

THE LAMPLIGHTER

Newsletter of the
SPRING CITY

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

DECEMBER 2012

Dale's Doodles

**GIVE THANKS WITH A GRATEFUL HEART
GIVE THANKS TO THE HOLY ONE
GIVE THANKS FOR HE'S GIVEN JESUS CHRIST,
HIS SON**

**AND NOW LET THE WEAK SAY I AM STRONG
LET THE POOR SAY I AM RICH
BECAUSE OF WHAT THE LORD HAS DONE FOR US**

GIVE THANKS...

Psalm 100:1-5

¹ Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth.

² Worship the LORD with gladness; come into his presence with singing.

³ Know that the LORD is God. It is he that made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

⁴ **Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him, bless his name.**

⁵ For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

It is the season of Thanksgiving when we focus our minds and hearts on being thankful for all that we have. The Bible teaches us that every good gift comes from above, and we are so blessed to have so many gifts from our Heavenly Father.

Often we splurge by having an extraordinarily large and delicious meal. We cook too much, eat too much, and then we often sleep too much. We call that Thanksgiving with all the trimmings. It is a tradition we celebrate every Thanksgiving Day.

But we should not choose only one particular day to say thanks to God for all His blessings. God has and is always blessing us. He meets our every need in His will, and in His time.

Because of what God has done...let everyone give thanks every day.

Shalom,

Pastor Dale

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Ethan Kincannon
Ernestine Simpson
Bryan Massengale
Lenny Winterberger

Charlotte Thurman
Bill Crowder
Joyce Lavender
Ray Keylon

Aud Ray
Joe Graham
Ronnie Barger
Marsha Evans

Mary Curtis (Spring City Care and Rehab. #411)

Viola Ezell (Spring City Care and Rehab. #309)

Virginia Hale (195 Deer Ridge Dr., A6, Dayton, TN 37321)

Ruth Huskins (Golden Years, 301 Keith Dr., S.C.)

Kathleen Reece (Spring City Care and Rehab, # 302)

Elsie Robbins (Dayton Life Care Center, Room11)

Hiley Brady Smith (Horizon Healthcare, 811 Keylon St., Manchester, TN 37355)

Emily Lisle (Caren Ruffner's friend)

Christian Snyder (Caren Ruffner's friend)

Kathy Morse (Walt & Linda's daughter)

Hannah Vaughn (Chuck & Nancy McIlwain's granddaughter)

Susie Green (Dorothy Hastings' daughter-in-law)

Jimmy Garrison (Imogene Robbins' brother)

Alcibee Tharp (Tia Gilmore's mother)

Kathy Garrett (Jeannette Long's relative)

Lynn Agee's brother, David

Sharon Davis & family (Liz Stair's daughter)

Kelly Southers Cheryl & Richard's daughter)

Sandy Wood (Ginny Hatcher's niece)

Bo Bradbury Pastor Dale's friend and former church member)

Billy Arnold (Conroys' son-in-law)

Victoria Cox (Andrew Hanson's boss)

Vivian McClendon (Jeannette Long's friend)

Anita Corriveau (friend of Jeanne DeCrocce)

Hiram J. Gerber (friend of the DeCrocce)

Carolyn Hesselbach (Carl & Kay's daughter)

Catrina Christi (Manuel Christi's daughter)

Christina Jordan (Manuel Christi's daughter)

Montana Running Horse (DeCrocce's friend)

Eldeena Perry (Jeannette Long's sister)

Jim Smith (friend of Ken & Barbara Rose)

Beverly Garrison (friend of Ken & Barbara Rose)

The Family of Chelsea Hanson (John & Sam's granddaughter)

The Family of Vivien Kneuppel (Diane Yonke's mother)

The Family of Winston Caine (Terry McBrayer's doctor and friend)

Please call the church office (365-6324) the first of every month with an update if you wish a name to remain on the prayer list.

Birthdays

1 Judith Barger	10 Chris Hastings	20 Carol Price
2 Jim Baldwin	11 Sharon Dines	21 Andrea Cash
Cynthia Snyder	12 Sam Hanson	22 Cindy Ross
3 Autumn Neal	13 Austin Murphy	23 Jim McCarter
4 Hannah Couch	Brody Murphy	24 Taylor Thurman
Karen Jo Tallent	Dakota Rose	26 Betty Talley
6 Aaron Heimel	14 Atlanta Ervin	29 Cheri Henderson
Walter Hooper IV	16 Patricia Garner	Penny Rice
9 Lori Dillard	19 Caren Ruffner	Dan Uhler
10 David Beckler	20 Ginny Hatcher	30 Chris Dodson
Erin Couch	Anna Messimer	Harriet Southers

Anniversaries

4 Don and Nancy Carr	28 David and Carol Beckler
21 Chris and Carolyn Haerr	Gary & Mary Drinkard





December Flower is Holly . Turquoise is the Birthstone.

Faithful Workers

12/2	12/9	12/16	12/23	12/30
Ushers Ronnie Barger Eddie Garrison Kevin Garrison Marty Gilliam	Ushers Jerry Henley Leon Hicks Marla Hinzman Steve Keylon	Ushers Earl Keahey Drew Keahey Billy Ray Patton Earl Robbins	Ushers Ken Rose Kevin Rose Jennings Smith Jerry Smith	Ushers Bob Larson Clyde Thurman, Jr. Walt Morse Chadley Bowman
Hosts Glenda Keylon Steve Keylon	Hosts Linda Mullins Carol Price	Hosts Jim & Sylvia Baldwin Kevin & Angie Rose	Hosts Margaret Scholz Lynda Smith	Hosts Susie Strunk Pete & Shelby Williams
Nursery Terry Hooper Peggy Bowman	Nursery Cathy Barnes Andrea Cash	Nursery Angie Couch & Kaitlyn	Nursery Lesia Garrison Loretta Hale	Nursery Beth Keylon & Hailey
Acolyte Hannah Couch	Acolyte Erin Couch	Acolyte J. T. Baker	Acolyte Oceanearne Hunt	Acolyte Natalie Baker
Children's Church Robin Bolton	Children's Church Ashley Snyder	Children's Church Susan Maddux	Children's Church Sharon Baker	Children's Church Angie Rose
Youth 12/2 Sharon Baker 12/5 Dorothy Hastings	Youth 12/9 Angie Couch 12/12 The Cowarts	Youth 12/16 Beth Keylon 12/19 Rita Uhler	Youth 12/23 Beth Keylon 12/26 No Youth Christmas Break	Youth 12/30 Penny Rice 1/2 To Be Announced

DECEMBER 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat 1 6-8 p.m.
2 1st Sunday of Advent 11:00 Worship Service 5:00 Cantata Practice 6:00 Bible Study 6:00 Youth 8-9 p.m. AA-FH	3 8:30 MDO 10:00 Prayer Shawl Team	4 8:30 MDO 11:30 SCWC - FLC 6:00 Clergy Christmas Dinner 6:30 UMW Christmas Dinner 7:30 Trustees	5 10:00 Disciple II Fellowship Meal 6:00 Ding-a-Lings 6:30 Young Adults 7:00 Chancel Choir	6 8:30 MDO 10:00-2:00 "Rockin' Christmas on the Rails"- Museum Annex 11:00 Home Prayer Group	7 10:00-2:00 "Rockin' Christmas on the Rails" -Museum Annex	8 10-2 "Rockin' Christmas on the Rails" -Museum Annex Church Office Closed at 12:00 p.m.
9 2nd Sunday of Advent 11:00 Worship Service 5:00 Cantata Practice 6:00 Bible Study 6:00 Youth 8-9 p.m. AA-FH	10 9:30 District Board of Ordained Ministry 10:30 TVA Retirees FLC-Gym 6:30 Prayer Shawl Team 7:00 All Scouts	11 8:30 MDO	12 10:00 Disciple II 6:00 Youth - FLC 6:00 Ding-a-Lings 6:30 Young Adults 7:00 Chancel Choir	13 Deadline for LDL Reservations 8:30 MDO-Library Day 10:00-2:00 "Rockin' Christmas on the Rails"- Museum Annex	14 10:00-2:00 "Rockin' Christmas on the Rails" -Museum Annex	15 10-2 CLOSING DAY "Rockin' Christmas on the Rails" - Museum Annex Church Office Closed at 12:00 p.m.
16 3rd Sunday of Advent 11:00 CANTATA 6:00 Bible Study 6:00 Youth 8-9 p.m. AA- FH <i>Final day for collection of Morgan-Scott Toys.</i>	17 Newsletter Deadline 10:00 Prayer Shawl Team 7:00 All Scouts	18 8:30 MDO 12:00 Let's Do Lunch 1:00 MDO Christmas program - Sanctuary	19 10:00 Disciple II 6:00 Youth - FLC 6:00 Ding-a-Lings 6:30 Young Adults 7:00 Chancel Choir	20 School/MDO Christmas Break until Jan 4. 11:00 Home Prayer Group 5:00 Community Dinner, FLC	21 8:00 Kiwanis Club Christmas Basket Preparation - FLC FLC Closed.	22 8-11 Kiwanis Club Christmas Basket Distribution - FLC Church Office Closed at 12:00 p.m.
23 4th Sunday of Advent 11:00 Worship Service 6:00 Bible Study 6:00 Youth 8-9 p.m. AA- FH	24 Christmas Eve 5:00 Candlelight Communion Service Church Office Closed	25 Christmas Day  Church Office Closed	26 No Disciple II 6:00 Youth - FLC 6:00 Ding-a-Lings 6:30 Young Adults 7:00 Chancel Choir	27 School/MDO Christmas Break until Jan 4.	28	29 Church Office Closed at 12:00 p.m.
30 1st Sunday after Christmas 11:00 Worship Service 6:00 5th Sunday Sing 6:00 Youth 8-9 p.m. AA- FH	31 New Year's Eve	Jan 1 Church Office Closed 				

Sunday Schedule

9:45 a.m. - Children's Choir	11:00 a.m. - Morning Worship
9:45 a.m. - Sunday School	6:00 p.m. - Bible Study
10:45 a.m. - Coffee & Donuts	6:00 p.m. - Youth



First Wednesday Night Fellowship Dinners

Wednesday, December 5, @ 6 p.m. - Family Life Center

Bring a dish (enough for your family)



Please come celebrate with the Nurture Committee as we host a Covered Dish Dinner and enjoy a time of food, fellowship, and fun among our church family.

In order to continue the First Wednesday Night Dinners, we will need groups of volunteers to sign up for 2013. It is a "have it your way" opportunity: covered dish, catered, or prepare it yourself for those in need of a fundraiser!

Sign up now for your choice of months! Sign-up sheet will be available at the dinner, or contact Susan Maddux for more information. See you there!

Memorials & Honorariums

Bill & Patty Crowder gave to the Children's Ministries in memory of Chelsea Hanson.

Don Chamberlain gave to the Sanctuary Music Fund in memory of Dewey Southers.

Gray & Sharon gave to the Children's Ministries in memory of Chelsea Hanson.

Dan & Rita Uhler gave to Mexico Medical Mission in honor of Max & Pat Douglas's Golden Wedding Anniversary.

Spring City Pharmacy gave to the Children's Ministries in memory of Chelsea Hanson.

Jim & Sylvia Baldwin gave to the Chimes Music Program in memory of Dewey Southers.

John & Mary Conroy gave to the Organ Fund in memory of Dewey Southers.

Edna "Susie" Strunk gave to the Memorial Fund in memory of Dewey Southers.

Gary & Mary Drinkard gave to the Youth Fund in memory of Chelsea Hanson.

Alan & Kathleen Bone gave to the General Budget in memory of Dewey Southers.

Bill & Patty Crowder gave to the Organ Fund in memory of Vivien Knueppel.

Joe & Theresa Lisa gave to the Children's Ministries in memory of Chelsea Hanson.

Joe & Molly Graham gave to the Children's Ministries in memory of Chelsea Hanson.

MONTHLY REPORT GIVING & MONEY DISBURSED

OCTOBER 2012

INCOME	CURRENT PERIOD	YEAR TO DATE	ANNUAL BUDGET	ANNUAL BUDGET PERCENTAGE
Contributions	\$26,638.72	\$280,899.65	\$331,152.00	84.82%
Mother's Day Out	2,878.00	23,775.41	31,405.00	75.71%
Other Income	91.79	1,360.74	1,065.00	127.77%
TOTAL INCOME	\$29,608.51	\$306,035.80	\$363,622.00	84.16%
EXPENSES				
Salaries & Benefits	\$16,782.13	\$163,310.98	\$197,941.00	82.50%
Property Maintenance	2,657.30	46,010.57	64,260.00	71.60%
Office Administration	1,603.84	9,172.70	9,600.00	95.55%
Nurture & Music	-702.05	2,058.59	4,900.00	42.01%
Witness - Evangelism	-8.00	2,033.07	2,750.00	73.93%
Church & Society	100.00	448.60	1,150.00	39.01%
Outreach - Mission	3,990.37	33,235.61	39,956.00	83.18%
Church Support	987.00	6,887.62	6,150.00	111.99%
Children's Ministry	99.58	2,100.87	2,250.00	93.37%
Youth Ministry	0.00	1,065.47	1,900.00	56.08%
MDO Expenses	3,321.92	27,260.91	31,865.00	85.55%
Young Adults (18-35)	0.00	-212.91	900.00	-23.66%
TOTAL EXPENSES	28,832.09	293,372.08	363,622.00	80.68%
EXCESS INCOME/EXPENSE	\$776.42	\$12,663.72	\$0.00	0.00%

FINANCIAL & ATTENDANCE REPORTS

	9/23	9/30	10/7	10/14
General Budget	\$4,154.25	\$5,679.00	\$8,319.72	\$7,860.00
MDO	95.00	260.00	2,290.00	285.00
Memorial	10.00	125.00	10.00	
Specials	2,338.74	2,100.00	1,167.72	669.70
TOTAL	\$6,597.99	\$8,164.00	\$11,787.44	\$8,814.70
SS ATTENDANCE	64	68	70	58
WORSHIP ATTENDANCE	128	176	202	164



CHRISTMASTIME REMINDERS



READERS FOR ADVENT

Sun., Dec. 2 First Sunday in Advent, Tommy & Loretta Hale
 Sun., Dec. 9 Second Sunday in Advent, Tim & Lynne Agee
 Sun., Dec. 16 Third Sunday in Advent, Diane Yonke & relative
 Sun., Dec. 23 Fourth Sunday in Advent, Barbara Hardy & Hunter
 Mon., Dec. 24 Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, Michael Shock & Letty Shock

"Night of the Father's Love" - Christmas Cantata

performed by Chancel Choir w/ Judy Ezell, Director
 11:00 a.m. - Sanctuary
 Sunday, December 16, 2012

Christmas Eve Candlelight & Communion Service

Mon., Dec. 24, 5:00 p.m. - Sanctuary
 Church Office Closed

5th Sunday Sing

6:00 p.m. - Sanctuary
 Sunday, December 30

MORGAN-SCOTT TOY DRIVE: Please bring toys for Morgan-Scott Counties so children who live there may have a happy Christmas. Boxes will be at the side entrance and at the FLC for your donations. If you want to make a monetary donation, mark your check "Morgan-Scott toys." The last day to bring toys is **Sunday, December 16.**

TOYS FOR CHILDREN: Anyone wishing to give monetary donations for Toys for Children may do so at First Tennessee Bank (ask for Heather). If you buy toys, you may drop them off at Cash Express or call Helen Kincannon at 365-0197. If you know anyone who needs assistance, contact Shelley at Cash Express. Call Helen Kincannon for more information.

COATS FOR KIDS: If you would like to help keep a child warm this winter, you may donate a new coat or give money (make checks payable to SCUMC and write "Coats for Kids" on the memo line). There will be boxes at the side entrance and at the FLC for the new coats. Dr. Beth Casady will deliver the coats to Spring City Elementary and Middle Schools.

KIWANIS CHRISTMAS FOOD BASKETS: It's that time of year again, and the Kiwanis Club has begun to plan for another year of helping our community in their time of need. Applications for assistance were placed at the Library by the Kiwanis Club and already 118 applications have been picked up by those who need help. Your donations are greatly appreciated and will help to provide food to our needy.

Giving Thanks at Let's Do Lunch (LDL)

Ladies 60 and up met for LDL, Tuesday, November 13, 12:00 p.m., in the FLC-Gym. Caren Ruffner's pretty Thanksgiving table decorations consisted of cornucopias and Autumn leaves. Patty Crowder's devotional focused on loving kindness. Patty also offered the blessing before the meal. Caterer, Cookie Smith prepared a delicious meal of turkey and dressing, mashed potatoes, creamed corn, rolls and choice of dessert. Jerry Lamb was welcomed as the guest speaker. Special thank you to Pastor Dale for taking the photos. The final LDL meeting in 2012 will be the third Tuesday of the month - December 18, 2012. Hope you can attend!



Celebrating Peanut Butter Sunday



This year's Peanut Butter Sunday, November 18, 2012, proved to be outstanding since last year's goal was exceeded. Our total for this year is 281 jars of peanut butter. Thank you to everyone who gave so generously to help provide such a good source of nourishment to those in need in our community. Our gifts of Peanut Butter to Our Daily Bread will truly be a blessing to many families.



Ronnie Barger gave peanut butter cookies to church members & visitors as they left church, Sun., Nov. 11. In anticipation of **Peanut Butter Sunday, November 18**, Ronnie's wife, Judith, baked the cookies to remind everyone to be sure and bring their peanut butter on Nov. 18th, so this year's goal could be met.



UNITED METHODIST WOMEN SUNDAY

Focus on Henderson Settlement

Vicki Stephenson, Director of Henderson Settlement, was the guest speaker for United Methodist Women Sunday (UMW), November 11, 2012. Judy Litteken, UMW Chairperson, served as worship leader, and Susan Maddux read the scripture. Ushers/Greeters were Sharon Cowart, Patty Crowder, Carolyn Haerr, and Dorothy Hastings. Linda Mullins gave the offertory prayer, and Pat Douglas led the Children's Sermon. The UMW would like to thank everyone for their donations to the Henderson Settlement, which is the UMW's 2012 Hands on Mission Project.

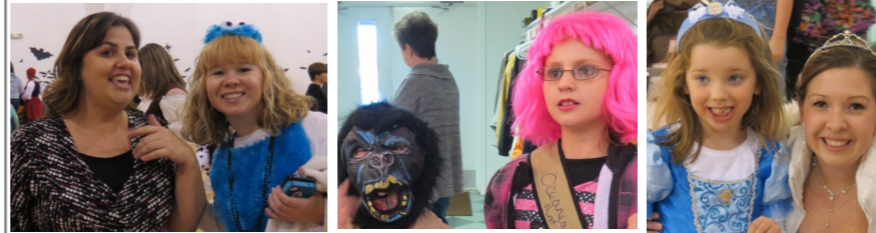


UMW guest speaker, Vicki Stephenson is shown above.



FALL FESTIVAL & TRUNK 'N TREAT

OCTOBER 31, 2012



The Fall Festival drew a huge crowd of 520 guests, and 240 for Trunk 'n Treat. Over 45 volunteered to help with the festivities, and there was a total of 16 trunks full of candy for Trunk 'n Treat. Angie Rose would like to thank all the volunteers who helped to make this year's Fall Festival and Trunk 'n Treat such a success. A special thank you to all who donated candy and baked the delicious cupcakes.

AUTUMN AT CADES COVE

The happy group of Methodists pictured below left church at 8 a.m., on Tuesday, October 23, onboard the church bus, driven by Tommy Hale, for a fun-filled day at Cades Cove. The day was sunny and bright, and the fall leaves were beautiful to behold. Stops were made for brunch and also for dinner before the group returned to the church from their Autumn excursion.



Big Turnout for 1st Wednesday Fellowship Dinner

The 1st Wednesday Fellowship Dinner at 6 p.m., on November 7, in the Family Life Center was a huge success! Chuck McIlwain, Chairman of the Witness Ministry Team is grateful to: everyone who attended and thanks the Community Ministries Team for preparing a superb meal, the ladies who provided the desserts, Norman Bowman for sharing his blessings, to the Bowman family for their special gesture to support Bryan, and to the ones who made the generous donations to the Helping Hands Ministry.



Above is Director of Morgan/Scott Project, Ella Smith and her husband. Mrs. Smith was the guest speaker and gave a very informative talk following the 1st Wednesday Fellowship meal.



Welcome New Member!



New member, Michael Shock stands with Pastor Dale when he united with our church on Profession of Faith on Sunday, November 4, 2012. We are blessed and happy to have Michael as a member of our church family and to join with us in our service for Jesus Christ.

DING-A-LINGS performed two selections from Bach's Cantata 208 at the worship service on Sunday morning, November 4. Director, Judy Ezell, shown at right as she prepares to lead the Handchimes.



Below some of the Ding-a-Lings are shown as they played "Prelude on Ash Grove" and "Sheep May Safely Graze."



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