**THE LAMPLIGHTER**

Newsletter of the

SPRING CITY
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
AUGUST 2011

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**Dale’s Doodles**

**IT TAKES A STRONG PERSON TO SAY SORRY, AND AN EVEN STRONGER PERSON TO FORGIVE.**

Peter came to Jesus one day and asked him how often you should forgive someone who has offended you. Jesus responded by saying, “Seventy times seven.” This is challenging but a good spiritual discipline. As we journey through life, there will be times when we have wronged someone or someone has wronged us. So what do we do??

If one professes to be a Christian then the solution is a very easy one. We need to be like Jesus! Jesus says we are to forgive one another. Jesus said, “You have heard that it was said, ‘An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.’ 39 But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, 40 so that you may be children of your Father in heaven; for he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the righteous and on the unrighteous. 41 For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax-collectors do the same? 42 And if you greet only your brothers and sisters,” what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? 43 Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect. Matthew 5:38-48

We are to forgive as God forgives - unconditionally. When we pray the Lord’s Prayer, we say “forgive us our trespasses AS we forgive those who trespass against us.” There is a condition God puts upon us about our forgiveness. God will forgive us as we forgive others.

**To forgive is to set a prisoner free and discover that the prisoner was you.** ~ Lewis B. Smedes

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Shalom
Pastor Dale
**August Birthdays**

1. Betty Ann Huling, Richard Sutton
2. Joey Heimel
3. Tim Dodson
4. Carolyn Haerr
5. Mark Neal
6. Dalton Rose
7. Eric Bowman, Gerri Cash
8. Ella Bell, Kathleen Reece
9. Mark Cashman, Sharon Cowart
10. Liz Stair
11. Ray Eldridge
12. Bill Lavender, Gerald Madaris
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**August Anniversaries**

1. Jim & Sylvia Baldwin
2. Silas & Linda Booker
3. Chris & Tracey Rose
4. Silas & Nancy McIlwain
5. Richard & Liz Stair
6. Glenn & Marilyn Cooksey
7. Eddie Boles
8. Kevin & Barbara Rose
9. Carl & Kay Hesselbach
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**Faithful Workers**

- B/S: Shepherds
- B/S: Ushers
- B/S: Nursery
- B/S: Children's Church
- B/S: Youth
- B/S: Adult
- B/S: Acolyte
- B/S: Oceaneanne Hunt
- B/S: Mid-Day

**August 2011**

**Newspaper Deadline**

**Labor Day (No Youth)**

**Sunday Schedule**

- 9:45 a.m. - Children's Choir
- 11:00 a.m. - Morning Worship
- 9:45 a.m. - Sunday School
- 6:00 p.m. - Bible Study
- 10:45 a.m. - Coffee & Donuts
- 6:00 p.m. - Youth

**Welcome Back Choir!**
Memorials

Ray and Glenda Keylon gave to the Memorial Fund in memory of Bernice Rogers and J.W. Gilliam.

Joe and Theresa Lisa, Mrs. Willie DeFriese, John and Mary Sue Sanders, and Alice Owsley gave to the Organ Fund in memory of Ed Stephenson.

Harry and Caroline Green gave to the Organ Fund in memory of Ed Stephenson.

Robert and Lucy Stephenson gave to the Organ Fund in memory of Ed Stephenson.

Bill and Kathleen Jaco gave to the Memorial Fund in memory of Aaron Douglas.

Ray and Glenda Keylon gave to the Memorial Fund in memory of Kim Carr.

Steve and Beth Keylon gave to the General Budget in memory of Aaron Douglas.

Wes and June Tallent gave to the Loan Reduction Fund in memory of Aaron Douglas.

George and Mary Leigh Beers gave to the Organ Fund in memory of Ed Stephenson.

William and Rachel Cadenhead gave to the Organ Fund in memory of Ed Stephenson.

Bill and Betty Reinke gave to the Organ Fund in memory of Ed Stephenson.

St. Marks Methodist Pairs & Spares Sunday School Class gave to the Organ Fund in memory of Ed Stephenson.

William and Virginia Henderson gave to the Organ Fund in memory of Ed Stephenson.

MONTHLY REPORT GIVING & MONEY DISBURSED

JUNE 2011

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<th>INCOME</th>
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EXCESS INCOME/EXPENSE: -$13,030.58 - $17,876.26 = $0.00  0.00%

FINANCIAL & ATTENDANCE REPORTS

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SS ATTENDANCE: 74  69  74  72
WORSHIP ATTENDANCE: 156  181  182  177

Dear Church Family,

I really appreciate the Bible set and love the prayer shawl! I will have those things with me at UTC.

I would appreciate your prayers during my college years.

Sincerely,

Taylor Thurman

I would like to thank Margo Hinsdale, Fran Hubbard, Glenda Keylon, and Carol Price for helping prepare and serve meals to the children and helpers at VBS this year. Couldn’t have done it without them!

Also, I would like to thank Clyde Thurman of Subway for providing the bread for our sandwiches on Thursday.

I believe we had a wonderful time and were richly blessed.

Nancy Gilliam

Dear Friends in Christ,

Thank you so much for your gift of $168.00 for mission work at Morgan Scott.

We are hosting 13 work groups from across the country this summer and doing lots of home repair.

I missed the youth this spring. We are clearing the trees and underbrush from around the project office. I do hope the youth would come for a weekend this fall and help us cut, haul and burn.

Thank you for your love and support.

In God’s Service,

Ella Smith,
Executive Director, Morgan Scott Project

With Love & Gratitude
The Mexico Medical Mission Team’s annual reunion was held in the Family Life Center (FLC) on Saturday, July 9. Those invited to attend the reunion are volunteers who participate in the mission trips to Mexico. They had a great time recalling past trips and also planning ahead to future ones.

Sombreros, colorful scarves and tablecloths added a very festive atmosphere. The delicious meal was prepared by Nancy Gilliam.

Now everyone looks ahead to the next Mexico Medical Mission Trip, which will be the last week of March 2012.
Welcome New Members!

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Vacation Bible School (VBS) began Monday, June 20, at 6:30 p.m., in the Family Life Center. Attendance averaged approximately 62 - 75 kids nightly. Angie Rose, VBS Director, did a fantastic job, along with all the other volunteers and teachers, who donated so much of their time and talents to assure the success of this year’s VBS.

VBS teachers presented certificates to the kids at the program held in the sanctuary at 11 a.m. on Sunday, July 26. Angela Garrison directed the kids as they delighted everyone present with songs learned throughout the week.

Some kids were heard to remark that this was the best VBS they had ever attended. No greater praise can the leaders hear than those words! Thank all of you for an outstanding VBS 2011!