I have visited the Holy Land multiple times and visited many holy sites where most have a church built to commemorate a holy event. When we go into Jerusalem, we take a walking tour of the “Old City” and travel up the ramp to the Temple Mount. On this large square, there are two important things to see. At the southeast wall is the Al Aqsa Mosque, and in the center is the Dome of the Rock. After we visit this area, we continue through the Cotton Gate that will eventually lead us on to the Via Dolorosa, or The Way of the Cross. We walk past the different Stations of the Cross, reminding ourselves of the experiences Jesus had when he carried his cross to Calvary.

As we walk this crowded street lined with merchant shops, many owners try to get us to come inside and shop, but our goal for this day has an eventual ending at a very special place. The journey is always a blessing, but our hearts are set on the destination.

On this part of the walking tour, our eyes are fixed on a certain place - The Basilica of the Holy Sepulchre or better known today as The Church of the Resurrection. This building built around 325 AD commemorates three important parts of the Easter story: the life of Jesus… the Crucifixion, the Anointing, and the Resurrection.

Walking through a low archway, one is immediately amazed to see this gigantic building with its steeple towering into the sky. Across the open square is the entrance into the building. As one approaches the entrance and looks up, a ladder can be seen that has not been moved since 1864. When inside, one turns immediately to the right and ascends the stairway up to Calvary (Golgotha), traditionally regarded as the site of Jesus’ crucifixion and the most lavishly decorated part of the Church. There one finds the stone known as the place of the Skull. The stone is a part of the rock quarry the Basilica is built over.

Descending the steps, one comes to the Stone of Anointing where they prepared the body of Jesus for burial. Moving from this area north into the large sanctuary is the main reason for coming into the Basilica as one sees the Rotunda and Aedicule.

The center of the Rotunda is the chapel called the Aedicule, which contains the Holy Sepulchre. The Aedicule has two rooms: the first is the place of the Angel’s Stone, and the second is the tomb of Jesus, which commemorates the site of the burial of Jesus. AND by the way; the tomb is empty.

It is awe inspiring to stand inside the tomb and know that this place marks the greatest event in human history - the Resurrection.

In this Easter Season, remember: He is the Resurrection and the Life.

Shalom,
Monthly Report
Giving & Money Disbursed
FEBRUARY 2019

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| NET INCOME                 | -1,532.37      | -5,563.10    | 0.00          | 100.0%                   |

Financial & Attendance Reports

Honorarium
The Celebration Sunday School Class gave to the Mexico Medical Mission Fund in honor of the Mexico Medical Mission Team.

Giving & Money Disbursed
Richard & Liz Stair gave to the Holston Home for Children in memory of Chadley Bowman.

Jim & Sylvia Baldwin gave to the General Budget in memory of Jack Phillips.

Patty Crowder gave to the Mexico Medical Mission Fund in memory of Linda Brown, Sharron Haynes, and Mary Balmer.

Deanna Ware gave to the General Budget in memory of Sharron Haynes.

Holy Week Schedule
Sun., Apr. 14 Palm Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Easter Festival 2 p.m.
Family Life Center
Thurs., Apr. 18 Maundy Thursday Service 7 p.m.
Sanctuary
Sun., April 21 Easter Sunrise Service 7 a.m.
Veterans Park
(Bring a chair & blanket)
Breakfast to follow in the Family Life Center.
Easter Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
No evening events; enjoy this time with your family.

Easter Lilies
If you would like to place a lily on the altar rail on Easter Sunday, April 21st, in memory or in honor of a friend or loved one, please complete this form and submit it to the church office no later than Sunday, April 7th.

In Memory of: ______________________________________
In Honor of: ______________________________________
Given by: ______________________________________

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Tour Historic Brushy Mtn. State Pen

If you are 60 + and would like to join the Joy Ministry Team and take a tour of the Brushy Mountain Penitentiary in Petros, TN, add your name to the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall. Tommy Hale is driving the church bus, and the departure time from the church parking lot is 9:30 a.m., Friday, April 19th. Cost is $24; general admission is $12 per person for self-guided tours with prison guards near to answer questions, plus another $12 for lunch. Deadline for reservations/cancellations is April 14.

This tour will be an experience like no other. It will surprise you, terrify you, and make you wonder what it would have been like to be locked up there for the rest of your God-given life. The stories told by the guards will be graphic.

As most of you know, Brushy Mountain’s most famous prisoner was James Earl Ray, who was sentenced to serve 99 years for the murder of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. in Memphis in 1968.

Dear Friends,

Thank you for the thoughts, prayers, cards, calls, visits, and also for the beautiful prayer shawl. Your kindness touched my heart.

God has blessed me, and I thank Him for my wonderful church family.

Blessings,
Margaret Crane

And the Winners are...

Congratulations!

Maddy Jordan “M. J.” (left) took the title of 2019 Miss Spring City, and Hannah Couch (right) crowned 2019 Jr. Miss Spring City at the Spring City Scholarship Pageant held Saturday, March 16th in the Family Life Center. Both girls received $1,000 scholarships. M. J. and Hannah are both active in our church’s youth program, and Hannah is a member of our church. We are very proud of both winners!

Join the United Methodist Women Book Club
April 16th at 6:30 p.m. in the church library as we share

The current trend in church leadership involves looking for a highly gifted leader who will take over, direct the future, cast a vision, and attract the faithful to a new mission or purpose. This desire for a leader to come to the rescue is eerily reminiscent of the desire of the Israelites for a king, so they could “be like every other nation.” In spite of Samuel’s warnings, the people insisted, so God reluctantly gave them King Saul. That didn’t go so well.

While we always need good, new, and talented leaders, we also need leaders who know how and when to be good followers. Particularly in a culture of distrust, leadership must be granted, earned, and supported by those who are willing to follow. Leading begins with the counter-intuitive command: “Come, follow me.” This imperative is far from easy. Many turned away from Jesus, unable to follow. However, one excellent model of “followership” stood out from the rest - the little-known disciple Andrew. In fact, Andrew is the model and paradigm for being a Lead Follower.

Excellent Christian leadership is more about following Jesus than it is about learning the latest fads or tricks from business, the marketplace, or the academy. Being an excellent Christian leader involves first and foremost being an excellent and faithful follower of Jesus Christ.
Greetings,

Much is happening with the youth. We are blessed to have amazing students! In June, we will journey to the Morgan Scott Project to serve for a week. We will leave on June 2nd, and return on June 8th. If you would like to serve with us, please let Ashley Ledford know!

We will be collecting the following items to donate to Morgan Scott and their residents:

**Non-Perishable Food Items**
- Canned Vegetables, Canned Fruit
- Canned Meats
- Pasta, Pasta Sauce
- Soup

**Hygiene Items**
- Shampoo, Conditioner
- Soap
- Toothpaste, toothpaste
- Feminine Hygiene Product

**Household Products**
- Toilet Paper, Paper Towels
- Laundry Detergent
- Dish Soap
- Cleaning Supplies

Any donations may be placed in the youth office or in the youth room at any time!

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Following the worship service on Sunday, March 3rd, the Pairs & Spares Sunday School Class honored Pearl Gilliam with a surprise birthday celebration in the Family Life Center. Pearl turned 90 years old, Monday, March 4th. She has been a faithful church member since May 2, 1962, and a member of the Pairs & Spares Class for many years. Pearl is an active member of the United Methodist Women, a beloved mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and friend.

May God bless Pearl in many years to come!

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Spring City United Methodist Church

**EASTER FESTIVAL**

**Sunday, April 14th ~ 2:00 pm till 4:00 pm**
**Family Life Center**

Games, Arts & Crafts, Snacks
Egg Hunt at 3:30

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.

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KidSpring

**Important Dates for April**

April 10th- NO KIDSPRING!
April 14th- Easter Festival!
SERVICE

Congratulations to Kaitlyn (nee) Couch and Leo Miller on their marriage, Saturday, March 3, 2019, at Patten Chapel in Chattanooga, TN, with Pastor Dale officiating. The newlyweds are active members of our church where Kaitlyn works in the Mother’s Day Out Program on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and she and Leo serve as chaperones for our youth. Kaitlyn is a member of our chancel choir.

May God be the focal point of their life together and may they share love, joy, forgiveness, and peace in the bad times as well as the good.

An additional $1,192 was collected in a basket at the UMW luncheon that also goes to support Recovery at Dayton. Thank you for your generous giving to this worthy ministry. Your contributions surely will make a difference in the lives of those who need compassion and love. Thank you, and may God bless you!

Shown above are members of our United Methodist Women (UMW), Pastor Dale, and little friend, Ciera, at the luncheon in the Family Life Center on UMW Sunday, March 3rd. Our UMW is very active and help so many in our county through their various ministries to all age groups. We are very grateful for the work they do. Please keep the UMW in your prayers.

Left is Jennifer Snyder shown with Angie Rose following the worship service on UMW Sunday, March 3rd. Jennifer, of Recovery at Dayton, was the guest speaker and shared her experiences of her ministry which helps those who suffer from chemical dependence, compulsions, alcoholism, etc. in Rhea County and surrounding areas.

UMW Sunday was also First Dollar Sunday, and a total of $601 was collected as a love offering for Recovery at Dayton.

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