**TODAY’S SCRIPTURE**

_Luke 15:11-25 (NRSV)_

11 Then Jesus said, "There was a man who had two sons.
12 The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.' So he divided his property between them.
13 A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living.
14 When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need.
15 So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs.
16 He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything.
17 But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger!'
18 I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you;
19 I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands."
20 So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him.
21 Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.'
22 But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out the robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet.
23 And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate.
24 "Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and heard music and dancing,
25 "And they began to celebrate.

**OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 24, 2014**

**SUNDAY - 8/24**
- 9:45 Sunday School
- 10:30 Fellowship with coffee & donuts, FLC - Gym
- 11:00 Morning Worship, Sanctuary
- 3:00 District Conference, Benton UMC
- 8:00 AA, Fellowship Hall, Room 105

**MONDAY - 8/25**
- 7:00 Scouts, FH, FLC - Gym

**TUESDAY - 8/26**
- Final Day to Register for Beth Moore Study
- 8:30 MDO, Level 2 Classrooms
- 7:00 Finance Team Meeting, Fellowship Hall

**WEDNESDAY - 8/27**
- 6:00 Youth, FLC-Gym
- 7:00 Choir Practice, Choir Room

**THURSDAY - 8/28**
- 8:30 MDO, Level 2 Classrooms

**FRIDAY - 8/29**

**SATURDAY - 8/30**

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**Monthly Giving to the General Budget**

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GREETING EACH OTHER IN CHRISTIAN LOVE

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PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

PEOPLE:

WORSHIP LEADER: The Word of God for the People of God

BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER

POSTLUDE

CHORAL AMEN

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

INVITATION TO BAPTISM AND CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALTAR FLOWERS today are placed by Chuck & Nancy McIlwain in honor of their 50th wedding anniversary.

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are in celebration of the 49th wedding anniversary of Dave & Joyce Eicher.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN will sponsor a “Money Tree” during the month of August as a wedding gift for Isaac & Natalee Collins, who were married on August 16, 2014. Isaac is the son of our pastor, Dr. Tony Collins and his wife Susan. Isaac has just finished an internship at a church in Maggie Valley, North Carolina, and will be going back to seminary at Duke University in North Carolina after the wedding. You may place your gift for the couple in the offering plate and mark it for Isaac and Natalee along with a card. If you have any questions, please contact one of the United Methodist Women. May we show Isaac and Natalee what a loving, caring church we are here at Spring City United Methodist.

YOUTH gather tonight at 6:00 p.m., in the Family Life Center.

FINANCE TEAM meets Tuesday, August 26, at 7 p.m., in the Fellowship Hall. All team members should be present at the meeting.

FINAL DAY TO SIGN UP FOR BETH MOORE BIBLE STUDY is Tuesday, August 26. To enroll, you may sign the sheet on the bulletin board in the hallway near the side entrance, call the church office at 476-6324, or email scmmc@volstate.net. Book price is $15.95.

WEE PRAISE CHILDREN’S CHOIR begins on Wednesday, September 3rd and will meet each Wednesday from 5:30 - 6:00 p.m. Children up to the 5th Grade are welcome to come and sing as loud as they can for our Lord.

5th SUNDAY SING begins at 6 p.m., in the sanctuary, Sun., Aug. 31st.

EVERYONE IS INVITED TO THE BRIDAL TEA to honor Ashley Snyder and Michael Quinn, Sunday, September 7, 1:30 - 3:00 p.m., in the Family Life Center.

PRAYER FOR OUR MILITARY

William Wilkie

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