



# The Wellspring

News and Encouragement for the RSUMC Family

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## ONLINE *worship*

As of this writing, we are still worshipping exclusively online. We were able to worship in the sanctuary on the 5th of July...and it was wonderful to see everyone...but just days later Bishop Taylor came out with a precautionary statement closing our buildings once again. Please stay tuned – we will do our best to get any changes out to you as soon as we can. Meanwhile, we thank you for finding and joining us online (please let us know you're there by leaving a comment).

With regard to online worship...we are having challenges with LIVE-STREAMING our Worship service. If there's anyone out there who can show us how that's done...we need your help, please step forward. Meanwhile, you'll find us online at 1:00pm.

### On Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/>

### On our website

<https://www.rockspringsumc.com>

## ONLINE *giving*

*Fast...Simple...Secure!*

- \* We've set up an online giving account on our website: [www.rockspringsumc.com](http://www.rockspringsumc.com)
- \* If you're more comfortable sending a check, our address is 227 Church View Dr. Kingsport, TN. 37664

We appreciate your tithing during this challenging time, and pray for your good health and safety.



5th Sunday



Please let Martha know  
what you'd like to hear...  
or if you'd like to step up  
and SING...

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### August Anniversaries

- 8/21 Jeff & Jennifer Miller
- 8/22 Jeff & Kathi Kost
- 8/25 Larry & Martha Ward
- 8/28 Jon & Ginger Light
- 8/30 Michael & Tracie Morelock

### August Birthdays

- 8/1 Nicki Compton
- 8/2 Eddie Rutherford
- 8/5 John K. Gray
- 8/8 Tristen Pennington
- 8/9 Ralph Moore
- 8/12 Carole Henry
- 8/14 Ken Nichols
- 8/23 Sandra Grills
- 8/27 Jeff Gray
- 8/29 Kim Thornburg
- 8/29 Andrew Compton

Last month we were privileged to serve 62 needy families  
God is Good...

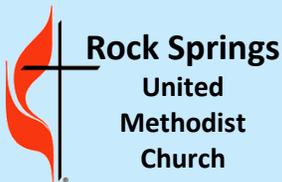


Shopping  
Friday 8/21  
1:00pm

Food Pantry OPEN  
8/25  
from 5-6:30 pm

## ROCK SPRINGS FISH FRY

suspended until further notice



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## *Pastor's Blog*

Well, here it is the first month of my being pastor here at Rocks Springs UMC and I've hardly spoken to any of you. I take some comfort in the first part of Matthew 19:1 "Now it came to pass...." This plague of a virus upon the earth will pass. The question is, when will it pass and how much damage will it leave in its path?

Covid 19 has certainly come hard. The destruction has been great in numerous ways. And while I do not think it is ushering in the End Times, I do believe it is a wake-up call to the Church.

Maybe people will listen... I pray we will... but I am realistic enough to know not everybody will. I doubt if the majority will listen. And sometimes it leads me to feel like praying in the manner of Abraham when God was going to destroy Sodom and Gomorrah. I'm just not sure what God would say about simply finding a few righteous people in the Church. So, I pray let there be a strong movement of the Holy Spirit upon all who have claimed the name Christian.

In the meantime there are many added problems brought to us under the name of Covid 19. One that many people and places are dealing with is finance. Many businesses have closed and others are hurting.

I am sure Holston Home for Children is feeling the crunch. In my opinion, The Children's Home is one of the most important places we can send our gifts. You may have heard they have changed the name of the Home's school. The new name is the River Academy and it is time for the school year to start. Again I am sure they need gifts to help cover the school cost.

And while I am on the topic of money (that almost taboo subject) Rock Springs UMC needs your support. Personally I believe the best way for a Christian to show our faith is by tithing. Also, (although I never preach prosperity teachings) I believe God blesses our faithfulness in lots of ways.

Looking at it from a purely worldly perspective, even when there is no one in the building it still costs money to pay the normal operating expenses. So I ask you to pray about supporting Rock Springs UMC.

I hope the passing of Covid 19 comes quickly. I pray we will be meeting in the sanctuary for worship real soon. Until it does, we look to God for strength and protection. Remember Psalm 121, "I lift up my eyes to the hills – from where will my help come? My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

May God's peace be with you.

*Harry*



### ***Prayer Requests***

Jon Light  
Charlie Fischer  
Judy Bradley  
Bo Compton  
Lotus Jean Compton  
Carl Painter  
Bert Carter  
C.M. Jinkerson  
Forbes family  
Creech Family  
Sonny Forbes Family  
Peggy Hughes  
Joe Pat Selby Family



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## Volunteers are needed

for our Drive-thru Food Pantry.  
ONE evening a month...  
4th Tuesday  
Between 4:00—6:30pm.  
Call the church office and let us know your  
willingness to serve.

*Thank You!*

