

The Circuit Writer

*Feeding the Spirit,
Mind and Body*



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From the Pastor's Heart...

One of my favorite hymns (by now you are aware that I have many!), is a little known somewhat mournful sounding song – the words written by Sir Thomas Moore in 1816. Number 510 in our United Methodist Hymnal, *Come Ye Disconsolate*, is found under the “Strength in Tribulation,” section. The opening verse goes like this: “Come Ye disconsolate, where-e’er ye languish, come to the mercy seat, fervently kneel. Here bring your wounded hearts, here tell your anguish; earth has no sorrow that heaven cannot heal.”

I first became acquainted with this hymn my second year in seminary – 1998. I was taking a hymnody class and the words just struck me with the tune a perfect match. One of our assignments required me to prepare and present a hymn of my own choosing in a way which pushed me out of my comfort zone. I decided to create a liturgical dance which would mirror the emotion heavy in the words of this hymn. Then, my 19-year-old nephew, Marc von Trapp, was killed traveling with his college Outing Club, and these words literally took on a deeper meaning. The van they were riding in hit black ice in Nebraska and Marc was thrown from the 15-passenger van and was killed instantly. It was truly a grief too deep for words.

Romans 8:26 talks about this, *In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans.* I am not sure I would call being so overwhelmed with

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Church Events

- 6/2 Sunday Morning Worship
10:30 am (Sanctuary)
- 6/9 Pentecost Sunday Worship
10:30 am (Sanctuary)
- 6/11 West End Alliance
6:30 pm (Social Hall)
- 6/11 Church Council 6:30 pm
(TBD)
- 6/16 Father's Day Sunday
Worship 10:30 am (Sanctuary)
- 6/18 Echoes 10:30 am (Social Hall)
- 6/18 Kit For Conference Assembly
5:30 pm (Social Hall)
- 6/21 Relay For Life 7 pm
(Augusta Expo)
- 6/23 Sunday Morning Worship
10:30 am (Sanctuary)
- 6/24 Newsletter Deadline 12:00 pm
- 6/30 Sunday Morning Worship
10:30 am (Sanctuary)
- Food Pantry every Wed at 9 am
- Bible Study every Wed at 6:30 pm
in Office Work Room
- Choir Practice every Thurs at
6:30 pm in Sanctuary

grief that one cannot pray a ‘weakness,’ the point of this text is that when you or I do become so overwhelmed with life and struggle to pray, we need not worry, for the Holy Spirit will continue praying for us.

Unfortunately, grief is a very real aspect of the human condition. It would be wonderful if we never had to go through this process, and it is indeed a process, but it is also comforting to know that God walks with us each and every step of the way; even providing human companions for the journey.

Over my years in ministry, I have collected quite a few resources to assist me and others with the journey of grief – and naturally, I have my favorites. There is a series of children’s books: *Elf-help Books for Kids*. A product of Abbey Press in Indiana, they cover a wide range of topics in a very age appropriate way. The one I have used specifically when there is a death in the family is, *Sad Isn’t Bad*. For adults on the journey of grief, I keep on hand a wonderful book called, *Tear Soup: A Recipe for Healing After Loss*. On first glance it appears to be a children’s book, but *Tear Soup* is actually appropriate for all ages. It was nearly 3 years after Marc’s death when someone introduced me to *Tear Soup*. I immediately thought of my sister-in-law Pat and sent her a copy. Later that summer, Pat thanked me for the book saying, “Oh Tiz, of all the books people sent me when Marc died, this is the one that helped me the most!”

Grief, a journey no one wants to travel, yet it is as much a part of life as breathing. If I had one final comment about grief it is that it is a very personal and individual journey. No two persons grieve in the same way, and it has no timetable. A person who is grieving never “gets over it,” as some well-meaning persons like to advise. Rather, over time, grief becomes part of your story of life and part of the collective story of your family. Over time, the good memories will outweigh the bad; you learn that you will laugh again; and life continues to ‘happen.’

You are loved, Pastor Tizzy

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Children’s Sunday School class will be taking a break for the summer. Sunday, May 26th will be the last Sunday they are meeting until classes resume on Sunday, September 1st. Adult Sunday School classes will continue with their normal schedule.

On Sunday, June 9th, Pastor Tizzy will be receiving members into the church congregation. If you are interested in membership opportunities, please contact the church office.

The 2019 VAUMC Annual Conference is scheduled for Thursday, June 20 - Saturday, June 22nd in Roanoke. If anyone is available to attend and represent Marquis as our Lay Member, conference please contact the church office. Pastor Tizzy has reserved a room and if a female is able to go, she can room with her.

After much prayer and many asks, several people stepped forward to head up the Secret Boutique. I have put those people together into a leadership team. We will meet as soon as possible and then rush headlong into opening the boutique -- hopefully for the start of the 2019-2020 school year. This will include the bathroom repairs and removal of the stove, as discussed earlier. I am hopeful that our contractor, Larry Flint, will have time to get to that project soon. If he can get on that before June 9, I may have a team of mission camp teens working on site June 10-13 (with supervision, of course). ~ Jenelle Watson

PRAYER REQUESTS

Peggy Barkley	Skip Low
Betty Barnhardt	Fern Moran
Dave Botkin	Elizabeth Poe
Kelly Botkin	Jim Rohr
Phil Carletti	Kim Rohr
Ron Carletti	Peggy Rohr
John Clatterbaugh	George Sanderson
Carmen Collins	Katherine Sheets
Frank Dill	Faye Shifflett
Fitz Fairfield	Leta Wimer
Jonathan Gillette	Tommy Wood
Dorothy Guffey	Those in the Armed Services
Jerry Harman	The United Methodist Church
Wendy Harman	Our Local United Methodist Churches
Jimmy Harris	Our Community
Scott Hearn	Our Nation
Linda Hutton	
Edith Kelly	
Marcella Landram	
William Lawhorne	

SMILE NEWS

Zoey Ziegler received a certificate of recognition for work completed in the Weekday Religious Education by the Middle River Counsel of Weekday Religious Education.

If you or someone in your family has a joy you would like to share with the church, call or email Celeste Ziegler or the church office.

ANNIVERSARIES

♥ Congratulations to following couples who are celebrating anniversaries this month:

June 5th - Kevin & Melissa Shifflett - 28 yrs
June 6th - Marion & Lindy Gough - 55 yrs
June 12th - Jerry & Sammie Sams - 54 yrs
June 18th - Vern & Pastor Tizzy Walker - 36 yrs
June 21st - Barry & Patricia Campbell - 22 yrs
June 30th - Charles & Frances Thornton - 67 yrs

BIBLE READING PLAN

In 2019 we'll be reading the Bible from start to finish, from Genesis to Revelation.

Sat, 6/1	Job 1-4
Sun, 6/2	Job 5-7
Mon, 6/3	Job 8-10
Tue, 6/4	Job 11-13
Wed, 6/5	Job 14-16
Thu, 6/6	Job 17-20
Fri, 6/7	Job 21-23
Sat, 6/8	Job 24-28
Sun, 6/9	Job 29-31
Mon, 6/10	Job 32-34
Tue, 6/11	Job 35-37
Wed, 6/12	Job 38-39
Thu, 6/13	Job 40-42
Fri, 6/14	Psalms 1-8
Sat, 6/15	Psalms 9-16
Sun, 6/16	Psalms 17-20
Mon, 6/17	Psalms 21-25
Tue, 6/18	Psalms 26-31
Wed, 6/19	Psalms 32-35
Thu, 6/20	Psalms 36-39
Fri, 6/21	Psalms 40-45
Sat, 6/22	Psalms 46-50
Sun, 6/23	Psalms 51-57
Mon, 6/24	Psalms 58-65
Tue, 6/25	Psalms 66-69
Wed, 6/26	Psalms 70-73
Thu, 6/27	Psalms 74-77
Fri, 6/28	Psalms 78-79
Sat, 6/29	Psalms 80-85
Sun, 6/30	Psalms 86-89

BIRTHDAYS

2 Savannah Fitzgerald	10 Doris Webb
3 Carl Barton	11 Alice Sweeney
Rob Lane	16 Debbie Faught
5 Nellie Hicklin	21 Wesley Glendye
6 John Snyder	Ed Guffey
Avery Ziegler	24 Preston Fauver
7 Charles Thornton	Kevin Shifflett
8 Peggy Barkley	26 Loretta Grim
Jewell Marshall	30 Heidi Frye
9 Fern Moran	Melissa Shifflett
10 Sharon Clough	

THANK YOU

On behalf of the Board of Directors and the staff of Valley Mission, I wish to extend our warmest thanks for the recent donation of the beautifully filled Easter baskets for the children staying at the shelter. We are so grateful for these wonderful baskets which we shared with the children Easter morning. Please accept and share our blessings to each of the individuals who prepared the baskets as well as for the congregation of Marquis Memorial UMC for their continued thoughtfulness and generosity. Susan Richardson, Executive Director of Valley Mission.

We want to give a big THANK YOU to anyone who helped in ANY way with the Lions Club dinner. John Hodges is still hearing how much the meal was enjoyed from those who attended. The profit from the meal was \$752.30. We could not have done it without the help of the Church family.

RELAY FOR LIFE

Have you heard the words... "You've got cancer"? No matter where you are in your cancer journey; newly diagnosed, receiving treatment, completed treatment or cancer free, YOU are a cancer Survivor and we want to honor you at the American Cancer Society's Relay For Life!! Sign up and attend the event on Friday, June 21st and you will receive a FREE purple survivor t-shirt, be invited to walk/ride around the track for our first lap and then you and a caregiver can enjoy light refreshments at our Survivor Reception. Sign up by calling 1-800-227-2345 or go online at www.relayforlife.org/augustacountyva. Contact Caryn Ergenbright at rflcde@gmail.com or 540-294-0307 if you have any questions or need assistance. Relay For Life is a unique fundraising event that unites our community to help finish the fight against cancer.



ALL are invited to join our team for:
Relay For Life of Augusta County, VA
Friday, June 21st at 7 pm
Augusta Expo, Fishersville

MISSION COMMITTEE

Thanks for all your support in helping make or exceed the goal of 100 health kits. One last step is to put the kits together so they may be sent to conference.

We will do this on Tuesday, June 18th at 5:30pm in the Social Hall. Please come and help with this one last step, there will be a light supper furnished.

During the months of July & August we will collect school supplies for the food pantry. General supplies are needed as well as backpacks. When a more specific list becomes available it will be made available. Once again thanks for all you do to support missions.

FOOD PANTRY

The Food Pantry is in need of:

- Canned Meats
- Hamburger Meal Mixes (Hamburger Helper, Sloppy Joe mix, etc.)

BOX TOPS

Box Tops for Education is a super-easy way to help our local schools get what it needs. Purchase Box Top products, clip the box top coupon and place them in the box in the Arcade.