. We cannot kick the matter down the road to the next General Conference, these issues must be resolved.

John Wesley gave us three simple rules, which are (1) do no harm, (2) do good and (3) stay in love with the Lord. I would commend these rules to you as these matters are considered and voted upon.

The admonition to do no harm is to be liberally applied, most particularly to the people who will be impacted most by the decisions. Our LGBTQ brothers and sisters already feel marginalized by the church. I pray the church takes no action that would further marginalize anyone. Our job is to love all, and let God do God's work. Do we truly expect that God will love us more because we put this language in the Discipline or less if the language is not there?

I challenge the church as a whole to find a way to make this an opportunity to do something good. Our social principles declare that all people are persons of sacred worth. We can do better than we have done in the past. God will test us on how we treat others, and the questions will probably be worth significant points.



Feb 19 Jessica Jones  
 Feb 22 Aubrey Pool  
 Feb 25 Parker Pool

**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:**

Betty Stout Col. Barnes Health & Rehab, Lonoke, AR

**Home Bound:**

Mildred Chenault  
 Carol Haskins  
 Charles Turley

**Treatment and Concerns:**

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

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

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

<b>Feb 6</b>	<b>UMM</b>
<b>Feb 13</b>	<b>New Beginnings</b>
<b>Feb 20</b>	<b>Myers</b>
<b>Feb 27</b>	<b>UMW</b>
<b>Mar 6</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.



Staying in love with God should entail your very prayerful search for God 's will for your life. Worship and praise God. Study and sharpen who you are as a disciple. Live a life worthy of emulation. To the best of your ability, avoid sin. When you sin, seek forgiveness and strength not to repeat the offense. But in all of this, never believe that we are in love with the Lord if we do anything that diminishes any person. Let God weigh the soul of others.

I am not able to declare what will happen at General Conference. I do know that the church will be forever changed, how much change remains to be seen. In the midst of all this, I stand by my commitment as a pastor to do nothing that will harm a fellow believer.

I 'm expecting you to pray for the United Methodist Church, for the General Conference, for our delegation and for Faith Church. Not asking, expecting. And when you think you 've prayed enough, pray some more. These matters are too important to the church as a whole and too many, many members. Come, Holy Spirit, Come.

Shalom, David

## **FOOD PANTRY FUNDRAISER**

**SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY IS Feb. 3, 2019!!! Fill up our pot!!**

You served over 10,000 individuals including over 4,000 children in 2018. I am SO proud of our church. We are truly obeying God's call to feed the hungry and our conference pledge to feed the 200,000 hungry children in Arkansas!

Keep up the good work by donating money on SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY. Every dollar buys FIVE pounds of food to feed the hungry!

# February 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 BRITT JAMES HINTON 9:30 AM Worship 10:30 AM Sunday School	28	29 5:00 PM ESL class	30 5:30 PM WNF	31 El Zocalo	1	2
3 ANDY HOWELL 9:30 AM Worship 10:30 AM Sunday School	4	5 5:00 PM ESL class	6 5:30 PM WNF	7 El Zocalo 9:00 AM Food Pantry 9 – NOON	8	9
10 El Zocalo 9:30 AM Worship 10:30 AM Sunday School	11	12 5:00 PM ESL class	13 5:30 PM WNF 5:30 PM UMM Meal Cook	14 El Zocalo	15 MIKE & ELLIE JONES	16
17 9:30 AM Worship 10:30 AM Sunday School	18	19 JESSICA JONES 5:00 PM ESL class	20 5:30 PM WNF	21 El Zocalo AUBREY POOL 9:00 AM Food Pantry 4:00 PM Newsletter Article Deadline	22	23
24 9:30 AM Worship 10:30 AM Sunday School	25 PARKER POOL	26 5:00 PM ESL class	27 5:30 PM WNF	28 El Zocalo	1	2 KAREN NUTT