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Faith Calls...

Pastor's Thoughts

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A Season of New Beginnings

- Birthdays**
- 4/1, Nona Grady
 - 4/4, Martha Quillen
 - 4/5, Jerry Smith
 - 4/7, Shelly Gross
 - 4/18, Lynai Leonard
 - 4/22, Helen Carter
 - 4/24, Emily Tucker
 - 4/28, Kim Hoffman

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As I am writing these thoughts, the season of Lent is coming to an end and Easter occurs the first day of April. Where has your Lenten discipline brought you? Did you discover anything about yourself you didn't realize before? I hope it gave you pause to see which of your faith habits you should cultivate and which should be given up. Maybe you even formed some new habits, just in time for Easter.

Easter always falls near the time of the Jewish Passover in the spring of the year. Passover is a celebration marking the delivery from Israel's exile in Egypt and their journey to the promised land. Likewise, Easter is a delivery for us; a delivery of us from the bondage of human existence without God to a life's journey in God's grace and mercy.

Each time you see changes in nature marking the arrival of spring, notice the new life around you such as the length of the days and the budding of trees and flowers. Soon new born animals make their first appear-

ances. Think too about the new life you have received and the chance to begin again like an ultimate "do-over."

Better yet, don't wait for spring or Easter to begin again. Take the time to seek forgiveness and to reconcile with God and seek God's path for your journey to come. The possibility of beginning again is not just for Easter only, it can happen daily. As a matter of fact, I suggest you begin every day seeking forgiveness and direction before you do anything else.

I hope your thought of doing this every day doesn't make you feel like you've fallen into monotony. The daily habit should create a discipline, but not a drudgery. If you feel you are just going through the motions, find something to change the daily pattern of how you do it or perhaps you might involve some devotion material.

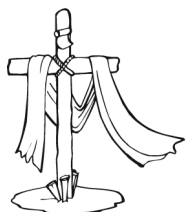
As a side note, worship in the early church used to be celebrated between sundown on Friday and sundown of Saturday to coincide

with the Jewish Sabbath. It was then moved to Sunday mornings, as it is believed that Easter took place on a Sunday morning. Our regular worship is intended to be a little Easter each week. There is great significance in Sunday worship, a new beginning every week.

As a new beginning for the church, I challenge you to find one new ministry to incorporate into the life of the church. We had a wonderful Sunday of service with the Pack Shack. It was great to see both churches having fun while we worked. I have prayed that this success spurs us onto new things and I expect you to do the same. Choose something that will assist our neighbors and let them see us doing what Christ has asked us to do. Maybe that is just the thing to make them seek our door.

Shalom,

Bro. David



REMINDER:

9:45am each Sunday morning, attend an adult SS Class. We have two and you may select either the Cathedral Class or the Seekers Class.

All are welcome!

SAVE THE DATE...

Each Monday, 10am, Prayer Watch

Each Wednesday, 11am, Dominoes

4/1, Easter Sunday

4/13, 6:30pm, Parent's Night Out

4/17, 6:30pm, Administrative Board meeting

4/20, 6pm, Fish Fry

4/24, 1:00pm, UMW

4/29, Potluck follows Worship Service



This is your Lenten Gift Box. Bring this to church on Easter morning. Hopefully it will be filled with coins. You will place these as you come forward during the serving of Holy Communion.

Feeding our Neighbors

While the folks from Faith and Geyer Springs Methodist sang "Sweet Caroline" and "YMCA", along with other golden oldies, 13,200 meals were being prepared during the "Fill the Funnel Party". It was March 18th, following the worship service that approximately 45 individuals assembled ready to help the hungry.

The Pack Shack van arrived around 10am and the tubs, funnels, rice, soy, dried veggies, scales, etc. were unloaded and placed on tables. Instructions were given and the fun began around 11:45.

Decked out in gloves and hairnets, the assembly line workers

moved into high gear. Runners delivered the bags to individuals who weighed and labeled each one. The race was on!

Suddenly there was a GONG! 2,000 bags had been filled. When we reached 10,000, we heard the precious words—BREAK FOR LUNCH! Thanks to the UMW, 5 varieties of soup were served, along with salad, crackers, warm bread, and desserts. No complaints were heard from any of the tiring workers.

With only 3,000 more bags to fill, the assemblers began to roll again. By 3pm, the SUV's from



Geyer Springs were fully loaded with 45 boxes. Each box held approximately 36 bags.

Hats (or hairnets) off to Marlyn Burrow for chairing this event. Every detail was planned to perfection. Congratulations, girl, for a great day and a job well done!

Congratulations, Kay Crutchfield



Kay Crutchfield, a Pulaski County Master Gardener, was the big winner in the Horticulture Division of the Arkansas Federation of Garden Clubs Flower Show held March 2-4, at the State Fairgrounds in Little Rock.

The ribbon on the left is for the best collection entered in the show. There were five entries. The ribbon on the right is for the finest entry in the Horticulture Division. There were 216 entries.

Kay entered 5 Lenten Roses, each a different variety. These were from her garden on Hanna Lane. We are fortunate to have Kay as one of our garden caretakers, here at Faith UMC. Congratulations, Kay.

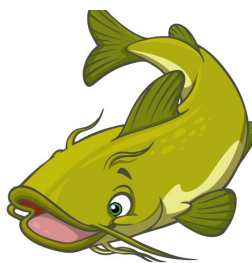
Fish Fry Scheduled for April 20

Friday, April 20th, will be our first Fish Fry this year. Chicken will also be available. Each dinner will be served with hush puppies, slaw, French fries, dessert, and drink.

The charge is \$12 for a 2 piece dinner and \$14 for a 3 piece dinner. Eat in or carry out is available.

Serving is from 6-7:30pm. Plan to eat with us on the third Friday of each month. Invite neighbors and family members to join us for this event.

Of course, help is always needed. So those who are available and willing, we do have a place for you.



February Stats

Date	Worship	Gen. Fund
2/4	58	\$ 5,627
2/11	61	1,579
(Ash Wednesday)		
2/14	29	115
2/18	55	2,397
2/25	52	<u>1,707</u>
		\$11,425

Renovation Fund	\$ 375
Geyer Springs	
Food Pantry	145
Noisy Offering	87

Guidelines for Christian Living

1. *Read your Bible daily.* It comforts, guides, corrects, encourages.
2. *Learn the secret of prayer.* Every prayer will be answered — sometimes "yes", "no", or "wait", but it will be answered.
3. *Rely constantly on the Holy Spirit.* Let Him take over all the choices and decisions of your life.
4. *Attend church regularly.* We need to gather together to worship God.
5. *Be a witnessing Christian.* We witness by life and by word — and the two, where possible, should go hand in hand.
6. *Let love be the ruling principle of your life.* The greatest demonstration of the fact that we are Christians is that we love one another.
7. *Be an obedient Christian.* Let Christ have 1st place in all choices of your life.
8. *Learn how to meet temptation.* Temptation is not sin. It is *yielding* that is sin.
9. *Be a wholesome Christian.* Our lives and appearance should commend the Gospel and make it attractive to others.
10. *Live above your circumstances.* Don't let circumstances get you down. Learn to live graciously within them, realizing the Lord Himself is with you.

(Guidelines for Christian Living, taken from *Peace With God*, by Rev. Billy Graham)

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Thank You

—To all who made our
Pack Shack event possible.
You are the greatest!

Sincerely,
Marlyn Burrow

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<i>1 Easter</i> 9:45 a.m., Lenten Study, 11:00 a.m., Worship Service Communion— bring your Gift Box with coins	<i>2</i> 10:00 a.m., Prayer Watch Ministry at Faith or wherever you are	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i> 11:00 a.m., Dominoes/Bring your lunch 6:00 p.m., Choir Practice	<i>5</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>7</i> *leaders in the Methodist Conference
<i>8</i> 9:45 a.m., Sunday School, 11:00 a.m., Worship Service	<i>9</i> 10:00 a.m., Prayer Watch Ministry at Faith or wherever you are	<i>10</i>	<i>11</i> 11:00 a.m., Dominoes/Bring your lunch 6:00 p.m., Choir Practice	<i>12</i> 11:30 a.m., Sr. Networking (agencies)	<i>13</i> 6:30-9:30p.m., Parent's Night Out	<i>14</i> *leaders in our nation
<i>15</i> 9:45 a.m., Sunday School 11:00 a.m., Worship Service	<i>16</i> 10:00 a.m., Prayer Watch Ministry at Faith or wherever you are	<i>17</i> 6:30 p.m., Administrative Board Meeting	<i>18</i> 11:00 a.m., Dominoes/Bring your lunch 6:00 p.m., Choir	<i>19</i>	<i>20</i> 6:00 p.m., <i>Fish Fry</i>	<i>21</i> *hospital workers
<i>22</i> 9:45 a.m., Sunday School 11:00 a.m., Worship Service	<i>23</i> 10:00 a.m., Prayer Watch Ministry at Faith or wherever you are	<i>24</i> 1:00 p.m., UMW meeting	<i>25</i> 11:00 a.m., Dominoes/Bring your lunch 6:00 p.m., Choir Practice	<i>26</i> 11:00 a.m., Cure PSP	<i>27</i>	<i>28</i> *first responders
<i>29</i> 9:45 a.m., Lenten Study 11:00 a.m., Sunday School Worship Service Potluck	<i>30</i> 10:00 a.m., Prayer Watch Ministry at Faith or wherever you are					*Please pray for those listed above.

Scripture

"Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you.
For everyone who asks receives; he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened."

—Matthew 7:17