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| 7 | Mark Neal | 14 | Kathleen Garrison | 23 | Betty Smith |
| 11 | Kathleen Reece | 14 | Liz Stair | 25 | Imogene Robbins |
| 12 | Don Hinely | 20 | Karen Whiles | 31 | Nancy Gilliam |



Aug. 1
Jim & Sylvia Baldwin

Aug. 6
Bob & Angie Burkhardt

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Silas & Linda Booker

Aug. 9

Ken & Barbara Rose

Aug. 7
Chris & Tracey Rose



Aug. 14
Richard & Liz Stair

Aug. 16
T. C. & Laretta Cash

Faithful Workers

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<u>USHERS</u>
Mary Drinkard
Walt Morse | 8/9
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Don Hinely
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Hinely | 8/16
<u>USHERS</u>
Bennie Arp
Margo
Hinsdale | 8/23
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Rachel Heimel
Walt Morse | 8/30
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Don Hinely
Madison
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AUGUST



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2 11:00 Worship Service	3 10:00 TLC	4 6:00 UMW	5 	6	7 First Full Day	1 8 UMW Social Action Workshop
9 11:00 Worship Service	10 10:00 TLC 6:00 TLC	11	12	13 7:00 Trustees	14	15
16 11:00 Worship Service	17 Newsletter Deadline 10:00 TLC	18	19	20	21	22
23 11:00 Worship Service 4:00 Church Council	24 10:00 TLC 6:00 TLC	25	26	27	28 *Office Closed	29
30 11:00 Worship Service	31		Please contact the church office by calling 423.365.6324, or send an email to scumc@volstate.net if you have a change of address or phone number, if there is an error on the birthday or anniversary list, or if you would like to add someone to the prayer list. The prayer list must be updated frequently			

*Vacation time for secretary.

THE LAMPLIGHTER

Newsletter of the
SPRING CITY

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

August 2020

Running the Race

Here it is late summer, and we have some make-up races coming up that had been postponed during the COVID crisis. On August 29-September 20, the world will have the opportunity to see the countryside of France during the race of all races, the 2020 Tour de France. The Boston Marathon will be held September 7-14 as a virtual race. My favorite, The Big South Fork Trail Run, comes up September 26. One I have been wanting to run is on November 21-22, the Yamacraw Trail Runs at the Big South Fork.

I've titled this column "Running the Race" based on Hebrews 12:1-3, where the writer compares our Christian life to running a race. Maybe you know by now that I'm an avid runner and enjoy running races. I began running about 21 years ago as a way to cross-train for bicycle racing. I always wondered why I raced bikes back then. It was so difficult and demanding that all I could think during a race was, "I'm not doing this again!" Then the race was over, I was pumped, and I found myself looking forward to the next race. When I think back on those days of intensive training and racing, I see why the writer of this letter to the Hebrews compares being a disciple of Christ to running (or cycling) a race. In any type of athletics, an athlete is greatly encouraged by the cheering of supporters. When an athlete feels exhausted and has nothing left to give, the cheering by fans gives that extra bit of energy to move forward.

As Christians, we too can get discouraged or distracted from truly following Christ and fully relying upon God in all things at all times.

But we are surrounded by a cloud of witnesses. We have the saints who have gone on before us, providing the example that while the journey can be arduous, it is also blessed. We also have the saints who are here with us. Let us continuously encourage one another to finish the race.

We are also told to lay aside every weight and sin. Endurance athletes must be aware of any extra unnecessary weight because it will slow them down and impede their performance. Any sin in our lives slows down the work of the Holy Spirit in us that is molding us into the likeness of Christ.

We are told to run with perseverance. I remember a bike ride where I was pretty much the slow guy on the road, but 70 miles into the ride when we hit a mountain, I kept my pace and passed all my companions who were exhausted. Sometimes we want to do too much and see instant results and get discouraged when that doesn't happen. Wait on the Lord, be faithful, and see what God can do in your life. It's not always easy, but the journey through life with Christ is worth it.

Finally, we are told to run the race that is set before us. Whenever I have raced, I have never had the opportunity to choose the racecourse. The course was set before me, and often, I had no idea where I was going until I completed the race. In our lives with Christ, we don't choose where God calls us to go, and we often have no idea where it is we are going until we step out in faith and follow God's call. We don't get to choose the course of our journey with God. I am well aware of this as an itinerate Methodist pastor, but I know that following God where God leads is always a blessing.

WALK WITH THE KING AND BE A BLESSING!

Rev. Dave Grant

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Tim Agee
Sharon Baker
Manuel Christi
Max Douglas

Pearl Gilliam
Barbara Hardy
Ken Hasting
Chuck McIlwain

Linda Mullins
Carol Price
Liz Stair

Jeannette Long Spring City Care & Rehab, #201, 331 Hinch St.
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

Pastor Dave & Family

Kathy Duff

(Dorothy Hastings' sister)

Austin & Ronda Newell

(Sharon & Gray Cowart's
nephew & wife)

Karmah Swafford

(sister of Drake & Maddie Taylor)

Regina Hartford & Jeff

Stephenson

(friends of Emmaly Fisher)

Dave Heibel (father of Tom Heibel)

Joe Blasé (uncle of Nancy Gilliam)

Marion Goldberg

(Deanna Ware's sister)

Jerry Levensgood

(friend of Emmaly Fisher &
Tammy Boles))

Byrley Morgan

(friend of Nancy Gilliam)

Jay Sweat

(cousin of Connie Roberts)

Bob Simpson

(friend of Richard Cole)

Gina Cook (friend of Jerrie Patton)

Karen Young

(friend of Susan Maddux &
Wendy Thurman)

Jay Elam

(friend of Connie Roberts)

Abram Bartley

(cousin of Connie Roberts)

Sue Carter

(sister of Clyde Thurman, Jr.)

Malachi Price

(friend of Angie Rose)

Clara Gossett

(friend of John Conroy)

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)

Randy Gass (friend of Cindy Hill)

Grace Lamprecht

(Bill Ruffner's niece)

Alesia McNelly (friend of the
Bowmans & Henleys)

Lillian Shaffer

(Kathy Heibel's mother)

Dominic Ciero

(grandson of Cindy Hill)

Kennedy and Lincoln Ladd

(friends of Peggy Bowman)

The Family of Bruce Hinzman

(husband of Marla Hinzman)

Bruce joined SCUMC 4-8-2007.

The Family of Tom Kolb

(friend of Terry McBrayer)

The Family of Mary Heibel

(mother of Tom Heibel)

The Family of Ivey Jane Blasé

(aunt of Nancy Gilliam)

In Loving Memory



Those giving to the *General Budget* in memory of **Jerry Smith** - Paul & Addie Tallent, Mary & Ralph Brockett, Gene & Dorothy Hastings, Bill & Sue Ellen Speaker, Carolyn Reid, James & Donna Grigsby, Gary & Mary Drinkard, Mr. & Mrs. David O. Woods, Kevin & Angie Rose, Ralph & Beth Root, Gary & Tia Gilmore, and Lonnie & Carolyn White.

Jerry & Rayna Henley gave to the *Community Ministries Fund* in memory of **Cathy Lauer**.

Patty Crowder gave to the *Memorial Fund* in memory of **Jerry Smith, Cathy Lauer, Jim Reid and Mary Heimel**.

Max & Pat Douglas gave to the *Community Ministries Fund* in memory of **Cathy Lauer and Mary Heimel**.

Mr. & Mrs. David O. Woods gave to the *General Budget* in memory of **Jim Reid**.

Gray & Sharon Cowart gave to the *General Budget* in memory of **Mary Heimel**.

Dan & Rita Uhler gave to the *General Budget* in memory of **Mary Heimel**.


MONTHLY REPORT GIVING & MONEY DISBURSED

JUNE 2020

INCOME	CURRENT PERIOD	YEAR TO DATE	ANNUAL BUDGET	ANNUAL BUDGET PERCENTAGE
Contributions	27,144.53	130,698.04	363,700.00	35.9%
Mother's Day Out	0.00	11,030.00	25,310.00	43.6%
Other Income	31.04	504.17	1,200.00	42.0%
TOTAL INCOME/ GROSS PROFIT	27,175.57	142,232.21	390,210.00	36.5%
EXPENSES				
Salaries & Benefits	7,035.50	71,607.95	205,929.00	34.8%
Property Maintenance	7,037.00	28,142.76	78,000.00	36.1%
Office Administration	1,888.00	3,643.96	9,700.00	37.6%
Nurture and Music	0.00	881.06	5,000.00	17.6%
Witness	97.50	305.00	1,700.00	17.9%
Outreach - Missions	75.00	456.93	1,900.00	24.0%
Conference/District	2,717.56	15,739.23	42,108.00	37.4%
Church Support	525.65	1,999.44	8,263.00	24.2%
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	19,376.21	133,363.74	390,210.00	34.2%
NET INCOME	7,799.36	8,868.47	0.00	100.0%

FINANCIAL & ATTENDANCE REPORTS

	6/21	6/28	7/5	7/12	7/19
General Budget	4,858.00	5,105.00	6,465.00	4,491.27	4,491.27
MDO Memorial Special	75.00	50.00	683.00	90.00	90.00
TOTAL	4,953.00	5,155.00	7,148.00	4,581.27	4,581.27
WORSHIP ATTENDANCE	26 + 48 ON LIVESTREAM	36 + 47 LIVESTREAM	50 + 49 ON LIVESTREAM	51 + 41 ON LIVESTREAM	95 LIVESTREAM



A Necessary Change

Peanut Butter Sunday is one of our church's most loved ministries in our community as we set aside one Sunday, usually in September, to bring in jars of peanut butter to donate to Our Daily Bread. The volunteers at Our Daily Bread then share the peanut butter with those less fortunate in our area.

Due to the guidelines we adhere to during this pandemic, we made a necessary change for Peanut Butter Sunday. **Instead of purchasing jars of peanut butter**, we ask that you give a monetary donation by **making your check payable to SCUMC and write "Peanut Butter Sunday"** on the memo line. The deadline for your contribution for Peanut Butter Sunday is **Sunday, September 13, 2020**.

We wish to thank each of you who generously support this well-loved ministry of our church every year, and we hope you know how grateful we are to be blessed with such a loving church family who truly care about serving and sharing the love of Christ with others.

Fifth Sunday Sing



We are sorry to announce that due to the Coronavirus pandemic, there will be no Fifth Sunday Sing on the evening of August 30th. The next fifth Sunday is on November 29th. Let us all pray that the number of cases of the virus go down so low that we may be safe and return to normal once again to enjoy the 5th Sunday Sing.



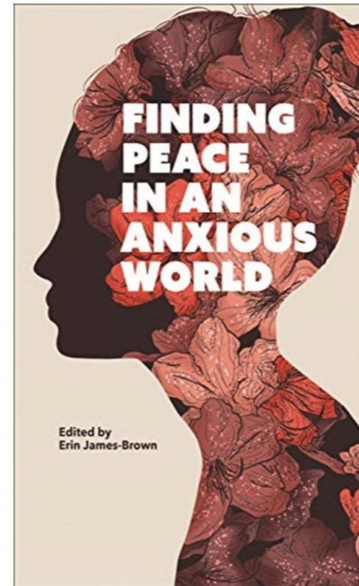
We want to express our gratitude to **Nancy and David Gilliam** for their generosity in donating the protective face coverings to our church for those who attend worship on Sundays and forget to wear a mask.

Thank you, **Jay Maddux!** We appreciate all your efforts in making sure the guidelines were followed for re-opening our church, such as arranging the seating six feet apart, taping off the pews, making signs for the inside and outside, placing bottles of hand sanitizer throughout the church, obtaining cleaning supplies, etc.

A big thank you, too, to **Linda and Walt Morse**, for all the time they spent taking everything from the pews such as Bibles, hymnals, Kleenex, etc., and moving it to the Fellowship Hall.

Join Us at the United Methodist Women's Book Club August 18th at 6:30 in the Fellowship Hall

As we share



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.



To Our Church Family,

Thank you so much for your love in our loss. Thank you for all the cards, donations, calls and prayers.

We are blessed to have a wonderful church family.

The Family of Larry Anderson
(brother of Linda Morse)



Thank You

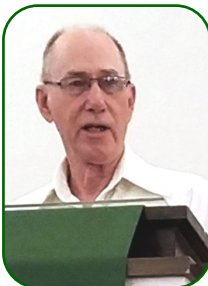
I am so grateful to everyone who has been so kind and caring to me during the time of my illness and rehab. I received many cards and phone calls from you, and I deeply appreciate each one. Please continue to remember me in your prayers.

Manuel Christí

Summer Specials



The uplifting special music for Sunday, July 5th, was an organ solo by **Bryan Massengale**, "For Me to Live is Jesus." We all know how talented Bryan is, and we look forward each time he shares his gift of music with us at worship. **Thank you, Bryan.**



Steve Orender sang "I'd Rather Have Jesus" for the special music on Sunday, July 12th. **Connie Roberts** accompanied on the piano. Steve has blessed us with several solos at the LiveStream services during this time of the COVID-19 crisis. **Thank you, Steve.**



For the special music on Sunday, July 19th, **Angela Jackson** played a piano solo, "Jesus Name Above All Names with O, How I Love Jesus." Her selection and performance were exceptional, especially on the baby grand piano. **Thank you, Angela.**

MINISTRY SURVEY

Listed below are the current ministries of our church. Please prayerfully consider how you will share your talents in service. Place a check in the box and sign it, and place this survey in the offering plate at the 11 a.m. worship service or return it to the church office. We all have gifts to serve Christ and His church.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Community Ministries | <input type="checkbox"/> Memorial Team |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Board of Trustees | <input type="checkbox"/> Ministry Team |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Higher Education/ Campus Ministry | <input type="checkbox"/> Altar Guild |
| <input type="checkbox"/> History & Records Team | <input type="checkbox"/> Bereavement Team |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sunday School Teachers & Substitutes | <input type="checkbox"/> Joy Ministry Team |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Visitation Team | <input type="checkbox"/> Children's Church |
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With Deep Regret

FIRST SUNDAY- FIRST DOLLAR MISSION PROJECT

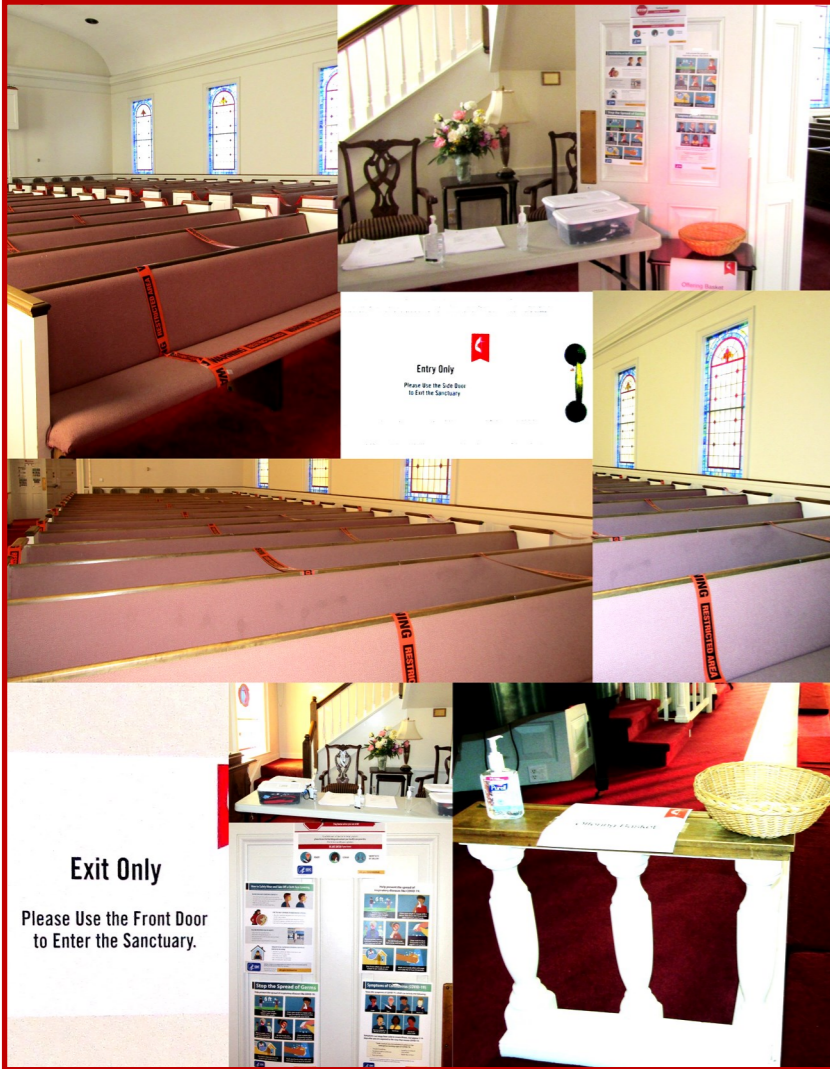
As so many of you know, our First Sunday - First Dollar Mission Project has been a great success, and we want to thank all of you who participate. Your response to our request to bring a dollar in addition to your gifts, tithes, and offerings on the first Sunday of August, September, and October was overwhelming. The dollars you so generously gave supported our local schools as needed.

Many of you have recently asked if we are participating again this year with First Sunday - First Dollar, but due to the COVID-19 crisis, we regret that we must forego this mission at this time. Let us all pray for our schools, students, and teachers this year, and that next year, we can resume this important ministry.

HOME COMING 2020

Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, we regret that we have to cancel our annual homecoming celebration this fall. Let us continue to pray for our pastor and his family, our church, our community and country, and each other. We hope that next year, we will have the best homecoming celebration ever, and this pandemic will be gone and never return.

How Worship Has Changed



This collage shows a view of how worship is changed when we re-open during this pandemic. For example, the doors leading into the sanctuary are marked, "Entrance," and a sign is posted down front on the left, as you leave church marked, "Exit." One way in and one way out. As you can see, there are bottles of hand sanitizer, baskets at the front and back of the sanctuary for offerings, and signs posted about the safety guidelines for worship. An usher takes attendance at the entrance and another usher distributes masks to those who forgot to wear one, and the pews are marked and sectioned off for sitting six feet apart for safe distancing. Precautions are necessary for everyone's safety.

Pastor Dave's First Sermon at SCUMC



On Sunday, July 5th, we celebrated our first Sunday with our new pastor, Rev. Dave Grant, and his wife, Bobbie, and daughters, Meri, Ashley, and Sophie. There were 50 who attended, and 49 others watched the service from their homes on Live Stream. Those present wore masks and sat six feet apart.

Once upon a time, Pastor Dave began to tell his story and what a story it was. He impressed on us that each of us has a story. Many of us are now eager to hear more about his story in the weeks to come, and we are sure that he will share with us the best story of all - the story of Jesus! Bring someone with you when we again re-open to hear the rest of the story, or invite them to listen via LiveStream (www.springcityumc.com).



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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