

The Fountain

DECEMBER 2022

The Wonder of Lights



For many people, Christmas is their favorite time of year. It's a season of celebration, a time of giving, and is filled with much love and joy. Christmas time can warm hearts and change attitudes even if just for a brief moment.

Everywhere you look you can see decorations. Festive colors are displayed, evergreen wreaths and garland spruce up décor, and trees are full of adornment. And of course, we cannot forget about all the lights. We enjoy seeing the many strings of lights as they outline trees or designs. Somehow these tiny enchanting lights transform the common and ordinary into the magical.

There is much hidden wisdom in light. We speak of “shedding light on a subject,” and light reveals or exposes things in the darkness. As a child, we learned about the power of just one candle and how it can light up a room. Electricity lights up cities and often the glow can be seen for miles.

The Bible tells us that we are to be “lights to the world.” Often we feel so small in the face of our world

or community. Yet, when we join together in the sacred string of the community of Christ, we are not alone, we are one light among many. We become shining and significant signs of God's presence.

It was by a great light, a star, that led people to the Christ-child long ago. This Messiah, the Light of the world, continues to be the source of hope for people throughout the earth. When Christ-followers shine the light of God so others might see, we join the Lord in His efforts in enlightening the world about who He is and why He came.

This Advent and Christmas, let us join our prayers and acts of service with all those who yearn for love, hope and community. May we help point others to this Christ-child, and by such a linking of hearts and minds may we make our world more sacred and splendorous.

Advent and Christmas Blessings to All,
Pastor Tony



Christ's Birthday Party!

**Sunday, December 11
6:00pm Krimminger Hall**

Dinner will be served



*All are invited & welcome
to attend our
Candlelight Christmas Eve Service
on Saturday, December 24th at 6:00pm.
We will be blessed with music from a
string quartet beginning at 5:45pm.*



— Silent Night. Holy Night. —



Saturday, December 24

at 6:00pm:

Christmas Eve Candlelight
Worship Service

Sunday, December 25

at 10:00am:

Combined Christmas Day
Worship Service

Sunday, January 1

at 10:00am:

Combined New Year's Day Worship Service

*Sunday school classes can discuss if they
would like to meet on Christmas Day and New Year's Day.*



Prayer Steeple Project: *THANKS to everyone who most graciously donated and assisted with the cemetery "Prayer Steeple Project". The renovations on the steeple have been completed. The beautiful windows were re-glazed, a leak was repaired in the roof around the cross, painting was done inside, the altar furniture was refinished, new floor covering was installed, and the outside was pressure washed.*

The historical steeple has survived since 1911, and it is the hope of the Committee on Records and History that it will continue to survive for many more years and serve as a landmark in the Church Cemetery and more importantly serve as a place for people to come, pray, and meditate. Burial grounds are important links to the past and their preservation is essential as the landscaping makes any cemetery a peaceful sanctuary. The doors to the "Prayer Steeple" are always open, and you are urged to check out the finished project.

*~Cold Springs UMC Committee on Records & History
(Barbara Bost, Chairperson; Bill Barnhardt, Carol Barnhardt, Terry Bowers, John Cafferty, Nancy Kluttz, Brenda Long, Aaron Misenheimer, Pat Misenheimer, and June Sylvester.)*



Come along with biblical culturalist Kristi McLellad in this 7-session study as she unpacks the life of the early church in the book of Acts and shows us that the kingdom of God is always on the move, always looking outward to bring meaning and joy to a world searching for true fulfillment and hope. Explore the call of Jesus to His disciples then and to us today, see how God's Word can sustain us even in the most difficult times, and embrace the transformative grace we experience as children of God in His kingdom of celebration.

Ladies, please join us for the 7-week Bible study, *The Gospel on the Ground - The Grit & Glory of the Early Church in Acts*, beginning Wednesday, January 4, 2023 and continuing each Wednesday through February 15, 2023 from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. in Conference Room #2. The cost of this study will be approximately \$20.00 to \$25.00 plus tax for the cost of the study book. The deadline to sign up for this study is **Sunday, December 18, 2022**. You may sign up for this study by calling or texting Kay Jones at 704-467-7597 or emailing k328jonez@gmail.com or calling the church office at 704-782-1811. Look forward to you joining us.

ATTENTION: Parents of
HIGH SCHOOL
& COLLEGE SENIORS



Class of
2023

If your child will be graduating from high school or college in December 2022 or May/June 2023, please contact Angela in the church office adminassist@coldspringsumc.org or 704-782-1811 or Kelli Moser at kmoser70@gmail.com or 704-796-8700.

Birthdays

- 1—Linda Morrison, Wayne Barnhardt, Bennie Hunsucker
 3—Grace Cranmer, Shannon Bulger
 4—Darla Daugherty
 6—Mike Barnhardt
 8—Karie Long, Barbara Bost
 11—Tommy Jones
 12—Jane Wiley
 14—Joey Padgett
 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



Anniversaries

- 13—Greg & Kim Overbay

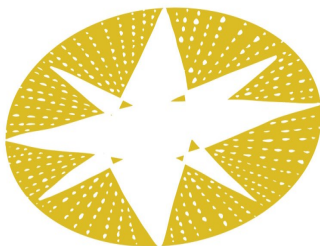


Bible Quiz



Complete this Bible verse: “The (1)____ (2)____ in the (3)____, and the (3)____ has not overcome it.”

- A. (1) Word; (2) speaks; (3) silence
- B. (1) light; (2) shines; (3) darkness
- C. (1) kingdom of God; (2) reigns; (3) world
- D. (1) Spirit of God; (2) shines; (3) world
- E. None of the above



Puzzle!

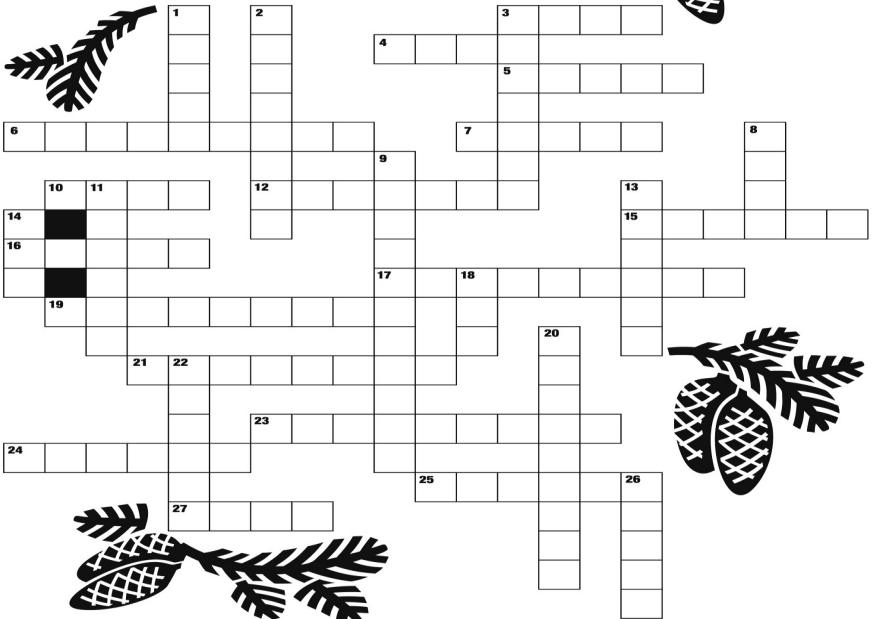
Take a break from Christmas preparations to complete this seasonal crossword.

DOWN

1. song
2. keeper of sheep
3. Anointed One
8. a gift of the magi
9. red plants
11. coming
13. Jesus _____
14. 12th month (abbrev.)
18. B&B
20. a form of holly
22. heavenly messengers
26. he ordered the slaughter of the innocents

ACROSS

3. wise men
4. author of the most famous Christmas account
5. red-suited gift-giver
6. of Ephrathah
7. presents
10. Gabriel came to her
12. has a red nose
15. "Messiah" composer
16. northern little helpers
17. patron saint of children
19. made flesh
21. home for Mary
23. tree decorations
24. crib
25. he was a carpenter
27. a nova



Answer: DOWN 1. carol, 2. shepherd, 3. Messiah, 8. gold, 9. poinsettias, 11. Advent, 13. Christ, 14. dec, 18. inn, 20. mistletoe, 22. angels, 26. Herod; ACROSS 3. magi, 4. Luke, 5. Santa, 6. Bethlehem, 7. gifts, 10. Mary, 12. Rudolph, 15. Handel, 16. elves, 17. Saint Nick, 19. incarnate, 21. Nazareth, 23. ornaments, 24. manger, 25. Joseph, 27. star

Gifts & Memorials

Needy Fund

In Memory of Bob Helms

By: Ray & Barbara Bost

By: Charles Page Sunday School Class

By: Johnny & Paula Faggart

In Memory of Freddie Heintz

By: Johnny & Paula Faggart

In Memory of Vincent Hess

By: Johnny & Paula Faggart

Ministries of Cold Springs UMC

In Memory of Bob Helms

By: John & Carol Dye

By: T. J. & Lillian Overbay

By: Cynthia Toth

By: Snyder Packaging

By: Charles & Sylvia Sellers

By: Loy & Sherry Ingold

Boy Scouts

By: Bobby Eagle

By: Ronald & Kathy Nelms

In Memory of Bob Helms

By: Shearon & Ruth Burluson

Cub Scouts

By: Bobby Eagle

Girl Scouts

By: Bobby Eagle



Our Christian sympathy is extended to the Mark Preddy family upon his death on November 5, 2022. May the Spirit of the Living God continue to guide and direct this family.

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*Thank you for the prayers, love, and kindness from our Church family during the loss of our brother.*

*The Mark Preddy family*





## PATH FORWARD TASK FORCE UPDATE:

### **The vote to pursue disaffiliation from the United Methodist Church passed.**

Members of the Admin Council voted at the November 13, 2022, meeting to determine if Cold Springs would remain with the UMC or pursue disaffiliation under Paragraph 2553. The vote to pursue disaffiliation with the UMC passed with the number of votes outlined below:

  0   Votes for the option to stay with the UMC and accept the progressive views of proposed changes in the Discipline

 20  Votes to pursue disaffiliation and join another denomination with traditional Methodist views

Paragraph 2553 allows the church to disaffiliate for reasons of conscience over issues involving church doctrine or practices regarding homosexuality.

Based on the outcome of this vote, Cold Springs UMC will pursue disaffiliation from the United Methodist Church. The next step requires that the results of the vote be communicated to the District Superintendent. Additional information regarding a date for the congregational vote will be provided once we hear from the District Superintendent.

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### **Enjoy these kid-friendly holiday jokes!**

- What did Adam say the day before Christmas? ***It's Christmas, Eve!***
- What does the gingerbread man put on his bed? ***Cookie sheets.***
- What do you sing at a snowman's birthday party? ***"Freeze a jolly good fellow!"***
- What is a Christmas tree's favorite candy? ***Ornamints.***
- What goes "Oh, Oh, Oh"? ***Santa walking backward.***
- Why did Rudolph get a bad report card? ***Because he went down in history.***
- What is an elf's favorite kind of music? ***Wrap music!***
- How much did Santa pay for his sleigh? ***Nothing. It was on the house!***
- What kind of photos do Santa's helpers take? ***Elfies.***

God came to earth in the Christmas  
birth of a tiny baby boy,  
Whose life and death are redeeming  
us yet with blessings, grace and joy.

Our minds may know this history  
but stand in awe at mystery.  
So faith becomes the way  
to make our hearts like  
“manger hearts”  
where Christ can dwell and God imparts  
his wondrous love each day.

—Peggy Ferrell



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**UNITED METHODIST** *The Cold Springs United Methodist Men* of the church will hold a very important meeting on **Sunday, December 4 at 2:00 PM in the Charles Page Sunday School Classroom.** The Methodist Men

have not met since COVID and are trying to re-vamp and re-organize. The United Methodist Men have many gifts to offer to the ministry of the church and community and have served for many years in this capacity. Cold Springs is a brotherhood of men, shaping one another, growing in faith, and learning to serve. Before COVID, the methodist men were very involved and touched many lives in the community and beyond. If you have never been a member of the United Methodist Men, you are invited ---- if you have previously been a member, you are invited - if you are a current member you are invited. Please plan to attend on **Sunday, December 4 at 2:00 PM.**  
—Terry Bowers, Vice President of UMM.

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YOUNG ADULT  
MINISTRY

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*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!*

Check out our website:

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



*Online Ministries* tab has links to



Worship live @ 8:45am



*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”.***



# Seeking the story

Angels joyfully announced a special arrival in Bethlehem at Christmas.

*Directions: Find the words listed below. Then unscramble the intersecting letters to complete Luke 2:11, NIV.*



## WORD BANK

- Shepherds
- Child
- Nazareth
- Census
- Baby
- David
- Mary
- Travel
- Town
- Register
- Born
- Night

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“Today in the town of David a \_\_\_\_\_  
has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord.”

LUKE 2:11, NIV



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*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



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.

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

Canned Stews, Corn Beef Hash, Ravioli, Chili, Spaghetti, Spaghetti Sauce, Sugar, Dried Milk

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 2022

| Sunday                                                                                                   | Monday                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Tuesday               | Wednesday                                                     | Thursday                               | Friday           | Saturday                                                     |
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|                                                                                                          | <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content;">                     Every Sunday:<br/>                     8:45am Contemporary Worship Service<br/>                     10:05am Sunday School for ALL ages<br/>                     11:00am Worship Service<br/>                     4:00pm UMYF                 </div> |                       |                                                               | [1] 6:00pm Communal Prayer - Sanctuary | [2]              | [3] KH reserved – Open Door/Good News SS Class party         |
| [4] 2:00pm Task Force – Conf Rm #2<br>2:00pm UMM – CPSSC                                                 | [5] 9:00am JOY – KH<br>6:00pm Martha Avett 5/9 – Conf Rm #2                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | [6]                   | [7] 9:00am Bible Study – Conf Rm #2<br>5:00pm Boy Scouts – KH | [8]                                    | [9]              | [10]                                                         |
| [11] KH reserved all day – UMYF<br>2:00pm Task Force – Conf Rm #2<br>6:00pm Christ's Birthday Party – KH | [12]                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Bus/Van – JOY<br>[13] | [14]                                                          | [15]                                   | [16]             | [17] KH reserved – Cub Scouts<br>SH reserved – EFSSC         |
| [18] 2:00pm Task Force – Conf Rm #2                                                                      | [19]                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | [20]                  | [21]                                                          | [22]                                   | [23] KH reserved | [24] KH reserved<br>6:00pm Christmas Eve Service - Sanctuary |
| [25] 10:00am Combined Worship Service                                                                    | Bus/Van – JOY<br>[26] Office closed                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | [27]                  | [28]                                                          | [29]                                   | [30]             | [31]                                                         |

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