When I was a teenager, I started going to church. During the fall of 1972, I went to a revival at my local Church. It was during that experience I found myself kneeling at the altar. The evangelist asked me if I wanted to receive Jesus into my life, and I did. Thus the transformation of my life changed our lives forever. If Jesus is the savior of our lives then sometime in our past, Jesus has been invited to come in. He was knocking on our heart’s door, and we invited Him in which continues today.

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Shalom,

Ram Dale's Writings

Today, when I think about Jesus standing at my heart’s door, I am overwhelmed knowing that this experience continues to change lives. But to be honest, there are times I did build a wall around myself when I dealt with some very personal issues. I assume this is something we all have done. When the pain is so great, we seek shelter within ourselves, which is not spiritually healthy.

This is a text from the letter written to the Church of Laodicea in the Book of Revelation. I have seen this often depicted in paintings. There is the picture of Jesus standing outside the door of a home knocking. The most interesting part of the painting is that the door has no walls. I need to open up the door to my heart and let Jesus help me. The blessing is Jesus will help.

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**Faithworks Workers**

- Ushers: Marty Gilliam, Earl Keahey, Clyde Thurman, Jr.
- Mary Drinkard, Sheila Larson
- Constance Garrison, Katie Rose, Madison Hinely
- La Tanкая Baker, Carol Price
- Peggie Bowman, Wanda McCarter
- Kenneth Pruitt, Lenda Keahey
- Children's Church: Wendy Thurman, Robin Bolton, Susan Maddux
- Children's Church: Suehui Pruet, J. C. Smith, Jerry F. Smith

**November Events**

- Daylight Saving Time Ends: 11/6
- Children's Nursery: 11/9
- Youth Lock-In, FLC: 11/12
- Youth Council: 11/15
- Ushers: 11/18
- Youth Lock-In, FLC: 11/21
- Ushers: 11/24
- Youth Lock-In, FLC: 11/25
- Children’s Church: 11/26
- Youth Lock-In, FLC: 11/28

**NOTE FROM JEANNETTE:**
We are very thankful and grateful for the blessings we have! You are loved!
MONTHLY REPORT
GIVING & MONEY DISBURSED
SEPTEMBER 2016

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FINANCIAL & ATTENDANCE REPORTS

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We again have an opportunity to help those in our community who are out of work or may not be able to work. Just purchase a jar or two of peanut butter each time you shop between now and November 20th.

This may be the only protein some of Spring City’s children will have all day long. Bring the peanut butter with you to church any Sunday between now and November 20th and put in the Peanut Butter Boxes at the side and front entrances. These will be distributed through Our Daily Bread.

We collected 257 jars of peanut butter last year, and they were all used within 3 months. Our goal this year is to meet or beat the jars given last year.

If God has blessed you with the ability to feed your family, please join us in helping others.
Morgan Scott Christmas Gift Drive has Changed from Toys to “Gifts for Teens”

There is a great need to help reach out to the preteens and teens of Morgan Scott Counties at Christmas time to let them know they are loved.

Please come to the next United Methodist Women (UMS’s) meeting on Tuesday, November 1st, at 6 p.m. and join the fun with local and world missions. Please bring unwrapped gifts for teens as we share gifts and love with local children in need.

A box marked MORGAN SCOTT will be near the side door entrance by the sanctuary for gift donations from all who wish to give some Christmas love to a TEEN.

Teen Suggestions:
(Boys) basketballs, footballs, soccer balls, wallets, etc.  
(Girls) Scarves, nail polish, jewelry, cologne, lotions, etc.

Welcome to Linda Stransky
United Methodist Women (UMW) Sunday is coming up on November 27. The Spring City UMW are excited to announce that the morning message will be given by Linda Stransky, the Executive Director of the Jubilee Project in Hancock County, TN. The Jubilee Project is a mission that helps the people of Hancock County meet their spiritual, economic, social and physical needs. Linda has a special energy that drives her to success to this ambitious mission project. All will be blessed to hear what the Lord is doing in Hancock County through His people. See you there!

UMW Book Club
The Book Club meets November 15, at 6:30 p.m. “The Greatest Gifts” is the topic, and Peggy Bowman will lead the discussion. Even if you do not get to read the book, come and listen to the discussion and learn what the book offers.

October’s Community Ministry Dinner hosts a record crowd.
The youth are selling pocket calendars to help with their expenses for the Resurrection Trip in January. The pocket calendars are ideal to keep in your purse. They cover 2 years, 2017 and 2018. The cost is only $5. Get your calendars before they are gone from: Natalie Baker, Erin Couch, Hannah Couch, Chloe Barger, Dakota Price, Drake Taylor, J.T. Baker, Dakota Herhold, Darcy Holloway, Cory Pruett, Quincy McClendon or Madison Taylor.

The new Beth Moore Bible Study, “Believing God,” began at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, September 13th, in the Fellowship Hall with the facilitator, Wendy Thurman. Attendees featured above seated left to right: Mary Weinschenk, Susan Maddux, Wendy Thurman, Nancy McIlwain; top row left: Diane Hurt, Shirley Corbin, Kathy Heimel, Teresa Smith, Lynda Smith, Virginia Bond, Sheila Larson, Dorothy Hastings, Sue Sparks, and Carolyn Haerr.

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Welcome to Our Church Family!

We are delighted to welcome five new members to our church family: Allison Wood, Margo Hinsdale, Jerry & Shari Norris, and Deborah Tanner. Allison and Margo joined on September 25th, on Profession of Faith. Jerry & Shari Norris joined on October 2nd, on Transfer of Membership from Asbury UMC, Knoxville, TN, and Deborah Tanner joined on October 2nd, on Profession of Faith. Allison and Deborah were baptized on Sunday, October 2nd, in the lake behind Tommy & Loretta Hale’s home.

Working together, we share in doing God’s work in our church and community. May God bless our new members!

Allison Wood

Jerry & Shari Norris

Margo Hinsdale

Deborah Tanner
Experience doesn’t make you wiser, Evaluated Experience makes you wiser.  
Andy Stanley Leadership Podcast

We have had a wonderful kick off to our new youth ministry. After two months, it’s time to evaluate and adjust to be more efficient, effective and to exercise safety for our youth.

Now, for the changes that will start in November.

**Youth Group Meeting Times** have been adjusted to line up with adult schedules. For security reasons, we can not have unaccompanied youth before or after our class.

New times are as follows:
- Sunday evenings 5:30 - 6:30 (4:30 open gym)
- Wednesday evenings 7:00 - 8:30 (6:30 open gym)

**Youth Group Meals** will be limited to Wednesday nights only. We feel that Sundays are a day that families spend together and family meals are very important. Our class time from 5:30 - 6:30, will allow a meal at home either before or after. Our Wednesday youth meal is still important. Many of our students come directly from some sort of practice and are hungry.

After a time of planning and scheming, we decided to kick off the month by celebrating with an ice cream cake surprise. This was actually just a deterrent so he would not be expecting anything else. Then, while he was off guard, we filled balloons with encouraging messages and then filled his office with balloons! “It is more blessed to give than to receive.”  
Acts 20:35

Children’s Ministry times are changing!

- We will be meeting each Wednesday night from 7:00 - 8:30.

With the change in the youth times, we are also changing our Children’s Ministry Times. Most of our children have older siblings in the Youth Group. This will keep parents from having to make multiple trips each evening.

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**Hunger Banquet**

Sunday, November 13, 2016

You are invited to a Hunger Banquet sponsored by the Youth. The banquet will be immediately after the morning service on Sunday, November 13, 2016.

The Hunger Banquet Objectives are:
1. to raise awareness of extreme poverty in our world.
2. to raise money to help here at home and overseas.

If you plan to stay and participate, we need you to do two things:
1. Make sure you fill out the form in your bulletin or call the office for reservations.
2. Please remain seated in the sanctuary when the morning service is complete on the 13th. You will be receiving instructions on how to proceed to the banquet from one of our youth.

While this is a free meal, a donation box will be available. The youth will use these funds to help fight hunger both here and overseas.

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**Meal Volunteers**

- Please see Krissy Tallent or the Youth Bulletin Board for details.

These changes will allow us to be better stewards of the time, money and volunteers God has given us.
YOUTH ROOM REDECORATED
The blue and green walls are chalkboard walls and the curtains provide covered storage space. The youth bought the bean bag chairs with money from their yard sale. The Trustees and gracious donors made possible the new ceiling, curtains, chalkboard walls, and installation. The Youth want to thank their church family for loving them and not only providing for their needs but for their dreams too. They took the design of their room very seriously and gained valuable experience of the inner workings of our church. These young people are preparing to be our leaders of tomorrow.

YOUTH OFFICE RENOVATIONS
The youth office has been updated to the Fellowship Hall color scheme and has taken on a modern look. Thank you to our church family for donating time, labor and supplies.

HAVE YOU EVER WANTED TO GO OVERSEAS?
The youth group was able to experience Uganda, Guatemala and the Philippines on a Sunday afternoon in Hixson, TN.

After a fun bus ride courtesy of Mr. Tommy, they were able to meet Olive, Carlos and Kiwi. They were able to see where they lived and hear the story of their lives. They were also able to see the compassion of Jesus and of others as these three kids lives were changed by Compassion International.

Now, it’s time to figure out which one we want to adopt!!! Come to the Youth Hunger Banquet & support this project.

Bridge Building Champions with a bridge holding 92 stones ... Erin Couch, Natalie Baker and Hannah Couch

Above - Some of the youth that worked the annual Yard Sale.

Left- Dale and Chloe at the yard sale. Going, going, gone...one coat bought by the pastor.

Bottom- Game night at the end of September. We celebrated the end of our study of Joseph. Now it's our turn to dream big dreams!