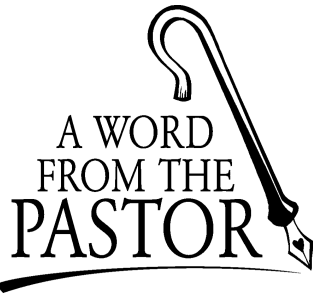




the Well Spring

The monthly newsletter of North Spring United Methodist Church



By Rev. Hubert Neth

when he came
to town
a turning point
appeared possible
party and parade
for the day
a little pretend
things will
work out
as we dreamed
remaining
in denial
for a while
may be
the only way
to make it
until morning
who would
withhold
a chance
to shout
and celebrate
seeing someone
joyous
for a moment
could be
close as
we can come
to happiness

then he went
to church
big mistake
barely inside
when this
hassle with
religion marketers
erupted
he accused them
of exploiting
those most
vulnerable
next came
questions
about authority
and loyalty
didn't he realize
his fate
was being
sealed
only a meal
with friends
and dark
garden arrest
remained
never has
anyone
been known
as empty
of self
as he
no need
to look
successful
or good
in control
have advantage
garner praise
a woman

off the streets
received
as much
attention as
the wealthy
powerfully
connected
he gravitated
to wherever
there was
human need
that was his
priority
the precedent
established
never was he
enough
of anything
to please
or be easily
identified
therefore
the perfect
scapegoat
on which
to load
blame
someone is
always named
to take
the fall
but what
was seen
in him
is difficult
to kill
hold in
a grave
and visit

on occasion
it escapes
loose again
some say
even goes
to hell
searching
for those
still suffering
who have
lost touch
with the love
inside
between
searching
until all
of us
prisoners
are free
and go home
together
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Outreach News

By Sherree Gorman

Mission Trip to Sager Brown and Prayer Shawl Sign-up

We still have a few slots available for the summer mission trip to UMCOR 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 Laemmler at 690-8591 or 304-9416. Please express your interest by March 7th because we need to inform the director at Sager Brown.

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 to the next person on the list. If you have any questions, please call Sherree Gorman at 679-4622.

Lazarus Table on March 21st

We will be providing a lunch for the homeless in Kansas City this Easter season. You will again be given the opportunity to participate in this sharing of the Lazarus Table. 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.

We will be serving lunch (Lazarus Table) at Grand Avenue Temple on Sunday,

March 21st. If you would like to help prepare food, donate food items, or serve, please sign up on the sheet when it is passed around. This time we are serving Chili. We will need 12 servers. For more information, contact Debbie Laemmler at 690-8591, cell 304-9416 or laemmler@comcast.net.

Children's Ministry News

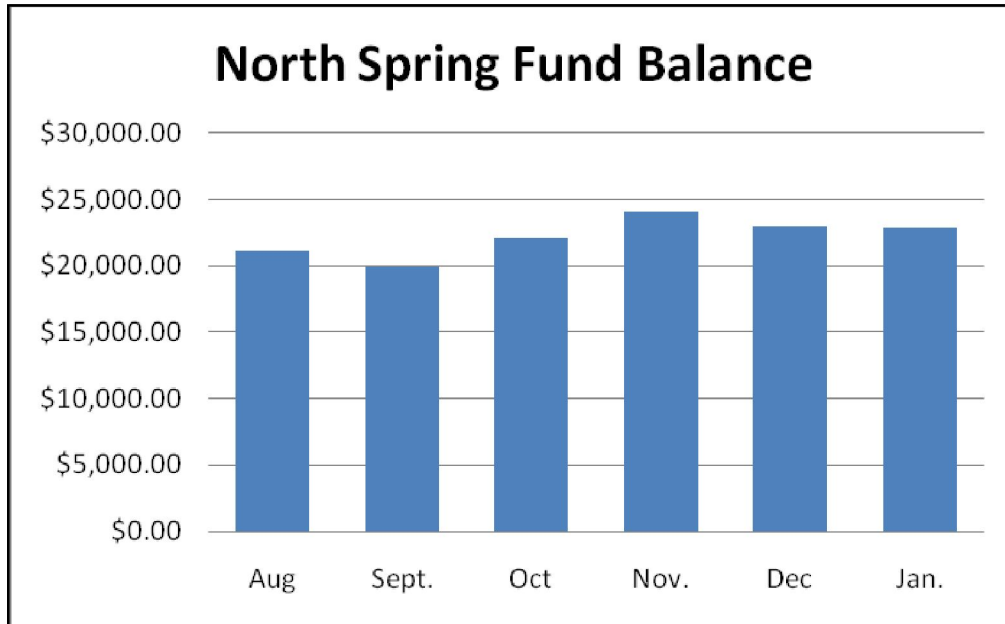
By Lynette Harrenstien

The Children of North Spring have been busy! January's curriculum included, "Digging Into the Bible". Noisy offering collection was sent to the American Bible Society to purchase bibles for others who do not have them! Currently in February into March our curriculum focus is, "Jesus Calms the Storm". The children are learning how Jesus is always with you. When you are happy or scared, we can call on him at anytime! Our noisy offering during this time will be used to put together flood buckets for UMCOR.

Thank you for your support of the Children's program! Exciting work is being done! If you are interested in helping support the program through teaching please contact Lynette Harrenstien with questions, 529-5572.

\$\$Money Matters\$\$

Here is an update on where we stand through January on Church Finances. Our Fund Balance at the end of January remained virtually unchanged from the end of December, 2009.



Here is a look at our current income statement through mid-February.

	Budget
YTD Income	\$20,262
YTD Expenses	\$17,455
YTD Profit	\$ 2,807

As you can see we are currently running about \$2,800 ahead of our budget projection at mid-February. However the current bank note on our property was up 2/15/10 and a new long-term agreement is in process. This agreement will bring our monthly payment from \$5,000/month to \$6,200 per month. So we will have some work ahead of us to stay on course for the rest of the year. As we have in the past, we will get it done.

Blessings,

Tom Gorman
Finance Chairman



By Dave Taylor

Brrrr....!!! This winter has been cold! What is in store for March? Well, for the Youth Group there is a lot in store!

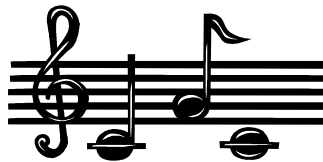
Confirmation classes for the younger Youth will be March 21st, March 28th, April 11th, and April 18th. Classes will be held at North Spring from 5 pm to 6 pm on Sunday nights, and will be mentored by Dave Taylor, Michelle Sloop, and Pastor Hubert Neth.

Throughout the month of March, we will be working on ideas for Youth Sunday services that we will do at North Spring and at Hope.

We have designed a new shirt that is on sale to the entire congregation. See the main bulletin board for the sign-up sheet, or ask Dave Taylor. The shirt design has a logo on the front that contains the many names of Jesus, as well as identification of the youth group. The back of the shirt has the CIA Youth Ministry's purpose statement. T-shirts are \$10, Hooded Sweatshirts are \$20 each. If you ever have any questions about the Youth Group, please contact me.

God Bless you all for supporting the Youth,

Dave



Music Notes By Heidi Rater Music Director

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Happy almost spring! I don't know about you but it sure seems like it has been a LONG winter! I hope we start to have some warmer days as we get closer to Easter.

Speaking of Easter, Selah has been working hard on an Easter cantata. It is called "We Have Seen the Lord." We also have 3 hard working narrators who have agreed to help us out. There will be dramatic readings mixed with some powerful and prayerful music that tells the Easter story. You won't want to miss this on Easter morning!

Are you looking for a way to help with the music or worship at North Spring? We can ALWAYS use more singers, sound booth and power point operators, and people willing to do special music. PLEASE, let me know if you would like to help in any of these areas.

Special Music for March:

March 7: Soul Food

March 14: Selah

March 21: Marie Ware

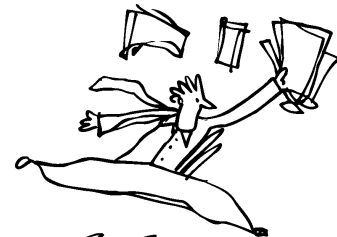
March 28: Trent Weigel

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Newsletter Deadline

Note...

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



Lenten Lights Every Wednesday during Lent

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. Baby-sitting available. We are calling this series **“Opening Our Eyes to the World Around Us”**. Our program looks like this:

Supper:
6 to 6:30 pm
Teaching/Discussion:
6:45-7:30 pm

(Remaining Sessions)

Mar 10: Pastor Jim Katinas of Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church will speak on Lenten observances of the Greek Orthodox Church.

Mar 17: Pastor Ron Elliott of St John LaLande Catholic Church will speak on Lenten observances of the Catholic Church and explain the Stations of the Cross.

Mar 24 N.T. (Tom) Wright will speak (by video) about the Resurrection and what it meant and means for the Christian church.

Mar 31: N.T. (Tom) Wright presents questions for discussion and contemplation.

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.

**Scouting News
By Dick Witt**

Pack 306 celebrates Blue and Gold Banquet

Cub Scout Pack 306, sponsored by The Spring, celebrated its annual Blue and Gold Banquet at Moreland Ridge Middle School on Saturday, February 27. There was a huge ceremony for the third grade boys completing their Bear Badge. Finishing the evening was a cross over ceremony of 2nd Year Webelos Scouts crossing over to several Boy Scout Troops. Matthew Hassler and Seth Oldham crossed over to Troop 306, also sponsored by The Spring.

Troop 306 Bicycle Overnight

Boy Scout Troop 306, also sponsored by The Spring, had their first Bicycle Hike the weekend of February 20 and 21, with a 10 mile trip. The trail used was the Little Blue Trace Trail, which created its unique

challenges with the trail condition. The Cycling Merit Badge requires 7 bike hikes, 2 10 mile, 2 15 mile, 2 25 mile, and one 50 mile hikes. The 50 mile hike is to be completed in 8 hours. They plan to go to Big Lake, north of St. Joseph, in March.



Thank You for North Spring's Got Talent

Thanks to everyone that helped or participated in our North Spring's Got Talent. It was well attended with over 60 people. A hearty thank you goes out to Bev Sloop, Janet Scott, Mike Amerine, Jean Weiner, Tom Gorman and Pam Campbell for providing a terrific meal. Also, a gigantic thank you goes out to Dave Raines for being the M.C. for the event. And finally, a much deserved thank you goes out to all of the performers. We are so very fortunate to have so many talented people within our congregation who are willing to share their talents with all of us. It was a most enjoyable event that we are sure to repeat next year. Hooray!

Editor's Note: Thank you to Sherree Gorman for all the help with everything!



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Good Friday Prayer Vigil

We will celebrate the Good Friday by holding an overnight prayer vigil in our sanctuary. It will start at noon on Good Friday, April 2nd and end at 8 am on Saturday, April 3rd. You may sign up for a 30-minute prayer slot, or multiple slots if you'd like. Also, if you are able to spend the night, or much of the night, at the church for security purposes, please sign up for that as well. Let's spend some serious time with God during this time when we remember that Jesus made the ultimate sacrifice.

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