

THE LAMPLIGHTER

Newsletter of the

SPRING CITY

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

March 2019

Dale's Doodles

Matthew 6: 25-33 25

"Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? 26 Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? 27 And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? 28 And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, 29 yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. 30 But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you-you of little faith? 31 Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What will we eat?' or 'What will we drink?' or 'What will we wear?' 32 For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things, and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. 33 But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

Trusting God is a challenge at times. We are encouraged to place our full trust in God for all things. Trust is a word that we use and sometimes overuse when we are very willing to tell others about how they need to trust God in their life's situations. When we journey through life and encounter bumps (and some of these can be very big bumps), trust becomes more than a word; it becomes a part of our life's experience. Trust becomes an act in which we begin to participate in because of our reliance on God in all things.

It is amazing to me how God allows things into our lives that cause us to look honestly at ourselves and affirm that we are trusting Him in all things. It is easy to say, "I trust," and it is a challenge for us to do. When we get to that point in our relationship with God, at that moment there is this new freedom we will experience.

Trusting God takes the focus off the situation and allows us to experience the wondrous power of God in that situation. This connection with God strengthens our walk, energizes our witness, and maintains our faith.

"Trust and Obey for there is no other way!"

Shalom,

Rev. Dale J. Wysock

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Tim & Lynne Agee	T. C. & Lauretta Cash	Carol Price
Johnny Lou Berg	Margaret Crane	Susie Strunk
Virginia Bond	Linda Mullins	

Ella Bell (Golden Years, 301 Keith Dr., Spring City)
Mary Galloway (195 Deer Ridge Dr., Room #A5, Dayton, 37321)
Jeanette Long (SC Care & Rehab, #201, 331 Hinch St.)
Fred Mullins (Golden Years, 301 Keith Dr., Spring City)
Kathleen Reece (SC Care & Rehab, #306, 331 Hinch St.)

Bill Lyons
(Rayna Henley's brother)
Chad Crisp
(Caren Ruffner's friend)
Betty Jo Purser
(friend of Connie Roberts)
Jack Anderson
(cousin of Linda Morse)
Terry McClendon
(nephew of Pat Horton)
T. J. Loftin
(son of Ronnie & Connie Dove)
Mary Balmer
(Chris Haerr's mother)
Alice Cumnock
(Pat Cook's granddaughter)
Joyce Drake
(former member)
Jason Hall
(nephew of Susan & Bennie Arp)
Richard & Sandra Larson
(Bob Larson's brother & his brother's wife)
Larry Hallums
(friend of Leon Hicks)
Chris Norris
(son of Jerry & Shari Norris)
Mary Heimel
(Tom Heimel's mother)
Todd Birdwell
(Bennie & Susan Arp's neighbor)
Lillian Shaffer
(Kathy Heimel's mother)
Linda Swanson
(Lauretta Cash's sister)

Emmett Holdren
(Joe Lisa's friend)
Dominic Ciero
(grandson of Cindy Hill & nephew of Jerrie Patton)
Alice McNelly
(friend of Peggy & Norman Bowman)
Montana Runninghorse
(friend of Richard DeCroce)
Larry Buller
(Gray & Sharon Cowart's friend))
Kennedy and Lincoln Ladd
(friends of Peggy Bowman)
Laura Cramer
(friend of Susan Arp)
Emaline Nunley
(David, Marty, & Howard Gilliam's aunt)
Olga Conroy
(John Conroy's daughter-in-law)

The Family of Aunt Jessie
(Cheryl Southers' 105-yr.-old aunt)

The Family of Sharron Haynes
(wife of Lynn Haynes)

*Due to the lack of space, names listed over two - three months are removed in order to add new requests for prayer.
Thank you*

Faithful Workers

Mar. 3 USHERS Margo Hinsdale Sharon Cowart Patty Crowder Carolyn Haerr	Mar. 10 USHERS Trish Cole Richard Cole Ken Rose Clyde Thurman, Jr.	Mar. 17 USHERS Mary Drinkard Shari Norris Jerry Norris Walt Morse	Mar. 24 USHERS Norman Bowman Don Hinely Billy Ray Patton Jerry Smith	Mar. 31 USHERS Natalie Baker Hannah Couch Madison Hinely Sheila Larson
GREETERS Jerrie Patton Angie Rose Angie Burkhardt Cindy Ross	GREETERS Sharon Cowart Shelby Williams	GREETERS Dorothy Hastings Carolyn Reid	GREETERS Jerrie Patton Lyn da Smith	GREETERS Hannah Couch Madison Hinely
NURSERY Peggy Bowman Wanda McCarter	NURSERY Katie Rose Lesia Garrison	NURSERY Terry Hooper Carolyn Haerr	NURSERY Loretta Hale Peggy Bowman	NURSERY Wanda McCarter Katie Rose
ACOLYTES Emily & Gabby McBride	ACOLYTE Madison Hinely	ACOLYTE Rachel Heimel	ACOLYTE Madison Hinely	ACOLYTES 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 Youth Volunteer	CHILDREN'S CHURCH Constance Garrison Hannah Couch



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri 1	Sat 2
3 Transfiguration Sunday UMW SUNDAY 11:00 Worship Service 12:00 Lunch, FLC 3:00 District Meeting 4:30 Youth 8-9 p.m. AA-FH	4 10:00 TLC	5 8:30 MDO 10:00 Bible Study 6:00 UMW	6 Ash Wednesday 10:00 Bible Study 4:30 Youth 6:00 KidSpring Bible Study Choir Practice 7:00 Ash Wednesday Service	7 8:30 MDO 11:00 Home Prayer Group 6:30 Worship Team	8 FLC Closed for Set-up	9 FLC CLOSED for Set-up for Sunday <i>Kaitlyn & Leo's Wedding Day</i> Family Life Center Closed for a Private Event
10 1st Sunday in Lent 11:00 Worship Service 3:00 Ministry Team 4:30 Youth 6:00 Bible Study 8-9 p.m. AA-FH	11 10:00 TLC 10:30 TVA Retirees, FLC	12 8:30 MDO 10:00 Bible Study <i>Pastor Dale leaves today for the Holy Land.</i>	13 10:00 Bible Study 4:30 Youth 6:00 KidSpring Bible Study 7:00 Choir Practice	14 8:30 MDO 11:00 Home Prayer Group 7:00 Trustees	15 <i>FLC Closed for SC Scholarship Set-up</i> 9:00 Joy Ministry Trip Dandridge, TN (Bush Bean Tour)	16 8-10 SC Scholarship Pageant, FLC
17 2nd Sunday in Lent 11:00 Worship Service 4:30 Youth 8-9 p.m. AA-FH	18 Newsletter Deadline 10:00 TLC	19 8:30 MDO 10:00 Bible Study 6:30 UMW Book Club	20 10:00 Bible Study 4:30 Youth 6:00 KidSpring Bible Study 7:00 Choir Practice	21 8:30 MDO 11:00 Home Prayer Group 5:00 Community Meal	22	23
24 3rd Sunday in Lent 11:00 Worship Service 4:30 Youth 8-9 p.m. AA-FH	25 10:00 TLC <i>Pastor Dale returns from the Holy Land.</i>	26 10:00 Bible Study	27 10:00 Bible Study 4:30 Youth 6:00 Bible Study 7:00 Choir Practice	28 11:00 Home Prayer Group	29	30 Mexico Medical Mission Team's Trip begins today and ends April 7. Please keep them in your prayers.
March 25 -29 is Spring Break for Rhea Co. Schools. No MDO or KidSpring this week.						
31 4th Sunday in Lent 11:00 Worship Service 4:30 Youth 6:00 5th Sunday Sing 8-9 p.m. AA-FH						



March Birthdays

3 Helen Miko	16 Rita Uhler	26 Natalie Baker
4 Beverly Allison	17 Tommy Hale	Seleana Kile
Pearl Gilliam	18 Brynn Bowman	27 Glenn Cooksey
5 Ashley Guinn	Greer Bowman	29 Daniel Coenen
8 Tia Gilmore	Hannah Chattin	Sonny Mathis
10 Eddie Garrison	Rhonda Evans	30 Bill Barber
Tom Heimel	Jacob Moffett	Peg Caudill
12 Margaret Crane	22 Jay Maddux	31 Fred Mullins
13 Emmaly Fisher	23 Ansleigh Kenny	
16 Marty Gilliam	24 Bill Ruffner	

Happy Birthday!



March 1 Richard & Trish Cole	March 22 Ed & Linda Gibbs
March 4 Scott & Cherie Henderson	March 25 Mike & Linda Phillips
March 18 Bill & Donna Barber	March 27 Kevin & Angie Rose
March 19 Leon & Nancy Hicks	



Memorial Gifts

Helen Kincannon gave to the **General Budget** in memory of **Sharron Haynes**.

Carolyn Reid gave to the **General Budget** in memory of **Margaret Cohen**.



To Our Friends at Spring City UMC —

Thank you so much for the beautiful prayer shawl you sent Ben. We love each one of you and consider you our family! We appreciate all the

calls, cards, texts, and visits, but most of all, your continued prayers. As we continue on this journey, we know we are not alone. God gives strength for each day, and we praise Him for that. May God continue to Bless you!

Love,
Ben & Elaine



Daylight Saving Time begins, Sun., Mar. 10, so be sure and move your clocks ahead one hour before retiring on Sat., Mar. 9.

MONTHLY REPORT GIVING & MONEY DISBURSED

JANUARY 2019

INCOME	CURRENT PERIOD	YEAR TO DATE	ANNUAL BUDGET	ANNUAL BUDGET PERCENTAGE
Contributions	23,134.57	23,134.57	410,000.00	5.6%
Mother's Day Out	3,755.00	3,755.00	25,310.00	14.8%
Other Income	79.34	79.34	1,200.00	6.6%
TOTAL INCOME/ GROSS PROFIT	26,968.91	26,968.91	436,510.00	6.2%
EXPENSES				
Salaries & Benefits	17,003.86	17,003.86	252,692.00	6.7%
Property Maintenance	2,762.72	2,762.72	68,500.00	4.0%
Office Administration	482.60	482.60	10,400.00	4.6%
Nurture and Music	399.97	399.97	7,700.00	5.2%
Witness	0.00	0.00	1,700.00	0.0%
Outreach - Missions	75.00	75.00	1,900.00	3.9%
Conference/District	3,595.89	3,595.89	46,598.00	7.7%
Church Support	723.23	723.23	8,110.00	8.9%
Children's Ministries	25.75	25.75	6,000.00	0.4%
Adult Ministries	-124.55	-124.55	1,600.00	-7.8%
Youth Ministries	3,112.84	3,112.84	6,000.00	51.9%
MDO Expenses	2,942.33	2,942.33	25,310.00	11.6%
TOTAL EXPENSES	30,999.64	30,999.64	436,510.00	7.1%
NET INCOME	-4,030.73	-4,030.73	0.00	100%

FINANCIAL & ATTENDANCE REPORTS

	1/27	2/3	2/10	2/17
General Budget	2,970.00	10,030.61	6,276.00	3,912.11
MDO			3128.36	239.00
Memorial Special	95.00	1,028.68	1,535.00	290.00
TOTAL	3,065.00	11,564.29	10,939.36	4,441.11
SS ATTENDANCE	47	52	58	54
WORSHIP ATTENDANCE	130	137	138	128



With Gratitude

We, at Our Daily Bread, extend heartfelt thanks to all who contributed soup on "Souper" Bowl Sunday. We will be able to provide two cans of soup in every bag of groceries for five months to help those in need. Your support is so very much appreciated.

May God Bless You!

The Volunteers
at Our Daily Bread



Dear Spring City UMC Members:

On behalf of the members of the Kiwanis Club of Spring City and the 156 recipients of our annual Christmas Food Basket Program, we extend our sincere thank you for your \$1054.40 cash contribution.

This year we were able to provide a variety of food to each recipient consisting of dry and canned staples, sugar, rice, soups, cereals, fresh fruit and produce, a whole chicken, eggs, butter, milk, and bread. Each box weighed approximately 70 pounds. Members of the baseball and basketball teams of Rhea County High School, the Kiwanis Key Club and others assisted in transferring the baskets to the recipients' vehicles.

A light breakfast was provided by the Spring City United Methodist Church Community Ministries and a variety of stuffed animals were provided by Our Daily Bread for all the children who attended the morning distribution of the baskets.

Again, thank you for your support.

Bob Smith, President
Kiwanis Club of Spring City

Questions About Safe Sanctuary

Q: Why do we have to have a Safe Sanctuary Policy when other churches in our community, both Methodist and non-Methodist, do not?

A: Every Methodist church has been mandated to write and implement a policy for their congregation. I do not know about the policies of other denominations. We are only accountable to our response to the mandate, and the policy developed by and for our church.

Q: Why do Safe Sanctuary changes make me feel so uncomfortable?

A: Current Safe Sanctuary policy is not so different from the previous policy, just a bit more expanded. With training and implementation, more folks are aware of the policy and what it requires, which has sparked more discussion and questions. Therefore, it can be perceived as a lot of changes, and let's face it; change isn't comfortable for any of us. Think about it this way: how many of us make a New Year's Resolution that we have either broken or discarded before January comes to an end? We have good intentions when we set those goals but, without making those thoughtful changes and persevering, we don't achieve them. Change is only change until we practice it enough to become a habit. The process between change and a habit is like "growing pains." All changes go through this process. Like all growing pains, each of us feels them differently, but we all grow through it. Just think about the caterpillar that has to go through several stages (growing pains) before it becomes a beautiful butterfly. It's worth the extra effort!

If you have a question or concern, odds are someone else does, too, so please share your concerns about the policy, implementations, or how it affects you with someone on the Safe Sanctuary Committee. Policy is to protect everyone, not to make things difficult. Each of you is appreciated and vitally important to the ministries of our church. Let's grow together!

Committee members: Susan Maddux and Angie Rose, co-chairs; Patty Crowder, Tom Heimel, Vickie Snyder, Dean Sparks.

UMW SUNDAY



On **Sunday, March 3rd**, **Jennifer Snyder** of **RECOVERY AT DAYTON** will be our guest speaker at the eleven o'clock morning worship service. Jennifer will share her experiences with her ministry, which helps individuals who suffer from chemical dependence, compulsions, alcoholism, and codependency in Rhea County and surrounding areas. Jennifer makes weekly visits to see women in the Rhea County Jail and encourages the inmates to take part in a year-long residential recovery program. Jennifer takes the message of hope in Jesus Christ to many who feel forgotten and lost. Please join us on Sunday, March 3rd, and learn more about Jennifer's involvement with Recovery at Dayton.

Everyone is invited to join us for lunch on March 3rd immediately after church in the Family Life Center. Lunch is provided by the United Methodist Women at no charge. For those who would like to contribute to the ministry of Recovery at Dayton, a basket for donations will be available.

We need a head count to plan for lunch. Please fill out the reservation form below when it appears in the Sunday bulletins to inform us of how many in your family will attend the luncheon on March 3rd. You may also call the church office at 365-6324 or send an email to

UMW Sunday Lunch Reservation Sunday, March 3 • Family Life Center

Name _____ No. _____

**No charge, but a basket will be available for donations for
Recovery at Dayton.**

Please tear off & drop in the Offering Plate.

Join the United Methodist Women Book Club **March 19th** at 6:30 in the church library as we share

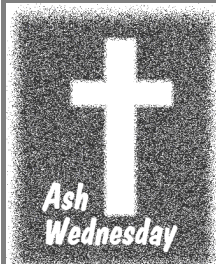


Sometimes our greatest blessings come from the most unexpected places. If you are facing a difficult life situation, including a cancer diagnosis, you may be searching for a way to get through the day. The Blessings & Bling gives an upbeat take on a serious matter and shares real-world tips for helping you cope. Author Sheron Patterson uses her story to help others facing some of life's toughest challenges. In the book you will find inspiration, get practical tips for dealing with life-changing diagnosis, learn to live in the moment, find purpose in your pain, and realize that God has not abandoned you. When Sheron Patterson put off a shopping trip to drop by a medical center for her annual breast exam, she thought she'd be in and out and back to her shopping. But when the results came back positive for cancer, she was stunned. That diagnosis eventually produced a life's work focused on helping others face challenges. Bling-fashion helped Patterson face her cancer head-on. From the depths of despair surrounding her diagnosis to a heart filled with gratitude as she looks back on her journey, she tells the story of Blessings and Bling to help you see hope.

YOUTH HAPPENINGS

Resurrection 2019

In January, 20 youth & 9 adults made their way to Pigeon Forge for our annual winter retreat to Holston's Conference Resurrection. It was a wonderful weekend filled with fellowship, worship, and God's amazing Grace. We grew learning that God's Grace is there, and will always be there. A HUGE thank you to those who supported this trip both financially and spiritually. Without your support, many of our students would not have been able to attend. A special thank you to our adult chaperones, Tommy Hale, Angie & Kaitlyn Couch, Leo Miller, John Powell, Paste Dale, and Tom & Kathy Heimel. We are already looking forward to Resurrection 2020!



Ash Wednesday Service

March 6, 2019

7:00 p.m.

Sanctuary

We especially focus our lives on Christ from Ash Wednesday through Easter. Ash Wednesday is a day of confession of sins and of sorrow for all the wrong we have done. Join us at the Ash Wednesday Service where communion is observed and the imposition of ashes.

Have You Seen This?



If you have not seen the new wall hanging outside the choir room, please go by and take a look. It is not only pretty, but it has historical value as well. Choir members' names are from 30+ years when the red robes were worn. Go by and see which member's name you recognize.

Thank you, **Beverly Allison**, for your creativity and time well spent making this wall hanging using the shapes of musical notes.

Joy Ministry To Take Bush Bean Tour



Friday, March 15
Leave Church at 9 a.m.

Be sure and sign up on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall for the next Joy Ministry Team Trip, Friday, March 15, to go on the Bush Bean Tour in Dandridge, TN. The group will have lunch at the Bush Family Café with an opportunity to sample the #1 baked beans in the country and old-time milk shakes or banana splits. There is also a gift shop and a museum. If you are 60 and up and enjoy a fun trip and good fellowship, sign up soon!

KidSpring



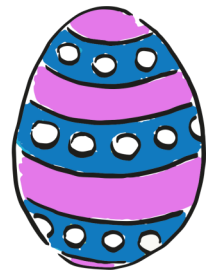
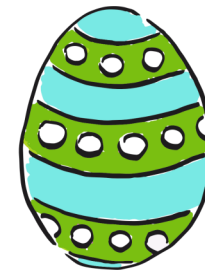
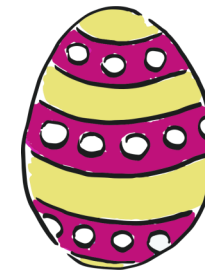
Important Dates for March:

March 27th - NO KIDSPRING!

Enjoy your
Spring Break!

This year's Easter Festival will be April 14th. It will be held in the Family Life Center from 2:00 to 4:00.

Volunteers are needed to help with games, prizes, snacks, etc. Donations of cupcakes, plastic eggs and wrapped Easter candy are greatly appreciated. If you would like to volunteer please sign up in the lobby or contact Constance Garrison.



2019 Souper Bowl Sunday

Thank you to everyone who donated soup on Sunday, February 3rd, for Souper Bowl Sunday. Because of you, more cans of soup were contributed to Our Daily Bread this year than ever before.

Nearly all of our Sunday School classes participated, and we are grateful to them and everyone else for your great generosity. Because of your giving, those in need in our community will receive much-needed assistance.

Lynda Smith, the teacher of the Pairs & Spares Class, is shown accepting the Souper Bowl Trophy from Worship Leader, **Kevin Rose**. The Pairs & Spares Class contributed more soup than any other class. Way to go!



Pairs & Spares Class
2019 Souper Bowl Trophy Winner



Total: 4,485 cans of soup. Way to Go!!



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



On the left is Karen Fine shown at the 11 o'clock morning worship service on Sunday, January 27th - the day she became our first new church member of 2019. We are very happy to welcome her into our church family. May God bless Karen in her service for Christ!



Chloe Barger is shown with Pastor Dale on Sunday, February 17th when she became a member of our church. Chloe has grown up in our church, been baptized, and is an active member of our youth group. We are delighted that she is now a full member of our church family. May God bless Chloe!



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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)