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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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Conference Report

Annual Conference 2018 is finished and it was interesting, to say the least. Air travel problems and health matters upset the schedule and differences of opinion between members on The Way Forward and politics in general seemed to be a part of every issue. An old Chinese curse, "may you live in interesting times," seems to fit perfectly. No thank you.

Bishop Ruben Saenz, Jr. from the Great Plains Conference (Kansas and Nebraska) was to be our guest preacher at opening worship but his plane was delayed so Bishop Mueller preached opening worship and Bishop Saenz preached Tuesday's ordination worship service. Bishop Mueller challenged us to move from opinion faith to find deeper faith. Opinion faith is based upon making Jesus what we want him to be while deeper faith is taking Jesus as he is and trusting the Holy Spirit to lead us to do things in Jesus name we cannot accomplish on our own.

Monday opened with the Bishop's episcopal address. The Bishop encouraged us to follow the pathways of hope: God is still God, God is not finished yet, we still have all we need in Jesus Christ, and we can still experience God's "unconditional, invitational and transformational love in Jesus Christ that changes everything." Bishop Mueller reminded us, "it is not about how successful we are, it's about what Jesus' power can do."

Our business sessions began Monday and ended Wednesday morning. In addition to regular reports, administrative matters and votes, legislative matters were also considered.

- We re-voted on proposed constitutional amendment 1. Last year's vote on the measure was purged because the version sent out to the annual conferences contained wording the GC has removed. The vote totals will be reported to us after all ac's have voted again sometime after June 2019.
- A resolution supporting just and inclusive policy for lay staff was ruled out of order by the Bishop following the advice of the Conference Chancellor, Michelle Ator. Mrs. Ator's opinion expressed that resolutions should express the will of the AC in non-mandatory terms while the resolution contained language that indicated mandatory action.



July 4 Kathy Rodgers
 July 9 Alyssa Allen
 July 14 Jim Washburn
 July 17 Barbara Wood
 July 26 Candace Barron

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
 Betty Stout
 Lloyd & Hazel Wilson

Treatment and Concerns:

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



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

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

July 11	UMW
July 18	Blackwell
July 25	UMM
Aug 1	New Beginnings
Aug 8	Myers

Thanks for the Thoughts

Thank you to everybody at GSUMC for all the calls and cards I have received since I've been sick, especially the birthday cards for my 92nd birthday. I love everyone.

Mildred Chenault



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.

FOOD PANTRY

This month we will pick up food TUESDAY JULY 3rd because Wednesday is July 4th. Our pantry will be Thursday July 5th. Anybody who can come help unload Tues about 1:50, please come to the church and help! Our next pick up date will be Wed. July 18 with pantry Thursday July 19. WE can also use help on Thursday morning pantry days. We continue to feed many families and appreciate your support!

- A resolution seeking that each charge conference take a straw poll on The Way Forward was defeated on a counted vote (rather than show of hands). The primary argument against the resolution was that it would put pressure on our GC delegates to vote in a particular way rather than voting their prayerful conscience.
- A Petition Affirming Current Doctrine and Discipline was defeated. The feeling of the AC was that this measure, too, sought to inappropriately influence the GC delegates.
- A petition on the Affirmation of the Movement of the Holy Spirit was defeated. The sponsors of this petition detailed the changes the Holy Spirit has made in the Methodist Church since our beginning. Also seen as an attempt to influence the GC delegates, it was defeated.
- A resolution Affirming Women in Ministry was referred to holy conferencing. The measure was prepared and submitted without any input or consultation from the major women's groups of our conference, the Conference Committee on the Status and Role of Women (COSROW) and the Clergywomen of the Arkansas Annual Conference. In protest, a significant number of women clergy and laity left the bar of the Conference (walked off the floor the arena). A vote to refer the resolution to holy conferencing was approved. In the next year, the opposing parties will come together to attempt to resolve their differences.

- The Resolution to End Child/Parent Separation in response to the presidential administration's zero tolerance policy concerning undocumented persons was approved.
- A resolution to reestablish the Committee on Native American Ministries was approved. Rev. Angie Gage presented a portion of her introduction in the Cherokee language.

During Ordination worship we witnessed the baptism of the daughter of Rev. David Reuhr (Wesley UMC, Russellville) and wife, Emily, we heard Bishop Saenz preach, commissioned and ordained new deacons and elders and shared Holy Communion.

It was a full several days to say the least. If you desire additional information about AC 2018, please go the Arkansas Conference website, ar-umc.org, or contact me.

Shalom, David

Trinette Barnes Licensed to Preach

Our own Trinette Barnes has completed her local pastor licensing school and now is considered part of the clergy of the United Methodist Church. Trinette received her certificate during this session of the Annual Conference. She intends to further her education through participation in the Course of

Study looking toward a more formal connection in the clergy of the church.

As a licensed local pastor, Trinette is now eligible for appointment to any church in the conference on a part time or fulltime basis. Local pastors are set-apart for ministry in the churches and, while under appointment, they may do all that any clergy member in full connection may do at the church they are appointed to.

Please congratulate Trinette when you see her and continue to pray for her as she continues to discern God's call upon her life.

Dear Geyer Springs United Methodist Church Family

Thank you,
We are deeply grateful for the kindness and compassion you extended to our family during this difficult times. You have touched our hearts.

Thank you for your condolences. Truly, Eddie and I appreciate each loving heart sending your prayers.

Thank you for remembering Linda with joy and gladness, always. Thank you for honoring my mom.

The family of Rose, Eddie, and Cimba Back.

THANK YOU

Thank you so much for all the prayers, cards of encouragement, food, visits and calls all our church family has made during Ralph's heart surgery and recovery.

It really has meant so much to us. We love you all!

Terri and Ralph Hammond

Thank You

Thank you so much for the gift from the United Methodist Women and The Bible from the church. I am so glad to be part of such a great church.

Love,
Maggie Staggs

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.