

THE LAMPLIGHTER

Newsletter of the

SPRING CITY

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

October 2020

Running the Race

by Rev. Dave Grant

October is here and change is in the air. It's football season, and we are pulling out sweaters and blankets. I face the coming autumn with mixed emotions. While I love fall colors and crisp afternoon air, I love summer and spending time outside in the early mornings and late evenings. You might say I dread the coming changes. Someone in the church once told me that nobody likes change except a baby in a wet diaper. There is an element of truth in that statement for most of us.

I recall watching some of our more recent television shows, such as *Lost*, where the survivors find a computer they must use, and it is something right out of the 1980s. I remember those old things. Those PCs with the black screen and the green "C prompt" were truly great when compared to the punch-card system that preceded them. I'm typing this now on a laptop that has more than ten times the computational power and have a phone in my pocket that also has more than ten times the power of those old computers. I'm glad for those changes (most of the time).

Romans 12:2 tells us not to be conformed to the patterns of this world, but to be transformed by the renewing of our minds. Transformation—change—is what being a Christian is all about. Be transformed by the Holy Spirit through the renewing of your mind.

We are resistant to change because change means letting go of what we know and entering into a situation of which we have no knowledge. Yet, as much as we want to hang onto the old, even to our old selves, the Holy Spirit urges us to something else. We see what is happening around our world and we desire change, but often that means we want others to change. We must remember that we, too, are called to change. For someone who claims to follow Christ, I have to recognize that I must seek to be transformed each day. The transformative process is a lifetime of growth as I move on to sanctification, being made perfect in the love of Christ.

Likewise, in the church, we have a timeless message of hope and salvation to proclaim to the world. Jesus calls us to be disciples and to make disciples. How do we make disciples? We share the love of Christ and God's never-changing story of grace in ever-changing ways. Life has changed greatly in my five decades. That means my method of sharing must change, too.

We've all been forced to change the way we do most things this year. In what way is God calling you to transformation spiritually? In what way is God calling our church to renewal through different methods of mission and ministry? What changes might we need to make? Change is in the air.

WALK WITH THE KING AND BE A BLESSING!

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Tim Agee
Manuel Christi
John Conroy
Pearl Gilliam

Jenny Lou Hallums
Ken Hasting
Cindy Hill
Rebecca Knox

Chuck McIlwain
Carol Price
Liz Stair

Barbara Hardy The Courtyard, # 258A, 195 Deer Ridge Dr. Dayton 37321
Jeannette Long Spring City Care & Rehab, #201, 331 Hinch St.
Fred Mullins Golden Years, 301 Keith Dr., Spring City
Linda Mullins Life Care of Rhea Co., #314, 10055 S. Hwy 27, Dayton 37321
Kathleen Reece Spring City Care & Rehab, #306, 331 Hinch St.
Imogene Robbins Golden Years, 301 Keith Dr., Spring City

Jim Jenkins
(brother of Dorothy Hastings)

Dave Heimel
(Tom Heimel's father)

The Family of Pat Jackson
(mother of Cheryl McClendon)

Gary Drinkard
(husband of Mary Drinkard)

Doris Lisa
(Joe Lisa's mother)

Fred (Buster) Locke
(Marty Gilliam's friend)

Mary LaFlower
(sister of Caren Ruffner)

Alvin Dodson
(Angela Jackson's uncle)

Charlene Gibbs
(friend of Pat Douglas)

Dennis Depp & wife, Terry
Pitman Depp (friends of Patty

Crowder)

Terry McClendon
(nephew of Pat Horton)

Beth Selewski
(friend of Rayna & Jerry Henley)

Jay Elam & Bill Jones
(friends of Connie Roberts)

Karmah Swafford
(Drake & Maddie Taylor's sister)

Regina Hartford & Jeff
Stephenson

(friends of Emmaly Fisher)

Byrley Morgan (Nancy Gilliam's
friend)

Gina Cook (Jerrie Patton's friend)

Karen Young (friend of Susan
Maddux & Wendy Thurman)

Abram Bartley, Doris Hill,
& Eddie Bob Dannel

(Connie Roberts' cousins)

Kaleigh Moffitt

(by special request)

Ray Fugate

(friend of Tammy Boles)

Tammie Phillips

(friend of Rayna & Jerry Henley)

Alesia McNelly (friend of the
Bowmans & Henleys)

Lillian Shaffer

(Kathy Heimel's mother)

Dominic Ciero

(grandson of Cindy Hill and nephew
of Jerrie Patton)

Kennedy and Lincoln Ladd

(friends of Peggy Bowman)

The Family of Randal Gibbs

(brother of Ed Gibbs & Patsy Owen)

Randal was a SCUMC member

since 4/18/1965.

The Family of Jim Baldwin

(Sylvia Baldwin's husband)

Jim joined SCUMC 3/26/2000.

The Family of Steve Cox

(former member)

The Family of Margaret Crane

(Margaret joined SCUMC 3/27/2016)

OCTOBER 2020

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|---|--|--------------------------|-----|---|---|--|
| | | | | 1 | 2 1/2 day of vacation for Sharon B* | 3 1-3 Visitation Memorial Service for Randal Gibbs Sanctuary 3:00 |
| 4 11:00 Worship Service | 5 10:00 TLC | 6 6:00 UMW | 7 | 8 7:00 Trustees 1/2 day of vacation for Sharon B* | 9 1/2 day of vacation for Sharon B* | 10 |
| 11 11:00 Worship Service | 12 10:00 TLC 6:00 TLC | 13 | 14 | 15 1/2 day of vacation for Sharon B* | 16 1/2 day of vacation for Sharon B* | 17 |
| Pastor Dave & Family On Vacation — October 11th - 18th | | | | | | |
| 18 11:00 Worship Service 5:00 Church Council | 19 Newsletter Deadline 10:00 TLC | 20 6:30 UMW Book Club | 21 | 22 1/2 day of vacation for Sharon B* | 23 1/2 day of vacation for Sharon B* | 24 |
| 25 11:00 Worship Service 1:30-3 Drive-thru Miller Baby Shower Near Awning Outside the Fellowship Hall 5:00 Charge Conference | 26 10:00 TLC 6:00 TLC | 27 | 28 | 29 1/2 day of vacation for Sharon B* | 30 | 31 6-7:30 Treat Street To Go Drive thru Family Life Center Parking Lot |



October Birthdays

- 1 Barbara Lemons
- 4 Linda Morse
- 8 Cole Wilson
- 9 Edward Gibbs
- 10 Nancy Hicks
- 10 Allison Wood
- 12 Susan Maddux
- 14 Pastor Dave Grant
- 14 Martin Shaver
- 15 Nancy McIlwain



- 17 Daryl Watson
- 19 Luke Barnes
- 21 Jennifer Shaver
- 26 Judy Litteken
- 28 Beth Root
- 29 Loretta Hale
- 30 Tim Agee
- 30 Dakota Herhold
- 31 Arthur Osborne



Faithful Workers

| 10/4 | 10/11 | 10/18 | 10/25 |
|---|---|--|---|
| Ushers Bennie Arp Walt Morse | Ushers Don Hnely Madison Hnely | Ushers Margo Hnsdale Walt Morse | Ushers Don Hnely Madison Hnely |




Happy Anniversary!

- 1 David & AnnMarie Lanzi
- 8 Mark & Ruth Neal
- 8 Rick & Deborah Wilson



- 13 Clyde & Wendy Thurman, Jr.
- 19 Felix & Emmaly Fisher
- 24 Max & Pat Douglas

In Memoriam

Max & Pat Douglas gave to the *Peanut Butter Sunday Fund* in memory of **Sharon Baker**.

Angie & Kevin Rose gave to the *Mother's Day Out Fund* in memory of **Sharon Baker**.

Gray & Sharon Cowart gave to the *General Budget* in memory of **Sharon Baker**.

Chris & Carolyn Haerr gave to the *General Budget* in memory of **Jerry Smith, Cathy Lauer, Jim Reid, Mary Heimel, Margaret Crane, Sharon Baker, Bruce Hinzman, Grace Leprecht, Yetime Hill, Tom Kolb, Jay Sweat, and Larry Anderson**.

T. C. & Laretta Cash gave to the *Music Memorial Fund* in memory of **Margaret Crane**.

Felix & Emmaly Fisher gave to the *General Budget* in memory of **Sharon Baker and David Sparks**.

Connie Roberts and John Powell gave to the *Choir Fund* in memory of **Margaret Crane**.

Connie Roberts and John Powell gave to the *General Budget* in memory of **Jerry Smith**.

Connie Roberts and John Powell gave to the *General Budget* in memory of **David Sparks**.

Patty Crowder gave to the *Memorial Fund* in memory of **Margaret Crane**.

Carolyn Reid gave to the *General Budget* in memory of **Sharon Baker** and to the *Music Memorial Fund* in memory of **Margaret Crane**.

Joe Lisa gave to the *General Budget* in memory of **Sharon Baker and Bruce Hinzman**.

The Chancel Choir gave to the *Music Memorial Fund* in memory of **Margaret Crane**.

Honorarium

A donation to the *Peanut Butter Sunday Fund* in honor of **Angie Burkhardt** and the dedicated **volunteers** at Our Daily Bread was given anonymously.

Connie Roberts & John Powell gave to the *Choir Fund* in honor of **Jeannette Long's** birthday.

MONTHLY REPORT GIVING & MONEY DISBURSED

AUGUST 2020

| INCOME | CURRENT PERIOD | YEAR TO DATE | ANNUAL BUDGET | ANNUAL BUDGET PERCENTAGE |
|---------------------------------------|------------------|-------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|
| Contributions | 22,313.27 | 171,382.58 | 363,700.00 | 47.1% |
| Mother's Day Out | 0.00 | 11,030.00 | 25,310.00 | 43.6% |
| Other Income | 7.02 | 608.04 | 1,200.00 | 50.7% |
| TOTAL INCOME/ GROSS PROFIT | 22,320.29 | 183,020.62 | 390,210.00 | 46.9% |
| EXPENSES | | | | |
| Salaries & Benefits | 12,050.40 | 95,708.74 | 205,929.00 | 46.5% |
| Property Maintenance | 2,664.09 | 33,352.31 | 78,000.00 | 42.8% |
| Office Administration | 713.50 | 5,134.03 | 9,700.00 | 52.9% |
| Nurture and Music | 320.00 | 1,411.25 | 5,000.00 | 28.2% |
| Witness | 97.50 | 402.50 | 1,700.00 | 23.7% |
| Outreach - Missions | 75.00 | 802.79 | 1,900.00 | 42.3% |
| Conference/District | 2,232.03 | 21,127.57 | 42,108.00 | 50.2% |
| Church Support | 0.00 | 2,255.17 | 8,263.00 | 27.3% |
| Children's Ministries | 0.00 | 199.48 | 5,300.00 | 3.8% |
| Adult Ministries | 0.00 | -12.88 | 1,000.00 | -1.3% |
| Youth Ministries | 0.00 | 1,447.81 | 6,000.00 | 24.1% |
| MDO Expenses | 0.00 | 8,953.00 | 25,310.00 | 35.4% |
| TOTAL EXPENSES | 18,152.52 | 170,781.77 | 390,210.00 | 43.8% |
| NET INCOME | 4,167.77 | 12,238.85 | 0.00 | 100.0% |

FINANCIAL & ATTENDANCE REPORTS

| | 8/23 | 8/30 | 9/6 | 9/13 | 9/20 |
|---------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|----------------------|
| General Budget | 6,775.00 | 7,749.19 | 5,358.00 | 3,784.47 | 4,685.00 |
| MDO | | | 100.00 | | |
| Memorial | | 25.00 | | | |
| Special | 102.00 | 1,026.05 | 520.00 | 6,476.72 | 25.00 |
| TOTAL | 6,877.00 | 8,800.24 | 5,978.00 | 10,261.19 | 4,710.00 |
| WORSHIP ATTENDANCE | 48 | 50 | 38 | 42 | 58 |
| | | | | | LIVESTREAM 18 |

Fall Festival Remembered

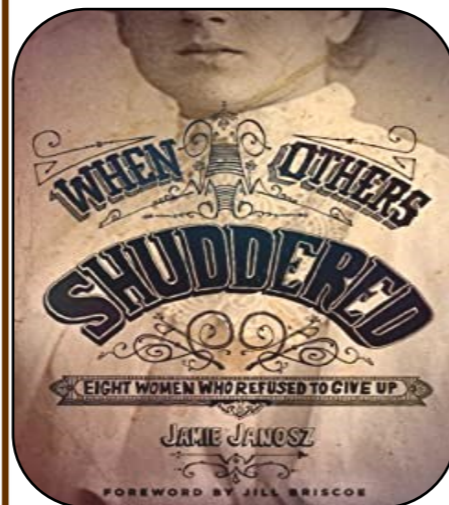


Next year we hope to once again have the Fall Festival everyone in our community enjoys here at Spring City United Methodist Church!

Join the United Methodist Women Book Club

6:30 on October 20th (if church reopens)

Meet on Zoom if church is closed.



When Others Shuddered: Eight Women Who Refused to Give Up is the story of eight women called to serve God and who, in doing so, changed the world. They lived at the turn of the century, rubbing shoulders with the well-known men of their time, like John Rockefeller, Marshall Field, and Dwight Lyman Moody.

These women—Fanny Crosby, Mary McLeod Bethune, Nettie McCormick, Sarah Dunn Clarke, Emma Dryer, Virginia Asher, Evangeline Booth, and Amanda Berry Smith—were unique. They were single and married, black and white, wealthy and poor, beautiful and plain, mothers and childless. Yet, each felt called to make a difference and to do something—to meet a pressing need in her world.

These women wanted to live lives less ordinary. Their stories inspire us to follow God's calling in our own lives. They teach us that each individual person can make a difference. These eight women will show you how God can use *your* life to change the world.



For the last several years, we have reached out to the preteens and teens of the Morgan-Scott Counties at Christmastime by taking them beautifully-wrapped gifts. Due to the pandemic and the need for social distancing, instead of collecting gifts this year, we are requesting monetary donations, beginning the first Sunday of October, the 4th, and ending on the last Sunday, October 25th.

Our United Methodist Women's president, Angie Rose, will purchase and assemble the gift baskets for the teens. She always does such a great job assembling and wrapping the gifts, ensuring they look as festive as can be.

Please help us share our love with the teens at Christmas this year by making your check payable to SCUMC and write "Morgan-Scott" on the memo line. Thank you in advance for your support!



SCUMC—Thank you so much for not only my graduation gift but also all the kind cards and care packages you have sent over the last four years. They have meant the absolute world to me & always put a smile on my face. Love, Carlie Wilson



Saturday, October 31, 2020
6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

Drive-thru (one way in, one way out)
Family Life Center Parking Lot



Volunteers Needed!

Contact Cindy Ross at 423.506.5903,
or the church office at 423.365.6324.

Join Us
for a Drive-thru Baby Shower
Honoring
Kaitlyn Couch Miller



BABY BOY!

Sunday, October 25th
1:30 - 3:00 p.m.

Near Awning Outside Fellowship Hall Entrance

BABY REGISTRY: www.babylist.com



- Full Name: Baby Huck Miller
- Direct Link: Leo & Kaitlyn Miller



Dear Members of SCUMC -

Thank you all so very much for the beautiful prayer shawl that you all sent to Austin and me. We also appreciate all the many prayers that were sent up for the both of us during our sickness with Covid. They were truly felt. We appreciate your thoughtfulness and all of your love!

Austin & Ronda Nowell
(Sharon Cowart's nephew & wife)



Thank you to everyone who gave a monetary contribution for Peanut Butter Sunday on September 13. Because of the pandemic, we were unable to gather for worship and bring our peanut butter to church with us as in past years. However, with your generous support, the total we gave to Our Daily Bread for Peanut Butter Sunday was \$1,766.00. Thank you again for helping to feed the hungry in our community.

Music Brings Us Together



At the Live Stream Service on Sunday, August 23rd, **Richard Stair** sang a beautiful solo entitled, "He Hideth My Soul," with **Connie Roberts** providing the piano accompaniment.

Bryan Massengale is featured as he played a piano solo, "Meditate on Joy," for the special music at the 11 a.m. Live Stream Service on Sunday, August 30th.



Bryan is shown playing his bassoon for the special music on August 16th, with **Angela Jackson**, piano accompanist.



Bryan's lovely piano solo for Sunday, September 13th, was "Lover of the Children."

Steve Orender's inspiring solo for Sunday, September 6th, was "I'm Bound For That City."



Connie Roberts accompanied Steve on the piano.



Judy Ezell, vocalist; **Angela Jackson**, pianist; and **Kim Ray**, flautist, supplied the special music on Sunday, September 20th, at the 11 a.m. worship service. The title of their selection was, "Here I Am, Lord." This was the first Sunday our church re-opened since July 12th. We always look forward to hearing this trio at worship. Thank you, Kay, for driving down from Knoxville to be with us!



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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

9:00 a.m. The Spring
 10:00 a.m. Sunday School
 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship
 6:00 p.m. 5th Sunday Sing