

THUSE NEWS

JULY 2020

SOUTH PARKERSBURG UMC

To Know Christ and to Make Christ Known

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PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Greetings in the Name of the Risen Lord!

As the month of June 2020 comes to an end, I reflect on the steps the Re-Launch Team has taken to return our congregation to in-person worship and fellowship. Following on-line worship on Sunday, June 7th, we gathered on the side parking lot near the Prayer Garden to share in the celebration of Holy Communion. The following Sunday morning, we gathered on the parking lot at 10:00 A.M. for worship while streaming the service live on Facebook. These past two Sundays we gathered for worship inside the CFC with face masks required and distancing maintained, while continuing to stream the services. These four gatherings have certainly been a blessing to me and from the feedback I have received, they have been a blessing to many others, as well. It was good to see you and for us to be together. These services of worship and fellowship have lead us to the next phase of Re-Launch - gathering for worship in the sanctuary. I am looking forward to returning to our beautiful sanctuary and I invite you to join us there for in-person worship this Sunday, July 5th, at 10:00 A.M. We will still require that face masks be worn at all times, and distancing be maintained both inside and outside the sanctuary. Seating will be limited and we must maintain a list of names and contact information for each person who attends. Please contact me at 304-360-3969 or reply on our South Parkersburg United Methodist Church Facebook page, if you plan to attend.

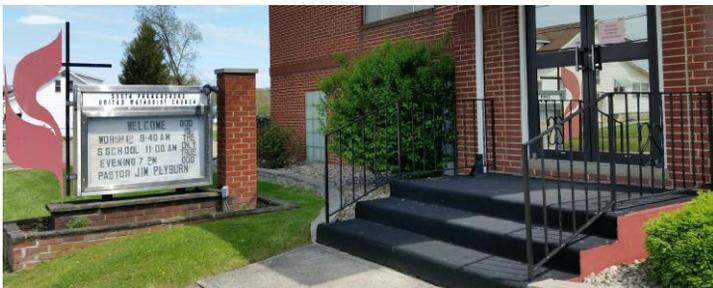
As your Pastor, I continue to pray that we will all be protected from illness as we navigate these uncharted waters of a worldwide pandemic. Please do all that you can to keep yourself and your family safe. Stay home when you can. When it is necessary to go out in public, I strongly encourage you to wear a face mask and stay as far from others as you can. I ask you to do this, not out of fear, but out of love for each other.

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In-person Worship Services in the CFC - June 21st and 28th



WELCOME! Please join us for In-person Worship in our Sanctuary this Sunday, July 5th!



Blessings & Prayers,

Pastor Jim



CHURCH OUTDOOR LIBRARY

Our Little Free Library has been freshly stocked with Our Daily Bread devotional books for adults and activity sheets and bulletins for children. Please stop by and help yourself.

CHURCH DIRECTORY INFORMATION

It has come to our attention that some of the information in our current 2019 Church Directory is NOT correct. Please review your information for items needing correction – eg. Address, Phone numbers, E-Mail addresses... If a correction needs to be made, please email me the correct information at:

larrysexauer@suddenlink.net

I will collect all the changes and send them on to those working on updating the information in the Directory.

Larry

DAILY PRAYER LIST



Beverly Adams

Helen Boone

Lula Donalson

Avis Full

Jan Houghton

Linda Knight

Michael Martin

Ralph McNemar

Yvonne Morehouse

Barbara Terrell

Jim Whitlach

Emily Thorn - Daughter of Bubby Rowe

Daniel Houghton - Son of Tom and Jan Houghton

Brandon Pathtel - Nephew of Linda Milhoan

Deb Tuttle - Friend of Jennifer Plyburn

Christine Schenerlein - Niece of Jan Kinder

Janet Smith - Sister of Bruce Bumgarner

Opal Vincent

Laiana Nichols

Johnny Pierson - Uncle of Anita Baum

Johnny Binegar - Father of Olivia Elliott

Clarence Full

Ed Berry - Friend of Rick Deem

Jackie Bowker - Mother of Ken Pritchard

Ann Thorne

Neva Bumgarner

Mary Knotts

Ashley Dotson

Baker Neal

Remember the families of: Dan McFee - Brother of Neva Bumgarner, Shirley Ann Braham - Mother of Jeff Braham, James Lehew - nephew of Karen Dent



Long-Term Prayer List

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Adams, Beverly
Archer, Anna - brain tumor-Lois Boise
Baker, Julia-leukemia-Mike Miller
Baker, Oren - cancer
Bennett, Michelle-cancer-B. Terrell's daughter
Blair, Margaret-cancer- Carol McMahan
Boney, Lon - tumor-B. Rowe
Bonner, Dan-lung cancer-Kathryn Miller
Bradley, Raymond-cancer-R. Bradley
Braham, Shirley-chemo-Jeff Braham
Branch Family
Brown, Emma-liver/thyroid-Linda Knopp
Buffington, Dave-stroke-Terry Jeffreys
Burgard, Jeff-stroke - (The Willows 217) Jim Whitlatch
Burdette, Jenifer-cancer-P. Bradley
Burruss, Pat-cancer
Butler, Kevin-mass in stomach-V. Shuman
Cosner, Brenda-heart-A. Dotson
Cunningham, Alan-leukemia- Mike Miller
Daggott, Carter- brain cancer-M. Hupp
Davis, Carrie-stroke- B. Pratt
Defreitas, Larry-heart-Jim Braden
Dickson, Bill-cancer- Pastor Jim Plyburn
Digman, Glen-cancer-Cathi Wermter
Dotson, Larry-cancer-Mary Knotts
Durst, Erica - MS-Brad Lewis
Eaton, Carolyn- Betty Neal
Elliott, Charlie-throat cancer- June Hupp
Enoch, Allison & Matthew-cystic fibrosis-De Hoover
Enoch, Jessie (5 years old)-leukemia-K. Lucas
Everett, Clara-CHF-Jennifer Hupp
Flinn, Ruth-Eleanor Wilcox Sister
Fortney, Amy-T. Lewis
Full Clarence
Galland, Fred & Sue
Gilchrist, Gene & Flora- Katy Roberts
Gilmore, Cara - Niemann-Pick Disease-Jan Kinder
Gil more, Eddie-cancer-Beth Baker
Goodrich, John & Lois
Gray, Pam -cancer-J. Youell
Grimm Andrea-colon cancer- J. McNemar
Gross, Donna-T. Jeffreys
Harris, Anthony- lung cancer-Stan Epler
Hendricks, Peggy-cancer-Jennifer Hupp
Hickmari, Sonny - cancer-Steve Stanley
Higgins, Terri-cancer- Jan Barnes
Hobbs, Darlinea-breast cancer-B. Rowe
Hudson, Sharon-stroke-Jill Youell
Jefferson, Betsy-heart-Carolyn Kesterson
Johnson, Aaron-thyroid cancer -Patty Morgan
Jonas, Judy-knee
Jones, Glenda-at the Willows-B. Terrell
Kirk, Greg- rare cancer- Phyllis Bradley
Knotts, Jim-stroke- Mary Knotts husband
Leasure, Barb-Judy Jonas
Lucas, Shelly-cancer-J Whitlatch
Luck, Greg-cancer-T. Jeffreys
Matthess, Hunter-leukemia-B. Lewis
Mayes, Vic-cancer-Jill Youell
McCoy, Randy-cancer-A. Baum
McKendree, Bobby - heart-Pat Tucker
Mills, Millie-fell/broke both legs-June Hupp
Milhoan, Dave-cancer-Mark's Brother
Morris, Michael-kidney cancer-Kathy Kidd's brother
Morrison, Bill-CHF-Kestersons
Morrison, Tammy-breast cancer- Jill Youell
Mugrage, Linda-esophagus-Jennifer Hupp
Newhouse, J.- cancer-E. Epler
Nutter, Betty-lung cancer
Ogden, Sherry-hospice care-Laiana Nichols
Parsons, Gary-lung condition-A. Deem
Phillips, Paul - prayers to walk-M. Miller
Poling, Duane (Beaver)-Marie Williamson's brother
Radabaugh, Pam-needs a heart- Don Beeson
Reed Shelia-Jennifer Hupp
Reese, Carol-brain tumor-Pat Tucker
Rhodes, Beth-cancer-C. Wermter
Roberts, Jennifer-Brad Lewis
Ross, Kevin-Parkinson's -Ken Pritchard
Sayre, Alice-seizures-Jill Youell
Sellers, Betty Scott- cancer-J. Kinder
Settle, Tara- brain cancer-Anita Baum
Sieto, Ray-cancer-K. Miller
Slusser, Emma Jean -cancer-Melanie Reed
Sinnott, Jack-Sandy Sinnott's Brother
Smith, Janet & David-Bruce Bumgarner/Ann Thorne
Schollenberger, Rosalie-cancer-Becky Stephens

Sprouse, Ashley-brain tumor-C. Barnes
Stanojevic, Bessie-Pat Tucker
Stallman, Mary-heart-Pat Tucker
Talerico, Russell - cancer- Melanie Reed
Tanner, Adam-cancer- Hoover
Terrell, Barbara
Terry, Faith-Jerry Baum
Thomas, Caroline- brain surgery-Anita Baum
Thorne, Roger & Ann
Tibbs, April - cancer-Nancy Russell
Tice, Kelly-Shirley Tice
Tucker, Richard Sr.-cancer-P. Tucker
Turrill, John-cancer-Melissa Hupp
Vincent, Joey-brain cancer- Patty Morgan
Walcutt, Larry- chemo- Melissa Hupp
Walker, Clay-kidneys-Mark Walker
Watts, Myke-blood pressure-Patti Morgan
White, Fred- cancer-Mitch Morgan
Whitehead, Jeanette- lung-J. Whitlatch
Whitlatch, JoAnn
Williams, Rich-kidney transplant-Linda Knopp
Wigal, Cole-B. Terrill
Wilson, Vivian-tumors-Jennifer Plyburn
Wolfe, Donna-cancer -J. McNemar
Wolfe, Gary- tumor- J. McNemar
Wolfe, Terry- lung cancer-N. Russell
Wood, Cece - Jan Barnes
Wood, Gary & Mike Wood
Yoak, Tom-cancer
Military Personnel - Joseph Harris, Dylon Potts,
Maria Schade, Travis Schade, Matthew Wood

JULY BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY DATES

BIRTHDAY:

July 1 st	Frank Kesterson
July 1 st	Brian Pratt
July 4th	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA!!!
July 5 th	Barbara Terrell
July 6 th	Lois Goodrich
July 11 th	Ashley Dotson
July 17 th	Nancy Goodnight
July 18 th	Brianna Swiger
July 20 th	Ron Liddle
July 20 th	Sean Reed
July 21 st	Kay Hoffman
July 21 st	Nora Metz
July 24 th	Mary Ann McCrady
July 24 th	Christy Life
July 26 th	Noah Powell
July 27 th	Jim Whitlatch
July 28 th	Elizabeth Bradley
July 29 th	Tiffany Powell
July 30 th	Fred Galland
July 30 th	Lily Anderson

ANNIVERSARY:

July 1 st	Frank & Carolyn Kesterson
July 8 th	Mel & Cathi Wermter
July 10 th	Lee & Sue Morrison

OUTREACH UPDATE

I have decided to step down as the chairperson of the outreach committee effective as soon as possible. It has been a true blessing to have served with all of you for the past six years. I have sought out a replacement within the current members of the group but as of now no one has stepped forth.

It is my hope that SPUMC will continue operating and supporting our School Backpack ministry. Our program has been very successful and is now deemed as essential within the schools we service. However, without leadership, we will have to end our program.

In either case, I would like to have a decision reached by 7/15 so that I can either begin working with the new chairperson to transition or so that I can notify the county that we will no longer be providing food to our three schools for the 2020-21 academic year. Hopefully, this will provide enough time for a replacement organization to be found so that there is no lapse in service to the children of our neighborhood schools.

If you would be interested in taking on the leadership position please let Pastor Jim, myself, or another committee member know as quickly as possible.

Thank you for all your past and hopefully future support for this wonderful ministry.

God Bless,

Sam Sams

TRUSTEES REPORT FOR JUNE

- Lawn being mowed weekly.
- Garden steps were power washed and painted-brick cleaned and de-mossed.
- The Sexauer family is keeping weeds pulled in landscaping.
- Elevator inspection is pending. Waiting on inspector to call with a date.
- Ran Ethernet wire to video room from router in secretary's office to allow for better internet streaming of services.
- Changed from Suddenlink to CAS for better streaming upload speed.
- Two security cameras are down. Waiting on techs to repair.
- Message board on CFC in need of prayer or replacement. Bulbs are not available for replacement.

Rick Deem

CEDAR GROVE DRIVE-BY PARADE



Together or apart, we're always close at heart! A drive-by parade was held on Saturday, June 20th, at the Cedar Grove Assisted Living Facility where two dear members of our church family live. It was a joy to see Helen Boone and Betty Hardman and they were happy to see some of their church family. God bless them and all who must still remain apart to remain healthy and well! Our thoughts, love, and prayers to all!

WORDS TO LIVE BY – JOHN WESLEY

From Last Sunday's Worship Service

“Do all the good you can,
By all the means you can,
In all the ways you can,
In all the places you can,
At all the times you can,
To all the people you can,
As long as ever you can.”

- John Wesley

A PRAYER FOR OUR WORLD

We cannot merely pray to you, O God, to end war; For we know that You have made the world in a way that people must find their own path to peace within themselves and with their neighbors.

We cannot merely pray to You, O God, to end starvation; For You have already given us the resources with which to feed the entire world, if we would only use them wisely.

We cannot merely pray to You, O God, to root out prejudice; For You have already given us eyes with which to see the good in all people, if we would only use them rightly.

We cannot merely pray to You, O God, to end despair; For You have already given us the power to clear away slums and to give hope, if we would only use our power justly.

We cannot merely pray to You, O God, to end disease; For You have already given us great minds with which to search out cures and healing, if we would only use them constructively.

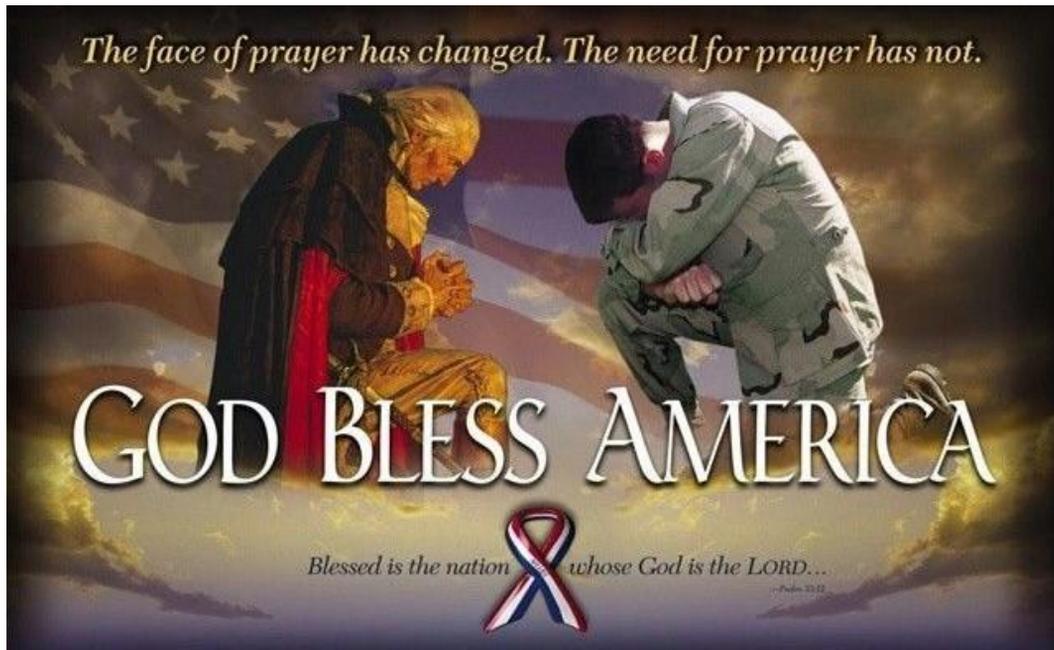
Therefore we pray to You instead, O God, for strength, determination and will power... To do instead of just pray... To become instead of merely to wish...

Jack Piemer

OUTDOOR COMMUNION SERVICE



On June 7th, the sun was shining brightly and the Son's light and love was felt by all. Thank you, Lord, for a beautiful day to gather and remember your love and sacrifice for each of us.



INDEPENDENCE DAY PRAYER

Dear Lord, there is no greater feeling of liberty than to experience freedom from sin and death you provided for me through Jesus Christ. Today my heart and my soul are free to praise you. For this, I am very thankful.

On this Independence Day, I am reminded of all those who have sacrificed for my freedom, following the example of your Son, Jesus Christ. Let me not take my freedom, both physical and spiritual, for granted. May I always remember that a very high price was paid for my freedom. My freedom cost others their very lives.

Lord, today, bless those who have served and continue to give their lives for my freedom. With favor and bounty, meet their needs and watch over their families.

Dear Father, I am so thankful for this nation. For all the sacrifices others have made to build and defend this country, I am grateful. Thank you for the opportunities and freedoms we have in the United States of America. Help me never to take these blessings for granted.

Help me to live my life in a way that glorifies you, Lord. Give me the strength to be a blessing in someone's life today, and grant me the opportunity to lead others into the freedom that can be found in knowing Jesus Christ.

In your precious name, we pray... Amen...

MEMORY VERSE

And by that will, we have been made holy through the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

Hebrews 10:10

There are many times in which we try, either intentionally or not, to pay for our sins. We try to follow all kinds of rules and regulations. We try to be “good” people. When we are sorry for our sins, something inside makes us think we have to “make things right.” We want to try to pay God back, as if we might pay for our salvation. But we can’t. And yet, because of Jesus, we have been made holy already.

In Hebrews, the priests were busy every day offering sacrifices for people’s sins. And on the Day of Atonement the high priest would make a sacrifice for all the sins of the people, year after year after year.

Now we have one who has come and has offered us his own body as the perfect sacrifice, once for all. Jesus’ death on the cross for our sake was enough to make us holy. We no longer have to offer sacrifices day after day, year after year. Christ has already sacrificed himself, once for all.

We do not have to try to earn our holiness, for Christ has already made us holy. And as we have already been made holy, our response is to strive, in his strength, to live into what Christ has already made us to be. We have already been made holy; now, in the strength of Christ, our Savior, we can begin to be like him.

Today Devotional – Made Holy - by *Brian Kuiper* — June 24, 2020

VIDEO SERIES ON REVELATIONS

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vPRxbvcu7Bw>

This is a very interesting series on the letters to the 7 churches in Revelation. Each one is about 25 min long. It was filmed in Turkey at the actual locations so it’s interesting to see the architecture that remains there.

Submitted by *Tammy Lewis*

CHURCH

A room of quiet... a temple of peace;
The home of faith... where doubting's cease;
A house of comfort... where hope is given;
A source of strength... to make earth heaven;
A shrine of worship... a place to pray;
I found all this... in my church today.

Oliver Wendell Holmes

*There is a little plant called reverence
In the corner of my soul's garden,
Which I love to have watered once a week.*

Oliver Wendell Holmes

THE CHURCH IN YOUR HEART

Who builds a church within his heart
And takes it with him everywhere
Is Holier far than he whose church
Is but a one-day house of prayer.

Morris Abel Beer

Enter expectantly,
Breathe prayerfully,
Worship reverently,
Relax restfully,
Greet others cordially,
Leave thoughtfully,
Come again soon.

BIBLE QUIZ - 1

This Bible quiz is about “Who Married Whom?”... You can find, or check, your answers in the scripture noted after each question... Good Luck!!!

1. Who married Abraham? (Genesis 11:29)
2. Who married Isaac? (Genesis 24:67)
3. Who married Jacob? (Genesis 29:28)
4. Who married Moses? (Exodus 2:21)
5. Who married David? (1 Samuel 18:26-27)
6. Who married Hosea? (Hosea 1:3)
7. Who became queen to Ahasuerus, King of Persia? (Esther 2:17)

BIBLE QUIZ - 2

This Bible quiz is about Jesus’ Youth... You can find, or check, your answers in the scripture noted after each question... Good Luck!!!

1. Who was promised by the Holy Spirit that he wouldn’t die until he saw the Messiah? (Luke 2:25-26)
2. What event brought Joseph and Mary to Jerusalem every year? (Luke 2:41)
3. How old was Jesus when his parents lost Him in Jerusalem? (Luke 2:42-45)
4. How long was Jesus in Jerusalem before His parents found Him? (Luke 2:46)
5. What was Jesus doing when His parents found Him? (Luke 2:46-47)
6. To whom did Jesus explain that He was “about [His] Father’s business”? (Luke 2:49)
7. How was John the Baptist related to Jesus? (Luke 1:36, 57-60)