

# THE LAMPLIGHTER

Newsletter of the

SPRING CITY

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

December 2009

## DALE'S DOODLES

### Reflections from the heart of your Pastor:

Life is a gift from God. God knitted us together in our mother's womb. His fingerprints are all over us. The amazing fact is that this gift is to be shared with other people whom God also created. Everyone is a gift from God. Let us share our lives with each other. Our gift to God is how we live.

Life is to be lived to the fullest. We get one shot so let's make it the very best we have. Make it shout with love, vitality, and purpose.

Life is experienced daily as we live in the now. Never reach back to those experiences that keep us from reaching all that God wants us to be. If we hold on to those things which bind us, we will never be free to LIVE!!!!!!

Life is full of opportunities to live like Jesus. How did Jesus live? By seeing the possibilities in everyone and how they may connect to the Kingdom.

Life means living each day as if it were the last day. No, not a doomsday outlook, but a view of life that gives us the opportunity to be open to everything God has for us and for us to do for Him.

Life means there will be times when we get hurt by others. We can live in the wallow of hurt or we can get over it. This means that grace AND forgiveness are always obtainable.

Life is a song we are blessed to sing. Who will sing it with me!!!!

LIFE-LIVE-LOVE-SERVE-LOVE-LIVE-LIFE

"<sup>8</sup>In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. <sup>9</sup>Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. <sup>10</sup>But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: <sup>11</sup>to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. "

Luke 2: 8-11

Pastor Dale is going on another pilgrimage with the Society for Biblical Studies;  
**The Exodus Experience.**

The trip is from January 4-14, 2010.

The trip includes Cairo, Sinai, the Dead Sea, Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Jarash and Amman Jordan.

His first journey to the Holy Land was / is a life changing experience.

The travel this time will trace the Exodus of the Hebrew Children from Egypt.

Come check out the side bulletin board for the his travel updates in January.

Shalom



## REMEMBER IN PRAYER



**Kathleen Reece** (Spring City Care and Rehab # 206A)

**Irene Alexander**

**Gerri Cash**

**Joyce Eicher**

**Martin Hatcher**

**Bruce Hinzman**

**Mary Ellen Holland**

**Christina Jordan**

**Steve Keylon**

**Kathy Klein**

**Russell Lemons**

**Agnes Maddux**

**Nancy Jo McClendon**

**Roy Phillips**

**Letty Shock**

**Frank Snyder**

**Maggie Tammark**

**Eleanor Trail**

**Chris Bekendorf** (nephew of Molly Graham)

**Carol Bell** (sister of Joyce Eicher)

**Gretchen Bowman** (daughter-in-law of the Bowman's)

**Clyde Drummond** (father-in-law of Carl Hesselbach, Jr.)

**Ruby Bell Smith Harwood** (friend of Helen Kincannon)

**Carolyn Hesselbach** (daughter of Carl & Kay Hesselbach)

**Kelie Jasso** (daughter of Christina Jordan &  
granddaughter of Manual Christi)

**Garrett Tallent** (grandson of Judith Barger)

**Peyton Williams** (great-granddaughter of  
Ray & Glenda Keylon)

The Family of **Hazel Ketchersid**

The Family of **Gretchen Smith**

*Please remember the first of every month to call with an update if you wish a name to remain on the prayer list.*

## HONORARIUM

Virginia Hale gave to the Organ Fund in honor of Ding-A-Lings, Ting-A-Lings, Children's Choir, and Sam Hanson.



# HAPPY BIRTHDAY



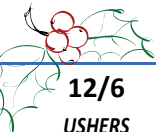
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|--------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| 2 Jim Baldwin      | 11 Sharon Dines     | 26 Betty Talley     |
| 2 Cynthia Snyder   | 12 Sam Hanson       | 28 Jean Eldridge    |
| 3 Autumn Neal      | 14 Atlanta Ervin    | 29 Cherie Henderson |
| 4 Hannah Couch     | 15 Marilyn Peterson | 29 Albert Jenkins   |
| 4 Karen Jo Tallent | 16 Patricia Garner  | 29 Taylor Johnson   |
| 7 Elizabeth DeHart | 19 Caren Ruffner    | 29 Penny Rice       |
| 7 Phillip Ray      | 20 Ginny Hatcher    | 29 Dan Uhler        |
| 9 Lori Dillard     | 20 Anna Messimer    | 30 Chris Dodson     |
| 10 David Beckler   | 20 Carol Price      | 30 Harriet Southers |
| 10 Erin Couch      | 22 Cynthia Ross     |                     |
| 10 Chris Hastings  | 24 Taylor Thurman   |                     |



# HAPPY ANNIVERSARY



|                             |                                    |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 12/2 Mike & Lori Dillard    | 12/28 David & Carol Beckler        |
| 12/4 Don & Nancy Carr       | 12/28 Gary & Mary Drinkard         |
| 12/21 Chris & Carolyn Haerr | 12/31 Arthur Mack & Shirdella Reed |



# FAITHFUL WORKERS



| 12/6  | 12/13  | 12/20  | 12/27  |
|---|--|--|--|
| <b>USHERS</b><br>Leon Hicks<br>Marla Hinzman<br>Earl Keahey<br>Steve Keylon | <b>USHERS</b><br>Fred Mullins<br>Billy Ray Patton<br>Earl Robbins<br>Clyde Thurman | <b>USHERS</b><br>Ken Rose<br>Kevin Rose<br>Hiley Smith<br>Jennings Smith | <b>USHERS</b><br>Pete Williams<br>Eddie Boles<br>Chadley Bowman<br>Loyal Cornelius |
| <b>HOSTS</b><br>Fred & Linda Witt<br>Mullins                                | <b>HOSTS</b><br>Kevin & Angela Rose  | <b>HOSTS</b><br>Carol Price<br>Margaret Scholz                           | <b>HOSTS</b><br>Lynda Smith<br>Susie Strunk  |
| <b>NURSERY</b><br>Angela Couch<br>& Kaitlyn                                 | <b>NURSERY</b><br>Barbara Lemons<br>Taylor Thurman                                 | <b>NURSERY</b><br>Laura Owensby  | <b>NURSERY</b><br>Terry Hooper<br>Peggy Bowman                                     |
| <b>ACOLYTE</b><br>Faith Wright  | <b>ACOLYTE</b><br>J.T. Baker   | <b>ACOLYTE</b><br>Will Boles   | <b>ACOLYTE</b><br>Erin Couch   |
| <b>CHILDREN'S CHURCH</b><br>Susan Maddux                                    | <b>CHILDREN'S CHURCH</b><br>Laura Messimer   | <b>CHILDREN'S CHURCH</b><br>Angie Rose                                   | <b>CHILDREN'S CHURCH</b><br>Lynda Smith  |
| <b>YOUTH</b><br>Leisa Garrison<br>12/9<br>No Youth                          | <b>YOUTH</b><br>Angie Couch<br>12/16<br>Gray & Sharon Cowart                       | <b>YOUTH</b><br>Barbara Lemons<br>12/23<br>Rick & Debbie Wilson          | <b>YOUTH</b><br>No Youth<br>12/30<br>Beth Keylon                                   |

| Sunday   | Monday   | Tuesday   | Wednesday   | Thursday   | Friday   | Saturday  |
|--|--|---|---|--|--|-----------|
| <b>The Family Life Center is open Monday thru Friday from 8 a.m. until 1 p.m. for walkers.</b><br>  |  | <b>1</b>  | <b>2</b>  | <b>3</b>   | <b>4</b>   | <b>5</b>  |
| <b>6</b> 2nd Sunday of Advent - Purple<br>11:00 Worship Service<br>3-5:00 Young Adults - FLC<br>6:00 Bible Study<br>6:00 Youth - FLC<br>7:00 Cantata - Sanctuary<br>      | <b>7</b><br>2:00 Prayer Group @ Eicher's home<br>6:30 Prayer Shawl Ministry<br>7:00 Scouts - FH  | <b>8</b><br>8:30 MDO<br>7:30 Trustees Meeting<br>UPWARD PRACTICE BEGINS - FLC   | <b>9</b><br>4:45 Ting-A-Lings (FH)<br>6:00 No Youth<br>6:00 Ding-A-Lings<br>6:30 Wednesday Christmas Dinner - FLC<br>7:00 Choir | <b>10</b><br>8:30 MDO<br>12:00 DEADLINE FOR "LET'S DO LUNCH" RESERVATIONS<br>Upward Practice - FLC   | <b>11</b><br>6:00 Upward Basketball All Volunteers Meeting   | <b>12</b> |
| <b>13</b> 3rd Sunday of Advent - Purple<br>11:00 Worship Service<br><b>Christmas Cantata</b><br>3-5:00 Young Adults - FLC<br>6:00 Bible Study<br>6:00 Youth - FLC<br>     | <b>14</b><br>2:00 Prayer Group @ Eicher's home<br>6:30 <b>UMW Christmas Dinner - FLC</b><br>6:30 Prayer Shawl Ministry - FLC<br>7:00 Scouts - FH | <b>15</b><br>8:00 MDO<br>12:00 Let's Do Lunch<br>Upward Practice - FLC<br> | <b>16</b><br>5:00 Ting-A-Lings<br>6:00 Youth - FLC<br>6:00 Ding-A-Lings<br>7:00 Choir   | <b>17</b><br>8:30 MDO<br>1:30 MDO Christmas Party<br>5:00 Community Dinner   | <b>18</b><br>← Kiwanis Club Christmas Baskets →  | <b>19</b> |
| <b>20</b> 4th Sunday of Advent - Purple<br><b>Confirmation Sunday</b><br>11:00 Worship Service<br>3-5:00 Young Adults - FLC<br>6:00 Bible Study<br>6:00 Youth - FLC<br> | <b>21</b><br>2:00 Prayer Group @ Eicher's home<br>6:30 Prayer Shawl Ministry<br>7:00 Scouts - FH   | <b>22</b>   | <b>23</b>   | <b>24</b><br>5:00 <b>Candlelight Communion Service</b><br><br>← OFFICE CLOSED → | <b>25</b><br>Christmas Day   | <b>26</b> |
| <b>27</b> 1st Sunday after Christmas - Purple<br>11:00 Worship Service<br>3-5:00 Young Adults - FLC<br>6:00 5th Sunday Sing<br>NO Bible Study<br>6:00 Youth - FLC  | <b>28</b><br>2:00 Prayer Group @ Eicher's home<br>6:30 Prayer Shawl Ministry<br>7:00 Scouts - FH   | <b>29</b>   | <b>30</b><br>5:00 Ting-A-Lings<br>6:00 Youth - FLC<br>6:00 Ding-A-Lings<br>7:00 Choir   | <b>31</b>  | <b>Sunday Schedule:</b><br>9:45 a.m. - Children's Choir<br>9:45 a.m. - Sunday School<br>10:45 a.m. - Coffee & Donuts<br>11:00 a.m. - Morning Worship<br>3:00-5:00 p.m. - Young Adults<br>6:00 p.m. - Bible Study<br>6:00 p.m. - Youth<br> |           |

# DECEMBER 2009

## MEMORIALS

- Edward & Linda Gibbs gave to the Organ Fund in memory of Mary Wermer.
- Bill & Patty Crowder gave to the Loan Reduction Fund in memory of Mary Wermer.
- Gil & Judy Litteken gave to the Loan Reduction Fund in Memory of Mary Wermer.
- Lorene Fourman gave to the Loan Reduction Fund in Memory of Mary Wermer.
- Virginia Hale gave to the Organ Fund in Memory of Mary Wermer.
- Joyce Drake gave to the Organ Fund in memory of Bill Slater.
- Joyce Drake gave to the Organ Fund in memory of Mary Wermer.
- Fred & Linda Mullins gave to the Memorial Fund in memory of Hazel Ketchersid.
- Edward & Linda Gibbs gave to the Loan Reduction Fund in memory of Hazel Ketchersid.
- Earl & Imogene Robbins gave to the Loan Reduction Fund in memory of Hazel Ketchersid.
- June Pitman gave to the Memorial Fund in memory of Hazel Ketchersid.
- Virginia Hale gave to the Loan Reduction Fund in memory of Hazel Ketchersid.
- Bill & Patty Crowder gave to the Loan Reduction Fund in memory of Hazel Ketchersid.
- Mary Galloway gave to the Memorial Fund in memory of Hazel Ketchersid.
- Ray & Glenda Keylon gave to the Music Memorial Fund in memory of Hazel Ketchersid.
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- Ray & Glenda Keylon gave to the Music Memorial Fund in memory of Hazel Ketchersid.
- David & Nancy Gilliam gave to the Music Memorial Fund in memory of Hazel Ketchersid.
- David & Nancy Gilliam gave to the Music Memorial Fund in memory of Mary Wermer.
- Rosalind Booker gave to the Loan Reduction Fund in memory of Hazel Ketchersid.

## MONTHLY REPORT GIVING & MONEY DISBURSED

### OCTOBER 2009

| INCOME                            | CURRENT PERIOD      | YEAR TO DATE        | ANNUAL BUDGET       | ANNUAL BUDGET DIFFERENCE |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|
| Contributions                     | \$23,080.04         | \$244,134.14        | \$305,132.00        | -\$60,997.86             |
| Mother's Day Out                  | 2,961.00            | 22,721.00           | 28,232.00           | -5,511.00                |
| Other Income                      | 131.02              | 573.95              | 2,900.00            | -2,326.05                |
| <b>TOTAL INCOME</b>               | <b>\$ 26,172.06</b> | <b>\$267,429.09</b> | <b>\$336,264.00</b> | <b>-\$68,834.91</b>      |
| EXPENSES                          |                     |                     |                     |                          |
| Salaries & Benefits               | \$13,137.65         | \$124,422.40        | \$146,464.00        | -\$22,041.60             |
| Property Maintenance              | 2,908.12            | 55,670.72           | 66,200.00           | -10,529.28               |
| Office Administration             | 613.94              | 7,242.22            | 10,950.00           | -3,707.78                |
| NURTURE-Worship                   | 1,000.96            | 4,952.24            | 4,300.00            | 652.24                   |
| WITNESS- Evangelism               | 905.95              | 1,468.61            | 4,400.00            | -2,931.39                |
| Church & Society                  | 0.00                | 656.86              | 1,300.00            | -643.14                  |
| OUTREACH- Mission                 | 4,500.00            | 50,556.95           | 65,600.00           | -15,043.05               |
| Church Support                    | 240.10              | 3,961.61            | 4,250.00            | -288.39                  |
| Children's Ministry               | 122.98              | 1,849.71            | 2,800.00            | -950.29                  |
| Youth & Young Adults              | 180.73              | 3,668.04            | 2,950.00            | 718.04                   |
| MDO Expenses                      | 2,905.00            | 20,537.83           | 25,550.00           | -5,012.17                |
| Young Adults (18-35)              | 0.00                | 200.12              | 1,500.00            | -1,299.88                |
| <b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>             | <b>29,515.43</b>    | <b>275,187.31</b>   | <b>336,264.00</b>   | <b>-61,076.69</b>        |
| <b>EXCESS INCOME/<br/>EXPENSE</b> | <b>-\$343.37</b>    | <b>-\$7,758.22</b>  | <b>\$0.00</b>       | <b>-\$7,758.22</b>       |

## FINANCIAL & ATTENDANCE REPORTS

|                    | 10/25             | 11/1               | 11/8              | 11/15             |
|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| General Budget     | \$3,596.55        | \$8,735.00         | \$4,598.00        | \$6,293.00        |
| MDO                | 0.00              | 0.00               | 2,170.00          | 765.00            |
| Loan Reduction     | 77.00             | 355.00             | 330.00            | 530.00            |
| Memorial           | 0.00              | 0.00               | 0.00              | 100.00            |
| Specials           | 736.00            | 2,841.00           | 925.00            | 1,003.00          |
| <b>TOTAL</b>       | <b>\$4,409.55</b> | <b>\$11,931.00</b> | <b>\$8,023.00</b> | <b>\$8,691.00</b> |
| SS ATTENDANCE      | N/A               | N/A                | 63                | 65                |
| WORSHIP ATTENDANCE | 185               | 172                | 141               | 185               |

## PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY



- Samuel Booker** (Rosalind Booker's grandson)
- Alex Brown** (Helen Miko's future nephew)
- DeMarcus Cranfill** (Beth Keylon's nephew)
- Christopher Eicher** (David & Joyce Eicher's son)
- Robert Flynn** (Whitney Flynn's brother, & Tammy Flanagan's grandson)
- Ian Haddock** (The Klein's friend)
- Doug Hanson** (John & Sam Hanson's son)
- Jacob Hubbard** (Ron & Fran Hubbard's grandson)
- Ben Johnston** (Elizabeth Alexander's grandson)
- Amy Kester** (Richard Trail's cousin)
- Charles Krumweide** (Richard & Eleanor Trail's nephew)
- John Lewis** (MDO teacher Vickie Cheek's "other son")
- Aaron D. Mooneyhan** (June Pitman's grandson)
- Colby Nelson** (Leon & Nancy Hicks grandson)
- Clarence Oakerson** (Sandy Gilliam's nephew)
- Kimberly Bowyer Niehaus** (John & Sam Hanson's granddaughter)
- Bobby Reece** (Kathleen Reece's son)
- Andrew Reed** (Nancy Gilliam's nephew)
- Tom Reed** (Nancy Gilliam's nephew)
- Austin Reed** (Kelly Reed's son)
- Joshua Russell** (Helen Miko's nephew)
- Earl Schaller** (George & Phyllis Schaller's grandson)
- Chris Stephenson** (Ed & Helen Stephenson's grandson)
- Thomas R. Taylor** (Marilyn Cooksey's daughter-in-law's brother)
- Larry Ware** (Robert & Kay Ware's son)
- Robert Ware** (Robert & Kay Ware's son)
- Daniel Wermer** (Rosalind Booker's grandson)
- William Wilkey** (Richard & Eleanor Trail's grandson)
- Nick Williams** (George & Phyllis Schaller's nephew)



Joshua Russell



Dan Wermer



## PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY



*From left: Susie Strunk, Rosalind Booker, Doris Ray, Pastor Dale, Theresa Lisa, and Kathy Klein. Not Pictured: Beverly Allison, Donna Barber, Chadley Bowman, Peggy Bowman, Chae Frandberg, Agnes Maddux, Maggie Tammark, Betty Thomas, Rita Uhler, Marj Zimmerman*

The SCUMC Prayer Shawl Ministry started on October 5th, spearheaded by Theresa Lisa, with Pastor Dale's blessing and encouragement. There were 10 people at the first meeting, and the ministry has grown to 15 members. The members get together to knit and crochet shawls to give to those who are going through cancer treatments or other serious illnesses. Some members cannot attend the meeting, but still are contributing by knitting and crocheting the shawls at home to donate. The shawls are blessed and prayed over before given to someone to provide warmth, comfort, and most of all spiritual support during the difficult and challenging times.



**These were the first prayer shawls made. Six more shawls are finished and ready to be blessed.**

If you would like to know more about the Prayer Shawl Ministry, please call Theresa Lisa at 365-4505, or call the church office at 365-6324.

## BLAST FROM THE PAST



Do you recognize anyone in the pictures on the left and above? (Above photo from 1990 SCUMC Pictorial Directory)



♥ Congratulations Virginia Hale on the birth of your great-granddaughter, Campbell Elizabeth Robinson. She was born on October 27, 2009 to Cody & Kate Robinson. Campbell weighed 6 lbs 1oz at birth. Miller & Ace Wallace, and Ginny Hale Robinson are her proud grandparents.



♥ Welcome Anna Marie to Spring City UMC family. She was born on Friday, November 6, 2009 to Casey & Andrea Cash. Anna Marie weighed 9 lbs. 5oz at her birth. T.C. & Laurretta Cash are her proud grandparents.



**Dale S. Wyrick, Pastor**  
**Beth Keylon, Director of Youth**  
**John Hanson, Director of Children**  
**Chae Frandberg, Secretary**

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## LET'S DO LUNCH



## THANK YOU

We would like to express our sincere gratitude to all who are involved in our Church Prayer Shawl Ministry. Thanks to Theresa Lisa for her vision of such a wonderful way to minister to our church family and to all the ladies who give of their time as well as their talents to create such beautiful shawls.

We are also grateful to Pastor Dale for his special presentation of the blessed shawl to our mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother. Each day she is comforted by the warmth, love and especially the prayers she receives from Spring City United Methodist Church.

This is an awesome gift. It warms the heart as well as the shoulders.

Gary and Tia Gilmore  
Angela, Jacob, Josh, and Jeremy Moffett



Pastor Dale with Bea Tharp



# UMW SUNDAY

Sunday, November 15th was a special day for UMW ladies and everyone at SCUMC. The morning message by Nell Mohny was inspirational and the luncheon following the service turned out to be a great success as well. Many people had a chance to meet Nell personally to chat with her, and to ask her to autograph the books they purchased.



# HALLOWEEN 2009





# Christmas Contata

The Spring City United Methodist Church  
Chancel Choir

Presents

# Rise Up!

A New Light A-Comin'!

Sending the Light of Christmas  
into the World

Directed by Judy Ezell  
with Lynn Hinkle, organist

Sunday, December 13 , 11:00 a.m.

# Christmas Eve



Come join us  
and the Spring City community  
as we gather together for our  
Candle Light-Communion service.

This is a beautiful evening of worship.

December 24, 2009  
5:00 p.m.

Spring City United Methodist Church  
245 Church Street, Spring City