Matthew 6: 25-33 25

"Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? 26 Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? 27 And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? 28 And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, 29 yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. 30 But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—-you of little faith? 31 Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What will we eat?' or 'What will we drink?' or 'What will we wear?' 32 For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things, and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. 33 But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

Trusting God is a challenge at times. We are encouraged to place our full trust in God for all things. Trust is a word that we use and sometimes overuse when we are very willing to tell others about how they need to trust God in their life's situations. When we journey through life and encounter bumps (and some of these can be very big bumps), trust becomes more than a word; it becomes a part of our life's experience. Trust becomes an act in which we begin to participate in because of our reliance on God in all things.

It is amazing to me how God allows things into our lives that cause us to look honestly at ourselves and affirm that we are trusting Him in all things. It is easy to say, "I trust," and it is a challenge for us to do. When we get to that point in our relationship with God, at that moment there is this new freedom we will experience.

Trusting God takes the focus off the situation and allows us to experience the wondrous power of God in that situation. This connection with God strengthens our walk, energizes our witness, and maintains our faith.

"Trust and Obey for there is no other way!"

Shalom,

Dale’s Doodles

Matthew 6: 25-33 25

Due to the lack of space, names listed over two - three months are removed in order to add new requests for prayer. Thank you.
Monthly Report
GIVING & MONEY DISBURSED
JANUARY 2019

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Financial & Attendance Reports

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With Gratitude

We, at Our Daily Bread, extend heartfelt thanks to all who contributed soup on “Souper” Bowl Sunday. We will be able to provide two cans of soup in every bag of groceries for five months to help those in need. Your support is so very much appreciated.

May God Bless You!
The Volunteers
at Our Daily Bread

To Our Friends at Spring City UMC —

Thank you so much for the beautiful prayer shawl you sent Ben. We love each one of you and consider you our family! We appreciate all the calls, cards, texts, and visits, but most of all, your continued prayers. As we continue on this journey, we know we are not alone. God gives strength for each day, and we praise Him for that. May God continue to Bless you!

Love,

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Dear Spring City UMC Members:

On behalf of the members of the Kiwanis Club of Spring City and the 156 recipients of our annual Christmas Food Basket Program, we extend our sincere thank you for your $1054.40 cash contribution.

This year we were able to provide a variety of food to each recipient consisting of dry and canned staples, sugar, rice, soups, cereals, fresh fruit and produce, a whole chicken, eggs, butter, milk, and bread. Each box weighed approximately 70 pounds. Members of the baseball and basketball teams of Rhea County High School, the Kiwanis Key Club and others assisted in transferring the baskets to the recipients’ vehicles.

A light breakfast was provided by the Spring City United Methodist Church Community Ministries and a variety of stuffed animals were provided by Our Daily Bread for all the children who attended the morning distribution of the baskets.

Again, thank you for your support.

Bob Smith, President
Kiwanis Club of Spring City

Daylight Saving Time begins, Sun., Mar. 10, so be sure and move your clocks ahead one hour before retiring on Sat., Mar. 9.

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A: Every Methodist church has been mandated to write and implement a policy for their congregation. I do not know about the policies of other denominations. We are only accountable to our response to the mandate, and the policy developed by and for our church.

Q: Why do Safe Sanctuary changes make me feel so uncomfortable?

A: Current Safe Sanctuary policy is not so different from the previous policy, just a bit more expanded. With training and implementation, more folks are aware of the policy and what it requires, which has sparked more discussion and questions. Therefore, it can be perceived as a lot of changes, and let's face it; change isn't comfortable for any of us. Think about it this way: how many of us make a New Year's Resolution that we have either broken or discarded before January comes to an end? We have good intentions when we set those goals but, without making those thoughtful changes and persevering, we don’t achieve them. Change is only change until we practice it enough to become a habit. The process between change and a habit is like “growing pains.” All changes go through this process. Like all growing pains, each of us feels them differently, but we all grow through it. Just think about the caterpillar that has to go through several stages (growing pains) before it becomes a beautiful butterfly. It’s worth the extra effort!

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Committee members: Susan Maddux and Angie Rose, co-chairs; Patty Crowder, Tom Heimel, Vickie Snyder, Dean Sparks.

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**UMW Sunday Lunch Reservation**

**Sunday, March 3rd - Family Life Center**

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**Name ___________________________**

No charge, but a basket will be available for donations for **Recovery at Dayton**.

Please tear off & drop in the Offering Plate.

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**Join the United Methodist Women Book Club**

**March 19th at 6:30**

**in the church library as we share**

**The Blessings & Bling**

Sheron Patterson's book, *Blessings & Bling*, shares her life story from cancer diagnosis to a heart filled with gratitude as she looks back on her life. Sometimes our greatest blessings come from the most unexpected places. If you are facing a difficult life situation, including a cancer diagnosis, you may be searching for a way to get through the day. The Blessings & Bling gives an upbeat take on a serious matter and shares real-world tips for helping you cope. Author Sheron Patterson uses her story to help others facing some of life's toughest challenges. In the book you will find inspiration, get practical tips for dealing with life-changing diagnosis, learn to live in the moment, find purpose in your pain, and realize that God has not abandoned you. When Sheron Patterson put off a shopping trip to drop by a medical center for her annual breast exam, she thought she’d be in and out and back to her shopping. But when the results came back positive for cancer, she was stunned. That diagnosis eventually produced a life’s work focused on helping others face challenges. Bling-fashion helped Patterson face her cancer head-on. From the depths of despair surrounding her diagnosis to a heart filled with gratitude as she looks back on her journey, she tells the story of Blessings and Bling to help you see hope.
In January, 20 youth & 9 adults made their way to Pigeon Forge for our annual winter retreat to Holston’s Conference Resurrection. It was a wonderful weekend filled with fellowship, worship, and God’s amazing Grace. We grew learning that God’s Grace is there, and will always be there. A HUGE thank you to those who supported this trip both financially and spiritually. Without your support, many of our students would not have been able to attend. A special thank you to our adult chaperones, Tommy Hale, Angie & Kaitlyn Couch, Leo Miller, John Powell, Pastor Dale, and Tom & Kathy Heimel. We are already looking forward to Resurrection 2020!

Important Dates for March:
March 27th – NO KIDSPRING!
Enjoy your Spring Break!

This year’s Easter Festival will be April 14th. It will be held in the Family Life Center from 2:00 to 4:00.

Volunteers are needed to help with games, prizes, snacks, etc. Donations of cupcakes, plastic eggs and wrapped Easter candy are greatly appreciated. If you would like to volunteer please sign up in the lobby or contact Constance Garrison.

If you have not seen the new wall hanging outside the choir room, please go by and take a look. It is not only pretty, but it has historical value as well. Choir members’ names are from 30+ years when the red robes were worn. Go by and see which member’s name you recognize.

Thank you, Beverly Allison, for your creativity and time well spent making this wall hanging using the shapes of musical notes.

Ash Wednesday is a day of confession of sins and of sorrow for all the wrong we have done. Join us at the Ash Wednesday Service where communion is observed and the imposition of ashes.

We especially focus our lives on Christ from Ash Wednesday through Easter.

Be sure and sign up on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall for the next Joy Ministry Team Trip, Friday, March 15, to go on the Bush Bean Tour in Dandridge, TN. The group will have lunch at the Bush Family Café with an opportunity to sample the #1 baked beans in the country and old-time milk shakes or banana splits. There is also a gift shop and a museum. If you are 60 and up and enjoy a fun trip and good fellowship, sign up soon!
Thank you to everyone who donated soup on Sunday, February 3rd, for Souper Bowl Sunday. Because of you, more cans of soup were contributed to Our Daily Bread this year than ever before.

Nearly all of our Sunday School classes participated, and we are grateful to them and everyone else for your great generosity. Because of your giving, those in need in our community will receive much-needed assistance.

Lynda Smith, the teacher of the Pairs & Spares Class, is shown accepting the Souper Bowl Trophy from Worship Leader, Kevin Rose. The Pairs & Spares Class contributed more soup than any other class. Way to go!

On the left is Karen Fine shown at the 11 o’clock morning worship service on Sunday, January 27th - the day she became our first new church member of 2019. We are very happy to welcome her into our church family. May God bless Karen in her service for Christ!

Chloe Barger is shown with Pastor Dale on Sunday, February 17th when she became a member of our church. Chloe has grown up in our church, been baptized, and is an active member of our youth group. We are delighted that she is now a full member of our church family. May God bless Chloe!