

THE LAMPLIGHTER

Newsletter of the

SPRING CITY

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

August 2021

RUNNING THE RACE

by Rev. Dave Grant

Most of what I've done in the past year is leading worship, and yet it seems to me to be merely a bridge to get us through this pandemic season. As we continue unlocking the future together, I have begun looking deeper into what nutritional needs we have as the body of Christ in our time. We are Gathering together; we need to Grow; and we prepare to Go.

Gather, Grow, Go—these are the main things we need right now. Right now, I want to focus on Gathering which might include worship and other fellowship ministries. As we have gathered in worship more and more, I have heard the frequent questions of “When are we going to start contemporary worship again?” We are working on that right now. I am excited that we have brought in Stephen Kaye as contemporary worship leader. Steve will be helping us build a new expression of worship from the ground up, and as soon as we find additional musicians will begin this new expression.

This causes me to ponder: What is worship anyway? Thomas Long says that worship is what happens when people become aware that they are in the presence of the living God. Isaiah 6:1-4 (ESV) gives us a picture of worship before the living God:

⁶ In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple.

² Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. ³ And one called to another and said:

“Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!”

⁴ And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke.

Regardless of the style, worship moves us through our gathering as we ascend into the presence of God, much like Isaiah did. Then God speaks through the Word and we respond. We enter into the Heavens around the throne of God to join the communion of saints (we often do this as we gather around the communion table), and finally, we are sent forth to love and serve the Lord. The style of this encounter changes with culture, time and place. Some styles of worship might be liturgical, dramatic, auditory, visual, multi-sensory, quiet, loud, or multi-generational. I once took a youth group to experience various styles of worship, and we attended a Greek Orthodox Church that worshipped in Greek following the Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom, named after the Archbishop of Constantinople in the fifth century. We also attended a Hispanic Pentecostal multi-generational contemporary service that lasted for three hours, all in Spanish. By the end of the night, the children were all passed out asleep on the altar rail. They were both divine encounters with God.

When we add worship opportunities, let us be careful to recognize the sacred nature of each expression. Let us be careful not to refer to our “Traditional” 11:00 Sunday worship as “Main Worship” or even “Worship” versus “Contemporary Worship” or any other designation that sets one above the other. They are all primary opportunities for worship. The heart of worship is gathering to declare God's glory and to remember, proclaim, and enact the biblical story of God's ultimate rescue of humanity through Jesus Christ. When we do this, there is divine action above and human response from below.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Connie Roberts
Eddie Garrison
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.
Kathleen Reece Spring City Care & Rehab, #306, 331 Hinch St.
Imogene Robbins Golden Years, 301 Keith Dr., Spring City

Larry McCuiston
(brother of Pat Douglas)
Kyrsten Coleman
(friend of Walt & Linda Morse)
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 Lynda Ervin
(mother of Atlanta Ervin)

The Family of Fred Mullins
(SCUMC member)

Happy Birthday!

2 Joey Heime
6 Carolyn Haerr
7 Mark Neal
9 Olivia Garrison
12 Don Hinely
14 Sharon Cowart
14 Kathleen Garrison
14 Liz Stair
19 Shane Mudica
20 Karen Whiles
23 Tammy Boles
23 Betty Smith

24 Dutch Kane
24 Linda Osborne
25 Imogene Robbins
30 Doug Drake
31 Nancy Gilliam


August

Faithful Workers

8/1	8/8	8/15	8/22	8/22
<u>Acolyte</u> Ashley Grant	<u>Acolyte</u> Meri Grant	<u>Acolyte</u> Ashley Grant	<u>Acolyte</u> Meri Grant	<u>Acolyte</u> Ashley Grant
<u>Ushers</u> Lynda Smith Margo Hinsdale	<u>Ushers</u> Don Hinely Madison Hinely	<u>Ushers</u> Bennie Arp Walt Morse	<u>Ushers</u> Lynda Smith Margo Hinsdale	<u>Ushers</u> Don Hinely Madison Hinely

Happy Anniversary!

8/2 Silas & Linda Booker	8/7 Chris & Tracey Rose	8/16 T.C. & Laretta Cash
8/2 Sandy & Linda Mathis	8/9 Ken & Barbara Rose	8/22 Jim & Wanda McCarter
8/6 Bob & Angie Burkhardt	8/14 Richard & Liz Stair	8/26 Charles & Nancy McIlwaine

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 10:00 TLC	3 6:00 UMW	4 6:00 Women's Bible Study	5	6	7 
8 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Service Sunday School Promotion Youth-Lookouts Game	9 10:00 TLC	10 6:00 Nominations & Leadership Committee	11 6:00 Women's Bible Study	12 7:00 Trustees	13	14
15 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Service	16 10:00 TLC 1:00 UMW Book Club	17	18 6:00 Women's Bible Study	19	20 6:30 Finance Team Meeting	21
22 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Service	23 10:00 TLC	24 8:30 PDO	25 6:00 Women's Bible Study	26 8:30 PDO	27 3:00 A.C. Ordination Service 7:00 A.C. Memorial Service	28 12:00-6:00 Annual Conference
29 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Service Holston Home Fifth Sunday Offering	30 10:00 TLC	31 8:30 PDO				

Mary Drinkard gave to the *General Budget* in memory of **Jay Grant**.

Richard & Liz Stair gave to the *General Budget* in memory of **Jeanette Long**.

IN

Giving

MEMORY

Helen Kincannon gave to the *General Budget* in memory of **Jay Grant, Lillian Shaffer, and Elise Sellars**.

Helen Ingram gave to the *General Budget* in memory of **Jeannette Long**.

Chris & Carolyn Haerr gave to the *General Budget* in memory of **Fred Mullins**.

**MONTHLY REPORT
GIVING & MONEY DISBURSED**

JUNE 2021

INCOME	CURRENT PERIOD	YEAR TO DATE	ANNUAL BUDGET	ANNUAL BUDGET PERCENTAGE
Contributions	20,989.29	155,820.66	310,000.00	50.3%
Mother's Day Out	0.00	0.00	25,310.00	0.0%
Other Income	99.12	262.32	1,200.00	21.9%
TOTAL INCOME/ GROSS PROFIT	21,088.41	156,082.98	336,510.00	46.4%
EXPENSES				
Salaries & Benefits	12,184.84	71,776.60	146,913.00	48.9%
Property Maintenance	11,194.44	38,073.72	89,300.00	42.6%
Office Administration	596.04	2,948.15	9,700.00	30.4%
Nurture and Music	1,158.64	1,486.51	3,900.00	38.1%
Witness	91.35	286.55	1,700.00	16.9%
Outreach - Missions	75.00	375.00	1,900.00	19.7%
Conference/District	3,452.88	19,293.16	37,189.00	51.9%
Church Support	379.41	1,777.03	8,298.00	21.4%
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	188.58	338.86	6,000.00	5.6%
MDO Expenses	0.00	0.00	25,310.00	0.0%
TOTAL EXPENSES	29,321.18	136,455.48	336,510.00	40.6%
NET INCOME	-8,232.77	19,627.50	0.00	100.0%

FINANCIAL & ATTENDANCE REPORTS

	6/20	6/27	7/4	7/11	7/18
General Budget	3,376.00	4,337.29	6,880.00	6,505.00	4,324.12
MDO					
Special	140.00	105.00	50.00	70.00	0.00
TOTAL	3,516.00	4,442.29	6,930.00	6,575.00	4,324.12
SUNDAY SCHOOL	29	38	32	41	32
WORSHIP	72	81	69	96	88
LIVE STREAM	26	30	18	30	22

Is your contact information up to date?

Send an email to scumc@volstate.net or call the church office at 365-6324 if your phone number, address, or email has changed.

We don't want you to miss something!

Special Music



Richard Stair sang “The King is Coming” for the special music on June 20th and “Jesus Hold My Hand” on July 11th.



Bryan Massengale played two beautiful organ solos: “Amazing Grace” on June 27th and “Celebration” on July 25th for the special music.



Angela Jackson sang “God Bless America Medley” for the special music on July 4th.



In One Accord, made up of Connie Roberts (piano), Angela Jackson, Caren Ruffner, Richard Stair, and Mike Jackson, sang “Today’s Prayer—Jesus Changed Everything” for the special music on July 18th.

Will You Pray for Me?

This fall we will again seek to link generations through prayer. We would like to link children and youth in the church to prayer champions in three different age groups: 20-30s, 40-50s, and 60s and up. So each student will have at least three prayer champions to pray for them each day during the coming school year.

INTERGENERATIONAL
RELATIONSHIPS ARE
GOD’S DESIGN FOR
PASSING ON THE FAITH.

SIGN UP TO BE A PRAYER CHAMPION

PRAYforME
CAMPAIGN

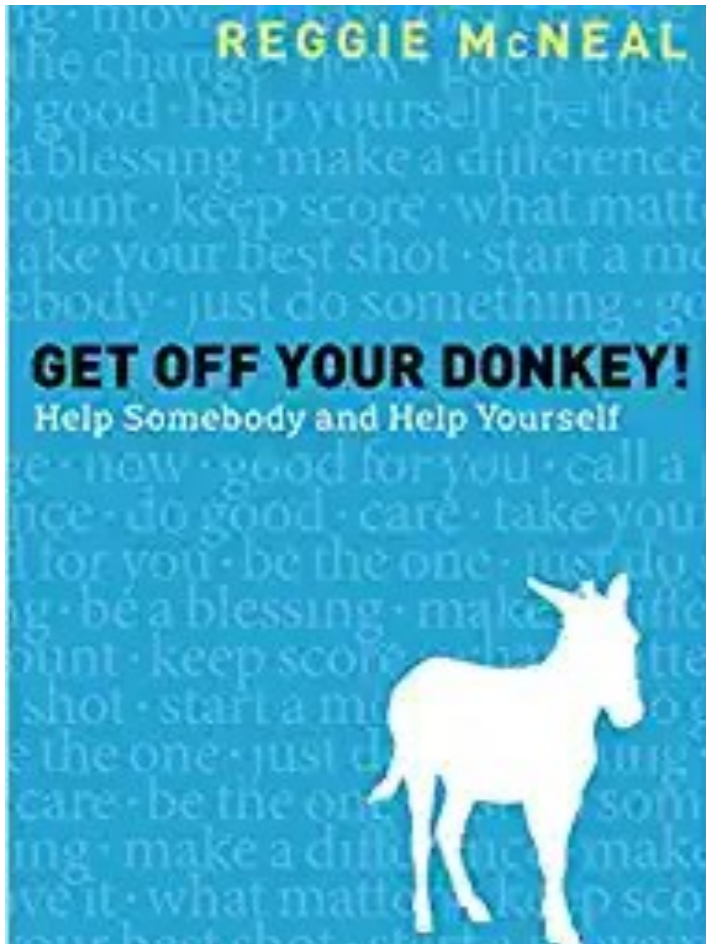
If you would be a prayer champion, we have a sign-up in the narthex and on the bulletin board in the hallway. If you need a prayer guide, we can make those available. We will have families with children and individual youth signing up at the Back to School Bash. Last month we mentioned prayer champions and students getting together that day, but realize it will get hectic that day, so we will plan to get together on a later date.

Come join the United Methodist Women Book Club

On Monday, August 16, 2021 at 1:00

**If you would like to join us early bring a sack lunch at Noon
in the Fellowship Hall**

As we share



In one of his most famous parables, Jesus points us to a man who gets down off his donkey and helps someone in dire need. Now, with energy and enthusiasm, Reggie McNeal calls you to dismount, get messy, and live a life that makes a real difference. He reveals two mutually reinforcing truths: First, helping others is often the best path for our own personal development. And second, as you become more the person you were designed to be, you increase your capacity to serve others. It all starts with a decision to get off your donkey--today!

"A challenge for all Christians to lead their lives like Jesus--to love and serve others. What a fabulous message! What a wonderful book!"--Ken Blanchard, coauthor, *The One Minute Manager* and *Lead Like Jesus*

Spring City United
Methodist Church

“Back to School Bash”

K to 5th Grade

August 7th, 2021

1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Join us for Music, Worship,
Stories, Snacks, Crafts, and Games.

Parents must sign in and out their children. For
more information, please call 365-6324.

SCUMC located at 245 Church Street

MINISTRY SURVEY

Everyone has gifts. Listed below are the current ministries of the church. Please prayerfully consider how you will share your gifts in service. Place a check in the box and write your name. You may place it in the offering plate or return it to the church office.

- Lay Leadership (nominations)
- Staff/Pastor-Parish Relations Committee
- Finance Committee
- Audit Committee
- Memorial Committee
- Board of Trustees
- Long-Range Planning Committee
- Parsonage Committee
- History & Records Committee
- Church Council Members-at-Large

Grow Ministries

- Children & Youth Council
- Higher Education & Campus Ministry
- Teaching
- Children's Message/Children's Church
- Parent's Day Out

Gathering Ministries

- Altar Guild
- Acolyte
- Music
- Usher/Greeter
- Multi-Media
- Contemporary Worship
- Joy Ministry
- Nursery
- Security
- Bereavement

Go Ministries

- Outreach
- Community Ministries
- Family Life Coordinator
- Witness
- Visitation

Name: _____

Phone: _____



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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