

# The Springs



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“See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth. I tell you of them.” (Isaiah 42:9, NRSV)

This year is off to a great start and I want to share a few thoughts on where we are going over the next few months.

I am sure most of you are aware that we are in the process of planning to move ahead into a new worship service. More than 140 people responded to our survey and I am now visiting with each Sunday school class to talk about how this new service will look and what changes will be involved. I am very grateful for your input and we will prayerfully consider all the information we gather as we go forward with this plan. We hope to have everything in place by Sunday, April 1 – Palm Sunday.

Dick Ford and I have been working on a program we want to offer to the entire church on the subject of spiritual gifts. This is part of our Strategic Plan and we are working to have it in place within the next couple of months. Please think about joining us for this important study.

Work is also underway to begin offering a membership inquiry class. This is another element of our Strategic Plan that has not been fully implemented. The idea is to offer a series of gatherings that will not only help new members get to know us better, but also will offer a chance for long-time members to refresh their knowledge about the way the church functions. Stay tuned for more information.

I am also interested in starting a Monday evening Bible study group. We could tackle subjects a little more in depth and challenge

ourselves by exploring a variety of new points of view. I think that starting something like this as part of our Lenten observance would be a great beginning. Watch for more information coming soon and keep Monday, February 27<sup>th</sup> open.

Speaking of Lent, Ash Wednesday is February 22<sup>nd</sup>. Alan and I are working on a wonderful new worship service that we believe will be a meaningful way to start this important season of the church year. Please plan to join us at 6:00 PM that Wednesday evening for this special service. Also note that this service will be “smoke-free”; we will not be burning the palms this year in the sanctuary.

Finally, I can’t talk about our plans for the future without mentioning our new campus. The Board of Trustees has approved a plan to replace the air conditioner in our North Campus so we will be able to stay here for worship. However, we must continue to look ahead to a time when the South Campus project can take the next step toward completion. To make this possible means that everyone must do all they can to support the campaign to complete paying the debt on that project. Your pledges and additional offerings are essential to the success of this endeavor. Our church is growing and it won’t be long before this campus no longer meets our needs for ministry. We must be ready to step out in faith to provide everything needed to accommodate this growth.

Friends, this is an exciting time for our church. It is also a time for us all to step into our roles as Christian leaders. Everyone has a gift to share, everyone has a talent to offer; this is not a time to be timid with our faith. This is the time to be bold and to show our love for Jesus with everything we have and all that are.

Pastor Don

## Scrapbooking anyone?



Do you enjoy scrapbooking? There is a group that will begin meeting on a regular basis beginning Saturday, January 28. For more information contact Jan Dickerson.



## Sermon Series

Sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ is a real challenge in our contemporary culture. Translating God's message from "church language" into a language that everyone can understand is not always easy for people who have grown up in the church. How can we find new ways to bring the message of grace, love, and forgiveness to people who are hungry for true meaning in lives that are often filled with pain and chaos? How can we offer comfort to people who want to hear a healing word, but often cannot see past the traditional language of "the church"? How can we live authentic lives as followers of Christ and help people see beyond the hypocrisy of those who "play church," into the hearts of those who "live Christ" every day? These are just some of the questions we will try to answer in a conversation about sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ. We are all called to share this message; are you in jeopardy of failing to answer God's call? Join us for this series and invite a friend to come with you. This is the perfect time to bring someone to church who is seeking something special for their lives that is now missing. This series is for regular church-goers and those who haven't seen the inside of a church in many years. This is a time to talk about what following Christ looks like in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century and listen for healing words from God. We just started on January 15<sup>th</sup> and the series continues until February 19.

## Estate Planning Thoughts

Good stewardship requires us to think of the future. Have your estate plan prepared now and express your good stewardship in ways that will bless your family and your church.

## Just a Reminder

Newsletter articles are due by noon on the Monday of the week they go out. *The Springs* is sent out every other week. Send articles to [tginn@sandspringsumc.org](mailto:tginn@sandspringsumc.org)

## Committee Chairpersons

Please check the office to see if you have a mail slot. A few slots have mail in them which may need immediate attention. Please check weekly.

## Seniors In Action

Let's celebrate the New Year by gathering on Wednesday, January 25 at 11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall for a potluck lunch. Soups will be provided, and whatever you bring to go with those soups! Connie Fisher, our very own professional story-teller will entertain us. Come join us for fun, food, and fellowship!

## Staff Parish Meeting

There will be a Staff Parish Relations Committee Meeting on Sunday, January 22 at 2 p.m. Members are: Don Tabberer, Jim Shaw, Dick Ford, Charlene Reeves, Gary Dobbs, Charles Woodson, Carrol Hamner, Sharon Schuermann, Daniel Comer, Brian Pulscher & Betty Smith.

## UMW Reading Program

Thanks for giving me your Reading Report for 2011. Congratulations for finishing your Plan or Plans. Some of you serious readers accomplished above Plan 1. I am keeping the information updated by providing the Reading Lists that can be counted, which are the 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011 & 2012 in our UMW shelf with the new Reading Form for 2012. Our required reading of magazines called Response and The World Outlook can be found in containers at the top of our UMW shelf. Please record only those from the lists. And do share your thoughts and comments about any of the books you read or a magazine article by submitting a short review to Tracey to put in our Newsletter. Thanks to Amy Miller for sharing hers about the book, *Touch*, this past year. You may want to check the website for the UMW Reading Program for more information. More of the books from the lists are available at the Public Library this year. Amazon has some listed for sell at a reduced price for those who want their own copy. UMW Web site address is: [gbgm-umc.org/umw](http://gbgm-umc.org/umw). After you are at this site, click "Programs" and then you will see the Reading Program. Some of you have mentioned that you would like to recommend books for the UMW Program. You should find the information you need to be able to make your recommendations. Let the rest of us know what book it is and we may wish to recommend also. The more requests sent in should help it get recognized. I will purchase a few books with our 2012 budget money to add to our shelves.

Those who have completed plans are: Jo Nan Allen-Plan III, Morene Baker-Plan I, Sheree Buttler-Plan I, Barbara Fisher-Plan II, Trish House-Plan I, Kristin Johnston-Plan I, Amy Miller-Plan I, Joyce McFall-Plan I, Jo-Ann Nelson-Plan III, Linda Tabberer-Plan I, Mona Warren-Plan I, Karen Wilder-Plan II, Linda Woodard-Plan IV.



## Operation Christmas Child Donations

During the months of January and February we will be collecting toothpaste and toothbrushes for Operation Christmas Child. A donation box is located in the Children's Ministry hallway.

## Monday Book Club

Please join us for great books and good fellowship at our next book club meeting on Monday, February 13<sup>th</sup>. The group is open to anyone in the community. Our February and March books selections are listed below.



February 13th: You've Got Mail, Billie Letts by Molly Le-vite Griffis

March 12th: The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks by Rebecca Skloot

## SOMEONE'S PRAYING, LORD.....

Sunday evening's Prayer & Healing Service provided a wonderful and loving healing experience for all who attended. The power of the Holy Spirit was felt throughout the Sanctuary. May that healing presence continue to be felt in the lives of those who were present and for those names that were brought forward by others. We thank Pastor Don for responding to God's call for healing with our church members and for those outside our walls. Let us pray daily for Don, Linda, and our church staff as they seek to follow God's direction in moving us forward in His Name.

Did you know your church Worship Team meets in the Prayer Room each Sunday before going into Worship? As you are sitting in the Sanctuary before Worship begins, please pray with us that each person who enters our doors will feel the presence of God and will be open to receiving His blessings through worship.

Virginia Baldrige, Prayer Team Leader

## Local Church Leaders Workshop

Just a reminder the workshop is this weekend, January 21st.

## Crumbs From The Cracker



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YouTube Channel: SSUMCTheAwakening

### Crumbs From The Cracker

#### News:

#### Youth Are Back To The Family Life Center!

After meeting at the Caleb House for two weeks the youth are back to meeting at the Family Life Center for youth on Wednesday Nights!

#### SSUMC Youth Dudes Take The Court!

Our boy's basketball team is having a great time and we are 1-1 in our games! Come and join us and cheer on our SSUMC youth boys!

#### SSUMC Youth Ladies Scrapbook Party Time!

Mark your Calendars! Jan will be helping our SSUMC youth ladies and moms learn how to make memories with scrapbooks! Come and join them and bring your pictures! Next scrapbook party is January 28<sup>th</sup> 10:30am-12pm

#### Do you want to support our Youth Mission Team 2012?

If you would like to make a donation or sponsor one of our youth to go on the mission trip, they would be delighted to receive any type of help! Last year just from our random generous donors we were able to pay for 3 full trips of our students! Let's try for 5 this year!

#### Superbowl Sub Sunday!

Save time and support a great cause SSUMC youth will be selling Super Bowl Subs in the Narthax immediately after worship on February 5<sup>th</sup> to support their mission trip to Quad cities this summer!

#### Weekly Youth Topics:

Can we talk about "Sex" in church? Is it in the Bible? Well the SSUMC youth will be starting their purity series in the beginning of January. This series will take a Biblical perspective to help our students see what God and the Bible says about this touchy subject. (Parents please do not hesitate to speak with me if you have questions about this series.)

#### Join us!

On January 29<sup>th</sup> 6pm-8pm we will be hosting a very special service for the youth of our church as they complete their "No Petting" series! You don't want to miss this event!

#### Upcoming Dates:

- January 18<sup>th</sup>- "No Petting" Wk. 3 "Sex is Good" @ Family Life Center
- January 19<sup>th</sup>- Boys Basketball Practice @ 6pm Family Life Center
- January 21<sup>st</sup>- Local Church Leaders Workshop 8am- 12:30pm (Abby, Lauren, Julia, Julie) will be helping during the youth class.
- January 21<sup>st</sup>- SSUMC Boys Basket Ball Game @ First Methodist

Church (Downtown)

- January 25<sup>th</sup> "No Petting" Series Wk 4 "It's Never To Late!" @ Caleb House
- January 28<sup>th</sup>- SSUMC Boys Basket Ball Game @ First Methodist Church (Downtown)
- January 28<sup>th</sup>- SSUMC Youth Ladies Scrapbook Party! (Mother's and Youth) @ 10:30am- 12pm @ Caleb House
- January 29<sup>th</sup>- "No Petting" Special Service! (Don't Want To Miss This!) (6pm-8pm)

(If you are interested in being apart of any of these upcoming events please do not hesitate to call me at 918-245-5955, or email me at [gcollett@sandspringsumc.org](mailto:gcollett@sandspringsumc.org))

**Fun Fact:** Men who kiss their wives in the morning live five years longer than those who don't.



## Hey Kids!

We are currently learning about the church year/ seasons. The children can earn \$5 bible bucks if they memorize the seasons in order and \$5 if they memorize the seasons in order and know the color associated with each season.

Advent-purple

Christmas-white

Epiphany-green

Lent-purple

Easter-white

Pentecost-red

Kingdomtide-green

The children will be singing in worship on Jan 29<sup>th</sup>. It is important to be here next week for practice and on the 29<sup>th</sup> to participate.

## *Sunday Lists*

### **Sunday Volunteers     January 22**

Visitors Center & Coffee

CIA/Pathfinders

Head Ushers

Eddy David

Lay Reader

Dick Ford

Young Disciples Lesson

Janet Parker

Children's Church

Debbie & Marty

Counters

Diana Pond & Jack Vest

Youth Dinner for Wednesday, *January 25*

Priscilla Circle

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Visitors Center & Coffee

CIA/Pathfinders Class

Head Usher

Eddy David

Lay Reader

Jan Dickerson

Young Disciples Lesson

Cathy Gifford

Children's Church

Marty & Debbie

Counters

Betty or Howard Smith & TBA

Youth Dinner for Wednesday, February 1

Youth to Metro

## *Please Keep In Prayer*

Walter Speed, Francis Joslin, Wilbur & Jewel Williams, Mel Jones, Ryder Herring, Gene Watson, June Horn, Mary Lea Forsythe, Ruth Weaver, Jo Nan Allen, Jim Bostwick, Virginia Vice, Martha Scudder, Don Baldrige, Pond family & friends, Valerie Jones, and all un-spoken requests

## *Meetings for the Rest of January*

### **Meetings-Mark Your Calendar**

January 19-7 p.m.-Evangelism

January 21-Local Church Leaders Wksp.

January 22-1 p.m.-Finance Meeting

January 24-7 p.m.-Priscilla Circle

January 26-11 a.m.-Needlers

January 26-11:30 a.m.-SIA

January 26-1 p.m.-Ruth Esther

January 28-10:30 a.m.-Scrapbooking

January 28-?-Youth Boys Basketball Game-FUMC

January 29-Kingdom Kids Singing

January 29-Youth Purity Ring Service

January 30-Next newsletter

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

### FLC-Family Life Center

#### Wednesday, January 18

7:30 a.m.-Men's Breakfast—Crescent Café  
10:00 a.m.-Exercise to Music-FLC  
6 p.m.-JH Youth  
7:00 p.m.-SH Youth  
6:00 p.m.-Chancel Ringers  
7:00 p.m.-Chancel Choir

#### Thursday, January 19

4:15 & 5:30 p.m.-Weight Watchers— F. Hall  
7:00 p.m.-Evangelism Meeting

#### Friday, January 20

12:00 p.m.-Weight Watchers

#### Saturday, January 21

Local Church Leaders Workshop  
Youth Boys Basketball Game-FUMC

#### Sunday, January 22

9:00 a.m.-Sunday School  
10:30 a.m.-Worship

12:00 p.m.-Praise Team Practice  
1:00 p.m.-Finance Meeting

#### Monday, January 23

10:00 a.m.-Exercise to Music-FLC  
7:00 p.m.-Boy Scouts 101-FLC

#### Tuesday, January 24

6:00 p.m.-Girl Scouts-F. Hall  
7:00 p.m.-Priscilla Circle-Sheree Buttler  
7:00 p.m.-Al Anon-Upstairs

#### Wednesday, January 25

7:30 p.m.-Men's Breakfast-Crescent Café  
10:00 a.m.-Exercise to Music-FLC  
11:30 a.m.-SIA Potluck-F. Hall  
6:00 p.m.-JH Youth  
7:00 p.m.-SH Youth  
6:00 p.m.-Chancel Ringers  
7:00 p.m.-Chancel Choir

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