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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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A Successful Lenten Discipline

Lent is a discipline. You are asked to change yourself to become more focused and intentional in your devotional habits (reading scripture, studying, and prayer) and improve your spirituality. That takes real discipline. Not because I think you are bad, but because such disciplined habits are not a part of our regular routine. When you intentionally invest the time and energy in a project, the result should be an improvement in performance. In the case of devotional discipline, the result is a better relationship with God.

This is my annually repeated caution about sacrificing for Lent: If you give something up that saves you time, spend the extra time in devotion or in service. If your sacrifice gives you extra money, give it to charity. If what you give up does not result in greater devotion or service, you missed the mark. Please try again.

Our relationship with God should not be seen solely as existing on a high mountaintop. God exists in all the places of the earth, high and low, good or evil. If that is where you are, God will meet you there. Treat the relationship much as you should do with those closest to you on earth, with honesty, openness respect, and love. Be ready for a response that might be what you need to hear rather than what you want to hear.

You might use this time to clear up something you have been wondering about for a while. There is nothing wrong in admitting you did not understand a particular event in scripture, just tell God, "I don't get it." You might also ask, "Why?" If things seem in conflict, ask for clarification. If you're angry, admit it.

The open exchange in our relationship with God is meant to improve you. John Wesley called his people to be constantly "going on toward perfection." To become a Christian and then do nothing to grow in faith and understanding is like standing in the foyer of a mansion you have bought, but never leaving the foyer or entering a single room of the mansion. Go on in! Explore all the rooms! Enjoy the house!

Unfortunately, many will drop these new habits and revert back to their old ways. Don't be an easy quit. Make the effort to continue your new habits so you can continue to improve your faith. Every forward effort is worthwhile even if it is not completely successful. God will continue to provide sanctifying grace throughout your journey all you need to do is keep going.

If you're stumped for a Lenten sacrifice this year, I invite you to follow my lead. I am giving up beets and turnip greens. I wasn't going to eat them anyway, but it reminds me that I always have a little extra time for devotion and service and money to give to help others.

Shalom, David

OUTREACH REPORT

Feb 28, 2018

We have changed food pantry hours from 9-12 TO 8:30 to 11:30. It seems to be going just fine. WE made around \$450 on our "souper" bowl Sunday fundraiser and Faith is also going to send their contribution. The first community meal has been set for Saturday March 31st. We will have an Easter egg hunt at 10:45 and the lunch afterwards for all children and parents and anyone who comes. After lunch there will be tables set up for various crafts for the kids and information groups for the adults on gardening, SNAP, and any others I can get volunteers to come offer information. Our menu will be spaghetti, salad, bread and dessert. This is a free outreach meal to our community and our chance to sit and visit with our neighbors and get to know them. Every church member is invited to attend. We will send flyers to Meadowcliff Elementary, Wakefield Elementary and Geyer Springs Pre School inviting children and parents to attend. Any suggestions you have are welcome and appreciated!

The new board approved putting in the water meter for our community garden. We will get the \$5,000 Feb.

28 and then proceed. Kathy Kline is working to set up a board to oversee garden activities. We are just beginning.

Terri Hammond

We Are Asking for Help

In order to help prolong the life of our old ice maker, we are asking that the members of the church please empty the ice maker whenever they are in the church. Just dump the ice in the sink or take some home for a party. Thanks a bunch.

New address for Janet and Rodney Swaty

Zen Apartment Home
11645 North 25th Place, #113
Phoenix, AZ 85028

Thanks for being a wonderful church to pastor and for the friendships we have made.

Thank you again.

David and Kim



- 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
- Mar 29 Ruby Prescott

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

Treatment and Concerns:

John Bencick	Victoria Ross
Marie Brown	Janet Swaty
Sherry Cardell	Rodney Swaty
Martha Drennon	Rose Teter
Mildred Chenault	Lloyd Willson
Glenda Clay	Hazel Wilson
Carol Haskins	
Rose Kelly	
Tom Kelly	
Hildegard May	
Linda McCown	
Fay O'Donnell	

Wednesday Night Fellowship
Wednesday Evenings
at 5:30 pm

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

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| March 7 | New Beginnings |
| Mar 14 | Myers |
| Mar 21 | UMW |
| Mar 28 | Blackwell |
| Apr 1 | UMM |



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.



March 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>25</p> <p>PARKER POOL</p> <p>9:30 AM Worship</p> <p>10:30 AM Sunday School</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p> <p>4:00 PM AVID</p> <p>5:00 PM ESL class</p>	<p>28</p> <p>5:30 PM WNF</p> <p>5:30 PM UMM Meal Cook</p> <p>6:15 PM Administrative Board</p>	<p>1</p> <p>El Zocalo</p> <p>9:00 AM Food Pantry 9 - NOON</p>	<p>2</p> <p>KAREN NUTT</p>	<p>3</p> <p>High adventure rally at Arkansas 4 H Center</p>
<p>4</p> <p>9:30 AM Worship</p> <p>10:30 AM Sunday School</p>	<p>5</p> <p>JACOB RODGERS</p>	<p>6</p> <p>SARAH KLINE</p> <p>5:00 PM ESL class</p>	<p>7</p> <p>5:30 PM WNF</p>	<p>8</p> <p>El Zocalo</p> <p>MARLEE HOGGARD</p> <p>4:00 PM Dentist</p>	<p>9</p> <p>DAVID POOL</p>	<p>10</p>
<p>11</p> <p>Daylight Saving Time starts</p> <p>El Zocalo</p> <p>9:30 AM Worship</p> <p>10:30 AM Sunday School</p>	<p>12</p> <p>5:00 PM ESL class</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p> <p>RUBY FAYE O'DONNELL</p> <p>5:30 PM WNF</p>	<p>15</p> <p>El Zocalo</p> <p>9:00 AM Food Pantry</p> <p>4:00 PM Newsletter Article Deadline</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p> <p>ALIVIA SAHLIN</p>
<p>18</p> <p>9:30 AM Worship</p> <p>10:30 AM Sunday School</p>	<p>19</p> <p>5:00 PM ESL class</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p> <p>5:30 PM WNF</p>	<p>22</p> <p>El Zocalo</p> <p>ERIC SIMMS</p> <p>LEAH KLINE</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>
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