

# THE LAMPLIGHTER

Newsletter of the  
SPRING CITY

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

January 2020

## Dale's Doodles

Matthew 6:25-34

**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. **34** "So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today.

I wonder how many hours we spend worrying about all the concerns we have about life. There are 168 hours in every week. I wonder how we spend most of those hours and how much time we take for the activities which are vital to us. How many hours do we work, eat, sleep, or use for leisure time? If we are like most people, we spend our hours the way we want. That can be both good and bad.

What if???

Think about this for a moment, and it might change how we look at and experience life.

What if we invested more time in prayer every day?

What if we invested more time in reaching out to the community?

What if we invested more of our resources into helping those in need?

What if we were willing to listen to the concerns of others and offered ourselves to help?

What if we were servants to all?

What if we not only talked about Jesus, but we live like we know Jesus?

These are just a few thoughts to consider, and I know that as we journey together, we can come up with many other *what-ifs* that will change the world.

What if???

What if means we live in the now - not yesterday or tomorrow. Like Jesus said...do not worry. So what if we lived faithfully?? If so, we will spend time allowing God to use us to change this world. Jesus said...live for today!! If we can focus on being in the presence of Jesus, we will experience God in a new and fresh way. It will limit our preconceived ideas and allow us to be present with Jesus every moment.

The old year is gone, and the new one is here. Let us live in the now so we can face the day every day knowing we are not alone.

Shalom,

*Rev. Dale J. Wyrick*

## REMEMBER IN PRAYER

**Norman Bowman**  
**Linda Mullins**

**Carol Price**  
**Ken Rose**

**Bill Ruffner**  
**Pastor Dale**

**Mary Galloway** Dominion Sr. Living #2210, 2143 Northpoint Blvd. 37343  
**Jeannette Long** SC Care & Rehab, #201, 331 Hinch St.  
**Fred Mullins** Golden Years, 301 Keith Dr., Spring City  
**Kathleen Reece** SC Care & Rehab, #306, 331 Hinch St.  
**Imogene Robbins** Golden Years, 301 Keith Dr., Spring City

**De Williams**

(friend of Caren & Bill Ruffner)

**Wayne & Nancy Gunter**

(friends of Ken & Barbara Rose)

**Don Ware**

(Deanna Ware's husband)

**Cathy Lauer**

(sister of Clyde Thurman, Jr.)

**Bryan Baldwin**

(father of Patrick & Sarai)

**Marion Goldberg**

(Deanna Ware's sister)

**Jim Hartley**

(our church's insurance agent)

**Sue Smith**

(friend of Pat Douglas)

**Roger Hinsdale**

(Margo's husband)

**Cindy Wheat**

(Josh Wheat's mother)

**Mary Frances Goodson**

(Bennie & Susan Arp's friend)

**Barbara Reed**

(friend of Jerry & Rayna Henley)

**Ryan Ingram**

(friend of Daryl Watson)

**Kathy Morse**

(daughter of Walt & Linda Morse)

**Nick Daughtrey**

(Bill Ruffner's friend)

**John Sharpe**

(Bill Ruffner's friend)

**Aspen Cumnock**

(great-grandson of Pat Cook)

**Betty Payne**

(Connie Roberts' friend)

**Clint Miller**

(friend of Connie Roberts)

**Demi Shaver**

(friend of Pat Douglas)

**Clara Gossett**

(friend of John Conroy)

**Randy Gass**

(friend of Cindy Hill)

**Kenneth Larson**

(Bob Larson's brother)

**Grace Lamprecht**

(Bill Ruffner's niece)

**Alicia McNelley** (friend of the Bowmans & Henleys)

**Linda Swanson**

(Lauretta Cash's sister)

**Mary Heimel**

(Tom Heimel's mother)

**Lillian Shaffer**

(Kathy Heimel's mother)

**Dominic Ciero**

(grandson of Cindy Hill and nephew of Jerrie Patton)

**Kennedy and Lincoln Ladd**

(friends of Peggy Bowman)

**The Family of Ella Bell**

(joined SCUMC 12/29/91)

*Due to the lack of space, names listed over two -three months are removed in order to add new requests for prayer.*

*Thank you.*



# January Birthdays

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|--|--|
| 1 Jerry Steven Smith                             | 21 Linda Mullins                                     |
| 7 Norman Bowman<br>Amy Haerr                     | 23 John Powell                                       |
| 9 Jerry Norris                                   | 26 Trish Cole  |
| 10 Clyde Thurman Jr.                             | 27 Dina Hess   |
| 12 Nancy Herhold<br>Gina Winterberger            | Walter Hooper  |
| 13 Alexis Neal                                   | 28 Betty Barnes                                      |
| 16 Brianna Hess<br>Hailey Keylon                 | Drake Taylor   |
| 17 Rachel Heimel<br>Donna Hudson<br>James Weaver | 29 Jenny Chattin                                     |
| 18 Linda Gibbs                                   | 30 Patty Crowder                                     |
| 20 Marilyn Cooksey                               | 31 Ian Gilliam<br>Fred Sprouse<br>Pastor Dale Wyrick |

# Let it snow JANUARY 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<b>1</b> New Year's Day <i>Church Office Closed</i> <i>Happy New Year</i>	<b>2</b> 11:00 Home Prayer Group	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b> Epiphany Sunday First Sunday-First Dollar 9:00 The Spring 11:00 Worship Service 6:00 Bible Study 8-9 p.m. AA-FH	<b>6</b> 10:00 TLC	<b>7</b> 8:30 MDO 6:00 UMW	<b>8</b> 10:00 Bible Study 4:30 KidSpring Youth 7:00 Choir Practice	<b>9</b> 8:30 MDO 11:00 Home Prayer Group 7:00 Trustees	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b> 9:00 The Spring 11:00 Worship Service 3:00 Ministry Team 6:00 Bible Study 8-9 p.m. AA-FH	<b>13</b> 10:00 TLC	<b>14</b> 8:30 MDO	<b>15</b> 10:00 Bible Study 4:30 KidSpring Youth 7:00 Choir Practice	<b>16</b> 8:30 MDO 11:00 Home Prayer Group 5:00 Community Meal	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b> 9:00 The Spring 11:00 Worship Service 6:00 Bible Study 8-9 p.m. AA-FH	<b>20</b> MLK, Jr. Day <i>Newsletter Deadline</i> Conference, District, and Church Offices Closed	<b>21</b> 8:30 MDO 7:00 UMW Book Club	<b>22</b> 10:00 Bible Study 4:30 KidSpring Youth 7:00 Choir Practice	<b>23</b> 8:30 MDO 11:00 Home Prayer Group	<b>24</b> Youth at Resurrection	<b>25</b> Youth at Resurrection
<b>26</b> 9:00 The Spring 11:00 Worship Service  Youth Return from Resurrection 8-9 p.m. AA-FH	<b>27</b> 10:00 TLC	<b>28</b> 8:30 MDO	<b>29</b> 10:00 Bible Study 4:30 KidSpring Youth 7:00 Choir Practice	<b>30</b> 8:30 MDO 11:00 Home Prayer Group	<b>31</b>	

## FAITHFUL WORKERS

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| <b>1/5 Ushers</b><br>Bernie Arp<br>Marty Gilliam<br>Don Hinely<br>Margo Hinsdale | <b>1/12 Ushers</b><br>Mary Drinkard<br>Trish Cole<br>Richard Cole<br>Jerry Smith | <b>1/19 Ushers</b><br>Norman Bowman<br>Sheila Larson<br>Walt Morse<br>Leo Miller | <b>1/26 Ushers</b><br>Don Hinely<br>Jerry Norris<br>Shari Norris<br>Clyde Thurman, Jr. |
| <b>Greeters</b><br>Carolyn Reid<br>Mary Drinkard                                 | <b>Greeters</b><br>Lynda Smith<br>Jerrie Patton                                  | <b>Greeters</b><br>Sharon Cowart<br>Shelby Williams                              | <b>Greeters</b><br>Sharon Cowart<br>Shelby Williams                                    |
| <b>Acolyte</b><br>Rachel Heimel  | <b>Acolyte</b><br>Madison Hinely   | <b>Acolyte</b><br>Rachel Heimel  | <b>Acolyte</b><br>Madison Hinely   |
| <b>Nursery</b><br>Peggy Bowman<br>Terry Hooper                                   | <b>Nursery</b><br>Lesia Garrison<br>Loretta Hale                                 | <b>Nursery</b><br>Carolyn Haerr<br>Wanda McCarter                                | <b>Nursery</b><br>Peggy Bowman<br>Terry Hooper   |
| <b>Children's Church</b><br>Wendy Thurman<br>Youth Volunteer                     | <b>Children's Church</b><br>Susan Maddux<br>Youth Volunteer                      | <b>Children's Church</b><br>Angie Couch<br>Youth Volunteer                       | <b>Children's Church</b><br>Cindy Ross<br>Youth Volunteer                              |



January 23  
Gene & Dorothy Hastings



Celebrating  
Anniversaries  
this Month

January 28  
Arthur & Linda Osborne



# Memorials & Honorariums

Ralph and Beth Root gave to the Community Ministries Fund in memory of Don Uhler and Lynne Agee.

Gil & Judy Litteken gave to the Community Ministries Fund in memory of Don Uhler.

The Celebration Sunday School Class gave to the General Budget in honor of Susan Maddux.

The Watts Bar TVA Retirees gave to the General Budget in honor and appreciation of Chris Haerr, Richard Stair, Tom & Kathy Heimel, and Trish Cole.

Terry McBrayer gave to the General Budget in memory of Don Uhler.

Patty Crowder gave to the Memorial Fund in memory of Ella Bell and Linda Swanson.

Gary & Barbara Gilliam gave to the Family Life Center New Tables Fund in memory of Arthur Gilliam, Jr.

*Thank You!*

I would like to thank the singers, musicians, narrators, and sound technician for making our Christmas cantata possible. Our success always depends on their willingness to share time and talent to offer a worship service to our church and community. It doesn't happen quickly - we begin practice on a Sunday evening in September. Their generosity is such a gift to the church. I am grateful for the privilege of being their choir director.

Judy Ezell

## MONTHLY REPORT GIVING & MONEY DISBURSED

### NOVEMBER 2019

INCOME	CURRENT PERIOD	YEAR TO DATE	ANNUAL BUDGET	ANNUAL BUDGET PERCENTAGE
Contributions	25,614.42	323,819.39	410,000.00	79.0%
Mother's Day Out	3,330.00	34,359.00	25,310.00	135.8%
Other Income	160.22	1,174.19	1,200.00	97.8%
<b>TOTAL INCOME/ GROSS PROFIT</b>	<b>29,104.64</b>	<b>359,352.58</b>	<b>436,510.00</b>	<b>82.3%</b>
EXPENSES				
Salaries & Benefits	15,911.03	194,489.81	252,692.00	77.0%
Property Maintenance	2,839.30	62,881.66	68,500.00	91.8%
Office Administration	156.36	6,507.40	10,400.00	62.6%
Nurture and Music	442.74	4,024.66	7,700.00	52.3%
Witness	0.00	626.00	1,700.00	36.8%
Outreach - Missions	75.00	855.00	1,900.00	45.0%
Conference/District	2,577.49	38,097.39	46,598.00	81.8%
Church Support	688.46	6,376.43	8,110.00	78.6%
Children's Ministries	223.84	2,583.96	6,000.00	43.1%
Adult Ministries	0.00	393.09	1,600.00	24.6%
Youth Ministries	0.00	3,112.84	6,000.00	51.9%
MDO Expenses	2,670.00	27,104.01	25,310.00	107.1%
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>25,584.22</b>	<b>347,052.25</b>	<b>436,510.00</b>	<b>79.5%</b>
<b>NET INCOME</b>	<b>3,520.42</b>	<b>12,300.33</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

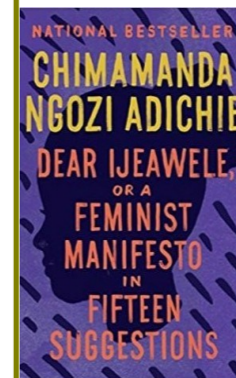
### FINANCIAL & ATTENDANCE REPORTS

	11/24	12/1	12/8	12/15
<b>General Budget</b>	3,635.00	7,782.00	7,220.00	6,148.00
<b>MDO</b>	465.00		1,689.22	465.00
<b>Memorial</b>				50.00
<b>Special</b>	3,431.00	1,124.39	433.00	5470.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>7,531.00</b>	<b>8,906.39</b>	<b>9,342.22</b>	<b>12,133.00</b>
<b>SS ATTENDANCE</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>*TBA</b>
<b>WORSHIP ATTENDANCE</b>	<b>156</b>	<b>136</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>264</b>

\*To be announced

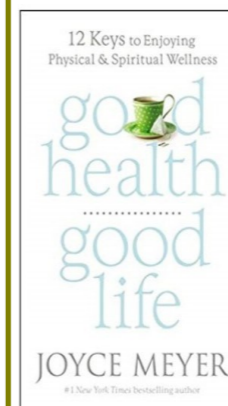
Join the United Methodist Women's

**Book Club**  
on January 21, 2020  
in the church library  
as we share



A few years ago, Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie received a letter from a childhood friend, a new mother who wanted to know how to raise her baby girl to be a feminist. *Dear Ijeawele* is Adichie's letter of response: fifteen invaluable suggestions—direct, wryly funny, and perceptive—for how to empower a daughter to become a strong, independent woman. Filled with compassionate guidance and advice, it gets right to the heart of sexual politics in the twenty-first century, and starts a new and urgently needed conversation about what it really means to be a woman today.

and



Joyce Meyer, #1 *New York Times* bestselling author, understands that modern life is hectic and has created a practical plan for achieving good health, one day at a time. Her easy-to-use 12-Key Plan for Good Health will help you develop life-changing habits for a healthier lifestyle, no matter what your current level of health. By following her simple, yet effective tips on eating, exercise, rest, and stress management, you will unlock a new level of well-being, empowering you to live the fulfilling life you were meant to lead.



### Time Travelers

A New Year, new destinations. adventures await! Let's make new friends on our travels learning about how others live.

### WE ARE THE WORLD TRAVELERS!

“Those who know your name trust in you,  
For you, O Lord,  
Do not abandon those who search for you.”

Psalm 9:10

**JOIN US  
WEDNESDAYS @ 4:30  
IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL.**

**(CHILDREN AGES 3 YRS.—5th GRADE)**



**There is NO First Wednesday Fellowship Meal scheduled for January 2020.**

### Thanks Advent Readers!



Rachel Heimel and Madison Hinely are featured above reading at the traditional service on the second Sunday of Advent, December 8<sup>th</sup>.

We want to thank our Advent Readers and those who read parts for the Christmas Eve Service. Public speaking is the number one fear shared by many. Because of this, we are fortunate as we had no difficulty in getting volunteers to share in our worship services this year.

### MDO's Thanksgiving Feast

The MDO children & teachers enjoyed a delicious meal, Tues., Nov. 26<sup>th</sup>, in the Fellowship Hall prepared by the MDO director, Denisea Johnson. Karen Swafford, a grandmother of one of the children, baked the cute, turkey cupcakes. This was the last day the MDO met until after their Thanksgiving break. Thank you, Angie Couch, for these great photos.



# Blessing of the Hats



At the traditional worship service on Sunday, November 24<sup>th</sup>, Pastor Dale offered a prayer for God's blessing on the knitted hats shown above. **Pastor Dale** is with **Beverly Allison**, whose sister **Wanda Weems**, donated a total of 100. **Mary Fricke** also made some. Many of the hats were given to children at Spring City Elementary School, some to Spring City Middle School, and some to the Morgan-Scott Project. Thank you to **Susan & John Maddux** for the small Christmas tree they purchased and assembled displaying the hats. Thank you to **Wanda Weems** and **Mary Fricke** for such loving contributions of so many hats for children to wear during this cold winter!

# Merry Christmas Morgan-Scott!

The Christmas baskets in the photos below contain your items that were requested for filling the baskets for the teens in the Morgan-Scott counties. Your contributions helped to make a happy Christmastime possible for them. **Dr. Mike Jackson** is shown asking God's blessings on the baskets at the 11 a.m. service on December 1<sup>st</sup>.



We appreciate and thank our UMW for the love they have for our youth and children, especially at Christmas.



The active United Methodist Women (UMW) in our church began this annual ministry of love for the teens at Morgan-Scott many years ago.



A special thank you to the UMW President, **Angie Rose**, for wrapping all the items in such pretty, festive gift baskets.



# A Blessed Thanksgiving!

A large crowd gathered in the Family Life Center at 1 p.m. on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 28<sup>th</sup>. They came to celebrate Thanksgiving by enjoying the delicious meal prepared and served by the **Community Ministry Team**.

We are grateful to all the members of the Community Ministry Team for serving others so lovingly and kind. You truly exemplify the love of Christ to many in our community. Making this Thanksgiving meal took a lot of hard work and planning, and we appreciate all that you do. What a superb meal it was!

# UMW Install New Officers

The United Methodist Women (UMW) gathered in the Family Life Center for their last gathering of 2019 on Tuesday evening, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, at six o'clock. Cindy Mistral of the Hiwassee District was present and installed the **UMW Officers for 2020**. Congratulations to **Lynda Smith** honored as the **UMW Woman of the Year!** Lynda is well-deserving of this honor. Thank you, **Patty Crowder**, for your loving tribute to the memory of faithful UMW member **Glenda Keylon**, who died in July 2019.

The ladies prepared delicious covered dishes to share for their meal. Each table looked festive with red table cloths and poinsettias. The UMW's next meeting is Tuesday, January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020, at 6 p.m., in the Fellowship Hall.



**Lynda Smith**  
Woman of the Year

See the UMW bulletin board in the hallway for more information about the new officers.



In Loving Memory of  
**Glenda Keylon**



## A Special Christmas Delivery



Featured left to row on the first row: **Margo Hinsdale, Patty Crowder, Barbara Rose, Susan Maddux**; second row left: **Dan & Rita Uhler, Dorothy Hastings, Morgan-Scott Project director, Crystal Tompkins, and Pat Douglas** are all smiles after they just finished unloading the 100 Christmas baskets filled with gifts for teens on Monday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Morgan and Scott counties are some of the most poverty-stricken counties in Tennessee. To everyone of you who donated items or gave a monetary gift for the teens at Morgan-Scott, please be assured your contributions will make this Christmas so much brighter and happier for them.



Delivered Christmas baskets for teens as they look on a shelf at Morgan-Scott. Thank you, Susan Maddux, for the pictures!



**Rev. Dale Wyrick, Pastor**  
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### OFFICE HOURS

Mon. - Thurs. 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
Lunch: Noon - 1 p.m.  
Friday 8 a.m. to Noon

### SUNDAY SCHEDULE

9:00 a.m. The Spring  
10:00 a.m. Sunday School  
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship  
4:30 p.m. Youth  
6:00 p.m. Bible Study  
5th Sunday Sing  
(only on fifth Sundays)

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