**January 2019**

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**Faithful Workers**

- **January 6**
  - **USHERS**
    - Mary Drinkard
    - Margo Hinsdale
    - Jerry Smith
    - Clyde Thurman, Jr.
  - **NURSEY**
    - Dorathy Hastings
    - Sheila Larson

- **January 13**
  - **USHERS**
    - Norman Bowman
    - Shari Norris
    - Jerry Norris
    - Billy Kay Patton
  - **NURSEY**
    - Sharon Cowart
    - Jerrie Patton

- **January 20**
  - **USHERS**
    - Marty Gilliam
    - Sheila Larson
    - Trish Cole
    - Richard Cole
  - **NURSEY**
    - Mary Drinkard
    - Carolyn Reid

- **January 27**
  - **USHERS**
    - Bennie Arp
    - Walt Morse
    - Ken Rose
    - Jerry Smith
  - **NURSEY**
    - Lynda Smith
    - Shelby Williams

**Let It Snow**

- **January 23**
  - **Children's Church**
    - To be announced

- **January 28**
  - **Children's Church**
    - To be announced

**Happy Anniversary!**

- **23 Gene & Dorothy Hastings**
- **28 Arthur & Linda Osborne**
Romans 12:9-21

9 Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; 10 love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. 11 Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. 12 Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. 13 Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. 14 Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. 15 Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. 16 Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. 17 Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. 18 If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. 19 Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, “Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.” 20 No, “if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads.” 21 Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

What if we actually strived to live as God’s word invites us to live? What motivates us as the body of Christ to read scripture?

How do we use God’s word? Is there a practical application? Does it make any difference?

As I take time to read, study, and digest God’s word, it challenges me to expand my view of how God interacts in my life and how God challenges me to interact in the lives of those around me. God’s word invites me to be open to God’s possibilities for growth and transformation. It challenges me to live a Christ-like life. If we see God’s word in this light, it is a positive influence instead of a hammer that beats us down.

What if we apply the Romans text and live by it as an example of our relationship with Jesus. Imagine how different our lives would be, and what a positive influence we would have. If we accept that God’s word is God-breathed, then we should also accept His word should influence every aspect of our lives. I see it as the ideal set before us. God’s word invites us to go and grow; to see God’s possibilities and be motivated; to accept this challenge to become Christ-like. Many will say, I am not there. I would respond that this is good because if we know where we are, then we can be challenged to become who God wants us to be.

Shalom,
Phillip & Shelley Burroughs and Susie Strunk gave to the General Budget in memory of Doris Roy.

Joe Lisa gave to the TLC in honor of the TLC Team.

Ralph & Beth Root gave to the General Budget in memory of Doris Roy.

**PARABLES OF JESUS**

Beginning Wednesday, January 16, 2019, at 10 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall, we will start a study on the Parables of Jesus. This 6-weeks study looks at the historical and cultural background, the biblical text and its meaning, and the biblical meaning for life today.

Please contact Sharon Brown at the church office to order a book at the cost of $5.00. Books will be ordered Friday morning, January 4, 2019.

We are so grateful for the pretty, new Christmas candle arrangements for the sanctuary windows, which Judy Ezell and Caren Ruffner made this year. They looked really beautiful in front of the stained-glass windows.

Thank you, too, to Judy for decorating the magnificent bulletin board near the side entrance.

**SAFE SANCTUARY POLICY FULLY IMPLEMENTED**

Did you know that every United Methodist Church is mandated to develop and implement a Safe Sanctuary Policy for their church? We have compiled and now have a new, improved and expanded policy approved by Church Council 8-26-18. Since then, the Safe Sanctuary Committee has provided three training sessions and is diligently updating Volunteer information. If you currently serve as a volunteer, or want to volunteer, and have not yet been trained, please contact the church office.

We were charged with addressing these six areas in our policy: Definitions, Background Checks and Screening, Supervision, Training, Mandatory Reporting, and Response Plan. Additionally, a Social Media Plan was strongly encouraged, and it is included in our policy.

For more information, the complete policy is available in the church office, via email request, and on the church website, or you can contact any Safe Sanctuary committee member: Susan Maddux, Angie Rose, Co-chairs; Patty Crowder, Tom Heimel, Vickie Snyder, or Dean Sparks.

Join us on the third Tuesday of each month as United Methodist Women (UMW) can listen to a review of books and literature that will enlighten us on issues of today. Someone from our group will present the material which will encourage your critical thinking. You may explore ideas that you never thought could be interesting and impact your own life. You do not have to read the book before attending. We have fun, and we follow a strict one-hour rule. We start at 6:30 and finish at 7:30. Watch for more information on the UMW bulletin board in January 2019.

**With Gratitude!**

**FINANCIAL & ATTENDANCE REPORTS**

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Thank You to “Friends”

I would like to thank you for the gift recently presented to the church’s General Budget in my honor. Throughout the many years of my association with this church, I have received much more in so many ways than I could ever return to this church.

With Profound Gratitude,
Joe Lisa

My Dear, Dear Friends in Christ,

Thank you for love and financial support throughout the year. You are helping us change lives as we share Christ’s love to those in need. Just knowing we can depend on your gift each month is a blessing.

Wishing you all a blessed Christmas and a prosperous New Year!

In Christ’s Service,
Ella at the Morgan Scott Project
We were blessed to have Kay Ray accompany the chancel choir with her flute on Christ the King Sunday, November 25th, and again on the second Sunday of Advent, December 9th. On November 25th, Kay is seen in the first photo below playing her flute as the choir sang the beautiful anthem, “Give Thanks.” Angela Jackson is the pianist. In the second photo, Kay is playing her flute with the choir’s anthem, “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel.” We are grateful to Kay for sharing with us her amazing musical talent and look forward to her joining us again.

Pastor Dale, Barbara Rose, Dorothy Hastings, Susan Maddux, Patty Crowder, Pat Douglas, Pearl Gilliam, Crystal Tompkins, new director at the Morgan Scott Project; (back row) Bruce and Marla Hinzman are shown on Wednesday morning, December 5th, when the group from our church delivered 80 Christmas baskets for teens to Morgan Scott.

Some of the Christmas baskets for Morgan Scott are featured on the left in front of the Chrismon tree when Pastor Dale led a prayer of blessing for them at the worship service on Sunday, December 2nd.

Thank you to the UMW for this wonderful mission project and to all of you who contributed in any way to help make these beautiful gifts to bring happiness to others.

You are Invited to a

Wedding Tea honoring
Kaitlyn Couch & Leo Miller
Sunday, January 20, 2019
1:30 - 3:00 p.m.
Family Life Center
Spring City United Methodist Church
Gift Registry: Target & Disney Honeymoons
Welcome to Our Church Family!

We are blessed to welcome to our church family our newest member, Daniel Coenen. Daniel united with our church on Profession of Faith at the 11 a.m. worship service on November 25, 2018. Pastor Dale also baptized Daniel with water from the Jordan River. Daniel is a member of our youth group. Welcome, Daniel, to our church family!

UMW Elects Woman of the Year

The United Methodist Women (UMW) met, Tues., Dec. 4th, at 6 p.m. in the Family Life Center for their last meeting of 2018. Congratulations to Margo Hinsdale who was honored as the UMW Woman of the Year. The Hiwassee District Vice-President attended and installed the UMW officers for 2019. Angie Rose will remain as the UMW President for next year.

Everyone brought a covered dish for the meal, and most all wore Christmas sweaters or something red. Bright red table clothes added to the festive atmosphere.

Margaret Scholz was remembered as a faithful member of the UMW; she passed away on January 8, 2018.

The next UMW meeting is Tuesday, January 8, 2019, at 6 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

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