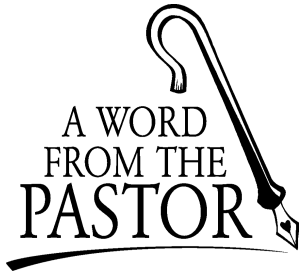




# the Well Spring

The monthly newsletter of North Spring United Methodist Church



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## Lent

The Season of Lent dawns with Ash Wednesday Worship on February 17th at 7:00 p.m. in our sanctuary. The theme is "Dust In The Wind" and the brief service will include music and the Imposition of Ashes as a way to express our understanding that we are human creatures subject to the hopes and fears of all life. Lent continues for forty days excluding Sundays and climaxes with Good Friday and anticipation of the Festival of Easter. Watch for activities at North Spring that mark our observance.

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### Music Notes

By Heidi Rater  
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Wow! I can't believe we are already to February! It feels like the kids are just barely back to school after Christmas!

A BIG THANK YOU to those who have been signing up for Power Point and Sound for Sundays! Keep up the good work! WE COULD STILL USE A COUPLE MORE HELPERS! Did you know that if you have the computer skills to e-mail, you have the computer skills to run the Sunday morning power point? It really is no more difficult than that. Most weeks I set up the songs, so all you have to do is show up a little early on Sundays and get it going. You would be trained, if needed. Please consider this as a way to help the church.

WE CAN ALWAYS USE MORE SINGERS AND SPECIAL MUSIC! Let me know if you would like to share your music with us.

STAY WARM!!

Special Music for February:

February 7: Selah

February 14: Heidi Rater

February 21: Soul Food

February 28: David McDougal

### Outreach News

By Sherree Gorman

#### Mission Trip to Sager Brown and Prayer Shawl Sign-up

Here is your opportunity to go on a mission trip this summer to the Sager Brown Depot in Baldwin, LA. This is a warehouse that houses many various mission kits that are packed up and sent to locations nationally and internationally, including Haiti. You will have the chance to help in the warehouse or work on building projects in Baldwin. Last year we had 13 enthusiastic people go on the trip. They can vouch for the good accommodations and delicious food provided by the Sager Brown staff. The trip will be the first week in August. For more information, contact Debbie Laemml at 690-8591 or 304-9416. Please express your interest before March 7th because we need to inform the director at Sager Brown by then.

Secondly, we received a Prayer Shawl that was hand-knitted by a member of a Tennessee church which was represented by a volunteer team with us at Sager Brown. This shawl was prayed over by their team before it was presented to us. We will be circulating this shawl in advance of our mission trip back to Sager Brown. If you would like to participate in the Prayer Shawl prayers for a specific week, please sign up on the sheet provided in the west narthex. You will receive the shawl at church by the previous person signed up for the shawl. Then you will bring the shawl back to church the following Sunday and pass it on the next person on the list. If you have any questions, please call Sherree Gorman at 679-4622.

### Outreach Pie Auction Sunday, February 7

We will be having our Pie Auction on Super Bowl Sunday (Feb.7) after church. We will hold this delicious event along with the Scout Chili Luncheon. So come, eat some chili and get an award-winning pie to take to your Super Bowl party! Or just get it to take home and enjoy! All of the proceeds from the auction will be used to purchase a heifer and go to the Sager Brown mission. Last year we raised over \$2,000. Thanks to all of you for your generosity to these worthy causes!

### World Day of Prayer

We will celebrate the World Day of Prayer by holding an overnight prayer vigil in our sanctuary. It will start at 3pm on Friday, March 5th and end at noon on Saturday, March 6th. You may sign up for a 30-minute prayer slot, or multiple slots if you'd like. The sign-up sheet will be posted in the West Narthex. Last year we had almost every slot filled. Our goal this year is to fill as many time slots as possible. In these stressful economic times, as well as unbearable times for the people of Haiti, this is the perfect way to come together as the body of Christ and bring our burdens to the Lord. Let's spend some serious time with God.

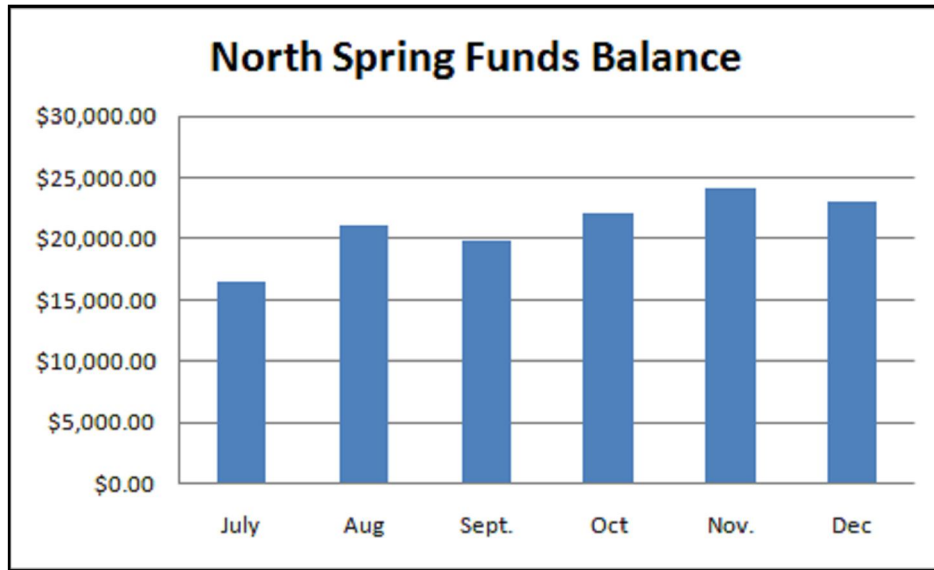
### Collections for Haiti

North Spring collected \$1219.32 for the victims of the earthquake in Haiti. Thank you so much for your support of this cause. Continuing contributions to earthquake victims in Haiti may be made through our church. Please mark them "Haiti Emergency Relief" and place in offering, mail, or office. 100% of your donation will be used for this purpose. UMCOR is very active in Haiti along with Haiti Methodist Churches.

**\$\$Money Matters\$\$**

Here is an update on where we stand through December on Church Finances.

Our Fund Balance at the end of December dropped slightly from the end of November to \$22,951. We had some abnormal and large expenses in December including the parking lot repair of \$2,200 and we paid \$1,700 in Conference Apportionments. Giving for December was impacted by the inclement weather that came just before Christmas.



**Our end of year Income Statement looked really good.** (See below)

	Budget	Actual
Income	\$149,205	\$164,163
Expenses	\$156,865	\$153,385
Shortfall/Surplus	\$ -7,660	\$ 10,778

**Here is a look at our balanced Budget for 2010**

	Income	Expense
Budget	\$160,000	\$160,033

In addition to having a balanced budget, we have money in the budget for Outreach, Children’s & Youth Programs. We also have some money in the budget for some improvements to the building & grounds. Still our mortgage payment remains too high by consuming 45% of our budget. We will be investigating some ways to get the amount of money we owe on the mortgage reduced during 2010. We will keep you posted on any progress there.

Tom Gorman



### CIA CALENDAR

- 2/7 NO Youth Group  
 2/14 Hope UMC  
 2/21 NSUMC  
 2/28 Hope UMC

The CIA (Christians In Action) youth group is open to all youth grades 6-12. We cooperate with the youth group from Hope UMC and trade meeting locations from week to week. On Hope UMC meeting nights we carpool from North Spring, leaving at 6:00 pm and returning around 8:30 pm. NSUMC meeting nights we meet from 6:30 to 8:00 pm. Watch your weekly bulletin for more news about upcoming events.

**CIA has HEART!**  
**HONOR** God and to  
**ENERGIZE** fellow  
 believers through  
**ACTS** of service while  
**REACHING** out  
 to other youth and  
**TEACHING** the word  
 of God.

### North Spring's Got Talent Sunday, February 28

We're having the long-awaited "North Spring's Got Talent" on Sunday, Feb 28th after church. We'll have a (delicious) Spaghetti Dinner (lunch) right after church. This will be followed by the talent show in the sanctuary. So, if you have not already done so, it's time to start "getting your act together", so to speak. Music, lip sync, dance, skits, comedy, karaoke, magic show - you name it. Dave Raines will be the M.C. Sign-up sheets for performances and for attendance are posted in the West Narthex. All are invited to attend. In fact, bring a friend. The best show in Blue Springs!! A love offering will be taken to cover the cost of the meal.

### Offering Envelopes

Your 2010 envelopes are on the table in the fellowship narthex. If you are a member of North Spring or turned in a pledge card you should have a set of envelopes waiting for you on the table. Envelopes are also available for anyone who wants a set and using them makes counting easier each Sunday. If you would like offering envelopes put a note in the offering basket or on the attendance pad to let us know.

### Hospitality Note

Starting Sunday, February 7 the Food & Fellowship time will move to 9:30—10:00 am.

### Contact our Staff...

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### Note...

The deadline for submitting items for the **March 2010 WellSpring** is **Monday, February 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**



“And he took the children in his arms, put his hands on them and blessed them.”

Mark 10:16

**Children’s Ministry News**

By Lynette Harrenstien

**Children Learn  
What They Live**

If a child lives with criticism, he learns to condemn.  
 If a child lives with hostility, he learns to fight.  
 If a child lives with ridicule, he learns to be shy.  
 If a child lives with shame, he learns to feel guilty.  
 If a child lives with tolerance, he learns to have patience.  
 If a child lives with praise, he learns to appreciate.  
 If a child lives with fairness, he learns about justice.  
 If a child lives with security, he learns to have faith.  
 If a child lives with approval, he learns to like himself.  
 If a child lives with acceptance and friendship, he learns to find love in the world!

What do our children learn from life at North Spring UMC? Thank you to everyone for the part you play in their learning. Please watch the Children's Ministry bulletin board for updates on noisy offering, etc! .

**Hockey Game**

The Men’s Group of North Spring is sponsoring an outing to watch a Missouri Mavericks hockey game on February 27, 2010 at 7:05 PM. The Mavericks will play the Wichita Thunder, a team they have beaten virtually every time they have played. It promises to be a fun evening. Tickets will be \$12 each, if more than 12 people attend. The deadline has been extended but if you want to attend this event, please sign-up soon on the sheet in the west narthex or see Steve Campbell.

**Celebrate a Century  
of Scouting**

Boy Scouts of America is 100 years old this month. We will honor the birthday of this amazing movement during our observance of Boy Scout Sunday on February 7th. Dick Witt is our very dedicated Scouting Coordinator. North Spring sponsors Troop 1306 and Pack 4306. Facilities are provided for regular meetings and many additional activities. Charles Cannon is our Scoutmaster and John Trumble is our Cubmaster. Gratitude goes to all of the members and leaders of these outstanding units.

There are a variety of upcoming special events to celebrate 100 years of Scouting. One is the issuance of a first class postage stamp sometime this summer. Another is the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary Jamboree at Fort A. P. Hill in Virginia in late July. There will be several local activities and events, including a special

camping event at Camp Naish in late September.

**SCOUT SUNDAY, FEB 7<sup>th</sup>**

Charters issued by the Heart of America Council, Boy Scouts of America, will be presented to North Spring during our Worship Service. This recognizes our congregation’s commitment to serving our community. Scouts will be participating in various capacities during the Worship Service.

Cub Scouts is available to boys who are in the first grade, but not yet completed the fifth grade. Boy Scouts is available to boys who have completed the fifth grade, but have not yet completed their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday. Venture Scouts is available to boys and GIRLS who are over 14 but less than 21. If you are interested in any of these fabulous programs, please contact Dick Witt at 816-229-7988.

**Scout Sunday  
Chili Supper  
February 7**

Scout Chili Supper after worship until 3:00 pm. Advance tickets \$5. See any Pack 306 Cub Scout, Troop 306 Boy Scout or Dick Witt. Free will offering at the door. Chili, vegetable soup or hot dogs, crepes and drink. Bulk chili will be available for you Super Bowl parties. Proceeds from the Chili Supper will be used by the Pack and Troop to meet general operating expenses, including camper-ships for those who might not be able to otherwise go to summer camp.


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### Lenten Lights Wednesdays During Lent

Starting February 24 and continuing every Wednesday through March 31, you are invited to come and enjoy a delicious supper (for a Love Offering) and an informative teaching/discussion series. Babysitting available. We are calling this series "Opening Our Eyes to the World Around Us". Pastor Hubert will lead us in a discussion on some thought-provoking questions. Additionally, we will have some speakers from other denominations that will enlighten us about Lent, Holy Week, and Easter in their traditions. Supper – 6 to 6:30 pm, Teaching/Discussion – 6:45 to 7:30 pm (or thereabouts) Do not miss this opportunity to come and get to know each other better, enjoy a delicious meal, and have a "light" shine as we explore the meanings of this Holy season together. Be watching for more information about this series in your Sunday bulletins.

visit us on the web @ [www.northspring.org](http://www.northspring.org)