

THE LAMPLIGHTER

Newsletter of the
SPRING CITY

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

NOVEMBER 2015

Tony's Tales

Dear Friends,

We are going to do something new! Beginning Wednesday night, November 11th, we will have a Wednesday evening Advent Study. (I know Advent does not start until Nov. 29th, but we are doing the study this way to fit the church's schedule.)

We will study a book entitled, "Not a Silent Night," by Adam Hamilton. The study includes a video component, which we will watch together. Then, we will divide into small groups to discuss what we have seen and read.

There will also be a meal provided by groups connected to the church. We will ask for a donation, which will go toward the work of these various groups.

The schedule is:

- 6:00** Gather for Supper.
- 6:20** Video will begin while people are still eating.
- 6:45** Divide into small groups for discussion.
- 7:30** Classes and activities for children will be over.

The youth will participate in this same discussion of "Not a Silent Night." The children will partake in another Advent study, which has crafts and activities related to Advent. There will also be a nursery provided for those with small children.

This is a family event, designed for us to think about the significance of Christmas.

- We will do this as families because it helps to redirect our priorities during this time of the year.
- We will do this as a community of faith for it strengthens our witness during this important time of year.
- We will do this for ourselves because it reminds us of the work of Jesus Christ in our lives and focuses us on the most important things in our lives during this time of year.

The dates for this study will be **November 11** and **18**; **December 2, 9, and 16**. Please make your plans to be here for these 5 sessions.

Another item is that the church office will be closed on Fridays in December.

Shalom,

Pastor Tony

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Pastor Tony Collins	Arthur Gilliam	Bill Metts
Mary Conroy	Carl & Kay Hesselbach	Fred & Linda Mullins
Pat Galloway	Bob Larson	Aud Ray
Lesia Garrison	Joyce Lavender	Billy Ray Thurman
Jesse & Nina Gibbs	Chuck McIlwain	Jean Trinder

Danny Chattin (Standifer Place, 2626 Walker Rd., Chattanooga, TN 37421)
Margie Hughes (Abby Mae's Hill, 419 Pin Hook Rd., Spring City)
Ruth Huskins (Golden Years Retirement, 301 Keith Dr., Spring City)
Ray Keylon (Spring City Care and Rehab, #502, 331 Hinch St.)
Kathleen Reece (Spring City Care and Rehab, #306, 331 Hinch St.)
Margaret Scholz (Spring City Care and Rehab, #511, 331 Hinch St.)

Ed Hastings (brother-in-law of Dorathy Hastings)
Erwin Newell (friend of Richard DeCroce)
Kevin Stamp (brother of Helen Miko)
Christina Jordan (Manuel Christi's daughter)
John Tolliver (Judy Ezell's friend)
Pat Cook (in loss of her Mom)
Elise Sellers (mother of Susan Arp)
Tammy Parsons (Helen Miko's friend)

Patti Jaco (Barbara Hardy's sister)
Mary Sue Garrison (friend of Glenda Keylon)

Richard Reed (Nancy Gilliam's father)
Lisa Oakley (Susan Collins' sister)
Wanda Weems (Beverly Allison's sister)
Merle Orender (Steve's brother)
Pravin Roy (Doris Roy's brother-in-law)

Johnny Harwood (close friend of Helen Kincannon)
Dennie Hernon (brother-in-law of Emmaly & Felix Fisher)
Billy Arnold (John & Mary Conroy's son-in-law)

Roger Shock (Letty Shock's son)
Frank Davis (Letty Shock's brother)
Todd Bridwell (friend of Bennie & Susan Arp)

Eddie Lenz and Ed Conover (friends of Bob Larson)
Billy Reed (Nancy Gilliam's brother)
Mary Balmer (mother of Chris Haerr)
Janie May (Angie Rose's mother)
Tom Sanders (Loretta Hale's brother)
Whitney Miller (Beth Keylon's niece)
David Douglas (Max & Pat's son)

Pam Yokley (Dorathy Hasting's friend)
Kennedy Ladd (Norm & Peggy Bowman's friend's baby)
Louise Taber (Donna Hudson's mother)
Michelle Nasca & Jae Williams (Bob & Sheila Larson's daughters)
Haleigh Hall (Ed & Linda Gibbs' granddaughter)

The Family of V. J. Lisa
(father of Joe Lisa)

The Family of Carolyn Hesselbach
(daughter of Carl & Kay Hesselbach)

The Family of Don Herhold
(husband of Nancy Herhold)

The Family of Edna McCuiston
(mother of Pat Douglas)

NOTE: Prayer list will be updated monthly. Please call church office (365-6324) to update requests.

November's Faithful Workers

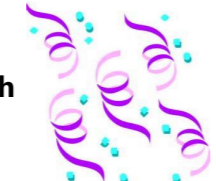
11/1/15	11/8/15	11/15/15	11/22/15	11/29/15
Ushers Jerry Smith Steve Keylon Walt Morse Billy Ray Patton	Ushers Natalie Baker Chadley Bowman Ken Rose Pete Williams	Ushers Marty Gilliam Earl Keahey Arthur Osborne Clyde Thurman, Jr.	Ushers Shirley Corbin Jerry Henley Bob Larson Kevin Rose	Ushers Steve Keylon Walt Morse Billy Ray Patton Jerry Smith
Hosts Tammy Boles Glenda Keylon	Hosts Linda Mullins Carol Price	Hosts Lynda Smith Susie Strunk	Hosts Sheila Larson Pete & Shelby Williams	Hosts Sharon Cowart Mary Drinkard
Nursery Angie Rose & Katie	Nursery Loretta Hale Constance Garrison	Nursery Wanda McCarter Peggy Bowman	Nursery Angie Couch & Kaitlyn	Nursery Debbie Wilson & Carly
Acolyte Hannah Couch	Acolyte Rachel Heimel	Acolyte Hannah Couch	Acolyte Rachel Heimel	Acolyte Hannah Couch
Children's Church Susan Maddux	Children's Church Angie Couch	Children's Church Wendy Thurman	Children's Church Shelly Pruet	Children's Church Robin Bolton

Happy Birthday!

1 Richard DeCroce	10 Gray Cowart	20 C. J. Shelton
2 Donna Barber	11 Mary Fricke	22 Conner Hess
Susie Strunk	Nora Gilliam	Jerry Tate Smith
3 Matthew Coulter	12 Janice Laughrey	23 Joyce Breshears
Rem Messimer	Maddie Miller	24 Judy Ezell
Treva Orender	14 Danyelle Gilliam	Tanner McClain
4 Polly Rankin	Gil Litteken	25 Shirley Corbin
Ernest R. Walling	16 Sherry Carter	26 JoAnn Moorshead
6 Anna Marie Cash	Mark McKinnon	27 Lori Chattin
7 Ann Hasting	17 Dorathy Hastings	Deanna Ware
8 Mary Brockett	18 Aaron Lemons	Robin Baldwin
Ruth Neal	Doris Roy	30 Carolyn Reid
9 Kellie Brown	19 Laura Owensby	

Happy Anniversary!

5 Tony & Susan Collins
9 Jesse & Nina Gibbs
20 Jennings & Betty Smith
21 Casey & Nicole Kile
28 Fred & Linda Mullins

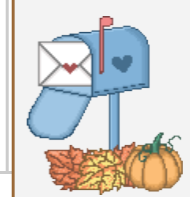


NOVEMBER 2015



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Daylight Saving Time Ends 11:00 Worship Service 4:30 Cantata Practice 5:30 Youth Group 6:00 Bible Study 8-9 p.m. AA-FH	2 10:00 Prayer Shawl Team 7:00 Scouts	3 8:30 MDO 10:00 Beth Moore Bible Study 6:30 UMW	4 10:00 Disciple 3 5-6 Play Practice 7:00 Chancel Choir	5 8:30 MDO	6 8-4 Setup for District UMW Conf. Family Life Center Fellowship Hall Sanctuary	7 8-4 District UMW Conference Family Life Center Fellowship Hall Sanctuary
8 11:00 Worship Service 4:30 Cantata Practice 5:30 Youth Group 6:00 Bible Study 8-9 p.m. AA-FH	9 6:30 Prayer Shawl Team 7:00 Scouts	10 8:30 MDO 10:00 Beth Moore Bible Study 7:00 Trustees	11 VETERAN'S DAY 10:00 Disciple 3 5-6 Play Practice 6:00 Meal & Advent Study 7:00 Chancel Choir	12 LDL DEADLINE 8:30 MDO 11:00 Home Prayer Group	13 5-8 Drop Off Items for Youth Rummage Sale Family Life Center	14 7-1 Youth Rummage Sale Family Life Center 6:00 Scouts Banquet Family Life Center
15 PEANUT BUTTER SUNDAY 11:00 Worship Service 4-5 Play Practice 4:30 Cantata Practice 6:00 Bible Study 8-9 p.m. AA-FH	16 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE 10:00 Prayer Shawl Team 7:00 Scouts	17 8:30 MDO 10:00 Beth Moore Bible Study 12:00 Let's Do Lunch	18 10:00 Disciple 3 6:00 Meal & Advent Study 7:00 Chancel Choir	19 8:30 MDO	20	21 4-8 Private Event Family Life Center
22 CHARGE CONFERENCE 11:00 Worship Service 12:00 Charge Conference (meal to follow) 4-5 Play Practice 4:30 Cantata Practice 6:00 Bible Study 8-9 p.m. AA-FH	23 6:30 Prayer Shawl Team 7:00 Scouts	24 8:30 MDO 10:00 Beth Moore Bible Study	25 No Disciple 3 No Youth 7:00 Chancel Choir	26 Church Office Closed 1:00 Community Thanksgiving Meal	27 Church Office Closed	28
29 5th SUNDAY SING 11:00 Worship Service 4-5 Play Practice 4:30 Cantata Practice 6:00 5th Sunday Sing 8-9 p.m. AA-FH	30 7:00 Scouts					

Happy Thanksgiving



Note from Jeannette:
Psalm 100:4 Enter into His gates with thanksgiving and into His courts with praise.
GIVE THANKS WITH A THANKFUL HEART.

Happy Thanksgiving!
You are loved.

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

9:45 a.m. - Sunday School	4:30 p.m. - Cantata Practice
10:45 a.m. - Coffee & Donuts	5:30 p.m. - Youth
11:00 a.m. - Morning Worship	6:00 p.m. - Bible Study

In Loving Memory

Silas & Linda Booker gave to the *Bereavement Fund* in memory of **Rex Ruffner**.

Those who gave to the *Trustees' Renovation Fund* in memory of **Veronica Barger Greene** are: Susie Strunk, Kevin & Lesia

Garrison, Pat Horton, Clyde & Wendy Thurman, Jr., Silas & Linda Booker, Raymond & Sue Ann Walker, Rod & Sheri Gray, Ashley McIntosh Sonn, Whitney McIntosh McClure, Richard & Liz Stair, Jonathan & Emilie Hamer, Pat Cook, Kansas City Barbecue Society, Carolyn Wells, Charlie & Terry Martin, Bailey Reed Motors, Walter & Terry Hooper, Spencer & Cookie Smith, Sylvia Capps, Gary & Tia Gilmore, Max & Pat Douglas, Helen Kincannon, Loyalty Sunday School Class, Rhea Ambulance Service, Fred & Joyce Chattin, Whitney & Matthew Ball, River Valley Ag Credit, Benny Joe & Sharon McCoy, Wilma & Gary Greene, Scott & Laura Messimer, Gene & Dorothy Hastings, Bill & Donna Barber, 1992-93 Rhea County Cheerleaders, Felix & Emmaly Fisher, Gary & Mary Drinkard, Dr. Lenoir & Staff, and CMGRP, Inc. - Kingsford Charcoal.

Jesse & Nina Gibbs gave to the *Trustees' Renovation Fund* in memory of **Don Herhold** and **Rex Ruffner**.

The Community Ministries Team gave to the *Community Ministry Fund* in memory of **Edna McCuiston**.

Fred & Linda Mullins gave to the *Community Ministries Fund* in memory of **Carolyn Hesselbach**.

Patty Crowder gave to the *Memorial Fund* in memory of **Don Herhold** & **Carolyn Hesselbach**.

Tommy & Loretta Hale gave to the *Trustees' Renovation Fund* in memory of **Edna McCuiston**.

Kevin & Angie Rose gave to the *United Methodist Women's Fund* in memory of **Edna McCuiston**.

Arthur & Linda Osborne gave to the *Memorial Fund* in memory of **Don Herhold**.

Kevin & Angie Rose gave to the *Trustees' Renovation Fund* in memory of **Don Herhold**.

MONTHLY REPORT GIVING & MONEY DISBURSED

SEPTEMBER 2015

INCOME	CURRENT PERIOD	YEAR TO DATE	ANNUAL BUDGET	ANNUAL BUDGET PERCENTAGE
Contributions	21,566.79	235,627.54	354,021.00	66.6%
Mother's Day Out	3,120.00	18,855.00	24,330.00	77.5%
Other Income	147.88	1,020.15	1,100.00	92.7%
TOTAL INCOME/ GROSS PROFIT	24,834.67	255,502.69	379,451.00	67.3%
EXPENSES				
Salaries & Benefits	15,796.05	163,828.12	234,552.00	69.8%
Property Maintenance	1,957.27	41,296.83	47,030.00	87.8%
Office Administration	935.22	8,721.64	10,800.00	80.8%
Nurture & Music	81.57	1,752.23	2,800.00	62.6%
Witness	11.00	594.90	2,650.00	22.4%
Outreach - Missions	75.00	770.24	1,950.00	39.5%
Conference/District	2,671.47	30,221.77	42,069.00	71.8%
Church Support	264.05	4,876.68	7,200.00	67.7%
Children's Ministries	15.20	2,438.79	2,870.00	85.0%
Adult Ministries	-56.00	310.60	1,800.00	17.3%
Youth Ministries	37.17	1,400.00	1,400.00	100.00%
MDO Expenses	3,125.11	19,353.98	24,330.00	79.5%
Young Adults (18-35)				
TOTAL EXPENSES	24,913.11	275,565.78	379,451.00	72.6%
NET INCOME	-78.44	-20,063.09	0.00	100.0%

FINANCIAL & ATTENDANCE REPORTS

	10/4	10/11	10/18	10/25
General Budget	8,381.00	5,306.00	2,621.00	7,439.00
MDO	1,410.00	975.00	210.00	
Memorial	100.00	285.00	100.00	125.00
Special	2,954.40	1,015.20	1,701.00	1,628.00
TOTAL	12,845.40	7,581.20	4,632.00	9,192.00
SS ATTENDANCE	54	54	54	41
WORSHIP ATTENDANCE	155	128	130	172

In Loving Memory

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

Harriet Southers gave to the *General Budget* in memory of **Veronica Barger Greene, Pete Weiss, Edna McCuiston, and Don Herhold**.

Helen Kincannon gave to the *Trustees' Renovation Fund* in memory of **Pete Weiss, Catherine Collier, Don Herhold, Edna McCuiston, and Rex Ruffner**.

Scott & Laura Messimer gave to the *Renovation Fund* in memory of **Rex Ruffner**.

Edward & Linda Gibbs gave to the *General Budget* in memory of **Don Herhold**.

Jerry & Lynda Smith gave to the *Trustees' Renovation Fund* in memory of **Don Herhold**.

Theresa Slater gave to the *General Budget* in memory of **Veronica Barger Greene, Richard Southers, Don Herhold, and Rex Ruffner**.

Those who gave to the *Memorial Fund* in memory of **Don Herhold** are: Shirley Corbin, Linda Hinds, the Loyalty Sunday School Class, William & Mary Allendoerfer, and the Apollo Shores Community.

Those who gave to the *Trustees' Renovation Fund (Air Conditioner Fund)* in memory of **V. J. Lisa** are Fred & Linda Mullins and Patty Crowder.

Felix & Emmaly Fisher gave to the *Children in Poverty Fund* in memory of **Edna McCuiston**.

Gary & Mary Drinkard gave to the *Trustees' Renovation Fund* in memory of **Don Herhold**.

Clyde & Wendy Thurman gave to the *Trustees' Renovation Fund* in memory of **Edna McCuiston**.

Ralph & Beth Root gave to the *Trustees' Renovation Fund* in memory of **Lenny Winterberger and Don Herhold**.

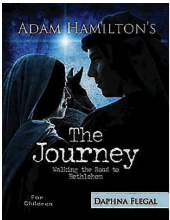
Randall & Jane Konza gave to the *Memorial Fund* in memory of **Don Herhold**.

Felix & Emmaly Fisher gave to the *Trustees' Renovation Fund* in memory of **Rex Ruffner**.

Youth & Children's Ministries



Wacky Wednesday Update: Due to the Christmas Musical and our upcoming Advent study, there will be no additional Wacky Wednesday in November and December. We will be busy praising God through our play and studying God's word during Advent study!



The Journey: Children's Advent Study, will offer age appropriate, exciting, hands on children's curriculum during our Advent Wednesdays for children from PreK-5th grade. A nursery will be provided with some Christmas activities for those under PreK age.



Trinkets and Treasures Youth Rummage Sale

November 14 7 AM-4 PM
Drop off November 13 5-8 PM

Please save all your goodies for us. Call **865-271-8301** for pickup of items you cannot deliver! Children's clothing may be consigned if it is clean, individually safety pinned to a hangers, with double tags (available in church office) filled out. Items that will not hang such as equipment may be consigned if tagged. Items that will not stay on hangers but are clothing must be safety pinned to a hanger even if they are in a baggie, such as socks, hats and tights. The youth group will receive 20% of the price offered, and you will receive 80%. Invite your friends with children's clothing to participate!

NOTE: Please bring grocery sacks to the church for the rummage sale.

Donna Vaughn Speaks at LDL

Donna Vaughn, director of Vaughn Funeral Home, was the guest speaker at Let's Do Lunch (LDL), Tuesday, October 20th. Patty Crowder opened the meeting with an inspiring devotional. Next, a delicious lunch was enjoyed that was prepared and served by Cookie Smith.

Caren Ruffner had decorated each table with an autumn theme. After the meal, Donna gave a brief speech and then gave the ladies the opportunity to ask questions.

The next LDL is Tues., Nov. 17, at noon in the Family Life Center.



Hi, I'm back again to help with

Peanut Butter Sunday

We again have an opportunity to help those in our community who are out of work or may not be able to work. Just purchase a jar or two of peanut butter each time you shop between now and **November 15th**.

This may be the only protein some of Spring City's children will have all day long. Bring the peanut butter with you to church any Sunday between now and November 15th and put in the Peanut Butter Boxes at the side and front entrances. These will be distributed through Our Daily Bread.

We collected 424 jars last year and they were all used within 3 months. Our goal this year is to meet or beat the 424 jars donated last year.

If God has blessed you with the ability to feed your family, please join us in helping others.

Thank you!



We are thanking God for the many, many people who Veronica reached during her short 37 years. We are grateful for how widespread her influence was on the people who she loved in the Lord. We also are in awe of the wonderful people God brought to us to carry us through this heartbreaking time. When we could not walk, God carried us. He provided everything we needed and more. Thank you to all those who God used to make things happen.

At this point, there has been almost \$4,000 given to our Trustee Renovation fund and the family's hope is that our cross at the top of the steeple can be repaired. Veronica grew up in the shadow of that cross.

There is also a Scholarship set up in her name at Tennessee Tech University by her wonderful friends to give other students from Rhea County a chance to excel. It is heartwarming to know others loved Veronica as much as we did.

Thank you to all who brought us water when we were thirsty, gave us food when we were hungry, showed hospitality to our visitors, and cared for us when we were heart-sick.

"When you did it to the least of these, my brother and sister, you were doing it to me." Matt. 25:40

Thank you for letting God use you to meet all our needs.

Ronnie & Judith Barger, Krissy & family

A SPECIAL DAY OF WORSHIP

While Pastor Tony was away on sabbatical on Sunday, September 27th, Mike Jackson delivered the morning message, "Characters Welcome." Frank Snyder introduced the guest speaker for the Mexico Medical Mission Moment, Maria De Lourdes Ramirez. Lynn Hinkle served as guest organist. Her organ offertory, Prayer Medley, was exceptional. The Children's Sermon was led by Susan Collins. Faithful ushers, Jerry Smith, Billy Ray Patton, Chadley Bowman, and Bob Larson distributed bulletins, helped with seating, took attendance, etc. Thank you to everyone who served so faithfully!



Way to Go!
Leon & Nancy Hicks

Leon & Nancy Hicks are to be congratulated for winning this year's BVI Vounteer Award. The couple have volunteered with BVI (a TVA Retirees group) since 1991 and have accumulated almost 7,000 hours of volunteer service. Leon and Nancy are willing to work anytime and love to talk about TVA. BVI President, Mike Lamb, expressed how proud BVI is to honor Leon & Nancy for their loyalty and dedication to TVA and BVI.

FIRE SAFETY AT MDO

The children at Mother's Day Out recently enjoyed a visit from a local fire department. Everyone got a red firemen's helmet and enjoyed sitting on the the big fire truck. A special thank you to the firemen for taking time to share safety tips with the children.



SPAGHETTI SERVED AT COMMUNITY MEAL



Thank you to all those who made the Community Meal on Thursday, October 15, so enjoyable. Dan Uhler prepared the delicious meal of spaghetti, tossed salad, garlic bread, and dessert. Gary & Tia Gilmore, Linda Morse, James Gilbert, Pat & Max Douglas, and Diane Yonke also helped with the meal preparation and cleanup. Pastor Tony asked God's blessing on the meal. The entertainment was beautifully performed by In One Accord Quartet. The next Community Meal will be at 1 p.m., Thanksgiving Day, November 26th.

Blessing of the Prayer Shawls



Pastor Tony asked God's blessing on the prayer shawls at the worship service on Sunday, October 11th. Shown above are some of the members of the Prayer Shawl Team with the pretty shawls they had made, which were placed on the altar rails.

The Prayer Shawl Team gathers on Mondays in the library at church to crochet or knit shawls that are given for solace and comfort to those in need.

A Fabulous Faith Explosion!

What a great time everyone shared who attended the Faith Explosion Fall Retreat at Camp Ahistadi! A total of 29 departed for the retreat from church on Fri., Oct. 2nd, and returned on Sun., Oct. 4th. A big thank you to **Susan Collins** for her great planning and coordinating the trip; to **Dan Uhler** for preparing the delicious meals; to **Sandy Gilliam** for driving the church bus, to **Hershel Collins** for his spiritual guidance; to all the **wonderful chaperones**; and to our **youth and children** for their participation. Everyone was tremendously blessed and came back with renewed spirits and a greater love for Christ.



Dr. Tony Collins, Pastor
 Judy Ezell, Choir Director
 Susan Collins, Children & Youth Ministries
 Kaitlyn Couch, Children's Choir Director
 Sharon Brown, Administrative Assistant
 Angela Garrison, Pianist
 Bryan Massengale, Organist



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