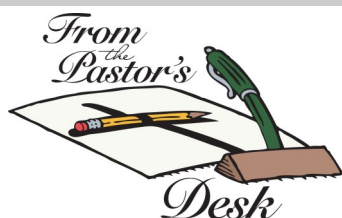


# The Fountain

DECEMBER 2021



## Light Overcomes Darkness

In Creation God gave humanity the ability to choose. Free will! It's a blessing.

History has shown that people do in fact choose many different paths. Scripture tells us that God had hoped people would choose to be in relationship with him and throughout the Bible we can see the Lord continuing to call and invite his people into such a life.

Today, just like in times of old, people have many choices. How will we live? Who gets our loyalty and devotion? Many paths entice and promise what they cannot fulfill. The Evil One lurks and seeks to distract, calling people away from God. Such are the ways that lead to darkness.

Have you ever tried walking in complete darkness? Many are afraid of the dark. It's easy to get disoriented in complete pitch black. We wander around inevitably bumping into things and stumbling. People can sneak up on us and scare us to death. Oh, but what a difference a little bit of light makes. Light reveals all sorts of obstacles. Light allows us to see, to maneuver with more clarity and purpose.

Isaiah 9:2: "The people walking in darkness have seen a great light..." Matthew 4:16: "...on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned."

After generation and generation of people turning from God and choosing to live in spiritual darkness God brings the Light, Jesus Christ, into the world. This Light will point the way back to God, it will remind people of the great opportunity to be in relationship with their Creator. Jesus, the Light of the world, our Redeemer demonstrates the love of God and invites us to follow... to live and walk in the Light...

and to experience abundant living.

The choice of course is still ours. Some will continue to choose darkness over light. But those who choose the Light will experience life empowered by our Maker.

Advent and Christmas reminds us of Christ's coming into the world. The Light has come. God dwells among us. Let us walk in the Light, rejoicing for evermore.

Christmas Blessings,

*Tony Ball*

**LOVE**  
**YOUR** *neighbor*  
**AS YOURSELF.**  
*Mark 12:31*

## If only...

There are many of you ... who think to yourselves: "If only I had been there! How quick I would have been to help the Baby! I would have washed his linen. How happy I would have been to go with the shepherds to see the Lord lying in the manger!"

Yes, you would! You say that because you know how great Christ is, but if you had been there at that time, you would have done no better than the people of Bethlehem. ... Why don't you do it now? You have Christ in your neighbor. You ought to serve him, for what you do to your neighbor in need you do to the Lord Christ himself.

—Martin Luther



## Candlelight Service

*Mark your calendars for our*

***Christmas Eve Candlelight Service***

***Friday, December 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm.***

*More information to come...*



*Thank you so much for all the love and support that you showed our family during Don's recent heart attack. We are so grateful for all your prayers, delicious meals, cards, phone calls, and text messages during this stressful time. God is so good, and we feel so blessed to have you all as our church family.*



*Love Always, Don, Leslie, Sydney, and Ryley Gray*

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*Dear Church Members,*

*As many of you know a "love offering" was collected for Pastor Tony during October, Pastor appreciation month. I cannot begin to thank you all for your generous heartfelt giving. Every day you make a difference in the lives of others and it doesn't go unnoticed. Thanks again for your kindness, and a special thanks to Angela for pulling this all together for us.*

*With gratitude, Lynne Georgevich, SPRC Chairperson*



*Our Christian sympathy is extended to the following families upon the death of their loved ones:*

- ◇ *Terry Bowers family upon the death of his sister, Lynn Nesbit on October 31, 2021;*
- ◇ *Bill Krimminger family upon his death on November 5, 2021.*

*May the Spirit of the Living God continue to guide and direct these families of our church.*



## Just Older Youth

I have been asked to “re-energize” the Traveling Seniors group from Cold Springs UMC and our community and I look forward to undertaking that challenge. I feel that it would be amazing to actively come together as fellow Christians to enjoy the company of like-minded individuals to fellowship, share God’s word and blessings with one another and to travel this wonderful world that He has given us to explore.

If you are interested in being a part of the newly revitalized group which will now be called “JOY” (Just Older Youth), please contact Pam Helms at [pamhelms@ctc.net](mailto:pamhelms@ctc.net) or call 980 521-7494 and let me know if you would like to join (or reconnect) with Seniors of our community. I would love to find out if you are interested in meeting monthly as a group, having a short devotion, some entertainment, enjoy each other’s company, travel the country and plan our future together.

Please complete the info below and return to Pam Helms no later than December 1 and we will make preparations to begin this adventure together in the new year. If you have friends or family that you think would be interested, please extend this invitation to them for it is our mission to share JOY with others.

Blessings, Pam Helms

**(Once you return your information, I will provide you many, many trip ideas that we can entertain taking.)**

Traveler’s Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Number \_\_\_\_\_ Home Number \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Info: (List Name and Number of a person outside this group) \_\_\_\_\_

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We will meet on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month from 9:00 am – 11:00 am in the fellowship hall.

Your Suggestions of Places to Visit, Things to See and Do \_\_\_\_\_

**Be Grateful! Do not regret growing older – it is a privilege denied to many.**



## A Season of Waiting

Our oven recently bit the dust, and the needed replacement part is no longer manufactured. Due to an appliance shortage, we had to wait eight weeks for a new oven! Yet even amid inconvenience, I see God's purpose. We were thankful to have a grill and slow cookers in the meantime. We creatively attempted to cook favorite meals in different ways. And though we craved anything baked in an oven — cookies, casseroles, even chicken nuggets — we realized that waiting eight weeks for an oven isn't truly a trying time.

Many of us wait for much greater milestones and miracles: physical healing, the return of a prodigal child, an end to financial struggles. Paul offers us hope as we wait: "May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you the same attitude of mind toward each other that Christ Jesus had" (Romans 15:5, NIV).

When you're in a season of waiting — including Advent! — consider what you're thankful for and what you crave. Tell God how you're feeling and ask for endurance while you wait.


—Janna Firestone

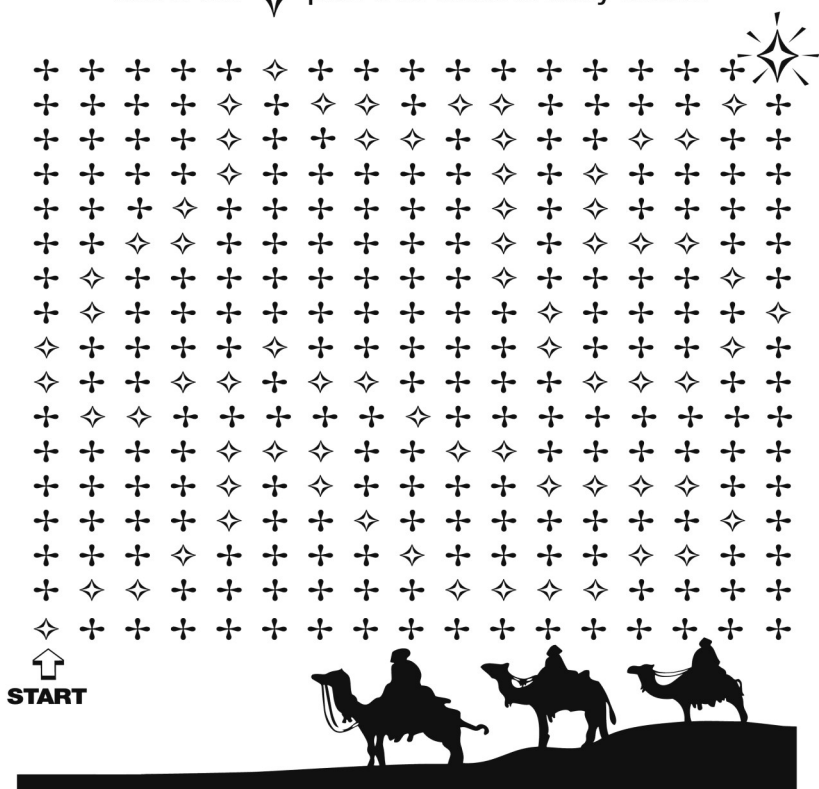
*"God goes to those who have time to hear him—and so on this cloudless night he went to simple shepherds."*

—Max Lucado



# Puzzle!

Starting in the lower-left corner, help the wise men follow the  path that leads to baby Jesus.



Now unscramble these words to discover what gifts the wise men brought Jesus.

L D O G

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## **BLESSING OF THE HANDS**

Do you ever think about all the roles of your hands? Some days they are soft and tender, providing help to others. Other days they are rough and dirty so they can be strong and courageous. Sometimes they are timid and sometimes they are bold. Our hands take on all these responsibilities as we strive to be the hands and feet of Jesus.



The Women of Faith, Fellowship and Mission invite women of all ages to “A Blessing of the Hands” on Saturday, January 22, 2022. Come and enjoy a morning of fellowship, devotion and time to pamper your hands with a soft scrub and nail polish. Ladies, bring your daughters, granddaughters and friends to join us for this time of rest and renewal.

**Saturday, January 22, 2022**  
**9:30 am–11:30 am in Krimminger Hall**  
***Brunch will be provided***

*Psalm 90:17 – May the favor of the Lord our God rest upon us; establish the work of our hands for us - yes, establish the work of our hands.*



Salvation Army Donations are being sought by Martha Avett Circle of the Cold Springs Women of Faith, Fellowship and Missions from now until December 8, 2021. Lila Barnhardt has provided us with a list of needed items:

1. NEW children's coats for the Christmas Angel children, sizes 2-12, boys and girl sizes.
2. Used outerwear, coats, hoodies, sweatshirts, etc, all sizes for men and women. These will be given to homeless persons and other people that come for meals, food, etc.
3. Toboggans and gloves for men and women
4. Used washable blankets.

Items may be placed in the Salvation Army container at the mailboxes



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YOUNG ADULT  
MINISTRY

*As a ministry to our college-age students attending college (and military), we periodically send gift cards to them to local fast-food restaurants so they can grab a "treat" on us and to let them know we are thinking and praying for them! If you would like to help support this ministry, please mark your contribution "college" and place in the offering plate or send to the church office. Your support is greatly appreciated!*



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M ↑ **What's in a name?** ↓  
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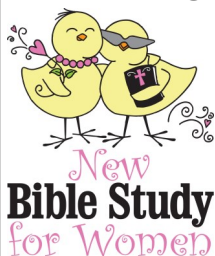
An angel told Joseph what to name Mary's baby.  
Solve the puzzle to discover the name's meaning.

*Directions: Begin at the circled H below and follow the arrows. Circle every other letter, and then place them in order to complete Matthew 1:21.*

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MATTHEW 1:21, NIV  
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Answer: "She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins." Matthew 1:21, NIV

## From Beginning to End, the Bible is a Love Story



Maybe your head knows that God is always good, but your heart's not so sure. Or perhaps while reading Scripture, you've wondered if our Creator Redeemer went through a personality change---from strictly enforcing the rules in the Old Testament to loving the outcast in the New!

In this 7-session Bible study, "How Much More" by Lisa Harper, you'll discover divine love on the often overlooked and misunderstood passages. And you'll be delighted to find that Jehovah of the Old Testament is the same redemptive and compassionate God we see through Jesus Christ in the New Testament. He has always been and will always be for us!

Ladies, join us if you want to:

1. Tackle some overlooked or misunderstood passages in Scripture, uncovering how they amplify the love and goodness of God;
2. Explore the historical-cultural context of biblical texts to grasp their deeper meaning;
3. Discover God's redemptive heart throughout Scripture and how He longs to redeem you;
4. Allow a renewed understanding of God's perfect compassion and perfect holiness to drive you to deeper intimacy and trust in Him.

We will begin this study on Wednesday, January 12, 2022 and continue each Wednesday through February 23, 2022. We will meet in Conference Room #2 at Cold Springs United Methodist Church. The deadline to sign up for this study is Sunday, December 19, 2021. You may sign up by calling the church office 704-782-1811, by calling or texting Kay Jones 704-467-7597 or emailing [k328jonez@gmail.com](mailto:k328jonez@gmail.com). The cost for this study is approximately \$18.00 for the study book. If you know of someone who would be interested in attending this study, please invite them to join us.

## Birthdays

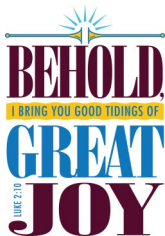
- 1—Linda Morrison, Wayne Barnhardt, Bennie Hunsucker  
3—Grace Cranmer  
4—Darla Daugherty  
6—Mike Barnhardt  
8—Karie Long, Barbara Bost  
11—Tommy Jones  
12—Jane Wiley  
16—Leeann Gainey, Brice Long  
17—Ronald Barnhardt  
18—Judy Allmon  
19—Janice Brady  
20—Gracie Cook  
21—Cindy Love, Eli Caldwell  
22—Tony Bell  
26—Ramona Barnhardt, Timothy Campbell  
29—Diane Miller  
30—Jeff Heintz, Donna Cook, Wes Leonard  
31—Ryan Moser

# DECEMBER



## Anniversaries

- 13—Greg & Kim Overbay  
27—Relle & Linda Moore



*"All the Christmas presents in the world are worth nothing without the presence of Christ."*

*-David Jeremiah*

## DESIGNATED FUND

In Memory of Emily Myers

By: Nancy Kluttz

In Memory of Bobby Morgan

By: Johnny & Paula Faggart

## UNITED METHODIST MEN

In Memory of Bill Krimminger

By: Ray & Barbara Bost

## Gifts & Memorials

Check out our website:

[www.coldspringsumc.org](http://www.coldspringsumc.org)



*Online Ministries* tab has links to



Worship live @ 8:45am

facebook



*for online tithes & offerings*



M.Y. Heart's ministry is collecting supplies to make blessing bags for the homeless. These items include such things as pocket Bibles, travel shampoos, conditioners, soap, and other necessities. A green bin is located under the mailboxes in the hallway behind the sanctuary and in the narthex. A list of other items are located on the flyer at these collection bins. If you have questions about this new outreach, email Julie Love at [jaxandcb@yahoo.com](mailto:jaxandcb@yahoo.com). *Our current needs for fall/winter: cold weather items such as toboggan hats, scarfs, thick socks, thermal underwear or white undershirts for men, gloves, and “hot hands.”*



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If you have an event/announcement you would like advertised in the newsletter and/or email, please provide information to the church office. The deadline for the newsletter is the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month to be included in the following month's newsletter. Events/announcements may also be sent out via church wide email. The office phone #704-782-1811 and the church office email address is [adminassist@coldspringsumc.org](mailto:adminassist@coldspringsumc.org)

If you would like to be added to the church email group, please provide your email address to the office via a note in the offering plate or email/phone call to the church office.

## **BREAKFAST COMMUNITY**



### **BREAKFAST:**

**Cancelled  
thru 2021**

*When sending prayer requests via email, please send them to [prayer@coldspringsumc.org](mailto:prayer@coldspringsumc.org) or submit them via the prayer request form on the church website. This will allow requests to still be sent out even when the church office is closed.*



**REQUESTS  
— FOR —  
PRAYER**

### **Mt. Pleasant Food Ministry's Current needs:**

Fruit Juice, Cereal, Powdered Milk,  
Bread, Dried Beans, and Crackers


Non-food items: Laundry Detergent, Shampoo, Face Soap, Toilet Tissue, Deodorant, Toothpaste, Diapers

The basket for donations to this food pantry is located in the hall behind the sanctuary beside the church mailboxes.



# Events At Cold Springs

## December 2021

| Sunday                                                                                                                                      | Monday                                | Tuesday                       | Wednesday                                                            | Thursday                                                | Friday                                                                        | Saturday                                                                              |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Every Sunday:</b><br>8:45am Contemporary Worship Service<br>10:05am Sunday School for ALL ages<br>11:00am Worship Service<br>4:00pm UMYF |                                       |                               | [1] 9:00am Bible Study<br>– KH<br>6:00pm KH reserved<br>– Boy Scouts | [2] KH & shelter reserved<br>– making slaw              | [3]                                                                           | [4] SH reserved all day                                                               |
| [5]                                                                                                                                         | [6] 6:00pm Martha Avett<br>s/g – KH   | [7] 6:00pm Sanctuary reserved | [8]                                                                  | [9] 4:00pm KH reserved<br>– Cub Scouts                  | [10] KH reserved all day<br>– Cub Scouts<br><br>Bus/Van reserved<br>– GS #322 | [11] 5:00pm KH reserved<br>– SS Class<br>Christmas party                              |
| [12] KH reserved all day<br>– UMYF                                                                                                          | [13] Bus/Van reserved<br>–JOY         | [14]                          | [15]                                                                 | [16] 10:00am Mae Barnhardt s/g @ Lillian Overbay's home | [17]                                                                          | [18] SH reserved all day<br>– EFSSC                                                   |
| [19] 3:00pm FLAMES s/g<br>– Conf Rm #3                                                                                                      | [20]                                  | [21]                          | [22]                                                                 | [23]                                                    | [24] 6:00pm Christmas Eve Service<br>KH reserved all day                      | [25]  |
| [26]                                                                                                                                        | [27] Office Closed<br>9:00am JOY – KH | [28]                          | [29]                                                                 | [30]                                                    | [31]                                                                          |                                                                                       |

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