

THE LAMPLIGHTER

Newsletter of the

SPRING CITY

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

May 2020

Mike's Musings

Sometimes we find ourselves in unexpected circumstances, and it is certainly true of this time in our lives. On January 2, 2020, none of us expected to be social distancing because of a rogue virus that has swept across the world, sickening nearly two million people and taking thousands of lives. We did not expect to gather for worship in our homes instead of our sanctuaries for Easter worship. The list of changes and challenges the virus has brought to our lives is long. Not all changes in circumstances have been brought about by COVID-19. Spring City UMC was expecting a change in pastors following the 2020 Annual Conference with Dale Wyrick's retirement; instead, his retirement began at the end of March, which resulted in my appointment as interim pastor until the end of June. I did not expect to be in this new role, but I am glad to serve alongside you until the end of June.

Since most of us have not had the opportunity to meet face to face (you have seen me on Livestream, but I have only met a few of you), I thought this article would be a good time to share a little about myself.

My full name is Robert Michael Hubble. I go by Mike or Michael. I was born in Radford, Virginia, in 1949 to Franklin and Virginia Hubble. I have an older brother, Harry, and a younger sister, Lynn. We grew up in a small rural community on the "other" side of the New River from Radford, Virginia. I attended the Rockford UMC which was one of the five small churches on the New River Circuit.

After graduating from Dublin High School, I attended and graduated from Hiwassee College, where I met Lonnie Eldridge, who grew up in Spring City. Lonnie has been a good friend ever since. Then I attended and graduated from Tennessee Wesleyan College and Candler School of Theology at Emory University.

I received my first appointment as a pastor in June 1970 and retired in June 2016. During that time, I served churches in both Tennessee and Virginia and served five years as a District Superintendent. To my surprise, I was asked to come out of retirement and serve the Tasso/Charleston Circuit in 2018-2019. I entered retirement again in July 2019. That brings us to this moment.

My wife's name is Margaret. We met at Tennessee Wesleyan College and have been married for 47 years. We have two sons, Daniel, who lives and works in Athens, and Adam, who lives and works in Knoxville. Margaret retired at the end of February this year. She has been by my side throughout my years of service in ministry.

I am really looking forward to getting to meet you and to the Sunday when we can gather in the sanctuary to lift our voices in praise to God.

In 2007, Bishop Reuben Job wrote a book titled, Three Simple Rules, A Wesleyan Way of Living. The three simple rules were (1) do no harm, (2) do good, and (3) stay in love with God. These were the general rules John Wesley wrote for those in the early Methodist societies. They were intended to help the followers of Christ live faithful lives. Lately, I have found myself thinking a lot about these simple rules. I pray that will be helpful to you as well as we walk through this maze created by COVID-19.

Your Friend in Christ,

Mike Hubble

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

The Heimels
Helen Kincannon
Sandy Morgan

Walt Morse
Linda Mullins
Carol Price

Liz Stair

Jeannette Long Spring City Care & Rehab, #201, 331 Hinch St.
Rebecca Knox Life Care of Rhea Co. #310,10055 Rhea Co. Hwy, 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

Luke Bolton
(grandson of Jim & Wanda
McCarter)

Sue Travis
(grandmother of Tracy Rose)

Sue Carter
(sister of Clyde Thurman, Jr.)

Malachi Price
(friend of Angie Rose)

Tammie Phillips
(friend of Rayna & Jerry
Henley)

George Wyrick
(Pastor Dale's brother)

Glen Miller
(friend of Trish & Richard
Cole)

Ethan Rector
(friend of Caren & Bill
Ruffner)

Kathy Shoopman
(daughter of Stella Ray)

Michael Reagan
(friend of Johnny Lou Berg)

David Thurman
(friend of Norman & Peggy
Bowman)

Wayne & Nancy Gunter
(friend of Ken & Barbara
Rose)

De Williams
(friend of Caren & Bill Ruffner)

Cathy Lauer
(sister of Clyde Thurman, Jr.)

Jim Hartley
(our church's insurance
agent)

Sue Smith
(friend of Pat Douglas)

Mary Frances Goodson
(friend of Bennie & Susan
Arp)

Barbara Reed
(friend of Jerry & Rayna Henley)

Kathy Morse
(daughter of Walt & Linda Morse)

Nick Daughtrey
(Bill Ruffner's friend)

John Sharpe
(Bill Ruffner's friend)

Clara Gossett
(friend of John Conroy)

Randy Gass
(friend of Cindy Hill)

Grace Lamprecht
(Bill Ruffner's niece)

Alesia McNelly (friend of the
Bowmans & Henleys)

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 Katie
McDonald

(Reed Chapel's oldest
member and mother of Ben
McDonald)



May Birthdays

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




Faithful Workers

5/3	5/10	5/17	5/24	5/31
Ushers Bennie Arp Norman Bowman Jerry Smith Clyde Thurman, Jr.	Ushers Trish Cole Richard Cole Don Hinely Madison Hinely	Ushers Bennie Arp Mary Drinkard Rachel Heimel Margo Hinsdale	Ushers Norman Bowman Trish Cole Richard Cole Walt Morse	Ushers Marty Gilliam Rachel Heimel Mary Drinkard Jerry Smith
Greeters Sharon Cowart Lynda Smith	Greeters Margo Hinsdale Carolyn Reid	Greeters Jerrie Patton Shelby Williams	Greeters Mary Drinkard Carolyn Reid	Greeters Sharon Cowart Lynda Smith
Nursery Loretta Hale Peggy Bowman	Nursery Carolyn Haerr Wanda McCarter	Nursery Terry Hooper Peggy Bowman	Nursery Carolyn Haerr Lesia Garrison	Nursery Loretta Hale Peggy Bowman
Acolyte Madison Hinely	Acolyte Rachel Heimel	Acolyte Madison Hinely	Acolyte Rachel Heimel	Acolyte Madison Hinely
Children's Church Angie Couch Youth Volunteer	Children's Church Cindy Ross Youth Volunteer	Children's Church Wendy Thurman Youth Volunteer	Children's Church Susan Maddux Youth Volunteer	Children's Church Cindy Ross Youth Volunteer



MAY 2020



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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NOTE: Calendar Events Hinge on Safe Distancing Directives for Churches from Bishop Taylor.						
3 9:00 The Spring 11:00 Worship Service 8-9 p.m. AA-FH	4 10:00 TLC	5 6:00 UMW	6 7:00 Chancel Choir	7 National Day of Prayer	8	9
10 <i>Mother's Day</i> 9:00 The Spring 11:00 Worship Service 8-9 p.m. AA-FH	11 10:00 TLC 6:00 TLC	12 2:00 UMW Book Club (Zoom)	13 7:00 Chancel Choir	14 7:00 Trustees	15 Family Life Center Closed for Setup	16 Family Life Center Closed for Setup
17 <i>Graduate Recognition</i> 9:00 The Spring 11:00 Worship Service 1:30-3 Bridal Shower, FLC 8-9 p.m. AA-FH	18 <i>Newsletter Deadline</i> 10:00 TLC	19	20 7:00 Chancel Choir	21 5:00 Community Meal	22 *Church Office Closed	23
24 9:00 The Spring 11:00 Worship Service 4:00 Church Council 8-9 p.m. AA-FH	25 <i>MEMORIAL DAY</i>  Church Offices Closed	26	27 7:00 Chancel Choir	28	29	30
31 <i>Pentecost</i> 9:00 The Spring 11:00 Worship Service 6:00 5th Sunday Sing			Happy Anniversary! 		19 Les & Karen Whiles 20 Bob & Sheila Larson 22 Don & Dina Hess 22 Garry & Sandy Morgan 26 Scott & Laura Messimer 27 Tom & Kathy Heimel	

*Vacation (1/2) Day for Sharon



In Loving Memory

Pat Cook gave to the Theresa Lisa Crafters (TLC) in memory of Theresa Lisa.

Josh and Kim Wheat gave to the General Budget in memory of Chadley Bowman.

Loyal Cornelius gave to the General Budget in honor of Carolyn Reid and Pat Douglas.

There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love. We love because he first loved us.

- John 4:18-19 -

MONTHLY REPORT GIVING & MONEY DISBURSED

MARCH 2020

INCOME	CURRENT PERIOD	YEAR TO DATE	ANNUAL BUDGET	ANNUAL BUDGET PERCENTAGE
Contributions	16,057.30	63,385.11	363,700.00	17.4%
Mother's Day Out	3,840.00	11,030.00	25,310.00	43.6%
Other Income	271.20	373.17	1,200.00	31.1%
TOTAL INCOME/ GROSS PROFIT	20,168.50	74,788.28	390,210.00	19.2%
EXPENSES				
Salaries & Benefits	14,713.21	49,219.96	205,929.00	23.9%
Property Maintenance	7,014.60	13,627.44	78,000.00	17.5%
Office Administration	327.03	1,445.66	9,700.00	14.9%
Nurture and Music		372.07	5,000.00	7.4%
Witness		110.00	1,700.00	6.5%
Outreach - Missions	75.00	225.00	1,900.00	11.8%
Conference/District	1,632.85	7,685.33	42,108.00	18.3%
Church Support	502.64	1,473.79	8,263.00	17.8%
Children's Ministries		199.48	5,300.00	3.8%
Adult Ministries		-12.88	1,000.00	-1.3%
Youth Ministries		1,447.81	6,000.00	24.1%
MDO Expenses	2,541.36	8,583.00	25,310.00	33.9%
TOTAL EXPENSES	26,806.69	84,376.66	390,210.00	21.6%
NET INCOME	-6,638.19	-9,588.38	0.00	100.0%

FINANCIAL & ATTENDANCE REPORTS

	3/29	4/5	4/12	4/19
General Budget	2,767.30	6,060.00	5,188.40	6,775.00
MDO				
Memorial Special		530.00		1,000.00
TOTAL	2,767.30	6,590.00	5,188.40	6,775.00
SS ATTENDANCE	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
WORSHIP ATTENDANCE	LIVESTREAM	LIVESTREAM	LIVESTREAM	LIVESTREAM

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN (UMW)

BOOK CLUB

The UMW's monthly Book Club meetings are now being conducted via Zoom according to UMW member, Peggy Bowman. The March books for May were shared via Zoom on April 14th with others to follow.

After Social Distancing is no longer necessary, the Book Club gatherings will resume in the library at church.





Six of our church members are graduating from Rhea County High School this year. They are **Natalie Baker, Erin Couch, Ashton Hoffman, Madison Miller, Autumn Neal, and Madison Taylor.** If Bishop Taylor allows congregations to gather for worship, the members of the Class of 2020 will be honored at our 11 a.m. worship service on **Graduate Recognition Sunday, May 17th.** Please contact the church office if any name has been accidentally omitted.

Please complete the form below and submit it to the church office no later than **Monday, May 11th.** Please include a photo as it enhances the special bulletin insert for **Graduate Recognition Sunday.** You may email the form below and photo to scumc@volstate.net, or fax them to 423-365-7118.

Name of the Graduate _____

Date of Graduation _____

Graduate's Future Plans _____

Names of Parents _____

FIFTH SUNDAY SING

Join us at six o'clock in the Sanctuary on Sunday evening, May 31st for the 5th Sunday Sing. On every fifth Sunday in a month, we gather for this unique service consisting of mainly hymn singing, solos, duets, instrumental specials, prayers, praise, fellowship, etc.

Many from other churches in our community join us and are invited to participate in our 5th Sunday Sing. We always look forward to seeing new faces and hope you invite someone to come with you at six o'clock, Sunday evening, May 31st.

NOTE: The 5th Sunday Sing is contingent on the status of the Shelter-in-Place order.



I would like to thank those of you who called, sent cards, or emails to wish me a Happy Birthday. A special thank you, too, to Barbara & Ken Rose for the beautiful fern, Dorothy Hastings for baking and surprising me with a yummy, pretty birthday cake, Cheryl Southers for the unique bookmark, and Linda Booker for the delicious loaf of homemade bread. My love to each of you for your kindness, friendship, and making my birthday such a special one!

- Sharon B.

UMW Meets Via Zoom



Zoom participants - Susan Maddux, Angie Rose, Kato Rose, Barbara Rose Margo Hinsdale, Carolyn Haerr, Cindy Ross, Dorothy Hastings Peggy Bowman, Jerric Patton, Kim Wheat, Pat Douglas, Linda Booker

On Tuesday, April 7th, our UMW held our regular monthly meeting. Due to the church building now closed, we embarked on new technology and had an electronic meeting on Zoom. Fourteen ladies logged on, and it was so great to see and hear their sweet faces and voices.

We have postponed our Flea Market until October 3rd. Once the church building has opened back up, items can be stored in the Sunshine House if needed.

We discussed the needs of our community during this pandemic. Our Daily Bread is open to help the community with food and other necessities. We delivered Little Debbie treats to our nursing home. We are here for you, our church family when needed. If you need someone to pick up your groceries, medicine, etc., please call Angie Rose at 365-2765. or the church office at 365-6324.

Our book club has decided to continue on Zoom until we can meet again at the church. We are meeting online each Tuesday at 2 p.m. Please contact Peggy Bowman for the link if interested.

We ended our meeting with a wonderful devotion by Susan Maddux, "How to Pray without Ceasing." 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18.

We invite you to join us at our May 5th meeting. If our church building is still closed, we will again meet online. If I do not have your email address, please send it to me, and I will send you a link to the meeting.

Love to all,
 Angie Rose

Coping With COVID-19

Shari and I took advantage of the drive through virus testing. The phrase, "May the bird of paradise fly up your nose" takes a whole new perspective. We don't have any symptoms, Just wanted to know. It takes 5- 7 days to get results.

- Jerry Norris

After 11 days of social distance, I finally let Peggy back in the house. We have two bedrooms, so she has one and me the other; two bathrooms, TV in the den, and TV in the living room - again no problem. The problem is we have one kitchen, so I let that be hers; that way, she cooks and eats then I get the leftovers. To all men in our church, this may not work for everyone. Just kidding; laughter is survival! -Norman Bowman

To keep the kids from getting cabin fever, we mowed a two-hole golf course in the front pasture. They play several "rounds" a day.

- Tom Heimel

We (Nancy & Daryl) are just staying hunkered down. I only go out for therapy, doctor appointments, & groceries, all with a mask on. Daryl still does her notary signings but stays 6 ft. apart and wears gloves and a mask. We're well stocked with food, paper goods, etc., so we don't need to go out very often. It seems most everyone is doing their part to keep Rhea County's virus count down. We all hope this is over soon! -Nancy Herhold

Been busy packing and giving things to Our Daily Bread and those in need. I am just about there. We are leaving here on the 27th or 28th of this month. Will certainly miss all of you! Be safe! -Sheila Larson

MEXICO MEDICAL MISSION TEAM'S Mission Trip Rescheduled



The Mexico Medical Mission Team's Mission Trip which was scheduled for April 18 - April 26, has been canceled due to COVID-19. The mission trip is rescheduled for sometime in October 2020.

The team extends their appreciation to you for your support and wants you to know how grateful they are for each of you who so generously contributes to their mission trips.

"Relying on God has to start all over every-day, as if nothing has yet been done."

- C. S. Lewis

RESCHEDULED



UMW Flea Market

The United Methodist Women (UMW) annual Flea Market scheduled for early May has been moved to October 3rd. Many of you began your spring cleaning and set aside items for the flea market prior to Social Distancing due to COVID-19. We hope you continue to set aside items you no longer use or need and wish to donate to the **UMW's Flea Market**. All proceeds from this sale go to support local missions. We hope you participate again this year.

The Family Life Center is closed for the Flea Market set-up beginning **Monday, September 28th through Friday, October 2nd**. You may drop off items (**No Clothes, please**) to donate to the Flea Market on **Tuesday, September 29th, Wednesday, September 30th, and Thursday, October 1st**, from the hours of **10 a.m. - 5 p.m.**

On **Friday, October 2nd**, items may be dropped off from the hours of **10 a.m. - 2 p.m.**

UMW Flea Market 8 am - 2 pm October 3, 2020
Mark Your Calendars Now!



Please Join Us For A

Bridal Shower

In Honor Of

Morgan Owensby

May 17, 2020

1:30 - 3:00 p.m.

Spring City
United Methodist Church
Family Life Center
245 Church Street
Spring City, TN

Lowe's Gift Card • Gift Registry: Target & Bed, Bath, and Beyond



Rev. Mike Hubble
Interim 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

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