

THE LAMPLIGHTER

Newsletter of the

SPRING CITY

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

December 2008

DALE'S DOODLES

¹May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us, *Selah* ²that your way may be known upon earth, your saving power among all nations. ³Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you. ⁴Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth. *Selah* ⁵Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you. ⁶The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, has blessed us. ⁷May God continue to bless us; let all the ends of the earth revere him. *Psalms 67*

Give thanks with a grateful heart. Give thanks to the one above. Heart felt thanksgiving in not for what we have but for how we are blessed in our relationship with God.

Give thanks:

1. For life
2. For love
3. For relationships
4. For friends
5. For the God who blesses us with all things!!!!!!

Shalom
Dale

“Offer Them Christ”

November 30th is going to be a special day in the life of the Church. It is the first Sunday of the Season of Advent. The Season of Advent is a time of preparing for the coming of Jesus Christ and celebrating the His birth on Christmas Day.

⁵Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, ⁶who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, ⁷but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, ⁸he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross.

Philippians 2: 5-8

Philippians reminds us that salvation is a gift that comes from God to all people. Jesus Christ was offered on the Cross at Calvary to redeem the world.

On November 30th every phase of our ministry will be directed by our commitment to “Offer Them Christ” to every person we connect with. *Bishop Swanson says, “We must take the momentum that the Holy Spirit has breathed into us and Offer Christ to new people, diverse people, and young people. We must Offer Christ to the “sandwich generation,” older adults, prisoners, homeless people, immigrants, tattooed kids, single moms, and to the people in our pews who have lost their zeal – until this world is transformed by the power of the Holy Spirit.”*

Let me encourage you to be in our service on November 30th as we faithfully commit ourselves to the call God has putt on our hearts. Let us look forward with God’s vision, let us speak boldly with our lives, and let us live so that in every way **WE** will “Offer Them Christ”

Two suggestions today are:

1. To know Christ is to share Christ. You can not tell someone about Jesus if you have never met Himself. If you want to talk about this please contact the pastor.
2. Begin with prayer each day and make yourself available to the Holy Spirit.

Check out the “Offer Them Christ” section of the newsletter and/or the “Offer Them Christ” blog on our website to find new ways each month to “Offer Them Christ”.

Shalom
Pastor Dale

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

DECEMBER		14	Atlanta Ervin	29	Dan Uhler
2	Jim Baldwin	15	Marilyn Peterson	30	Chris Dodson
	Cynthia Snyder	16	Patricia Garner		Harriet Southers
4	Hannah Couch	19	Caren Ruffner		
	Karen Tallent	20	Ginny Hatcher		
6	Walter Hooper IV		Anna Messimer		
7	Phillip Ray		Carol Price		
9	Lori Dillard	22	Elizabeth Reed		
10	David Beckler	23	Taylor Thurman		
	Erin Couch	28	Jean Eldridge		
	Chris Hastings	29	Cherie Henderson		
11	Sharon Dines		Albert Jenkins		
	Werner Schraner		Taylor Johnson		
12	Sam Hanson		Penny Rice		



ANNIVERSARIES



DECEMBER	
2	Mike & Lori Dillard
4	Don & Nancy Carr
21	Chris & Carolyn Haerr
28	David & Carol Beckler
	Gary & Mary Drinkard
31	Arthur & Shirdella Reed

FAITHFUL WORKERS

12/7 USHERS Fred Mullins Billy Ray Patton, Earl Robbins Ken Rose HOSTS Margaret Scholz Lynda Smith NURSERY Cherie Henderson Morgan Owensby ACOLYTE Will Boles CHILDREN’S CHURCH Susan Maddux YOUTH Lesia Garrison 12/10 No Youth	12/14 USHERS Kevin Rose Jennings Smith Jerry Tate Smith Clyde Thurman HOSTS Pete & Shelby Williams NURSERY Debbie & Carlie Wilson ACOLYTE Erin Couch CHILDREN’S CHURCH Laura Messimer YOUTH Clyde Thurman 12/17 Laura Messimer	12/21 USHERS Pete Williams Eddie Boles Chadley Boles Norm Bowmam HOSTS Maxine Bullock Sharon Cowart NURSERY Laura & Anna Messimer ACOLYTE Hailey Keylon CHILDREN’S CHURCH Angie Rose YOUTH Kelly & Elizabeth 12/24 No Youth	12/28 USHER Loyal Cornelius Max Douglas Eddie Garrison Kevin Garrison HOSTS Mary Drinkard Nina Gibbs NURSERY Angie & Katie Rose ACOLYTE Faith Wright CHILDREN’S CHURCH Lynda Smith YOUTH Barbara Lemons 10/31 No Youth
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December 2008

The Family Life Center is open
Monday—Thursday
8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. for walkers.

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 2:00 Prayer Group @ David & Joyce Eicher’ s home <i>Upward Practice FLC</i> 7:00 Boy Scouts -FH	2 8:30 MDO <i>Upward Practice FLC</i>	3 4:30 Ting-a-Lings 5-6 Confirmation Cl. 6:00- Youth 6:00-Ding-a-Lings 7:00- Choir	4 8:30 MDO 1:30 Circle III <i>Upward Practice FLC</i>	5 <i>Upward Practice FLC</i>	6
7 2nd Sunday of Advent Purple  6:00 Bible Study 6:00 Youth 7:00 Choir in Sanctuary COATS FOR KIDS DEADLINE	8 2:00 Prayer Group @ Eicher’ s home 6:00 Minister’s Christmas Banquet <i>Upward Practice FLC</i> 7:00 Boy Scouts -FH	9 8:30 MDO 7:00 Boy Scout Committee - FH 7:15 Trustees Meeting–Parlor <i>Upward Practice FLC</i>	10 5-6 Confirmation Cl. 6:30 Christmas Dinner -FLC No Youth MORGAN/SCOTT TOYS DEADLINE	11 8:30 MDO 12:00 Deadline for “Let’s Do Lunch” Reservations 6:00 Ding-a-Lings 7:00- Choir 7:30 Circle I <i>Upward Practice FLC</i>	12 KIWANIS FOOD BASKET ASSEMBLY 9 A.M - 9 P.M. - FLC	13 KIWANIS CHRISTMAS FOOD BASKET PICK-UP 7 a.m. - 1 p.m.
14 3rd Sunday of Advent Purple  11:00 CHRISTMAS CANTATA 6:00 Bible Study 6:00 Youth	15 2:00 Prayer Group @ David & Joyce Eicher’ s home 7:00 Boy Scouts -FH <i>Upward Practice FLC</i>	16 8:30 MDO 12:00 LET’S DO LUNCH  6:30 UMW CHRISTMAS DINNER	17 4:30 Ting-a-Lings 5-6 Confirmation Class -FLC Classroom 6:00 Ding-a-Lings 6:00- Youth 7:00- Choir	18 8:30 MDO 1:00 MDO Christmas Program & Birthday Party - FLC 5:00 Community Meal- FLC	19 <i>Upward Practice FLC</i>	20 Upward Practice All Day 
21 4th Sunday of Advent Purple  6:00 No Bible Study 6:00 Youth	22 2:00 Prayer Group @ David & Joyce Eicher’ s home 7:00 Boy Scouts -FH <i>Upward Practice FLC</i>	23 <i>Upward Practice FLC</i>	24  5:00 Candle Light Communion Service OFFICE CLOSED No Youth	25 Christmas Day Office closed	26 	27
28 6:00 Bible Study 6:00 Youth	29 2:00 Prayer Group @ David & Joyce Eicher’ s home 7:00 Boy Scouts -FH	30 8:30 MDO	31 4:30 Ting-a-Lings 6:00-Ding-a-Lings 7:00- Choir NO YOUTH	Sunday Schedule 9:45 a.m. Children’s Choir 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 10:45 a.m. Coffee & Donuts 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship 6:00 p.m. Bible Study 6-8 p.m. Youth Group (UMYF)		

CHRISTMAS OPPORTUNITIES

COATS FOR KIDS IN SPRING CITY

This is a new program for our church this year set up to assure that every child that attends Spring City Elementary School has a winter coat. If you have a gently used coat to fit a child pre-K through 5th grade, please bring it to Dr. Casady's office or place in the box at the side church entrance. Share the warmth this winter with our community children. If you don't have a coat, you may make a donation for the purchase of needed coats. Please mark your checks "Kids Coats" and place in offering plate by December 7 deadline or mail to the church.

POINSETTIAS

Help us decorate the church for our Christmas Cantata. If you wish to place a poinsettia in the church on Christmas Cantata Sunday in honor or memory of a loved one, please call the church office with the information or fill out the inset in the bulletin by December 7. Purchase the poinsettia and have it at the church by December 14. The names will appear in the special bulletin.

CHRISTMAS DINNER

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10 AT 6:30 P.M.

COST IS \$6

RESERVATION DEADLINE IS SUNDAY, NOV. 30

FOR MORE INFORMATION SEE ARTICLE
ON BACKCOVER OF THIS NEWSLETTER.

The Spring City United Methodist Church Chancel Choir

Presents

SEASON of WONDERS

Celebrating the Miracle of Christmas



By
JOSEPH M. MARTIN

Sunday, December 14 , 11:00 a.m.

This Cantata contains traditional and original carols featuring soloists, small groups, and readers.

Directed by Judy Ezell
with Lynn Hinkle, organist

CHRISTMAS OPPORTUNITIES

MORGAN SCOTT TOYS

We are again this year collecting toys for the poorest counties in the state of Tennessee. Most of these children will have nothing for Christmas without help from outside their county. There is a box at the side entrance for toys and gifts for birth through high school age children. The deadline is December 10 at the Christmas Dinner in the Family Life Center.

TOYS FOR CHILDREN OF NORTH RHEA COUNTY

Monetary donations should be taken to First Bank to Starlyn or Virginia. You may take toys to the Senior Center Monday - Thursday 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. or contact Helen Kincannon at 365-6310 or 365-0197.

KIWANIS CHRISTMAS FOOD BASKETS

Again this year we will be helping the Kiwanis provide Food Baskets to many Rhea County families and individuals who are having difficult times. This year with so much economic uncertainty, so many families need a little extra help during the holidays. This is an opportunity to help in a small way improve their lives. Checks may be placed in the offering and marked Kiwanis Baskets.



WELCOME, BABY NORA

Baby Nora joined the Gilliam Family on Tuesday, November 11 weighing 7 lbs. 9 oz. and is 19" long. Both mother Danyelle and baby Nora are doing fine. Marty Gilliam and Starlynn Matthew are the grandparents and Arthur and Pearl Gilliam are Nora's great-grandparents.



THANK YOU FROM THE YOUTH

Thank you to everyone who supported the youth group and bought calendars and honey. Calendars will be delivered in a few weeks. The money raised will be used for Resurrection 2009.

ATTENTION YOUTH:

RESURRECTION MONEY DUE NOW

Please turn in your \$35 as soon as possible. The last date to turn in the money is December 7 if you wish to join us at Resurrection 2009.

YOUTH SCHEDULE CHANGE

There will be no youth meeting on Wednesday, December 10 due to the Christmas Dinner in the Family Life Center. There will still be Confirmation Class from 5-6 p.m. in the classroom of the FLC.



DOUG HANSON

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

Cherokee Brown

(Richard & Eleanor Trail's granddaughter)

Christopher Eicher

(David & Joyce Eicher's son)

Doug Hanson (John & Sam Hanson's son)

Jacob Hubbard (Ron & Fran Hubbard's Grandson)

Ben Johnston (Elizabeth Alexander's grandson)

Amy Kester (Richard Trail's cousin)

Charles Krumweide (Richard & Eleanor Trail's nephew)

John Lewis (MDO teacher Vickie Cheek's "other son")

Aaron D. Mooneyhan (June Pitman's grandson)

William McClenaghan (Richard & Eleanor Trail's son-in-law)

Colby Nelson - (Leon & Nancy Hicks grandson)

Kimberly Bowyer Niehaus (John & Sam Hanson's granddaughter)

Brandon Pride

Bobby Reece (Kathleen Reece's son)

Andrew Reed (Nancy Gilliam's nephew)

Austin Reed (Kelly Reed's son)

Tom Reed (Nancy Gilliam's nephew)

Earl Schaller (George & Phyllis Schaller's grandson)

Chris Stephenson (Ed & Helen Stephenson's grandson)

Thomas R. Taylor (Marilyn Cooksey's daughter-in-law's brother)

Daniel Wermer (Rosalind Booker's grandson)

William Wilkey (Richard & Eleanor Trail's grandson)

Nick Williams (George & Phyllis Schaller's nephew)

CONGRATULATIONS, DINA!

Dina Haerr Hess will be honored at UT's formal graduation ceremonies on December 12th with the hooding ceremony and commencement. She will receive a PHD in Medieval Literature from UT Knoxville.



Many changes are happening in Dina's life. Donald and Dina are in the process of moving to their new home as well as expecting their third child, a little girl, due January 29.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER



Jimmy Galloway - Spring City Health Care

Ray Eldridge - Siskin

Regina Metts - University of Alabama Hospital

Jeannie DeCroce

Bruce Hinzman

Helen Miko

Bill Scholz

Eleanor Trail

Lorene Fourman

Marla Hinzman

Fred Mullins

Dick Trail

Gail Cranfield (Beth Keylon's friend)

Margaret Gould (Norman Bowman's sister)

Bill Hinds

Nevada Jenkins (Dorothy Hasting's mother)

Rosanne Jones (Sandra Bartizal's friend)

The Osborne Family (Terry McBrayer's sister & family)

George Raimor (Marla Hinzman's brother)

Joe Reece (Beth Keylon's uncle)

Austin Nowell - (Sharon & Gray Cowart's nephew)

Grayson Shepard (Janic & George Marcum's grandson)

If you wish to place a loved one or friend on the prayer list, please call the church office. The prayer list will be updated monthly and names removed.

PROJECT JUBILEE FUNDRAISER

Orders for the Project Jubilee Fundraiser Sale should be in by November 18. See the side bulletin board at the church to place your order. They have many individual articles as well as gift baskets.

CHURCH SECRETARY NEEDED

Computer skills a must. Proficient in Microsoft Publisher, Excel, Word, and multi-line phones. Web-page experience preferred. Send resume to Spring City United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 158, Spring City.

CONGRATULATIONS, GWEN
Congratulations to Gwen Sanford on the birth of her first grandchild. Heath Elliott Hileman was born Friday, October 24 weighing 7 lbs. 8 oz. and was 20 1/2 inches long. Heath lives in Lewisburg, Tennessee. Welcome, Heath!

THANK YOU
We wish to thank all of you for your kindness to us and your prayers during the illness and passing of our beloved Norman. The memorials are such a wonderful tribute to Norman and the food brought to the house helped us keep going through a tough time when we couldn’t do for ourselves. Thanks to the Ladies for the lovely lunch and to Pastor Dale for the beautiful service.
Love,
Lorene Fourman & Family

Thank you all for letting me share about my mission trips and for the love offering you took up for me. Please keep me in your prayers.
Your sister-in-Christ
Denise Lavender

My family and I would like to express sincere appreciation for the cards, calls, memorials, and prayers in the death of my brother, Paul Christi. It is nice to have a wonderful church family who is caring at a difficult time like this. Please continue remembering us. God bless each of you.
Manuel Christi & Family

UMW LIBRARY READERS
Please turn in your UMW Library Reading Form to Kathleen Garrison, Resource Secretary, by November 30. Thank you.

THANK YOU FROM HOLSTON HOME
Thank you for caring about the boys and girls at Holston Home and for the recent donation of \$525. Children from every situation imaginable - victims of abuse, neglect, and abandonment - come to Holston Home. Every time you send a gift for the children, you make a life-changing difference.
EDITOR’S NOTE: NOV. 30 IS FIFTH SUNDAY OFFERING FOR HOLSTON HOME FOR CHILDREN.
PLEASE MARK YOUR CHECKS HOLSTON HOME.

MONTHLY REPORT
GIVING & MONEY DISBURSED

October 2008				
INCOME	CURRENT PERIOD	YEAR TO DATE	ANNUAL BUDGET	ANNUAL-BUDGET DIFFERENCE
Contributions	\$22,375.75	\$240,687.66	\$288,731.00	-\$48,043.34
Mother’s Day Out	3,039.00	21,998.25	28,520.00	-6,521.75
Other Income	101.81	1,412.52	1,300.00	-112.52
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 25,516.56	264,098.43	\$318,551.00	-54,452.57
EXPENSES				
Salaries & Benefits	\$11,701.45	\$112,573.94	\$126,654.00	-\$14,080.06
Property Maintenance	4,444.47	57,340.94	69,000.00	-11,659.06
Office Administration	422.61	7,057.04	9,300.00	-2,242.96
NURTURE-Worship	106.75	3,368.81	3,500.00	-133.19
WITNESS- Evangelism	380.48	1,843.18	1,450.00	-393.18
Church & Society	302.05	-50.91	1,100.00	-1,150.91
OUTREACH- Mission	8,095.00	49,217.72	67,997.00	-18,779.28
Church Support	128.82	3,431.15	4,600.00	-1,168.85
Children’s Ministry	95.08	2,444.50	3,350.00	-905.50
Youth & Young Adult	57.87	2,145.49	4,050.00	-1,904.51
MDO Expenses	2,624.20	20,613.53	27,550.00	-6,936.47
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$28,243.04	\$259,983.39	\$318,551.00	-58,567.61
EXCESS INCOME/ EXPENSE	\$-2,726.48	\$4,115.04	\$0.00	\$4,115.04

FINANCIAL & ATTENDANCE REPORTS

	10/26	11/2	11/9
General Budget	\$4,482.25	\$8,264.85	\$5,773.00
MDO	142.00	273.00	2,001.00
Loan Reduction	480.00	1,495.00	900.00
Memorials	25.00	60.00	50.00
Specials	264.00	1,609.18	1136.00
TOTAL	\$5,393.25	\$11,702.03	\$9,860.00
SS Attendance	66	77	67
Worship Attendance	178	201	183

MEMORIALS

- Bill & Patty Crowder gave to Memorial Fund for Paul Christi
- Chris & Carolyn Haerr gave to General Budget for Paul Christi
- Virginia Hale gave to Loan Reduction for Paul Christi
- Kevin & Lesia Garrison gave to Loan Reduction for Norman Fourman
- Loyal Cornelius gave to Loan Reduction for Norman Fourman
- Gerri Cash gave to Loan Reduction for Lucille Witt & Tom Baker
- Mary Alice Weaver gave to Loan Reduction for Norman Fourman
- Margaret Majors gave to Loan Reduction for Norman Fourman
- William & Alice Frasier gave to Loan Reduction for Norman Fourman
- Thomas & Pat Tarver gave to Loan Reduction for Norman Fourman
- Walter & Terry Hooper gave to Memorial Fund for Norman Fourman
- Max & Pat Douglas gave to Loan Reduction for Norman Fourman & Paul Christi
- Gerri Cash gave to Loan Reduction for Paul Christi
- Margaret Miller gave to Loan Reduction for Norman Fourman
- Friends of the Knox County Library gave to Loan Reduction for Norman Fourman
- Dewey & Harriet Southers gave to Loan Reduction for Norman Fourman
- Joyce Drake gave to Loan Reduction for Norman Fourman
- Pete & Shelby Williams gave to Church Memorial for Douglass Johnson
- Bill & Patty Crowder gave to Loan Reduction for Paul Christi
- Edward & Linda Gibbs gave to Loan Reduction for Norman Fourman
- Ray & Glenda Keylon gave to Loan Reduction for Norman Fourman and Tom Baker
- Lorene Fourman gave to Loan Reduction for Paul Christi
- Rickey, Margaret, Amanda, Daniel Smith & Amanda Ruell gave to Loan Reduction for Norman Fourman

HONORARIUM

- Virginia Hale gave to Loan Reduction in honor of Virgie Ferguson’s Birthday

ANNUAL THANKSGIVING DINNER

This year's Thanksgiving Dinner was among the largest, serving approximately 130 dinners. There were home



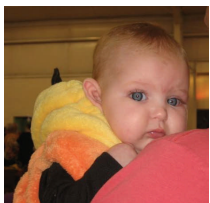
folks and some from out of town. The crowd enjoyed the fellowship and delicious meal prepared by Nancy Gilliam and John



Hanson. Thank you, Nancy & John for all that hard work and a special thank you to our clean up crew.

SUCCESSFUL TRUNK N TREAT

From babies, to kids, to whole families, the place to be on Halloween was church.



Kaleigh Moffett



Erin & Hannah Couch



The
Greg Haerr
Family.

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS

Richard Stair joined our church by transfer of his membership from Arlington Baptist in Knoxville.



Beth Casady and Jesse Miller joined our church by transfer of their membership from Central Baptist in Spring City. Madison Miller joined by profession of faith and was baptized on October 26.

WELCOME TO OUR CHURCH FAMILY!

CHURCH-WIDE CHRISTMAS DINNER

The church-wide annual Christmas dinner will be Wednesday, December 10 in the Family Life Center at 6:30 p.m. Ham and all the fixings will be served at a cost of \$6 per person. Dinner reservation deadline is Sunday, November 30. There will be forms in the bulletin or you may call the church office and leave your name and the number attending. The "Ting-A-Lings" will be performing. If you have not brought your Morgan/Scott toys, you may bring your toy to the dinner. That will be the final day for the toy collection.

CHRISTMAS OPPORTUNITIES

SEE INSIDE NEWSLETTER FOR OTHER CHRISTMAS OPPORTUNITIES. BE SURE TO SPREAD THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT.



November 23 is a very important celebration at our church! It is the final service in our *Take One Step Up* Stewardship Campaign. More important, it is the time of our *Step Up* Celebration when you are invited to step up to the altar with your completed Pledge Card. Please prayerfully and thoughtfully consider your giving commitment for next year. Complete the card and bring or mail to the church. The need for the love of Christ in our church, our community and our world may well be greater now than it has ever been before. A pledge card has been included in your newsletter.



Dale S. Wyrick, Pastor
Beth Keylon, Director of Youth
John Hanson, Director of Children
Judith Barger, Administrative Assistant

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