

Circuit Writer

Feeding the Spirit, Mind and Body

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From the Pastor's heart...

There is a saying by naturalist John Muir – *The mountains are calling and I must go...* this is a statement that really resonates with me – the mountains have always been a place where my soul is fed and my spirit revived. There are other ways, however, for me to find refreshment and that is in staying with dear friends. Friends for whom, no matter how much time has passed, or waters have flowed under the bridge; seem able to pick up right where we left off our last visit or conversation. My week of vacation was spent with such friends. It had been four years since we had been together, so we had a lot of catching up to do. We chatted over meals, over the pieces of a puzzle, drinking coffee, and there were times we sat in complete silence just savoring being in the presence of the other.

Such was the nature of my week on Nags Head. Most people go to the OBX lured there by the ocean and open beaches during the off season; not to mention many fine restaurants and unique shopping. Granted, all those things are very appealing, but pale by comparison to the promise of rekindled friendships. I met my hosts while serving as their pastor in my first appointment on Portsmouth District in Tidewater, Virginia. One of the hardest aspects about ministry is the scarcity and difficulty of forming lasting friendships. And, as United Methodist clergy, our frequent moves make it nearly impossible to cultivate relationships outside of the church. Every clergy code of ethics stresses the importance of setting boundaries which can be very challenging when a pastor shares some of the most intimate moments in their

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Church Events

- 11/3 All Saints Sunday and Daylight Saving Time Ends
- 11/4 Church Council - 6:30 pm (Social Hall)
- 11/12 West End Alliance - 6:30 pm (Parlor)
- 11/18 December Newsletter Deadline - 12 pm
- 11/19 Echoes - 10:30 am (Social Hall)
- 11/23 Holiday Festival - 9 am (Social Hall)
- 11/28 Thanksgiving Day - Office Closed
- Food Pantry (every Wednesday) at 9 am
- Bible Study (every Wednesday) at 6:30 pm in the Office Workroom
- Choir Practice (every Thursday) at 6:30 pm in Sanctuary

church members' lives. And indeed, I had shared both the peaks and the valleys with my host family.

I was blessed to officiate at their oldest daughter's wedding on the beach in 2005. Lindsay, the oldest of three beautiful women was a vivacious and gregarious young woman who had never met a stranger. Her beach wedding was a dream come true. Lindsay was studying to be a speech therapist and her passion and commitment for her clients was always 110%. She never did anything by halves, once she made a decision; she jumped in with both feet and stayed the course. When she was 16 years old, Lindsay was diagnosed with JRA – Juvenile Rheumatoid Arthritis, and endured years of treatment, always with a smile. At the time of her wedding her disease was in remission. Lindsay was strong and on top of the world. There was only one thing that would make her joy complete and that one thing was to have a child. She had been cautioned that this could bring her JRA out of remission, but Lindsay was adamant about becoming a Mom. When she and her husband, Jon, learned they were going to have a baby girl, they were over the moon with excitement. In the seventh month of her pregnancy, Lindsay drove herself from Norfolk, Virginia to Florida to join her husband who had been posted there with the Coast Guard. Her trip was uneventful. The next morning she was in the bathroom getting ready for the day when she collapsed and could not be revived. Not quite three years after her storybook wedding, both Lindsay and her daughter, Tyler Grace, claimed the promise of the resurrection leaving behind a shattered family.

Walking this journey with Lindsay's family from a distance has been a journey of love and joy as I have seen her family grow stronger and tighter in their love for each other. More importantly, I have witnessed their faith grow. This past week, Lindsay's mom shared the most amazing epiphany. She realized that Lindsay had accomplished everything she ever wanted in her young life. Still deep in the grief that never completely goes away; she was able to set aside her own feelings and was able to share in the joy of Lindsay's successes. It is no wonder to me that Lindsay's ability to put others first in her life was a lesson she learned at a young age from both her Mom and Dad.

The last time I visited these cherished friends was four years ago. As we said goodbye Saturday morning, we made a promise not to wait so long between visits. With God's help, this is a promise I intend to keep! I left a part of my heart on that North Carolina coast but returned home revived and renewed in my spirit, to love and serve the people of Marquis Memorial.

... you are loved, Pastor Tizzy

PRAYER REQUESTS

Peggy Barkley

Dave Botkin

Phil Carletti

Ron Carletti

Sara Carletti

David Caywood

John Clatterbaugh

Carmen Collins

Jonathan Gillette

Jerry Harman

Wendy Harman

Linda Hutton

Marcella Landram

Skip Low

Karen Martin

Leon Miller

Fern Moran

Elizabeth Poe

Jim Rohr

Peggy Rohr

George Sanderson

Katherine Sheets

Leta Wimer

Dinah Wood

also...

Those in the Armed Services

The United Methodist Church

Our Local UM Churches

Our Community

Our Nation

Our Christian Sympathy is extended to:

- Jerry & Sammie Sams following the death of Jerry's brother-in-law, Clyde Gum on October 4th.
- Elizabeth Poe following the death of her son, Michael L. Poe on October 9th.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

3	Gail Dobbs	16	Elizabeth Poe
5	Sarah Lane	20	Scott Rexrode
6	Faye McCauley	29	Linda Cox
8	Barbara Painter	30	Mary Ann Clatterbaugh
9	Garrett Glendye		Kathy Michael
	Celeste Ziegler		Tyler Michael
11	Nicole Fauver		Andrea Sayers
13	Joe Barton		

♥ Congratulations to following couples who will celebrate anniversaries this month:
Nov. 2 - Gary & Helen Swats - 51 years
Nov. 11 - Joe & Kathy Bush - 30 years
Nov. 11 - Ed & Polly Guffey - 52 years
Nov. 19 - Warren & Debbie Faught - 31 years
Nov. 23 - Joe & Audrey Baugher - 62 years

UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday, October 31st - Community Trunk and Treat - 6 - 8 pm at the Staunton Mall

Sunday, November 3rd - Daylight Saving Time Ends

Sunday, November 3rd - All Saints Sunday - We will remember church members and close friends and family who have died in the past year. If you have someone you would like remembered, please notify the church office before noon on Wednesday, October 30th.

Saturday, November 23rd - Holiday Festival - 9 am - 2 pm - Social Hall - Help us fund the missions of the church by supporting this upcoming event. We also need your help with the following: Donations of jewelry, holiday decorations, books, items for our silent auction (art, gift certificates, gift baskets, etc.). and baked goods (variety of bread, rolls, cakes, pies, cupcakes, fudge, cookies, brownies, etc.). ALL items must be sellable and in good condition. Contact Polly Guffey at 885-0541 for more information. Flyers are available in the Arcade

MISSION

Thanks to all who donated socks during the month of October in support of "Sock It To Me".

During the holidays we usually have a family or individual to help out, but the names of students at schools in these situations are getting harder to obtain. With that being said, we have been in contact with an area school and they tell us their biggest need is shoes. During the month of November & December are asking for donations of kids shoes sizes 13 to 6 (new in box). These can be left in the church office with a note stating that these are for kids at Christmas.

If anyone has a family or knows someone that could use our help during the holidays, please contact the church office and have specifics of the situation (gender, age, clothing size, etc.).

Thanks for your continued support.

~The Mission Committee

EVANGELISM

Marquis wants to do an Appreciation Sunday for local police and fire departments like we have done in the past. Please bring baked goods to share on Sunday, November 10. Have wrapped and ready for delivery. We will then distribute after church on this day to show how much we think of them for their service! Volunteers to help distribute are welcomed

Marquis will be represented this year at the Staunton Christmas parade. Our plans are to give out free hot coffee (sharing God's love in a practical way!)

On Sunday December 8 after church, we want to show our shut ins some love by visiting them. We will bring gifts. If you have ideas and/or want to help with these visits, please let the church office know by December 1st or see anyone on the Evangelism committee.

ADVENT BIBLE STUDY

Sign up today for the 4 week Advent Bible Study, *The Case For Christmas* by Lee Strobel. We will meet on Wednesdays at 11:30 am and 6:30 pm. You can attend whichever time works best for you. Study guide are \$6 and will be ordered on 11/18. Study will begin on 11/27.

COUPON BOOKS

We have the 2020 addition of Attractions Dining and Value Guide. The books will sell for \$20 each and the church will keep \$10. It is the Shenandoah Valley addition and includes restaurants etc. not only in and around Staunton but also Harrisonburg and Charlottesville. Some examples are; Chili's, McDonalds, Bojangles, Advanced Auto, Maria's, Michael's, The Cheese Shop, Applebees, Stella Mia, The Depot Grille. If you would like to purchase a book or if you would like to sell them to family or co-workers, please contact Lindy Gough, Sammie Sams or the church office. The coupons are good immediately and do not expire until December 2020.

ECHOES

Echoes will meet on Tuesday, November 19th at 10:30 a.m. in the Social Hall. We will do some fun things followed by a bag lunch. Please bring a non-perishable food item for the Food Pantry to share our blessings with someone in need. All are invited to join us.

THANK YOU

Phil and I would like to thank our church family for the calls and cards you have sent and also for our visits by Rev. Tizzy which are such a blessing to us.

We miss you all so much and we are thankful for "our angels"; Caryn, Carol and Ray Ergenbright. They seem to always "be there" when we have a need. We are so blessed.

~ Phil & Lois Carletti

BIBLE READING PLAN

Fri, 11/1	Luke 19-20
Sat, 11/2	Luke 21-22
Sun, 11/3	Luke 23-24
Mon, 11/4	John 1-2
Tue, 11/5	John 3-4
Wed, 11/6	John 5-6
Thu, 11/7	John 7-8
Fri, 11/8	John 9-10
Sat, 11/9	John 11-12
Sun, 11/10	John 13-15
Mon, 11/11	John 16-18
Tue, 11/12	John 19-21
Wed, 11/13	Acts 1-3
Thu, 11/14	Acts 4-6
Fri, 11/15	Acts 7-8
Sat, 11/16	Acts 9-10
Sun, 11/17	Acts 11-13
Mon, 11/18	Acts 14-15
Tue, 11/19	Acts 16-17
Wed, 11/20	Acts 18-20
Thu, 11/21	Acts 21-23
Fri, 11/22	Acts 24-26
Sat, 11/23	Acts 27-28
Sun, 11/24	Romans 1-3
Mon, 11/25	Romans 4-7
Tue, 11/26	Romans 8-10
Wed, 11/27	Romans 11-13
Thu, 11/28	Romans 14-16
Fri, 11/29	1 Corinthians 1-4
Sat, 11/30	1 Corinthians 5-8

Give thanks to the Lord
because he is good,
because his faithful love
endures forever.

1 Chronicles 16:34 (CEB)

4TH ANNUAL

HOLIDAY FESTIVAL

NOVEMBER 23RD

9 AM - 2 PM

Local Crafters (Art, Photography, Knitted/Sewn/Crafted Items)

Avon • Color Street Nails • Mary Kay

Pampered Chef • Paparazzi Jewelry • Scentsy

Tastefully Simple • Thirty-One • Tupperware

Plus...

Silent Auction • Bake Sale • Book Sale • Jewelry

Holiday Decorations • Santa's Workshop

Food Booth (Biscuits & Gravy, Soup, Hot Dogs, Country Ham & Drinks)

MARQUIS MEMORIAL UMC • SOCIAL HALL

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