

THE LAMPLIGHTER

Newsletter of the
SPRING CITY

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

SEPTEMBER 2015

Tony's Tales

Dear Friends,

In my office, I have a yellow street sign that says, "Caution. Church Services." It was in a closet at a church to be thrown away, but I claimed it. It was used in a day when people walked to church on Sunday morning. It was placed at the top of a hill near the church to warn people that there may be people crossing the street. It was a sign to make you slow down.

I look at it and think of something different. We should be aware that whenever we walk into the doors of a church, we are vulnerable to a change in our hearts and spirit. Our Lord Jesus is a mighty God. He calls us to be "a kingdom of priests and a holy nation." (Ex. 19:6, Rev. 1:6) We should come to the church expecting a change in us and change in the world.

Beginning August 30th, I will preach a series on the work of the church. Better yet, we will spend some time talking about who we are as the Spring City UMC. I hope that you will come and share with us in worship. And, expect a change.

District Conference will be held on Sunday, September 20th at 3 pm at Wesley Memorial UMC in Cleveland. The time is 3 pm. At the end of the conference, there will be a reception for our new District Superintendent, Hugh Kilgore and his family. Please try to attend this important and fun meeting.

The Cleveland District is sponsoring an event on September 28, 2015, at Ooltewah UMC from 9:15 - 1 pm. Lunch will be provided. The guest for this event will be Peg Arnold, a Christian humorist. If we have enough people, we will take the church bus. They will ask for a donation for the meal, but that is the only cost for this event. It should be lots of fun. Sign up by the bulletin board at the side door of the church or call the church office to say you are going.

Shalom,

Tony

THE CHRISTMAS CANTATA,
"ONE SILENT NIGHT,"
REHEARSALS BEGIN
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13,
AT 4:30 P.M.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Pastor Tony Collins
Mary Conroy
Pat Galloway
Lesia Garrison

Jesse & Nina Gibbs
Arthur Gilliam
Carl Hesselbach
Joyce Lavender

Chuck McIlwain
Fred Mullins
Aud Ray
Maggie Tammark

Danny Chattin (Spring City Care and Rehab, #203, 331 Hinch St.)
Margie Hughes (Spring City Care and Rehab, #310, 331 Hinch St.)
Ruth Huskins (Golden Years, 301 Keith Dr., S.C.)
Ray Keylon (Spring City Care and Rehab, #502, 331 Hinch St.)
Edna McCuiston (Abby Mae's Hill, 419 Pin Hook Rd., Spring City)
Kathleen Reece (Spring City Care and Rehab, # 306, 331 Hinch St.)
Margaret Scholz (Spring City Care and Rehab, #511, 331 Hinch St.)

Lisa Oakley (Susan Collins' sister)
Wanda Weems (Beverly Allison's sister)

Merle Orender (Steve's brother)
Bill Metts (brother of Glenda Keylon)

Pravin Roy (Doris Roy's brother-in-law)

Dennie Hernon (brother-in-law of Emmaly & Felix Fisher)

Billy Arnold (John & Mary Conroy's son-in-law)

Todd Bridwell (friend of Bennie & Susan Arp)

Billy Reed (Nancy Gilliam's brother)

Mary Balmer (mother of Chris Haerr)

Janie May (Angie Rose's mother)

Tom Sanders (Loretta Hale's brother)

Pam Yokley (Dorothy Hasting's friend)

Kennedy Ladd (Norm & Peggy Bowman's friend's baby)

Carolyn Hesselbach (daughter of Carl & Kay Hesselbach)

David Douglas (Max & Pat's son)

Louise Taber (Donna Hudson's mother)

Whitney Miller (Beth Keylon's niece)

Michelle Nasca & Jae Williams
(Bob & Sheila Larson's daughters)
Haleigh Hall (Ed & Linda Gibbs' granddaughter)

The Family of Ben Gould
(brother-in-law of Norman Bowman and Tammy Boles)

Faithful Workers

9/6	9/13	9/20	9/27
Ushers Bob Larson Walt Morse Ken Rose Kevin Rose	Ushers Shirley Corbin Steve Keylon Jerry Smith Clyde Thurman, Jr.	Ushers Earl Keahey Arthur Osborne Billy Ray Patton Pete Williams	Ushers Natalie Baker Chadley Bowman Marty Gilliam Jerry Henley
Hosts Sheila Larson Susie Strunk	Hosts Sharon Cowart Pete & Shelby Williams	Hosts Tammy Boles Mary Drinkard	Hosts Glenda Keylon Steve Keylon
Nursery Gil & Judy Litteken	Nursery Angie Rose & Katie	Nursery Terry Hooper Theresa Lisa	Nursery Peggy Bowman Loretta Hale
Acolyte Hannah Couch	Acolyte Rachel Heimel	Acolyte Hannah Couch	Acolyte Rachel Heimel
Children's Church Wendy Thurman	Children's Church Susan Maddux	Children's Church Robin Bolton	Children's Church Angie Couch

Happy Birthday!

2 Irene Alexander	11 Melvin Garner	21 Lynda Smith
Eddie Boles	17 Ray Keylon	22 Max Douglas
Oceanneanne Hunt	Marilyn Weiss	23 John Conroy
Arthur Mack Reed	Shelby Williams	24 Ruth Huskins
Jackie Robinson	18 Naomi Hinely	25 Mike Swafford
3 Sheila Larson	Katie McDonald	25 Walt Morse
Jack Phillips	Tracey Rose	28 Angie Couch
5 Angela Garrison	19 Bob Burkhardt	Trevor Gilliam
6 Ronnie Barger	Ashley Douglas	29 Scott Henderson
Jack Barnes	David Gilliam	30 Michael Shock
Chris Rose	20 Jeannette Long	
9 Chris Hunt	Nathan Shaver	
Christina Walling	21 Carol Beckler	
10 Laretta Cash	Pat Horton	



Happy Anniversary!

1 Joe & Molly Graham	10 Gary & Tia Gilmore	23 H. B. & Polly Rankin
2 Tim & Lynne Agee	13 Roger & Margo Hinsdale	26 Ed & Sherry Milligan
Walt & Linda Morse	Ralph & Beth Root	27 Melvin & Pat Garner
4 Bill & Brenda Dodson	17 Don & Lynn Hinkle	
7 Kevin & Lesia Garrison	19 Gil & Judy Litteken	
Harry & Donna Landreth	22 John & Sam Hanson	



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 8:30 MDO 6:30 UMW	2 6:00 Youth 7:00 Choir Rehearsal	3 8:30 MDO 11:00 Home Prayer Group	4	5
6 11:00 Worship Service 6:00 Bible Study 6:00 Youth 8-9 p.m. AA-FH	7 LABOR DAY Church Office Closed	8 8:30 MDO 7:00 Trustees	9 10:00 Disciple 3 6:00 Youth 7:00 Choir Rehearsal	10 <i>Deadline for Let's Do Lunch Reservations</i> 8:30 MDO 7:00 Finance Team	11 6:00 Grandview Twirlers, Family Life Center	12 1-4:00 Youth Car Wash
13 11:00 Worship Service 3:30 Church Council 4:30 Cantata Practice 6:00 Bible Study 6:00 Youth 8-9 p.m. AA-FH	14 10:30 TVA Retirees 6:30 Prayer Shawl Team	15 8:30 MDO 10:00 Beth Moore Bible Study 12:00 Let's Do Lunch	16 10:00 Disciple 3 6:00 Youth 7:00 Choir Rehearsal	17 8:30 MDO 11:00 Home Prayer Group 5:00 Community Meal	18 6:00 Reed Chapel's Cookout	19 6:00 Scouts' Banquet, FLC-Gym
20 11:00 Worship Service 3:00 District Conf., Wesley UMC 4:30 Cantata Practice 6:00 Youth 6:00 Bible Study 8-9 p.m. AA-FH	21 <i>Newsletter Deadline</i> 10:00 Prayer Shawl Team 7:00 Scouts	22 8:30 MDO 10:00 Beth Moore Bible Study 6:30 SC Chamber of Commerce Banquet	23 10:00 Disciple 3 4:15 - Wacky 5:30 Wednesday 6:00 Youth 7:00 Choir Rehearsal	24 8:30 MDO	25	26
27 11:00 Worship Service 4:30 Cantata Practice 6:00 Youth 6:00 Bible Study 8-9 p.m. AA-FH	28 8:00 Depart for Sr. Adult Event at Ooltewah UMC 6:30 Prayer Shawl Team	29 8:30 MDO 10:00 Beth Moore Bible Study	30 10:00 Disciple 3 6:00 Youth 7:00 Choir Rehearsal			



NOTE FROM JEANNETTE:

Fall will be here soon; we feel it in the air. As we begin to watch the leaves change into beautiful colors, let's change also and be brighter witnesses to others.

Let us strive to be faithful in all things and enjoy His handiwork. Have a blessed September and follow our Master's steps.

You are loved,
Jeannette

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



Jesse & Nina Gibbs gave to the *Trustees' Renovation Fund* in memory of Betty Ann Huling and Richard Southers.

Tom & Ellie Turner gave to the *Bereavement Fund* in memory of Richard Southers.

Gray & Sharon Cowart gave to the *Trustees' Renovation Fund* in memory of Richard Southers.

Patty Crowder gave to the *Trustees' Renovation Fund* in memory of Betty Ann Huling, Richard Southers, and M. P. Hastings.

Jerry & Lynda Smith gave to the *Community Ministries Fund* in memory of Betty Ann Huling.

Chris & Carolyn Haerr gave to the *General Budget* in memory of Richard Southers and Betty Ann Huling.

Hallene Caruthers gave to the *Bereavement Fund* in memory of Virginia Hale.

Fred & Linda Mullins gave to the *Community Ministries Fund* in memory of Richard Southers and Betty Ann Huling.

Kelton & Patsy Owen gave to the *Community Ministries Fund* in memory of Virginia Hale.

Leon & Nancy Hicks gave to the *Trustees' Renovation Fund* in memory of Lenny Winterberger, Earl Robbins and Ray Eldridge.

Those who gave to the *Memorial Fund* in memory of Betty Ann Huling: Myra Tatum, Bill Jaco, Lorraine Heidel, Mary Galloway, James & Margaret Collenberg, Johnny Lou Berg and Lori & Barbi, and Neil & Joan Weber.

Joe & Theresa Lisa gave to the *Prayer Shawl Ministry* in memory of Virginia Hale, Betty Ann Huling, Richard Southers, and Bill Lavender.

Bill & Caren Ruffner gave to the *Memorial Fund* in memory of Richard Southers.

In Loving Memory (Continued)

T.C. & Laretta Cash gave to the *Trustee's Renovation Fund* in memory of Bill Lavender and Irene Henley.

Mary Duff, Arland Whitlock, and Dawn Taylor gave to the *Memorial Fund* in memory of Richard Southers.

Dr. B. E. Lenoir gave to the *Memorial Fund* in memory of Lenny Winterberger.

Helen Kincannon gave to the *Music Memorial Fund* in memory of Bill Lavender.

Ron and Nina Wade gave to the *Memorial Fund* in memory of Betty Ann Huling

Kevin and Angie Rose gave to the *Sunday School Curriculum Fund* in memory of Betty Ann Huling.

Clyde and Wendy Thurman gave to the *Memorial Fund* in memory of Betty Ann Huling.

Edward and Linda Gibbs gave to the *Trustees' Renovation Fund* in memory of Betty Ann Huling.

Gary and Mary Drinkard gave to the *Air Conditioning Fund* in memory of Betty Ann Huling and Richard Southers.

Shirley Payne Corbin gave to the *United Methodist Women* in memory of Clara Neely.

Clay & Mary Coulter gave to the *United Methodist Women* in memory of Betty Ann Huling.

Those who gave to the *Memorial Fund* in memory of Betty Ann Huling: Juanita Biddle and Diane Biddle, Stephen and Marion Schile, Kennedy Rand Consulting, Inc., DBA PRM Consulting Group, Darwin & Mary Womack, Gerry & Sally Webster, Robert & Betty Perlack and Family, Ivanelle Farber, Martha J. Bogle, and Mary Ann Bogle.

MONTHLY REPORT GIVING & MONEY DISBURSED

JULY 2015

INCOME	CURRENT PERIOD	YEAR TO DATE	ANNUAL BUDGET	ANNUAL BUDGET PERCENTAGE
Contributions	20,535.24	186,243.70	354,021.00	52.6%
Mother's Day Out	1,620.00	13,575.00	24,330.00	55.8%
Other Income	93.07	853.70	1,100.00	77.6%
TOTAL INCOME/ GROSS PROFIT	22,248.31	200,672.40	379,451.00	52.9%
EXPENSES				
Salaries & Benefits	14,732.58	130,743.12	234,552.00	55.7%
Property Maintenance	-1,952.23	25,280.31	47,030.00	53.8%
Office Administration	760.38	5,025.84	10,800.00	46.5%
Nurture & Music	-55.00	1,680.66	2,800.00	60.0%
Witness		477.80	2,650.00	18.0%
Outreach - Missions	75.00	620.24	1,950.00	31.8%
Conference/District	2,062.83	24,766.74	42,069.00	58.9%
Church Support	120.15	3,128.99	7,200.00	43.5%
Children's Ministries	1,051.89	2,183.98	2,870.00	76.1%
Adult Ministries	0.00	338.46	1,800.00	18.8%
Youth Ministries		1,111.12	1,400.00	79.4%
MDO Expenses	1,840.00	14,572.32	24,330.00	59.9%
Young Adults (18-35)				
TOTAL EXPENSES	18,635.60	209,929.58	379,451.00	55.3%
NET INCOME	3,612.71	-9,257.18	0.00	100.0%

FINANCIAL & ATTENDANCE REPORTS

	8/2	8/9	8/16	8/23
General Budget	6,148.00	7,597.00	3,319.50	4,941.50
MDO	1.90		420.00	
Memorial	450.00	340.00	525.00	150.00
Special	1,094.05	2,461.00	233.00	503.00
TOTAL	7,693.95	10,398.00	4,497.50	5,594.50
SS ATTENDANCE	43	42	58	69
WORSHIP ATTENDANCE	141	144	157	170



HOME COMING

Sunday, October 25, 2015

**Preacher
The Reverend Eddie Fox**

Eddie Fox served the Spring City Circuit from 1957 through 1960. Since then, he has served churches in the Holston Conference and worked on the Board of Discipleship in Nashville. Since 1989, he has served as the Director of World Evangelism for the World Methodist Council. His passion is sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ with people throughout the world.

Dr. Fox has written several books, including a study called Faith Sharing with Dr. George Morris. They have encouraged people to share the story of their personal faith in Jesus Christ and have given practical help in doing this.

The churches of the Spring City Circuit nurtured a young pastor to go forth into the world and share the gospel. Now, we have the opportunity to come and hear Dr. Fox share what he has seen and learned in his journey of faith.

Please plan to be here on October 25th for a wonderful worship service with special music, great preaching, food, and fellowship afterwards. Pray now that God's Holy Spirit will be with us during this blessed time.

Thank You

John Hanson would like to thank you for your prayers, calls, cards, and concerns during the last few weeks.

Many thanks to my church family for all the cards, calls, prayers, food and hospital visits over the past year for Richard. I feel so blessed to belong to such a loving and praying church.

God Bless you,
Cheryl

Spring City UMC and Hostesses - Thank you for the wonderful Bridal Tea. The food was delicious and the decorations were beautiful. We were touched by the hospitality and thoughtfulness of everyone involved. You are a loving church family! Please keep us in your prayers as we begin our journey as husband and wife.

With sincere thanks & appreciation,

Dear Friends,

Thank you so much for the wonderful meal that you prepared at the time of my Father's death. It reminds me of the nurture that I received from the church as a child in Sunday School. There, the feeding of my spirit as I made a decision to be a minister and was ordained in the church, and the caring that has been shown to my whole family through the years.

What a fellowship we will have when we meet my Dad again someday in heaven!

You all are very dear to us.

Sincerely,

Lonnie Eldridge & Family



Who Am I?

Steve Orender volunteered to perform the special music on Sunday, August 16th, at the 11 a.m. worship service. The title of Steve's inspiring selection was "Who Am I?"

We thank Steve for blessing us with his song and look forward to hearing another selection from him in the near future.

Steve's special music marked the end of the summer hiatus for the chancel choir. The choir will begin Cantata Practice on Sunday, September 13th, at 4:30 p.m.

Scott Serves in Worship



Scott Henderson is sharing with the congregation announcements, prayer concerns, and reading the scripture when he recently served as worship leader in the absence of worship leaders, Norman Bowman and Kevin Rose.

Thank you, Scott, for your service to SCUMC.

Youth Rummage Sale *Trinkets and Treasures*

November 14

7 AM till 1 PM

Family Life Center

Drop Off

November 13

5-8 PM

If you have items too large to transport, such as furniture that has been cleaned and in useable condition, please call 865-271-8301 to arrange pickup. Clothing may be submitted clean, on hangers, and with the size noted on tags available by mid-October. If you have **children's clothing** you wish to consign, we will have special instructions for those coming soon.



WHAT IS WACKY WEDNESDAY?

What is Wacky Wednesday??? Are you in PreK-5th Grade? Doesn't having fun with friends and sharing the love of God sound great?? SCUMC is beginning a new children's initiative. We will start with monthly activities for children grades PreK-5 and work up to a weekly ministry. How can you help? Everyone can pray for this ministry, and we invite you to please do so. You might be able to donate funds for ministry events for children. You might be able to be an adult hands on helper regularly or from time to time. If so, please contact Susan Collins or Angie Rose, through the church office.

WATER FUN AT MDO



The children at Mother's Day Out (MDO) are having a great time cooling off on this hot day in July, near the end of their summer session. Water Day has always been a special fun day at MDO

MDO's first day for the new school year was Tuesday, August 18th, at 8:30 a.m. in the Level 2 Classrooms.

With Gratitude for John



Staff Parish Chairperson, **Walt Morse** is shown on Sunday, August 2nd, as he presents **John Hanson** with a gift of appreciation for John's dedicated years of service of Maintenance/ Custodian of our church.

John is very much appreciated and loved!



Wendy Thurman is leading the children upstairs to Children's Church on Sunday, August 2nd. Currently, others who volunteer for Children's Church are **Robin Bolton, Angie Couch & Kaitlyn, Angie Rose & Katie, and Susan Maddux.**

If you would like to serve (one hour, one Sunday per month) as a Children's Church leader, please call the church office at 365-6324 or contact Robin Bolton at 365-4712.

Alex & Micah Honored



Alex Thurman, fiancée of Micah Smith, was honored with a Bridal Tea, Sunday, August 2, 2015, at the Family Life Center. Several ladies of the church served as hostesses. Their decorations and refreshments were exceptional.

Alex and Micah received many nice gifts for their future home together. May God bless them with many years of love, joy and happiness.

Sweet and Sour Words

Pastor Tony is shown with the children as he led the Children's Sermon, Sunday, August 16th. He gave them each a grape so they could taste the sweetness; next, he gave the children each a slice of lemon to lick to taste the sourness. Pastor Tony spoke about how sweet words are so much nicer



to hear than sour (ugly) ones and how sweet words even make us feel better when we say them.

May we, as Christians, try always to use sweet words.



The Balm of Gilead



Chancel Choir Director, **Judy Ezell**, is featured on Sunday, August 2, 2015, when she sang, "The Balm of Gilead," for the special music as the choir was on summer hiatus.

The choir began their Wednesday evening rehearsals on August 19th, and their first anthem after their summer break was on Sunday, August 23rd.



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Susan Collins, Children & Youth Ministries
Katilyn Couch, Children's Choir Director
Sharon Brown, Administrative Assistant
Angela Garrison, Pianist
Bryan Massengale, Organist