

THE LAMPLIGHTER

Newsletter of the

SPRING CITY

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

April 2009

DALE'S DOODLES

I am home from the most amazing adventure. I had the opportunity to visit so many wonderful places that previously I had only read about in scripture. Being there makes the stories come alive. It is an experience I will always remember and one that has/will change my life. On this special journey our group visited many places, saw many wonderful things and experienced the wonders of the Holy Land. On my journey, I wanted something to remind me of the places I visited so I picked up stones to bring home with me. I have a stone from Nazareth, Sea of Galilee, Mount of the Beatitudes, Mount Nebo, the Dead Sea, Capernaum, Mount Sinai and some sea shells from the Red Sea. These will remind me of places I have visited and the experiences I had. But they are only things. Living the adventure, experiencing the journey, being there on site is what has really caused the change. It is about having this personal experience.

So it is true about who we are in our relationship with God. We can have all the things such as hymns, scripture, books, lessons,

music, etc but if we do not have the experience of a personal relationship with Jesus Christ all these other things, even though important to us, are meaningless if we have not experienced the power of the resurrected Christ-the Living God.

Soon we will celebrate Easter in our Church. I invite you to come and experience the power of the Resurrection of our Risen Lord. Through this experience, we are/will be changed forever.

Shalom
Pastor Dale

BRIANNA IS BAPTISED



Pastor Dale baptized baby Brianna Catherine Hess on March 15. Brianna is the daughter of Donald and Dina Hess, and the granddaughter of Chris and Carolyn Haerr. She has a big sister, Kailyn, and a big brother, Connor.



FIRST WEDNESDAY DINNER

April 1st (no fooling) is the date to mark on your calendar. Plan to take the day off from the kitchen and let the Youth serve you a delicious meal of spaghetti, salad, bread, drinks and dessert. The dinner will be at 6:30 in the Family Life Center, and there are reservation tear-off forms in your Sunday bulletins on March 22 and 29. There will be a \$6 charge at the door.

THANK YOU

Dear Spring City United Methodist Youth Group, You did it! You helped us provide enough life-saving bed nets to fully cover the four refugee camps in Kenya. Thank you for sending nets—a combined 128,000 of them to save lives and protect refugees from malaria.

—Adrianna Logalbo
Nothing But Nets

THANK YOU

Thank you, UMYF, for your service project for the LDL Ladies. It has been so nice to come in and see the tables and chairs nicely arranged for our monthly meetings. We do appreciate you.

Donna Barber & Althea Moloney
Let's Do Lunch Chairpersons

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

April

4 Shiloh Wright
8 Peggy Bowman
Sandy Gilliam
9 Mary Coulter
Joe Lisa
10 Ed Stephenson
11 Wendy Thurman
13 Gretchen Smith



14 William Baldwin
Kevin Garrison
15 Joyce Drake
Lee Thurman
16 Bill Crowder
25 Robin Bolton
26 Jan Elliott
29 Wanda Smith
30 Pam Watt

ANNIVERSARIES

April



14 David & Nancy Gilliam
15 Arthur & Beverly Allison
21 Gray & Sharon Cowart
Steve & Beth Keyton
22 Steve & Kathy Barnes
Martin & Jennifer Shaver
28 Walter & Terry Hooper
29 Dewey & Harriet Southers

FAITHFUL WORKERS

4/5	4/12	4/19	4/26
USHERS Jerry Henley Leon Hicks Earl Keahey Fred Mullins	USHERS Steve Keylon Billy Ray Patton Earl Robbins Ken Rose	USHERS Kevin Rose Jennings Smith Jerry Tate Smith Clyde Thurman, Jr.	USHERS Chad Bowman Norm Bowman Eddie Boles Pete Williams
HOSTS Steve Keylon Carol Price	HOSTS Bill & Joyce Lavender	HOSTS Fred & Linda Mullins	HOSTS Kevin & Angela Rose
NURSERY Barbara Lemons Allison Neal	NURSERY Laura Owensby Jessie Miller	NURSERY Terry Hooper Peggy Bowman	NURSERY Greg & Amy Haerr
ACOLYTE Faith Wright	ACOLYTE J. T. Baker	ACOLYTE Will Boles	ACOLYTE Erin Couch
CHILDREN'S CHURCH Ashley Snyder	CHILDREN'S CHURCH Wendy Thurman	CHILDREN'S CHURCH Sharon Baker	CHILDREN'S CHURCH Robin Bolton
YOUTH Lesia Garrison	YOUTH No Youth	YOUTH Clyde Thurman	YOUTH Barbara Lemons
4/8 Gay & Sharon Cowart	4/15 Laura Messimer	4/22 Angie Couch	4/29 Scott Henderson

APRIL 2009

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
 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Children's Choir 10:45 a.m. Coffee and Donuts 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship 6:00 p.m. Bible Study			1 4:30 Ting-a-Lings 5:30 Ding-a-Lings 6:30 First Wednesday Dinner-Spaghetti by Youth	2 8:30 MDO 1:30 UMW Afternoon Circle 5:00 District Discipleship Team—Dist. Office	3	4
5 Palm Sunday - Purple 11:00 PALM SUNDAY 2:00—3:30 Easter Festival 6:00 Bible Study 6:00 Youth	6 12:30 Parlor Prayer Grp 2:00 Prayer Group @ Eicher's home 7:00 Boy Scouts—FH	7 8:30 MDO 1:30 Women's Club-Fellowship Hall 4:00-5:30 Girl Scouts	8 4:30 Ting-a-Lings 6:00 Ding-a-Lings 6:00 Youth 7:00 Choir	9 8:00-2:00 MDO 12:00 MDO Hop-A-Thon and Egg Hunt 7:00 Maundy THURSDAY COMMUNION SVC	10 	11
12 Easter Sunday White 11:00 WORSHIP SVC  No Evening Services	13 Ministers' Meeting Mt. Carmel-Decatur 12:30 Parlor Prayer Grp 2:00 Prayer Group @ Eicher's home 6:30 UMW—FLC 7:00 UMW Meeting 7:00 Boy Scouts—FH	14 8:30 MDO 4:00-5:30 Girl Scouts 7:00 Finance Committee—FH 7:30 Trustees—FH	15 4:30 Ting-a-Lings 6:00 Ding-a-Lings 6:00 Youth 7:00 Choir	16 8:30 MDO 12:00 Reservations Due for Let's Do Lunch 5:00 Community Meal FLC	17	18
19 2nd Sunday of Easter—White 11:00 WORSHIP SVC 12:00 Mexico Mission Last day for offerings 5:30 Church Council 6:00 Bible Study 6:00 Youth	20 12:30 Parlor Prayer Grp 2:00 Prayer Group @ Eicher's home 7:00 Boy Scouts—FH	21  12:00 Let's Do Lunch 4:00-5:30 Girl Scouts	22 4:30 Ting-a-Lings 6:00 Ding-a-Lings 6:00 Youth 7:00 Choir	23 8:30 MDO	24 3:00-11:00 Grandview Twirls/Franks BBQ	25
26 3rd Sunday of Easter—White 11:00 WORSHIP SVC 6:00 Bible Study 6:00 Youth	27 12:30 Parlor Prayer Grp 2:00 Prayer Group @Eicher's home 7:00 Boy Scouts—FH	28 8:30 MDO 4:00-5:30 Girl Scouts	29 MEXICO MEDICAL MISSION TRIP—RETURN MAY 4	30 8:30 MDO FLC Reserved for UMW		

HOLY LAND SLIDE PRESENTATION



The Holy Land slide presentation on March 18 drew an enthusiastic full house.



Pastor Dale exhibited a collection of rocks, sea shells, olive wood creations and books and photos from his trip.



Members and visitors enjoyed the dessert buffet.

PRESENTATION OF CHALICE



On Communion Sunday, March 1, Pastor Dale presented the church with a beautiful, hand-carved olive wood chalice and bread bowl. He brought these back from Bethlehem as a token of his great appreciation, and out of the love he feels, for the church's support of his pilgrimage to the Holy Land.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



Steve and Tonia Arpke and John "Jason" Lively joined our church family on March 15. Welcome Steve, Tonia & Jason.



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

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MARCH "LET'S DO LUNCH"

The "Let's Do Lunch" Ladies were thrilled by the wonderful program presented by Angela Nelson and Eldeena Perry. Angela's rendition of "Danny Boy" brought tears to everyone's eyes and received a standing ovation.



The LDL ladies were all decked out with smiles and there was green everywhere you looked. They dined on corned beef and cabbage and to top it off they were served a delicious cake and green sherbert.

MARK YOU CALENDER FOR APRIL 21 FOR THE NEXT LUNCHEON.



Jeannette Long joined the ladies for this meeting when they needed a last minute replacement to help serve. Thank you, Jeannette.



PRAISES !!

Jim Weaver was on our prayer list last month. Jim is Liz Alexander's son and had trouble with his shoulder for years. He was taking shots several times a year to cope with the pain. He had rotator cuff surgery and your prayers that surrounded him and his surgeons during the procedure were greatly appreciated. The surgery went well and he is relatively pain free. He drove himself to the doctor to have the staples out and the doctors were amazed at how well he had done. Jim and Liz both want to thank everyone for their prayers and want you to know that your prayers really do make a difference!

NEW BABY BOY

Kevin and Kayla Varner Rhymer are the proud parents of the bouncing baby boy. Ethan James Rhymer was born January 12, 2009 at 6:02 p.m. in Crossville, Tennessee. He weighed in at eight pounds, six ounces and measured twenty inches. Welcome little Ethan, and congratulations to Kayla and Kevin! Great grand parents are L.C. Varner and Hazel Strantz.

THANK YOU

Thank you for your generous gift of \$500 to the Morgan-Scott Project. We are blessed to have wonderful caring people like Spring City UMC support to support our mission. Your gift will be used to help pay utility bills. With so many people out of work and the cost of electricity going up, we have been overwhelmed by the number of people needing help. Your gift will be a great help. Thank you so much.
—In God's Service

Ella Smith

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY



AMY KESTER

Samuel Booker (Rosalind Booker's grandson)
Christopher Eicher (David & Joyce Eicher's son)
Ian Haddock (The Klein's friend)
Doug Hanson (John & Sam Hanson's son)
Matthew Harris (Tina Fox'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)
Colby Nelson - (Leon & Nancy Hicks grandson)
Kimberly Bowyer Niehaus (John & Sam Hanson's granddaughter)
Bobby Reece (Kathleen Reece's son)
Andrew Reed (Nancy Gilliam's nephew)
Tom Reed (Nancy Gilliam's nephew)
Austin Reed (Kelly Reed's son)
Joshua Russell (Helen Miko'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)
Robert Ware (Robert & Kay Ware's son)
Larry Ware (Robert & Kay Ware's son)

EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM (ERT) TRAINING

An ERT Training Class is scheduled for May 2, 2009 from 10:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m. at Keith Memorial UMC, 600 West Madison Avenue in Athens, Tennessee. Lunch is included. Contact Jim Hayes by email jrhayes46@bellsouth.net or by phone, 865-494-7502 to register for the class.

MEXICO MEDICAL MISSION SILENT AUCTION



This is the beautiful Tennessee Vols quilt on the auction block at "Breakfast for Lunch" on March 22 after morning worship. The proceeds from the silent auction go to the Mexico Medical Mission.

OUR FUN VALENTINES



MOTHER'S DAY OUT—Beaming smiles greeted us as we looked in on the children enjoying a Valentine's Party in February.