

THUSE NEWS

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SOUTH PARKERSBURG

TO KNOW CHRIST AND TO MAKE CHRIST KNOWN

EDGELAWN UMC

OPEN HEARTS, OPEN MINDS, OPEN DOORS



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DEALING WITH DOUBT

When I am afraid, I put my trust in you. In God, whose word I praise—in God I trust and am not afraid.

Psalm 56:3-4

Doubt can cast a shadow on our faith, causing us to question God's faithfulness and promises. But in the midst of doubt we can find assurance by anchoring ourselves in the unwavering truth of God's Word. When doubt arises, we turn to God in prayer, pouring out our hearts honestly. We express our fears, uncertainties, and questions, knowing that the Lord welcomes our honesty. In his presence we find reassurance, comfort, and the strength to persevere.

It's important to remember that doubt is not a sign of weakness but an invitation for growth. It presents an opportunity to seek a deeper understanding of God's character and of his plans for our lives. We can find encouragement in the testimonies of others who have experienced God's faithfulness in the midst of their doubts. As we experience doubt, we hold fast to the promises of God. We remind ourselves of his past faithfulness and lean on his unfailing love. We invite God to reveal himself to us, to increase our faith, and to dispel the shadows of doubt with the light of his truth.

Darrell Delaney — info@todaydevotional.com - 4/18/24

IN MEMORY



David Randall Hennessee, a faithful member of Edgelawn United Methodist Church, was carried away to be with his Heavenly Father on June 15th surrounded by his loving family. His wife, Reta, preceded him in death after 66 years of marriage. David is survived by his daughters Kimberly Cherubini, LaDawn Castro, and Virginia Hennessee.

We do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, because we look not at what can be seen, but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal. For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

2 Corinthians 4:16 –5:1



GRADUATION BANQUET



The High School and College Graduation Banquet was held In the CFC on Sunday evening, June 2nd... Congratulations to all of the graduates and Good Luck in their future endeavors!!!

COLLEGE GRADUATE

One more College Graduate to be recognized by our congregation this year- Tia Ohse!!!



Tia Ohse graduated from WVU-P on December 16, 2023 with a Board of Governors Associate Degree in Applied Science. Tia plans to continue her Bachelor's Degree in Supervisory Management. She currently works at Highmark BCBS in their Producer Services assisting with incoming calls from insurance agents. Tia has been employed with them since November 2014. Tia and husband, Roger, are the parents of an adorable 1 year old son, Carson.

2024 WIFFLE BALL TOURNAMENT



The Wiffle Ball Tournament of 2024 was played on Saturday, June 1st... South Parkersburg faced off against a combined team of Bethel Baptist and Lubeck Community. In addition to the youth players, adults on both sides participated to fill in the rosters. The good news is that South Parkersburg brought home the 2nd place trophy!!!

FATHER'S DAY CELEBRATION



Father's Day was celebrated in the CFC with "Doughnuts with Dad on Sunday, June 16th, before the morning Service at Church...

GIRL SCOUTS



We celebrated our accomplishments on June 4th at our Court of Awards in the CFC building. This is where some girls bridge to the next level of scouting. They received certificates and star pins for completing another year of scouting. Now we have summer activities awaiting us with challenges in the great outdoors. Here is just a few pictures of the different troops.

GIFTS FROM THE GIRL SCOUTS



These gifts were given by the Girl Scouts to thank our church for supporting them!!!

IMITATING CHRIST'S HUMILITY

Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.

Philippians 2:3-4

As followers of Christ, we are called to embrace a servant attitude, putting the needs of others before our own.

This humility echoes the very heart of Jesus, who came not “to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many” (Mark 10:45).

In a world that often exalts self-promotion and personal gain, we stand apart by valuing others above ourselves. We seek to meet the needs of people around us, extending kindness, empathy, and compassion.

A servant attitude begins with a heart transformed by God’s love.

As we live in God’s presence, we learn to lay down our ambitions and egos, making room for selflessness and sacrificial love. We act with grace and love toward others, just as God has done for us.

In every interaction, let’s consider the interests of others, seeking opportunities to serve in both big and small ways.

May we be known not by our accomplishments but by our love and by our servant hearts that follow the example of Jesus.

SOUTH PARKERSBURG WOMEN'S CIRCLE & UNITED METHODIST MEN

THERE WILL BE **NO** MEETINGS IN THE MONTH OF JULY

CHURCH VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION EVENT

Over 30 people attended the Volunteer Recognition Event held in the CFC after church on Sunday, June 23rd... THANK YOU to all who donate their time and energy in supporting the work and ministries of our church!!!

HYMN SING

Thanks to everyone who attended our church Hymn Sing on Sunday evening, June 23rd... Almost 2 hours was spent singing many inspirational old hymns and hearing testimonies from several in attendance... A special thanks to Brad Lewis, Nick Reed, & Anita Baum for leading the session and playing the piano... Refreshments were served in the CFC after the event

*I want to live my life without stress
and worries. I don't need to be
rich and famous. I just want to be*

Maria Angela
Happy



COLLEGE STUDENT MINISTRY UPDATE

Summer 2024 College Student Project Encouragement Cards

DUE BY SUNDAY, JULY 28, 2024

CHURCH FAMILY: Our college students receive a Blessing Bag in early August to start off the new school year. What words of encouragement can you share with them?

Please provide your favorite bible verse, inspirational quote, song, poem, etc. by filling out a card from the Welcome Desk in the basement of the Church and placing it in the Encouragement Cards Basket by Sunday, July 28.

These encouraging thoughts will then be shared with all of our college students through their Blessing Bags. Hopefully your favorite verse, quote, song, or poem will help one or more of our students as they face challenges during their college journey...



Fall 2024 College Student Outreach Information Return to SPUMC Office or Melissa Kuhl-Hupp

This form is also on the Welcome Desk in the basement of church!

Name: _____

College: _____

College Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Major: _____

Anticipated Graduation Date: (Example: December 2026, May 2028) _____

If we continue the \$5 gift card tradition, do you want Wal-Mart? Dunkin? Starbucks? Taco Bell? Chick-fil-a? McDonald's? Please specify your top two favorites/choices for a quick pick-me-up!

1st Choice: _____

2nd Choice: _____

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2024 KINGS ISLAND TRIP



The Annual Kings Island Trip was a very busy, but a very FUN day for the everyone who shared good times with their fellow Christian Youth!!!

THE CHILDREN SINGING IN CHURCH



The Children singing in church on Sunday morning, June 23rd

LIFE IN THE 1970'S VERSUS LIFE TODAY

We are BLESSED to have an UNCHANGING God who was the same Yesterday, as He is today, and as He will be tomorrow... However, as human beings we go through radical changes in thought, word, and deed, as time rolls on... Below is a list of a few of those changes between life in the 1970's and our lives today!!!

1978	2023
Long hair	Longing for hair
8 Tracks	Cataracts
KEGs	EKGs
Streaking	Leaking
Acid Rock	Acid Reflux
Seeds and stems	Fiber
Stayin' Alive (the song)	Stayin' Alive (the goal)
Hoping for a BMW	Hoping for a BM
Going to a new, hip joint	Getting a new hip joint
Rolling Stones	Kidney Stones
Bell bottoms	Big bottoms
Disco	Costco
Whatever	Depends
Rock n' roll all night	Sleep through the night
Think you know everything	Think you know your name

PRAYER LIST



Ann Thorne	Dora Jean - Kim
Ron Sams	Jim Gilmore
Kristi Sams	Jack Sinnett
Doug Dudrow	Dalton Heart
Roger Thorne	Dale McMahan
Pam Akers	Carter Suder
Wanda Starkey	Cherie Knopp
Jim Young	Julie Bradford
John Hall	Betty Kerr
Sandy Sinnett	Sharon Chaddock
Sue Galland & Logan	Rick Beaty
Rick Queen	Roger Bennett
JJ	JD & Rhonda Reed
Danielle Capps	Richard Tucker
Cindy Morton	Tia Ohse
Raymond Gumm	Larissa Horner
Our Church	Jim Jonas
Prison Ministry	Israel
	Faithful Friends



Remember the Families of:

Dave Hennessee
David Burke
Robert Hubbard
David McCauley
Lionel Gault
Shane Carpenter

I WAS SICK, AND YOU CARED FOR ME

"I was sick and you looked after me. . . ."

Matthew 25:36

There are so many excuses people make for paying little or no attention to those who are sick: "I don't like visiting people in the hospital, it makes me feel uncomfortable." "I can't take the smell in the nursing home. There is a lady there who keeps yelling, 'Take me home!' and I can't handle it." "I don't know what to say when I am with that person." "Actually, isn't that the pastor's job? And, besides, I am too busy." Sad to say, I have tried to make these excuses as well.

Jesus simply cuts through it all and says, "I was sick and you looked after me," or, "I was sick and . . . you did not look after me." While our health-care systems can help with most of a sick person's physical needs, their spiritual and emotional needs remain. Visiting a person who is sick will often make a greater impact than we know. Family, health care workers, and staff also notice when the sick are being visited.

Yes, visiting with people who are ill can sometimes be challenging. It pushes us outside of our comfort zones. But, as with many things, it usually gets easier with practice. And we will often find that we are blessed by making a visit! And what greater blessing can there be than to hear the Lord say, "I was sick and you looked after me"!



“Its from our church... we've been called up for active duty.”

BIBLE QUIZ

The answers to this Month's quiz start with the letter **“E”**... You can find, or check, your answers in the Scripture noted after each question...
Good Luck!!!

1. Who was the Priest that died when he heard the Ark of God had been taken by the Philistines? (1 Samuel 4:15-18)
2. Who was David's oldest brother? (1 Samuel 17:13-14)
3. One of David's wives... (2 Samuel 3:5)
4. Who was taken up into heaven by a whirlwind? (2 Kings 2:1,11)
5. Who was the Prophet who made the Iron ax to float? (2 Kings 6:1-7)
6. Who was the wife of Zacharias and mother of John the Baptizer? (Luke 1:13)
7. Who was the Sorcerer who tried to turn Sergius Paulus from the faith; made blind by Paul? (Acts 13:7-11)
8. Who was the mother of Timothy? (2 Timothy 1:5)
9. Who are the local church leaders exhorted to feed the flock? (Peter 5:1-2)