THE LAMPLIGHTER

Newsletter of the
SPRING CITY
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

April 2021

RUNNING THE RACE

by Rev. Dave Grant

The other day I was driving on the interstate when my car suddenly began getting pelted with gravel. I quickly changed lanes in hopes of avoiding the gravel that was pummeling the car, but it was of no avail. Not being sure from where the gravel was being thrown, I wasn't sure of what to do, but I did know one thing: my windshield might get damaged. Sure enough there appeared one small hole and then a second with a star shape. I could see the star out of the corner of my eye and I watched a crack crawl across the windshield for a few inches. By the time we got to Johnson City, the crack was about 8 inches long, and by the time we got back to Spring City it was more than a foot long.

Having that vision of the crack spreading across the windshield in various directions reminds me of how sin infects our lives. Some rather small and insignificant thing/sin can imbed itself into our lives, and before we know it, brokenness begins spreading. That brokenness can move out in varying directions, and eventually will cause us to stop for a fix. My car is in the shop getting a new windshield as I type.

As we've explored a small portion of the psalms this Lenten season, we have awakened to the impact of sin on our lives and in our world. Hopefully, we've been awakened to the sin in our own lives and have had a chance to pull over and stop and think about how to fix the problem. Just like I could not fix my windshield myself, neither can I fix the sin in my life myself.

But here we are at Easter, and we realize that in Christ Jesus, not only has sin found a remedy, but our lives have been made new. Jesus came not only taking the rocks from us and offering forgiveness, but coming to make a new window for our souls to reflect the *imago dei*—image of God—that we were created to portray. That restoration of the *imago dei* is the result of the resurrection. It is that resurrection that we gather to celebrate on Easter. Easter, that most important holiday without which we would have no reason to celebrate Christmas, no hope for today or tomorrow, or no real relationship with our God or with our own selves. So CELEBRATE!

It may seem painful to go a second Easter without exuberant singing, without having breakfast in the Family Life Center, and with scaled down gatherings. But as I wait for the body shop to work on my windshield, I know that soon the brokenness of a pandemic will be replaced with singing. We will have oil of gladness instead of mourning, a garland instead of ashes, singing instead of a faint spirit. We will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, to display his glory.

It is my vision that we will become oaks of righteous to display the Lord's glory to Spring City and beyond. Let us seek the Lord and pray for a planting of a great forest. After all, it is also pollen season—time for our forest to grow. I'll soon have pollen all over my new windshield.

WALK WITH THE KING AND BE A BLESSING!

-Dave

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Nancy Herhold	James Weaver	Manuel Christi	Carol Price
Fred Mullins	Lynn Haynes	John Conroy	Liz Stair
Stella Ray	John Powell	Pearl Gilliam	
Norman Bowman	Patty Crowder	Jenny Lou Hallums	
Bob Burkhardt	Betty Barnes	Sandy Morgan	

Barbara Hardy The Courtyard, Apt. 258A, 195 Deer Ridge Dr.,Dayton,37321
Jeannette Long Spring City Care & Rehab, #201, 331 Hinch St.
Fred 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

Tim Morrison
(friend of Nancy Herhold)
Kristen Wagner
(friend of Connie Roberts)
Lillian Shaffer
(mother of Kathy Heimel)
Elise Sellers
(mother of Susan Arp)
Nancy Allen
(friend of Bill & Caren Ruffner)
Judy VanWinkle
(friend of Walt & Linda Morse)
Mirlinda Gillespie
(friend of Pat Douglas)
Ada Ruffner
(daughter-in-law of Bill & Caren Ruffner)
Don Gray
(former SCUMC member)
Kathy Morse
(daughter of Walt & Linda Morse)
Alex Cohen
(brother of Rita Uhler)
Mitsi Smith
(friend of Nancy Gilliam)
Emmett Holdren
(friend of Joe Lisa)
Steve Orender
Luke Bolton
(grandson of Jim & Wanda McCarter)
Ginny Weir
(friend of Robin Bolton
Zach Lloyd
(friend of Pastor Dave)
Sheryl Ashley
(friend of Nancy Gilliam)
Jay Elam & Bill Jones
(friends of Connie Roberts)

Terry McClendon
(nephew of Pat Horton)
Beth Selewski
(friend of Rayna & Jerry Henley)
Regina Hartford & Jeff Stephenson
(friends of Emmaly Fisher)
Byrley Morgan
(friend of Nancy Gilliam)
Kaleigh Moffett
(by special request)
Dave Heimel
(father of Tom Heimel)
Gina Cook
(friend of Jerrie Patton
Dominic Ciero
(grandson of Cindy Hill)

The Family of Rebecca Knox
(SCUMC member since 2013)

The Family of Jerry Levengood

Happy Birthday!

1 Emily McBride
3 Casey Kile
4 Richard Cole
8 Peggy Bowman
8 Sandy Morgan
9 Joe Lisa
11 Wendy Thurman
13 Joel Barnes
14 Kevin Garrison
15 Josh Heimel
15 Lee Thurman
17 Nicole Kile
25 Robin Bolton
29 Chloe Barger
29 Wanda Smith
30 Josh Wheat



April Ushers

4/4	4/11	4/18	4/25
Bennie Arp Walt Morse	Lynda Smith Margo Hinsdale	Don Hinely Madison Hinely	Bennie Arp Walt Morse

Happy Anniversary!

4/12	4/15	4/22	4/28
Jay & Meaghan Maddux	Art & Beverly Allison	Martin & Jennifer Shaver	Walter & Terry Hooper
4/14	4/21	4/26	
David & Nancy Gilliam	Gray & Sharon Cowart	Ronnie & Judith Barger	

April

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 7:00 Maundy Thursday Service	**2** Good Friday Office Closed	**3** 4:00 Easter Egg Hunt at the Parsonage
4 7:00 Sunrise Service 11:00 Worship Service He is RISEN	**5** 6:00 TLC 4:00 Easter Egg Hunt ***Rain Date****	**6** 6:00 UMW	**7** 10:00 Bible Study	**8**	**9**	**10**
11 11:00 Worship Service	**12** 6:00 TLC	**13**	**14** 10:00 Bible Study	**15**	**16**	**17**
18 11:00 Worship Service	**19** 6:00 TLC	**20** 6:30 UMW Book Club	**21** 10:00 Bible Study	**22**	**23**	**24**
25 11:00 Worship Service	**26** 6:00 TLC	**27**	**28** 10:00 Bible Study	**29**	**30**	



Silas and Linda Booker gave to the *General Budget* in memory of **Linda Mullins**.

Barbara Hardy gave to the *Pairs & Spares Sunday School Class* in memory of **Linda Mullins**.

Bob & Angie Burkhardt gave to the *General Budget* in memory of **Linda Mullins**.

Thank you…

My dear friends,

I would like to thank all of you for making Gina (mom) a very happy 90th birthday! Your cards & gifts sure brighten her day. This was a memory she won't forget. Thank you for making it a memorable one for her. She misses her hugs!

Sincerely,

Ann Winterberger

P.S. A hug is a great gift—one size fits all, and it's easy to exchange!

Monthly Report
Giving & Money Disbursed

February 2021

INCOME	CURRENT PERIOD	YEAR TO DATE	ANNUAL BUDGET	ANNUAL BUDGET PERCENTAGE
Contributions	24,809.15	55,127.92	310,000.00	17.8%
Mother's Day Out	0.00	0.00	25,310.00	0.0%
Other Income	6.50	13.00	1,200.00	1.1%
TOTAL INCOME/ GROSS PROFIT	24,815.65	55,140.92	336,510.00	16.4%
EXPENSES				
Salaries & Benefits	11,617.90	22,923.65	146,913.00	15.6%
Property Maintenance	3,111.41	15,574.37	89,300.00	17.4%
Office Administration	199.36	777.74	9,700.00	8.0%
Nurture and Music	125.88	198.88	3,900.00	5.1%
Witness	103.85	103.85	1,700.00	6.1%
Outreach - Missions	75.00	150.00	1,900.00	7.9%
Conference/District	2,481.57	5,514.10	37,189.00	14.8%
Church Support	631.96	631.96	8,298.00	7.6%
Children's Ministries	0.00	0.00	5,300.00	0.0%
Adult Ministries	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	0.0%
Youth Ministries	0.00	0.00	6,000.00	0.0%
MDO Expenses	0.00	0.00	25,310.00	0.0%
TOTAL EXPENSES	18,346.93	45,874.55	336,510.00	13.6%
NET INCOME	**6,468.72**	**9,266.37**	**0.00**	**100.0%**

FINANCIAL & ATTENDANCE REPORTS

	2/21	2/28	3/7	3/14
General Budget	5,104.00	5,729.60	9,420.55	3,676.65
MDO				
Memorial				
Special	100.00	230.00	115.00	90.00
TOTAL	**5,204.00**	**5,959.60**	**9,535.55**	**3,766.65**
WORSHIP ATTENDANCE	**50** **37** LIVE STREAM	**62** **44** LIVE STREAM	**58** **47** LIVE STREAM	**51** **49** LIVE STREAM



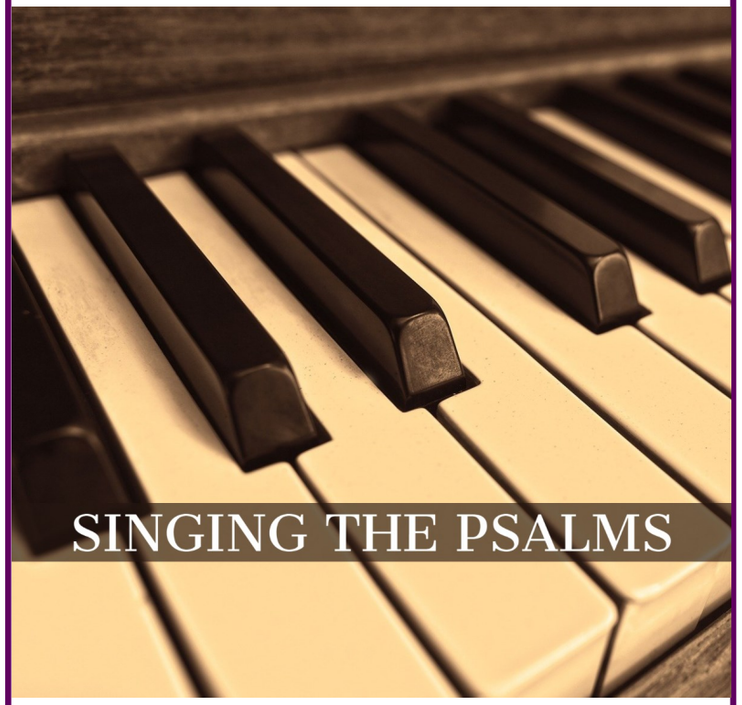
Photo Source: American Idol

We want to celebrate Drake McCain Taylor's gifts and talents as he competes again in American Idol. Congratulations for all that you've accomplished, Drake!

Souper Bowl Sunday Report

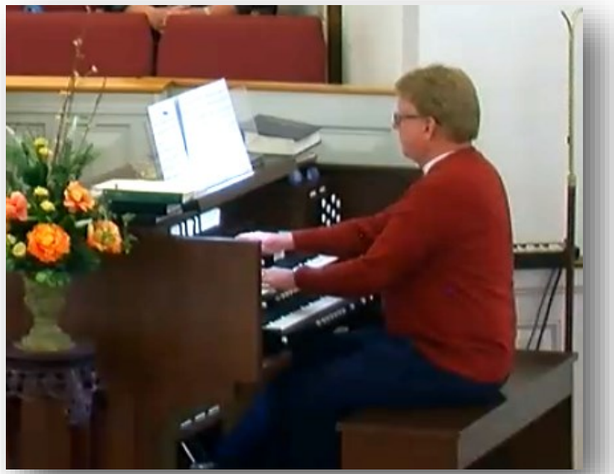
Our Daily Bread was able to purchase **5,856** cans of soup with the money give by the church. Thank you to everyone that gave to this important ministry!

For the season of Lent, we studied various Psalms and topics, and will continue through Easter. Each week, instead of just reading the scripture, a church member sang the Psalm.



Thank you to Richard Stair (Psalm 44), Angela Jackson (Psalm 59), Connie Roberts (Psalm 4), Ashley Grant (Psalm 121), and Caren Ruffner (Psalm 118). Thank you in advance to Judy Ezell (Psalm 98).

Special Music



Bryan Massengale provided the special music for February 21st and the 28th. On the 21st he played "Come, Holy Traveler" and on the 28th he played "Lacrymosa." Bryan always plays wonderful organ solos.

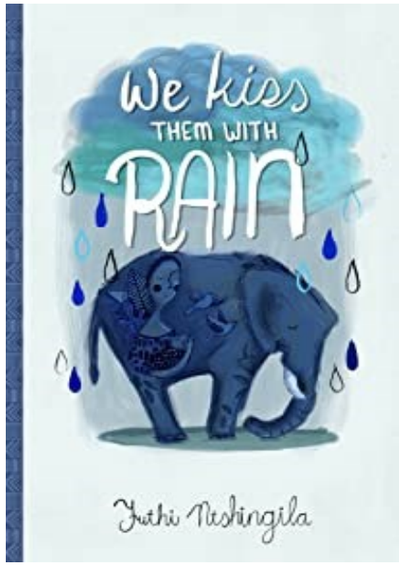


Richard Stair sang "Beulah Land" beautifully for the special music on March 7th.

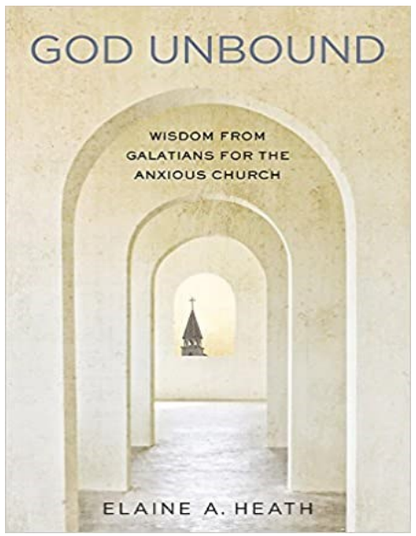


David Gilliam sang "Down in the Valley to Pray/ Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley" on March 14th for the special music with the accompaniment of Angela Jackson on the piano.

Come Join
The United Methodist Women Book Club
April 20th at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall



Life wasn't always this hard for 14-year-old Mvelo. There were good times living with her mother and her mother's boyfriend. Now her mother is dying of AIDS and what happened to Mvelo is the elephant in the room, despite its growing presence in their small shack. In this Shakespeare -style comedy, the things that seem to be are only a façade and the things that are revealed hand Mvelo a golden opportunity to change her fate. *We Kiss Them With Rain* explores both humor and tragedy in this modern-day fairy tale set in a squatter camp outside of Durban, South Africa.



Just as Paul led the Galatians through a radical cultural change to expand their view of God, themselves, and the church's mission, Christians are challenged to do the same today. Elaine Heath urges the church to boldly follow the Holy Spirit's leadership beyond buildings and programs to join what Jesus is doing in the world



Kaleb Laws and his teammates at Johnson University recently won the 2021 NCCAA DII National Championship on March 13th. This is the first national championship in the university's athletic department history.

Source: Johnson University

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE

SUNDAY, APRIL 4, 2021

7:00 A.M.

VETERAN'S PARK

COME & JOIN
THE FUN!

EASTER EGG HUNT

Saturday April 3 | 4 PM | 238 Moon Circle

*Rain Date: Monday April 5

Bring a basket, a mask, and a seeking spirit! We can't wait to see you at the Parsonage!

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



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
10:00 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship

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