

THUSE NEWS

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TO KNOW CHRIST AND TO MAKE CHRIST KNOWN

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WALKING THE DOG

A woman was flying from Seattle to San Francisco. Unexpectedly, the plane had to be diverted to Sacramento. A flight attendant explained that there would be a delay, and if the passengers wanted to get off the aircraft the plane would re-board in about 50 minutes.

Everybody got off except for one woman who was blind. A man had noticed her as he walked by because her guide dog lay quietly underneath the seat in front of her. He could also tell that she had flown this flight before because the pilot approached her and called her by name, saying, “Kathy, we are in Sacramento for almost an hour. Would you like to get off and stretch your legs?” She replied, “No thanks, but maybe Buddy would like to stretch his legs?”

All the people in the gate area came to a standstill when they saw the pilot walk off the plane with a guide dog for the blind!!! Even worse, the pilot was wearing sunglasses. People scattered. Some not only tried to change planes but also change airlines!

We should always be kind to those with special needs, and remember, things are not always as they appear...

MEET YOUR CHURCH FAMILY



This month we are featuring The Youell family – Jimmy, Jill, Taylor, & Cody – as this month's family that you can get to know better!

Greetings! We are the Youell's, Jimmy, Jill, Taylor, & Cody; although we just recently became members of SPUMC we have been attending the Wednesday night bible study for a year and church since November. We have been married for 32 years, live in Ravenswood, WV and are the proud parents of Cody Youell (30) who resides in Christiansburg, VA who was formerly a golf professional but now is the owner of "Danny's Pawn Shop" and Taylor Youell (22) who resides in Charleston, WV and is employed as a first grade teacher at Kanawha City Elementary. As parents, we always felt it was important to raise our children attending church. We are blessed that they have a close relationship and thankful they seem to always be there for each other and for us!

I grew up in Sandyville, WV, a rural community of Jackson Co., the daughter of Naomi and Jesse Audis McCrady. I have one sister, Linda. Almost all of my life, I attended Independence United Methodist Church, an old white country church on a hill that was built in the late 1800's. I always loved going to church and was very active in it from the time I was small; being a small church with very few members meant we wore a lot of hats & started early participating in services! I started singing in church at a very young age and my family/friends laugh because I always sang the same song, "Do You Know My Jesus?" and in Christmas programs it was requested yearly that the youth sing the "12 days of Christmas", with me ALWAYS singing "5 Golden Rings"! I think my most fond memory of attending church was having two girlfriends who grew in age and faith along with me. We were inseparable and usually a little ornery! But we looked at it as providing a lot of laughs! Later I attended First United Methodist Church in Ravenswood where we came to know and love Pastor Jim and Jennifer and now we are here! I am a graduate of Ravenswood High School and studied banking at what was formerly Parkersburg Community College.

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My friends would tell you I am a huge advocate for “random acts of kindness” and while my children were in school you could always find me volunteering in the school offices weekly along with being a homeroom/team/Scout Mom! I have worked several different places but in this area many years ago I worked at the Bank of Lubeck, Tebay Dairy, City Iron & Metal and Arrow Concrete. I love to write, organize, balance checkbooks, photography, crafting, listening to music, and singing. My favorite place to go is the beach where watching every sunrise is a must, taking walks while looking for unusual seashells and sharks teeth.

Jimmy grew up on the Southside of Parkersburg on what many may know as “Suicide Hill”, the son of Kay and Jim Youell! He has 3 siblings, Janet, Tom and Glen. He attended Lauckport Methodist Church for many years during his childhood. He began attending Independence UM when we were married. Later, Jimmy was a member of First Church in Ravenswood before attending here. Jimmy is retired from DuPont and currently works part-time with Enterprise Car Rental in Ripley. He’s a graduate of South High School and Glenville State College with a degree in Accounting/Business. Jimmy also attended Franklin Jr. High and Tavernerville schools. When our children were small you could always find him coaching rec league teams and helping with our sons Boy Scout/Indian Dance Troop. (We’re the proud parents of an Eagle Scout!) He enjoys riding his motorcycle, reading/studying his Bible, loves watching sports (esp. when his children played) fishing/camping and helping his children! His favorite place is the beach but he also enjoys heading to the mountains to fish, camp and explore!

Our daughter Taylor graduated from Ravenswood High School where she played basketball, tennis and a little golf! The tennis led her to the University of Charleston where she was a member of their Women’s Tennis team graduating with a degree in Elementary Education and a minor in Business. After graduation she was hired at Kanawha City Elementary as a first grade teacher; Taylor has always been known as a “child/baby magnet” so she chose her career well! She loves sports and hopes to soon find a Middle or High School girls basketball or tennis team to coach! Church has always been a big part of her life from the time she was small helping when she could with VBS or special events. In her spare time, Taylor enjoys watching/playing sports (esp. Duke Basketball), fishing, kayaking, hiking, cooking, baking, and crafting. Her favorite place to vacation is also the beach!

We are all excited to become members of SPUMC. You all have made us feel MORE than welcome here! We look forward to fellowshiping, worshiping, and serving our awesome God along side of you in many different ways! Peace.

Jill Youell

CHURCH ACTIVITIES/EVENTS

SUNDAY, MARCH 4TH – 7:00PM Evening Worship Service with the New Life Singers...

FRIDAY, MARCH 9TH – Fellowship Fun Night in the CFC from 6:00PM to 8:00PM...

TUESDAY, MARCH 13TH – UMW & UMM Meetings in the CFC at 6:30PM...

MONDAY, MARCH 19TH - Lifeline Screening in the CFC from 8:30AM to 5:30PM... Sign-Up forms available at the Information Desk downstairs in the church...

MONDAY, MARCH 19TH - Trustees at 5:30... Finance Committee at 6:30...

TUESDAY, MARCH 20TH – Church Council Meeting at 6:30PM...

HOLY WEEK ACTIVITIES

THURSDAY, MARCH 29TH – Maundy Thursday Service in the CFC at Noon – SPUMC will provide the meal...

FRIDAY, MARCH 30TH – Good Friday Service in the CFC at Noon – Trinity UMC will provide the meal...

SATURDAY, MARCH 31ST – Bunny Breakfast & Easter Egg Hunt in the CFC at 9:00AM...

SUNDAY, APRIL 1ST – Easter Sunday...

SHUT-IN EASTER CARDS

There is a basket downstairs where you are encouraged to place Easter cards for our Shut-Ins. Please pick up a list of names by the basket and use it when preparing your cards. This is the most current updated list of those who will have their cards and gift bags delivered. You may also see Bonnie Dennis for a list of the Shut-Ins.

We had a great response at Christmas, and the Shut-Ins were happy and thankful to receive so many cards from their church family. Let's do it again for Easter, and perhaps we can even exceed our Christmas totals.

Every person is welcome to participate. If you don't know the Shut-Ins, or they don't know you, that's OK. They will know that you are part of their church and are thinking of them. The cards will be delivered so NO addresses or stamps are needed.

Thank you all!!!

Bonnie

CHURCH DIRECTORY

We are going to make a new paper directory for the church. Many people use it with their photo directory to make notes. If you would like to be included in the directory please furnish the information listed below that pertains to you and your family:

Name(s):

Are you on a committee at church? If so, please list it:

Address:

Phone or phones to contact you at:

Email:

Forms were inserted in the church bulletin and can be filled out and put in the offering plate or dropped off at the church office. The information can also be emailed to Jan Barnes directly at janlbarnes@suddenlink.net

Jan

UMW – “J” DOLLARS



Remember to keep looking for and saving those “J” dollars. Don’t put them in the collection plate. Give them to any member of the United Methodist Women. Thank you very much!!!

BIBLE QUIZ

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

1. What are the 3 types of sacrifices that were used for Burnt Offerings? (1:3,10,14)
2. What was done with the blood of the Burnt Offering? (1:3)
3. What could be offered as a Grain Offering? (2:1-4, 7-14)
4. What was the animal for a Guilt Offering? (5:15-18)
5. What did the Lord tell Moses to tell the Israelites that they could not eat? (7:23-26)
6. Who were Nadab and Abihu? (10:1)
7. What clothing did Moses put on Aaron's sons? (8:13)
8. How long was a woman ceremonially unclean after the birth of a son or a daughter? (12:2-5)
9. What kind of skin disorder required one to come to the priest? (13:2)
10. Who is believed to be the author, or the source, of the Book of Leviticus?

BILLY GRAHAM'S SUIT

Leaders in Charlotte, North Carolina, invited their favorite son, Billy Graham, now 90 years old, to a luncheon in his honor. Billy initially hesitated to accept the invitation because he struggles with Parkinson's disease. But the Charlotte leaders said, "We don't expect a major address. Just come and let us honor you." So he agreed to come.

After wonderful things were said about him, Dr. Graham stepped to the rostrum, looked at the crowd, and said, "I'm reminded today of Albert Einstein, the great physicist who has been honored by Time magazine as the Man of the Century. Einstein was once traveling from Princeton on a train when the conductor came down the aisle, punching the tickets of every passenger. When he came to Einstein, Einstein reached in his vest pocket. He couldn't find his ticket, so he reached in his trouser pockets. It wasn't there, so he looked in his briefcase but couldn't find it. Then he looked in the seat beside him. He still couldn't find it. The conductor said, 'Dr. Einstein, I know who you are. We all know who you are. I'm sure you bought a ticket. Don't worry about it.'

Einstein nodded appreciatively. The conductor continued down the aisle punching tickets. As he was ready to move to the next car, he turned around and saw the great physicist down on his hands and knees looking under his seat for his ticket. The conductor rushed back and said, 'Dr. Einstein, Dr. Einstein, don't worry, I know who you are and there is no problem. You don't need a ticket. I'm sure you bought one.' Einstein looked up at him and said, 'Young man, I too, know who I am. What I don't know is where I'm going!'

Having said that Billy Graham continued, "See the suit I'm wearing? It's a brand new suit. My children, and my grandchildren are telling me I've gotten a little slovenly in my old age. So I went out and bought a new suit for this luncheon and one more occasion. You know what that occasion is? This is the suit in which I'll be buried. But when you hear of my death, I don't want you to remember the suit I'm wearing. I want you to remember this: I not only know who I am... I also know where I'm going."