

# The Springs



Rev. Don Tabberer

April 9, 2014



## **Centennial Celebration**

Sunday, April 6<sup>th</sup> we celebrated 100 years of Methodist ministry in the Sand Springs community. Bishop Robert E. Hayes, Jr. and his wife Dee joined us at 9:30 AM for an informal Q&A, followed by worship at 10:30 AM and then a wonderful luncheon at 1:00 PM at the Family Life Center. It was a great day attended by more than 250 church members, family, friends, and visitors. We had much to celebrate and the committee, led by Gerrie Holladay, did a great job of pulling everything together. There were so many people involved in this celebration and the best we can do is say, "THANK YOU" to anyone who helped make this day possible.

During the Q&A, someone asked the Bishop what the church's greatest challenge for the future is. His answer was honest and challenging to hear. He told us that, as the United Methodist church, we must learn how to adapt to change. He said we cannot continue to do things the way we've always done them thinking that the way it used to work is sufficient. The

church can no longer sit around and wait for people to come to us; we must go out and find them. Changes in programming, worship styles, and administrative structures are all inevitable and we must learn to adapt or the church will continue to decline. He told us that every mainline denomination in the country is on the decline and the non-denominational churches who are willing to do things very differently are the only ones who are growing.

In his sermon, Bishop Hayes talked to us about King David and helped us to see how important it is for us to remember those who have gone before us and left us the legacy of the church. These saints of the church made it possible for us to be here today and we must remember and honor them for what they have made possible. He also reminded us that it is vitally important for us to see God's plan for our future and to be willing to make the hard choices necessary to live into God's plan. We were so blessed by Bishop Hayes!

Others in attendance included: Rev. Dan Peil and his wife Marilyn, our District Superintendent; Rev. Russell Bracey and his wife; Rev. Dennis Adlof and his wife; Rev. Ken Tobler and his wife; Rev. Quitman McCrory and his wife; Rep. Jadine Nollan and her husband; Mr. Gabe Sherman from Congressman Bridenstine's office and his family. Many visitors, family, and friends also joined in the celebration. It was truly a great day!

# what is \$1 a day?



## or \$7 towards apportionments

A percentage of apportionment money goes to the **Black College Fund**.

Bishop Hayes is a product of one of our United Methodist predominantly black colleges—Huston-Tillotson University in Austin, Texas.



Could you give up something each day and give the money to apportionments?



**Holy Thursday, April 17 6:30 pm**

***“A Living Last Supper”*** – We will re-enact the final meal Jesus shared with his disciples. Service includes Holy Communion and a meal served at the Family Life Center, 101 West 38<sup>th</sup> Street.

***Don't forget: We count on you to help us gather the items needed for our evening meal. Sign up sheets and shopping lists are available in the church lobby next to the Parlor.***

**Good Friday, April 18 6:30 pm**

***“In My Place”*** – Based on a traditional Tenebrae Service, our choir will present a dramatic musical with readings that leads us through the end of this holiest of weeks.

This will be in our Sanctuary, 4<sup>th</sup> and Main.

**Easter Sunday, April 20**

Son-rise breakfast at the Family Life Center  
6:00 am

***Please bring something to share for our fellowship breakfast. This is always fun to gather early on Easter morning and worship as the sun rises over us.***

Easter Sunrise Worship at the Family Life Center 6:45 am

Modern Worship in the Sanctuary 8:30 am

Sunday school/Small Groups 10:00 am

Classic Worship in the Sanctuary 11:00 am



**It's That Time Again**

## UMW Herbal Affair Bake Sale

Have you been digging out the recipes? This is the big fund raiser for our United Methodist Women but they can't do it without you! They need breads, pies (non-refrigerate), candies, cookies, cakes, nuts, sauces, rolls, spice breads, party mixes and more..... Be creative. All the homemade yummys are BIG sellers. The ladies will be in the parlor and narthex on Friday, April 25th at 9 a.m. to label, weigh, price and tag everything. All goodies need to be in the Narthex by then.

Let's make this the biggest year yet!!!

## This Holy Mystery

**"This Holy Mystery"** is a document from the United Methodist Church General Board of Discipleship. It contains the official United Methodist understanding of the sacrament of Holy Communion and what that means to the local congregation. It is an extensive document, well-worth reading; there are a few copies available on the counter in the east hallway near the sanctuary entrance. One of the significant statements in this document is: *"Holy Communion expresses our oneness in the body of Christ, anticipates Jesus' invitation to feast at the heavenly banquet, and calls us to strive for the visible unity of the church."* Unfortunately, there seems to be division rather than unity in our congregation over the issue of how often we celebrate Holy Communion. I have received feedback from persons on both sides of the issue and I believe a considered response is in order.

I have tried to make the case that monthly communion was originally instituted in the Methodist church for reasons that no longer exist. The current trend in many United Methodist churches throughout the world is to return to weekly celebration of the Eucharist. John Wesley told us that we should receive communion as often as possible because it is a means of receiving God's grace. *"The sacraments are God's gifts to the gathered body of believers to form the church into Christ's body in ministry to the world. Through Holy Communion, the Holy Spirit works to shape our moral and ethical lives. In the ongoing process of conversion, we grow in personal and social holiness and are empowered to work for healing, compassion, reconciliation, justice, and peace."* (**THIS HOLY MYSTERY**, page 24) I must also confess that this tradition is part of my personal upbringing, though it may not be part of yours. It is often difficult for us to adapt to change, particularly when the change involves something as important as a sacrament of the church. I always try to remember that our congregation is made up of people from many different denominational backgrounds; everyone in our church did not grow up as a Methodist.

All of that is to say that I have made the decision to stop offering Holy Communion in every weekly worship service. I come to this decision knowing that it will not be popular with everyone who attends worship here. Many of you will miss this special moment of worship; many will wonder why this decision is be-

ing made at this time, just before Easter. Some of you will be pleased with this choice, others will be unhappy. That is the nature of the church and of humanity – we can never please everyone, no matter how hard we try.

I had sincerely hoped that the weekly celebration of the holy mystery of the Eucharist would bring spiritual growth to our church and deepen our relationship with Jesus Christ. This practice was intended to draw us together as the Body of Christ, not cause us to argue. I cannot explain why this issue has caused such difficulty in our church because I simply do not know. What I know is that we should not place a stumbling block in the way of anyone participating in the worship of God; this practice has become a stumbling block for some. For that I am sorry.

For those who want to continue to participate in weekly communion, I am working on some ideas for how to offer an alternative Service of the Table each Sunday morning. I am not sure yet what this will look like, but I hope to have it together within the next couple weeks. Meanwhile, let us all be in constant prayer for the unity of our church and the mission set before us by God. Our church is so much more than the individuals who make up our membership – it is the mission and ministry of God in the name of Jesus Christ.

In His Name,  
Pastor Don



YOU ARE INVITED  
TO SHARE THE JOY!

A WEDDING SHOWER FOR  
DON COLE & SYLVIA SCOTT

Sunday, April 28 - 2:00 p.m.  
In the Church Narthex

Don & Sylvia will be married April 15 in Eureka Springs.  
They are registered at Wal-Mart, Target and Sears.  
We wish them God's blessings as they begin their new life together,  
along with Sylvia's daughter, Alecia.  
Men are welcome to come and show support to Don also.

## Sunday Lists

### Sunday Volunteers—April 13

Visitors Center & Coffee-Discovery

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

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

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Child. Church-8:30 a.m.-Kingdom Kids

Child. Church-11:00 a.m.-Susie H. & Family

Counters-Sondra Bogert & Dick Ford

Communion Servers

8:30	11:00
Ashlin Carney	Helen Brumley
Janna Cheek	Raven Brumley
Don Cole	Eddy David
Lisa Comer	Jan Dickerson

### Sunday Volunteers—April 20

Visitors Center & Coffee-Discovery

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

Young Disciples Lesson-8:30a.m.-Jami Warkentin

Young Disciples Lesson-11:00 a.m.-Jami W.

Child. Church-8:30 a.m.-Kingdom Kids

Child. Church-11:00a.m.-Jami W. & Kat K.

Counters-Sheree Buttler & Jami Warkentin

Communion Servers

8:30	11:00
Julie Ferguson	Eldin Fisher
Leesa Hairgrove	Dick Ford
Buster Hall	Jo Fritts
Kristen Henry	Cathy Gifford

## Please Keep In Prayer

Ruth Weaver, Donna Woodruff, Destinee Tackett, Sylvia Johnson, Clinton Wilson, Martha Scudder, Virginia Vice, Margaret Pyeatt, Marilyn Peil, Michael Bostwick & Kelsey (Bostwick family friend), Cathy Hula, Beverly Rousey, Charlotte Cain, Unspoken requests, Darryl Muse, Tristan Schwartz, Jim Wilson, Whitney Roberts, Nique Ropp

## Acknowledgements

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

*Many thanks to all who have agreed to participate in the "100 Years of Memories" video. The response has been tremendous. Since April is such a busy month, it will be May before we get everything lined out and ready to go. As soon as everything is organized, there will be sign-up sheets in the Narthex with the date and times. Call me if you have any questions at (918) 241-3259.*

*Karen Wilder*

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

*Just a quick note to let everyone know I am feeling much better. Their thoughts and prayers meant a lot to me and my family. They lifted my spirits and helped my recovery.*

*God Bless, Paul Waldschmidt*

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

*To the family and friends of Jack Pace who passed away April 3rd. Jack joined SSUMC on October 25, 2009 and was a faithful member until he became ill. He will be missed by all who knew him. Our prayers to his dear friend Dorothy Morton as well for her loss.*



## The Awakening

*The Awakening exists to...  
"Teach students to genuinely  
honor Christ through service,  
reaching out to those around  
them, and building up a com-  
munity based on love for one  
another"*

### Upcoming Events

April 12th – Youth Room/Office Paint Day

April 30th – The Awakening @ Green Tree

### Update

I hope that you all are doing well following our Centennial Celebration on Sunday. What a special day it was, the Holy Spirit was present and felt in each of our lives.

April is upon us and we are getting closer to the end of school, Easter, and all the craziness that comes with those things. The next day we have something is this coming Saturday, April 12th. We will be repainting our new youth room, as well as my office. As much as I love the neon green, it is time to change it to something different. We will be starting in the morning at 8, and will work until we are finished. I am hoping to be done by dinner. If you have students or adults who can come help us, send them to the church. The more people we have, the faster it will go. I would like to request that if you come to bring paint brushes/rollers. I will buy a few, but depending on how many people we have, I may not have enough. If you could help me out in that regard, that would be great!

We kicked off our series ***"Who Is This Man?"*** last Wednesday and we are examining the life of Christ and understanding why it still matters. I feel like Christ has already become more alive and I'm praying that He continues to come alive for these students.

Your Fellow Servant,

Mark



## KidZone

Holy Week and Easter are just around the corner!! Hard to believe, isn't it? This Sunday, Palm Sunday, the children will be singing in both services. So make plans to be there!

Parents and grandparents are invited to come with the children on Easter Sunday for our annual Easter breakfast at 10am in Caleb House. This is something the children look forward to every year. We are very happy that we have enough room in Caleb House that we can invite families to join us this year!

And a big thank you to the children for making and presenting to Bishop Hayes a card and gift at our centennial celebration. It was a nice way for the children to thank him for coming.

See you Sunday!!

## It's a Pounding!

We would like to invite you to join us in the Narthex before or after Sunday School on April 27<sup>th</sup> to meet our new youth director,

Mark Giovi, and his fiancée Jenny. Mark started in his role as youth director on February 1<sup>st</sup>. We are blessed to have found someone who is already leading our youth to reflect their love for Christ in their lives.

To show our support and welcome them to the SSUMC family, we are asking everyone to join us in giving Mark and Jenny a good "Pounding" (bring a pound of anything that Mark and Jenny might use or enjoy). This should be a lot of fun and a great way to get to know and interact with them. Refreshments will also be provided during this time.



**MARK YOUR CALENDAR**  
**FLC-Family Life Center**

**Wednesday, April 9**

7:30 a.m.-Men's Breakfast—Crescent Café  
10:00 a.m.-Exercise to Music  
3:30 p.m.-Art Class-F. Hall  
6:30 p.m.-The Awakening Youth-FLC  
6:00 p.m.-Chancel Ringers  
7:00 p.m.-Chancel Choir

**Thursday, April 10**

11:00 a.m.-Needlers-Parlor  
5:30 p.m.-FLC in use  
6:30 p.m.-FLC in use  
7:00 p.m.-Stewardship Meeting

**Friday, April 11**

6:00 p.m.-FLC in use

**Saturday, April 12**

7:00 a.m.-Helping Hands Mission-Meet in F. Hall  
10:00 a.m.-Art Class-F. Hall

**Sunday, April 13-Palm Sunday-Kingdom Kids sing both svcs.**

8:30 a.m.-Modern Worship; 11:00 a.m.-Classic Worship  
10:00 a.m.-Sunday School  
1:00 p.m.-Youth Mentor Group  
2:00 p.m.-Trustee Meeting

**Monday, April 14**

10:00 a.m.-Exercise to Music-FLC  
6:15 p.m.-2nd Monday Book Club-Parlor  
7:00 p.m.-Boy Scouts-FLC

**Tuesday, April 15-Congratulations Don & Sylvia & Alecia**

12:00 p.m.-Lenten Lunch-Episcopal Church  
6:30 p.m.-Cub Scouts-FLC  
7:00 p.m.-Praise Team  
7:00 p.m.-Al-Anon-Upstairs

**Wednesday, April 16**

7:30 a.m.-Men's Breakfast-Crescent Café  
10:00 a.m.-Exercise to Music-FLC  
3:30 p.m.-Art Class-F. Hall  
6:00 p.m.-Chancel Ringers  
6:30 p.m.-Youth-FLC  
7:00 p.m.-Chancel Choir

**Thursday, April 17-Maundy Thursday**

6:30 p.m.-Maundy Thursday service-FLC

**Friday, April 18-Good Friday**

6:00 p.m.-FLC in use  
6:30 p.m.-Good Friday Service-Sanctuary

**Sunday, April 20-HAPPY EASTER!**

6:15 p.m.-Sunrise Service-FLC  
8:30 a.m.-Modern Worship; 11:00 a.m.-Classic Worship  
10:00 a.m.-Sunday School



Bishop Hayes receives a gift from our children.

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