

THE LAMPLIGHTER

Newsletter of the

SPRING CITY

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

OCTOBER 2013

Dale's Doodles

In our modern high tech age, communication seems to be a high priority. We have so many ways by which we can stay in contact with each other. Landline phones, cell phones, push to talk service, the ability to text, chat, voice mail, email, video mail, Facebook, Twitter, etc. It would seem everyone has the need to be connected with someone else. We use these services often so we will know what is going on in the lives of friends, family and even in our business world. It has come to the point we cannot get away from each other even if we tried. We try so hard to stay in touch.

This should also be true in our relationship with God. I wonder if we had the ability to text God, would we? Or if we could email Him, would we take the time? We do not need technology to stay connected with God. There is a way that will always be available to every one of us - **Prayer!**

The words pray, prayer, and praying are used 300 times in the Old and New Testaments. The Apostle Paul said to "Pray without Ceasing." One of the greatest evangelists of the Church tells us to pray always, so it must be important.

The best thing is, we do not have to do anything special or have a certain gadget.

I know we are a praying church. There are many people who are prayer warriors. We have been blessed to have so many prayers answered. For every need there is prayer and for every prayer there is an answer. If it were not so, the Bible would not have so many references about us staying connected with God!

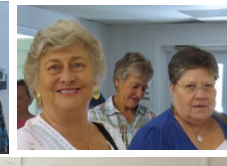
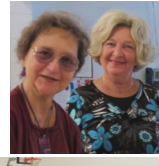
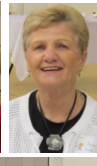
1 THESSALONIANS 5:17 "PRAY WITHOUT CEASING"

Shalom,

Pastor Dale

PUPPETS PERFORM AT LET'S DO LUNCH (LDL)

The Puppet Ministry Team delightfully entertained those present at LDL, Tuesday, September 17, at noon, in the FLC - Gym. Caren Ruffner decorated the tables beautifully with fresh flowers. Patty Crowder led the group with a wonderful devotional and also asked the blessing on the meal. The menu was chicken salad on croissants, baked beans, pasta salad and choice of desserts. The next LDL for ladies 60 and up is Tues., Oct. 15, 2013.



REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Bill Crowder
Duane Ezell
Ray Keylon

Joyce Lavender
Fred Mullins
Aud Ray

Margaret Scholz
Ernestine Simpson
Bill Thurman

Bonnie Bowman (Spring City Care and Rehab, Room 407)
Mary Curtis (Spring City Care and Rehab, Room 411)
Virginia Hale (195 Deer Ridge Dr., A6, Dayton, TN 37321)
Ruth Huskins (Golden Years, 301 Keith Dr., S.C.)
Evelyn Lynch (Spring City Care and Rehab, Room 207)
June Pitman (c/o Terri P. Depp, 2516 Gray Hendrix Road, Knoxville, TN 37931)
Kathleen Reece (Spring City Care and Rehab, #306)
Elsie Robbins (Dayton Life Care Center, #39A)

Tony Wood & Cody Kell (Ginny Hatcher's nephews)
David Lenear (Carolyn Haerr's brother)
Missy Miller (Letty Shock's relative)
Bobby Fugate (Naomi & Don Hinely's nephew)
Robbie & Tonya Kimbrell, Donna Casella and Larry Hahn (friends of Joe & Molly Graham)
Travis McClendon (Larry & Vivian McClendon's son)
Christina Mockbee (Betty Barnes' daughter)

Michelle Nasca (Bob & Sheila Larson's daughter)
Donnie Smith (friend of the Hansons)
Freda Scurlock (Walt & Linda Morse's daughter-in-law's mother)
Mitchell Eustice (Cheryl Souther's friend)
David Douglas (son of Max & Pat)
Niranchandra Roy (Doris Roy's husband)
Melvin Rhodes (Kathy Maggard's friend)
Erin Powers (Gil Litteken's granddaughter)
Rev. Ken Pierce (Pastor Dale's friend)
Sherry Standridge (Barbara Hardy's daughter)
Diane Chappell (Eleanor Trail's niece)
Isabel Giddings (Mike & Linda Phillips' granddaughter)
Jaime Neller (Hansons' granddaughter)
Haleigh Hall (Ed & Linda Gibbs' granddaughter)
Ann Jones (friend of Gray & Sharon Cowart)
Lois Sprague (Marla Hinzman's sister)
John Stafford (friend of Ken & Ann Hasting)

Louise Taber (Donna Hudson's mother)
Anna Pierce (Donna Hudson's aunt)
Julia Fields (Doris Roy's friend)
Dayne Tharrett (Margo Hinsdale's brother)
Michael Cassell & family (Eleanor Trail's friends)
Annette Osborne (Terry McBrayer's sister)
Montana Running Horse (DeCrocce's friend)
Valerie Nixon Allen (Lou Ellen Nixon's daughter)
Kathy Powell (niece of Carolyn Reid)
Cheryl Witt (Jeannette Long's friend)
Phillip Gilmore (Gary & Tia's son)
Alcibee Tharp (Tia Gilmore's mother)
Larry Lee (Judy Litteken's nephew)
Olga Conroy (John & Mary's daughter-in-law)
Mary Orr (relative of Ginny Hatcher)
Sandy Wood (Ginny Hatcher's niece)
Jordan Nelson (Leon & Nancy Hicks' granddaughter)
Billy Arnold (Conroys' son-in-law)
Vivian McClendon (Jeannette Long's friend)
Carolyn Hesselbach (Carl & Kay's daughter)
Catrina Christi (Manuel Christi's daughter)
Christina Jordan (Manuel Christi's daughter)

The Family of Joseph Lanzi
(David Lanzi's father)

The Family of Sam Burdette
(Patsy Martin Burdette's husband)

Please call the church office at (365-6324) the first of every month with an update if you wish a name to remain on the prayer list.

BIRTHDAYS

1	Barbara Lemons	17	Daryl Watson	30	Don McElroy
4	Linda Morse	19	Luke Barnes	31	Preston Cash
6	Marvin DeWitt	21	Jennifer Shaver		Jeanne DeCrose
8	Theresa Lisa	22	Beth Root		Mary Galloway
	Garnet Watters	23	Steven Cox		Arthur Osborne
	Cole Wilson	26	Judy Litteken		Helen Miko
9	Ed Gibbs	27	Tanner Carr		Cindy Sutton
	Ron Hubbard		Althea Moloney		
10	Nancy Hicks	28	Braden Sims		
12	Earl Keahey	29	Earl Alexander		
	Susan Maddux		Loretta Hale		
14	Martin Shaver	30	Tim Agee		
15	Nancy Mcllwain		Dakota Herhold		



Anniversaries

1	David & AnnMarie Lanzi	13	Pete & Marilyn Weiss
2	Arthur & Pearl Gilliam	19	Felix & Emmaly Fisher
5	Millard & Melva Dunlop		Grady & Betsy Henley
8	Bill & Joyce Lavender	20	Gerald & Becky Madaris
	Mark & Ruth Neal	21	Ray & Glenda Keylon
	Rick & Deborah Wilson	24	Max & Pat Douglas
13	Clyde & Wendy Thurman, Jr.		

Faithful Workers

10/6	10/13	10/20	10/27
Ushers	Ushers	Ushers	Ushers
Ronnie Barger Clyde Thurman, Jr. Pete Williams Walt Morse	Eddie Garrison Jerry Henley Jennings Smith Jerry Smith	Marla Hinzman Earl Keahey Ken Rose Kevin Rose	Bob Larson Billy Ray Patton Earl Robbins Chadley Bowman
Hosts	Hosts	Hosts	Hosts
Mary Drinkard Nina Gibbs	Ginny Hatcher Glenda Keylon	Steve Keylon Linda Mullins	Carol Price Kevin & Angie Rose
Nursery	Nursery	Nursery	Nursery
Loretta Hale Lisa Garrison	Angie Couch & Kaitlyn	Debbie Wilson & Carlie	Angie Rose & Katie
Acolyte	Acolyte	Acolyte	Acolyte
Aaron Hunt	Natalie Baker	Hannah Couch	J. T. Baker
Children's Church	Children's Church	Children's Church	Children's Church
Wendy Thurman	Beth Keylon	Angie Couch	Angie Rose
Youth	Youth	Youth	Youth
10/6 Beth Keylon	10/13 Angie Couch	10/20 Penny Rice	10/27 Beth Keylon
10/9 Beth Keylon	10/16 Beth Keylon	10/23 Beth Keylon	10/30 Fall Festival Setup

October 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 8:30 MDO 11:00 SC Women's Club, FLC 6:30 UMW 7:30 Trustees	2 10:00 Disciple 3 6:00 1st Wed. Fellowship Meal 7:30 Chancel Choir	3 8:30 MDO 11:00 Home Prayer Group 6:30 Disciple 1	4 5-7:00 Youth Flea Market Setup	5 8-12:00 Youth Flea Market
6 11:00 Worship Service 5:00 Cantata Rehearsal 6:00 Bible Study 6:00 Youth 8-9 p.m. AA-FH	7 10:00 Prayer Shawl Team 7:00 Scouts	8 8:30 MDO	9 10:00 Disciple 3 6:00 Youth 6:00 Ding-a-Lings 7:00 Chancel Choir	10 <i>Deadline for LDL Reservations</i> 8:30 MDO 6:30 Disciple 1	11	12
13 11:00 Worship Service 5:00 Church Council 5:00 Cantata Rehearsal 6:00 Bible Study 6:00 Youth 8-9 p.m. AA-FH	14 1:00 Clergy Gathering Central UMC, Lenoir City 6:30 Prayer Shawl Team 7:00 Scouts	15 MDO Fall Break 12:00 Let's Do Lunch	16 10:00 Disciple 3 6:00 Youth 6:00 Ding-a-Lings 7:00 Chancel Choir	17 MDO Fall Break 11:00 Home Prayer Group 5:00 Community Meal 6:30 Disciple 1	18	19 Work Day Camp Wesley Woods
20 UMW Sunday 11:00 Worship Service 5:00 Cantata Rehearsal 6:00 Youth 6:00 Bible Study 8-9 p.m. AA-FH	21 10:00 Prayer Shawl Team 7:00 Scouts	22 8:30 MDO	23 10:00 Disciple 3 6:00 Youth 6:00 Ding-a-Lings 7:00 Chancel Choir	24 8:30 MDO 6:30 Disciple 1	25	26
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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
 6:00 p.m. - Youth



HIGH ATTENDANCE FOR CHARGE CONFERENCE 2013

What a great day was Sunday, September 8, 2013. Cleveland District Superintendent Joe Green preached at our worship service, and we were blessed to have his wife, Beth, also. Rev. Green conducted Charge Conference after worship with a record number in attendance. A delicious lunch followed Charge Conference in the FLC - Gym, prepared by John Hanson and helpers, Nancy Gilliam and Shirley Corbin.



Susan Maddux spoke at the worship service about one of the United Methodist Women's (UMW) social action missions - partners with Rhea County Domestic Violence Council. Susan asked the congregation to join with the UMW in supporting this local ministry. The Love Offering that was taken for the Rhea County Center for Domestic Violence was **\$892.00**. The UMW is very grateful for your generosity and just want to say, Thank You! Thank You!



Thanks again John for the great meal.



Theresa Lisa holds a prayer shawl just before it was presented to Travis McClendon, and Pastor Dale stands with Travis just after he received it.



MONTHLY REPORT GIVING & MONEY DISBURSED

AUGUST 2013

INCOME	CURRENT PERIOD	YEAR TO DATE	ANNUAL BUDGET	ANNUAL BUDGET PERCENTAGE
Contributions	26,903.28	202,333.57	345,167.00	58.6%
Mother's Day Out	1,605.00	18,815.00	32,980.00	57.0%
Other Income	16.18	445.51	1,300.00	34.3%
TOTAL INCOME	28,524.46	221,594.08	379,447.00	58.4%
EXPENSES				
Salaries & Benefits	17,406.97	141,100.57	225,941.00	62.5%
Property Maintenance	2,365.07	25,884.56	41,400.00	62.5%
Office Administration	1,258.09	12,056.19	15,100.00	79.8%
Nurture & Music	150.00	3,387.89	4,100.00	82.6%
Witness	278.10	2,116.58	6,600.00	32.1%
Outreach - Missions	2,905.73	27,563.73	40,856.00	67.5%
Church Support	406.13	4,492.61	5,770.00	77.9%
Children's Ministry	56.00	2,211.67	3,300.00	67.0%
Adult Ministries	109.65	358.88	1,300.00	27.6%
Youth Ministry	100.00	962.44	1,450.00	66.4%
MDO Expenses	1,787.14	22,312.46	33,380.00	66.8%
Young Adults (18-35)	0.00	0.00	250.00	0.0%
TOTAL EXPENSES	26,822.88	242,447.58	379,447.00	63.9%
NET INCOME	1,701.58	-20,853.50	0.00	100.0%

FINANCIAL & ATTENDANCE REPORTS

	6/30	7/7	7/14	7/21
General Budget	6,057.50	8,281.00	5,909.00	3,641.50
MDO			360.00	
Memorial	35.00	1,035.00		
Special	1,237.00	934.85	757.00	160.00
TOTAL	7,329.50	10,250.85	7,026.00	3,801.50
SS ATTENDANCE	71	48	70	78
WORSHIP ATTENDANCE	180	146	170	141



In Loving Memory

Fred and Linda Mullins gave to the Community Ministries Fund in memory of Sam Burdette.

Gray and Sharon Cowart gave to the Community Ministries Fund in memory of Joseph Lanzi.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP MEAL

The Prayer Shawl Ministry Team invites you to a covered dish potluck dinner, October 2, at 6 p.m. Drinks only will be provided. This is not a fundraiser, and there is no charge. Bring a favorite dish for your family (and enough to share) and join us for dinner, fellowship, and learn more about this vibrant ministry in our church. I know we'll enjoy savoring everyone's favorites!

Thank You!

Dear Friends in Christ - Thank you for your gift of \$150.00. You are an awesome, giving church that is showing God's love to others. We are blessed to have you as friends and supporters.

In Christ's Service,
Ella Smith, Director
Morgan Scott Project

Once again I want to thank you for the visits in the nursing home while I was recuperating from my illness, the prayers, flowers, cards, CD's and a song or two made my stay there so much more enjoyable. The food and phone calls with offers to cook for us were a blessing. Thank you, Pastor Dale, for being with us the morning I was hospitalized. Your prayers and assurance meant so much to us. For 19 years, you all have been so good to us. Your encouragement and love shown is truly the family of God, Him through you. May God bless each and everyone.

Nancy & Chuck McIlwain

ANNUAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BANQUET



The annual Chamber of Commerce Banquet was held in the FLC, Mon., Sept. 16, at 6:30 p.m.

The Rhea Co. Rescue Squad received the Lucille Maybery Award for their Outstanding Community Service.

Church members featured above are Mayor Billy Ray Patton, Max & Pat Douglas, 2013 Miss Spring City, Kaitlyn Couch, and Ronnie & Judith Barger. Pastor Dale gave the benediction.

FELLOWSHIP HALL KITCHEN RENOVATION

Dorothy Hastings, Barbara Rose, Ken Rose, and Ronnie and Judith Barger are busily working in the Fellowship Hall kitchen, and we greatly appreciate their hard work with the renovation. If you haven't seen what a terrific job they are doing, please go by and take a look at how beautiful the kitchen looks. Thanks to all of you kitchen renovators for your hard work and creativity!



NEW WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY Begins September 17, 2013



The new Beth Moore Women's Bible Study - Esther - "It's Tough Being a Woman" began Tuesday, September 10th at 10 a.m. The group met upstairs in the Celebration Class Room due to the Fellowship Hall kitchen renovation, but classes will resume meeting in the Fellowship Hall as soon as the renovation is complete. Wendy Thurman is the facilitator.



We have added several new members to this ministry. They and over 20 volunteers are ready to help. If you have a fix-it project or an assistance situation, please call one of the coordinators listed below. These wonderful volunteers cannot do it all **BUT** they can do a whole lot. Give them a chance to serve.

Carl Hesselbach 423.365.5416 Sharon Cowart 423.365.2804

Richard DeCroce 585.303.4144 Sandy Gilliam 423.762.5032

The Witness Team



MDO's FIRST DAY

Mother's Day Out (MDO) teachers took a short break after their summer session ended and began their 2013 MDO fall schedule on Tuesday, August 20. Presently, there are 21 children enrolled with 6 staff members. Applications will still be accepted.



DISCIPLE 3 REMEMBER WHO YOU ARE

Disciple 3 is a 32 week Bible study which covers the Old Testament Prophets and the Letters of St. Paul. The class is shown below on their first day of study, Wed., Sept. 4, at 10 a.m. **Walt Morse** leads the study and participants are **Joan Carty, Joyce & Dave Eicher, Shirley Corbin, Sheila Larson, Susan Maddux, & Kathy Maggard.**



ON THE ROAD TO MORGAN/SCOTT



Chuck McIlwain thanks you on behalf of the Witness Team for your tremendous response to the Morgan/Scott Food Drive. Shown above are **Chuck with Judith and Ronnie Barger** as they loaded the donated food in the back of Chuck's truck. **John Hanson** is standing in the lower right corner with Chuck just before they departed for Morgan Scott to deliver over 550 lbs. of food, hygiene, and household items. A check for **\$2,672** was forwarded to Second Harvest for credit for Morgan/Scott's food pantry account. Your generosity is a wonderful witness of our love for Jesus Christ.

SINGING COUCH SISTERS



Hannah, Kaitlyn, and Erin Couch delighted everyone at church, Sunday, August 25, when they sang, "Free." The girls are as pretty as they are talented.

THANK YOU USHERS!



We are very blessed to have such wonderful, friendly ushers welcome and give bulletins to everyone on Sunday mornings and help to locate available seats. Pictured above are some members of the usher team: **Earl Robbins, Pete Williams, Jerry Smith, and Clyde Thurman, Jr.**

Reaffirmation of Baptism Sunday, September 1, 2013



Hannah Couch is shown as **Pastor Dale** reaffirmed her baptism, Sunday, September 1, 2013, with Hannah's Dad, **James Couch**, assisting. The baptism was in Watts Bar Lake behind **Tommy and Loretta Hale's** house. Several church members came out to show their love and support for Hannah and her family.

2013 PROMOTION SUNDAY



Sunday school teachers shown left to right: **Kathy Barnes**, **Sharon Baker**, **Dorothy Hastings**, and **Barbara Rose** presented Bibles and Promotion Certificates to those who promoted, Sunday, September 1: **Chris Hunt** (Dorothy's and Barbara's class); **Aaron Heimel** and **Edale Hunt** (Sharon's class); and **Erin Couch** and **Dakota Herhold** (Kathy Barnes' class). Absent was **Kayla Kile** who also promoted from Dorothy's & Barbara's class.

IN OBSERVANCE OF HOLY COMMUNION



Norman Bowman, **John Hanson**, and **Tim Agee** are shown assisting **Pastor Dale** with the Communion elements as Holy Communion was observed at the morning worship service, Sunday, September 1, 2013.

A MEDLEY OF PRAISE filled the sanctuary, Sunday, September 1, when **Angela Garrison** and **Linda Abel** sang, "I Could Never Outlove the Lord," with piano accompaniment by **Bryan Massengale**. Additional songs in the medley were "Gentle Shepherd," "There's Something about That Name," and "Worthy the Lamb."



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