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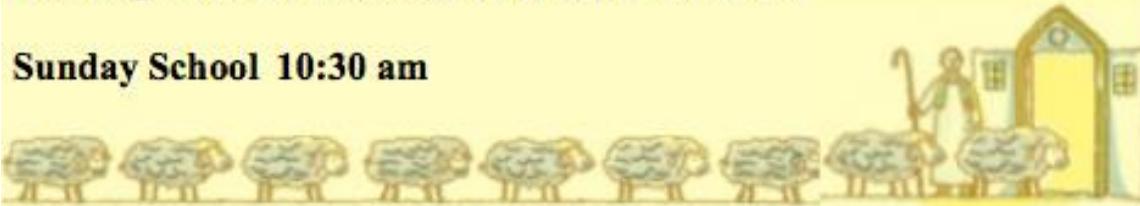
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*Please join us for*

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

**Sunday School 10:30 am**



# The Informer

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Lent, the period of 40 days (excluding Sundays) that precedes the celebration of Easter has its origin in the early days of the Church. Converts seeking to become Christian, who at that time were mostly adults, spent several years in study and preparation. Then they went through a final period of “purification and enlightenment” for the 40 days before their baptism at Easter. The rest of the Church began to observe the season of Lent in solidarity with these newest Christians.

I have a standard “give-up,” beets and turnip greens. These two are easy because I don’t eat them anyway. Others give up soda, desserts or chocolate because of the tradition, without knowing why it is done. The problem is, right after Easter we can resume enjoying what we have given up. There is little lasting effect. The question we have to ask is, “Does this bring you closer to Christ and does it create awareness for those who need our love”?

A few years ago, James W. Moore created a Lenten study called “Give Up Something Bad For Lent.” His premise is that people of faith should go further, giving up something spiritually that they would be better off not doing at all. We should consider giving up envy, jealousy, self-pity, apathy, procrastination, gossip, resentment, or negative thinking. And then continue to give them up after Easter.

Unlike giving up chocolate or beets, giving up the things Moore mentions will have a truly lasting effect and will have a very noticeable impact on our part of the world

Use the Lenten season to find a deeper faith, one that will make Easter mean so much more to you. My sermon series will be based upon Adam Hamilton’s book, “*John: The Gospel of Light*”. Our study is timely for the Lenten season, as the Gospel of John displays the spiritual side of the Gospels, instead of an historical account of Jesus’ life and ministry.

Looking toward Easter, please give up something that will make a lasting impression on you and those you meet. Really consider giving up something BAD.

Note: Since March 17 falls during this month, Slainte! Erin go brag! Let your sham rock!

Shalom, David



- | Mar 02 Karen Nutt
- | Mar 05 Jacob Rodgers
- | Mar 06 Sarah Kline
- Mar 08 Marlee Hoggard
- Mar 09 David Pool
- Mar 14 Ruby Faye O'Donnell
- Mar 17 Alivia Sahlin
- Mar 22 Leah Kline
- Mar 25 Kelsey Harris

**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:**

Family of Carlene Golden

**Rehab & Nursing Centers:****Home Bound:**

Mildred Chenault  
 Carol Haskins  
 Loran & Marinelle Page  
 Charles Turley  
 Don & Mary Ridgway  
 Wilandra Dean  
 Betty Stout  
 Charles Turley

**Treatment and Concerns:**

John Bencick	Hildegard May
Marie Brown	Linda McCown
Sherry Cardell	Fay O'Donnell
Mildred Chenault	Victoria Ross
Michelle Copeland	Betty Simpson
Daniel Dean	Lily Smith
Wilandra Dean	Rodney Swaty
Carol Haskins	Elaine Watson
Rev. Hoffman	Hazel Wilson
Rose Kelly	Barbara Wood
Tom Kelly	

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

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

- Mar 1 Blackwell**
- Mar 8 Wesley Foundation**
- Mar 15 UMM**
- Mar 22 New Beginnings**
- April 1 Meyers**
- April 8 UMW**





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 FACTS

More than 500,000 people in Arkansas are food insecure. In 7 months this year Geyer Springs UMC fed 7,914 of them. 200,000 children are food insecure. We fed 3,766 of them. WE served 220 families Oct. 6. Our cupboards were bare. WE are going to the Arkansas Foodbank every Wed. to take advantage of free and limited cheap food, but it is becoming increasingly difficult to stay ahead in our finances. Please remember every dollar you give buys an average of FIVE pounds of food. If you give \$5 a week to our food pantry you will have donated 100 pounds of food for that month. Thank you so much for all you do give and for your prayers. With your help and God's grace, we can continue our mission to feed the hungry!

## New Fee Policy for Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall

The Trustees Committee has agreed to a new set of fees for renting the Fellowship Hall and the Sanctuary.

### Sanctuary

Members:	\$100.00
Non-Members:	\$150.00

*The question of church membership relates to the membership status of the bride and/or groom or the responsible person organizing.*

### Fellowship Hall/Kitchen

*Private parties, non-sponsored organizational meetings, banquets, graduations, dances, etc*

Members:	\$50.00
Non-Members:	\$100
Church-Sponsored Groups	No Fee

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*GSUMC, at its discretion, may require a refundable deposit equal to the total rental fee. GSUMC waives use fees for sponsored civic organizations for ordinary and routine meetings and events. However, GSUMC, at its discretion, may charge the usual fees for large specialty events, such as yearly banquets.*



## Time to Order Easter Lilies

It is time to order Easter Lilies to decorate the Church on Easter Sunday. The order form is included in this Newsletter and in the bulletin each Sunday. Cost will be \$10.00 and the form must be returned by April 9.

## UMW Collecting for Food Panty Patrons

The United Methodist Women are collecting coats, hats, gloves, scarves, etc. for the food pantry clients. You may put your donation in the long blue tub in the hallway leading to the family life center.

## College Scholarship Fund

As many of you know, Marlee Hoggard is graduating this year from high school. She is applying for a scholarship that is given by the United Methodist Church. It is called Dollars for Scholars. The process is this: The Church (Geyer Springs UMC) raises \$1,000.00 for Marlee, this will be matched by the District Office and matched by the State Office of the United Methodist Churches. She would have to go to Hendrix College. If you would like to donate to this cause, please make your checks out to the Geyer Springs United Methodist Church and in the notation line put Marlee Hoggard scholarship. As more information becomes available, I will pass it on. UPDATE: If Marlee does not go to Hendrix our check is not cashed and comes back to the budget of Geyer Springs UMC! Either way we keep track and it is tax deductible.