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Notice some of the facts in the story. The disciples cannot help because they do not have the money to buy enough bread to feed five thousand men. There is a boy who offers all that he has, which is his lunch. Instead of scoffing at him, Jesus receives his gift and gave thanks for it, and then distributes the gift to all of them. The concluding sentence says they ate until they were full.

Miracles happen!! Sometimes it is difficult to believe, BUT they do.

Shalom

In our story, which is in all four gospels, the writer, John, tells us of a miracle that seems beyond logic and may seem almost unbelievable. But it is true because Jesus is the Son of God with the power to transform a situation. It seems almost impossible for one to take two fish and five loaves and feed five thousand men; but with God, all things are possible. It is amazing to us when something like this happens because it is beyond our human possibilities. God is far better able to do more than we can.

We sing a hymn in the church called, “Tell Me the Stories of Jesus,” and the Gospels are the record of Jesus stories. The stories are told to inform us about what Jesus would do. Some of them are stories about miracles that seem to defy logic. But the fact is, it is logical when Jesus has a miracle.

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Joe Lisa gave to the Williams.

Dan & Rita Uhler gave to the Sanctuary Music Fund in memory of Carl Hesselbach.

Lyle & June Kuehn and Jerry & Rayna Henley gave to the General Budget.

Ralph & Beth Root gave to the Williams.

Gary & Mark Drinkard, Clyde & Wendy Thurman, Susan Piolatto, and Patty Crowder gave to the Memorial Fund.

Joyce Drake gave to the Music Memorial Fund in memory of Carl Hesselbach.

Those who gave to the Memorial Fund in memory of Pete Williams: Lynn & Panter, Gary & Mary Drinkard, Clyde & Wendy Thurman, and Patty Crowder.

Gary & Mark Drinkard, Clyde & Wendy Thurman, Susan Piolatto, and Ralph & Beth Root gave to the Memorial Fund in memory of Carl Hesselbach.

Lyle & June Kuehn and Jerry & Rayna Henley gave to the Bereavement Fund in memory of Pete Williams.

Max & Pat Douglas gave to the Community Ministries Fund in memory of Betty Barger.

Fred & Linda Mullins gave to the Community Ministries Fund in memory of Niran Roy.

Those who gave to the General Budget in memory of Carl Hesselbach: Richard & Liz Stair, Chris & Carolyn Haer, Jerry & Lynda Smith, Kevin & Angie Rose, Deanna Ware, Eleanor Trail, Gene & Dorothy Hastings, Robert & Constance Dilger.

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Joe Lisa gave to the Prayer Shawl Ministry in memory of Carl Hesselbach.

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**UNITED METHODIST WOMEN (UMW) BOOK CLUB**

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Betty Barnes

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**MONTHLY REPORT GIVING & MONEY DISBURSED**

**AUGUST 2016**

**INCOME**

- **CURRENT PERIOD**: 2016, 206, 805
- **YEAR TO DATE**: 354,000.00
- **ANNUAL BUDGET**: 61.1%

**EXPENSES**

- **Salaries & Benefits**: 16,293.85
- **Property Maintenance**: 4,040.19
- **Office Administration**: 324.83
- **Nurture & Music**: 787.41
- **Witness**: 125.00
- **Outreach - Missions**: 75.00
- **Conference/District**: 2,217.07
- **Church Support**: 245.70
- **Children’s Ministries**: 1,996.71
- **Adult Ministries**: 126.02
- **Youth Ministries**: 2,000.00
- **MDO Expenses**: 1,757.19

**TOTAL EXPENSES**: 26,022.26

**NET INCOME**: -1,856.55

**FINANCIAL & ATTENDANCE REPORTS**

- **General Budget**: 4,203.00
- **MDO**: 80.00
- **Memorial**: 502.00
- **Special**: 790.15

**TOTAL**: 5,073.15

**SS ATTENDANCE**: 76

**WORSHIP ATTENDANCE**: 175

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Children’s Ministry Kick-Off

We kicked off our 3rd-5th grade class on Wednesday night with 5 kids present and 3 more on roll. That’s 8 already! Thank you to Kathy for leading them to work together as they seek God with all their hearts.

Do you know anyone that fits this class? Please encourage them to come each Wednesday night from 6-7:30 in the Fellowship Hall. We need Safe Sanctuary Second’s to help with this class as well. Sign up sheet is on bulletin board by the youth office.

Monday, October 31, 2016
Fall Festival - 5:30-7:30 pm
Trunk or Treat - 7:30-8:00 pm
Family Life Center

Help Needed
Homemade Cupcakes
Individually Wrapped Candy
Hot Dogs and Buns
Volunteers

There is a sign-up sheet on the board beside the Youth office. Please come by and let us know how you are willing to help us reach our community for Christ this Halloween.

Fall Festival
Trunk or Treat

On Tuesday, September 20th, the welcome back from summer meeting of Let’s Do Lunch (LDL) began at noon in the Family Life Center (FLC) for ladies, 60 and up. Patty Crowder led the meeting with prayer and devotions followed by a delicious lunch prepared by Cookie Smith. Pastor Dale was the guest speaker, and he shared his expertise with photography and offered the ladies several tips on taking good pictures. Pastor Dale also had a large display of his photos the ladies enjoyed seeing. The next LDL is Tuesday, October 18th, at noon in the FLC.

If you would like to help with the nursery during the Sunday morning worship service for 2017, please contact the church office (365-6324) or Peggy Bowman at 365-7259. We need at least two volunteers for each Sunday and plan to have each one scheduled for approximately seven Sundays during the year. Please remember that this is not limited to females; it would be nice to have some men help out, as well.
This study covers writings in the Old and New Testaments and the writings of St. John. Participants of Disciple 4 featured are (seated left): Kathy Heimel, Donna Hudson, Sheila Larson; (back row left): Allison Wood, Liz Stair, Jim Weaver, David Gilliam, and the facilitator, Walt Morse.

Ashley & Michael Guinn were honored with a baby shower, Sunday, September 11th, in the Family Life Center. Their new soon-to-be born son, Ezra, received many nice gifts. Ashley and Michael are featured above with Ezra’s maternal grandparents, Frank and Vickie Snyder, and his aunt and uncle, Cynthia and Ryan Dykeman.

The First Community Meal after the summer break fed a large group of people in our community on Thurs., Sept. 15th, at 5 p.m. in the Family Life Center. We are grateful for Dan & Rita Uhler, Jerry & Rayna Henley, Don Uhler, Tia Gilmore, James Gilbert, Pat Douglas, and Ken & Barbara Rose who volunteered to make this important ministry so successful.

After the summer break fed a large group of people in our community on Thurs., Sept. 15th, at 5 p.m. in the Family Life Center. We are grateful for Dan & Rita Uhler, Jerry & Rayna Henley, Don Uhler, Tia Gilmore, James Gilbert, Pat Douglas, and Ken & Barbara Rose who volunteered to make this important ministry so successful.

Keep praying for us as we are watching God weave together each of the individual ideas and dreams into our group’s new name and focus.

Lunch and Child Care provided. Donations for lunch will be appreciated.

From cautious observing, through Parent Meet & Greet, to dreaming with Joseph, this past month has been anything but boring. We have expanded from one class to three classes. Our children’s class has taken our youngest ones for their class. (See article on it’s kick-off). We have also started separating the Middle School from the High School for teaching purposes. Our numbers increase every week with new faces in class. These are all wonderful changes. However, they come with opportunities for you to help. Please join us on Sunday and Wednesday evenings from 6-8. See our sign up sheets on the bulletin board beside the youth office for more details.

Rejuvenate Me
Relax, Replenish & Restore

Ladies, Cleveland District is sponsoring a Nurture Conference, A Day of Rejuvenation.

October 22, 2016
10:00 AM-2:00 PM
Spring City United Methodist Church

Micah 6:8 “He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the LORD require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.”

Come join us for a day filled with hands on activities, small group discussions, quiet time, good food, music and fellowship as we explore becoming Micah 6:8 women.

Disciple 4

a 32-week Bible study entitled, “Under the Tree of Life,” began Wednesday, September 7th, at 10 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.
Dear Spring City United Methodist Church,

Thank you to everyone who has gone out of your way to make sure I have felt loved and welcome. You are a tremendous blessing and encouragement.

I would like to take a moment and offer you a sneak peak into my heart as we start this journey together. I have been praying for a year that God would prepare me and show me what He wanted me to do as I became an empty nester. While youth ministry was not on my radar as a possibility, God answered my prayer as only He can. One weekend I moved my three youngest to two separate colleges and the next I am handed the most amazing group of kids. God has filled my heart and time above and beyond what I could ever imagine. I am truly living a dream.

My goal for this group is the same one I had raising my children. By graduation, my heart's desire is to have a young adult that is completely in love with Jesus and solidly grounded in His word. I want them to be independent, confident and ready to make an impact on whatever campus they attend.

This does not happen over night. We will be methodical in our teaching, activities, trips, and service. We are creating warriors for Christ and kingdom builders, but we need your help. We need your prayers and your willingness to come help us as we equip them. It means a lot for you to offer a small amount of time to get to know them. Thank you in advance for all your time, prayers and help.

With love and passion,
Krissy Tallent