


January 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 <i>Happy New Year!</i> <div style="background-color: blue; color: white; padding: 5px; text-align: center; font-weight: bold; font-size: 1.2em;">2018</div> <i>Church Office Closed</i>	2	3 10:00 Bible Study, FH 4:30 Ohana Youth Kid Spring 7:00 Chancel Choir	4 8:30 MDO 11:00 Home Prayer Group	5 Set-up for Sat. Event <i>Fellowship Hall</i>	6 10 a.m. - 10:30 p.m. Private Event <i>Fellowship Hall</i>
7 11:00 Worship Service 12:00 Ohana Called, FLC 4:30 Ohana Youth 5:00 <i>SPR, Parlor</i> 6:00 Bible Study 8-9 p.m. AA-FH	8 6:30 TLC	9 8:30 MDO 6:00 UMW, FH	10 10:00 Bible Study 4:30 Ohana Youth Kid Spring 7:00 Chancel Choir	11 <i>LDL Deadline</i> 8:30 MDO 11:00 Home Prayer Group 7:00 Trustees	12 12:45 Yr. End Report due at the District Office	13
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Faithful Workers

Jan. 7 USHERS	Jan. 14 USHERS	Jan. 21 USHERS	Jan. 28 USHERS
Mary Drinkard Margo Hinsdale Jerry Smith Clyde Thurman, Jr.	Norman Bowman J. T. Baker Shirley Corbin Ken Rose	Walt Morse Billy Ray Patton Jerry Norris Shari Norris	Bennie Arp Richard Cole Trish Cole Steve Keylon
GREETERS Mary Drinkard Dorothy Hastings	GREETERS Sharon Cowart Shelby Williams	GREETERS Jerrie Patton Sheila Larson	GREETERS Lynda Smith Susie Strunk
NURSERY Katie Rose	NURSERY Loretta Hale	NURSERY Lesia Garrison	NURSERY Terry Hooper
ACOLYTE Rachel Heimel	ACOLYTE Emma Broyles	ACOLYTE Madison Hinely	ACOLYTE Emily & Gabby McBride
CHILDREN'S CHURCH Constance Garrison Hannah Couch	CHILDREN'S CHURCH Wendy Thurman Natalie Baker	CHILDREN'S CHURCH Susan Maddux Erin Couch	CHILDREN'S CHURCH Angie Couch J. T. Baker



1 Jerry Steven Smith	17 Rachel Heimel	27 Walter Hooper
7 Norman Bowman	Donna Hudson	Wanda McCarter
Amy Haerr	17 Jim Weaver	28 Betty Barnes
10 Clyde Thurman, Jr.	18 Richard Corbin	Theresa Slater
11 Judy Johnson	Linda Gibbs	29 Jenny Chattin
12 Nancy Herhold	20 Marilyn Cooksey	30 Patty Crowder
Gina Winterberger	21 Linda Mullins	Ian Gilliam
13 Alexis Neal	25 Steve Barnes	Fred Sprouse
16 Brianna Hess	26 Trish Cole	31 Dale Wyrick
Hailey Keylon	27 Dina Hess	



23 Gene & Dorothy Hastings
28 Arthur & Linda Osborne

THE LAMPLIGHTER

Newsletter of the
SPRING CITY

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

January 2018

Dale's Doodles

Reflections from the Heart of your Pastor:

Life is a gift from God. He knitted us together in our mother's womb. God's 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 us make it the very best we have. Make it shout with love, vitality, and purpose.

Life is lived in the here and 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 He live? Jesus lived by seeing the possibilities for everyone and how they may connect to His 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 others hurt us. 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

⁸In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night.

⁹Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: ¹¹to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord." Luke 2: 8-11

Shalom,

Pastor Dale

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Bob Larson
Richard Corbin
Jesse Gibbs

Linda Mullins
Jack Phillips
John Powell

Doris Roy
Jim Weaver

Ella Bell (Golden Years, 301 Keith Dr., Spring City)
Nancy Carr (Golden Years, 301 Keith Dr., #10, Spring City)
Mary Galloway (195 Deer Ridge Dr., Room #A5, Dayton, 37321)
Jerry Greathouse (Spring City Care and Rehab, 331 Hinch St.)
Jeannette Long (The Veranda at Life Care, #506, 10055 Rhea Co. Hwy, Dayton, 37321)
Kathleen Reece (Spring City Care & Rehab, #306, 331 Hinch St.)
Margaret Scholz (Spring City Care & Rehab, #511, 331 Hinch

Jimmy Wilkey
(cousin of Eddie Garrison)
Montana Runninghorse
(friend of Richard DeCrose)
Margaret Trotter
(friend of Trish & Richard Cole)

Amy Hoosier
(daughter of Angie & Bob Burkhardt)

Sherry Luttrell
(friend of Susan Arp)

Gracie Housley
(friend of Josh & Kim Wheat)

Peewee McClung
(friend of Angie Rose)

The Family of Mason Evans
(friends of Lesia Garrison)

Jeff Bogges
(friend of Tammy Boles) & Kevin Garrison)

Kennedy and Lincoln Ladd
(friends of Peggy Bowman)

Jackie Fine
(friend of Connie Roberts)

Emaline Nunley
(aunt of David, Marty, & Howard Gilliam)

Mark West
(friend of Jerrie Patton)

Larry Buller
(friend of Sharon & Gray Cowart)

Jenelly Kinsey
(friend of JoAnn Moorshead)

Tyler Lord (son of Janet Lord)

The Family of Ronald Brown
(father of Beth Keylon)

Due to limited space, names are removed the first of each month if the church office (365-6324) is not notified. Thank you.



Memorial Gifts

Patty Crowder gave to the *Memorial Fund* in memory of **Norma DeWitt**.

Leon & Nancy Hicks gave to the *General Budget* in memory of **John Hanson**.

Edward Hudson gave to the *General Budget* in memory of **Nina Gibbs**.

Myra Jane Tatum gave to the *General Budget* in memory of **Nina Gibbs**.

Honorariums

Joe Lisa gave to the *General Budget* in honor of the Theresa Lisa Crafters (TLC).

Connie Lackey gave to the *General Budget* in honor of Bryan Massengale.

Myra Jane Tatum gave to the *General Budget* in honor of Nancy Carr, Mary Galloway, and Jesse Gibbs.

Neil & Debra Woods gave to the *General Budget* in honor of Bill & Caren Ruffner.



UMW's Book Club

Join us on the third Tuesday of each month as United Methodist Women (UMW) can listen to a review of books and literature that will enlighten us on issues of today. Someone from our group will present the material which will encourage your critical thinking. You may explore ideas that you never thought could be interesting and impact your own life. You do not have to read the book before attending. We have fun, and we follow a strict one-hour rule. We start at 6:30 and finish at 7:30. Watch for more information on the UMW bulletin board in 2018.

MONTHLY REPORT GIVING & MONEY DISBURSED NOVEMBER 2017

INCOME	CURRENT PERIOD	YEAR TO DATE	ANNUAL BUDGET	ANNUAL BUDGET PERCENTAGE
Contributions	23,352.04	305,896.37	369,000.00	82.9%
Mother's Day Out	2,790.00	26,580.39	24,700.00	107.6%
Other Income	4.58	519.70	1,100.00	47.2%
TOTAL INCOME/ GROSS PROFIT	26,146.62	332,996.46	394,800.00	84.3%
EXPENSES				
Salaries & Benefits	17,326.41	198,568.03	222,095.00	89.4%
Property Maintenance	2,197.78	49,116.30	67,900.00	72.3%
Office Administration	965.59	7,610.94	10,400.00	73.2%
Nurture and Music	715.48	3,073.85	4,000.00	76.8%
Witness	11.00	766.50	2,550.00	30.1%
Outreach - Missions	75.00	1,035.72	1,500.00	69.0%
Conference/District	2,335.20	36,482.15	42,841.00	85.2%
Church Support	502.03	6,391.43	7,814.00	81.8%
Children's Ministries	0.00	2,656.10	3,400.00	78.1%
Adult Ministries	0.00	741.03	1,600.00	46.3%
Youth Ministries	0.00	744.27	6,000.00	12.4%
MDO Expenses	2,732.20	25,020.58	24,700.00	101.3%
TOTAL EXPENSES	26,860.69	332,206.90	394,800.00	84.1%
NET INCOME	-714.07	789.56	0.00	100.0%

FINANCIAL & ATTENDANCE REPORTS

	11/26	12/3	12/10	12/17
General Budget	6,469.63	8,287.01	7,652.00	9,029.00
MDO		963.33	608.00	540.00
Memorial Special		25.00		
	1,202.00	1,768.33	1,002.85	315.00
TOTAL	7,671.63	11,044.17	9,262.85	9,884.00
SS ATTENDANCE	53	70	71	70
WORSHIP ATTENDANCE	145	145	133	288

Advent Readers



Bill & Caren Ruffner are featured above as they read the first Advent reading and lit the first candle on December 3rd.

On the second Sunday of Advent, December 10th, Jerry & Lynda Smith gave the second reading and lit the second candle.



Mike & Angela Jackson are featured on the left as they read the third Advent reading on the third Sunday of Advent, December 17. Mike also lit the third candle.



Kudos for Our Choir!

Our Choir's Christmas Cantata, "One Silent Night," was performed, Sunday, December 17th at 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. under the direction of Judy Ezell, Choir Director. Close to 300 attended and were very moved by this beautiful production by Pepper Choplin of a Christmas story of love and joy long ago that forever changed our world.

Thank you to Judy and all members of the choir for such wonderful performances that blessed us all. We are already looking forward to next year's cantata.



MDO at Christmastime

The children at our Mother's Day Out (MDO) are shown above at their Christmas Program held in the sanctuary on Thursday, December 14th at 1 p.m. A large crowd of parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles, and family friends were on hand to support the children as they sang songs and rang jingle bells.

After the program, the MDO director, Denisea Johson, invited all the attendees to a reception in the Fellowship Hall where refreshments were served.

MDO will enjoy their Christmas break until January 4th.

Keeping Kids Warm



Thank you, Dr. Beth Casady for your Coats for Kids' ministry! Thanks, too, to each of you who gave a monetary donation to enable Dr. Beth to purchase several coats for some of the children at the Spring City Middle School (SCMS) and at Spring City Elementary School (SCES). Because of you, 32 SCMS students will be warm this winter.

SCMS principal, Lesia Garrison, is accepting the new coats from Dr. Beth and Pastor Dale on Wednesday, December 6th.



Pastor Dale and Dr. Beth are shown above at Spring City Elementary, Thursday morning, December 7th as they gave 37 new children's coats to the Assistant Principal, Michael Tipton.



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ENJOY A QUICK PEAK AT OUR OHANA AROUND TOWN AS THEY CREATED, WROTE AND PRESENTED THE CHRISTMAS STORY IN MODERN LANGUAGE IN COOPERATION WITH OUR RHEA COUNTY FAIR LIGHTS FESTIVAL.

DID YOU SEE US WALKING IN THE 2017 SPRING CITY CHRISTMAS PARADE? WE HAD A GREAT TIME!



KIDSPRING



Throughout the month of January we will be studying "Snowed Inn." During this wintry series, kids will learn about the promises God made through stories in the Bible. They will see that God is not just a promise maker, but a promise keeper!

Join us WEDNESDAYS at 4:30 in the FELLOWSHIP HALL.



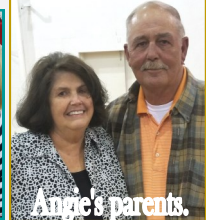
The United Methodist Women (UMW) is very grateful to everyone who donated the Christmas gifts below for the teens at Morgan Scott. On Sunday morning, December 3, Pastor Dale offered a special prayer of blessing for all the gifts. The UMW (with the help of Pastor Dale) delivered the gifts to Morgan Scott on Thursday, December 7th. Morgan Scott Director, Ella Smith, is shown at the very top (left) with the check she received from the UMW and (right) with the prayer shawl they gave her. She was overwhelmed!

Your generosity will make over 60 teens very happy at Christmastime this year. Thank You!

UMW's Christmas Gathering



United Methodist Women (UMW) enjoyed a wonderful meeting and delicious meal in the Family Life Center, Tues. evening, Dec. 5th. Angie Rose, UMW President, was elected Woman of the Year, and the new officers for next year were installed. What a happy last meeting to end the year of 2017!



Thanksgiving Blessings

A large crowd of people in our community was grateful for such a delicious Thanksgiving meal prepared and served by our Community Ministry Team at 1 p.m., Thursday, November 23. Thank you to everyone who helped in any way to make this holiday meal such a blessing for so many.



Left, Roger Hinsdale is shown using a drill to mash the potatoes for the Community Thanksgiving meal. At least 126 people enjoyed the meal this year, so Roger did a lot of potato mashing!

Below is youth director, Krissy Tallent and her husband, daughter, and son-in-law enjoying the yummy meal.



Dan & Rita Uhler want to thank all the volunteers who assisted in any way in making this year's Thanksgiving meal such a great success. So many folks in our community look forward to all of our Community Meals.



Rev. Dale Myrick, Pastor
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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
 10:45 a.m. Coffee & Donuts
 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship
 4:30 p.m. Youth
 6:00 p.m. Bible Study
 5th Sunday Sing
 (only on fifth Sundays)

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