

THE LAMPLIGHTER

Newsletter of the
SPRING CITY

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

March 2021

RUNNING THE RACE

by Rev. Dave Grant

I write this article at the very beginning of Lent. Last night many of us joined virtually for worship, teaching and prayer on Ash Wednesday. We were reminded that this was not only Ash Wednesday, but this has been Ash Year. As we reflect upon our own sin and mortality, we were reminded that we've experience more deaths in America this past year than all of the wars in our history combined. We considered that from dust we came and to dust we return—reminded on a snowy and icy night across the southeast when snafus abounded with transportation and technology. In the midst of all our troubles, we were reminded that all we have belongs to God. For our heavenly Father owns the cattle on a thousand hills, and all the is is His. Because everything is already His, the only thing that I can withhold from God is my own heart.

Our temptation to withhold our own hearts from God is the reason for Lent. Kevin Queen used the illustration last night of being a kid and playing in the yard. He, like myself as a kid, would pick up rocks and look under them. When we saw all the creepy, crawly, squiggly things under the rock we would put it back down to hide all that stuff. The same with sin. When our sin is revealed we want to cover it back up with a rock and hide it. But we must allow that sin to be revealed so that God can cleanse it. J.D. Walt reminded us that sin is our sickness. Sins are the symptoms of our sickness. We are not sinners because we sin. We sin because we are sinners. God desires to remake us as holy people.

As Lent is a time for preparation for the Easter season, we need to become aware of who we are in the sight of a holy God. This is the Good News of Jesus: Jesus confronted the adulterous woman by sitting in the dirt with her and writing in the dirt. As Rica McRoy said, "The Divine and the dust mingling together as Jesus writes a new story for her."

We have our burlap and ash cards to keep with us through Lent (if you did not get one, we still have them available). Let them remind us of who we are. Let us seek to know who our holy God is. Let us consider who God would rebirth us to become. Allow the Divine to mingle in your dirt and write a new story for you this season.

Walk with the king and be a blessing!

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Fred Mullins
Stella Ray
Norman Bowman
Bob Burkhardt
James Weaver

Lynn Haynes
John Powell
Patty Crowder
Betty Barnes
Manuel Christi

John Conroy
Pearl Gilliam
Jenny Lou Hallums
Rebecca Knox
Sandy Morgan

Carol Price
Liz Stair

Barbara Hardy The Courtyard, Apt. 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
Kathleen Reece Spring City Care & Rehab, #306, 331 Hinch St.
Imogene Robbins Golden Years, 301 Keith Dr., Spring City

Elise Sellers

(mother of Susan Arp)

Nancy Allen

(friend of Bill & Caren Ruffner)

Judy VanWinkle

(friend of Walt & Linda Morse)

Mirlinda Gillespie

(friend of Pat Douglas)

Ada Ruffner

(daughter-in-law of Bill Ruffner)

Don Gray

(former SCUMC member)

Kathy Morse

(daughter of Walt & Linda Morse)

Larry Allen

(friend of Jerry & Rayna Henley)

Alex Cohen

(brother of Rita Uhler)

Mitsi Smith

(friend of Nancy Gilliam)

Emmett Holdren

(friend of Joe Lisa)

Pauline Brown

(mother of Connie Roberts)

Steve Orender

Luke Bolton

(grandson of Jim & Wanda McCarter)

Jerry Levengood

(friend of Tammy Boles)

Leanne Goins

(friend of Connie Roberts)

Ginny Weir

(friend of Robin Bolton)

Zach Lloyd

(friend of Pastor Dave)

Sheryl Ashley

(friend of Nancy Gilliam)

Jay Elam & Bill Jones

(friends of Connie Roberts)

Terry McClendon

(nephew of Pat Horton)

Beth Selewski

(friend of Rayna & Jerry Henley)

Regina Hartford & Jeff Stephenson

(friends of Emmaly Fisher)

Byrley Morgan

(friend of Nancy Gilliam)

Kaleigh Moffitt

(by special request)

Dave Heimel

(father of Tom Heimel)

Gina Cook

(friend of Jerrie Patton)

Dominic Ciero

(grandson of Ciny Hill)

Sympathy to the Family of Linda Mullins
(SCUMC Member since 1957)

Happy Birthday!

2 Madison Hinely	17 Donna Landreth	29 John Mathis
3 Matthew Miko	18 Hannah Chattin	30 Bill Barber
4 Beverly Allison	18 Rhonda Evans	30 Peg Caudill
4 Pearl Gilliam	18 Jacob Moffett	31 Fred Mullins
8 Tia Gilmore	18 Bill Speaker	
10 Eddie Garrison	21 Nathan Kincannon	
10 Tom Heimel	22 Jay Maddux	
13 Emmaly Fisher	24 Bill Ruffner	
16 Marty Gilliam	26 Natalie Baker	
16 Rita Uhler	26 Seleana Kile	
17 Pat Drake	27 Glenn Cooksey	
17 Thomas Hale	29 Daniel Coenen	


March

March Ushers

3/7	3/14	3/21	3/28
Don Hinely Madison Hinely	Bennie Arp Walt Morse	Lynda Smith Margo Hinsdale	Don Hinely Madison Hinely

Happy Anniversary!

3/1 Richard & Trish Cole	3/4 Scott & Cherie Henderson	3/19 Leon & Nancy Hicks
3/3 Leo & Kaitlyn Miller	3/18 Bill & Donna Barber	3/22 Edward & Linda Gibbs
		3/27 Kevin & Angela Rose

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 UMW 6:00	3 10:00 Bible Study	4	5	6
			Pastor Dave – Out			
7 3rd Sunday in Lent 11:00 Worship Service 5:00 Safe Sanctuaries Training	8 6:00 TLC	9	10 10:00 Bible Study	11	12	13
14 4th Sunday in Lent 11:00 Worship Service Daylight Savings Time Begins	15 6:00 TLC	16 6:30 UMW Book Club	17 10:00 Bible Study	18	19 6:00 Finance Team Meeting	20 
21 5th Sunday in Lent 11:00 Worship Service	22 6:00 TLC	23	24 10:00 Bible Study	25	26	27
28 Palm Sunday 11:00 Worship Service	29 6:00 TLC	30	31 10:00 Bible Study			

In Loving Memory...

Lynda Smith gave to the *General Budget* in memory of **Gary Drinkard**.

Michael Swafford gave to the *General Budget* in memory of **Norman Kincannon**.

William and Janith Heins gave to the *General Budget* in memory of **Gary Drinkard**.

Carolyn Reid gave to the *General Budget* in memory of **Linda Mullins**.

Max and Pat Douglas gave to the *United Methodist Women* in memory of **Linda Mullins**.

Don and Naomi Hinely gave to the *General Budget* in memory of **Linda Mullins**.

Chris and Carolyn Haerr gave to the *General Budget* in memory of **Linda Mullins**.

Walter and Terry Hooper gave to the *General Budget* in memory of **Linda Mullins**.

Patty Crowder gave to *Souper Bowl Sunday* in memory of **Linda Mullins**.

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

Deborah Wilson gave to the *General Budget* in memory of **Norman Kincannon**.

Lynda Smith gave to the *General Budget* in memory of **Linda Mullins**.

The Spring City High School Class of 1959 gave to the *General Budget* in memory of **Linda Mullins**.

Johnny Lou Berg gave to the *General Budget* in memory of **Linda Mullins**.

Pat Cook gave to the *General Budget* in memory of **Linda Mullins**.

Alex & Andrea Solomon gave to the *General Budget* in memory of **Gary Drinkard**.

Gayle Epperly gave to the *General Budget* in memory of **Gary Drinkard**.

Mr. and Mrs. David O. Woods gave to the *General Budget* in memory of **Norman Kincannon** and **Linda Mullins**.

Dear T.L.C. & Congregation,

Our heartfelt thanks for the prayers, phone calls, cards and the beautiful prayer shawl. Bob is feeling much better but needs your continued prayers. We appreciate your thoughtfulness and caring.

-Bob & Angie Burkhardt

The Pairs & Spares Sunday School Class would like to thank our anonymous donor for your donation to our class in memory of our beloved treasurer, Linda Mullins. We all greatly miss her.

MONTHLY REPORT GIVING & MONEY DISBURSED

JANUARY 2020

INCOME	CURRENT PERIOD	YEAR TO DATE	ANNUAL BUDGET	ANNUAL BUDGET PERCENTAGE
Contributions	30,318.77	30,318.77	310,000.00	9.8%
Mother's Day Out	0.00	0.00	25,310.00	0.0%
Other Income	6.50	6.50	1,200.00	0.5%
TOTAL INCOME/ GROSS PROFIT	30,325.27	30,325.27	336,510.00	9.0%
EXPENSES				
Salaries & Benefits	11,305.75	11,305.75	146,903.00	7.7%
Property Maintenance	12,462.96	12,462.96	89,300.00	14.0%
Office Administration	578.38	578.38	9,700.00	6.0%
Nurture and Music	73.00	73.00	3,900.00	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	3,032.53	3,032.53	37,189.00	8.2%
Church Support	0.00	0.00	8,298.00	0.0%
Children's Ministries	0.00	0.00	5,300.00	0.0%
Adult Ministries	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	0.0%
Youth Ministries	0.00	0.00	6,000.00	0.0%
MDO Expenses	0.00	0.00	25,310.00	0.0%
TOTAL EXPENSES	27,527.62	27,527.62	336,500.00	8.2%
NET INCOME	2,797.65	2,797.65	0.00	100%

FINANCIAL & ATTENDANCE REPORTS

	1/17	1/24	1/31	2/7	2/14
General Budget	4,410.00	9,619.00	6,321.50	8,050.00	5,925.55
MDO Memorial Special	360.00	627.00	890.00	1,078.95	0.00
TOTAL	4,770.00	10,246.00	7,211.50	9,128.95	5,925.55
WORSHIP ATTENDANCE	48	39	43	44	61
	LIVE STREAM	LIVE STREAM	LIVE STREAM	LIVE STREAM	LIVE STREAM
		24	26	20	51



Don't Forget to Spring Forward! Daylight Savings Time Begins March 14th.

There will be a Safe Sanctuaries training at 5:00 on March 7th for everyone that works with children or youth.



Special Music

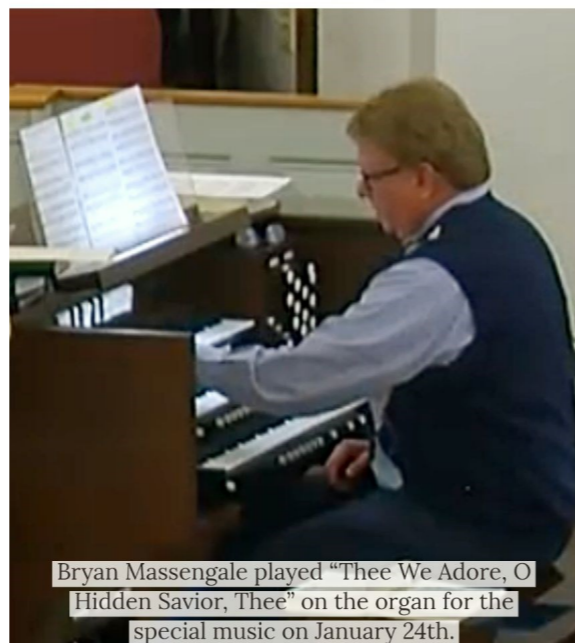
Thank you to everyone who shares their wonderful talents with us for our special music! Please contact Judy Ezell if you are interested in providing special music during a service.



Kay Ray (flute) and Bryan Massengale (piano) played "How Great Thou Art" for the special music on February 7th.



In One Accord provided the special music on January 31st. The group sang two songs: "At the Cross" and "Do You Know My Jesus?" The group is made up of Connie Roberts, Angela Jackson, Caren Ruffner, Richard Stair, and Mike Jackson.



Bryan Massengale played "Thee We Adore, O Hidden Savior, Thee" on the organ for the special music on January 24th.



The King's Trio, made up of Richard Stair, Tom Heimel, and Dale Wyrick, sang two selections for the special music on January 17th: "Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)" and "Gloryroad." Connie Roberts accompanied the trio on the piano.



In One Accord sang "How Can I Keep From Singing?" for the special music on February 14th.

"NO"



12th Annual "No Bake" Bake Sale March 1st-31st

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*Proceeds will support UMW Projects.
Please be as generous as you can so we can help others.*

A No Bake Sale does not involve any baking. Rather the UMW members save the cost, time, and **calories** of a traditional bake sale by simply making a monetary donation. We need & appreciate your support to make the 2021 "No Bake" Bake Sale a success.

Simply give your contribution to Pat Douglas, Susan Maddux, Margo Hinsdale, or Angie Rose OR send it to:

SCUMC
P.O. Box 158
Spring City, TN 37381

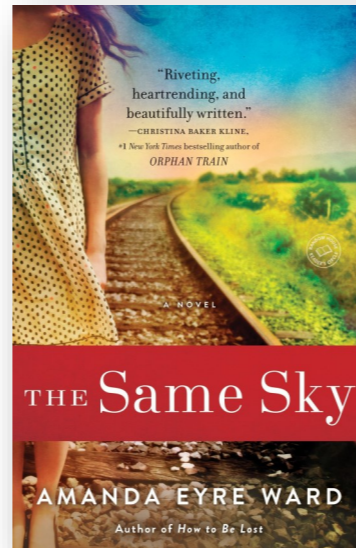
Please Make Checks Payable to: Spring City United Methodist Women

Note: Mark Your Check "No Bake" Bake Sale

Thank you and God bless you!

Come Join The United Methodist Women Book Club

March 16th at 6:30 p.m. in the
Fellowship Hall



From the acclaimed author of *How to Be Lost* and *Close Your Eyes* comes a beautiful and heartrending novel about motherhood, resilience, and faith—a ripped-from-the-headlines story of two families on both sides of the American border.

Holy Week Events

Palm Sunday, March 28, 2021

11:00 a.m.

Worship Service

Sanctuary

Maundy Thursday, April 1, 2021

7:00 p.m.

Maundy Thursday Worship Service

Sanctuary

Saturday April 3, 2021

4:00 p.m.

Easter Egg Hunt (**This is tentative)

Parsonage

Easter Sunday, April 4, 2021

7:00 a.m.

Sunrise Service

Veteran's Park (Bring a chair & blanket if needed)

11:00 a.m.

Worship Service

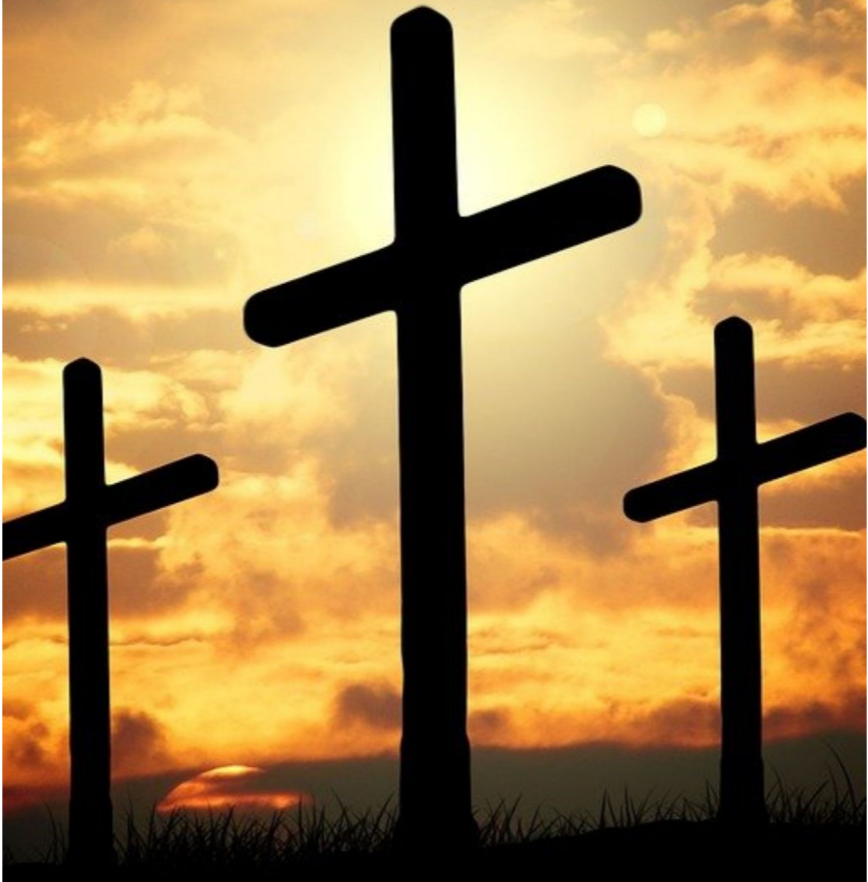
Sanctuary

Save the Date!

Saturday,
April 3rd
4:00 p.m.

Easter Egg
Hunt at the
Parsonage

EASTER
SUNRISE
SERVICE



Sunday, April 4, 2021
7:00 a.m.
Veteran's Park



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

10:00 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship

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