

# The Springs



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“When they had finished eating, Jesus said to Simon Peter, ‘Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?’ ‘Yes, Lord,’ he said, ‘you know that I love you.’ Jesus said, ‘Feed my lambs.’ Again Jesus said, ‘Simon son of John, do you love me?’ He answered, ‘Yes, Lord, you know that I love you.’ Jesus said, ‘Take care of my sheep.’ The third time he said to him, ‘Simon son of John, do you love me?’ Peter was hurt because Jesus asked him the third time, ‘Do you love me?’ He said, ‘Lord, you know all things; you know that I love you.’ Jesus said, ‘Feed my sheep.’” (John 21:15-17)

The first thing we need to notice about this passage is that Jesus is not simply talking to Peter. If Peter and the Disciples, as we believe, are the “founders” of this group of Jesus-followers we call “the church,” then Jesus is talking to all of us as their modern-day descendants. Jesus asks you and me, “Do you love me?” If we answer, “Yes, I love you,” then we are taking on the responsibility to feed and care for the flock – the people of God whom God has placed in our way. This is not a suggestion; it is a clear command from Jesus to act out what we claim to believe. As Peter, points out – Jesus knows all things, which means he knows whether or not we truly love him. The point of the story is to get us to recognize our love of God and translate that love into action and faithful stewardship.

Not long ago Graeme shared a book with me called **CRAZY LOVE** by Francis Chan. The sub-title of the book is: **“Overwhelmed by a Relentless God”**.

At first I had to wonder what Chan meant by this statement about a *relentless* God. As I began to read the book, I was convicted by Chan’s understanding of how God sets the standards for our lives and that God is stubborn about guiding us to live by those standards. We need to realize that loving and worshipping God is difficult because it takes the focus off of “me”. We should spend less time thinking in terms of “me” and “mine” and much more time focused on “God” and “God’s”. Recent events in the news and in our political debate have caused me to see how much our culture is focused on “me” and “my agenda” and how little time we spend thinking about others and what is best for the many rather than what is best for “me”. How sad and how un-Christ-like that is.

Many people ask God why this thing or that thing happened. “*Why are so many people starving, God? Feed them.*” “*Why are so many people poor, God? Help them.*” “*Why don’t our children know who you are, God? Teach them.*” In reality, it is only God who has the right to ask us: “*Why are so many people starving? Feed them!*” “*Why are so many people poor? Help them.*” “*Why don’t your children know me? Teach them.*” “*Why?*”

*Shalom,  
Pastor Don*

### **Child Share Needs Welcome Boxes**

UMW is challenging Sunday School Classes, individuals, and other church groups to make a welcome box or basket for a foster child with Child Share.

There are different age groups:

Newborn to One year old

2-4 years old

5-7 years old

9-11 years old

12-14 years old

15-17 years old

The list of possible items for the boxes can be found on the Welcome Desk.

When your group decides what age group, let Judy Bullard (241-6890) or Tracey Ginn (245-5955) know so we can

be sure all groups are covered. The boxes will be delivered to Child share the week of August 12th. Please have them to the church by then.

Thank you for caring!

### **Life Line Screening**

Once again, we are hosting Life Line Screening's in our F. Hall. The date is November 14. This gives you plenty of time to mark your calendar and plan ahead. This year, our church membership is being offered a \$10 discount and for every member who signs up and is evaluated, the church will also receive a \$10 donation. However, you MUST sign up thru the office. Call Tracey if you are interested. The test includes Carotid Arter, Peripheral Arterial Disease, Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm, Atrial Fibrillation & Osteoporosis. Packages are between \$129 and \$149. More information to come as the event gets closer.

### **Quarterly Statements**

Your statement of giving will be available on the Welcome table this week. What is not picked up over the next week or so will be mailed.

### **Seniors In Action**

The SIA will be touring Crestwood, the new facility at Methodist Manor (where Barbara McClintock lives) on Wednesday, August 15th. Meet at the church at 9:15 a.m. We will have lunch figured out and let you know before then.

### **UMW Unit Meeting**

Mark your calendar for Monday, August 13 at 6:30 p.m. We will have a potluck dinner in the fellowship hall.

Bring a favorite salad, sandwich, or dessert item to share. "Guest speaker is from Volunteers In Missions from the School of Missions.

### **Also UMW...**

We are going to try a new fund raiser-selling Memorial Day flower arrangements. Meet us at the Christian Church on Saturday, August 11 at 9 a.m. to put arrangements together. Thank you to the Christian Church for the space to prepare and store the arrangements. We are hoping it will be another successful fund raiser. Bring a brunch item and enjoy a morning of fun and fellowship as we sort the flowers and get them ready for storage. If you have any questions, call Carole Ashton at 918-724-2167.

### **Monday Night Bible Study**

Don't be offering a 12-week study starting September 10, 2012. The class will be at 6:30 p.m. in the F. Hall. Cost is \$10 for the book. (*scholarship money is available.*) "Christian to the Core" is a discipleship resource for anyone based on the "8 Core Values for Christian Living." This journey will help you go deeper in your relationship with God, discover God's greater purposes for your life, and provide you with a stronger foundation to live the rest of your life.

## **Spread the News Ladies!**



The UMW are having their Annual Unit Meeting. See *UMW Unit Meeting* for more details

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

A friend of Jim McAlister's sent this Prayer Request:

There's a lady I've known forever - She's very sick. On top of that, she's being abused by those to whom she has given everything.

Lies about her abound and seem to come from all sides. It just breaks my heart. It seems that there is nothing I can do alone, but, maybe if we join in and lift her up to God, together we can give her the healing she needs. She's well over 200 years old, but way too young to die.

Her name is America - and I love her very much. We do need to keep our nation in our prayers daily. So much hatred, greed and senseless crime is taking over. Scripture says that if we, as a nation, return to God, He will heal our land. Much prayer is needed to that effect.

Virginia

## **Mission Morsels**

Restore Hope - Our church is scheduled to help Restore Hope box up school supplies for children needing assistance on Saturday, August 4th from 9:00 a.m. to noon. We would love to have lots of help so, if you are interested in helping, please join us. If you have school supply donations you would like to contribute, please bring them to the church.

Mission Trip - We will be sending an adult (age 18 and up) mission team to Joplin, MO to help with disaster response. We plan to leave Tuesday, October 16th and come back on Saturday, October 20th. There will be plenty to do and all types of people and skill sets are needed so please consider joining us. There will be a cost per person which is largely dependent on the number of attendees, but scholarships should be available. If you are interested in participating in the trip or would like more information, please contact Jami Warkentin 918.260.6574 or [gopokes93@gmail.com](mailto:gopokes93@gmail.com) or call the church office. We will hold a mandatory meeting on Sunday, September 9th at 1:30 p.m. for all those planning to go on the trip and a \$50 non-refundable deposit will be due at that time with any remaining amounts due on September 15th. The next Mission Meeting is scheduled for September 9th at 1:30 p.m. in the parlor.

## **Meetings In August**

August 6-Nominations Committee-7 p.m.  
August 10-Grief Support-6:30 p.m.  
August 11-St. Yootz-8:30 a.m.  
August 11-UMW flower arranging-9 a.m.  
August 12-Dinners for 8 + - 12p.m.  
August 13-UMW Unit Meeting-6:30 p.m.  
August 14-Stewardship-7 p.m.  
August 15-SIA to Methodist Manor-9:15 a.m.  
August 18-Youth to Cosmic Bowling-10 p.m.  
August 29-COM-2:30 p.m.  
August 29-Church Council-4 p.m.  
August 20-Back to School Sand Springs!  
August 23-Ruth Esther-1 p.m.  
August 23-Faith Circle-7 p.m.  
August 23-Youth Parent/Youth info night  
August 24-Grief Support-6:30 p.m.  
August 26-Finance Meeting-1 p.m.  
August 26-Dist. Youth Council-FLC  
August 28-Priscilla Circle-7 p.m.



## **Pictorial Directory**

Some will be excited to hear it is that time again! Others will be crushed that they don't have time to lose that extra 25 pounds! Either way, we want EVERYONE to be present and photographed. You may not like having your picture taken—I know I don't! But the pictorial directory is one of the most requested and helpful tools for new members. It allows them

and us to put faces with names. We all need a little help remembering someone at times and the directory is the place to turn. So please, please, please... mark your calendar for September 19-22. Pictures will be taken from 2 to 9 p.m. on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday but on Saturday, they will be from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

If I can do it-so can you! We will let you know when sign up begins but for now, note the dates and see what is going to work best for you. Also, you get a free 8x10 portrait and a free directory! (With Christmas around the corner from September, you will also have the opportunity to purchase family pictures for gifts!)

## Sunday Lists

### Sunday Volunteers August 5

Visitors Center & Coffee-Harmony

Head Usher-8:30 a.m.-Frank Johnston

Head Usher-11:00 a.m.-Eddy David

Lay Reader-8:30 a.m.-Katherine Reeves

Lay Reader-11:00 a.m.-Eddy David

Young Disciples Lesson-8:30 a.m.-Kristen Henry

Young Disciples Lesson-11:00 a.m.-Kristen Henry

Child. Church-8:30 a.m.-Kingdom Kids 11:00 a.m.-  
Kristen & Julia Henry

Counters-Janie Moore & Kent Warkentin

Youth Dinner for Wednesday-August 1-No Meal

### Sunday Volunteers August 12

Visitors Center & Coffee-Harmony

Head Usher-8:30 a.m.-Frank Johnston

Head Usher-11:00 a.m.-Eddy David

Lay Reader-8:30 a.m.-Kristen Henry

Lay Reader-11:00 a.m.-Barb Fisher

Young Disciples Lesson-8:30 a.m.-Marty David

Young Disciples Lesson-11:00 a.m.-Marty David

8:30 a.m. Children's Church-Kingdom Kids 11 a.m.-  
Marty David

Counters-Diana Pond & Jack Vest

Youth Dinner for Wednesday-August 8-CIA/Pathfinders

## Please Keep In Prayer

Walter Speed, Wilbur & Jewel Williams, Mel Jones, Ryder Herring, Ruth Weaver, Jo Nan Allen, Virginia Vice, Martha Scudder, Don Baldrige, Earl Cervantez, Donna Woodruff, Bishop Hayes, Pat Cheek, Phil Cearley, Linda McCormick, Jan Dickerson, Buster Hall, Cathy Hula, and all un-spoken requests

## Acknowledgements

### ***We Offer our Prayers & Sympathy...***

*...to Earl Cervantez and the family and friends who lost their precious Lora Cervantez on Thursday, July 26th.*

### ***Thank You...***

*SSUMC-Thank you for all the prayers for Shanti and our family! Keep on praying and may God Bless You all!  
Ford & McGowan Family*

### ***Thank You...***

*The family of David & Jo Nan Allen have sent a Thank You which is on Tracey's office door. They wish to thank everyone for making Jo Nan's birthday so special.*

### ***Thank You...***

*To the Children's team, volunteers and kids who made the VBS so special this year—a GREAT BIG THANK YOU! You all always amaze us grown ups with little ones! Thank you over and over for planting such deep seeds of faith in our children! We love you all!*

## The Awakening-Youth

### News:

#### VBS :

Great job SSUMC youth! Thank you so much for working so hard to serve the upcoming generations for Jesus! You all are sowing seeds that will be a bountiful harvest! Keep up the great work!

#### 70's and 80's Series:

Our youth will be diving into classic songs that have made it to their generation and looking at them from the lenses of scripture in hope that when they hear the songs they will think about the relation to the scripture and teaching that we covered! Get excited and get dressed in your best 70's and 80's outfits! Afros are welcome and so are mullets! Best-dressed award will be given each Wednesday night! Don't miss out on this fun series!

#### Cosmic Bowl!

We will be going to Sahoma Lanes for a night of Cosmic Bowl August 18<sup>th</sup>! The Cost is \$12 per person to bowl for 2 hours! We will be meeting at the FLC @ 9:30pm to depart and be back to the FLC by 12:15am. Don't forget to sign up! It is going to be awesome!!!

#### Parent Info Night:

Hey! Are you a parent of a student in the youth ministry @ SSUMC? We would love to have you join us for a parent info night! This event is going to be fun and very informative for what we have planned for the coming fall semester! Mark your calendars for August 23<sup>rd</sup>.

#### the Awakening Vision Cast:

Youth, you do not want to miss this awesome night! We will be having a Vision Cast night for the youth ministry of SSUMC! This will be a great time for us to refresh ourselves with our purpose and mission! Join us August 29<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30pm! Hope to see ya!

#### Weekly Youth Topics:

Our youth have just completed a 10-week study on 1 and 2 Timothy and Titus in Sunday school and are about to start a 12-week study on the Old Testament in the youth Sunday school class. Our plan will be to start our new series Summer 70's and 80's classics on August 8<sup>th</sup> due to some schedule changes. Our goal out of this series is to apply Biblical teachings to famous secular songs that have made through our generations. In hope that our teachings will stick like a classic song in your head!

#### Upcoming Dates:

- August 1<sup>st</sup>- 70's and 80's Series Finally Starts! (Michael Jackson Song) 6:30pm-8:30pm
- August 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Graeme at Youth Academy
- August 6<sup>th</sup>- 10<sup>th</sup>- Graeme out of the office
- August 8<sup>th</sup>- Youth Mission Work Night! 6pm- 9pm (Meet at 319 N. Main)
- August 11<sup>th</sup>- St. Yootz Day Concert and Rides! \$25 for concert and rides all food expenses extra! 8:30am- 12am

- August 15<sup>th</sup>- 70's and 80's Series ( Bill Withers Song) 6:30pm -8:30pm
- August 18<sup>th</sup>- Cosmic Bowling! 10pm-12am

(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:** Surgeons who grew up playing video games make 37 percent fewer mistakes.



## NEWSLETTER-- KIDZONE

Last week we had a fantastic VBS! Kids and youth had a great time worshiping Jesus and being with their friends. Their energy in worship was humbling. We had a total of 68 children attend with an average of over 50+ each night. A big THANKS to all

volunteers. We couldn't have VBS without them.

Speaking of VBS, on Sunday one of the adult small group leaders said that church should be like VBS all the time. During VBS we invite and welcome children from all over our community into our church. As a church we need to be doing that the other 51 weeks of the year! So the VBS team and kids want to challenge YOU! Yes, YOU! INVITE SOMEONE TO CHURCH THIS SUNDAY!

And big HIGH FIVES go to Arianna and Ayla for saying their books of the Bible on Sunday. Good job, girls!

See you Sunday!

## COMMUNICATIONS



We are always looking for the best ways to communicate with church members and friends of our church. There is so much going on at SSUMC that it is often difficult to be sure that everyone knows what is going on. Last-minute changes to programming and schedules are some of the most challenging things to communicate. We also want to be sure that everyone knows about committee meetings, church activities, special programs, prayer requests, and other things of interest to you. That is the purpose of this survey – to communicate with you our desire to do better at communicating with you! **J**

Technology offers us so many great opportunities for keeping in touch with one another. Even though technology is less personal than a telephone call, we have to be realistic about how difficult it would be to call every person in the church with important or time-sensitive information...It simply is not practical. So, we want to know what you want from us in terms of communication and how you want information delivered to you.

**WEBSITE:** We have a wonderful website – [sandspringsumc.org](http://sandspringsumc.org) – This is a great place to get information and the best place to direct our visitors to find out more about our church family.



**EMAIL:** We currently have a wonderful Email Prayer Chain that includes many of our church members. We also send our newsletter to a list of Email recipients. We need to be sure that everyone who has an active Email account is included on our lists. Do you have Email and are not receiving messages from the church? Do we have your current Email address? Would you like Email messages sent to your mobile phone? Would you like to learn how to use Email?

**NEWSLETTER:** *The Springs* is printed and mailed twice each month. It is also sent via Email to those who have requested it. Our newsletter is a great source for inspiration and information. ALL articles for the newsletter must be turned in to the office by noon on the Monday prior to each publication. This means that committees and ministry teams must plan ahead to get information published. Do we have your current mailing address? Did you know that we are charged 50 cents for every newsletter returned by the post office? Did you know that research shows that most church newsletters are only read by 10% of the people who receive them in the mail?



**FACEBOOK:** Did you know that SSUMC has a Facebook page? We do (Sand-Springs-United-Methodist-Church) and so does our KidZone (Ssumc-KidZone), our Youth Group (The-Awakening-Ssumc-youth), and our Young Adult Group (The-Uprising-at-Ssumc). This is a great place to share news and information. Check us out and become our Friend.



**TWITTER:** The church does not have its own Twitter account yet, but our Pastor and Youth Director do. This is a fun way to share short bits of news. We need your feedback about whether you would like to be a “Twit”!



**You Tube:** We also have our own You Tube Channel: SSunitedCmethodist...Sunday sermons are posted here in case you missed and want to catch up with the message.



**Word Press:** Pastor Don has a blog – [revdtabbs.wordpress.com](http://revdtabbs.wordpress.com) – sermon manuscripts, newsletter articles, and other thoughts are posted there and you have the opportunity to comment back to him.

**Postcards:** For many years we have used postcards to remind people about meetings and other activities. Postage costs continue to rise and this is no longer the best way to communicate with you. Please understand as we phase this method out of our communications arsenal. *Thanks!*

# SSUMC COMMUNICATIONS SURVEY

Your opinions are important to us. Please take a few minutes to fill out this form to help us know how you prefer to receive information from your church. Return the form to the church office or place it in the offering plate. *Thanks for helping us stay in touch!*

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
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## **Communications Issues:**

I prefer to receive **time-sensitive mass communication** messages from the church via:

\_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Please send EMAIL messages to my cell phone: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Please call me: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I am willing to serve on a calling committee for those who prefer phone calls.

\_\_\_\_\_ I prefer to wait for the mail to bring my newsletter; do not email or call me.

I currently get general information about the church via: (check all that apply)

\_\_\_\_\_ I read the announcements on the screen every Sunday

\_\_\_\_\_ I receive regular email messages through the Prayer Chain

\_\_\_\_\_ I receive committee updates through email

\_\_\_\_\_ I check our website regularly

\_\_\_\_\_ I am already a Facebook friend and stay up to date that way

## **Newsletter Delivery:**

With the rising cost of printing and postage we want to be sure we getting the best value possible. Please help us with the following information.

\_\_\_\_\_ I prefer the current method of newsletter delivery through the Post Office

\_\_\_\_\_ I prefer to receive the newsletter via Email so I can print it or read it on the screen

\_\_\_\_\_ I prefer to read the newsletter on our website ([www.sandspringsumc.org](http://www.sandspringsumc.org))

\_\_\_\_\_ I would prefer to pick up a printed copy of the newsletter at church on Sunday morning

## **Are you interested in Email but are technologically challenged?**

Would you be interested in an Email Class? Some of you have already signed up for a class that is planned to begin when school starts this fall. Our Youth Group has graciously volunteered to teach us how to use technology.

\_\_\_\_\_ I would attend an Email Class at the church

Additional Comments and/or suggestions: \_\_\_\_\_

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## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

FLC-Family Life Center

### Wednesday, August 1

7:30 a.m.-M/W Breakfast—Crescent Café  
10:00 a.m.-Exercise to Music-FLC  
6:30 p.m.-The Awakening-Youth  
6:00 p.m.-Praise Team Practice  
7:00 p.m.-Chancel Choir

### Thursday, August 2

4:15 & 5:30 p.m.-Weight Watchers— F. Hall

### Friday, August 3

12:00 p.m.-Weight Watchers

### Saturday, August 4

No Activities

### Sunday, August 5

8:30 a.m.-Modern Worship  
10:00 a.m.-Sunday School  
11:00 a.m.-Classic Worship

### Monday, August 6

10:00 a.m.-Exercise to Music-FLC

7:00 p.m.-Nominations Committee Meeting  
7:00 p.m.-Boy Scouts 101-FLC

### Tuesday, August 7

6:00 p.m.-Chancel Bell Practice  
7:00 p.m.-Al-Anon-Upstairs

### Wednesday, August 8

7:30 p.m.-Men's Breakfast-Crescent Café  
10:00 a.m.-Exercise to Music-FLC  
6:30 p.m.-The Awakening-Youth  
6:00 p.m.-Praise Team Practice  
7:00 p.m.-Chancel Choir

### Thursday, August 9

11:00 a.m.-Needlers  
4:15 & 5:30 p.m.-Weight Watchers— F. Hall

### Estate Planning Thoughts

Life insurance is a way to make a larger gift to your church than you might otherwise be able to afford. Consider naming your church as a beneficiary of any life insurance policy.

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## Child Share Boxes

Child Share Boxes are due on August 12. If you are bringing a completed box, put your items in a clear plastic box, 58 quarts. You can find these at Wal Mart. You may also bring your items to the UMW (salad supper/missions) Unit Meeting on August 13th at 6:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Also, if your group is doing a box for infants, the Needlers have baby blankets to donate. Just call VI McAllister.

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Thank You for caring and sharing