

THE LAMPLIGHTER

Newsletter of the
SPRING CITY
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

May 2021

RUNNING THE RACE

by Rev. Dave Grant

I write this on Earth Day. I have enjoyed sitting on the front porch of the parsonage this spring gazing upon the flowering dogwoods, wisteria, black cherry, redbuds, roses, and burning bush (I didn't even know burning bushes bloomed). I join with creation singing the praises of the Creator. When God created the world, He said it was good. Then God created human beings in the image of God and called it very good and told Adam and Eve, "Be fruitful and multiply. Fill the earth and govern it." (Genesis 1:28). In the Garden of Eden, humanity and all of creation lived together in peace and harmony, and a river flowed from the garden to water the earth branching into four branches. Then humanity introduced sin, and as a result the ground is cursed (Genesis 3:17). Harmony became discord. Death replaced life. Chaos ensued (the next chapter is Cain murdering Abel). The rest of the biblical story is the story of redemption: God working to redeem a fallen humanity and a fallen world. Paul tells the Christians in Rome, "For we know that all creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time" (Romans 8:22).

Look at the word *govern*. According to Webster's Dictionary, *govern* means to rule without sovereign power and usually without having the authority to determine basic policy. Other translations say *steward*, meaning one who is hired to manage. The earth is the LORD's, and everything in it. The world and all its people belong to him (Psalm 24:1).

On New Year's Day 2005, David Yonggi Cho, founding pastor of the world's largest church, confessed:

The Bible says, "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life." All these years I misinterpreted it. I understood that God so loved *human beings*, not *the world*, that he gave his only Son. What is the world? In the world, there are all things such as people, society, sky, land, ocean, plants, insect and animals. The Bible says that God so loved the *world* that he gave his only Son; it does not limit the scope of the world to human beings.¹

Redemption is about restoring Eden. Revelation 22:1-2 gives us a picture of what that looks like: a crystal-clear river with the water of life flowing from the throne of God and flowing down the center of the main street, with a tree of life growing on each side of the river, bearing twelve crops of fruit, with a fresh crop each month. The leaves were used for medicine to heal the nations.

We live in a time of tension between the already and not-yet. We are a fallen race in the process of redemption. Ephesians 1:10 says that at the right time everything in heaven and on earth will be brought together under the authority of Christ. Until that right time, we have a responsibility to be faithful to God's call to govern, or steward, God's creation. Let us become passionate about salvation: salvation of both human souls and all God's creation.

WALK WITH THE KING AND BE A BLESSING!

¹ Howard Snyder and Joel Scandrett, *Salvation Means Creation Healed: The Ecology of Sin and Grace*, 2011, p 93

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Eddie Garrison
Nancy Herhold
Fred Mullins
Stella Ray
Bob Burkhardt

James Weaver
John Powell
Manuel Christi
John Conroy
Pearl Gilliam

Jenny Lou
Hallums
Sandy Morgan
Carol Price
Liz Stair

Barbara Hardy The Courtyard, Apt. 258A, 195 Deer Ridge Dr., Dayton, 37321
Fred 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

Joey & Leslie Grubb
(friends of Eddie & Tammy Boles)

Mary Hardy
(Sister-in-Law of Peg Caudill)

Rev. Caroline Hawthorne
(friend of Pastor Dave)

Pastor Arturo
(friend of Pastor Dave)

JD Simpson
(Brother-in-Law of Connie Roberts)

Boyd Alley
(Neighbor)

Ronnie Morgan
(friend of Norman & Peggy Bowman)

Tim Morrison
(friend of Nancy Herhold)

Kristen Wagner
(friend of Connie Roberts)

Lillian Shaffer
(mother of Kathy Heime)

Elise Sellers
(mother of Susan Arp)

Judy VanWinkle
(friend of Walt & Linda Morse)

Mirlinda Gillespie
(friend of Pat Douglas)

Kathy Morse
(daughter of Walt & Linda Morse)

Alex Cohen
(brother of Rita Uhler)

Mitsi Smith
(friend of Nancy Gilliam)

Emmett Holdren
(friend of Joe Lisa)

Steve Orender
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)

Beth Selewski
(friend of Rayna & Jerry Henley)

Byrley Morgan
(friend of Nancy Gilliam)

Dave Heime
(father of Tom Heime)

Gina Cook
(friend of Jerrie Patton)

Dominic Ciero
(grandson of Cindy Hill)

The Family of Robert Bickert
(friend of the Grant Family)

The Family of Nancy Allen
(friend of Bill & Caren Ruffner)

Happy Birthday!



May



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| 1 Steve Keylon | 8 Lois Walling | 20 Roy Phillips | 28 Mary Drinkard |
| 1 Helen Kincannon | 9 Linda Booker | 21 Gary Gilmore | 29 Kayla Gilliam |
| 1 Angela Moffett | 10 Leon Hicks | 21 Kathy Greene | 29 Linda Mathis |
| 1 Richard Stair | 11 Jerrie Ruth | 21 Watt McBrayer | 29 Katie Rose |
| 3 Pat Douglas | Patton | 22 Ashton Hoffman | 31 Angela Rose |
| 3 Beth Keylon | 12 Nash Garrison | 24 Donna Mullins | |
| 4 Diane Yonke | 15 Sylvia Baldwin | 25 Cathy Barnes | |
| 5 Ralph Root | 15 Beth Casady | 25 Billy Ray Patton | |
| 5 Kevin Rose | 16 Chris Haerr | 26 Bryan | |
| 7 Ann | 17 Kay Hesselbach | Massengale | |
| Winterberger | 18 Casey Cash | 27 Constance | |
| 8 Jennings Smith | 19 Alex Thurman | Garrison | |






May Ushers

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| 5/2 | 5/9 | 5/16 | 5/23 | 5/30 |
| Lynda Smith
Margo Hinsdale | Don Hinely
Madison Hinely | Bennie Arp
Walt Morse | Lynda Smith
Margo Hinsdale | Don Hinely
Madison Hinely |

Happy Anniversary!

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| 5/5
Don & Naomi Hinely | 5/7
Dan & Rita Uhler | 5/14
Joel & Betty Barnes | 5/22
Gary & Sandy Morgan |
| 5/7
Tommy & Loretta Hale | 5/10
Jacob & Laura Moffett | 5/14
Josh & Kim Wheat | 5/26
Scott & Laura Messimer |
| 5/7
Billy Ray & Jerry Ruth Patton | 5/13
Bill & Sue Speaker | 5/19
Les & Karen Whites | 5/27
Tom & Kathy Heimel |
| | 5/22
Don & Dina Hess | | |

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 11:00 Worship Service	3 6:00 TLC	4 UMW 6:00	5 Bible Study 10:00	6	7	8
9 11:00 Worship Service 	10 6:00 TLC	11	12 Bible Study 10:00 Deadline for Graduate Information	13 7:00 Trustees Meeting	14 Rhea County Graduation	15
16 11:00 Worship Service Graduate Sunday 	17 6:00 TLC	18 UMW Book Club 6:30	19 Bible Study 10:00	20	21	22
23 11:00 Worship Service Deadline for Health Kits	24 6:00 TLC	25	26 Bible Study 10:00	27	28	29
30 11:00 Worship Service	31 Office Closed 					

In Loving Memory

Patricia Cook gave to the *General Budget* in memory of **Theresa Lisa**.

Joe Lisa gave to the *General Budget* in memory of **Linda Mullins and Rebecca Knox**.

Patty Crowder gave to the *Bereavement Fund* in memory of **Jeannette Long**.

Patricia Cook gave to the *General Budget* in memory of **Jeannette Long**.

Joe Lisa gave to the *General Budget* in memory of **Jeannette Long**.

Carolyn Reid gave to the *General Budget* in memory of **Jeannette Long**.

Max & Pat Douglas gave to the *General Budget* in memory of **Jeannette Long**.

Kevin & Lesia Garrison gave to the *General Budget* in memory of **Jeannette Long**.

Loyal Cornelius gave to the *General Budget* in memory of **Jeannette Long**.

Mr. and Mrs. David O. Woods gave to the *Music Memorial Fund* in memory of **Jeannette Long**.

Gray & Sharon Cowart gave to the *General Budget* in memory of **Jeannette Long**.

Jerry & Rayna Henley gave to the *Sanctuary Music Fund* in memory of **Jeannette Long**.

T.C. & Lauretta Cash gave to the *General Budget* in memory of **Jeannette Long**.

Harriet Southers gave to the *General Budget* in memory of **Jeannette Long**.

Carolyn Galloway White gave to the *General Budget* in memory of **Jeannette Long**.

Manuel Christi gave to the *General Budget* in memory of **Jeannette Long**.

Catrina Christi gave to the *General Budget* in memory of **Jeannette Long**.

Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who gave me such wonderful gifts for Administrative Professionals' Day. I truly am so grateful for the kindness you all have shown me.

-Janie Tallent

To Everyone at Spring City United Methodist Church,

We, at Our Daily Bread, extend heartfelt thanks to all who so generously contributed to Souper Bowl Sunday. We were able to purchase 5,856 cans of soup! Your support to help those in need is very much appreciated.

May God Bless You,
The Volunteers at Our Daily Bread

MONTHLY REPORT GIVING & MONEY DISBURSED

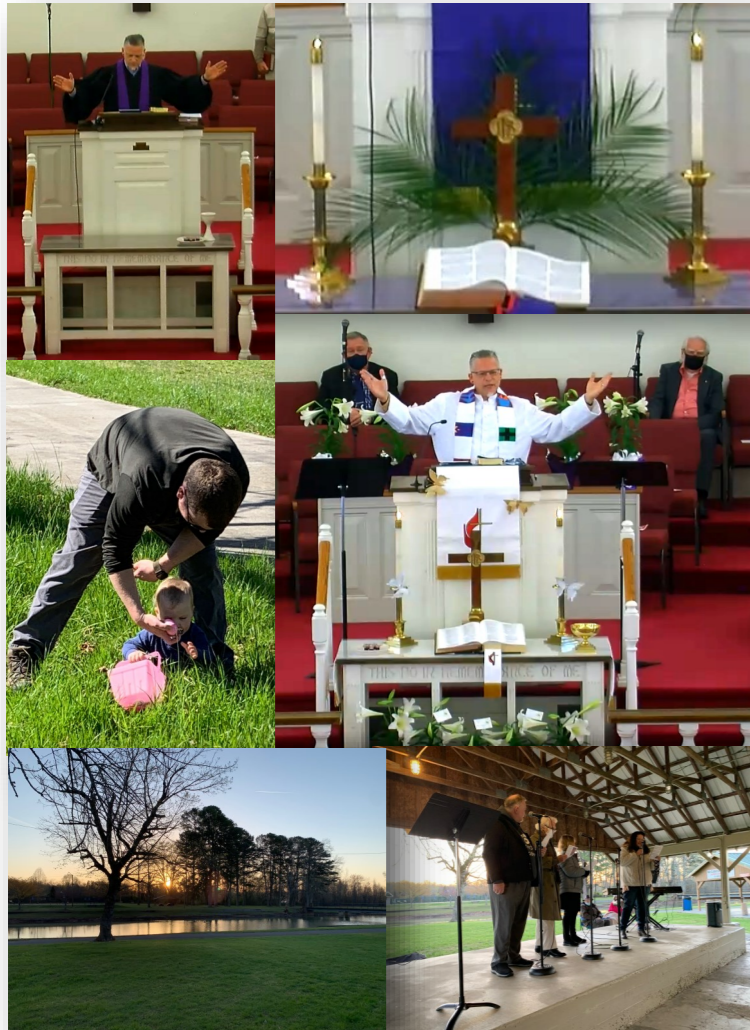
MARCH 2021

INCOME	CURRENT PERIOD	YEAR TO DATE	ANNUAL BUDGET	ANNUAL BUDGET PERCENTAGE
Contributions	21,615.20	76,743.12	310,000.00	24.8%
Mother's Day Out	0.00	0.00	25,310.00	0.0%
Other Income	115.08	128.08	1,200.00	10.7%
TOTAL INCOME/ GROSS PROFIT	21,730.28	76,871.20	336,510.00	22.8%
EXPENSES				
Salaries & Benefits	12,048.35	34,972.00	146,913.00	23.8%
Property Maintenance	5,557.85	21,132.22	89,300.00	23.7%
Office Administration	264.10	1,041.84	9,700.00	10.7%
Nurture and Music	128.99	327.87	3,900.00	8.4%
Witness	0.00	103.85	1,700.00	6.1%
Outreach - Missions	0.00	150.00	1,900.00	7.9%
Conference/District	0.00	5,514.10	37,189.00	14.8%
Church Support	0.00	631.96	8,298.00	7.6%
Children's Ministries	70.00	70.00	5,300.00	1.3%
Adult Ministries	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	0.0%
Youth Ministries	0.00	0.00	6,000.00	0.0%
MDO Expenses	0.00	0.00	25,310.00	0.0%
TOTAL EXPENSES	18,069.29	63,943.84	336,510.00	19.0%
NET INCOME	3,660.99	12,927.36	0.00	100.0%

FINANCIAL & ATTENDANCE REPORTS

	3/21	3/28	4/4	4/11	4/18
General Budget	3,463.00	21,615.20	10,115.26	5,850.50	3,630.00
MDO Memorial Special	650.00	1,060.00	200.00	25.00	25.00
TOTAL	4,113.00	22,675.20	10,315.26	5,875.50	3,655.00
WORSHIP ATTENDANCE	46	63	89	56	67
	51	41	67	28	37
	LIVE STREAM	LIVE STREAM	LIVE STREAM	LIVE STREAM	LIVE STREAM

Holy Week 2021



Special Music



Judy Ezell sang "Come Home" with the accompaniment of Bryan Massengale on the piano for the special music on March 21st.



The King's Trio, made up of Dale Wyrick, Tom Heimel, and Richard Stair, sang "Teach Me Lord to Wait" on April 18th with the accompaniment of Connie Roberts on the piano.



Bryan Massengale played "Adagio in G Minor" on the organ for the special music on March 28th.



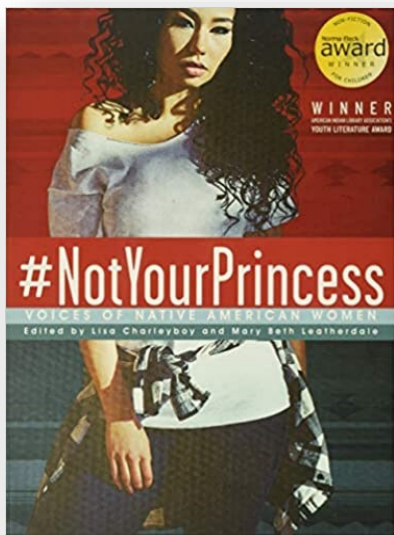
Angela Jackson, and guest Brian Minshew, sang "I've Just Seen Jesus" for the special music on Easter Sunday.



Bryan Massengale played "Alone with the Music" on the piano for the special music on April 11th.

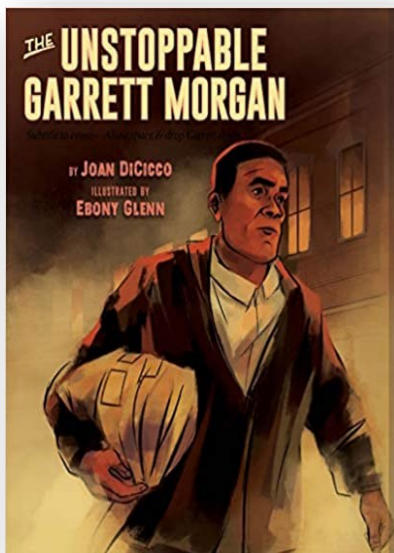
Come join the United Methodist Women Book Club

*On May 18th at 6:30 in the
Fellowship Hall*



Whether looking back to a troubled past or welcoming a hopeful future, the powerful voices of Indigenous women across North America resound in this book.

In the same style as the best-selling *Dreaming in Indian*, *#NotYourPrincess* presents an eclectic collection of poems, essays, interviews, and art that combine to express the experience of being a Native woman. Stories of abuse, humiliation, and stereotyping are countered by the voices of passionate women making themselves heard and demanding change. Sometimes angry, often reflective, but always strong, the women in this book will give teen readers insight into the lives of women who, for so long, have been virtually invisible.



Garrett Morgan, a prolific African American inventor and entrepreneur, must test his latest invention in a daring rescue after an explosion at the Cleveland Waterworks.

If a man puts something to block your way, the first time you go around it, the second time you go over it, and the third time you go through it.

Living by these words made inventor and entrepreneur Garrett Morgan unstoppable! Growing up in Claysville, Kentucky, the son of freed slaves, young and curious Garrett was eager for life beyond his family's farm. At age fourteen, he moved north to Cleveland, where his creative mind took flight amidst the city's booming clothing-manufacturing industry. Using his ingenuity and tenacity, Garrett overcame racial barriers and forged a career as a successful businessman and inventor. But when a tunnel collapsed, trapping twenty men, the rescue would test both Garrett's invention -- and his courage.

2021 Annual Conference Information

Please see the information provided by the Holston Conference regarding this year's Annual Conference.

This year, we will be dividing Annual Conference into two parts: an online, or virtual, conference, and an in-person gathering. The virtual AC will look very similar to last year's gathering. We will gather via Zoom webinar for a time of worship and reporting. We will also be holding the Clergy Session virtually. Then, on another date later in the year, we will gather in-person for a time of discussion and voting. This in-person gathering will be live-streamed, but only those that are present will be able to discuss and vote. The in-person gathering, due to space restrictions, will be limited to voting members of the Annual Conference only.

- Virtual Clergy Session—Zoom Webinar—June 8 at 2:00 pm
- Virtual Annual Conference—Zoom Webinar—June 12 at 1:00 pm
- Memorial Service—First Broad Street UMC—August 27 at 3:00 p.m.
- Ordination Service—First Broad Street UMC—August 27 at 7:00 pm
- In-Person Annual Conference—Meadowview Conference & Resort Center—August 28 from 12:00 to 6:00 p.m.



Please submit the following information to the church office by **May 12th** if you have a child graduating this year:

- Name
- Date of Graduation
- Name of School/College
- Awards/Honors
- Graduate's Future Plans
- Names of Graduate's Parents/Grandparents

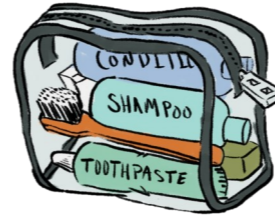
Please also send a photo to **scumc@volstate.net** or bring it by the office to be scanned.

Graduates will be honored during our worship service on May 16th.

2021 Hands on Mission Project

Below are the instructions for making a kit. *It is very important that all items are exactly the size that is specified.*

Pack these items in a 2-gallon Ziploc bag (**DO NOT** use a larger size bag):



- 1 hand towel
- 1 washcloth
- 2 toothbrushes
- 2 tubes of toothpaste (**6.4 oz or less**)
- 1 bottle of shampoo (**15 oz or less**)
- 1 bottle of lotion (**18 oz or less**)
- 1 bottle of roll-on deodorant (**4 oz or less**)
- 1 small spray perfume/cologne/body mist (**4 oz or less**)

Pack these items in a separate, sandwich size Ziploc bag:

- 1 tube of antibacterial ointment (**1 oz**)
- 1 bottle of Tylenol/Acetaminophen 500 mg (**24 ct.**)

Shipping is \$5 per kit. Make checks out to SCUMC.

Kits can be brought by the church office or placed in the box at the Side Entrance by May 23rd.



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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