

THE LAMPLIGHTER

Newsletter of the

SPRING CITY

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

January 2021

RUNNING THE RACE

by Rev. Dave Grant

I dare say 2021 has been the most anticipated new year of our lives, maybe even more so than 2000. We look forward to the distribution of two new vaccines that were developed at record speed. We look forward to new opportunities and a sense of normalcy in the near future. In this month when we usually set new year resolutions, this year we would be happy to call a do-over and pick up where we left off a year ago. But we must remember that it's been nine and a half months since our lives were disrupted and will be a year or longer by the time we all feel safe again. Things have changed.

I am reminded of the 70 years of exile the Jewish people spent in Babylon. Maybe 2020 has seemed like 70 years to you. During those 70 years in Babylon new systems were begun. They could no longer worship in the temple because the temple had been destroyed, so gathering in the synagogue became the new norm. It was one of the new norms that the people carried back to the land of Israel with them.

We have developed new norms ourselves. Zoom meetings will still play a role. School technology has evolved. Blowing out candles on a birthday cake, just seems gross anymore. It is time for us to begin unlocking our future as a local church. In these months of winter and early spring as we start to turn the key and see what is behind the door we have encountered,

we need to really re-think who we are as the people of God, how we fulfill the commission to make disciples in 2021 and beyond, and determine what ministries we need to celebrate as having served their purpose and what ministries we need to begin in order to meet the needs of a hurting world that needs the healing grace of Jesus.

Children and youth in our community need a safe place where they feel loved and valued and where they can meet Jesus and grow in grace. The *hopelessness* I see in younger generations is a burden to me. We need a high bar of discipleship that includes loving, learning, leading, and serving. We need to engage *young adults* and families in ways that are meaningful and that recognize their current station in life. We need to express the language of the Gospel in *fresh ways*, maybe even in *new places*. We need to tell the story and tell it well and by all means win some for Christ.

As we unlock our future in 2021, I am reminded of unlocking the adventure of an Air B&B we rented in Durango, Colorado. We had rented a cabin on the Akinas River and arrived to unlock a farm gate before driving a dirt road to the house. Then we unlocked the door to the house and went in to explore our setting. It was a three-story house with a view, grills on the deck, fire pits in the yard, and ample play space in a mountain river. The more we discovered the more excited we became. Until the middle of the night when the house filled with smoke from the surrounding forest fires. We found there was something that needed to go (smoke) but overall, we had a wonderful time in the San Juan Mountains. I think 2021 will bring us to some things we need to let go of, but will present us with unexpected opportunities that bring us joy and enable us to share Jesus with those who need Jesus the most and those who think they need Jesus the least. I hope you will join me on this adventure.

WALK WITH THE KING AND BE A BLESSING!

Dave

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

James Weaver
Lynn Haynes
John Powell
Patty Crowder

Max Douglas
Kay Ray
Betty Barnes
Manuel Christi

John Conroy
Pearl Gilliam
Jenny Lou Hallums
Rebecca Knox

Nancy McIlwain
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 & 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

Jim Webb

(brother of Barbara Rose)

Pauline Brown

(mother of Connie Roberts)

Steve Orender

Luke Bolton

(grandson of Jim & Wanda McCarter)

Stacie Russell

(friend of Nancy Herhold)

Paul Cheechuck

(friend of Marty Gilliam)

Jerry Levensgood

(friend of Tammy Boles)

Frank & Linda Parker

(friends of Pastor Dave)

Leanne Goins

(friend of Connie Roberts)

Steve Sloan

(friend of Ken & Ann Hasting)

Zach Lloyd

(friend of Pastor Dave)

Ginny Weir

(friend of Robin Bolton)

Sheryl Ashley

(friend of Nancy Gilliam)

Mary LaFlower

(sister of Caren Ruffner)

Alvin Dodson

(uncle of Angela Jackson)

Jay Elam & Bill Jones

(friends of Connie Roberts)

Terry McClendon

(nephew of Pat Horton)

Beth Selewski

(friend of Rayna & Jerry Henley)

Karmah Swafford

(sister of Drake & Maddie Taylor)

Regina Hartford & Jeff Stephenson

(friends of Emmaly Fisher)

Byrley Morgan

(friend of Nancy Gilliam)

Kaleigh Moffitt

(by special request)

Gina Cook

(friend of Jerrie Patton)

Dave Heimel

(father of Tom Heimel)

Dominic Ciero

(grandson of Cindy Hill)

Happy Birthday!

1 Jerry Steven Smith
7 Norman Bowman
7 Amy Haerr
9 Jerry Norris
10 Clyde Thurman, Jr.
11 Judy Johnson
12 Nancy Herhold
12 Gina Winterberger
13 Alexis Neal
16 Hailey Elizabeth Keylon
17 Rachel Heimel
17 Donna Hudson
17 James Weaver
18 Linda Gibbs
19 Grady Henley
21 Linda Mullins

23 John Powell
26 Trish Cole
27 Dina Hess
27 Walter Hooper
27 Wanda McCarter
28 Betty Barnes
28 Drake Taylor
29 Jenny Chattin
30 Patty Crowder
30 Ian Gilliam
30 Fred Sprouse



January Ushers

1/3	1/10	1/17	1/24	1/31
Walt Morse Lynda Smith	Bennie Arp Mary Drinkard	Margo Hinsdale Lynda Smith	Don Hinely Madison Hinely	Walt Morse Margo Hinsdale



Happy Anniversary!

1/23
Gene & Dorothy Hastings

1/28
Arthur & Linda Osborne

January

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Church Office Closed <i>Happy New Year 2021</i>	2
3 Epiphany Sunday 11:00 Worship Service	4 6:30 TLC	5 UMW 6:00	6	7	8	9
10 11:00 Worship Service	11 6:30 TLC	12	13	14	15	16
17 11:00 Worship Service	18 Church Office Closed Martin Luther King, Jr. Day 6:30 TLC	19 Newsletter Deadline UMW Book Club Zoom Meeting	20	21	22	23
24 11:00 Worship Service	25 6:30 TLC	26	27	28	29	30
31 11:00 Worship Service						

Memorials & Honorariums

Max and Pat Douglas gave to the *General Budget* in memory of **Gary Drinkard**.

Diane Yonke gave to the *General Budget* in memory of **Gary Drinkard**.

Chris and Carolyn Haerr gave to the *General Budget* in memory of **Gary Drinkard**.

Mary and Ralph Brockett gave to the *General Budget* in memory of **Randall Gibbs**.

Peg Caudill gave to the *General Budget* in memory of **Gary Drinkard**.

Kathy Greene gave to the *General Budget* in memory of **Gary Drinkard**.

James and Wanda McCarter gave to the *General Budget* in memory of **Gary Drinkard**.

Patty Crowder gave to the *Christmas Children's Fund* in memory of **Gary Drinkard**.

Joe Lisa gave to the *General Budget* in memory of **Gary Drinkard** and **Norman Kincannon**.

Johnny Lou and Barbara Berg gave to the *General Budget* in memory of **Gary Drinkard**.

Joe Lisa gave to the *General Budget* in memory of **David Watt**.

Walter and Terry Hooper gave to the *General Budget* in memory of **Sharon Baker** and **Gary Drinkard**.

Mr. and Mrs. David Woods gave to the *General Budget* in memory of **James and Mae Grasham, J.S. Grasham, Sara Mee, and Ben Tidwell**.

Joe Lisa gave to the *Prayer Shawl Ministries* in honor of the **Prayer Shawl Group**.

MONTHLY REPORT GIVING & MONEY DISBURSED

NOVEMBER 2020

INCOME	CURRENT PERIOD	YEAR TO DATE	ANNUAL BUDGET	ANNUAL BUDGET PERCENTAGE
Contributions	28,358.00	250,626.32	363,700.00	68.9%
Mother's Day Out	0.00	11,080.00	25,310.00	43.8%
Other Income	9.62	750.64	1,200.00	62.6%
TOTAL INCOME/ GROSS PROFIT	28,367.62	262,456.96	390,210.00	67.3%
EXPENSES				
Salaries & Benefits	12,296.23	132,676.33	205,929.00	64.4%
Property Maintenance	1,060.31	44,094.43	78,000.00	56.5%
Office Administration	1,341.45	7,581.36	9,700.00	78.2%
Nurture and Music	456.13	2,174.48	5,000.00	43.5%
Witness	0.00	500.00	1,700.00	29.4%
Outreach - Missions	75.00	1,027.79	1,900.00	54.1%
Conference/District	2,836.76	30,375.70	42,108.00	72.1%
Church Support	181.83	3,184.19	8,263.00	38.5%
Children's Ministries	23.98	223.46	5,300.00	4.2%
Adult Ministries	0.00	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%
TOTAL EXPENSES	18,271.69	232,301.07	390,210.00	59.5%
NET INCOME	10,095.93	30,155.89	0.00	100.0%

FINANCIAL & ATTENDANCE REPORTS

	11/15	11/22	11/29	12/6
General Budget	4,565.00	9,257.00	3,086.00	10,435.85
MDO Memorial Special	25.00	1,700.00	452.00	2,377.25
TOTAL	4,590.00	10,957.00	3,538.00	12,813.10
WORSHIP ATTENDANCE	43	48	45	46
	64	51	27	69
	LIVE STREAM	LIVE STREAM	LIVE STREAM	LIVE STREAM



"Here's to a bright New Year and a fond farewell to the old; here's to the things that are yet to come and to the memories that we hold."
-Copied

Wishing you a happy and healthy New Year!



2020 United Methodist Woman of the Year

Janice Laughery

Janice is a faithful member in attendance and support of our UMW projects. She donates coats, candy at Halloween, items for Morgan-Scott, toys for Mexico Medical Mission, and bras for Free the Girls. She visits the nursing home when able and takes meals to families. Janice loves working the annual Flea Market; she always prices and packages our jewelry. Most of all, Janice is very loving and a friend to all. We love you, Janice, and are honored for you to be our UMW Woman of the Year.

Advent Readings

The Heibel Family provided the reading on November 29th, the first Sunday of Advent, as the Hope candle was lit. Thank you Tom, Kathy, Joey, Josh, Aaron, and Rachel!

The Bowman Family provided the reading on December 6th, the second Sunday of Advent, as the Faith candle was lit. Thank you Norman, Peggy, Greer, and Brynn!

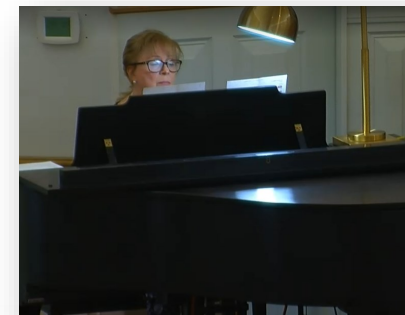


Emmaly Fisher provided the reading on December 13th, the third Sunday of Advent, as the Joy candle was lit. Thank you Emmaly and tech operator Felix!

The family of Cindy Ross provided the reading on December 20th, the fourth Sunday of Advent, as the Peace candle was lit. Thank you Cindy, John, Audrey Ellen, Beth, Ken, Benjamin, and Carmen!

Special Music

Connie Roberts provided the special music on November 15th. She sang and played "I'm Gonna Make it Thru" beautifully.



Angela Jackson and Bryan Massengale played "Be Thou My Vision" with "He Leadeth Me" on November 22. With Angela on the piano and Bryan on the bassoon, the music will always be wonderful.

In One Accord sang "Hold On" for the special music on November 29th. Members are Connie Roberts, Angela Jackson, Richard Stair, and Mike Jackson.



Bryan Massengale's organ solo "Infant Holy, Infant Lowly" was the special music for December 6th. Bryan always does such a wonderful job!



100 Christmas baskets were delivered to the Morgan-Scott Project for teens in need in Morgan and Scott counties. Thank you to the United Methodist Women for ministering to these teens each year, and thank you, Angie Rose, for wrapping the baskets so beautifully.



Pictured with Crystal Tompkins, the director of the Morgan-Scott Project, after delivering the Christmas baskets is Pastor Dave, Dan Uhler, Pat Douglas, Margo Hinsdale, and Barbara Rose. Not pictured is Max Douglas.

Medical Mission to Mexico Update

As some of you may know, we have not had a team visit Mexico since October of 2019. Both the spring and fall trips for 2020 have been cancelled, and the spring trip for 2021 has been cancelled as well. It is our hope that we will be able to travel once again to the villages in the fall of 2021. While we Americans expect to be vaccinated by then, we aren't sure if our friends in Mexico will be vaccinated, and we want to ensure their health and well being.

I say all of this to bring you up to date on what we have been doing. Here, in the United States, we have experienced some shortages on various goods. For our friends in the villages, the scarcity of groceries has been a tremendous problem. Over the past several months, we have been raising money to help with this situation. We have been sending funds directly to the pastors via Western Union. We would very much like to continue these monthly donations through the winter months, but funds are running low.

Please, consider making a gift towards this project. Any and all gifts are very much appreciated! There are two ways that you can send money. You can give online through Washington Pike UMC: www.washingtonpikeumc.org. Once you are at this website, click the menu on the top left, and go to 'give.' From there you can give your gift and designate it for Mexico Missions.

Or, you may mail a check payable to Washington Pike UMC in c/o Angela Bowker, 7121 Fieldstone Farm Lane, Knoxville, TN 37921. Be sure to write Mexico Missions in the memo.

Thank you for your support in the past of the Medical Mission to Mexico. Let's rally together and do what we can under the circumstances to help our friends in the villages.

Blessings,

Ramón Torres
Senior Pastor, Wesley Memorial, Cleveland,, TN.



Dear members of SCUMC,

From the bottom of my heart, I thank you for the generous gift you gave me for my retirement. I am overwhelmed by your kindness! Please know that I will always be grateful. Thank you for blessing me with your love and best wishes.

Much love to you always,

Sharon Brown

Coats for Kids



Dr. Beth Casady and Pastor Dave presented Spring City Elementary with **77** coats in late November. They are pictured with Principal and SCUMC member Tammy Boles and Vice Principal Jerry Cook. Additionally, **17** coats were presented to Spring City Middle School.



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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
9:00 a.m. The Spring
10:00 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship
6:00 p.m. 5th Sunday Sing