GIVE THANKS WITH A GRATEFUL HEART
GIVE THANKS TO THE HOLY ONE
GIVE THANKS FOR HE’S GIVEN JESUS CHRIST, HIS SON

AND NOW LET THE WEAK SAY I AM STRONG
LET THE POOR SAY I AM RICH
BECAUSE OF WHAT THE LORD HAS DONE FOR US

GIVE THANKS...

Psalm 100:1-5
1 Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth.
2 Worship the LORD with gladness; come into his presence with singing.
3 Know that the LORD is God. It is he that made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.
4 Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him, bless his name.
5 For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

It is the season of Thanksgiving when we focus our minds and hearts on being thankful for all that we have. The Bible teaches us that every good gift comes from above, and we are so blessed to have so many gifts from our Heavenly Father.

Often we splurge by having an extraordinarily large and delicious meal. We cook too much, eat too much, and then we often sleep too much. We call that Thanksgiving with all the trimmings. It is a tradition we celebrate every Thanksgiving Day.

But we should not choose only one particular day to say thanks to God for all His blessings. God has and is always blessing us. He meets our every need in His will, and in His time.

Because of what God has done…let everyone give thanks every day.

Shalom,
Pastor Dale

Please call the church office (365-6324) the first of every month with an update if you wish a name to remain on the prayer list.
December 2012

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**Birthdays**
1. Judith Barger
2. Jim Baldwin
3. Cynthia Snyder
4. Autumn Neal
5. Hannah Couch
6. Karen Jo Tallent
7. Aaron Heimel
8. Walter Hooper IV
9. Lori Dillard
10. David Beckler
11. Erin Couch
12. Chris Hastings
13. Sam Hanson
14. Atlanta Ervin
15. Patricia Garner
16. Caren Ruffner
17. Jamie Messimer
18. Jeff Keylon
19. Jerry Smith
20. Chris Odson
21. Betty Talley
22. Todd Thompson
23. Taylor Thurman
24. Betty Talley
25. Ron Barger
26. Danny Beckler
27. Carl Bevins
28. Chandler Beckler
29. Erin Couch
30. Judy Scott
31. Mark Dines

**Faithful Workers**
12/2
- Ushers: Ronnie Barger, Eddie Garrison, Kevin Garrison, Marty Gilliam

12/9
- Ushers: Jerry Henley, Leon Hicks, Marla Hinzman, Steve Keylon

12/16
- Ushers: Earl Keen, Drew Keahey, Billy Ray Patton, Earl Robbins

12/23
- Ushers: Ken Rose, Kevin Rose, Jennings Smith, Jerry Smith

12/30
- Ushers: Bob Larson, Eddie Garrison, K. Walt Horse, Chadley Bowman

12/3
- Ushers: Jim S. Baldwin, Kevin & Angie Rose

12/6
- Ushers: Margaret Scholz, Lynda Smith

12/9
- Ushers: Susie Strunk, Pete & Shelby Williams

12/16
- Ushers: Jim S. Baldwin, Kevin & Angie Rose

12/19
- Ushers: Margaret Scholz, Lynda Smith

12/23
- Ushers: Susie Strunk, Pete & Shelby Williams

12/26
- Ushers: Jim S. Baldwin, Kevin & Angie Rose

**Hosts**
- Linda Mullins, Carol Price
- Jim S. Baldwin, Kevin & Angie Rose
- Margaret Scholz, Lynda Smith
- Susie Strunk, Pete & Shelby Williams

**Nurseries**
- Terry Hooper, Peggy Bowman
- Cathy Barnes, Andrea Cash
- Angie Couch, Kaitlynn
- Lesia Garrison, Loretta Hale
- Beth Keylon, Kaylyn

**Acolyte**
- Hannah Couch
- J. T. Baker
- Oceananne Hunt
- Natalie Baker

**Children’s Church**
- Robin Bolton
- Ashley Snyder
- Susan Maddox
- Sharon Baker
- Michele Peterson

**Youth**
- Sharon Baker
- Angie Couch
- Beth Keylon
- Penny Rice

**Sunday Schedule**
- 9:45 a.m.: Children’s Choir
- 10:45 a.m.: Bible Study
First Wednesday Night Fellowship Dinners

Wednesday, December 5, @ 6 p.m. - Family Life Center

Bring a dish (enough for your family)

Please come celebrate with the Nurture Committee as we host a Covered Dish Dinner and enjoy a time of food, fellowship, and fun among our church family.

In order to continue the First Wednesday Night Dinners, we will need groups of volunteers to sign up for 2013. It is a “have it your way” opportunity: covered dish, catered, or prepare it yourself for those in need of a fundraiser!

Sign up now for your choice of months! Sign-up sheet will be available at the dinner, or contact Susan Maddux for more information. See you there!

Memorials & Honorariums

Bill & Patty Crowder gave to the Children’s Ministries in memory of Chelsea Hanson.

Don Chamberlain gave to the Sanctuary Music Fund in memory of Dewey Hanson.

Gray & Sharon gave to the Children’s Ministries in memory of Chelsea Southers.

Dan & Rita Uhler gave to Mexico Medical Mission in honor of Max & Pat Hanson.

Shelley at Cash Express. Call Helen Kincannon for more information.

If you buy toys, you may drop them off at Cash Express or call Helen Kincannon at 365-7020.

Toys for Children may do so at First Tennessee Bank (ask for Heather). If you want to make a monetary donation, mark your check “Morgan-Scott toys.” The last day to bring toys is Sunday, December 16.

Anyone wishing to give monetary donations for Toys for Children may do so at First Tennessee Bank (ask for Heather). If you buy toys, you may drop them off at Cash Express or call Helen Kincannon at 365-0197. If you know anyone who needs assistance, contact Shelley at Cash Express. Call Helen Kincannon for more information.

COATS FOR KIDS: If you would like to help keep a child warm this winter, you may donate a new coat or give money (make checks payable to SCUMC and write “Coats for Kids” on the memo line). There will be boxes at the side entrance and at the FLC for your donations.

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MORGAN-SCOTT TOY DRIVE: Please bring toys for Morgan-Scott Counties so children who live there may have a happy Christmas. Boxes will be at the side entrance and at the FLC for your donations. If you want to make a monetary donation, mark your check “Morgan-Scott toys.” The last day to bring toys is Sunday, December 16.

**TOYS FOR CHILDREN:** Anyone wishing to give monetary donations for Toys for Children may do so at First Tennessee Bank (ask for Heather). If you buy toys, you may drop them off at Cash Express or call Helen Kincannon at 365-0197. If you know anyone who needs assistance, contact Shelley at Cash Express. Call Helen Kincannon for more information.

**COATS FOR KIDS:** If you would like to help keep a child warm this winter, you may donate a new coat or give money (make checks payable to SCUMC and write “Coats for Kids” on the memo line). There will be boxes at the side entrance and at the FLC for the new coats. Dr. Beth Casady will deliver the coats to Spring City Elementary and Middle Schools.

KIWANIS CHRISTMAS FOOD BASKETS: It’s that time of year again, and the Kiwanis Club has begun to plan for another year of helping our community in their time of need. Applications for assistance were placed at the Library by the Kiwanis Club and already 118 applications have been picked up by those who need help. Your donations are greatly appreciated and will help to provide food to our needy.

**CHRISTMAS TIME REMINDERS**

**READERS FOR ADVENT**

Sun., Dec. 2 First Sunday in Advent, Tommy & Loretta Hale
Sun., Dec. 9 Second Sunday in Advent, Tim & Lynne Agee
Sun., Dec. 16 Third Sunday in Advent, Diane Yonke & relative
Sun., Dec. 23 Fourth Sunday in Advent, Barbara Hardy & Hunter
Mon., Dec. 24 Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, Michael Shock & Letty Shock

“Night of the Father’s Love” - Christmas Cantata performed by Chancel Choir w/ Judy Ezell, Director
11:00 a.m. - Sanctuary
Sunday, December 16, 2012

Christmas Eve Candlelight & Communion Service
Mon., Dec. 24, 5:00 p.m. - Sanctuary
Church Office Closed

**5th Sunday Sing**
6:00 p.m. - Sanctuary
Sunday, December 30
Ladies 60 and up met for LDL, Tuesday, November 13, 12:00 p.m., in the FLC-Gym. Caren Ruffner’s pretty Thanksgiving table decorations consisted of cornucopias and Autumn leaves. Patty Crowder’s devotional focused on loving kindness. Patty also offered the blessing before the meal. Caterer, Cookie Smith prepared a delicious meal of turkey and dressing, mashed potatoes, creamed corn, rolls and choice of dessert. Jerry Lamb was welcomed as the guest speaker. Special thank you to Pastor Dale for taking the photos. The final LDL meeting in 2012 will be the third Tuesday of the month - December 18, 2012. Hope you can attend!

Ronnie Barger gave peanut butter cookies to church members & visitors as they left church, Sun., Nov. 11. In anticipation of Peanut Butter Sunday, November 18, Ronnie’s wife, Judith, baked the cookies to remind everyone to be sure and bring their peanut butter on Nov. 18th, so this year’s goal could be met.
Vicki Stephenson, Director of Henderson Settlement, was the guest speaker for United Methodist Women Sunday (UMW), November 11, 2012. Judy Litteken, UMW Chairperson, served as worship leader, and Susan Maddux read the scripture. Ushers/Greeters were Sharon Cowart, Patty Crowder, Carolyn Haen, and Dorothy Hastings. Linda Mullins gave the offertory prayer, and Pat Douglas led the Children’s Sermon. The UMW would like to thank everyone for their donations to the Henderson Settlement, which is the UMW’s 2012 Hands on Mission Project.

The happy group of Methodists pictured below left church at 8 a.m., on Tuesday, October 23, onboard the church bus, driven by Tommy Hale, for a fun-filled day at Cades Cove. The day was sunny and bright, and the fall leaves were beautiful to behold. Stops were made for brunch and also for dinner before the group returned to the church from their Autumn excursion.

The Fall Festival drew a huge crowd of 520 guests, and 240 for Trunk ‘n Treat. Over 45 volunteered to help with the festivities, and there was a total of 16 trunks full of candy for Trunk ‘n Treat. Angie Rose would like to thank all the volunteers who helped to make this year’s Fall Festival and Trunk ‘n Treat such a success. A special thank you to all who donated candy and baked the delicious cupcakes.

UMW guest speaker, Vicki Stephenson is shown above.
Welcome New Member!

New member, Michael Shock, stands with Pastor Dale when he united with our church on Profession of Faith on Sunday, November 4, 2012.

We are blessed and happy to have Michael as a member of our church family and to join with us in our service for Jesus Christ.

DING-A-LINGS performed two selections from Bach’s Cantata 208 at the worship service on Sunday morning, November 4. Director Judy Ezell, shown at right as she prepares to lead the Handchimes, are shown as they played “Prelude on Ash Grove” and “Sheep May Safely Graze.”

Big Turnout for 1st Wednesday Fellowship Dinner

The 1st Wednesday Fellowship Dinner at 6 p.m., on November 7, in the Family Life Center was a huge success! Chuck McIlwain, Chairman of the Worship/Ministries Team thanks the Community Ministries Team for preparing a superb meal, the ladies who provided the desserts, Norman Bowman for sharing his blessings, to the Bowman family for their special gesture to support Bryan, and to the ones who made the generous donations to the Helping Hands Ministry.

Above is Director of Morgan/Scott Project, Ella Smith and her husband. Mrs. Smith was the guest speaker and gave a very informative talk following the 1st Wednesday Fellowship meal.

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Attention: Amateurs and Pros alike... Send your photos to: dale@springcityumc.com.