

 **Geyer Springs**
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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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November

Miracles Still Happen

This year, after a long 71 years, the Chicago Cubs baseball team will appear in the World Series. Their opponent will be the Cleveland Indians, who last appeared in the Series in 1997. The last time the Cubs won the Series was 108 years ago in 1908. All of this excitement must have it hot in Chicago.

Though I'm not a baseball fan, I can still admire the Cubs and their fans. Die-hard is probably the best word to use as they have continued to support their favorite team through the many years of drought.

How die-hard are we in our faith and in our willingness to stick it out through thick and thin? We are promised neither level nor rock-less ground in this life. Jesus warned us the world might not always accept us or receive our message warmly. Coping with this reality makes our mission difficult at times and might lead to just giving up.

Please don't buy into how negative the world appears to be toward our message. Nothing happening in the world should ever alter our faith or discourage our practice. I go to bed each night a Christian and wake the next morning the same. I will continue to serve God because the law created by humans does not frame my faith.

I believe in miracles. More than just the "miracle" of the Cubs, I believe in the miracles of small things, such as sunrise each morning, the changing of the seasons, and the cycle of life are just a few of them we experience every day. These are the things that make me know there is a God, God is still involved in our lives and there is hope for tomorrow and each day thereafter.



Nov 2 Linda Magby
 Nov 3 Anna Templeton
 Nov 4 David Ross
 Nov 5 Maranda Jones
 Nov 10 Ralph Hammond
 Nov 12 Wilandra Dean
 Nov 17 Allen Carrio
 Nov 21 Glenda Clay
 Nov 24 Roanne 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:****Home Bound:**

Loran & Marinelle Page – 3 Buffington Court, LR 72209
 Charles Turley
 Don & Mary Ridgway

Treatment and Concerns:

John Bencick	Fay O'Donnell
Marie Brown	Victoria Ross
Sherry Cardell	Betty Simpson
Mildred Chenault	Lily Smith
Carol Haskins	Rodney Swaty
Kim Hoffman	Jay Wang
Rose Kelly	Elaine Watson
Tom Kelly	Hazel Wilson
Hildegard May	Barbara Wood
Linda McCown	

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

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

Nov 2	UMM
Nov 9	New Beginnings
Nov 16	Meyers
Nov 23	No WNF
Nov 30	UMW
Dec 7	Blackwell

Dear Friends,

Your gift was wonderful and has helped out so much! We loved the gift cards!

We are blessed to be at Geyer Springs among such loving and giving people.

May God bless you all.

Kim Hoffman



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!!

NOTABLE NOVEMBER NEWS

November brings All Saints Day, Anna's 75th birthday party, Thanksgiving, Advent and YES, ... *continued.*

STEWARDSHIP MONTH!

In the October 7th issue of our Arkansas Conference Newspaper, I read an article I just LOVED by the Rev. Dr. Bud Reeves. He is talking about the story of Martha and Mary and Jesus, and how he relates to Martha because SOMEBODY has to do the mundane work! AND the fall seems to bring that work, finance campaign, SPRC meetings, nominations, Charge conference etc. Rev. Reeves goes on to say that we must balance our "Martha time" with our Mary time". We must take care of business and do the things that keep our church running but NOT lose sight of the REASONS for our work___ the long term purpose of our ministry and the peace and joy that fills our souls with God's love and grace right here and now!

SO I looked over our stewardships commitments and I think they do give us a balance. With our service and our prayer and our witness and our monetary gifts, we do our "Martha time". With our presence at worship we build relationships with others and God, we listen to God in our prayers and feel the presence of the Lord and that is our "Mary time". As Rev. Reeves points out, we need both! To quote Rev. Reeves, "Do the work of the church as if it's the work of the Kingdom because largely it is!" As we renew our commitment to our church and to the vows we made when we joined the church, let us find blessings in all the ways we can be good stewards for God and for our church.
Terri Hammond
Stewardship Chair

Anna Templeton is turning 75!
Join us to celebrate!
Saturday, November 5, 2016
2:00 to 4:00
4 Rainwood Lane, Little Rock 72212
Questions? Leslie at 501-413-1111
lmtempleton@sbcglobal.net
Donations to Geyer Springs UMC Food Pantry
are appreciated in lieu of gifts.

November 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 ■ 9:30 AM Worship ■ 10:30 AM Sunday School	31	1	2 ■ 5:30 PM WNF	3 ANNA TEMPLETON ■ 9:00 AM Food Pantry 9 - NOON ■ 6:00 PM 4-H Meeting	4 DAVID ROSS	5 MARANDA JONES
6 ■ 9:30 AM Worship ■ 10:30 AM Sunday School ■ 2:00 PM Zócalo Food Pantry	7	8	9 ■ 5:30 PM WNF	10 RALPH HAMMOND ■ 1:00 PM Game Day 1:00 - 3:00	11	12 WILANDRA DEAN
13 ■ 9:30 AM Worship ■ 10:30 AM Sunday School	14	15	16 ■ 5:30 PM WNF	17 ALLEN CARRIO ■ 9:00 AM Food Pantry ■ 4:00 PM Newsletter Article Deadline	18	19 ■ 7:00 PM Zócalo Thanksgiving Dinner
20 ■ 9:30 AM Worship ■ 10:30 AM Sunday School ■ 2:00 PM Zócalo Food Pantry	21 GLENDA CLAY	22	23 ■ 5:30 PM WNF	24 ■ 1:00 PM Game Day 1:00 - 3:00	25	26
27 ■ 9:30 AM Worship ■ 10:30 AM Sunday School ■ 4:00 PM HANGING OF THE GREENS	28	29	30 ■ 5:30 PM WNF	1 ■ 9:00 AM Food Pantry 9 - NOON ■ 6:00 PM 4-H Meeting	2	3 CHRIS KLINE