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It is my pleasure to introduce you to our newest staff member, Ms. Jenny Acord. Jenny will be our Director of Music Ministries, and will be directing our Chancel Choir, and singing with the Praise Band. Jenny is 31 years of age, and is a recently singled parent with two children, a son, Austin, who is five and in Kindergarten, and a daughter, Dixie, who is three months old. They live in Spurger close to her parents, Butch and Debbie Pachall.

Reverend Larry Shows, pastor of Spurger United Methodist Church writes of her, “Jenny comes from a family with extremely high character and love for the Lord. . . .Since returning to Spurger, we have used Jenny’s musical talents in our church, for funerals, and in community events such as a multiple church Christmas cantata this past year. Her heart for the Lord and her service inspires her music and has been a blessing to our community. I feel that she is qualified for your position and will work hard to bring glory to God while blessing your congregation.”

Jenny first learned conducting skills in Jr. High when she was a drum major in the band.

At Kirbyville High School, Jenny was All State/All Region Choir (1994-98), was in their marching band, which ranked 7th and 8th in the state, was a cheerleader, a state soloist in Opera, was on the Dean’s list, was Student Council President, was a class officer, and was STAND president. She was also the President of the United Methodist Youth Fellowship in Spurger. Her major instrument besides her voice is the flute.



She enrolled in Lamar University as an opera major, and was in the Cardinal Singers under the direction of Dr. Babin, the Director of Music at Lamar. But after a year at Lamar, she left the university to pursue a career with American Airlines. During her time at Lamar, she was the Director of Music Ministries at St. Luke’s, United Methodist Church in Beaumont, where she helped start a children’s and youth choir, as well as working with adults.

Her mom for many years was the choir director at the Spurger United Methodist Church, in which Jenny grew up, although her parents now attend a Baptist Church in the area. Both Jenny and her mom are known for their musical talents in the Spurger area.

Jenny will begin a probationary period of three months with us on February 1, and will be eligible for the permanent position in the end of April.

I believe we will all be in for a treat as we welcome her into our congregation.

Pastor Dan

Spirited

Spirited will be in concert at First United Methodist Church as a part of our Sunday morning worship services this Sunday, February 5, at 9:00 a.m. in McDonough Hall, and at 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary. Please come and bring your friends! We will be uplifted and encouraged by this unique opportunity.

Combining great story telling with wit, wisdom and comedy, author **Jonathan Richard Cring** has been dubbed a delightful mingling of Mark Twain, the Apostle Paul and Steven Spielberg.

He is the winner of the Best Screenplay at the Top Ten Films in America for the movie, **Bernee**, and writes a daily column at www.jonathots.com.

Balancing his work life among writing a daily column, screenwriting, musical theater and partnering for the past fifteen years with artist/musician Janet Clazy, he is also pursuing a lifetime project of bringing an "in-reach" to local churches – an invigorating inter-generational variety show combining music, singing, humor, wit, spirit and social commentary.

That's right. Churches.

"Maybe having ancient memories of my mother forcing me to go to Sunday School, I somehow feel like a bird in the wintertime, needing to return to warmer places for my fellowship and interaction," says Cring from his perch on the road in California. "Creative people often leave the spiritual side behind when they achieve success and abandon the church to critics instead of encouraging folks who envision life in a better light."

The pair has just finished a 297-day tour of the country, to 30 states, 261 cities, with 249 appearances while traveling 25,000 miles, to audiences who often come out to the event not knowing quite what to expect—but always leaving exhorted—and as one lady put it, "feeling lit and fit and ready to go."

"Energy is spiritual, and when you dare to make spiritual things practical and practical things spiritual, the in-between territory you settle in is enough to tickle every part of you. I learned a long time ago, if people agree with you they call it blessing and if they don't, it's dubbed controversial. So I guess I'd call what I do *'blessiversal'*—just enough of each to keep us both awake," Mr. Cring concludes.

Appearing under the banner of *Spirited*, Jonathan and Janet will be in our congregation this Sunday. We will take up a love offering to support their ministry. We will have Sunday School at the usual time of 10:00 a.m.

In Loving Memory

Beverly Price

Corrinner and Carol McWhorter
James and Kristi Sellers

George Wright

James and Kristi Sellers

Rev. Eugene Jonté

James and Kristi Sellers

Bill Watkins

Ed and Sonia Cain

Iva Hart

Ed and Sonia Cain

David B. Diden

Pat and Lynn Hardy



Please join us!

All Faiths Day School

Fun Run and 5K

Saturday, February 25, 2012

8:00 am

Sea Rim Striders Event

Breakfast in McDonough Hall

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Gifts

01/15/2012

\$7,048.23

01/22/2012

\$5,406.00

01/29/2012

\$6,779.20

Prior Year Pledge

\$375.00

Presence

Worship

01/15	130
01/22	143
01/29	140

Sunday School

01/15	92
01/22	114
01/29	93

Lay Shepherding Luncheon



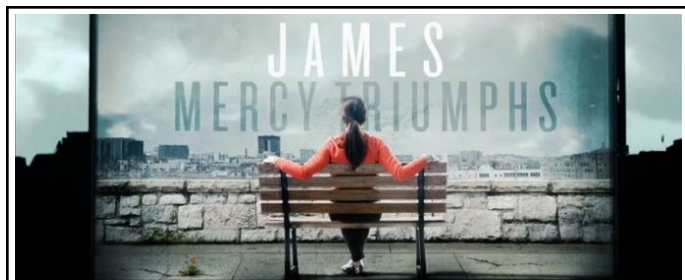
The Shepherds of our Sunday School Classes will meet for lunch at noon

on Sunday February 12 in Craven's Hall. Each Sunday School Class is invited to send a representative.

Dear Church Family,

We want to express our gratitude for your prayers, calls, cards, visits, and support for us during Pat's recent illness. We felt your love as he endured the illness, tests and procedure. Thanks to the many prayers, he seems to be recovering nicely. Thank you for being there for us in our time of need. We feel blessed to have such a caring Church Family and a Loving Father to help us as we move through life.

*God Bless You All,
Pat and Lynn Hardy*



New Beth Moore Bible Study to begin February 6, 5:30-7:30, in the Chapel. This is Beth Moore's latest study and is on the book of James. If you are interested in joining us, call Jan Wilson, 385-6578. Study books are available at The Christian Book Store in Pine Plaza shopping center.

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