

# THUSE NEWS

## JUNE 2018

### SOUTH PARKERSBURG UMC

*TO KNOW CHRIST AND TO MAKE CHRIST KNOWN*

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### THE BISCUIT PRAYER

A new Pastor was attending a men’s breakfast in a rural area. He asked one of the older farmers in attendance to say grace that morning. After all were seated, the old farmer began - “Lord, I hate buttermilk.” The Pastor opened one eye and wondered to himself where this was going. Then the farmer loudly proclaimed, “Lord, I hate lard.” Now the Pastor was worried. However, without missing a beat, the farmer prayed on, “And Lord, you know I don’t care much for raw white flour.”

Just as the Pastor was ready to stand up and stop everything, the farmer continued, “But Lord, when You mix ‘em all together and bake ‘em up, I do love fresh biscuits. So Lord, when things come up we don’t like, when life gets hard, when we just don’t understand what You are sayin’ to us, we just need to relax and wait ‘till You are done mixin,’ and probably it will be somethin’ even better than biscuits... Amen.”

Submitted By: *Tammy Lewis*

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION & YOUTH MINISTRY

Dear Parents,

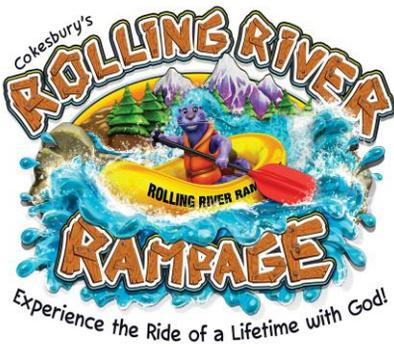
Thank you for sharing your child with me at SPARK! I have really enjoyed my hour with them each Wednesday evening. They have grown so much... physically and spiritually! I pray that you will continue to guide and train them in their knowledge of the Lord, and they may grow in Grace and know His Love! (2 Peter 3:18)

**Summer SPARK** dates will be on the following Wednesdays –

- June 13<sup>th</sup> & June 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:30PM...
- July 25<sup>th</sup> & August 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:30PM...

Please plan to join us on Sunday morning for worship at 9:40AM and 7:00PM. Sunday School begins at 11:00AM. Adult Bible Study is every Wednesday at 6:30PM... Come!... Grow!...

*Jennifer*



### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

**JULY 8TH – 12TH**

**6:00 – 8:30 P.M.**

**Ages 3 years old - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade**

**Adult Study 7:00 – 8:00 P.M**

## COLLEGE GRADUATE



We congratulate Ali Gordon on her graduation from West Virginia University. We will continue to pray for and support Ali, and all the recent high school graduates of the church, as they face new challenges in their lives and careers.

## THE "FUTURE" OF OUR CHURCH



On the evening of Wednesday, May 30<sup>th</sup> , the SPARK Picnic was held with 39 kids and parents...

## BACKPACK BLESSINGS BINGO



At last count, over \$5,300 raised... 102 in attendance... 25 helpers from the South Parkersburg Women's Club, South ROTC, Church Youth Group, and other SPUMC members... Thanks to everyone who participated or helped organize and run this fundraising event!!!

## MOTHER/DAUGHTER BANQUET



The "All That Jazz" Mother/Daughter Banquet was a huge success. A great meal with dancers from Tina's Dance Studio and jazz musicians from Blennerhassett entertaining everyone during the evening. A special thanks to Ann Thorne & Sue Morrison for the beautiful decorations and the UMM who helped with setup, serving, and cleanup.

## PENTECOST SUNDAY

The Spirit, or "Breath", filling the red balloons and descending throughout the Sanctuary...



## UNITED METHODIST MEN & WOMEN

United Methodist Men & Women will meet on Tuesday, June 12th at 6:30PM in the CFC.

This month's speaker for the UMW is Rev. Janet Richards, Pastor of Downtown Baptist Church. She will be discussing the homeless situation and drug issues in our community. Church members, as well as friends, are invited to attend to learn about what can be done to support this critical ministry.

*Sandy*

## TRUSTEES WORKDAY

Thanks to Bruce Bumgarner, Garry Gumm, Vickie Pritchard, Stan Epler, and Jim Braden for helping out during the church workday in May. Major projects were the trimming of landscape shrubbery and repairing stones on the back of the church

*Rick*



## BOY SCOUT TROOP #17

### ***Ice Cream Social***

***Sunday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2018***

***11:00AM – 1:00PM in the CFC***



Menu: Homemade Ice Cream, Grilled Hot Dogs w/fixin's, Broughton's Ice Cream, Chips, and Cold Drinks

Cost: Donation

## BIBLE QUIZ

The questions in this month's newsletter are from the Gospel of Mark. After each question is the Chapter and Verse in parenthesis showing you where you can find, or check, your answers.

Good Luck!!!

1. What did Jesus ask the disciples after he calmed the wind and the sea? (Mark 4:39-40)
2. After the messengers told Jairus of the death of his daughter, what did Jesus say to him? (Mark 5:36)
3. Who did Herod think that Jesus was? (Mark 6:16)
4. What did the daughter of Herodias ask the King Herod for after she danced for him? (Mark 6:22-27)
5. What did Jesus always do after a great occasion and gathering? (Mark 6:46)
6. What did the disciples do when they eat bread that the Pharisees found fault with? (Mark 7:2-3)
7. When Jesus took the blind man by the hand and led him out of the village, what did he do to the blind man's eyes? (Mark 8:23)
8. What must one deny in order to be a follower of Jesus Christ? (Mark 8:34)
9. Who appeared with Jesus high on the mountain? (Mark 9:4)
10. What did Jesus say that one must do in order to be first? (Mark 9:35)

## CHURCH ACTIVITIES/EVENTS

**Sunday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>** - Boy Scout Ice Cream Social in the CFC from 11:00 – 1:00...

**Tuesday, June 5<sup>th</sup>** - SPRC Meeting at 6:30PM...

**Thursday, June 7<sup>th</sup> thru Sunday June 10<sup>th</sup>** - Be in prayer for our Annual Conference Meeting...

**Tuesday, June 12<sup>th</sup>** - UMW & UMM meetings at 6:30PM in the CFC...

**Sunday, June 17<sup>th</sup>** - Fathers Day...

**Tuesday, June 19<sup>th</sup>** - Christian Education Meeting at 6:30PM...

**Sunday, June 24<sup>th</sup>** - Welcome Back Dinner for Pastor Jim and Jennifer... 11:00 in the CFC... A covered dish dinner... Meat, desserts, and drinks will be provided... A sign-up sheet will be circulated to mark what you will bring to share... Everyone is invited and there will be no Sunday School that day...

## THE STORIES OF 2 MEN

STORY #1: Many years ago, Al Capone virtually owned Chicago . Capone wasn't famous for anything heroic. He was notorious for everything from bootlegged booze, gambling, prostitution, and murder. Capone had a lawyer nicknamed "Easy Eddie." He was Capone's lawyer for a good reason. Eddie was very good! In fact, Eddie's skill at legal maneuvering kept Big Al out of jail for a long time. To show his appreciation, Capone paid him very well. Not only was the money big, but Eddie got special dividends, as well. For instance, he and his family occupied a fenced-in mansion with live-in help and all of the conveniences of the day. Eddie lived the high life of the Chicago mob and gave little consideration to the atrocity that went on around him.

Eddie did have one soft spot, however. He had a son that he loved dearly. Eddie saw to it that his young son had everything he needed. And, despite his involvement with organized crime, Eddie even tried to teach him right from wrong. Eddie wanted his son to be a better man than he was. Yet, with all his wealth and influence, there were two things he couldn't give his son; he couldn't pass on a good name or a good example. One day, Easy Eddie reached a difficult decision. He decided he would go to the authorities and tell the truth about Al Capone, clean up his tarnished name, and offer his son some semblance of integrity. To do this, he would have to testify against The Mob, and he knew that the cost would be great. But, he testified. Within the year, Easy Eddie's life ended in a blaze of gunfire on a lonely Chicago Street . But in his eyes, he had given his son the greatest gift he had to offer, at the greatest price he could ever pay.

STORY #2: World War II produced many heroes. One such man was Lieutenant Commander Butch O'Hare. He was a fighter pilot assigned to the aircraft carrier Lexington in the South Pacific. One day his entire squadron was sent on a mission. After he was airborne, he looked at his fuel gauge and realized that someone had forgotten to top off his fuel tank. He would not have enough fuel to complete his mission and get back to his ship. His flight leader told him to return to the carrier. Reluctantly, he dropped out of formation and headed back to the fleet.

As he was returning to the mother ship, he saw something that turned his blood cold; a squadron of Japanese aircraft was speeding its way toward the American fleet. The American fighters were gone on a sortie, and the fleet was all but defenseless. He couldn't reach his squadron and bring them back in time to save the fleet. Nor could he warn the fleet of the approaching danger. There was only one thing to do. He must somehow divert them from the fleet. Laying aside all thoughts of personal safety, he dove into the formation of Japanese planes. Wing-mounted 50 caliber's blazed as he charged in, attacking one surprised enemy plane and then another. Butch wove in and out of the now broken formation and fired at as many planes as possible until all his ammunition was finally spent. Undaunted, he continued the assault. He dove at the planes, trying to clip a wing or tail in hopes of damaging as many enemy planes as possible, rendering them unfit to fly. Finally, the exasperated Japanese squadron took off in another direction.

Deeply relieved, Butch O'Hare and his tattered fighter limped back to the carrier. Upon arrival, he reported in and related the event surrounding his return. The film from the gun-camera mounted on his plane told the tale. It showed the extent of Butch's daring attempt to protect his fleet. He had, in fact, destroyed five enemy aircraft. This took place on February 20, 1942 , and for that action Butch became the Navy's first Ace of W.W.II, and the first Naval Aviator to win the Congressional Medal of Honor. A year later Butch was killed in aerial combat at the age of 29. His home town would not allow the memory of this WW II hero to fade, and today, O'Hare Airport in Chicago is named in tribute to the courage of this great man.

*So what do these two stories have in common? Butch O'Hare was "Easy Eddie's" son.  
Don't forget, Sunday, June 17<sup>th</sup> is Father's Day!!!*