

# THE LAMPLIGHTER

Newsletter of the  
SPRING CITY

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

JANUARY 2013

## Dale's Doodles

### Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

<sup>1</sup> For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:

<sup>2</sup> a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;

<sup>3</sup> a time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up;

<sup>4</sup> a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance;

<sup>5</sup> a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;

<sup>6</sup> a time to seek, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to throw away;

<sup>7</sup> a time to tear, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;

<sup>8</sup> a time to love, and a time to hate; a time for war, and a time for peace.

A wise man, King Solomon, had a great understanding of life. There is a time for everything. Time is valuable and important to some, but others have no concept of it. I would never go to a meeting if I were going to be late even though there are some who believe it is fashionable to be late all the time. There are those who are controlled by time, and others who try to control it.

Many years ago, a senior adult, who was 92 years young, said to me, "Time waits on no one." How true that is. We measure time by seconds, minutes, hours, days, weeks, years, and decades, etc. We at times, worry about the past, fret for the future, and forget to live for today.

This is the ending of 2012, and we are looking with anticipation toward the new year. Any plans for the future must be built on a foundation of today - *the here and now*. There are those who live in the past and are never really able to let go of it, so they can live in the *now*. There are those who long for the future hoping to escape the present. Either way, it prevents us from living in the *now*.

Our writer states, *there is a time for everything*. Let me suggest that the best time is the *now* time. Let us live in the *now* with gusto and vitality as we seize each day. ***Live in the now with the assurance that God is in the now with you.*** Live in the *now* knowing the world needs people who want to see the world become a better place.

Living in the now allows God to work through our lives, not only to change us, but to use us to change the world. So make yourself available.....**NOW!**

Shalom,

Pastor Dale

### ORGAN FUND NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT

A committee was appointed recently to investigate the purchase of a new church organ. The committee will meet with representatives from Allen and Rogers Organs in the coming year to learn about their recommendations as to what would be appropriate for our size of sanctuary and what best will fill our needs.

After hearing the beautiful Prelude, Offertory and Cantata accompaniment, you are probably saying...why do we need a new organ? For those of us who have no musical knowledge, it did sound beautiful; however, in talking with our organist and substitute organist, we have learned that many of the organ's essential features are not working. Lynn said several stops quit on her during the Cantata and over half of the foot pedals, which provide bass are not working. Bryan says he plays not knowing what sound is going to come out...if any...at times. Our speakers are deteriorating, and since the organ is over 30 years old, the model is obsolete and parts becoming unavailable. For these reasons....it is time we work toward replacing it.

We have a great start on funding this purchase from your memorials, honorariums and contributions. Please continue these gifts in the new year, so we can have funds to pay for the organ once the selection is made, and the organ arrives to be installed. If you are blessed each Sunday by our Choir, Director, and Musicians, then why not honor them with a gift made to the Organ Fund?

## REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Ethan Kincannon  
Ernestine Simpson  
Bryan Massengale  
Maggie Tammark  
Bill Crowder

Joyce Lavender  
Ray Keylon  
Aud Ray  
Joe Graham  
Ronnie Barger

Jesse Gibbs  
Tim Guthrie  
Nancy Carr  
Marilyn Weiss  
Ardoth Martin

Mary Curtis (Spring City Care and Rehab. #411)

Virginia Hale (195 Deer Ridge Dr., A6, Dayton, TN 37321)

Ruth Huskins (Golden Years, 301 Keith Dr., S.C.)

Kathleen Reece (Spring City Care and Rehab, # 302)

Elsie Robbins (Dayton Life Care Center, #11)

Hiley Brady Smith (Horizon Healthcare, 811 Keylon St., Manchester, TN 37355)

Lenny Winterberger (Spring City Care and Rehab. #710)

Annette Osborne (Terry McBrayer's sister)

David Johnson (David Nelson's nephew)

Jordan Nelson (Leon & Nancy Hicks' granddaughter)

Shelley Surrena (Rita Uhler's friend)

Helen Martin (Diane Foutz's friend)

Nadine Stone (Kathleen Garrison's friend)

Emily Lisle (Caren Ruffner's friend)

Christian Snyder (Caren Ruffner's friend)

Susie Green (Dorothy Hastings' daughter-in-law)

Alcibee Tharp (Tia Gilmore's mother)

Kathy Garrett (Jeannette Long's relative)

Lynn Agee's brother, David

Sharon Davis & family (Liz Stair's daughter)

Sandy Wood (Ginny Hatcher's niece)

Bo Bradbury Pastor Dale's friend and former church member)

Billy Arnold (Conroys' son-in-law)

Victoria Cox (Andrew Hanson's boss)

Vivian McClendon (Jeannette Long's friend)

Anita Corriveau (friend of Jeanne DeCroce)

Hiram J. Gerber (friend of the DeCroces)

Carolyn Hesselbach (Carl & Kay's daughter)

Catrina Christi (Manuel Christi's daughter)

Christina Jordan (Manuel Christi's daughter)

Montana Running Horse (DeCroces' friend)

Eldeena Perry (Jeannette Long's sister)

Jim Smith (friend of Ken & Barbara Rose)

Beverly Garrison (friend of Ken & Barbara Rose)

Andy Maggard (Kathy's father)

The Family of Charlotte Thurman (Bill Thurman's wife)

The Family of Viola Ezell (Duane Ezell's mother)

The Family of Mary Flo Swafford (Mike & Bill Swafford's mother)

The Family of Jimmy Garrison (brother of Imogene Robbins)

The Family of Vernon Thomas (brother-in-law of Judy Litteken)

The Family of Doris Hargett (Arthur Osborne's sister)

Please call the church office (365-6324) the first of every month with an update if you wish a name to remain on the prayer list.

## Birthdays

1 Jerry Smith	16 Brianna Hess	29 Jenny Chattin
2 John Hanson	17 Rachel Heimel	30 Patty Crowder
3 Melva Dunlop	Jim Weaver	Fred Sprouse
5 Jim Fallon	18 Linda Gibbs	31 Dale Wyrick
Don Hinkle	20 Marilyn Cooksey	
6 Duane Ezell	21 Linda Mullins	
7 Norman Bowman	25 Steve Barnes	
Amy Haerr	26 Mary Conroy	
10 Clyde Thurman, Jr.	27 Dina Hess	
11 Maggie Tammark	Walter Hooper	
12 Gina Winterberger	Wanda McCarter	
13 Alexis Neal	28 Theresa Slater	
14 Earl Robbins	Betty Thomas	
15 Gary Drinkard	Bill Thurman	



## Anniversaries

6 Richard & Cindy Sutton  
23 Dorothy & Gene Hastings

## Faithful Workers

<b>1/6</b> <b>Ushers</b> Marla Hinzman Earl Robbins Jerry Henley Leon Hicks	<b>1/13</b> <b>Ushers</b> Pete Williams Walt Morse Bob Larson Chadley Bowman	<b>1/20</b> <b>Ushers</b> Earl Keahey Drew Keahey Ken Rose Kevin Rose	<b>1/27</b> <b>Ushers</b> Eddie Garrison Kevin Garrison Clyde Thurman, Jr. Marty Gilliam
<b>Hosts</b> Sharon Cowart Mary Drinkard	<b>Hosts</b> Nina Gibbs Ginny Hatcher	<b>Hosts</b> Jim & Sylvia Baldwin Tammy Boles	<b>Hosts</b> Glenda Keylon Steve Keylon
<b>Nursery</b> Peggy Bowman Wanda McCarter	<b>Nursery</b> Angie Couch & Kaitlyn	<b>Nursery</b> Debbie Wilson & Carlie	<b>Nursery</b> Angie Rose & Katie
<b>Acolyte</b> Hannah Couch	<b>Acolyte</b> Erin Couch	<b>Acolyte</b> Oceanne Hunt	<b>Acolyte</b> J. T. Baker
<b>Children's Church</b> Wendy Thurman	<b>Children's Church</b> Beth Keylon	<b>Children's Church</b> Robin Bolton	<b>Children's Church</b> Sharon Baker
<b>Youth</b> <b>1/6</b> Sharon Baker <b>1/9</b> Gray & Sharon	<b>Youth</b> <b>1/13</b> Angie Couch <b>1/16</b> Beth Keylon	<b>Youth</b> <b>1/20</b> Resurrection Trip <b>1/23</b> Rita Uhler	<b>Youth</b> <b>1/27</b> Penny Rice <b>1/30</b> Beth Keylon

# JANUARY 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<b>1</b> <i>New Year's Day</i> Church Office Closed	<b>2</b> 6:00 Youth 6:00 Ding-a-Lings 6:30 Young Adults 7:00 Chancel Choir	<b>3</b> 11:00 Home Prayer Group	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b> Epiphany Sunday 11:00 Worship Service 6:00 Bible Study 6:00 Youth 8-9 p.m. AA-FH	<b>7</b> 10:00 Prayer Shawl Team  7:00 Scouts	<b>8</b> 8:30 MDO 6:30 UMW 7:30 Trustees	<b>9</b> 10:00 Disciple II 6:00 Youth 6:00 Ding-a-Lings 6:30 Young Adults 7:00 Chancel Choir	<b>10</b> Deadline for LDL Reservations 8:30 MDO	<b>11</b> 6-8:00 Pinewood Derby Setup FLC	<b>12</b> 8-3:00 Pinewood Derby, FLC
<b>13</b> 1st Sunday after the Epiphany 11:00 Worship Service 2-4 District Training 6:00 Bible Study 6:00 Youth 8-9 p.m. AA-FH	<b>14</b> 6:30 Prayer Shawl Team  7:00 Scouts	<b>15</b> 8:30 MDO  12:00 Let's Do Lunch	<b>16</b> 10:00 Disciple II 6:00 Youth 6:00 Ding-a-Lings 6:30 Young Adults 7:00 Chancel Choir	<b>17</b> 8:30 MDO  11:00 Home Prayer Group	<b>18</b> Youth leave for Resurrection	<b>19</b> Youth at Resurrection
<b>20</b> 2nd Sunday after the Epiphany 11:00 Worship Service 5:00 Church Council 6:00 Bible Study <i>Youth Return from Resurrection</i>	<b>21</b> MLK, Jr. Day 10:00 Prayer Shawl Team  7:00 Scouts	<b>22</b> 8:30 MDO	<b>23</b> 10:00 Disciple II 6:00 Youth 6:00 Ding-a-Lings 6:30 Young Adults 7:00 Chancel Choir	<b>24</b> 8:30 MDO 6:00 Disciple Short Term Bible Study	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>
Pastor Dale, Jeannette Long, Manuel Christi and Tim & Lynne Agee leave on Wed., Jan. 23 <sup>rd</sup> , for the Holy Land and will return on February 3, 2013.						
<b>27</b> 3rd Sunday after the Epiphany 11:00 Worship Service 6:00 Youth 8-9 p.m. AA-FH	<b>28</b> 6:30 Prayer Shawl Team 7:00 Scouts	<b>29</b> 8:30 MDO	<b>30</b> 10:00 Disciple II 6:00 Youth 6:00 Ding-a-Lings 6:30 Young Adults 7:00 Chancel Choir	<b>31</b> 8:30 MDO 6:00 Disciple Short Term Bible Study		
Pastor Dale, Jeannette Long, Manuel Christi and Tim & Lynne Agee in the Holy Land.						

## Sunday Schedule

9:45 a.m. - Children's Choir  
9:45 a.m. - Sunday School  
10:45 a.m. - Coffee & Donuts  
11:00 a.m. - Morning Worship  
6:00 p.m. - Bible Study  
6:00 p.m. - Youth

**Note from Jeannette**  
for January &  
February: Let's claim  
Romans 12:12 for 2013.  
You are loved!



## Memorials and Honorariums

The Celebration Sunday School Class gave to the **Kiwanis Christmas Food Baskets** in honor of **Gray & Sharon Cowart**.

David & Nancy Gilliam gave to the **Morgan-Scott Fund** in honor of **John & Sam Hanson**.

Bill & Patty Crowder gave to the **Organ Fund** in honor of **Judy Ezell, Choir Members, Musicians, and Pastor Dale**.

Tommy & Loretta Hale, Virginia Hale, and LouEllen Nixon gave to the **General Fund** in memory of **Chelsea Hanson and Leona Porter**.

Those who gave to the **Organ Fund** in memory of **Charlotte Thurman** are: Gray & Sharon Cowart, Bill & Caren Ruffner, Jerry & Rayna Henley, Gary & Mary Drinkard, Bill & Patty Crowder, David & Nancy Gilliam, Helen Kincannon, Earl & Imogene Robbins, Silas & Linda Booker, Sonny Byrd and Donna Kunkel, Dorvin & Sandra Reed, Judy Oldham & Jennie Garrison, Neighbors of Mark & Jenny Thurman: Jasper & Cheryl McWilliams, Jason, Beth & Lucy; Mr. & Mrs. Shane Ward, Michael & Mary, Jenny, Mark, Ruby & Aasta Thurman, Diane Yonke, H.B. & Polly Rankin, Byerly & Charlotte Morgan, Mr. & Mrs. A.P. Ellis, Joanna Thompson, Central Baptist Church Revelations, and Duncan (Mac) Elrod.

Steve & Beth Keylon gave to the **General Budget** in memory of **Charlotte Thurman**.

Gil & Judy Litteken gave to the **Children's Ministries** in memory of **Chelsea Hanson**.

Bill & Patty Crowder gave to the **Organ Fund** in memory of **Lois Harris and Lisa Ann DeCroce**.

Chris & Carolyn Haerr gave to the **Memorial Fund** in memory of **Charlotte Thurman and Lois Harris**.

Fred & Linda Mullins gave to the **Community Ministries Fund** in memory of **Charlotte Thurman, Viola Ezell, and Mary Flo Swafford**.

Helen Kincannon gave to the **Organ Fund** in memory of **Chelsea Hanson**.

Bill & Patty Crowder gave to the **Choir Fund** in memory of **Viola Ezell**.

Richard & Jeanne DeCroce gave to the **Organ Fund** in memory of their daughter, **Lisa Ann DeCroce**.

Pine Grove Fire Department (in honor of fireman, Gary Yonke) gave to the **Memorial Fund** in memory of Gary's grandmother, **Vivien Kneuppel**.

## MONTHLY REPORT GIVING & MONEY DISBURSED

### NOVEMBER 2012

INCOME	CURRENT PERIOD	YEAR TO DATE	ANNUAL BUDGET	ANNUAL BUDGET PERCENTAGE
Contributions	\$24,853.00	\$305,752.65	\$331,152.00	92.33%
Mother's Day Out	2,296.44	26,071.85	31,405.00	83.02%
Other Income	216.76	1,577.50	1,065.00	148.12%
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$27,366.20</b>	<b>\$333,402.00</b>	<b>\$363,622.00</b>	<b>91.69%</b>
EXPENSES				
Salaries & Benefits	\$15,202.13	\$178,513.11	\$197,941.00	90.19%
Property Maintenance	2,956.55	48,967.12	64,260.00	76.20%
Office Administration	408.38	9,581.08	9,600.00	99.80%
Nurture & Music	473.38	2,532.39	4,900.00	51.68%
Witness - Evangelism	613.55	2,646.62	2,750.00	96.24%
Church & Society	643.50	1,092.10	1,150.00	94.97%
Outreach - Mission	1,730.30	34,965.91	39,956.00	87.51%
Church Support	206.85	7,094.47	6,150.00	115.36%
Children's Ministry	-110.00	1,990.87	2,250.00	88.48%
Youth Ministry	0.00	1,065.47	1,900.00	56.08%
MDO Expenses	3,164.89	30,425.80	31,865.00	95.48%
Young Adults (18-35)	0.00	-212.91	900.00	-23.66%
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>25,289.95</b>	<b>318,662.03</b>	<b>363,622.00</b>	<b>87.64%</b>
<b>EXCESS INCOME/ EXPENSE</b>	<b>\$2,076.25</b>	<b>\$14,739.97</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>0.00%</b>

### FINANCIAL & ATTENDANCE REPORTS

	10/21	10/28	11/4	11/11
General Budget	\$4,723.00	\$5,801.00	\$9,142.00	\$7,497.00
MDO		303.00	1,765.00	630.00
Memorial			25.00	
Specials	996.95	270.00	1,358.75	3,026.08
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$5,719.95</b>	<b>\$6,374.00</b>	<b>\$12,290.75</b>	<b>\$11,153.08</b>
SS ATTENDANCE	68	60	75	75
WORSHIP ATTENDANCE	167	119	207	177



## Christmastime at Let's Do Lunch (LDL)

Approximately 35 were in attendance at LDL, Tuesday, December 18. Caren Ruffner decorated each table with a Christmas tree centerpiece with greenery at the base. Little Christmas bags tied with red ribbon and red jingle bells were placed at each place setting. Patty Crowder's devotional focused on the true meaning of Christmas. Don Hinkle entertained with several Christmas selections on his accordion. The meal consisted of hot chicken crescents, red potatoes, green beans, congealed cherry salad, and a choice of desserts. A fun time was enjoyed by all.



# Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Scenes below are from the Christmas Eve Candlelight Service held in the sanctuary at 5 p.m., Monday, December 24, 2012. Close to 250 people attended this lovely service, which has become a tradition with many families in our community. A special thank you to all who participated in this memorable service!



## CHANCEL CHOIR PRESENTS "NIGHT OF THE FATHER'S LOVE"



The Chancel Choir, under the direction of Judy Ezell (left), presented a magnificent cantata, "Night of the Father's Love," by Pepper Choplin, at the 11 a.m. worship service on Sunday, December 16. Narrators were Pat Douglas, Carolyn Haerr, and Kevin Rose. Lynn Hinkle was the guest organist, and Bryan Massengale accompanied the choir with the bassoon. **THANK YOU, Judy,** and the **Chancel Choir,** for your uplifting performance!

# Welcome to Our Church Family!



We are delighted to welcome **Les & Karen Whiles** (left) as Associate Members of Spring City UMC as they joined on Profession of Faith, Sunday, December 23, 2012.

Members gather near Les & Karen Whiles as Pastor Dale prepares to pray and thank God for these two new members



Pastor Dale welcomed new member, **Sherry Carter**, on Profession of Faith when she united with our church on Sunday, November 25, 2012, at the 11 o'clock worship service.

Sherry is the mother of member, Nicole Kile.

Members join with **Pastor Dale** near the altar as he offered up a prayer of thanksgiving to God for blessing our church with new member, Sherry Carter.



## 2012 UMW WOMAN OF THE YEAR



Pastor Dale recognized **Susan Maddux** as the 2012 *United Methodist Woman of the Year* at the worship service on Sunday, December 23. Susan is very mission minded and represents the UMW mission as an active, loving, disciple in all her actions.

**Congratulations, Susan!**



Pastor Dale is shown at left with new members, **David & AnnMarie Lanzi** who joined on Profession of Faith on Sunday, December 2, 2012, at the morning worship service.

Below, **Linda Morse** is seen as she warmly welcomed David and AnnMarie into the church family.



# 2012 COATS FOR KIDS

Dr. Beth Casady is pictured below (left) with Pastor Dale and the 38 new coats that were collected this year for Coats for Kids. Dr. Beth is seen below (right) unloading the coats with help from her daughter, Jessie, at the Spring City Elementary School. on Tues., Dec. 11. The coats went to 18 different classrooms.



Thank you to everyone who gave a monetary donation or purchased a new coat to keep a child warm this winter.

# MORGAN SCOTT TOYS DELIVERED



Witness Chairman, **Chuck McIlwain**, and **John Hanson** are pictured above on Monday, December 17, 2012, just before leaving for Morgan-Scott with Chuck's truck full of Christmas toys donated by members and friends of our church. A big **THANK YOU** to everyone who gave monetary donations or purchased toys for girls and boys in need. Children in Morgan-Scott Counties will have a merrier Christmas because of you.

# NURTURE MINISTRIES TEAM SPONSORS FIRST WEDNESDAY FELLOWSHIP DINNER 6:00 p.m. - December 5, 2012



The second Wednesday Fellowship Meal was as big a success as the first. Nearly 90 were in attendance for the meal on Wed., Dec. 6. Everyone brought with them a covered dish to share. Nurture Chair, Susan Maddux, thanks everyone who volunteered their help and to everyone who attended.

# REED CHAPEL UMC CELEBRATES THANKSGIVING

Members of Reed Chapel are shown below when they celebrated their Thanksgiving meal at the home of Arlandres and Pat Horton. A delicious meal was enjoyed along with much love and Christian fellowship, which made for a blessed Thanksgiving celebration.



# THANKSGIVING 2012



You can tell by these photos how much everyone enjoyed this year's Thanksgiving meal on Thurs., Nov. 22.

The meal was prepared by the Community Ministries Team with help from several volunteers. Judy Litteken, Chairperson of the Communities Ministries Team expressed a big **THANK YOU** to all those who helped with the noontime meal in the FLC.



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 Angela Rose, Director of Children  
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