### SPRING CITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
#### First Sunday of Advent
#### December 4, 2016

**PIANIST:** Angela Garrison  **ORGANIST:** Bryan Massengale  **ACOLYTE:** Kennedi Pruett

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**FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY** are in loving memory of Mom and Dad from the True Family.

**THANK YOU FROM THE COMMUNITY MINISTRY TEAM:** We would like to express our deep appreciation to everyone who contributed in any way toward the Community Ministry Team's Thanksgiving Day dinner. It was a great team effort. Your continual support of this ministry helped many in our community have a blessed day. Thank you!  - Dan & Rita Usher

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**CHURCH COUNCIL** meets at 4 p.m. this afternoon in the Fellowship Hall. All council members are urged to be present at this meeting.

**SPRING CITY WOMEN’S CLUB** meets in the Fellowship Hall, Tuesday, December 6th, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Mary Drinkard is the contact.

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**UNITED METHODIST WOMEN (UMW)** begin their meeting at 6 p.m., Tuesday, December 6th, in the Fellowship Hall. All women in our church are invited.

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**SCOUTS’ COMMITTEE** meets in the Family Life Center at 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, December 6th.

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**TRUSTEES MEETING** is Thursday, December 8th at 7 p.m. in the Parlor. Thank you to everyone for your faithful service during 2016.

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**KIWANIS CLUB DISTRIBUTES CHRISTMAS BASKETS**, Saturday, December 10th in the Family Life Center, 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. They will prepare the Family Life Center for the distribution on Friday, December 9th.

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**THE MEMORIAL SERVICE** for Joan Carthey is Saturday, December 17th at 11:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary with Pastor Dale officiating.

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**STRIKING OF THE HOUR**

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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**GATHERING**

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**SCRIPTURE LESSON**

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**PEOPLE:**

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**PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

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**THE DOXOLOGY**

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**GREETING EACH OTHER IN CHRISTIAN LOVE**

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**HYMN**

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**CHILDREN’S SERMON**

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**CHOIR ANTHEM**

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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**CONGREGATION STANDS**

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**PERSONAL transmitters for the hearing impaired are available. Please see an usher for assistance. Nursery available near the Fellowship Hall."
Upcoming Events
Week of December 4, 2016

Sunday, December 4
9:45  Sunday School
11:00  Morning Worship, Sanctuary
4:00  Church Council, Fellowship Hall
5:00  Cantata Practice, Choir Room
4:30-6:30  Youth, Family Life Center
8-9 p.m.  AA, Fellowship Hall

Monday, December 5
10:00  TLC, Library
6:30  Cub Scouts
7:00  Boy Scouts

Tuesday, December 6
8:30  MDO, Level 2 Classrooms
11:00  Women's Club, Fellowship Hall
6:00  UMW, Fellowship Hall
6:30  Scouts' Committee, Family Life Center

Wednesday, December 7
10:00  Disciple 4, Fellowship Hall
4:30-8:30  Youth, Family Life Center
6:00  Children's Class, Fellowship Hall
7:00  Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room

Thursday, December 8
8:30  MDO, Level 2 Classrooms
7:00  Trustees' Meeting, Parlor

Friday, December 9  Church Office Closed
Family Life Center Closed for Kiwanis set-up

Saturday, December 10
9-1:00  Distribution of Kiwanis Christmas baskets
Family Life Center

WAY TO GO - WAY TO GIVE  SPRING CITY
Stewardship is a lifestyle. Commitment cards are inserted in today's bulletins and will be included in next Sunday's bulletins, too. Please prayerfully consider ways to serve the Lord and support the ministries of the Church. Please return your commitment card sometime during the month of December. Thank you.

Monthly Giving to the General Budget

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SCORPIER READING
Matthew 3:1-12 (NRSV)

1  In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming,
2  "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near."
3  This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.'"
4  Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey.
5  Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan,
6  and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.
7  But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come?
8  Bear fruit worthy of repentance.
9  Do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham.
10  Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.
11  'I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.
12  His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY
MINISTER:  Rev. Dale S. Wyrick
WORSHIP LEADER:  Kevin Rose
CHOIR DIRECTOR:  Judy Ezell
GREETERS:  Sharon Cowart, Lynda Smith
CHILDREN'S CHURCH:  Shelly Pruett
NURSERY:  Debbie Wilson, Hannah Couch
USHERS:  Natalie Baker, Steve Keylon, Walt Morse, Jerry Smith
SOUND OPERATORS:  Silas & Linda Booker  Backup:  Marty Gilliam
WEBSITE ADMINISTRATOR:  Jay Maddux

SERVING IN WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11
Greeters:  Mary Drinkard, Susie Strunk  Children's Church:  Susan Maddux
Nursery:  Terry Hooper, Loretta Hale  Acolyte:  Rachel Heimel
Ushers:  Shirley Corbin, Earl Keahey, Billy Ray Patton, Ken Rose

TOYS FOR CHILDREN:  Anyone who wishes to give a monetary donation for toys for children, please go to First Bank. Applications can be picked up at City Hall, VEC, and Cash Express. The Angel Tree will be up at First Bank after Thanksgiving. Anyone who would like to contribute a gift of money should take it to First Bank. If you have any questions, please contact Helen Kincannon at 365-0197.