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South Parkersburg United Methodist Church Newsletter

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To Know Christ and to Make Christ Known

Pastor's Message

It is official, I have been appointed to South Parkersburg United Methodist Church for another year! Jennifer and I would like to thank you for celebrating this occasion with us through the many cards we have received welcoming us back. We are excited to continue in ministry here in Parkersburg.

In response to the recent flooding in many communities in West Virginia, a group of volunteers from SPUMC traveled to Clendenin, WV, on Thursday, June 30, 2016, to assist in the clean-up of Clendenin United Methodist Church. The pastor there, Rev. Scott Ferguson, is a close friend of mine from seminary. He and his congregation were very appreciative of the work we were able to do that day.

The following Saturday, July 2, 2016, a group of 15 traveled to Beaver, WV, near Beckley, to work in the New Vision Depot, a newly acquired property of the United Methodist Church for the purpose of receiving, processing and distributing emergency supplies such as "flood buckets"- 5 gallon buckets containing items needed to help in the clean-up effort following a flood, as well as personal items, shovels, brooms, and many other items. During the day that we were there, several vans, trucks and trailers arrived with supplies to be unloaded into the depot, while additional trailers arrived to be loaded with supplies to be taken to the flooded areas. In the basement hallway of our church building is a sign-up sheet on the VBS bulletin board if you would like to help us fill "flood buckets" to be taken to the depot.

I anticipate there will be many other opportunities to volunteer in these types of efforts in the coming weeks. Please continue to pray for all those affected by the floods, as well as for those who help with flood recovery. Just a reminder that our Sunday evening worship service and Wednesday evening Prayer Time and Bible Study continue through the summer, and Vacation Bible School begins on July 17 and continues each evening until Thursday, July 21. There will be a class for adults from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m., so come and join us. I pray that God will continue to pour His Blessings and Spirit upon you, and that together we will "Know Christ and Make Christ Known" in our community.

Blessings and Prayers, *Pastor Jim*

SPUMC Roof Damage & Repairs

Significant storm/hail damage to all 4 SPUMC facilities – Church, Parsonage, CFC, & Church Garage – has been confirmed by our Insurance Carrier. We received just over \$46,000 for the value of the damage less depreciation & deductibles for these buildings. The Church Trustees and Finance Committee met to discuss the damage and have approved actions to use those funds now to repair the roofs. Initially, we will fix the CFC, Parsonage, & Garage. Soon we will receive estimates to repair the Church roof. Work will begin as soon as possible to repair the 3 roofs noted above, and at our regularly scheduled July meeting of the Trustees, Finance Committee, & Church Council, we plan to make final decisions on the Church roof. We will be working closely with the contractor to minimize any inconveniences/disruptions of church activities during the repair process, and we will keep you informed of future developments concerning these projects as they occur.

SPUMC Trustees & Finance Committee



LONG-TERM PRAYER LIST

HOMEBOUND:

Gerry Branch, Wilma Thompson, Maxine Custer,
Helen Boone

NURSING HOMES:

WILLOWS: Owel & Willa Spencer (both in room
209—phone 304-480-3071

WYNGATE SENIOR LIVING: Mary Potts, Irene
King, Betty Skinner

CEDAR GROVE: 110 Nicolette Road (26104)

EAGLE POINTE: Iris Smith

PARKERSBURG CARE CENTER: Jack Branch,
Ralph Barnes

LOVE AND CARE: Wanda Buckley -
5368 Dupont Rd, Room 16

*National Leaders; College Students; Students & Teachers in our schools; Police Officers & Firefighters; SPUMC
Children & Youth; Scouting Ministry; SPUMC Outreach Ministry; Caregivers of those in Nursing Homes; The
Unsaved; Flood Victims in WV.*

THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY:

Joseph Harris (Navy, Ed & Linda's son)
1250 Auwai Drive; Wahiawa – HI 96786

Travis Schade (Coast Guard)

Maria Schade (Navy)

Dylon Potts

Ryan Dean

David Williams

CW2 Jeremiah Moyers (Army) Kuwait

F Co. 2/238th Medvac

TF Longknife

APO, AE 09330



Pray Without Ceasing

Finance Committee Update

Below is a summary of the total expenses and revenues in our Church's General Operating Fund through May of this year:

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>EXPENSES</u>	<u>REVENUES</u>	<u>SURPLUS/(SHORTFALL)</u>
January	\$17,643.26	\$19,311.04	\$1,667.78
February	\$23,729.81	\$16,064.95	(\$7,664.86)
March	\$16,614.54	\$24,322.47	\$7,707.93
April	\$18,020.19	\$16,391.24	(\$1,628.95)
May	\$17,374.67	\$19,418.98	\$2,044.31
Year-To-Date	\$93,382.47	\$95,508.68	\$2,126.21

Through the first 5 months of the year we are reporting positive cash flow with a surplus of \$2,126.21 of revenue over expenses in the General Operating Fund. In the month of May, additional contributions were collected in support of the backpack ministry having a positive impact on cash flow. In addition, the Church's building fund received gifts in memory of Avana Thompson during the month of May.

Larry

These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.

John 16:33 KJV

from *101 Things You Should Do Before Going to Heaven* by David Bordon and Tom Winters

Visit At Least One of the Seven Wonders of the Natural World

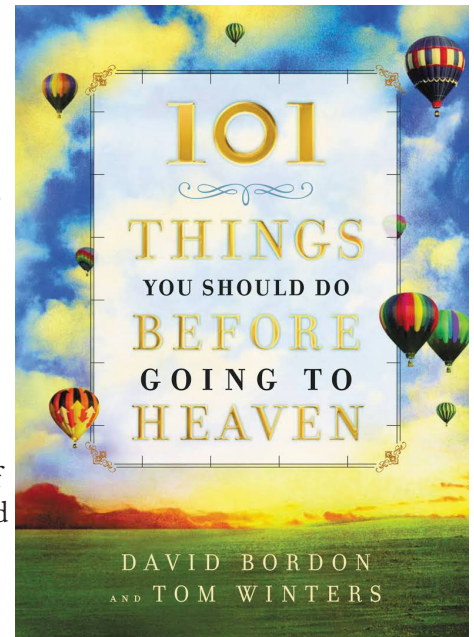
The world is filled with wonders, but some receive more notoriety than others. Whatever is bigger, bolder, or most outrageous gets people talking - and those who hear their stories end up wanting to see firsthand what all the fuss is about. When it comes to the Seven Wonders of the World, the simple fact that people from all over the globe continue to be drawn to these sites - and amazed - should be enough of a reason for you to long to experience at least one of them yourself.

Of the Seven Wonders of the World, only the Pyramids of Giza in Egypt remain - if you don't count the pieces of the Mausoleum of Halicarnassus that are housed in the British Museum. The other five awe-inspiring colossal creations of man fell to earthquake, fire, or marauding armies. However, the Seven Wonders of the Natural World - God's Original Seven Wonders - are still very much intact and awaiting your arrival. If you travel to Australia or Arizona, you can enjoy a twofor: Ayers Rock and the Great Barrier Reef are situated Down Under, while the Grand Canyon and the Barringer Meteor Crater are within a few hours of each other in northern Arizona. The remaining wonders can be found in Switzerland (the Matterhorn), Africa (Victoria Falls), and the border of Tibet and Nepal (Mount Everest).

Visiting anything that evokes wonder presents a perfect opportunity to have a chat with God. Consider what it is that leaves you awestruck. Chat with Him about what amazes you, surprises you, or fills you with such a sense of beauty, mystery, or majesty - what reminds you most of Him. You may even want to come up with your own personal list of God's Seven Wonders of the World, listing the top seven places you've visited that have brought an invisible God most clearly into view for you. Then, share your list with others. You may inspire them to make a trip to see what all the fuss is about.

submitted by

Jan Barnes



Help Us Save “J” Dollars!



Pennies make dollars, but dollars add up faster!

Several years ago, Randy's dad suggested to him a really neat way to save money. He said, "Son, get a \$1.00 bill and look at it closely. On the left side of the bill (as it faces you) is a letter of the alphabet. The letters run from A-L. Pick a letter, such as "L" and every time you get a \$1.00 bill with a "L", save it! Don't spend it. You will be surprised how fast they add up." Randy never forgot that and continues to save today!

The United Methodist Women have adopted the same practice. They will be saving dollar bills that have the letter "J" for Jesus! The money will go towards the kitchen fund for a new refrigerator and ice

maker in the CFC. If you come across a dollar bill with the letter "J", we ask you to save it. Don't put it into the regular offering; please give it to one of the United Methodist Women: Phyllis Bradley, Nancy Russell, Karen Dent or Cathi Wermter and we will add it to the kitchen fund.

Thank you in advance!

Phyllis

Christian Education NEWS

from Jennifer Plyburn

July is a busy month! This year, there are five weekends in July! Woohoo! Extra time for vacations, visits with family and friends, camping, swimming, picnics, and just enjoying "the good old summertime!" I sure hope you include opportunities to worship and fellowship in your summer plans...whether you're here at home or on the road! Bring the family and invite your friends!

Worship with us each Sunday at 9:40 A.M. and 7:00 P.M. Everyone welcome!

Attend Sunday School at 11:00 A.M. Classes for all ages!

Nursery available for children under 3 years of age.

Wednesday Bible Study and Prayer Service 6:30 – 7:30 P.M. Join us!

Get ready to dive deep into God's word at DEEP SEA DISCOVERY Vacation Bible School! Mark your calendar for July 17th – 21st from 6:00 – 8:30 P.M. We will gather in the CFC each evening at 6:00 P.M. for opening worship and a Biblical drama. Children ages 3 years old thru 8th grade will rotate to various learning centers for their Bible story, Crafts, Music, Recreation, and Snacks. Adults will meet in the sanctuary from 6:30 – 7:30 P.M. Don't miss this opportunity to learn and grow together!



Vacation Bible School Celebration will be held on Friday, July 22nd from 11:30 – 5:00 P.M. at the Pleasants County Pool near St. Mary's, WV. A picnic shelter has been reserved for our group for the day. Admission is \$3.00/person. Bring your picnic lunch or purchase concessions there. We will meet at our church parking lot to car pool at 11:00 A.M. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

THANK YOU, to our United Methodist Men and United Methodist Women for sponsoring three of our youth to attend RALLY ON THE MOUNTAIN at Snowshoe Mountain July 14th – 17th. This is a West Virginia Conference United Methodist Youth Event. Our youth will be involved in worship services, covenant groups, workshops, and service projects while there. We look forward to hearing all about their experience, when they return!