

THE LAMPLIGHTER

Newsletter of the
**SPRING CITY
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

February 2021

RUNNING THE RACE

by Rev. Dave Grant

*Lenten Focus on the Psalms and Ash Wednesday
Worship*

The pandemic of 2020 has had many unintended consequences. It will take years to even begin to grasp them all and create remedies and course corrections. There's one we must deal with now. The people of God have stopped singing. Sure, we are doing our best, but with all the masks and distancing and watching worship service on screens, our singing has taken a big hit. For the 2021 Lenten season, we want to speak into (and sing into) this moment.

During the season of Lent I want to invite you to join me in singing the psalms.

My colleague, J.D. Walt has been working on a resource for Lent we call **Soundtrack**. It's a Forty-Day Playlist through the Psalms. Long before now, we lost the concept that the word "psalm" actually means "song." Somewhere along the way we stopped singing them. Imagine only reciting the words to your favorite songs and never actually singing them. That's what we've come to do with the psalms.

This is so perfect for now, because so many of the psalms are actually made for the moment we now face—the space between great loss and a great awakening. So, I want to ask you to consider joining us in this Lenten journey.

We start singing on Ash Wednesday. You may get this playlist as a daily email by signing up at <https://www.seedbed.com/daily-text/> or order the book from <https://my.seedbed.com/product/soundtrack-a-forty-day-playlist-through-the-psalms/> (in paper or e-book format that will include a musical soundtrack with recordings of the songs to help you).

Speaking of Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent on, **February 17**, Lent is a 40-day journey of fasting (not counting Sundays which are always feast days) as we prepare ourselves for the feast and celebration of Easter. Just like we have done everything in the past year with social distancing, we will have to adjust on Ash Wednesday too. In the midst of the chaos and uncertainty, God is still making a way for us to come together. Never before in our lifetimes have we experienced such a protracted period of crisis. And never before have we experienced such a profound opportunity for awakening.

New Room Chapel is the oldest Methodist Chapel, and the chapel where John Wesley preached in Bristol, England that led to an awakening to Jesus Christ spread across the land. I have been blessed for the past few years to be a part of a New Room Conference, named after that historic chapel in Bristol. The purpose has been to seek a great awakening in our time.

We will have an opportunity to attend one of those meetings on Ash Wednesday by livestream: **A Night with New Room – Ash Wednesday**, 8:00-10:00 PM Eastern Time. This will be a live-streamed gathering focused around confession, repentance, and returning to the Lord with all our hearts.

In the wake of much death, we need to be together and claim resurrection life as we head into the 40 days to the cross. Through crisis, I believe the Lord is opening a door for us that cannot be closed—a doorway into a sustained season of awakening. We must walk through it together.

You can register to participate from home, or you may join us in the sanctuary for the broadcast (following our COVID protocols).

New Room Conference encourages each and every person attending register at <https://newroomconference.com/>. Registration allows them to provide each participant with complimentary follow up materials and links to the talks should you for any reason miss a portion or would like to view them again. Please note that the times on the web page are Central Time and therefore it will be an hour later in Eastern.

You may still participate in the sanctuary without registration (and without access to the bonus materials) but we would like to have an estimated number of participants, so please call Janie in the church office if you plan to attend in the sanctuary. We will have a time for "imposition of ashes" that will be an ashen cross on a piece of sackcloth.

For those who want to join at home or for whom this opportunity will not work, we will have the sanctuary open 1-5 PM that day for prayer and will have an Ash Wednesday devotional from the Soundtrack publication printed for you along with a piece of sack-cloth with the ashen cross on it for you to keep throughout Lent.

**Nothing has the power to unite
people and generations like
singing the Word of God.**

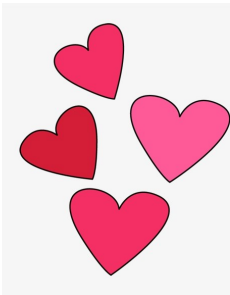
**It's time we start singing the
Psalms again.**

Happy Birthday!

February

1 Barbara Rose
 6 Harry Landreth
 8 Jenny Hallums
 9 Ken Rose
 10 Kenneth Hasting
 11 Allison Neal
 12 Kaitlyn Miller
 14 Kirstin Neal
 23 Kailyn Elizabeth Hess
 25 Terry Hooper
 26 Neil Garrison

26 Jessie Harris
 28 Frank Snyder
 28 Rick Wilson



February Ushers

2/7	2/14	2/21	2/28
Walt Morse Lynda Smith	Bennie Arp Mary Drinkard	Don Hinely Madison Hinely	Margo Hinsdale Lynda Smith

 *Happy Anniversary!*

2/10 Eddie & Kathleen Garrison	2/17 Brian & Erica Hitchcox	2/19 JoAnn & John Moorshead
2/14 Kenneth & Ann Hasting	2/19 James & Angela Couch	2/23 Jim & Wanda McCarter

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 6:00 TLC	2 UMW 6:00	3 10:00 Bible Study	4	5	6
7 11:00 Worship Service	8 6:00 TLC	9	10 10:00 Bible Study	11	12	13
14 Transfiguration Sunday 11:00 Worship Service	15 6:00 TLC	16	17 10:00 Bible Study Ash Wednesday "A Night With New Room" 8-10 p.m.	18	19	20
21 1 st Sunday in Lent 11:00 Worship Service	22 6:00 TLC	23	24 10:00 Bible Study	25	26	27
28 2 nd Sunday in Lent 11:00 Worship Service						

Memorials & Honorariums

Max and Pat Douglas gave to the *General Budget* in memory of **Doris Lisa**.

Silas and Linda Booker gave to the *General Budget* in memory of **Doris Lisa, Norman Kincannon, and Gary Drinkard**.

Dan and Rita Uhler gave to the *General Budget* in memory of **Doris Lisa**.

Jerry and Rayna Henley gave to the *Trustees' Renovation Fund* in memory of **Randal Gibbs**.

Carolyn Reid gave to the *General Budget* in memory of **Doris Lisa**.

Gray and Sharon Cowart gave to the *General Budget* in memory of **Doris Lisa, Norman Kincannon, and Gary Drinkard**.

Patty Crowder gave to the *Trustees' Renovation Fund* in memory of **Doris Lisa**.

Joe Lisa and Ryan Lisa gave to the *TLC Fund* in memory of **Doris Lisa**.

Walter and Terry Hooper gave to the *General Budget* in memory of **Sweet Church Friends: Theresa Lisa, Cathy Lauer, Nina Gibbs, Mary Gallo-way, Margaret Scholz, Joan Carty, and Eleanor Trail**.

Patty Crowder gave to the *Church Memorial Fund* in memory of **Norman Kincannon**.

Ralph and Beth Root gave to the *General Budget* in memory of **Gary Drinkard**.

Anonymous gifts were made to the **Community Ministry Fund**, the **United Methodist Women**, and the **Bereavement Committee Fund**.

MONTHLY REPORT GIVING & MONEY DISBURSED

DECEMBER 2020

INCOME	CURRENT PERIOD	YEAR TO DATE	ANNUAL BUDGET	ANNUAL BUDGET PERCENTAGE
Contributions	32,658.50	283,284.82	363,700.00	77.9%
Mother's Day Out	-2,127.00	8,953.00	25,310.00	35.4%
Other Income	125.84	876.48	1,200.00	73.0%
TOTAL INCOME/ GROSS PROFIT	30,657.34	293,114.30	390,210.00	75.1%
EXPENSES				
Salaries & Benefits	12,013.41	144,689.74	205,929.00	70.3%
Property Maintenance	-3,169.62	40,924.81	78,000.00	52.5%
Office Administration	686.56	8,267.92	9,700.00	85.2%
Nurture and Music	36.80	2,211.28	5,000.00	44.2%
Witness	97.50	597.50	1,700.00	35.1%
Outreach - Missions	75.00	1,102.79	1,900.00	58.0%
Conference/District	3,278.43	33,654.13	42,108.00	79.9%
Church Support	157.95	3,342.14	8,263.00	40.4%
Children's Ministries	0.00	223.46	5,300.00	4.2%
Adult Ministries	0.00	62.52	1,000.00	6.3%
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	13,176.03	245,477.10	390,210.00	62.9%
NET INCOME	17,481.31	47,637.20	0.00	100.0%

FINANCIAL & ATTENDANCE REPORTS

	12/13	12/20	12/27	1/3	1/10
General Budget	2,385.00	10,852.00	8,335.65	6,318.00	3,000.27
MDO Memorial Special	47.89	2,715.00	500.00	1,407.00	
TOTAL	2,432.89	13,567.00	8,835.65	7,725.00	3,000.27
WORSHIP ATTENDANCE	42	44	34	44	41
	70	54	50	74	53
	LIVE STREAM	LIVE STREAM	LIVE STREAM	LIVE STREAM	LIVE STREAM

The family of Norman Kincannon would like to express our deep appreciation for the outpouring of love in the form of donations and warm condolences. The support and encouragement of our loving church family has brought great comfort during our time of loss.

Respectfully,

Lesia K. Garrison & Laura K. Messimer

The Wednesday Morning Bible Study will begin again on February 3rd. The group will meet in the Fellowship Hall at 10:00 and will be studying the parables of Jesus. Everyone is welcome to attend. Masks and social distancing will be required.

Special Music



Judy Ezell sang "Come and Adore" for the special music on December 13th. Bryan Massengale accompanied her on the piano.



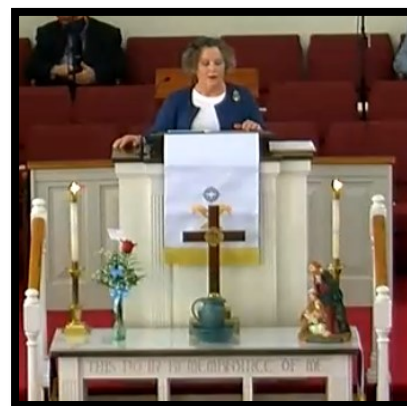
Angela Jackson sang "There's a New Kid in Town" for the special music on December 27th.



Bryan Massengale and Angela Jackson provided the special music on December 20th. They played "Silent Night" as a duet on the piano.



Bryan Massengale played "See Amid the Winter's Snow" on the organ for the special music on January 3rd.



Judy Ezell sang "The Work of Christmas" for the special music on January 10th.



Souper Bowl Sunday

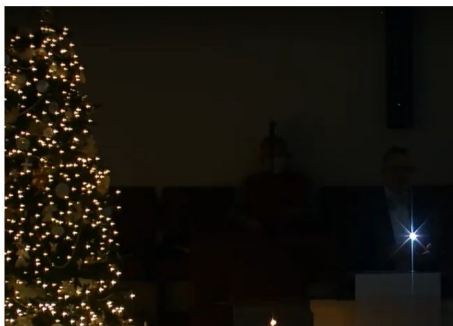
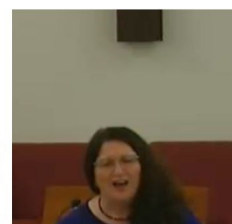
Souper Bowl Sunday will be Sunday, February 7th. Instead of bringing cans of soup this year, we are taking donations to provide to Our Daily Bread for the purchase of soup cans. You may place donations in the offering basket, bring them by the church office, or donate online.

Don't forget you can give online! Go to springcityumc.com and click on the red "Give" button in the top right corner. Put Souper Bowl in the Memo Section.



2020 Christmas Eve Service

Thank you to everyone who helped make the 2020 Christmas Eve Service a special time for all. **Ashley Grant** lit the candles in the advent wreath. **Bryan Massengale, Angela Jackson, Mike Jackson, Richard Stair, Judy Ezell, Connie Roberts, Meri Grant,** and **Pastor Dave** provided their musical talents. **Kaleb Laws, Loyal Cornelius, Pat Douglas,** and **Carolyn Reid** provided the scripture readings. Thank you to **Silas and Linda Booker** for serving as sound system operators and **Walt Morse** and **Don Hinely** for serving as ushers.



Welcome Baby Huck!



Huxley Elias Knight Miller

December 27, 2020

8:03 a.m.

8 lbs. 6 oz.

22 ½ inches

We are so appreciative of the outpouring of love and support over baby Huck and the support of us in this beautiful time of transformation of our family.

-Leo & Kaitlyn Miller

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Norman Bowman	Patty Crowder	Pearl Gilliam	Sandy Morgan
Bob Burkhardt	Kay Ray	Jenny Lou	Carol Price
James Weaver	Betty Barnes	Hallums	Liz Stair
Lynn Haynes	Manuel Christi	Rebecca Knox	
John Powell	John Conroy	Nancy McIlwain	

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

Mirlinda Gillespie

(friend of Pat Douglas)

Ada Ruffner

(daughter-in-law of Bill Ruffner)

Don Gray

(former SCUMC member)

Kathy Morse

(daughter of Walt & Linda Morse)

Larry Allen

(friend of Jerry & Rayna Henley)

Alex Cohen

(brother of Rita Uhler)

Donna Greenaway

(friend of Ken & Ann Hasting)

Mitsi Smith

(friend of Nancy Gilliam)

Emmett Holdren

(friend of Joe Lisa)

Jim Webb

(brother of Barbara Rose)

Pauline Brown

(mother of Connie Roberts)

Steve Orender

(grandson of Jim & Wanda McCarter)

Stacie Russell

(friend of Nancy Herhold)

Paul Checkuck

(friend of Marty Gilliam)

Jerry Levengood

(friend of Tammy Boles)

Leanne Goins

(friend of Connie Roberts)

Steve Sloan

(friend of Ken & Ann Hasting)

Ginny Weir

(friend of Robin Bolton)

Zach Lloyd

(friend of Pastor Dave)

Sheryl Ashley

(friend of Nancy Gilliam)

Jay Elam & Bill Jones

(friends of Connie Roberts)

Terry McClendon

(nephew of Pat Horton)

Beth Selewski

(friend of Rayna & Jerry Henley)

Regina Hartford & Jeff Stephenson

(friends of Emmaly Fisher)

Byrley Morgan

(friend of Nancy Gilliam)

Kaleigh Moffitt

(by special request)

Dave Heimel

(father of Tom Heimel)

Gina Cook

(friend of Jerrie Patton)

Dominic Ciero

(grandson of Cindy Hill)

Welcome New Members



Bobbie Grant

Bobbie has transferred her membership from St. Mark United Methodist Church. She is originally from Jefferson, Georgia and graduated from the University of Georgia. Bobbie is a Geometry teacher at Rhea County High School and met Pastor Dave on a blind date.

Meri Grant

Meri has transferred her membership from St. Mark Methodist Church. She is a junior at Anderson County High School where she plays clarinet in the band and serves as wood wind captain. Meri loves to bake and provides baked goods for Clinch River Coffee Co in Clinton. During the school week she stays with one of her former teachers and is in Spring City whenever school is out. She also serves as president of the Holston Conference Council on Youth Ministry.



Ashley Grant

Ashley has transferred her membership from St. Mark United Methodist Church. She is in the sixth grade at Spring City Middle School and enjoys playing flute and tap dancing. Ashley loves going to summer camp at Holston Conference camps and has been looking forward to youth and getting to go to Resurrection.



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

11:00 a.m. Morning Worship

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