



the Well Spring

The monthly newsletter of North Spring United Methodist Church



Outpourings from the Spring

Rev. Bill Radford

As I sat down to write my final version of "Outpourings from the Spring," I looked back at the first version - an article I wrote in response to one of the kid's questions about what a pastor is. I will not reprint the entire article here, but I want to give you the final paragraph.

Finally, a pastor needs to be a *lover*. In Matthew 22:37-38, "He [Jesus] said to him, 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'" A pastor needs to be

a person of great love - love for every person in the church and every person not in the church. This is a difficult task at times, but I firmly believe this is where the role of the pastor as evangelist begins. There is nothing so inviting as being loved. As your pastor, I will love you!

I hope that if I have done nothing else, I have lived up to this definition of what it is to be a pastor.

Thank you, thank you, thank you from the bottom of my heart for loving me, taking care of Bobbie and me, and for giving me the honor and privilege of being your pastor for the last three years. No matter where I go from here, I will miss you and remember you all. Know that just because I will no longer be your pastor does not mean I cannot be your friend. If you have occasion to come to Plattsburg, come visit Bobbie and me. We would love to see you and hear all the great things that are happening at North Spring.

I love you all!



Men's Group

The meeting originally set for June 6, 2009 has been rescheduled as a church workday on Saturday, June 13. We will be doing work on the back lot, removing trees and shrubs along with other outdoor spring cleaning chores. The July meeting will be held a week earlier, June 27 at 9 am, at which time Gary Bernhardt will begin the process of planning for the Fall Fun Fest. Please plan to attend both of these very important events.

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DOOM and DORT

Someone intercepted Emails between two fallen angels, "Doom" and "Dort," who have been assigned to try and influence a church with the code name "Water Works." This anonymous person forwarded them to our church last month and again this month.

Doom: Did you see our correspondence was found and published in the church newsletter! We got to be more careful!

Dort: Get Real. Did you see the reaction? ZERO! Very few read the newsletter anyway.

Doom: There is talk among some at Water Works about making changes that we need to keep vigilant about. If they continue to think and talk about how to create the first day of the week meeting that appeals to the un-churched rather than one that appeals to themselves they may actually do just that and then we got a problem.

Dort: You are such a worry wart! The talk of focusing on those outside the ekklesia has been brought up a number of times over the years and nothing has happened. Why worry about it now. Let them talk all they want! As long as they don't actually implement something it won't matter. Remember "religious but passive" is what we want and what we got at Water Works.

Doom: But if they keep studying together his book then it may become infectious and dangerous since there is nothing "passive" about that awful message.

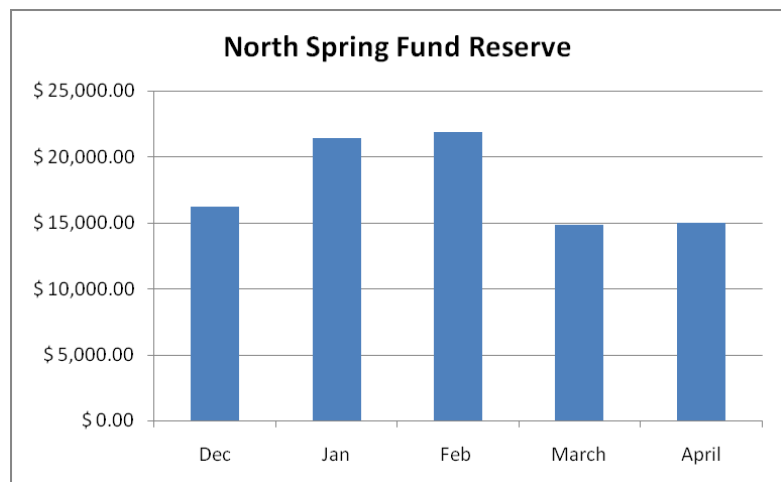
Dort: You can't be serious. It's only a handful of people actually studying together. Notice the people on committees are the least likely to go to study the awful book in most churches. I mean Water Works even has a committee meeting during the group study time! As long as the leaders believe that following the little sheep is mainly about "going to church" and taking care of the building then Water Works will be no threat.

\$\$Money Matters\$\$

Here is a quick update on where we stand through mid-May on Church Finances.

Our Average Weekly Giving through the middle of May was \$2,925 compared with the amount of \$3,084 needed to meet our weekly barebones pledge budget.

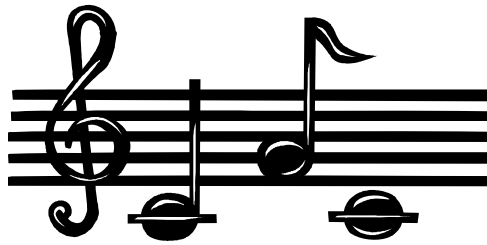
The following Chart tracks our funds balance for the past several months. Our funds balance held steady from the end of March to the end of April. However, we still have only a little over one month's Operating Expenses in our Cash Reserve. This situation gives us very little flexibility when we have any abnormal expenses. As most of you know our electronic drum set was stolen from the Sanctuary recently. We have insurance to cover this, but there is a \$1,000 deductible that we will have to take care of. In addition, sometime before cold weather comes again we will have to repair the cracks in the parking lot. This is expected to cost about \$2,200.



We have a couple of Fund-Raisers coming up this summer including an Ice Cream Social on 6/28 and a Rent-A-Space garage sale coming up on 8/8 or 8/15. Bev Sloop and Pam Campbell are working on these events but they can't do them alone. Any support you can give them will be appreciated.

Things are difficult, but God is always there. He is watching over our Church and will be with us. Keep praying and the numbers will take care of themselves!

Tom Gorman
Finance Chair



Music Notes

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Here are a few highlights of the upcoming month:

--June 7 we will have some extra music and some drama. Pastor Bill will be at conference, so the service will be a little different. Along with prayer and scripture, Tim Reynolds and Scott Chance will be sharing a skit with us. We are going to have David McDougal sharing his banjo. We are also going to have a hymn sing. Anyone from the congregation can pick a song from the hymnal and I will *attempt* to play it. The praise songs at the beginning of the service will be contemporary to keep things balanced. Hope to see you there!

--WE NEED YOUR HELP! As you may or may not know Dave Taylor has been unofficially running the sound and power point for the last several years. There are some great helpers, too, but Dave has been back there almost every Sunday in some capacity. As Dave switches over to lead CIA, we need some more people to help on Sunday mornings. Please consider lending a hand with this. Even if you could do it once a month, or once every couple of months, it would be great! We can train you if you don't know how! Contact me or Dave if you can help with this.

--Our next Music Planning meeting will be on June 9th, at 6:00 in the music office. Hubert Neth, our incoming pastor will be attending, too, as we plan the music for July. ANYONE who wants to give some input on the music is welcome to attend. **KEEP THOSE SONG SUGGESTIONS COMING!** And please let me know if you would be interested in doing special music.

--I want to give a big thank you to Pastor Bill and Bobbie for all their hard work while they've been here! North Spring will truly miss you!
Special Music for June:

June 7: Dave McDougal, Richie Sooley, Davey Sooley
June 14: Soul Food
June 21: VBS Kids
June 28: Selah

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Note...

The deadline for submitting items for the **July/August WellSpring is Monday, June 22.**

Please have all articles and information turned in to the office before this date.

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

Children's Ministry News

By Kara Taylor
Children's Ministry Director

VBS

The Jesus Expedition: Exploring
the Miracles of Jesus

June 14-18, 2009; 6-8pm

Cost: \$7/child

We will travel across the world to
learn about Jesus' miracles...

Day 1: Antarctica
Day 2: Egyptian Desert
Day 3: Brazilian Jungle
Day 4: Mount Everest
Day 5: Pacific Ocean

The children will receive tools and
resources each day that will help
them on their journey. Register
Now!!!

Curious Kids Teachers

Over the summer, our Curious Kids
teachers will be taking a well-needed
and much-deserved break. Therefore,
we will not be offering the children's
Sunday School class before church
service between Memorial Day and
Labor Day. I will be teaching our
Curious Kids during church service
over the summer, with the exception
of Sunday, June 28 when I will be
on vacation.

On another note, we again are
desperately short of teachers. We
need at least one more position filled
for the Children's Sermon during
church service and we are ALWAYS
in need of teachers throughout the
year. Please prayerfully consider
contributing to this ministry. Our
children are our future and they need
our guidance. It doesn't matter what
walk of life you are in. Teacher or
not, Bible knowledge or not. We have
a great, easy curriculum that
basically walks our teachers through
class. Our kids don't care what level
of experience you have. They WANT
to learn and they WANT us to teach
them. It is OUR responsibility.

Outreach News

By Sherree Gorman



Habitat for Humanity Work Day

Come and work on a Habitat for
Humanity project on Saturday,
June 20. We do not currently have
the details about the project but we
know that it will assist a deserving
family in having a home in which
to live. North Spring has
participated in these projects on
several occasions now and every
time it has been an exhilarating
way to share in the grace of Jesus.
Whether you have the gift of
"handyman" or "handywoman" or
the gift of clean-up person, there
will be a job available for you. So
come, with your tools, and
experience the camaraderie of
working side-by-side and see the
immediate benefits of your service.
Be sure to sign-up in the west
narthex. We will carpool from
North Spring at 8:15 am. See you
there!



Salvation Army Food Pantry

We will be collecting food items
for the Salvation Army starting
May 31 and continuing until July
19. The Independence Salvation
Army is badly in need of food,
paper supplies and soap products.
This economy has hard hit our
needy neighbors, as well as
drastically reducing the donations.
That has left a great shortfall and is
causing families and children to go

hungry. Please provide generously
to this worthy cause!

Rummage Sale Items

Do you have items that you would
like to contribute to a rummage
sale? We are holding a rummage
sale on June 27 at Hope UMC in
Lone Jack. This is to raise funds
for our Mission Trip to the Sager
Brown Depot in Louisiana in July.
If you have items to donate, please
contact Debbie Laemmler at 304-
9416 or Sherree Gorman at 679-
4622. Your items are greatly
appreciated.



You are cordially invited to
participate in the Farewell Activities
for Pastor Bill and Bobbie. We will
have a **Farewell Dinner and Party
on Saturday evening, June 27 at 6
pm. Please RSVP by June 20**
to Nancy Lewis (229-8379) or by
putting your response card (provided
in the Sunday bulletin) in the
offering basket. The dinner will be
funded through a love
offering. Also, we will present a gift
from our congregation to Pastor Bill
and Bobbie on that evening. All
gift contributions should be provided
to Nancy Lewis by **June 15**, with
checks made out to North Spring
UMC. Nancy will collect the
monies and purchase the gift. Also,
please provide any photos that you
have of Pastor Bill or Bobbie to
Sherree Gorman so that she can
incorporate them in a video to be
shown that evening. If you have
photos but cannot provide them
electronically, please contact
Sherree. She will need the photos
by **June 14**.

Scouting News

By Dick Witt

Generational Diversity

When I think of diversity, my first thought is racial diversity as it applies to the work place. However, diversity comes in several forms, including generational diversity. We see a lot of Generational Diversity in our own congregation, just like we see a lot of Generational Diversity in Scouting. The Boy Scouts of America has created an informational online course available to BSA employees and BSA volunteers. I have recently taken this course, and I thoroughly recommend it. You can access the course by going to <http://olc.scouting.org>. Then click on Generational Diversity box in the middle of the right hand column and learn what makes our various generations click.

Pack 306

Holds Graduation Ceremony

On Saturday, May 16, Cub Scout Pack 306, sponsored by The Spring, conducted their annual graduation ceremonies here at the church. Troop 306 provided some entertainment between each Den's recognition. All Cubs were presented with neckerchiefs and books for the new rank as the Cubs begin to complete the requirements for their next advancement. At the end one Scout in the Webelos Den crossed over to Troop 306.

A new Tiger Den is now being formed for boys completing

kindergarten. Any parent of a boy completing kindergarten, who would like to join the Tiger Den should contact Chris Layland at 224-6046. For boys entering second through fifth grade this fall that would like to join Cub Scouts, should contact Jon Trumble, Cubmaster, at 228-0935.

Troop 306

Welcomes New Members

Boy Scout Troop 306, sponsored by The Spring, proudly receives into their membership two new young men into the Troop. They are planning many activities for the summer. Starting with a combined Troop/Webelos campout the end of May, followed by Scout Camp in July, and Troop Leadership Training in August. The two recent additions to our troop, with two more who have joined us since last summer are looking forward to a great number of learning experiences as they begin their trail to that of an Eagle Scout. One of our Eagle Scouts, Corey Bryant, will be serving on the fulltime camp staff at Camp Sawmill, one of the three camps at the H. Roe Bartle Scout Reservation. Corey will be teaching Swimming and Lifesaving at the pool. If you would like to join our Boy Scout Troop, please contact Mr. Stan Clark, Scoutmaster, at 816-804-1075. As always, parents are invited too.

Parish Nurse News

By Betty Witt, RN, BSN

Hand sanitizer is available in each narthex. Keeping hands clean to prevent the spread of germs is important even in nicer weather.

Remember in hot weather to drink plenty of water. Soda pop and fluids with sugar are not hydrating fluids.

Use plenty of sunscreen even in cloudy weather and reapply often. Have a safe and healthy summer.

I will be at Scout camp from May 26th to August 6th. I can usually be reached by cell phone @ 816-582-7809, or by e-mail @ wb0pss@aol.com.



Church Calendar

You can now check the church calendar any time you'd like, right from the comforts of your home! It is on the church website. The web address is: <http://www.northspring.org/Calendar.aspx>. If the calendar doesn't show an activity that should be scheduled, just contact Heather to add the activity to the calendar. This calendar has the ability to generate an email to invite people to our activities. Just click on the activity and fill out the form to send an email. You can view the calendar by the month or by the week. You can scroll to future or past months. So, we hope you will find this new calendar to be helpful in keeping abreast with activities in the church and planning your activities. If you have suggestions or comments, please contact Sherree Gorman.


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Our Vision: To be agents of Christ to transform lives and community through Christ by prayer, discipleship, fellowship, and outreach.

Summer Sunday Morning Schedule
June 7 - August 30

Breakfast Hour: 8:30 - 9:30 am
Adult Bible Study: 9:00 - 9:45 am
Worship Service: 10:00 am

Children's Sunday School will not be offered during Bible Study hour this summer to give our teachers a break but children through grade 3 will be invited to join Curious Kids in the fellowship hall during Worship.

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