

THE LAMPLIGHTER

Newsletter of the

SPRING CITY

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

March 2020

DALE'S DOODLES

Psalm 139: 1-24

¹O LORD, you have searched me and known me. ²You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away. ³You search out my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways. ⁴Even before a word is on my tongue, O LORD, you know it completely. ⁵You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me. ⁶Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it. ⁷Where can I go from your spirit? Or where can I flee from your presence? ⁸If I ascend to heaven, you are there; if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there.

⁹If I take the wings of the morning and settle at the farthest limits of the sea, ¹⁰even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me fast. ¹¹If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me, and the light around me become night," ¹²even the darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the day, for darkness is as light to you. ¹³For it was you who formed my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb. ¹⁴I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; that I know very well. ¹⁵My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth. ¹⁶Your eyes beheld my unformed substance. In your book were written all the days that were formed for me, when none of them as yet existed.

¹⁷How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them! ¹⁸I try to count them—they are more than the sand; I come to the end—I am still with you. ¹⁹O that you would kill the wicked, O God, and that the bloodthirsty would depart from me— ²⁰those who speak of you maliciously, and lift themselves up against you for evil! ²¹Do I not hate those who hate you, O LORD? And do I not loathe those who rise up against you? ²²I hate them with perfect hatred; I count them my enemies. ²³Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my thoughts. ²⁴See if there is any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

When David was struggling with life and his relationship with God, he discovered something significant about himself and God. David shifted his focus from himself to God. Life had become a great challenge with the sin in his life. With the Spirit of God working and dealing with him, David began to discover how much God really loved him. Because of his understanding of God and his experience with Him, David began to grow into a new relationship. That is why he concludes in this wonderful Psalm the words of "Search me, O God." When we allow ourselves to honestly connect with God, He looks deep within us and brings renewal in our hearts.

We are in the Season of Lent. Many of us are focusing on our spiritual growth as we look to God during this time. Self-examination is a part of our discipleship. During Lent, let us seek God and let us be challenged to let God move in us in a new way. So let us pray every day, "Search me, O God!"

Shalom,

Pastor Dale

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Betty Barnes
Manuel Christi
Max Douglas

The Heimel Family
Rebecca Knox
Sandy Morgan

Linda Mullins
Carol Price
Liz Stair

Jeannette Long Spring City Care & Rehab, #201, 331 Hinch St.
Fred Mullins Golden Years, 301 Keith Dr., Spring City
Kathleen Reece Spring City Care & Rehab, #306, 331 Hinch St.
Imogene Robbins Golden Years, 301 Keith Dr., Spring City

Jean Hinds
(cousin of Johnny Lou Berg)
Glen Miller
(friend of Trish & Richard Cole)
Ethan Rector
(friend of Bill & Caren Ruffner)
Michael Fazio
(cousin of Richard Cole)
Michael Reagan
(friend of Johnny Lou Berg)
Kathy Shoopman
(daughter of Stella Ray)
David Thurman
(friend of Norm & Peggy Bowman)
Clay Massey
(friend of Gray & Sharon Cowart)
Larry Anderson
(brother of Linda Morse)
Judith Fleming
(Linda Mullins' friend)
Wayne & Nancy Gunter
(friend of Ken & Barbara Rose)
De Williams
(friend of Caren & Bill Ruffner)
Cathy Lauer
(sister of Clyde Thurman, Jr.)
Marion Goldberg
(Deanna Ware's sister)
Jim Hartley
(our church's insurance agent)
Sue Smith
(friend of Pat Douglas)
Mary Frances Goodson
(friend of Bennie & Susan Arp)
Barbara Reed
(friend of Jerry & Rayna Henley)
Kathy Morse
(daughter of Walt & Linda Morse)

Nick Daughtrey
(Bill Ruffner's friend)
John Sharpe
(Bill Ruffner's friend)
Aspen Cumnock
(great-grandson of Pat Cook)
Betty Payne & Clint Miller
(friends of Connie Roberts)
Demi Shaver
(friend of Pat Douglas)
Clara Gossett
(friend of John Conroy)
Randy Gass
(friend of Cindy Hill)
Grace Lamprecht
(Bill Ruffner's niece)
Alesia McNelley (friend of the
Bowmans & Henleys)
Mary Heimel
(Tom Heimel's mother)
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 H. B. Rankin
(husband of Polly Rankin and
church member since
3-23-2002)

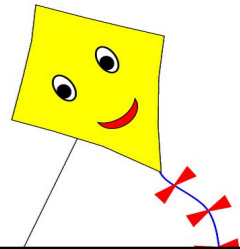
The Family of John Gibson
(SCUMC member since
8-12-1951)


Faithful Workers

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|--|--|--|--|--|
| 3/1 <i>Ushers</i> Mary Drinkard Margo Hinsdale Marty Gilliam Jerry Smith | 3/8 <i>Ushers</i> Bennie Arp Norman Bowman Don Hinely Clyde Thurman, Jr. | 3/15 <i>Ushers</i> Trish Cole Richard Cole Don Hinely Madison Hinely | 3/22 <i>Ushers</i> Rachel Heimel Don Hinely Sheila Larson Walt Morse | 3/29 <i>Ushers</i> Natalie Baker Hannah Couch Margo Hinsdale Jerry Smith |
| <i>Greeters</i> Carolyn Reid Lynda Smith | <i>Greeters</i> Sharon Cowart Shelby Williams | <i>Greeters</i> Margo Hinsdale Jerrie Patton | <i>Greeters</i> Mary Drinkard Carolyn Reed | <i>Greeters</i> Sharon Cowart Lynda Smith |
| <i>Nursery</i> Peggy Bowman Terry Hooper | <i>Nursery</i> Lesia Garrison Peggy Bowman | <i>Nursery</i> Carolyn Haerr Wanda McCarter | <i>Nursery</i> Peggy Bowman Loretta Hale | <i>Nursery</i> Terry Hooper Lesia Garrison |
| <i>Acolyte</i> Rachel Heimel | <i>Acolyte</i> Madison Hinely | <i>Acolyte</i> Rachel Heimel | <i>Acolyte</i> Madison Hinely | <i>Acolyte</i> Rachel Heimel |
| <i>Children's Church</i> Susan Maddux Youth Volunteer | <i>Children's Church</i> Angie Couch Youth Volunteer | <i>Children's Church</i> Cindy Ross Youth Volunteer | <i>Children's Church</i> Wendy Thurman Youth Volunteer | <i>Children's Church</i> Cindy Ross Youth Volunteer |



MARCH



| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|--|---|--|---|--|--|---|
| 1 9:00 The Spring 11:00 Worship Service 6:00 Bible Study 8-9 p.m. AA-FH | 2 10:00 TLC | 3 8:30 MDO 6:00 UMW | 4 10:00 Bible Study 4:30 Kid Spring Youth (TBA) 6:00 Bible Study 7:00 Chancel Choir | 5 8:30 MDO | 6 Family Life Center (FLC) Closed All Day for Practice and Set-up. | 7 8-11 p.m. Spring City Scholarship Pageant FLC |
| 8 <i>Daylight Saving Time Begins</i> 9:00 The Spring 11:00 Worship Service 3:00 Ministry Team 6:00 Bible Study 8-9 p.m. AA-FH | 9 10:00 TLC 10:30 TVA Retirees 6:00 TLC | 10 8:30 MDO | 11 10:00 Bible Study 4:30 Kid Spring Youth (TBA) 6:00 Bible Study 7:00 Chancel Choir | 12 8:30 MDO 11:00 Home Prayer Group 7:00 Trustees | 13 | 14 |
| 15 9:00 The Spring 11:00 Worship Service 6:00 Bible Study 8-9 p.m. AA-FH | 16 <i>Newsletter Deadline</i> 10:00 TLC | 17 8:30 MDO 6:30 UMW Book Club | 18 10:00 Bible Study 4:30 Kid Spring Youth (TBA) 6:00 Bible Study 7:00 Chancel Choir | 19 8:30 MDO 11:00 Home Prayer Group 5:00 Community Meal | 20 9:30 Joy Ministry Trip Knoxville | 21 |
| 22 9:00 The Spring 11:00 Worship Service 6:00 Bible Study 8-9 p.m. AA-FH | 23 10:00 TLC 6:00 TLC | 24 8:30 MDO | 25 10:00 Bible Study 4:30 Kid Spring Youth (TBA) 6:00 Bible Study 7:00 Chancel Choir | 26 8:30 MDO 11:00 Home Prayer Group | 27 | 28 |
| 29 <i>5th Sunday Sing</i> 9:00 The Spring 11:00 Worship Service 6:00 5th Sunday Sing 8-9 p.m. AA-FH | 30 | 31 8:30 MDO | | | |  |

Happy Anniversary!

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|----------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 Richard & Trish Cole | 19 Leon & Nancy Hicks |
| 3 Leo & Katilyn Miller | 22 Ed & Linda Gibbs |
| 4 Scott & Cherie Henderson | 27 Kevin & Angie Rose |
| 18 Bill & Donna Barber | |



March Birthdays

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|-------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| 2 Madison Hinely | 16 Rita Uhler | 27 Glenn Cooksey |
| 3 Matt Miko | 17 Pat Drake | 29 Daniel Cohen |
| 4 Beverly Allison | 17 Tommy Hale | 29 John Mathis |
| 4 Pearl Gilliam | 18 Hannah Chattin | 30 Bill Barber |
| 8 Tia Gilmore | 18 Rhonda Evans | 30 Peg Caudill |
| 10 Eddie Garrison | 18 Jacob Moffett | 31 Fred Mullins |
| 10 Tom Heimel | 18 Bill Speaker | |
| 12 Margaret Crane | 22 Jay Maddux | |
| 13 Emmaly Fisher | 24 Bill Ruffner | |
| 16 Marty Gilliam | 26 Natalie Baker | |





Jim & Mary Alice Wyatt gave to the *General Budget* in memory of Mary Galloway.

Jerry & Lynda Smith gave to the *General Budget* in memory of Mary Galloway and Marilyn Cooksey.

Wayne & Susan Cooksey gave to the *General Budget* in memory of Marilyn Cooksey.

Fred & Linda Mullins gave to the *Community Ministry Fund* in memory of Marilyn Cooksey.

Gene & Dorathy Hastings gave to the *General Budget* in memory of Marilyn Cooksey.

Max & Pat Douglas gave to the *Community Ministry Fund* in memory of Dr. Mark Shaffer.

Clyde & Wendy Thurman, Jr., gave to the *Youth Fund* in memory of Steve Moffett and to the *Community Ministry Fund* in memory of Mary Galloway.

Don Cowan and Jean Prewitt gave to the *General Budget* in memory of Mary Galloway.

The Pointer Management Company gave to the *General Budget* in memory of Mary Galloway.

Walt & Linda Morse gave to the *General Budget* in memory of Andrew Brayer and Dr. Mark Shaffer.

Clay & Mary Coulter gave to the *General Budget* in memory of Mary Galloway.

Pat Cook gave to the *General Budget* in memory of Mary Galloway.

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

Walter & Terry Hooper and Mark & Ginny Adkins gave to the *General Budget* in memory of Marilyn Cooksey.

Walter & Terry Hooper gave to the *Mother's Day Out* in memory of Eleanor Allison.

Johnny Lou Berg gave to the *United Methodist Women* in memory of Mary Galloway.

Leon & Nancy Hicks gave to the *General Budget* in memory of H. B. Rankin.

Robert & Kay Close gave to the *General Budget* in memory of Mary Galloway.

MONTHLY REPORT GIVING & MONEY DISBURSED

JANUARY 2020

| INCOME | CURRENT PERIOD | YEAR TO DATE | ANNUAL BUDGET | ANNUAL BUDGET PERCENTAGE |
|---------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|
| Contributions | 23,694.06 | 23,694.06 | 363,700.00 | 6.5% |
| Mother's Day Out | 3,795.00 | 3,795.00 | 25,310.00 | 15.0% |
| Other Income | 6.30 | 6.30 | 1,200.00 | 0.5% |
| TOTAL INCOME/ GROSS PROFIT | 27,495.36 | 27,495.36 | 390,210.00 | 7.0% |
| EXPENSES | | | | |
| Salaries & Benefits | 16,237.56 | 16,237.56 | 205,929.00 | 7.9% |
| Property Maintenance | 3,190.17 | 3,190.17 | 78,000.00 | 4.1% |
| Office Administration | 732.42 | 732.42 | 9,700.00 | 7.6% |
| Nurture and Music | 93.00 | 93.00 | 5,000.00 | 1.9% |
| Witness | 0.00 | 0.00 | 1,700.00 | 0.0% |
| Outreach - Missions | 75.00 | 75.00 | 1,900.00 | 3.9% |
| Conference/District | 3,679.54 | 3,679.54 | 42,108.00 | 8.7% |
| Church Support | 482.00 | 482.00 | 8,263.00 | 5.8% |
| Children's Ministries | 20.00 | 20.00 | 5,300.00 | 0.4% |
| Adult Ministries | 23.12 | 23.12 | 1,000.00 | 2.3% |
| Youth Ministries | 1,447.81 | 1,447.81 | 6,000.00 | 24.1% |
| MDO Expenses | 2,991.64 | 2,991.64 | 25,310.00 | 11.8% |
| TOTAL EXPENSES | 28,972.26 | 28,972.26 | 390,210.00 | 7.4% |
| NET INCOME | -1,476.90 | | 0.00 | 100.0% |

FINANCIAL & ATTENDANCE REPORTS

| | 1/26 | 2/2 | 2/9 | 2/16 |
|---------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| General Budget | 5,854.06 | 9,446.00 | 6,083.00 | 4,908.75 |
| MDO | | 5.05 | 50.00 | 1,725.00 |
| Memorial | | | | |
| Special | 370.00 | 131.00 | 505.00 | 1,108.00 |
| TOTAL | 6,224.06 | 9,582.05 | 6,638.00 | 7,741.75 |
| SS ATTENDANCE | 45 | 54 | 43 | 46 |
| WORSHIP ATTENDANCE | 157 | 135 | 113 | 112 |



Thank You

FOR YOUR KIND EXPRESSION OF SYMPATHY

Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for your love, care, support, prayers and other acts of deepest sympathy shown to our family. We felt your care and thank God for you!

The Cooksey Family



To all our church family & friends,

We want to thank you so much for all the cards, donations, gifts, prayers, and love that have been poured out on us through this tragic time for our family. Each time someone reaches out, it reminds us of His love and faithfulness in action, right when we need it the most. We take great comfort in knowing that God is good all the time, and that all the time, God is good, and we are so grateful for each one of you in our lives.

Tom and Kathy Heibel & Family

To the Sunday School Classes and All Who Contributed to "Souper Bowl" Sunday

The Volunteers at Our Daily Bread extend heartfelt thanks to everyone who contributed soup on "Souper Bowl" Sunday. We provide 308 bags of food a month to 235 families in need in our community. Thank you for your support.

May God Bless You!
The Volunteers at Our Daily Bread





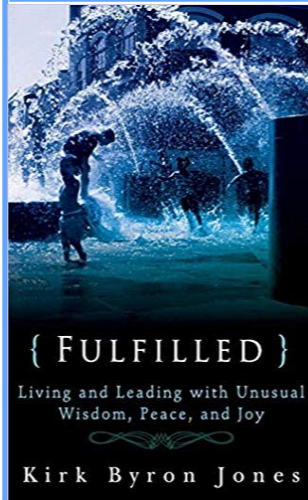
Mexico Medical Mission Trip

The Mexico Medical Mission Trip, April 18th - April 26th, serves the villages and surrounding communities of Tatoxcac and Ixtepec in the state of Puebla, Mexico. Started in 1983, a team has gone yearly to serve the Mexican people with their health care and medication needs which so many cannot afford or even have the opportunity to receive. Recently, teams have now been going twice a year, in the spring and fall. We try to supply a six-months supply of medication along with handing out Bibles (Spanish and Toccan), eye care including glasses and sunglasses, foot care along with shoes and socks, and dental check-ups. Our team of doctors see each and every patient, lovingly supplying medical expertise to all. We strive to provide love and spiritual guidance to our brothers and sisters in Jesus Christ.

Your loving support is appreciated, not only by these beautiful Mexican people, but all of us involved in this mission. Thank you in advance for your prayers, donations, and the love you show so generously.

Dr. Frank Snyder

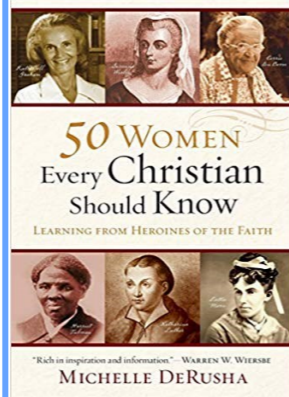
PLEASE JOIN THE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN BOOK CLUB ON MARCH 31st AT 6:30 IN THE CHURCH LIBRARY AS WE SHARE



Leadership can be mentally, emotionally, and spiritually exhausting. The pace is relentless. The expectations are weighty. The challenges are daunting. But it is possible to live and lead a new way, with that deep sense of contentment that all leaders yearn for. It is possible to be fulfilled, even today. Fulfilled articulates a new approach for the exhausted leader. This Christian theology of leadership is based on three inner capacities, which every leader already possesses but which most of us simply ignore or disregard: the capacity for stillness, awareness, and playfulness. The author examines these capacities and shows the reader how to draw upon them in daily life. Vibrant leadership taps into this wellspring of inner capacities, continually available to every leader. It is not the exclusive possession of the gifted, faithful few, but is a grace provided for all. The fulfilled leader lives in wisdom, peace and joy, and is successful in all the most important ways.

And

Inspiring stories of 50 Christian women, from Julian of Norwich to Ruth Bell Graham, who made a difference in the lives of people around them and had an immeasurable impact on the kingdom of God.



**Sunday, April 5, 2020
2-3:30 p.m.
Family Life Center**

**Children
3 yrs.- 5th Grade**



Egg Hunt, Crafts, Games, Snacks

We need adults and youth volunteers to help with the crafts, games, snacks and an egg hunt. Sign-up on the KidSpring bulletin board in the hallway or contact Cindy Ross at 423.506.5903. Thank you for your support!





Fun at the Valentine's Party!



The KidSpring's Valentine's Party, held at the home of our Children's Director, Cindy Ross, began at 3:30 p.m. on Wednesday, February 5th. Games, crafts, and *yummy* refreshments were enjoyed by all. From their smiling faces featured above, we know the children had a lot of fun.

JOIN US
WEDNESDAYS @ 4:30
IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL
(CHILDREN AGES 3 YRS.—5th GRADE)



New round tables have been purchased for the Family Life Center (FLC). The Trustees will be selling the **60" - 2 pc. round folding tables for \$10 per round table.** There are also **8 - 8' pressed wood/metal folding tables available for \$10 each.**

If you are interested, contact
Barbara Rose (365-4520/718-1576
or Patty Crowder
(365-6675/667-4201).

THE WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

begins a new series on March 4th. The title of the study is "More Than Conquerors" selections from the Epistles of Paul. This is a 9-week study and starts at 10 a.m. There are no study materials to buy. Just bring your own Bible (BYOB).

JOY MINISTRY TEAM'S NEXT TRIP

(for those 60 and up) scheduled for **Friday, March 20**, is a visit to the Historic Ramsey House in Knoxville. The Ramsey house was built in 1797 and is constructed of pink marble and blue limestone. It was known at the time as the finest home in Tennessee. It is significant for its original interior and exterior architectural features and the period decorative art collection. Ramsey House is on the National Register of Historical Places. Departure time from our church is **9:30 a.m.**, and the **cost is \$6.00.** Bring money, too, for lunch. Sign-up on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall. If ten go, we get the group rate.

Daylight Saving Time Begins Soon!



5th Sunday Sing

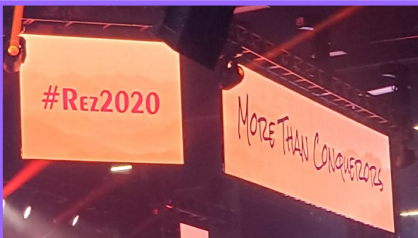


Bring a friend or loved one with you to the sanctuary at six o'clock Sunday evening, March 29th, to join us for the 5th Sunday Sing. This is a special service of music, songs, and praise. Anyone wishing to sing or play an instrument is welcomed to participate. Many of our church members as well as other locals bless us with their talents.

More Than Conquerors



Our youth and chaperones are shown when they attended **Resurrection 2020** in Pigeon Forge, Fri., Jan. 24 - Sun., Jan. 26th. Front row left is **Angie, Chloe, Kayle, Maddie, Kaitlyn, and Pastor Dale**. Back row left: **Erin, Quincy, Ashton, Hannah, John, and Leo**. We are grateful to all the chaperones, especially **Angie Couch**, who purchased the food and cooked for the group. A special thank you to **Bill & Caren Ruffner** for the use of their rental property for the weekend. May **God** bless them for their kindness, generosity, and love for our youth.



This year's Resurrection theme was **"More Than Conquerors"** based on Romans 8:37. The focus was to each youth and to his/her response to Jesus Christ.



Super "Souper" Bowl for 2020



Wow! What a fantastic **2020 Souper Bowl Sunday** we had on **Sunday, February 2nd**. Thanks to all of you who participated by making it possible this year to have the largest donation of soup ever to contribute to Our Daily Bread. **The total was 4,781 cans.**

Among the Sunday School classes, the **Pairs & Spares Class** topped the others and will keep the Souper Bowl Trophy in their classroom this year. The **Celebration Class** came in second, and the **Men's Class** was third. We commend all of our classes for their great efforts this year. We are also grateful to so many others who do not attend Sunday School but brought in several cans of soup that added to this year's huge total.

May God bless everyone who supported this ministry and helped to provide hot meals for those in need in our community!



Rev. Dale Wyrick, Pastor
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RETURN SERVICE

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
 4:30 p.m. Youth
 6:00 p.m. Bible Study
 5th Sunday Sing
 (only on fifth Sundays)