

# THE LAMPLIGHTER

Newsletter of the

**SPRING CITY**

**UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

**DECEMBER 2020**

## RUNNING THE RACE

by Rev. Dave Grant

Traditions. Christmas is full of traditions. Well, for that matter, our entire year is full of traditions. Until 2020. But still, we love our traditions, and the things that remind us of Christmas. Caroling, lights, bells, trees, Christmas plays, gatherings with great food, family and friends, and having company come over. These are things we look forward to, and here we are at a time when we can't sing, can't share food, and can't gather for celebration. It all makes me feel a bit of a "bah humbug" type of guy. I mean, "I'm Dreaming of a White Christmas" and "Sleigh Ride" – I remember sitting on the porch wearing a t-shirt on Christmas more often than seeing snow in the south. And what is a sleigh ride like anyway? I'm thinking maybe if I focus on something different than what I don't have or can't do, maybe the awe and wonder of the Christ coming to us through a young virgin and being born in a stable might have new meaning this year.

New traditions can often be refreshingly good. When Bobbie and I were newly-weds we decided to go to a Christmas tree farm and cut a live tree. So began a tradition of going to Calhoun, Georgia for a tree, then to the Huddle House for a greasy supper (Waffle House wasn't yet at that exit), and then for a candle-light tour of the former

Cherokee capital city of New Echota. I remember the years we lived in a house where the oven was too small for a turkey and we bought a turkey fryer. Then we decided that none of us really like turkey anyway, but we do like shrimp. So began a tradition of a Thanksgiving low-country boil. Then when my mother-in-law moved into a really small apartment and we had to figure out where to stay when we visited Georgia for Christmas. So began a tradition of staying a few days at Fort Yargo State Park in Winder, Georgia over the holidays. Those traditions, although new at the time, have become happy memories that we cherish, even if some lasted only a few years each.

So here we are at a time with no singing of the great songs of Christmas, no dinners and parties or other of our usual things. But we can still remember the gift of Christmas and celebrate in a new way. For worship during Advent, let's have some stories. I plan on using stories to illustrate the gift of Christmas in a new way. Some of those stories I may tell in the sanctuary. Others I may tell around a campfire by video. We will light our Advent candles in a new way. I will have Advent readers video their readings from their preferred setting to be played in worship while an acolyte lights the candles. For Christmas Eve, we will celebrate with a modified Service of Lessons and Carols. We will have fewer lessons and carols than the traditional nine, and it will be solo, small ensemble or instrumental. And we will conclude with celebrating holy communion and having some version of silent night complete with lights. Since passing the flame by candle will not work with social distancing, let's have our cell phone lights ready to shine.

I pray that the newness of our situation will make for a meaningful message of Christmas for you.

Walk with the King and be a blessing!

## REMEMBER IN PRAYER

**Max Douglas**  
**Kay Ray**  
**Betty Barnes**  
**Manuel Christi**

**John Conroy**  
**Pearl Gilliam**  
**Rebecca Knox**

**Jenny Lou**  
**Hallums**  
**Nancy McIlwain**  
**Sandy Morgan**

**Patricia Patton**  
**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 & Linda 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

**Frank & Linda Parker**

(friends of Pastor Dave)

**Leanne Goins**

(friend of Connie Roberts)

**Norman Kincannon**

(Laura Messimer & Lesia Garrison's father)

**Steve Sloan**

(friend of Ken & Ann Hasting)

**Ginny Weir**

(friend of Robin Bolton)

**Sheryl Ashley**

(friend of Nancy Gilliam)

**Phyllis Pierce & Family**

(wife of Rev. Ken Pierce)

**Doris Lisa**

(Joe Lisa's mother)

**Fred (Buster) Locke**

(Marty Gilliam's friend)

**Mary LaFlower**

(Caren Ruffner's sister)

**Alvin Dodson**

(Angela Jackson's uncle)

**Jay Elam & Bill Jones**

(Connie Roberts' friends)

**Terry McClendon**

(Pat Horton's nephew)

**Beth Selewski**

(friend of Rayna & Jerry Henley)

**Karmah Swafford**

(sister of Drake & Maddie Taylor)

**Jerry Levensgood**

(friend of Emmaly Fisher & Tammy Boles)

**Byrley Morgan**

(friend of Nancy Gilliam)

**Kaleigh Moffitt**

(by special request)

**Ray Fugate**

(friend of Tammy Boles)

**Gina Cook**

(friend of Jerrie Patton)

**Dave Heimel**

(Tom Heimel's father)

**Karen Young**

(friend of Susan Maddux & Wendy Thurman)

**Abram Bartley & Eddie Bob Dannel**

(cousins of Connie Roberts)

**Malachi Price**

(friend of Angie Rose)

**Tammie Phillips**

(friend of Rayna & Jerry Henley)

**Mary Frances Goodson**

(friend of Bennie & Susan Arp)

**Lillian Shaffer**

(Kathy Heimel's mother)

**Dominic Ciero**

(grandson of Cindy Hill)

**Kennedy & Lincoln Ladd**

(friends of Peggy Bowman)

**Regina Hartford & Jeff Stephenson**

(friends of Emmaly Fisher)

Happy Birthday!

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|-------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| 1 Judith Barger   | 19 Caren Ruffner    | 29 Penny Rice       |
| 3 Autumn Neal     | 20 Anna Messimer    | 29 Dan Uhler        |
| 4 Hannah Couch    | 20 Carol Price      | 30 Harriet Southers |
| 6 Aaron Heimel    | 21 Andrea Cash      |                     |
| 9 Meri Grant      | 21 Dakota Price     |                     |
| 10 Erin Couch     | 22 Ashley Grant     |                     |
| 10 Chris Hastings | 22 Cynthia Ross     |                     |
| 12 Sam Hanson     | 23 Jim McCarter     |                     |
| 13 Bobbie Grant   | 24 Taylor Thurman   |                     |
| 14 Atlanta Ervin  | 29 Barbara Hardy    |                     |
| 19 Sophie Grant   | 29 Cherie Henderson |                     |



December



## December Ushers

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|------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 12/6                         | 12/13                        | 12/20                         | 12/27                        |
| Margo Hinsdale<br>Walt Morse | Don Hinely<br>Madison Hinely | Lynda Smith<br>Margo Hinsdale | Don Hinely<br>Madison Hinely |



Happy Anniversary!

12/18  
Nash & Constance Garrison

12/22  
Jerry & Shari Norris

12/21  
Christopher & Carolyn Haerr

12/28  
Gary & Mary Drinkard

12/22  
Mike & Angela Jackson

12/31  
Tom & Mary Fricke

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<b>1</b> 6:00 UMW	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent 11:00 Worship Service	<b>7</b> 6:30 TLC	<b>8</b>  Newsletter Deadline	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 7:00 Trustees	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b> 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent 11:00 Worship Service	<b>14</b> 6:30 TLC	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b> 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent 11:00 Worship Service	<b>21</b> 6:30 TLC	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> Church Office Closed  Christmas Eve Service- 5:00	<b>25</b> Church Office Closed  MERRY CHRISTMAS	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b> 11:00 Worship Service  4:00 Church Council	<b>28</b> 6:30 TLC	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>January 1, 2021</b>  Church Office Closed	

Pastor Dave on Vacation

*in  
loving  
memory*

Kevin and Lesia Garrison gave to the *General Budget* in memory of **Randal Gibbs**.

Lynda Smith gave to the *General Budget* in memory of **Randal Gibbs**.

Max and Pat Douglas gave to the *General Budget* in memory of **Justin Elliott**.

Patty Crowder gave to the *Church Memorial Fund* in memory of **Justin Elliott**.

Richard and Liz Stair gave to the *General Budget* in memory of **Randal Gibbs**.

Pat Cook gave to the *General Budget* in memory of **Theresa Lisa**.

Silas and Linda Booker gave to the *General Budget* in memory of **Randal Gibbs, Pat Jackson, and David Sparks**.

**MONTHLY REPORT  
GIVING & MONEY DISBURSED**

**OCTOBER 2020**

INCOME	CURRENT PERIOD	YEAR TO DATE	ANNUAL BUDGET	ANNUAL BUDGET PERCENTAGE
Contributions	21,401.27	222,268.32	363,700.00	61.1%
Mother's Day Out	50.00	11,080.00	25,310.00	43.8%
Other Income	99.51	741.02	1,200.00	61.8%
<b>TOTAL INCOME/ GROSS PROFIT</b>	<b>21,550.78</b>	<b>234,089.34</b>	<b>390,210.00</b>	<b>60.0%</b>
EXPENSES				
Salaries & Benefits	12,620.95	120,380.10	205,929.00	58.5%
Property Maintenance	4,053.77	43,034.12	78,000.00	55.2%
Office Administration	902.84	6,239.91	9,700.00	64.3%
Nurture and Music	69.90	1,718.35	5,000.00	34.4%
Witness	97.50	500.00	1,700.00	29.4%
Outreach - Missions	75.00	952.79	1,900.00	50.1%
Conference/District	3,459.58	27,538.94	42,108.00	65.4%
Church Support	439.00	3,002.36	8,263.00	36.3%
Children's Ministries	0.00	199.48	5,300.00	3.8%
Adult Ministries	-30.00	62.52	1,000.00	6.3%
Youth Ministries	0.00	1,447.81	6,000.00	24.1%
MDO Expenses	0.00	8,953.00	25,310.00	35.4%
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>21,688.54</b>	<b>214,029.38</b>	<b>390,210.00</b>	<b>54.8%</b>
<b>NET INCOME</b>	<b>-137.76</b>	<b>20,059.96</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

**FINANCIAL & ATTENDANCE REPORTS**

	10/18	10/25	11/1	11/8
<b>General Budget</b>	3,497.00	3,509.00	6,165.00	4,635.00
<b>MDO Memorial Special</b>	670.00	899.75	1,507.00	250.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4,167.00</b>	<b>4,408.75</b>	<b>7,672.00</b>	<b>4,885.00</b>
<b>WORSHIP ATTENDANCE</b>	55 22 LIVE STREAM	57 29 LIVE STREAM	61 21 LIVE STREAM	47 33 LIVE STREAM

SCUMC donated **\$3,242** to the Morgan-Scott Project! Thank you everyone for your donations!

*Thank-You!*

I wish to thank this congregation for the many cards and the generous restaurant gift card that you gave me during Pastor Appreciation month. It is a true joy to be serving alongside you, and I look forward to the best that is yet to come as we unlock the future together.

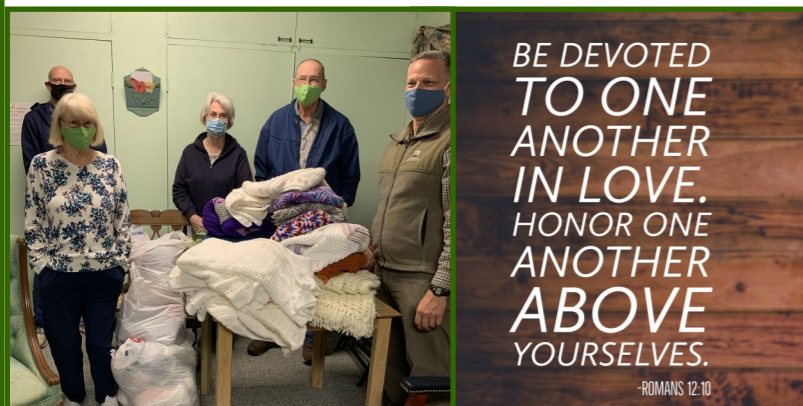
*-Pastor Dave*

Members of the Pairs & Spares Sunday School Class would like to thank the anonymous donor for their generous gift to our class. It will be used only for the glory of God. We appreciate your kindness.

# T.L.C. Prayer Shawls

T.L.C. members, Mary Fricke, Susan Maddux, Carolyn Reid, Tom Fricke, and Joe Lisa are pictured with the group's prayer shawls. Pastor Dave was on hand to pray a blessing over the shawls.

Non-pictured members are: Peggy Bowman, Betty Barnes, Beverly Allison, Rita Uhler, Nancy Herhold, Beth Root, and Janet Lord.



# All Saints Day

During worship on November 1<sup>st</sup>, 13 candles were lit to honor the saints that have gone before us.

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|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Lynne Agee—October 12, 2019       | Jerry Smith—May 23, 2020        |
| Dalton Brothers—November 11, 2019 | Bruce Hinzman—July 21, 2020     |
| Ella Bell—December 10, 2019       | Sharon Baker—August 5, 2020     |
| Marilyn Cooksey—January 17, 2020  | Margaret Crane—August 24, 2020  |
| John Gibson—February 7, 2020      | Jim Baldwin—September 22, 2020  |
| H.B. Rankin—February 9, 2020      | Randal Gibbs—September 23, 2020 |
| Polly Rankin—March 10, 2020       |                                 |



# Sharing Special Music



On October 25th, Angela Jackson played a beautiful piano solo “**O Breath of Life.**”

The ladies of In One Accord sang “**If This Isn't Love**” on November 1<sup>st</sup>. Thank you Caren and Angela for lending your beautiful voices and Connie for your wonderful piano accompaniment.



Bryan Massengale played “**Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying**” for the special music on November 8<sup>th</sup>.

# Thank You

To Everyone at Spring City United Methodist Church,

The volunteers at Our Daily Bread extend heartfelt thoughts to all who contributed to the awesome donation to us to purchase peanut butter. We will be able to purchase **1,342 jars** of peanut butter. Each month we provide **174 bags** of food to **135 families** in need in our community. Thank you for your support.

May God Bless You,  
Our Daily Bread Volunteers

Pastor Dave and Chris Haerr worked hard unloading cases of peanut butter at Our Daily Bread. Thank you to everyone who contributed!



# Baby Boy Miller

A drive-thru baby shower honoring Kaitlyn and Leo Miller was held Sunday October 25<sup>th</sup> outside of the fellowship hall. Thank you Pat Douglas, Dorothy Hastings, and Barbara Rose for hosting. Also, thank you to everyone who showered the couple and baby with love!





Many things have been different this year and that includes our annual Fall Festival. In light of the pandemic, we held Treat Street To Go. A drive-thru was arranged, and our volunteers were able to safely hand out treats. Thank you to Cindy Ross for heading up this awesome event and to everyone who volunteered their time or donated candy. We gave out candy to around **500** trick-or-treaters! SCUMC will always find ways to love on our community!



# Christmas Eve Service

## 5:00

We are truly looking forward to gathering together for our Christmas Eve Service! Please see Pastor Dave's article about what new traditions we will be able to share together. See you then!



**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**

11:00 a.m. Morning Worship

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