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# Faith Calls...

## Pastor's Thoughts

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### Birthdays

- 11/1, Dave McLeod
- 11/3, Judy House
- 11/9, Jackie Parker
- 11/14, Brenda Smith
- 11/16, Rev. Nat Grady
- 11/20, Virginia McCastlain
- 11/21, Emma Hoffman
- 11/23, Cynda Bellamy

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## How We Reach Out

This is the harvest season and the time when churches traditionally make their stewardship campaigns for the coming year. This year, our stewardship Sunday will be November 19. On that Sunday we ask you to bring your pledge cards to be placed on the altar. Though stewardship is an ongoing expectation, on that particular day, each of you are asked to recall and reaffirm your pledge to do these five things:

- Pray for the church and its mission and ministry. This is the singular most important thing we can do.
- Please attend worship and Christian discipleship programs. Your presence sends a strong message to those who might consider joining us.
- Your church needs you to be faithful in your giving. Current giving is sufficient to pay the bills, but little is left for

reaching out. If we cannot reach out, we cannot grow. If we can't grow we will wither. I ask you to consider your efforts to be an investment in the future of this church and the work it will do for the kingdom. As we grow, this responsibility will be shared with others.

I will ask each of you to consider giving a biblical tithe of 10% of your income each year. Tithing will be difficult for some. In that event, please consider "growing toward a tithe" by giving 1% extra this year and adding 1% annually in the years to follow until you reach a tithe.

Our financial team has asked that I encourage you to reconsider the targets of your giving. It may seem strange, but we ask you to divert some of your gifts from the building fund to the general fund. Proportionally, the building fund is

healthy while the general fund could use the additional support.

- When we call for labor, please come if you are able. If you have limitations, we will find something to accommodate you. The hands on components of our mission are just as essential as your money gifts. Our effort to make a difference in the world translates into people wanting to know more about us. Additionally, doing many things ourselves is a chance for fellowship, gives us pride in accomplishment and ownership, as well as a cost saving measure.
- Use your witness. Our best method of reaching out is to share your story of faith with others.

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## How We Reach Out (continued)

Stewardship is so much more than paying bills. Our job is reaching out to sharing Christ, and this is how we do it. I challenge and push you to do more, to give more, and to be more. If I am not challenging and pushing you, I am failing to do my job. I do not push you to condemn or embarrass, I push you because I love you.

You have a wonderful message to share about a loving God and what God has done for you. That story must be told more now than ever

before. Your stewardship permits this to happen.

It continues to be my great privilege to serve God and this church as your pastor.

Shalom,  
*Bro. David*



*Thank you, Teresa, for the outstanding Bible Study this fall. The participants enjoyed "The Faith of a Mockingbird".*

*Watch for upcoming information concerning our Advent Study.*

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### SAVE THE DATE...

- 11/5, All Saints' Sunday
  - 11/5, Christian Education Team meets following Worship Service
  - 11/5, Daylight Saving Time ends
  - 11/12, Pack Shack Party
  - 11/18, Ingathering at AR Food Bank
  - 11/19, Charge Conference
  - 11/23, Thanksgiving Day
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## Pack Shack Party/ Feed the Funnel



Be a part of the fun on Nov. 12th to help feed the hungry. Following the Worship Service, workers will gather in Fellowship for a light lunch with plenty of spare time to Feed the Funnel. It promises to be a rewarding experience filled with laughter and surprises.

To find out more about the Pack Shack, go to the website, [www.packshack.org](http://www.packshack.org) or visit with Marlyn Burrow who is chairing this project for Faith UMC.

## What is Ingathering, 2017

Ingathering, 2017, is an event to be held Saturday, November 18th at the AR Food Bank, 4301 W. 65th Street. The First Shift (8-9:45am) will be followed by Worship for All at 10am. The Second Shift (10:15am—noon) will work to complete the day's event.

According to organizers volunteers will be receiving and sorting relief supply kits, boxing up sweet potatoes, packaging meals for the Foodbank's Food for Kids and Food for Seniors programs, affixing labels to produce packaging and more.

You may register on line. Go to ... [www.eiseverywhere.com/ingathering2017](http://www.eiseverywhere.com/ingathering2017).

## What is Charge Conference?

The charge conference is the basic governing body of each United Methodist local church and is composed of all members of the church council. All members of the charge conference must be members of the local church. The charge conference must meet at least once per year. The charge conference directs the work of the church and gives general oversight to the church council, reviews and

evaluates the mission and ministry of the church, sets salaries for the pastor and staff, elects the members of the church council, and recommends candidates for ordained ministry.

Our Charge Conference will be held Sunday, November 19, 4:00pm, at Geyer Springs UMC, 5500 Geyer Springs Road. It will be under the direction of

our Circuit Elder, Rev. Phil Hathcock.

All are invited to attend this conference. You will find it educational and enlightening.

## Poinsettias for Advent

During the month of November you may place your orders for poinsettia pot plants that will help decorate our sanctuary. Forms are available for you to complete and order your flowers in memory or in honor of loved ones. Place your completed order in the offering

plate. The poinsettias will be on display beginning December 3, the first Sunday of Advent. You may remove your plant/s following the Christmas Eve Service on Sunday evening, December 24.

Check out websites and learn more about this beautiful plant.



### September Stats

| Date | Worship | Gen. Fund       |
|------|---------|-----------------|
| 9/3  | 49      | \$ 5,340        |
| 9/10 | 60      | 1,972           |
| 9/17 | 62      | 1,841           |
| 9/24 | 51      | 911             |
|      |         | <u>\$10,064</u> |

Renovation Fund \$ 2,880  
Noisy Offering 70

## Giving is Good!



Thank you! Thank you! The donations and the volunteer hours have been unbelievable. We have had a lot going on this fall and we have

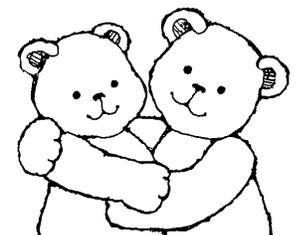
really pushed all of you.

We've helped hurricane victims with financial contributions and health kits through UMCOR. All sorts of items were collected for the youth at Methodist Family Health. We have entertained the folks in the neighborhood with the Fall Fest. Passers-by have been able to stop and enjoy our beautiful

Pumpkin Patch. Visitors have even e-mailed us pictures of their carved pumpkins. We have been busy. We have been blessed.

Sunday Worship services have been available for all to attend and we have given warm greetings to all each week.

Indeed giving is a good thing! Keep up the good work.



# November, 2017

| Sun   | Mon  | Tue  | Wed  | Thu  | Fri                                       | Sat   |
|---|--|--|--|--|---|---|
|   |  |  | <i>1</i><br>11:00 a.m.,<br>Dominoes/Bring<br>your lunch<br>6:00 p.m.,<br>Choir Practice  | <i>2</i><br>11:30 a.m.,<br>Alzheimer's<br>Arkansas<br>(caregivers)<br>Lunch & Learn<br>RSVP 224-0021                                   | <i>3</i>                                  | <i>4</i><br><br>*those in need of<br>families and care                                |
| <i>5</i><br>9:45 a.m.,<br>Sunday School<br>11:00 a.m.,<br>Communion Ser-<br>vice, All Saints<br>Sunday, Christian<br>Educ. Comm.<br>meeting | <i>6</i><br>10:00 a.m.,<br>Prayer Watch<br>Ministry  | <i>7</i><br>6:30 p.m.,<br>Trustees meeting | <i>8</i><br>11:00 a.m.,<br>Dominoes/Bring<br>your lunch<br>6:00 p.m.,<br>Choir Practice  | <i>9</i><br>11:30 a.m.,<br>Sr. Networking<br>(agencies)  | <i>10</i>                                 | <i>11</i><br><br>* those who feel<br>lonely and inse-<br>cure                         |
| <i>12</i><br>9:45 a.m.,<br>Sunday School<br>11:00 a.m.,<br>Worship Service<br>Pack Shack—<br>Feed the Funnel<br>(lunch for workers)         | <i>13</i><br>10:00 a.m.,<br>Prayer Watch<br>Ministry | <i>14</i><br>6:30 p.m.,<br>Finance meeting | <i>15</i><br>11:00 a.m.,<br>Dominoes/Bring<br>your lunch<br>6:00 p.m.,<br>Choir Practice | <i>16</i><br>11:30 a.m.,<br>Live Your Legacy<br>(financial plans)<br>Lunch & Learn<br>RSVP 224-0021<br>1:00 p.m.,<br>Cure PSP –library | <i>17</i>                                 | <i>18</i><br>8:00 a.m.-noon,<br>Ingathering at<br>AR Food Bank<br><br>*the unchurched |
| <i>19</i><br>9:45 a.m.,<br>Sunday School<br>11:00 a.m.,<br>Worship Service<br>4:00 p.m.,<br>Charge Conf. at<br>Geyer Springs                | <i>20</i><br>10:00 a.m.,<br>Prayer Watch<br>Ministry | <i>21</i>                                  | <i>22</i><br>11:00 a.m.,<br>Dominoes/Bring<br>your lunch<br>6:00 p.m.,<br>Choir Practice | <i>23</i><br><br><i>Thanks-<br/>giving<br/>Day</i>   | <i>24</i><br><br><i>Office<br/>closed</i> | <i>25</i><br><br>*our military and<br>leaders   |
| <i>26</i><br>9:45 a.m.,<br>Sunday School<br>11:00 a.m.,<br>Worship Service  | <i>27</i><br>10:00 a.m.,<br>Prayer Watch<br>Ministry | <i>28</i><br>1:00 p.m.,<br>UMW meeting     | <i>29</i><br>11:00 a.m.,<br>Dominoes/Bring<br>your lunch<br>6:00 p.m.,<br>Choir Practice | <i>30</i>  |   | *Please pray for<br>those listed<br>above.  |

Scripture:

Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name.

— Psalm 100:4