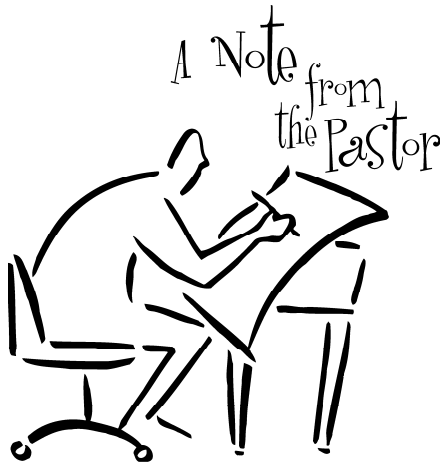




The monthly newsletter of North Spring United Methodist Church



Outpourings From The Spring

By Rev. Bill Radford

Waiting!

Waiting is not something I do well and it is something I have been doing a lot of recently. Waiting for spring to come, waiting for the rain to stop, and waiting for a day of perfect weather which seems ever so rare these days. I don't know about you but I seem to remember a lot more of those perfect weather days when I was younger. Maybe I just had more time to enjoy the beauty of God's creation and maybe I just spent more time outdoors.

Waiting for the police to come, waiting for the government rebate check (by the way thank you to those who have already received and tithed their rebate), waiting for repair people. Waiting, waiting can be e ... .
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...peaceful? Yes, if we could just learn to wait upon the Lord. Pray while waiting, read your Bible while waiting, waiting can become a time of peace.

Waiting on summer to arrive, and it will arrive and we will be busy, but let's all remember not to be so busy we forget to come to church and to honor and worship God. I will be gone a couple of times this summer, once for Annual Conference in June and once in July to serve as a Chaplin at Scout Camp and maybe I will squeeze in a week of vacation some time during the summer. Sheila will be providing a excellent worship experience during my absence on June 8th, I hope you will all enjoy this service and be in prayer for the Annual Conference delegates as we make decisions for our

conference. If anyone has a desire to conduct worship or has a suggestion for worship on July 19th I would be glad to hear them.

Wait on the Lord and your strength shall be renewed. (Isaiah 41:31) I pray each of you will be lifted in you faith and will feel the unconditional love of God in your life. I thank God for each of you and for this faith community. Our witness is a powerful transforming agent in Blue Springs as we continue to pull together to build God's Kingdom.

I love you all!

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# Music Notes



## Get ready to set sail aboard “The Love Liner”!

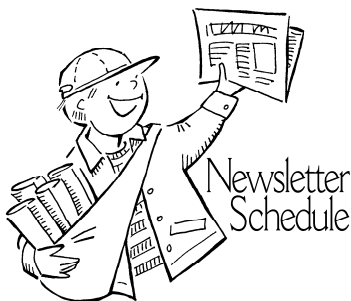
“The Love Liner” will set sail on June 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>. Passports are \$20 per person. Nancy Lewis will start selling these on Sunday, June 1<sup>st</sup>, in the West narthex.



On Sunday, June 8<sup>th</sup>, Pastor Bill will be at conference and we will be having a very special service. We will be focusing again on “Worship and the Arts”. It will feature music, instrumentals, poetry, The Dancing Disciples Ballet Troupe, a teaser from “The Love Liner” plus a drama piece from “Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dream Coat” from the Blue Springs City Theatre. This will be a service you won’t want to miss.

Until next time keep a song in your heart!

Sheila Cage  
Minister of Music & Drama



The deadline for submitting items for the July/August WellSpring will be Wednesday, June 18.

Please have all articles and information turned in to the office before this date. Contact Heather at [hsooley@northspring.org](mailto:hsooley@northspring.org)

## Lazarus Table June 22

Have you had the opportunity to serve a lunch at Grand Avenue Temple at Lazarus Table? If not, you have missed out on a great opportunity. The experience puts you in touch with your humanity and Christ’s grace. You feel the suffering and the hunger of these homeless sojourners. And most of all, you experience the peace of Christ as you serve these traveling souls, just as you would serve Christ. Mother Teresa said it best, “Each one of them is Jesus in disguise.” For those of you who have already served there, you know exactly what I’m talking about. I know that you’ll be back to experience that blessing again.

North Spring will be serving lunch at Grand Avenue Temple on Sunday, June 22. If you would like to help prepare food, donate food items, or serve, please contact Debbie Laemmler at 690-8591 or [laemmler@comcast.net](mailto:laemmler@comcast.net).



## Monthly Breakfast Meeting

North Spring’s United Methodist Men’s group will meet the first Saturday of each month at 8 am at the church for fellowship, breakfast, devotions, and planning purposes. Our next meeting will be June 7. All men and boys of North Spring are invited to attend.



### **CIA News**

We will be meeting once a month during the summer with Hope UMC. Watch the bulletin for dates and times. Also, several members of CIA are going to YouthFront South Camp on July 21st.

Have a Great Summer !!!



Vacation Bible School has been scheduled for Sunday, August 3 through Wednesday, August 6. Sunday's activities will be 4:30-7:30pm and Monday-Wednesday's activities will run from 6:30-8pm. Watch for more information on themes and we will also be putting out a call for some recycled supplies and other things needed. Please consider being a part of a wonderful experience. Please see Tracey Mulholland or Kara Taylor if you are interested in helping.

### **Scouting News**

#### **Pack 306 Has a Website!**

Cub Scout Pack 306, sponsored by The Spring, recently posted a website on the internet. The website contains several interesting items including a list of the Pack's front-line leadership. The Cub Master, Den Leaders, and Assistant Den Leaders are considered front-line leadership. In the Photo Gallery you can find pictures of recent events held by the Pack.

In the near future, plans are to add scouting related links, including a link to the North Spring Website. The church website will also add a link to the Pack 306 Website.

Future plans also include adding more pictures and a list of the support leadership consisting of the Pack Committee Chairman, the Chartered Organization Representative, and committee members. An active Pack Committee is one reason why Pack 306 is strong and growing.

So go to [www.CubScoutPack306.org](http://www.CubScoutPack306.org) and check it out.

If you know of a young man finishing Kindergarten through the fourth grade that would like to join Cub Scout Pack 306, please contact Dick Witt at 229-7988 for details.

#### **Pack 306 goes to Silver Dollar City**

During the weekend of April 18-20, members of Pack 306 traveled to Branson, MO to take advantage of a Scouting Weekend. Over the last several years, SDC has been very good at scheduling rain, with their annual Scouting Weekend.

Despite all the moisture, everyone did have fun.

May plans to be another exciting month for Pack 306. There will be a Graduation Ceremony held at the church on Saturday May 10. Scouts, parents, and guests will arrive beginning at 7:00 P.M. for an 8:00 P.M. ceremony behind the church. And one of those pesky tree stumps will disappear as a part of their campfire. Anyone from the congregation is invited to attend.

#### **God and Me Award**

There are five youth who have completed the various requirements for the God and Me Award. These youth are in the first through third grade and have met several times with Pastor Bill. Those five youth are Dylan Gunderson (Pack 692), Xander Higgason (Pack 251), Joey Gleich (Pack 306), Hunter Mulholland (Pack 306), and Austin Taylor (Pack 306).

While the twelfth point of the Boy Scout Law is "A Scout is Reverent", and the God and Me Award is frequently awarded to younger Cub Scouts, it is not a Scouting Award. The Methodist

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Church, and several other Protestant faiths have worked together to create the "God and Country" Program. Originally, this was just the God and Country Award, with requirements appropriate for upper elementary and junior high youth. Later it was expanded into several age appropriate awards. The God and Me award is a part of that program. Other faiths have awards tailored to their beliefs.

The God and Country awards are available to any youth, and there is not a requirement that they belong to a youth organization, such as the Boy Scouts or Girl Scouts. The award is generally presented at a worship service of their own congregation. However, the associated Scouting Groups will be recognizing their accomplishments too.

We can be very proud of these five youth, as their award will be presented at a worship service in the early part of May.

For more information about the God and Country Award and awards of other faiths, visit [www.praypub.org](http://www.praypub.org), or contact Pastor Bill.



**For prayer requests or  
to join the prayer chain,  
call Grace Lakey  
at 224-3098**

## Our New Rock Wall

We are all enjoying the look of our new rock wall as it is being put up. We can imagine the beauty it will add to our sanctuary upon completion. It also will add a feeling of warmth and stability. What a wonderful memorial gift it is from Pat Lohman and her family. Pat was on a team of people that had discussed putting up a rock wall. She was very taken with the underlying meaning that it represents. In particular there are three scriptures that stand out:

### *Numbers 20:7-8*

7 The LORD said to Moses, 8 "Take the staff, and you and your brother Aaron gather the assembly together. Speak to that rock before their eyes and it will pour out its water. You will bring water out of the rock for the community so they and their livestock can drink."

### *Psalms 18:1-2*

1 I love you, O LORD, my strength.

2 The LORD is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer; my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge. He is my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.

### *Isaiah 26:4*

4 Trust in the LORD forever, for the LORD, the LORD, is the Rock eternal.

So, while it does add beauty to our church, let your mind reflect on the solidness, stability, protection, eternal nature, and miraculous wonder of our awesome God and savior as you gaze upon this wall.



If anyone has a wheelchair with leg attachments and/or a walker that they would like to donate, please let Pastor Bill know. The current wheel chair at the Church does not have any leg attachments.

I will be out of town at Scout Camp, but can be reached by phone or e-mail if you have any questions or problems that I can help with.

phone #: 417-646-8115  
cell #:816-582-7809 (not sure about reception though)

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or [betty.witt@sbcglobal.net](mailto:betty.witt@sbcglobal.net)

Please be sure to notify the Church if you are in the hospital or are having surgery, so Pastor Bill will know.

Have a great summer.

Betty Witt, RN, BSN  
Parish Nurse

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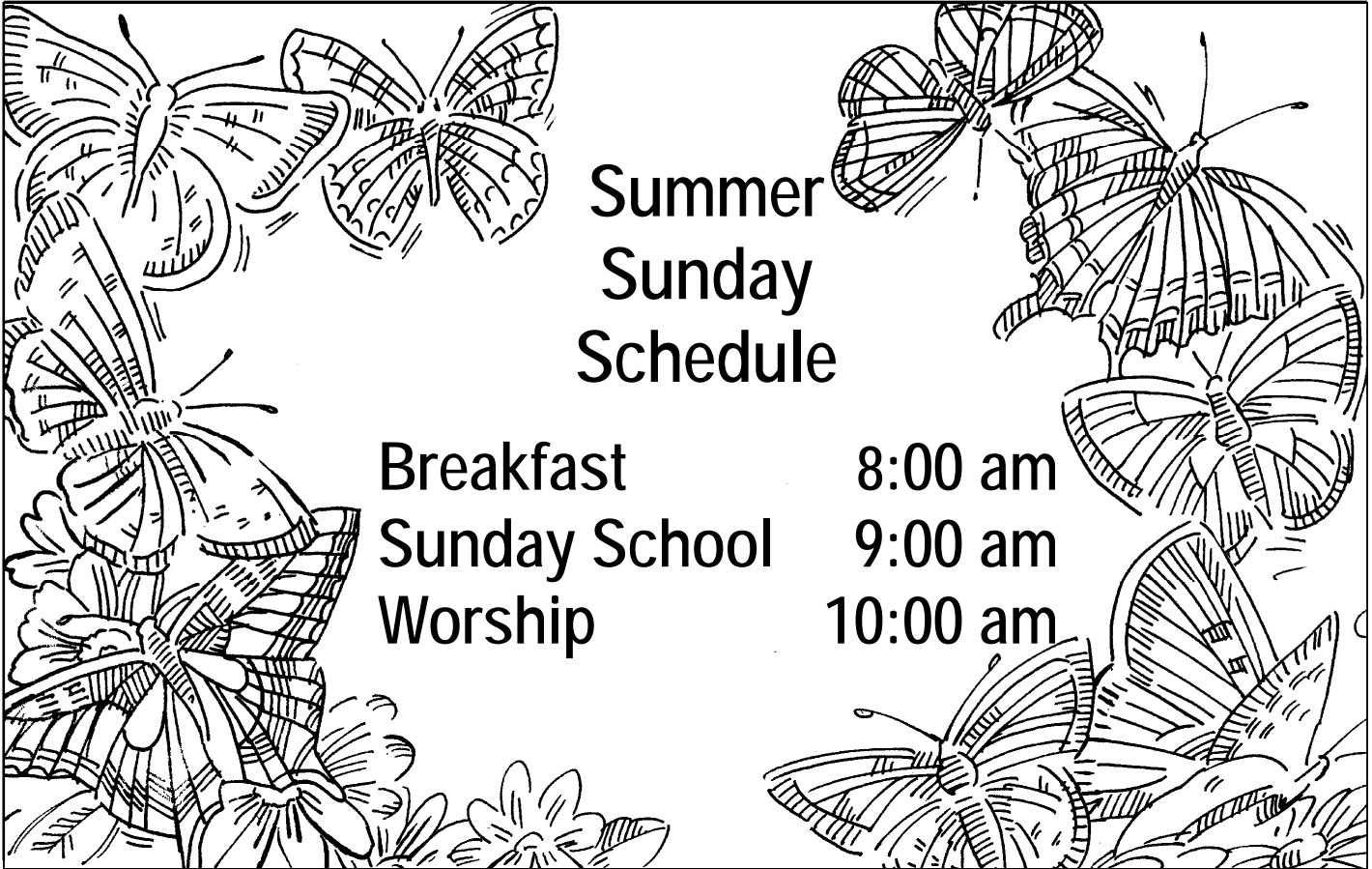


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## Summer Sunday Schedule

Breakfast	8:00 am
Sunday School	9:00 am
Worship	10:00 am

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