THE LAMPLIGHTER

Newsletter of the
SPRING CITY
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

December 2021

RUNNING THE RACE

by Rev. Dave Grant

I write this on the porch of the dental office since the waiting room is not yet open. It is a beautiful fall day, but it will be dark in 2 hours, and I know the rain and the cold will be entering in. The rainy cold dark reminds me of the dark times we've been travelling through, but it's time to wake up, walk out, and move on.

This position we are in reminds me of Christmas. At Christmas, God broke through the silence with the Word, God broke through the darkness with light. God broke through the impossible with a miracle, and God broke through chaos with peace. God broke open the portals of heaven and brought heaven to earth in Jesus. During this Advent season I will be preaching a series based on inspiration from a devotional book, God Broke Through at Christmas, written by our bishop, Bishop Debra Wallace-Padgett.

God still wants to break through the darkness of this world in our day. Just as God broke through to a new thing at Christmas, God wants to break through to new possibilities in Spring City right now. Some new things include:

- Our new bishop – keep her lifted up in prayer
- New possibilities in worship with our contemporary worship at 8:45. Who do you know that will connect with this style of worship?
- New disciples – they are all around us
- New discipleship opportunities abound
  - -Youth
  - -Bible Study
  - -New classes
  - -New outreach opportunities with Clean Up Spring City and Rock House Ministries, and others. We will experience new things as General Conference meets next year

This year needs to be a year of intensive prayer and high bar discipleship. I want to encourage every member to fulfill membership vows of upholding the church with your prayers, presence, gifts, services, and witness. We call for every member to be engaging in ministry. If you are not engaging in ministry yet, now is the time to begin and put your gifts to work.

We want to become a faith community where people are our heart and Jesus is our message, where we desire the Good News of Jesus to permeate and animate all other commitments."

Remember in Prayer

Harriet Southers
Shari Norris
James Weaver
John Powell
Manuel Christi
Sandy Morgan
Carol Price
Liz Stair

Eddie Garrison Golden Years, 301 Keith Dr. Spring City
Barbara Hardy The Courtyard, Apt. 258A, 195 Deer Ridge Dr.,Dayton,37321
Kathleen Reece Spring City Care & Rehab, #306, 331 Hinch St.
Imogene Robbins Golden Years, 301 Keith Dr., Spring City

Annie Bolton
(granddaughter of Jim & Wanda McCarter)
Melissa Perkins
(niece of Bill & Caren Ruffner)
Susan Ruffner
(niece of Bill & Caren Ruffner)
Patricia Patton
Carla Blair
(friend of Mike Jackson)
Robert Drinkard
(son of Mary Drinkard)
Beverly Wilkey Louallen
(friend of Connie Roberts)
Clyde Thurman, Sr.
(father of Clyde Thurman, Jr.)
Rick McGrath
(son-in-law of John Powell)
Kyrsten Coleman
(friend of Walt & Linda Morse)
Dean Hunsberger
(brother of Linda Booker)
Joyce Hamill
(friend of Jerrie Patton)
Amy Scurlock
(granddaughter of Walt & Linda Morse)
Jan Pitts
(friend of Peggy Bowman)
Mary Hardy
(sister-in-law of Peg Caudill)
Kristen Wagner
(friend of Connie Roberts)
Judy VanWinkle
(friend of Walt & Linda Morse)
Alex Cohen
(brother of Rita Uhler)
Dave Heimel
(father of Tom Heimel)

The Family of Susan Crowder Peeples
(step-daughter of Patty Crowder)

The Family of Ronnie Morgan
(friend of Peggy Bowman)

The Family of Linda Jean Shaffer
(sister-in-law of Kathy & Tom Heimel)

Happy Birthday!

1 Judith Barger
3 Autumn Neal
4 Hannah Couch
6 Aaron Heimel
9 Meri Grant
10 Erin Couch
10 Chris Hastings
12 Sam Hanson
13 Bobbie Grant
13 Austin Murphy
13 Brody Murphy
14 Atlanta Ervin
19 Sophie Grant
19 Caren Ruffner
20 Anna Messimer
20 Carol Price
21 Andrea Cash
22 Ashley Grant
23 Jim McCarter
23 Daniel Wyrick
24 Taylor Thurman
27 Huck Miller
28 Knox Garrison
29 Barbara Hardy
29 Cherie Henderson
29 Penny Rice
29 Dan Uhler
30 Harriet Southers



Faithful Workers

12/5	12/12	12/19	12/26
Acolyte	**Acolyte**	**Acolyte**	**Acolyte**
Meri Grant	Ashley Grant	Meri Grant	Ashley Grant
Ushers	**Ushers**	**Ushers**	**Ushers**
Lynda Smith	Don Hinely	Lynda Smith	Bennie Arp
Margo Hinsdale	Madison Hinely	Margo Hinsdale	Walt Morse

Happy Anniversary!

12/18
Nash & Constance Garrison

12/21
Chris & Carolyn Haerr

12/22
Mike & Angela Jackson

12/22
Jerry & Shari Norris

12/31
Tom & Mary Fricke

December

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 6:00 Choir Practice	**2** 8:30 MDO 6:00 Girl Scouts-FH 6:00 Charge Conference-Keith Memorial UMC	**3**	**4** Clean Up Spring City
5 **2nd Sunday of Advent** 8:45 Contemporary Service 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Traditional Service 12:00 Church Council Mtg. 5:00 Youth 8:00 AA-FH	**6** 10:00 TLC *FLC Reserved*	**7** 8:30 MDO 5:30 UMW *FLC Reserved*	**8** 6:00 Choir Practice	**9** 8:30 MDO 7:00 Trustees	**10**	**11**
12 **3rd Sunday of Advent** 8:45 Contemporary Service 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Service 5:00 Youth 8:00 AA-FH	**13** 10:00 TLC	**14** 8:30 MDO	**15** 6:00 Choir Practice	**16** 8:30 MDO 6:00 Girl Scouts-FH	**17**	**18** Clean Up Spring City
19 **4th Sunday of Advent** 8:45 Contemporary Service 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Service 5:00 Youth 8:00 AA-FH	**20** 10:00 TLC	**21**	**22** 6:00 Choir Practice	**23** **Church Office Closed**	**24** **Church Office Closed** **5:00 Christmas Eve Service**	**25** MERRY CHRISTMAS
26 **1st Sunday after Christmas** 8:45 Contemporary Service 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Service 5:00 Youth 8:00 AA-FH	**27** **Church Office Closed** 10:00 TLC	**28**	**29** 6:00 Choir Practice	**30** 6:00 Girl Scouts-FH	**31**	**January 1, 2022** **Church Office Closed**

In Loving Memory...

Robert & Angela Burkhardt gave to the *General Budget* in memory of **Kay Hesselbach**.

Patricia Cook gave to the *General Budget* in memory of **Kay Hesselbach**.

Ralph & Beth Root gave to the *General Budget* in memory of **Kay Hesselbach**.

Sharon Brown gave to the *Trustees' Renovation Fund* in memory of **Nancy McIlwain** and **Kay Hesselbach**.

Sharon Brown gave to the *Youth Fund* in memory of **Jay Grant**.

Joyce Probst Harrison gave to the *Sanctuary Music Fund* in memory of **Kay Hesselbach**.

Max & Pat Douglas gave to the *General Budget* in memory of **Linda Jean Shaffer**.

Silas & Linda Booker gave to the *Morgan Scott Project* in memory of **John Moorshead**.

Silas & Linda Booker gave to the *United Methodist Women* in memory of **Kay Hesselbach** and **Nancy McIlwain**.

Margo Hinsdale gave to the *Morgan Scott Project* in memory of **Kay Hesselbach**.

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

Charles & Karen Murray gave to the *General Budget* in memory of **Kay Hesselbach**.

Max & Pat Douglas gave to *The Care Center* in memory of **Susan Peeples**.

Alex & Andrea Solomon gave to the *General Budget* in memory of **John Moorshead**.

Spring City Shine

Here is our opportunity to help Spring City shine and to share the love of Christ with our neighbors and meet a few of them. The town is sponsoring yard clean up days on Saturdays this winter. Bring gloves and yard tools and meet at the police department at 8:00 a.m. to be deployed out to work until 3:30 p.m. Lunch will be provided in the SCUMC Family Life Center. Work days are scheduled on the following dates:

December 4, 18
January 8, 15, 22, 29

Thank you SCUMC congregation and SPRC for the pastor appreciation gift cards and all the many ways you have supported me, and indeed, my whole family. It is truly a blessing to be in ministry among you.

Love,

Dave

Dear Pastor Grant & SCUMC Congregation—

Thank you so much for warmly welcoming me & my family into your church. I am so overwhelmed by your generosity! So many of our clients will be blessed by these many blessings.

Please do not hesitate to reach out if there is anything I can do for you. I look forward to working with you in the future!

Blessings,

Tiffany Soyster

The Care Center

Monthly Report
Giving & Money Disbursed

October 2021

INCOME	CURRENT PERIOD	YEAR TO DATE	ANNUAL BUDGET	ANNUAL BUDGET PERCENTAGE
Contributions	33,362.69	264,506.03	310,000.00	85.3%
Mother's Day Out	2,840.00	8,201.79	25,310.00	32.4%
Other Income	14.05	429.21	1,200.00	35.8%
TOTAL INCOME/ GROSS PROFIT	36,216.74	273,137.03	336,510.00	81.2%
EXPENSES				
Salaries & Benefits	13,520.84	124,722.38	146,913.00	84.9%
Property Maintenance	3,476.75	61,931.84	89,300.00	69.4%
Office Administration	456.20	5,719.19	9,700.00	59.0%
Nurture and Music	170.22	2,186.09	3,900.00	56.1%
Witness	91.35	554.25	1,700.00	32.6%
Outreach - Missions	-3,580.00	-2,980.00	1,900.00	-156.8%
Conference/District	0.00	28,987.31	37,189.00	77.9%
Church Support	478.05	2,963.25	8,298.00	35.7%
Children's Ministries	0.00	99.75	5,300.00	1.9%
Adult Ministries	-100.00	-100.00	1,000.00	-10.0%
Youth Ministries	0.00	408.38	6,000.00	6.8%
MDO Expenses	2,075.00	6,429.10	25,310.00	25.4%
TOTAL EXPENSES	16,588.41	230,921.69	336,510.00	68.6%
NET INCOME	**19,628.33**	**42,215.34**	**0.00**	**100.0%**

FINANCIAL & ATTENDANCE REPORTS

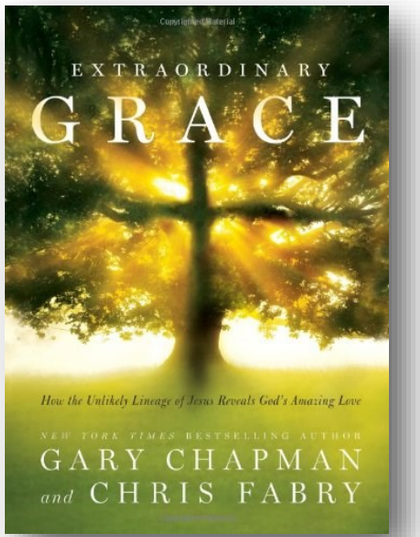
	10/31	11/7	11/14	11/21
General Budget	9,007.00	8,032.00	3,760.00	3,975.00
MDO	0.00	2,080.00	640.00	160.00
Special	3,223.00	3,509.90	265.00	530.00
TOTAL	**12,230.00**	**13,621.90**	**4,665.00**	**4,665.00**
Sunday School	**37**	**30**	**30**	**29**
Worship	**79**	**112**	**80**	**69**
Live Stream	**24**	**39**	**23**	**32**

Come join the United Methodist Women Book Club

On Monday, January 17th at 1:00

If you would like to join us early bring a sack lunch at Noon in the Fellowship Hall

As we share



God's extraordinary grace is hard to grasp—but made easier to understand through stories of God's people.

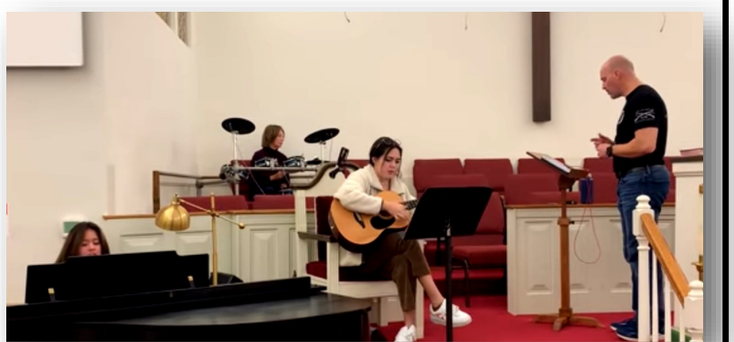
Gary Chapman and Chris Fabry search the Scriptures for examples of God's grace in the lives of those named in Jesus' lineage, but what they find are people with faults, foibles, and sins, just like the rest of us. So obviously, grace is *not* about doing everything exactly right. It is a gift . . . an astonishing gift given by God.

In *Extraordinary Grace*, you will hear the call of grace; laugh because of grace; apply grace; be overtaken by grace; and know the extraordinary grace that comes from loving Jesus.

Contemporary Worship

We are excited to announce our re-imagined Contemporary Praise and Worship Service which launched on the first Sunday of the Advent Season, November 28, 2021, at 8:45 a.m. and will be held each Sunday at the same time. The traditional worship service held at 11:00 a.m. will continue as usual, and Pastor Dave will be preaching at both.

Worship is what happens when people become aware that they are in the presence of God, and both our worship services will endeavor to lead people into the presence of God and experience the mystery and sense of drama that are part of worshipping our Holy God. The contemporary service will offer a family-friendly, informal and casual atmosphere for worshiping and includes praise music accompanied by our live praise band including Steve Kaye as worship leader and bass player, Ellie Coronado on piano and vocals, Leslie Camarillo on guitar and vocals, and Kathy Greene on drums. We are excited to have this team working together!



Leadership Retreat January 8, in Family Life Center

It's a new day and time to gear up for new things. By January 8, we will be 6 weeks into our re-imagined contemporary worship service, and it will be time to get about the business of being the hands and feet of Christ in the community and proclaiming the Good News of Jesus Christ to the world. We want to become a community where people are our heart and Jesus is our message. We want the Good News of Jesus to permeate and animate everything we do.

It's been a couple of years since we have come together in serious ways. On Saturday, January 8, I want to call together our church leaders (committee chairs) for some leadership training as we enter into a new year, and then have the church council join in for an extended time of visioning and planning and having our first council meeting of the year. We will conclude with a lunch of soup and sandwiches.

While this will be a time of planning all together, it will position us for our committees and teams to pick up the work and move forward in the future, and this will be what our leadership training portion will be about. We hope for active committees to report back to the board each quarter the work they have accomplished and are planning.

This is the same day as one of the Clean Up Spring City days. We have had the opportunity to let the teams eat lunch in the Family Life Center. On this day, we will provide the lunch for them and welcome them to our lunch gathering. After lunch we would encourage you to join up for the afternoon portion of clean up day.

The schedule for the day be as follows:
7:50 a.m. Gathering for coffee and pastries
8:00 a.m. –Leadership Training with Committee/Team Chairs
8:30-10:00 – Church Visioning and Planning Session for all committee members
10:00-11:00 – Church Council Meeting
11:00 – Noon – Soup and Sandwich Lunch

Blessing the Prayer Shawls



Pastor Dave blessed 21 beautiful Prayer Shawls crocheted by the Theresa Lisa Crafters in our Prayer Shawl Ministry during worship on November 7th. These prayer shawls provide a comfort to those that are sick and hurting. We are very thankful for all those who are a part of this wonderful ministry.

2021 Trunk or Treat



The annual Trunk or Treat was held on Saturday, October 30th and we had a wonderful turnout! Thank you to everyone that donated candy and to those who brought their cars and passed out candy to all of the Spring City trick-or-treaters!







Resurrection 2022

January 21-23

LeConte Center, Pigeon Forge

Theme: Together Again

Key Verse: Hebrews 10:23-25—"Let's hold on to the confession of our hope without wavering, because the one who made the promises is reliable. And let us consider each other carefully for the purpose of sparking love and good deeds. Don't stop meeting together with other believers, which some people have gotten into the habit of doing. Instead, encourage each other, especially as you see the day drawing near." (CEB)

Speaker: Paul Epperson

Worship Leaders: Roger Williams & the All Mixed-up Quartet

Cost: $45 for your ticket

Permission Forms and payment due on Sunday, December 5

Pick up permission forms in the youth room

Masks will be required in the LeConte Center, and our group will be socially distanced from other groups.

We ask that in preparation for this trip, you come together with others for a day of cleaning up Spring City and serving our town (high school students will get community service credit for this).

Youth Announcement

Advent Candle Lighting Skit will be practiced and recorded on Sundays at 5:00. Youth we need you to be here for this!



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
8:45 a.m. Contemporary Worship
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship
5:00 p.m. Youth



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