

THE LAMPLIGHTER

Newsletter of the
SPRING CITY
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
September 2020

Running the Race

In John 17, Jesus is praying just before his betrayal and arrest. Jesus' prayer is for his disciples, and all future disciples that they may be one just as Jesus and the Father are one. Jesus says that he has given disciples the glory that the Father gave to Jesus, and he prays for us to be in unity so that the world will know that the Father sent Jesus. This is what Jesus prayed as he was about to enter a dark night of his soul.

We seem to be in a dark night of our souls now. We are experiencing a pestilence upon the earth, political divide over almost every issue we face, and even divide within the Church of Jesus Christ. If ever there was a time to be called to prayer, it is now. Jesus gave us a mission to go make disciples, his last physical words on earth being, "You will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth" (Acts 1:8, NRSV). As we claim the name of Christianity, everything we say and everything we do is a witness and testimony to Jesus Christ. Lord, forgive me for those times my witness has not been true to the gospel of Jesus Christ.

There have been times when I willfully avoided fulfilling the call of Christ on my life, and there have been other times when I heard the call, wanted to follow but didn't really know how. I suppose the not knowing how stems from my own not abiding in the vine as Jesus refers to it. Even in this time of social distancing, we still have the call to make disciples. Maybe I should say, most especially in this time of angst and searching and discontentment, we have a call to make new disciples and to strengthen existing disciples.

As I continue thinking about transformation, I realize we are in a season now where we need to be abiding in Jesus and seeking Him through prayer. Prayer for our church, for our schools, for our law enforcement, for our government, and for our young people. I am especially burdened for those who will grow up not having experienced the joys of high school or college that so many of us remember all because our world has changed so drastically in 2020.

Through these trying times let us remember that our mission is Jesus—unmistakably, undeniably Jesus. That means we pray as Jesus prayed; we preach the good news as Jesus preached; we serve as Jesus served. Our unity comes through our shared passion for making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

While it is not yet safe to gather in person, there is still much to be done as we seek transformation within our own souls and within our church and community. If our mission is Jesus, then how do we go about sharing Jesus with the world? We begin in prayer. We have a great opportunity as school starts to pray for our young people.

Forty to fifty percent of students from good youth groups and families will drift from God and the church after high school. Why is that you might ask? Maybe it is because the enemy is fighting for their souls, and we have not equipped them well enough to fight back. Maybe it has to do with not feeling a part of the greater community of believers. Maybe it's a bit of both. At any rate our young people need to know that we truly care, and they desperately need our prayers. Every young person needs a team of adults strategically investing in their lives through prayer. That's why I am asking you to engage in a "Pray for Me" campaign throughout this coming year.

The Pray for Me Campaign links the generations in our community through prayer. During the campaign, adult believers from various generations become Prayer Champions and commit to a year of prayer for one student or family with young children.

The Pray for Me Prayer Guide equips the Prayer Champions to pray specific, Scripture-based prayers for children or students through the lens of the 7 Essentials found in each guide.

The 7 Essentials that represent seven aspects of life that are necessary for someone to flourish in living faithfully before God and humanity include favor, wisdom, love, faith, purity, speech, and conduct. Prayer Champions praying through the 7 Essentials will ask for God to intercede on behalf of children and students in the next generation.

I encourage you (especially some of you younger adults) to become a prayer champion. If you would answer that call or if you are a student who wants to be prayed for, please sign up at <https://forms.gle/8P74XmjFzJq4bMmFA> (this link will be available on the church Facebook page and web page) or contact Pastor Dave at dave@springcityumc.com or at (859) 536-5439. Prayer guides will be available. Donations of \$10 will be appreciated but are not necessary.

We will also have prayer opportunities on Sept. 25 and 26. New Room Conference is Saturday, Sept. 25, from 7-9 PM via streaming video featuring keynote speaker Jim Cymbala of the Brooklyn Tabernacle. The evening will close from 9-10 PM with a concert of prayer uniting thousands of hearts together across thousands of miles of apartness to sow for a great awakening. See <https://newroomconference.com/> for more information (please note all times on the web page are Central Daylight Time). Sept. 26 is National Day of Prayer and Repentance. Plans are being made in town for a local gathering on September 26. We will get you details on this gathering as they become available.

As conditions permit, we will plan prayer gatherings and prayer walks in our community to pray for a great awakening. Be on the lookout for details.

WALK WITH THE KING AND BE A BLESSING!
Dave

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Tim Agee
Manuel Christi
Pearl Gilliam
Ken Hasting

Becky Knox
Chuck McIlwain
Linda Mullins
Carol Price

Caren Ruffner
Liz Stair

Barbara Hardy The Courtyard, Apt. 258A, 195 Deer Ridge Dr., Dayton, 37321
Jeannette Long S C Care and Rehab, #201, 331 Hinch St., 37381
Fred Mullins Golden Years, 301 Keith Dr., 37381
Kathleen Reece S C Care and Rehab, #306, 331 Hinch St., 37381
Imogene Robbins Golden Years, 301 Keith Dr., 37381

Charlene Gibbs
(friend of Pat Douglas)

Luke Bolton
(Jim & Wanda McCarter's grandson)

The Family of Chad Crisp
(friend of Caren & Bill Ruffner)

Dennis Depp & wife, Terry Pitman
Depp (friends of Patty Crowder)

Terry McClendon
(Pat Horton's nephew)

The Family of Chad Crisp
(friend of Caren & Bill Ruffner)

Beth Selewski
(friend of Rayna & Jerry Henley)

Sheena Estep & Jay Elam
(Connie Roberts' friends)

Austin & Ronda Nowell
(Sharon Cowart's nephew & wife)

Karmah Swafford
(sister of Drake & Maddie Taylor)

Regina Hartford & Jeff Stephenson
(friends of Emmaly Fisher)

Dave Heimel
(father of Tom Heimel)

Joe Blasé
(uncle of Nancy Gilliam)

Marion Goldberg
(Deanna Ware's sister)

Jerry Levengood
(friend of Emmaly Fisher & Tammy Boles))

Byrley Morgan
(friend of Nancy Gilliam)

Gina Cook
(friend of Jerrie Patton)

Karen Young
(friend of Susan Maddux & Wendy Thurman)

Abram Bartley
(cousin of Connie Roberts)

Sue Carter
(sister of Clyde Thurman, Jr.)

Malachi Price
(friend of Angie Rose)

Tammie Phillips
(friend of Rayna & Jerry Henley)

Kathy Shoopman
(daughter of Stella Ray)

David Thurman
(friend of Norman & Peggy Bowman)

Sue Smith
(friend of Pat Douglas)

Mary Frances Goodson
(friend of Bennie & Susan Arp)

Clara Gossett
(friend of John Conroy)

Randy Gass
(friend of Cindy Hill)

Alesia McNelly (friend of the
Bowmans & Henleys)

Lillian Shaffer
(Kathy Heimel's mother)

Dominic Ciero
(grandson of Cindy Hill)
Kennedy and Lincoln Ladd
(friends of Peggy Bowman)

The Family of Jay Sweat
(cousin of Connie Roberts)

Faithful Workers

9/6 Ushers Bennie Arp Margo Hinsdale	9/13 Ushers Don Hinely Madison Hinely	9/20 Ushers Mary Drinkard Walt Morse	9/27 Ushers Don Hinely Madison Hinely
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2 Eddie Boles	20 Jeannette Long
5 Angela Jackson	21 Lynda Smith
6 Ronnie Barger	22 Max Douglas
6 Chris Rose	23 John Conroy
9 Christina Walling	23 Shari Norris
10 Laretta Cash	23 Jonathon Thompson
14 Teresia Mudica	24 Deborah Tanner
17 Marilyn Weiss	25 Walt Morse
17 Shelby Williams	28 Angie Couch
18 Naomi Hinely	29 Scott Henderson
19 Bob Burkhard	
19 David Gilliam	



Sept. 2 Walt & Linda Morse	Sept. 13 Roger & Margo Hinsdale
Sept. 7 Kevin & Lesia Garrison	Sept. 13 Ralph & Beth Root
Sept. 7 Harry & Donna Landreth	Sept. 19 Gil & Judy Litteken
Sept. 10 Gary & Tia Gilmore	



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 6:00 UMW	2 10 & 6 Coffee with Dave, Zoom	3	4 <i>Church Office Closed</i>	5
6 11:00 Worship Service	7 <i>Labor Day</i> Conference, District, & Church Offices Closed	8	9 10 & 6 Coffee with Dave, Zoom	10 7:00 Trustees	11	12
13 11:00 Worship Service Deadline for Peanut Butter Sunday Donations	14	15 6:30 UMW Book Club	16 10 & 6 Coffee with Dave, Zoom	17	18	19
20 11:00 Worship Service	21 12:00 Newsletter Deadline	22 FIRST DAY OF FALL 	23 10 & 6 Coffee with Dave, Zoom	24	25	26
27 11:00 Worship Service	28	29	30 10 & 6 Coffee with Dave, Zoom			



In Loving Memory

Edward & Linda Gibbs gave to the *General Budget* in memory of **Jerry Smith**.

Jim & Wanda McCarter gave to the *General Budget* in memory of **Tom Kolb**.

Hugh & Kay Walker gave to the *General Budget* in memory of **Tom Kolb**.

Bob & Angie Burkhardt gave to the *General Budget* in memory of **Bruce Hinzman**.

Helen Kincannon gave to the *General Budget* in memory of **Larry Anderson, Bruce Hinzman, Mary Heimel, and Ivey Jane Blasé**.

Joe Lisa gave to the *General Budget* in memory of **Cathy Lauer and Mary Heimel**.

Max & Pat Douglas gave to the *General Budget* in memory of **Bruce Hinzman**.

Felix & Emmaly Fisher gave to the *General Budget* in memory of **Mary Heimel, Jerry Smith, and Cathy Lauer**.

Dan & Rita Uhler gave to the *MDO Fund* in memory of **Sharon Baker**.

Patty Crowder gave to the *Bereavement Fund* in memory of **Sharon Baker, Yetiva Hill, Grace Leprecht and Bruce Hinzman**.



MONTHLY REPORT GIVING & MONEY DISBURSED

JULY 2020

INCOME	CURRENT PERIOD	YEAR TO DATE	ANNUAL BUDGET	ANNUAL BUDGET PERCENTAGE
Contributions	18,371.27	149,069.31	363,700.00	41.0%
Mother's Day Out	0.00	11,030.31	25,310.00	43.6%
Other Income	96.85	601.02	1,200.00	50.1%
TOTAL INCOME/ GROSS PROFIT	18,468.12	160,700.33	390,210.00	41.2%
EXPENSES				
Salaries & Benefits	12,050.39	83,658.34	205,929.00	40.6%
Property Maintenance	2,545.46	30,688.22	78,000.00	39.3%
Office Administration	776.57	4,420.53	9,700.00	45.6%
Nurture and Music	210.19	1,091.25	5,000.00	21.8%
Witness	0.00	305.00	1,700.00	17.9%
Outreach - Missions	270.86	727.79	1,900.00	38.3%
Conference/District	3,156.31	18,895.54	42,108.00	44.9%
Church Support	255.73	2,255.17	8,263.00	27.3%
Children's Ministries	0.00	199.48	5,300.00	3.8%
Adult Ministries	0.00	-12.88	1,000.00	-1.3%
Youth Ministries	0.00	1,447.81	6,000.00	24.1%
MDO Expenses	0.00	8,953.00	25,310.00	35.4%
TOTAL EXPENSES	19,265.51	152,629.25	390,210.00	39.1%
NET INCOME	-797.39	8,071.08	0.00	100.0%

FINANCIAL & ATTENDANCE REPORTS

	7/26	8/2	8/9	8/16
General Budget	2,705.00	9,003.00	3,690.27	3040.00
MDO Memorial Special		195.00	210.00	200.00
TOTAL	2,705.00	9,198.00	3,950.27	3,240.00
WORSHIP ATTENDANCE	48	32	44	47
	LIVESTREAM	LIVESTREAM	LIVESTREAM	LIVESTREAM

UMCOR Offering Help in Beirut

A blast that has killed over 150 people and injured another 5,000 to date has also left an estimated 300,000 displaced from their homes in Beirut, according to Reuters.

Longtime ministry partners that live and work in Lebanon are being offered assistance by UMCOR to help meet the most immediate and basic needs of those affected by the explosion.

You are there for people who are impacted by disasters when you give to UMCOR.

PLEASE GIVE NOW

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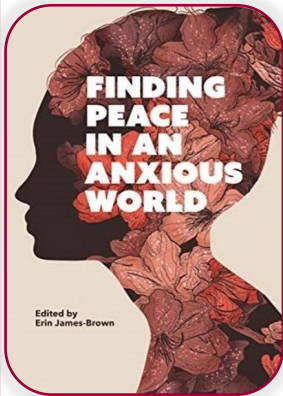
**456 Ponce de Leon Ave, NE
Atlanta, Georgian 30308**

**Need Help? donationhelp@umcmision.org
Have questions: 800.862.4246**

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GET OFF MY COMPUTER AND HELP
WITH THE DISHES, SHE'LL SLAM MY
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Join Us for the United Methodist Women Book Club Sept. 15th, in the Library



Due to the illness of our presenter in August, we will again share this book, which is appropriate for today's world.

Finding Peace in an Anxious World, the 2020 Spiritual Growth Study by staff of the Urban Village Church, uses the book of Proverbs and "The Serenity Prayer" as a guide to help Christians find their way through anxiety, worry, and fear and move towards God's peace that surpasses all understanding. Using "The Serenity Prayer" as a scaffold, Finding Peace in an Anxious World explores ways to discover peace through scriptural and spiritual disciplines so that we can be rooted in God and energized to live fully as disciples of Christ.

"The Serenity Prayer" shaped a 2015 four-part sermon series at the Urban Village Church in Chicago. It was through that series that the church was able to address the tumultuous events of that summer and present a framework for how to approach a God who desires peace for the hearts of God's people in times of anxiety. These sermons are the basis for this book

MINISTRY SURVEY

Please prayerfully consider how you will share your talents in service. Check in the boxes, sign, and drop off this form at the office. Due to the pandemic, you may phone in your survey choices. Remember: We all have gifts to serve Christ and His church.

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Signature: _____

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A big thank you to **Norman and Peggy Bowman** for responding to a call to help one of our shut-ins. You both went way out of your way to show kindness and compassion where it was greatly needed. Again, we are extremely grateful for your caring and concern.

On Tuesday, August 11th, **Joe Lisa** worked most of the morning in the heat and humidity cutting and trimming bushes, cleaning the gutters, removing cobwebs from the doors at all the church entrances as well as around the outside windows. **Thank you, Joe**, for all your hard work on such a hot day.

On Wednesday, August 12th, **Joe** was back at the church office at 10 a.m. to meet with the inspectors who checked each fire extinguisher in the church and Family Life Center. **Pastor Dave** brought in the two extinguishers from the parsonage so they could be inspected, too.

Joe installed a new doorbell on the front of the office, Tuesday, August 18th. The old one has not been working for quite some time. Now, you do not have to knock—just ring the doorbell. **Thank you so much, Joe!**



Parents of College Students are requested to send **Emmaly Fisher** current addresses for your sons and daughters who are attending college. Emmaly's email address is emmalyf@hotmail.com.

Sweet Memories of Days Gone By



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We regret to inform you that due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the United Methodist Women (UMW) have canceled their annual flea market, which was scheduled for Saturday, October 3rd, in the Family Life Center.

Thank you to everyone who donated and dropped off items to be stored at the Sunshine House to sell at the flea market. You have always been faithful and generous supporters of this annual event.

We hope the pandemic will be over soon and that we can have our 2021 UMW Flea Market the first week-end in May.

Day 7 at home and the dog is looking at me like, "See? This is why I chew the furniture."

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YOU ARE INVITED!

Join Pastor Dave at either 10 a.m. on Wednesday or at 6 p.m. on Wednesday to gather to share conversation through Zoom.

The best way to join by computer or mobile device is to click on the link under "Join Zoom Meeting." You will need the Zoom software. With a computer, it will prompt you to install once you try to join the meeting (just may need to join a few minutes early if one has not already installed the app.) Phone and tablet users will need to install the Zoom app from the app store before attempting to join.

Telephone users will not have to do anything other than dial in and enter the meeting ID and passcode. Most all of Pastor Dave's Zoom meetings will be this same meeting ID and passcode.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3940403865?pwd=TGN1QmJOC9kbDN60GFJLOITaTzXQT09>

Meeting ID: 394 040 3865

Passcode: 6324

Dial by your location

+1 301 715 8592 US (Germantown)

Meeting ID: 394 040 3865

Passcode: 6324



Music
is the prayer the heart sings



On Sunday, July 26th, our special music was performed by **David Gilliam** at the 11 a.m. worship service. The title of David's solo was "**This Is My Song,**" and **Angela Jackson**, accompanied on the piano. We look forward to hearing David's next special music selection in the near future.



Church organist, **Bryan Massengale's**, special music, Sunday, August 9th, was a beautiful piano solo, "**He Is Our Peace.**"

On Sunday, August 16th, the special music performed by **Bryan** was, "**Grace Medley,**" played on his bassoon. Accompanying Bryan on the piano was **Angela Jackson.**

Join us on **LiveStream** (springcityumc.com) for worship every Sunday morning at 11 a.m.



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Rev. David Grant
Pastor

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

6:00 p.m. 5th Sunday Sing