

THE LAMPLIGHTER

Newsletter of the
SPRING CITY

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

July 2021

RUNNING THE RACE

by Rev. Dave Grant

It is hard to believe that it was a year ago when we moved to Spring City. Let me say that I am excited to begin a second year here. While it has been weird and difficult, I will also say we have been blessed. I have seen the hand of God at work in so many ways. So thank you for receiving my family and me, and thank you for the opportunities for growth that you have faithfully given even when it seemed we weren't really doing much.

Now I get to begin again as your new pastor. We get to start over. We get to experiment. We get to explore. As we begin exploring, I am brought to Psalm 78. Verses 4-8 say:

⁴We will not hide these truths from our children;
we will tell the next generation
about the glorious deeds of the LORD,
about his power and his mighty wonders.

⁵For he issued his laws to Jacob;
he gave his instructions to Israel.

He commanded our ancestors
to teach them to their children,

⁶so the next generation might know them—
even the children not yet born—
and they in turn will teach their own children.

⁷So each generation should set its hope anew on God,
not forgetting his glorious miracles
and obeying his commands.

⁸Then they will not be like their ancestors—
stubborn, rebellious, and unfaithful,
refusing to give their hearts to God.

I want to celebrate our next generation this summer. I remember summers as a child and the fun and wonderment that I experienced: playing in the rain and mud; picking blackberries that rarely made their way into the bucket; playing in the yard and

getting stung by bees (not one of my favorite memories, but a memory none-the-less); playing into the evening when we could catch fireflies last thing before bedtime; picnics and barbecues; and camp and VBS. I am celebrating that my children are all at Camp Lookout this summer as either camper or staff—the same camp I was a camper and staff at, but I am missing VBS. Not to worry...we have a plan.

I think the remainder of this year needs to be focused on telling God's marvelous story to future generations so that they will, in turn, teach those stories to yet more future generations. There is no more nobler task than to raise up children in the way of the Lord so that when they are old, they will not depart from Him, so let us focus on others who need to know Jesus. While we have gone for the past year or more without children and youth activities, we are re-launching. By the time you read this, the youth will have gathered at the parsonage and likely will have had some other summer activities to celebrate youthful summers. Then we will kick off youth meeting regularly with the start of school.

Speaking of school, we are having a back-to-school bash on Saturday, August 7. From 1-4 p.m. we will have a time for pre-K through 5th graders to worship, learn, and play. Our theme will be "*Who Knew?*" and will be centered around Luke 2:52, "Jesus grew in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and all the people." We will have stories about young people who grew into people of importance. We will have crafts and games and music and dancing, and make your own snack. And we will worship. We have coordinators for each area, but they will need your help. We want to all be a part in whatever way we can so we can introduce new families to our extended family at SCUMC. We will end the evening with a special time for youth at 5:00 p.m.

We spent the past year praying for children and youth through our Pray for Me campaign. Let us engage in praying with our young people for this coming school year. We will always need to connect our older generations with our younger generations and pray for each other. Pray for Me is a plan to connect older adults, middle adults, and young adults with students/families. We will provide prayer guides for prayer champions who don't already have one. We will have children who are 5th grade and younger connect with prayer champions as a family unit. Youth in grades 6th-12th grade will seek out prayer champions as individuals. Prayer champions will be asked to pray daily for their student and connect with them in other ways throughout the school year.

We will have a time in our back-to-school bash to connect families and students with prayer champions from multiple generations. After we have prayer teams chosen, we will have a time for prayer champions to pray with their students before we depart. Will you pray for me? Please let Pastor Dave know if you are interested in being a prayer champion for 2021-2022 school year, and if you would like to connect with children/families or with youth.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Andrea Cash
Connie Roberts
Eddie Garrison
Fred Mullins
Stella Ray

Bob Burkhardt
James Weaver
John Powell
Manuel Christi
Sandy Morgan

Carol Price
Jenny Lou Hallums
Liz Stair

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

Dean Hunsberger

(brother of Linda Booker)

Jim Dunkin

(friend of Max & Pat Douglas)

Edna Ruttan

(mother of Janet Lord)

Joyce Hamill

(friend of Jerrie Patton)

Amy Scurlock

(granddaughter of Walt & Linda Morse)

Steve Hoosier

(son-in-law of Bob & Angie Burkhardt)

Jan Pitts

(friend of Peggy Bowman)

Mary Hardy

(sister-in-law of Peg Caudill)

JD Simpson

(brother-in-law of Connie Roberts)

Boyd Alley

(Neighbor)

Ronnie Morgan

(friend of Norman & Peggy Bowman)

Kristen Wagner

(friend of Connie Roberts)

Judy VanWinkle

(friend of Walt & Linda Morse)

Alex Cohen

(brother of Rita Uhler)

Mitsi Smith

(friend of Nancy Gilliam)

Emmett Holdren

(friend of Joe Lisa)

Ginny Weir

(friend of Robin Bolton)

Sheryl Ashley

(friend of Nancy Gilliam)

Jay Elam & Bill Jones

(friends of Connie Roberts)

Beth Selewski

(friend of Jerry & Rayna Henley)

Byrley Morgan

(friend of Nancy Gilliam)

Dave Heimel

(father of Tom Heimel)

Gina Cook

(friend of Jerrie Patton)

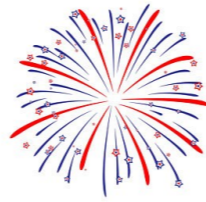
Dominic Ciero

(grandson of Cindy Hill)

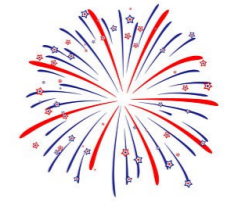
The Family of Melvina Clark

(wife of Rev. Lawrence Clark—former
SCUMC pastor)

Happy Birthday!



July



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|--------------------|----------------------|----------------|
| 1 Manuel Christi | 17 Charles Fricke | 27 John Maddux |
| 1 McKenzie Lemons | 17 Margie Kane | |
| 1 Emily Smith | 19 Will Boles | |
| 4 Sonya Bolton | 20 Karen Fine | |
| 4 Meaghan Maddux | 20 Lesia Garrison | |
| 6 Morgan Boynton | 21 James Couch | |
| 9 Angela Burkhardt | 22 Bridgett Phillips | |
| 10 Ryan Lisa | 22 Andrea Solomon | |
| 11 Silas Booker | 24 Diani Gales | |
| 11 David Wyrick | 24 Deborah Wilson | |
| 14 Vickie Snyder | 26 Laura Messimer | |
| 16 Margo Hinsdale | 27 Kathy Heimel | |



Faithful Workers

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| 7/4 | 7/11 | 7/18 | 7/25 |
| <u>Acolyte</u>
Ashley Grant | <u>Acolyte</u>
Meri Grant | <u>Acolyte</u>
Ashley Grant | <u>Acolyte</u>
Meri Grant |
| <u>Ushers</u>
Lynda Smith
Margo Hinsdale | <u>Ushers</u>
Bennie Arp
Walt Morse | <u>Ushers</u>
Don Hinely
Madison Hinely | <u>Ushers</u>
Bennie Arp
Walt Morse |



Happy Anniversary!

- 7/4
Dell & Virginia Bond
- 7/8
Bennie & Susan Arp
- 7/14
John & Susan Maddux
- 7/17
Frank & Vickie Snyder

- 7/20
Ralph & Mary Brockett
- 7/20
Doug & Pat Drake
- 7/28
Luke & Cathy Barnes
- 7/28
Dave & Bobbie Grant

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 <i>*Office Closed</i>	3
4 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Service  INDEPENDENCE DAY	5 10:00 TLC <i>*Office Closed</i>	6 6:00 UMW	7 6:00 Bible Study	8 6:00 Youth & Children's Council 7:00 Trustees	9	10
11 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Service	12 10:00 TLC	13	14 6:00 Bible Study	15	16	17
18 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Service 12:00 Church Council	19 10:00 TLC	20	21 6:00 Bible Study	22 10:00-1:00 Car Seat Check Station	23	24
25 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Service	26 10:00 TLC	27	28 6:00 Bible Study	29	30 FLC Closed for Event	31 FLC Closed for Event

In Loving Memory...

Max & Pat Douglas gave to the *General Budget* in memory of **Lillian Shaffer**.

Dave & Bobbie Grant gave to the *Holston Home for Children* in memory of **Jay Grant**.

Chris & Carolyn Haerr gave to the *Holston Home for Children* in memory of **Jay Grant**.

Gene & Dorothy Hastings gave to the *Holston Home for Children* in memory of **Jay Grant**.

Patty Crowder gave to the *Holston Home for Children* in memory of **Jay Grant, Lillian Shaffer, and Elise Sellars**.

Joe Lisa gave to the *General Budget* in memory of **Jay Grant and Lillian Shaffer**.

Felix & Emmaly Fisher gave to the *Holston Home for Children* in memory of **Jay Grant**.

The T.L.C. Prayer Shawl Group gave to the *Holston Home for Children* in memory of **Jay Grant**.

Gray & Sharon Cowart gave to the *Holston Home for Children* in memory of **Jay Grant**.

Gray & Sharon Cowart gave to the *General Budget* in memory of **Lillian Shaffer and Elise Sellars**.

Walt & Linda Morse gave to the *General Budget* in memory of **Lillian Shaffer, Jay Grant, and Jeannette Long**.

Patty Crowder gave to the *Church Memorial Fund* in memory of **Elise Sellars**.

Paul & Teresa Cate gave to the *General Budget* in memory of **Jeanette Long**.

Jerry & Rayna Henley gave to the *Trustees' Renovation Fund* in memory of **Jay Grant**.

MONTHLY REPORT GIVING & MONEY DISBURSED

MAY 2021

INCOME	CURRENT PERIOD	YEAR TO DATE	ANNUAL BUDGET	ANNUAL BUDGET PERCENTAGE
Contributions	26,831.49	129,890.37	310,000.00	41.9%
Mother's Day Out	0.00	0.00	25,310.00	0.0%
Other Income	9.77	145.80	1,200.00	12.2%
TOTAL INCOME/ GROSS PROFIT	26,841.26	130,036.17	336,510.00	38.6%
EXPENSES				
Salaries & Benefits	12,683.47	59,591.76	146,913.00	40.6%
Property Maintenance	2,394.85	26,879.28	89,300.00	30.1%
Office Administration	748.06	2,382.11	9,700.00	24.6%
Nurture and Music	0.00	327.87	3,900.00	8.4%
Witness	0.00	195.20	1,700.00	11.5%
Outreach - Missions	75.00	300.00	1,900.00	15.8%
Conference/District	8,151.37	15,840.28	37,189.00	42.6%
Church Support	765.66	1,397.62	8,298.00	16.8%
Children's Ministries	0.00	99.75	5,300.00	1.9%
Adult Ministries	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	0.0%
Youth Ministries	150.28	150.28	6,000.00	2.5%
MDO Expenses	0.00	0.00	25,310.00	0.0%
TOTAL EXPENSES	24,968.69	107,164.30	336,510.00	31.8%
NET INCOME	1,872.57	22,871.87	0.00	100.0%

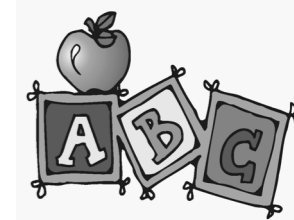
FINANCIAL & ATTENDANCE REPORTS

	5/23	5/30	6/6	6/13
General Budget	2,711.00	5,468.00	7,689.00	6,041.00
MDO Memorial Special	5.00	535.00	288.00	0.00
TOTAL	2,716.00	6,003.00	7,977.00	6,041.00
WORSHIP ATTENDANCE	61 47 LIVE STREAM	51 24 LIVE STREAM	72 33 LIVE STREAM	86 30 LIVE STREAM



The Family Life Center is once again open for walkers Monday-Friday from 8 am to 12 pm.

Mother's Day Out classes are filling up quickly! Please register as soon as possible.



The Rhea County Sheriff's Dept. will have a free car seat check station in the church parking lot from 10-1 on July 22nd.

We need
volunteers!

Nursery volunteers are still *desperately* needed. If you would like to be added to the rotation, please contact Meaghan Maddux, the church office, or sign up on the bulletin board.



The church celebrated Pentecost Sunday on May 23rd by singing several hymns as a congregation. We are so thankful to be able to sing together once again!



Bryan Massengale played "Make Me a Servant" on the piano for the special music on May 30th.



Judy Ezell sang "Let Us Break Bread Together" with the organ accompaniment of Bryan Massengale for the special music on June 6th.



Angela Jackson played "I Want Jesus to Walk with Me" on the piano for the special music on June 13th.

*We are so grateful
to all who share
their musical
talents with us!*

10/2/21

Save
the date

UMW Flea
Market



A group of ladies are meeting Wednesday evenings at 6:00 in the Family Life Center for the "Believing God" study by Beth Moore. They would love to have you join them!

Contact Susan Maddux or the church office for more information.

Celebrating Fathers



During worship on Father's Day, the men of the congregation were given bags of jelly beans by members of the children & youth groups. Thank you to all fathers, whether physical or spiritual, you are such an important part of our church family.

Thank you to Ashley Grant, Sophie Grant, and Madison Hinely for passing out the jelly beans.

Welcome New Member
Josh Moffett



Josh joined our church by profession of faith during morning worship on June 13th.

BACK TO SCHOOL BASH

PRE-K - 5TH GRADE

1-4 PM

SATURDAY AUGUST 7TH, 2021
SCUMC FAMILY LIFE CENTER



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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

9:45 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship

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