

THUSE NEWS

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SOUTH PARKERSBURG UMC
To KNOW CHRIST AND TO MAKE CHRIST KNOWN

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AMAZING GRACE!!!

In 1748 the English Merchant ship, The Greyhound, had been thrashing about in the north Atlantic storm for over a week. Its canvas sails were ripped, and the wood on one side of the ship had been torn away and splintered.

The sailors had little hope of survival, but they manually worked the pumps, trying to keep the vessel afloat. On the eleventh day of the storm, sailor John Newton was too exhausted to pump, so he was tied to the helm and tried to hold the ship to its course.

With the storm raging fiercely, Newton had time to think. His life seemed as ruined and wrecked as the battered ship he was trying to steer through the storm. Since the age of eleven, he had lived a life at sea. Sailors were not noted for the refinement of their manners, but Newton had a reputation for profanity, coarseness, and debauchery which even shocked many a sailor.

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John Newton survived that day at the helm. That day, March 21, 1748, was a turning point in his life. It was a day he would never forget, for he believed that “on that day the Lord sent from on high and delivered me out of deep waters.” On that day he began to turn to the Christ that he had ignored since childhood when his mother had tried to teach him the scriptures.

Newton became an English poet and an Anglican clergyman and he went on to write the beloved Christian hymn:

“Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost, but now I’m found,
Was blind, but now I see.”

John Newton lived to be 82 years old. Even then, Newton never ceased to be amazed by God’s grace and he told his friends, “My memory is nearly gone, but I remember two things: That I am a great sinner, and that Christ is a great Savior.”

- *Adapted from Stan Mitchell, Forthright Magazine & The Reformed Reader*

YOUTH MISSION TRIP



Our youth traveled to New Vision Depot on our mini-mission trip on April 5th and 6th. New Vision Depot is located in Beaver, WV. It's one of our West Virginia Annual Conference United Methodist Mission Sites. Flood buckets and personal care kits are assembled, stored, and distributed from this site during disasters.



HOLY WEEK JOURNEY A WALK WITH JESUS



Kathryn Miller & Jan Barnes were narrators on the Holy Week Journey



Jesus enters into the gates of Jerusalem on Palm Sunday



The Last Supper



Jesus prays in the garden while the disciples sleep



Judas betrays Jesus



Jesus is Arrested



Ada sings "Were You There?" as the Crucifixion video played



Joseph of Arimathea



The Women in the empty tomb proclaim that Jesus has Risen as He had promised

Thanks to all the organizers, decorators, helpers, participants, and guests who attended our Holy Week Journey!!!

EASTER ACTIVITIES



Hunting for Easter Eggs & Meeting the Easter Bunny... A Perfect Day!!!



SPUMC participates in the annual Easter Parade in downtown Parkersburg

MARK TRAMMELL QUARTET



The Mark Trammell Quartet and Redeemed performing at South Parkersburg United Methodist Church

IN MEMORY



A Saint of our church, Bernedice June "Jerry" Jones Beeson, 85, passed away April 19, 2019 at her residence with her family by her side.

I am standing upon the seashore. A ship, at my side, spreads her white sails to the morning breeze and starts for the blue ocean. She is an object of beauty and strength. I stand and watch her until, at length, she hangs like a speck of white cloud just where the sea and sky come to mingle with each other.

Then someone at my side says, "There, she is gone!"
Gone where?

Gone from my sight. That is all. She is just as large in mast, hull and spar as she was when she left my side. And she is just as able to bear her load of living freight to her destined port. Her diminished size is in me - not in her. And, just at the moment when someone says, "There, she is gone," there are other eyes watching her coming, and other voices ready to take up the glad shout, "Here she comes!"
And that is dying...

Henry Van Dyke

Jesus you know my love for you and I know without doubt of your unfailing love for me. That makes this prayer much easier to pray, your love empowers this selfless request.

Mom, I love you, this you know. You have been a fine loving mother all your life. Yet though you still have life, you have ceased living, your voice has grown silent, the light in your eyes has faded, pain and suffering has overtaken your earthly body.

Dear Jesus, I know that she loves you and that she is eternally safe in your care. The sun is sitting on her earthly life here and she is yearning for her new life in Heaven.

I plea for mercy for mom, that you will end her suffering, wipe away her tears and take her home to bring eternal healing to her and restore her voice with a new song for you.

Mom, you may leave my sight, but never my heart.

I will mourn our loss here, but rejoice in your participation in victory over death. It's never been goodbye, it's always been and will always be, See You Later. Love you.

“HATS OFF TO MOMS” CELEBRATION!!!

Girls of all ages are invited to celebrate with us at our **HATS OFF TO MOMS** celebration on **Tuesday evening May 14th beginning at 6:30**. This is a covered dish dinner so please bring plenty of your favorite dish to share. There will be special entertainment as well. Bring a friend! reservations are not required, but we would like to have an idea of how many to set up for so put your name(s) on the sign-up sheet at church if possible. If you have any questions, please call Karen Dent (304) 485-1053 or (304) 483-6120.

Karen Dent

A PRAYER FOR MOM

May you have clarity of thought and a morsel of sanity today. May you know that His Grace is enough. For every season, every tantrum, every question, every failure. It is enough. Always...

May you know that you are wildly loved by your Father, just as you are. Not because of what you accomplished today, or didn't. Or how you feel about God at this moment, or whether you complained, or spent time reading your bible, or messed up in the worst way, or celebrated a victory. He adores you, just because.

And with this knowledge, may you feel empowered to love your children the same way. The way God asks you to, the way your kids deserve, and the way you want to. May you feel equipped to tackle every challenge, every situation, and every day with courage and joy even if you have to "start over" 10 times before noon.

May excitement fill your heart every morning for all that the day can be. Your children are your treasure, and this day is a gift- may you fully embrace it all. May you lay your head down at night with a heart that is bursting and memories too plentiful to count. May you know unspeakable joy at the end of the day.

May you recognize that though these days are so (so, so, so, so) long, the years are short. They are a breath. And as you exhale yours in the darkness of the night, may your cup overflow with thanksgiving. May your dreams be sweet and your sleep be restful. Sleep well, Mom, knowing that the work you are doing is good, and your Father is smiling on you.

Matinda Fuller

"I learned more about Christianity from my mother than from all the theologians in England."

John Wesley

STEWARDSHIP ALERT !

Stewardship Committee Members

*Jan Barnes, Jerry Baum, Jim Braden, Anna Deem, Stephanie Gibbs, Michaela Hupp,
Mike Kidd, Pastor Jim Plyburn, Sam Sams, Kay & Brent Wilhelm*

Ex officio – Tammy Lewis – non-attending

Our Second Mile, Silver Plate offerings year-to-date have provided:

- Jan. - \$ **3,100** - For a member of our congregation who suffered a serious home fire
- Jan. - \$ **871** - For “Latrobe St. Mission” to help our fellow Parkersburg citizens in need
- Feb. - \$ **1,099** - “Grace of God Food Pantry” to help the needy with food or home utilities
- Mar. - \$ **1,597** - For “Young Life,” introducing young lives to Jesus Christ
- Apr. - \$ **990** - For Celebration of Missions Event (C.O.M.E.) – UMC WV Conference Missions
- Apr. - \$ **1,661** - Annual Easter Cash day to benefit our SPUMC Building & Improvement Fund

The **May** Silver Plate offerings will assist in sending SPUMC youth and children to Summer Camp

The year-to-date weekly Gold Plate offerings as of end of April are averaging **\$3,681.00** – That is just about **\$145** per week short of our needed weekly average of **\$3,825.00** to meet the 2019 budget for General Operating Expenses (utility bills, supplies, fees, insurance, maintenance, salaries, all children and adult ministries, apportionments and CFC expenses).

Submitted By *Kay Wilhelm*

BIBLE QUIZ

The questions in this month’s newsletter are about women in the Old Testament... After each question, there are parenthesis showing you where you can find, or check, your answers. Good Luck!!!

1. I was the mother of twins, Jacob and Esau. Who am I? (Genesis 25:24-26)
2. I protected the two spies in Jericho. Who am I? (Joshua 2:3-6)
3. I dedicated my son Samuel to the Lord. Who am I? (1 Samuel 1:20,27-28)
4. I was the mother of Solomon. Who am I? (1 Chronicles 3:5)
5. I was turned into a pillar of salt. Who am I? (Genesis 19:26)
6. I was the daughter of Levi and the mother of Moses. Who am I? (Numbers 26:59)
7. I am the sister of Aaron and Moses. Who am I? (Numbers 26:59)
8. I told my husband to curse God and die. Who am I? (Job 2:9-10)
9. I told people to call me Mara because I became bitter with God. Who am I? (Ruth 1:20-22)
10. I was the mother of Ishmael. Who am I? (Genesis 16:15-16)

KEEP THOSE CHRISTIAN'S BUSY!!!

Satan said to a convention of Demons, *“As long as Christians stay close to God, we have no power over them. So here are 12 things you can do to get victory over Christians.”*

- 1) Keep them busy with non essentials.
- 2) Tempt them to overspend and go into debt.
- 3) Make them work long hours to maintain empty life styles.
- 4) Discourage them from spending family time together, for when their homes disintegrate there is no refuge from work.
- 5) Over stimulate their minds with television, phones, and computers, so they can't hear God speaking to them.
- 6) Fill their coffee tables and nightstands with newspapers and magazines so they have no time to read the Bible.
- 7) Flood their mailboxes with sweepstakes promotions and get rich quick schemes to keep them chasing material things.
- 8) Put glamour models on TV and on magazine covers to keep them focused on outward appearances. That way they will be dissatisfied with themselves and dissatisfied with their mates.
- 9) Make sure couples are too exhausted for physical intimacy so they will be tempted to look elsewhere.
- 10) Make Santa and the Easter bunny bigger than Jesus to divert them from remembering the real meaning of the holiday.
- 11) Involve them in good causes so they won't have time for eternal ones.
- 12) Make them self satisfied. Keep them busy working in their own strength so they'll never know the joy of God's power working through them.

Remember my demons, keep them Busy! Busy! Busy! Because we know what it stands for:

B=BEING

U=UNDER

S=SATANS

Y=YOKE

Author unknown

Submitted by: *Tammy Lewis*

LONG-TERM PRAYER LIST

Long Term Prayer List

Archer, Anna—brain tumor—Lois Boise
Ayers, LuAnn—Cancer—Mark Adams
Baker, Julia—leukemia—Mike Miller
Baker, Oren—cancer
Beatty, Jeff & Daughter—Garry Gumm
Bennett, Michelle—cancer—B. Terrell
Bradley, Raymond—cancer—R. Bradley
Branch Family
Brandjes, Robert—cancer—B. Pratt
Brown, Emma—liver/thyroid—Linda Knopp
Buffington, Dave—stroke—Terry Jefferies
Burgard, Jeff—stroke—Carl Turner
Burdette, Jenifer—cancer—P. Bradley
Butler, Kevin—mass in stomach—V. Shuman
Campbell, Randy—cancer—Nancy Russell
Carpenter, Trenton
Cosner, Brenda—heart—A. Dotson
Cunningham, Alan—leukemia—Mike Miller
Daggott, Carter—brain cancer—M. Hupp
Davis, Carrie—stroke—B. Pratt
Deem, Betty—lung cond.—A. Dotson
Deming, Marsha—cancer—Jennifer Hupp
Dent, Kara
Dodd, Curtis—cancer—Pat Tucker
Durst, Erica—MS—Brad Lewis
Enoch, Jessie (5)—leukemia—K. Lucas
Estep, Jody—cancer—Kathryn Miller
Estep, Rick—cancer—Kathryn Miller
Flinn, Ruth—Eleanor Wilcox Sister
Fridley, Paul—leukemia—Ken Pritchard
Fortney, Amy—T. Lewis
Gagne, Baby Nathan—born with cystic fibrosis
Galland, Fred & Sue
Gilmore, Eddie—cancer—Beth Baker
Goodrich, John & Lois
Grimm, Andrea—colon cancer—J. McNemar
Gross, Donna—T. Jefferies
Hamrick, Lewis—heart—Barbara Terrell
Hendricks, Peggy—cancer—Jennifer Hupp
Hendrickson, Orville—cancer—Sandy Sinnett
Hickman, Sandy
Hickman, Sonny—cancer—Steve Stanley
Hobbs, Darlinea—breast cancer—B. Rowe
Hoover, Maddie—bulging discs—De Hoover
Hudson, Sharon—stroke—Jill Youell
James, Teresa—cancer—T. Jefferies
Jenkins, Bill & Sharon—Jan Kinder
Jones, Glenda—at the Willows—B. Terrell
Kelsey, Amanda—blood clots
Kirk, Greg—rare cancer—Phyllis Bradley
Leasure, Barb—Judy Jonas
Levine, Baby Nolan—needs surgery—Jan Kinder
Lucas, Shelly—cancer—J. Whitlatch
Luck, Greg—cancer—T. Jefferies
Matthess, Hunter—leukemia—B. Lewis
Mays, Dick—cancer—Jill Youell
McCartney, Matthew—heart—Valma Adams
McCoy, Randy—cancer—A. Baum
McFee, Lynlee—9 month old baby—rare cancer—A. Dotson
Miller, Carder—dive accident—Jennifer Plyburn
Miller, Curt—heart attack—Mike Miller
Milhoan, Dave—cancer—Mark's Brother
Moeck, Norm—blood disorder—M. Adams
Moore, Darrell—cancer—Sandy Sinnett
Morrison, Bill—CHF—Kestersons
Morrison, Tammy—breast cancer—Jill Youell
Mugrage, Linda—esophagus—Jennifer Hupp
Nutter, Betty—lung cancer
Ogden, Sherry—cancer—Tiffany Dowler
Packmire, Steve—cancer—T. Jefferies
Parsons, Gary—lung condition—A. Deem
Phillips, Mike—lung cancer—Mike Caplinger
Phillips, Paul—prayers to walk—M. Miller
Poling, Duane (Beaver)—Marie Williamson
Pope, Ed—cancer—S. Hupp
Reed, Shelia—Jennifer Hupp
Reese, Carol—brain tumor—Pat Tucker
Roberts, Gary—cancer—A. Baum
Roberts, Jennifer—Brad Lewis
Robinette, William Ted—ALS—M. Moyers Dad
Rogers, Dale & April—cancer—Brent Wilhelm
Sayre, Alice—seizures—Jill Youell
Sink, Danny—leukemia—Mark Adams
Janet & David Smith—Bruce Bumgarner/Ann Thorne
Sprouse, Ashley—brain tumor—C. Barnes
Stanojevic, Bessie—Pat Tucker
Stallman, Mary—heart—Pat Tucker
Summervill, Jim—Terry Jefferies
Tanner, Adam—cancer—Hoover
Tanner, Raymond & Beverly—Anita Baum
Terrell, Barbara—Stroke
Tennant, David—leukemia—J. Braden
Tibbs, April—cancer—Nancy Russell
Tice, Kelly
Tice, Kim—cancer—Mike Miller
Tucker, Richard Sr.—cancer—P. Tucker
Turrill, John—cancer—Melissa Hupp
Walcutt, Larry—chemo—Melissa Hupp
Watts, Myke—blood pressure—Patti Morgan
White, Fred—cancer—Mitch Morgan
Whitehead, Jeanette—lung—J. Whitlatch
Whitlatch, JoAnn
Williams, Rich—kidney transplant—Linda Knopp
Withum, Mary—fibrosis of the lungs—Nancy Russell
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
Woolwine, Charlotte—rec. from liver transplant—Karen Sexauer
Yoak, Tom—cancer
Zimmer, Dorothy—Judy Jonas
Military Personnel—Joseph Harris, Dylon Potts, Maria Schade
Travis Schade