

# THE LAMPLIGHTER

Newsletter of the  
SPRING CITY

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

JUNE 2020

## Mike's Musings

Many of us can probably think of a time when we have been caught in some kind of weather-related storm. Our neighbors in Middle Tennessee and Chattanooga can attest to how frightening these kinds of storms can be. As wonderful as our part of the world happens to be, we often find ourselves facing dangerous weather-related storms of varying kinds.

There are also storms of other kinds that can break upon our lives. Some can come suddenly while others are more subtle in their coming. These storms are sometimes called illness with such names as cancer, heart disease, stroke, dementia, or MS. The storm may be the sudden loss of a job we thought was secure or the breakup of a relationship. Sometimes the storm is named accident, which can take a life or leave someone permanently disabled. These kinds of storms not only threaten and frighten us; they can also test our faith, break our hearts, and cause us to question our future.

For the past few months now, we have found ourselves in a storm call the Covid-19 Pandemic. It has brought disruption to our lives, threatening us in many ways.

This all reminds me of a time when the disciples of Jesus were caught in a storm on the Sea of Galilee, found in Matthew 14. Jesus had sent his disciples ahead of him to the other side of the sea while he went up to the mountain alone to pray. While the disciples were crossing, a storm came up.

Matthew described their plight this way, "They were beaten by the waves and the wind was against them." The disciples were in a tough spot. We get the idea that no matter how hard they tried, they were not making any headway. But just when the skies may have been the darkest and the winds the strongest, Jesus came to them, and when he got into their boat, the storm calmed down. This is our assurance. Jesus always comes to us when we are encountering one of life's storms.

I believe with all my heart that is exactly what happened in the Sea of Galilee. However, I also know something else. Sometimes even when we know Jesus is with us, the storm doesn't stop. People still die from illnesses, they lose their jobs, husbands and wives get divorces, and folks are lost in traffic accidents. But I also know that if Jesus is with us, then we can find peace within, even if the storm continues to rage.

One of the places I have found comfort and renewed hope when facing the storms of life is in the words of a gospel song from the Gaither Trio titled, "Till the Storm Passes By."

In the dark of the midnight have I oft hid my face  
While the storm howls above me, and there's no hiding place  
'Mid the crash of the thunder, Precious Lord, hear my cry  
Keep me safe till the storm passes by

Many times Satan whispered, "There is no need to try  
For there's no end of sorrow there's no hope by and by"  
But I know Thou art with me, and tomorrow I'll rise  
Where the storms never darken the skies

Till the storm passes over, till the thunder sounds no more  
Till the clouds roll forever from the sky  
Hold me fast, let me stand in the hollow of Thy hand  
Keep me safe till the storm passes by.

I pray it will comfort you also.

Your friend in Christ,  
Mike

## REMEMBER IN PRAYER

**Helen Kincannon**  
**Sandy Morgan**

**Walt Morse**  
**Linda Mullins**

**Carol Price**  
**Liz Stair**

**Jeannette Long** Spring City Care & Rehab, #201, 331 Hinch St.  
**Rebecca Knox** Life Care of Rhea Co. #310,10055 Rhea Co. Hwy, 37321  
**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

**Karen Young**  
(friend of Susan Maddux)  
**Jay Elam**  
(friend of Connie Roberts)  
**Abram Bartley**  
(cousin of Connie Roberts)  
**Bobby Randolph**  
(friend of Jerry & Rayna Henley)

**Tom Kolb**  
(friend of Terry McBrayer)  
**Luke Bolton**  
(grandson of Jim & Wanda McCarter)

**Sue Travis**  
(grandmother of Tracy Rose)

**Sue Carter**  
(sister of Clyde Thurman, Jr.)

**Malachi Price**  
(friend of Angie Rose)

**Tammie Phillips**  
(friend of Rayna & Jerry Henley)

**Ethan Rector**  
(friend of Caren & Bill Ruffner)

**Kathy Shoopman**  
(daughter of Stella Ray)

**David Thurman**  
(friend of Norman & Peggy Bowman)

**Nancy Gunter**  
(friend of Ken & Barbara Rose)

**Cathy Lauer**  
(sister of Clyde Thurman, Jr.)

**Sue Smith**  
(friend of Pat Douglas)

**Mary Frances Goodson**  
(friend of Bennie & Susan Arp)

**Kathy Morse**  
(daughter of Walt & Linda Morse)

**Nick Daughtrey**  
(Bill Ruffner's friend)

**Clara Gossett**  
(friend of John Conroy)

**Randy Gass**  
(friend of Cindy Hill)

**Grace Lamprecht**  
(Bill Ruffner's niece)

**Alesia McNelly** (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 Larry  
Anderson**  
(brother of Linda Morse)

# Faithful Workers

<b>6/7 Ushers</b> Trish Cole Richard Cole Don Hinely Jerry Smith	<b>6/14 Ushers</b> Bennie Arp Norman Bowman Mary Drinkard Walt Morse	<b>6/21 Ushers</b> Rachel Heimel Margo Hinsdale Don Hinely Clyde Thurman, Jr.	<b>6/28 Ushers</b> Natalie Baker Marty Gilliam Madison Hinely Walt Morse
<b>Greeters</b> Lynda Smith Jerrie Patton	<b>Greeters</b> Sheila Larson Carolyn Reid	<b>Greeters</b> Sharon Cowart Shelby Williams	<b>Greeters</b> Mary Drinkard Carolyn Reid
<b>Nursery</b> Carolyn Haerr Lesia Garrison	<b>Nursery</b> Peggy Bowman Loretta Hale	<b>Nursery</b> Peggy Bowman Wanda McCarter	<b>Nursery</b> Lesia Garrison Loretta Hale
<b>Acolyte</b> Madison Hinely	<b>Acolyte</b> Rachel Heimel	<b>Acolyte</b> Madison Hinely	<b>Acolyte</b> Rachel Heimel
<b>Children's Church</b> Angie Couch Youth Volunteer	<b>Children's Church</b> Cindy Ross Youth Volunteer	<b>Children's Church</b> Wendy Thurman Youth Volunteer	<b>Children's Church</b> Susan Maddux Youth Volunteer

## Happy Anniversary

4 Todd & Robin Bolton	18 Dutch & Margie Kane
7 Rem & Paige Messimer	22 Jerry & Lynda Smith
7 Bill & Caren Ruffner	27 Paul & Sandra Bartizal
9 Casey & Andrea Cash	27 Eddie & Tammy Boles
12 Greg & Amy Haerr	29 Norman & Peggy Bowman



## Happy Birthday



1 Sue Speaker	15 Cheryl Southers
4 Stella Ray	15 Charlie Wilson
5 T. C. Cash	16 Sandra Bartizal
6 Greg Haerr	20 John Moorshead
6 Kim Wheat	21 Rebecca Knox
7 Susan Arp	21 Chuck McIlwain
9 Virginia Bond	22 Maddie Taylor
9 Alice Keahey	23 Marla Hinzman
9 Nancy McClendon	27 Don Hess
11 Johnny Lou Berg	28 J. T. Baker
11 Clay Coulter	28 David Landreth
13 Les Whiles	30 Zachery Barnes



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>1</b> 10:00 TLC  Last Day for Health Kits to be collected.	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 9:00 Health Kits drop-off @ District Office 7:00 Chancel Choir (To be announced)	<b>4</b> *Church Office Closed	<b>5</b> *Church Office Closed	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b> 9:00 The Spring 11:00 Worship Service  8-9 p.m. AA-FH	<b>8</b> 10:00 TLC 6:00 TLC	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 7:00 Chancel Choir (To be announced)	<b>11</b> *12:00 Office Closed 7:00 Trustees	<b>12</b> *Church Office Closed	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b> 9:00 The Spring 11:00 Worship Service 3:00 Ministry Team  8-9 p.m. AA-FH	<b>15</b> <i>Newsletter Deadline</i> 10:00 TLC	<b>16</b> 6:30 UMW Book Club	<b>17</b> <i>Moving Day for Ministers</i> 7:00 Chancel Choir (To be announced)	<b>18</b> *Church Office Closed	<b>19</b> *Church Office Closed	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b> 9:00 The Spring 11:00 Worship Service  8-9 p.m. AA-FH	<b>22</b> 10:00 TLC 6:00 TLC	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 7:00 Chancel Choir (To be announced)	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> *Church Office Closed	<b>27</b> 1:00 Virtual Annual Conference
<b>28</b> 9:00 The Spring 11:00 Worship Service 4:00 Church Council  8-9 p.m. AA-FH	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>				

\*Sharon's Vacation Time

# Annual Conference Rescheduled

The Holston Annual Conference scheduled for June 7 - 10, 2020, at Lake Junaluska, NC, has been postponed and is changed to a Virtual Annual Conference on Saturday, June 27, 2020, at 1 p.m. Our theme of annual conference is "I Love to Tell the Story." There will be a pre-Conference briefing on June 7 to discuss all materials and procedures for our Virtual Annual Conference.

Bishop Dindy Taylor also said Holston church buildings will remain closed until information is received to ensure safety during reopening.



**Thank You!** Thank you to Rev. Mike Hubble and his wife, Margaret, for delivering the Health Kits for Liberia to the Hiwassee District Office in Cleveland on June 3rd. We are very grateful to both of you!

## MONTHLY REPORT GIVING & MONEY DISBURSED

### APRIL 2020

INCOME	CURRENT PERIOD	YEAR TO DATE	ANNUAL BUDGET	ANNUAL BUDGET PERCENTAGE
Contributions	24,578.40	87,963.51	363,700.00	24.2%
Mother's Day Out	0.00	11,030.00	25,310.00	43.6%
Other Income	4.76	377.93	1,200.00	31.5%
<b>TOTAL INCOME/ GROSS PROFIT</b>	<b>24,583.16</b>	<b>99,371.44</b>	<b>390,210.00</b>	<b>26.5%</b>
EXPENSES				
Salaries & Benefits	7,897.14	57,117.10	205,929.00	27.7%
Property Maintenance	1,895.25	15,522.69	78,000.00	19.9%
Office Administration	165.11	1,610.77	9,700.00	16.6%
Nurture and Music	408.99	781.06	5,000.00	15.6%
Witness	97.50	207.50	1,700.00	12.2%
Outreach - Missions	75.00	300.00	1,900.00	15.8%
Conference/District	3,767.82	11,453.15	42,108.00	27.2%
Church Support	0.00	1,473.00	8,263.00	17.8%
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	370.00	8,953.00	25,310.00	35.4%
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>14,676.81</b>	<b>99,053.47</b>	<b>390,210.00</b>	<b>25.4%</b>
<b>NET INCOME</b>	<b>9,906.35</b>	<b>317.97</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

### FINANCIAL & ATTENDANCE REPORTS

	4/26	5/3	5/10	5/17
General Budget	3,825.00	2,897.00	3,938.00	3,583.07
MDO				
Memorial Special		1,366.00		90.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3,825.00</b>	<b>4,263.00</b>	<b>3,938.00</b>	<b>3,673.07</b>
SS ATTENDANCE				
WORSHIP ATTENDANCE	LIVESTREAM	LIVESTREAM	LIVESTREAM	LIVESTREAM

## SUGGESTIONS FOR WELCOMING THE NEW PASTOR

Pray for him and his family every day.

Write a letter or send them an e-mail welcoming them to SCUMC.

The day they move have folks available to help, if needed.

Have cold water for them and when thinking about their meals remember to find out what they like to eat beforehand.

Offer to carry away empty boxes and other things that may create clutter.

Offer to provide childcare (again if needed).

Remember to tell them your name every time you see them for the first few weeks.

Plan to be here the first Sunday they are in worship (and every Sunday thereafter) and offer to sit with them (or invite them to your pew).

*These thoughts come from 47 years of coming and going as a United Methodist pastor. - Mike*



Thank You

Thank you for the cards, delicious meals, prayers, visits, food, and phone calls following my surgery. I am improved but not quite totally healed. Please keep me in your prayers.

Your Sister in Christ,  
Liz Stair

# United Methodist Women (UMW) May's Gathering on Zoom

The UMW logged into Zoom at 6 o'clock, Tuesday evening, May 5<sup>th</sup>, and marked their second meeting on Zoom due to safe distancing because of COVID-19. The UMW members who participated in this meeting are featured below. They decided that there would be no June or July UMW gatherings. The next UMW meeting is on Tuesday, August 4<sup>th</sup>, at 6 p.m. Hopefully, by then, the meeting can be held in the Fellowship Hall.



# No Job Too Big or Small

On Wednesday, May 13<sup>th</sup>, while Dorothy Hastings, Barbara Rose, Patty Crowder, Pat McCuiston, and Linda Booker were busy working inside the parsonage, Dan Uhler and Joe Lisa were busy outside cutting and removing a tree and limbs from the yard. Everyone is working hard to make sure the parsonage is ready inside and out for Rev. David Grant, and his wife, Bobbie, and their three daughters, to move here this summer.



Thank you, Dorothy, for these photos of Dan & Joe!

Thank you to everyone who has helped to make the Parsonage and grounds look especially nice and inviting. You are the best!

# MDO Out Early for Summer



Due to the threat of the Coronavirus, on Thursday, April 30<sup>th</sup>, the Mother's Day Out (MDO) teachers began at noon standing outside to distribute to the parents the end-of-the-year children's work packets, mats, and all their belongings as the mothers & fathers drove through the parking lot.

There will be no MDO summer program this year, but the MDO Director, Denisea Johnson, made sure the parents received applications for the fall enrollment.

We hope the MDO children, parents, and staff have a blessed, safe, and happy summer!



CLASS OF  
**2020**

## Rhea County High School Graduates

*Erin Couch Madison Miller*

*Ashton Hoffman Autumn Neal*

*Madison Taylor Natalie Baker*

# Congratulations!

## In Appreciation of Bennie & Susan Arp!



We have a beautiful addition to our sanctuary and our worship services. Bennie and Susan Arp donated his mother's baby grand piano. She was a church musician for many years, and her piano will continue to be used to make a joyful noise in worship at SCUMC.

Thank you, Bennie and Susan, for allowing your church family to continue your family's legacy of church music!



Listed below are the names of members of our church family who recently graduated from college. We offer them and their families our congratulations. May they be successful in their future endeavors.

**Cole Wilson** graduated from the University of Tennessee Knoxville with a B. A. in Economics. Cole is the son of Rick & Deborah Wilson.

**Carlie Wilson** graduated from the University of Tennessee Knoxville with a B.S. in Kinesiology. Carlie's parents are Rick & Deborah Wilson.

**Madison Shaver** graduated from Tennessee Tech in Cookeville, TN, with a B.A. in English and Creative Writing. Madison is the daughter of Martin & Jennifer Shaver, and the granddaughter of Betty & Joel Barnes.



# Let's Thank Our Trustees

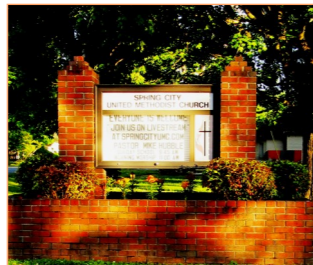
The job of a Trustee is to supervise and maintain all property buildings in our congregation so that our ministries can be effective. Trustees' basic responsibilities are: (1) To oversee, maintain, and supervise all local church property. (2) Report annually to the charge conference on the state of the church property, equipment, investments, and resources. (3) Receive and administer all gifts made to the congregation; making certain that all trust funds of the congregation are invested properly. (4) To be responsible, in conjunction with the pastor, for all use of the church building and grounds (5) To maintain adequate insurance coverage on all church property and develop appropriate risk management policies (6) To submit to the finance committee the annual budget requests for insurance, property maintenance and improvement, and new property purchases (7) To be accountable to the charge conference and to the church council.



Trustees, Dorathy Hastings, Barbara Rose, Patty Crowder, and Dan Uhler recently completed the much-needed removal of the old wallpaper in the women's restroom. If you have ever removed wallpaper, then you know what a hard task it is, and it was! Dan sanded the walls after he filled in the holes to make them smooth & ready for the new paint job. Rita Uhler helped Dan clean up after all the sanding. Dorathy selected the pretty paint color, and she hung all the pictures and made the vanity "pop" with decorative accessories. The women's restroom makeover is **finished** and **fabulous!**

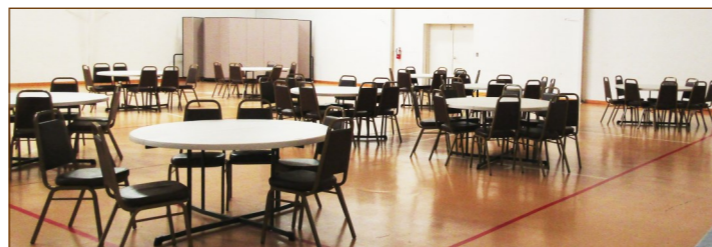


Trustees, Jay Maddux, and Bill Ruffner, are shown above as they were unboxing some of the new toilets that were recently installed replacing several of the older toilets. Jay is holding a new toilet that was cracked when he opened the box. Trustee, Lynn Haynes, exchanged it at Lowe's. Lynn also opened doors daily for the workers. **Toilet installation complete!**



Trustee, Joe Lisa, recently could be seen pulling weeds, trimming bushes, and planting lilies. He planted pretty, colorful lilies underneath the marquee on the right. Now both marquees look great.

Richard Stair isn't a Trustee, but he is the one who changes the announcements on both marquees (rain or shine). *Thank you, Richard!*



Trustees, Barbara Rose and Patty Crowder worked on ordering the new round tables for the Family Life Center, and the sale of the old ones. Trustee, Dan Uhler, helped to assemble the tables and serving carts.



**Rev. Mike Hubble**  
Interim 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

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