

Circuit Writer

Feeding the Spirit, Mind and Body

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FROM THE PASTORS HEART...

Do you ever have things pop into your head – usually unbidden and often totally unrelated to the matter at hand? Take this morning for instance. Sawyer and I left the house this morning with the intention of stopping at the bank to make a deposit. We arrive at the bank and I remember I left my check in my appointment book...on my office desk. We get to the office...and at first glance, my appointment book seems to be invisible, so I decide it must be at home after all. Suddenly while talking with Caryn, lo and behold I spy said book hiding underneath my preaching notebook. I shrugged, looked at Caryn and said, “Rainy days and Mondays!” Vaguely remembering there was also a song by that name, I looked it up. Turns out this was a song recorded by the Carpenters back in 1971. The opening verse goes like this:

Talkin' to myself and feelin' old
Sometimes I'd like to quit
Nothin' ever seems to fit
Hangin' around
Nothin' to do but frown
Rainy days and Mondays always get me down

What depressing lyrics, but considering the source, I guess it makes sense. For me Rainy Days and Mondays mean something entirely different. First of all, I happen to like slow rainy days – for the most part, they make me think of cooler weather, crisp fall days and a crackling fire on the hearth to drive out the chill in my bones. And Mondays?? Well, Mondays are Mondays. Until this appointment, Mondays used to be my Sabbath rest day, but as someone who does

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Church Events

- 9/1 Social Hall in Use - 2 pm
- 9/3 Labor Day - Office Closed
- 9/8 Relay Yard Sale - 7 am (Social Hall Parking Lot)
- 9/11 West End Alliance - 6:30 pm (Social Hall)
- 9/12 Bible Study - 6:30 pm (Parlor)
- 9/16 Staunton District Conference 3 pm (Fairfield UMC)
- 9/18 Echoes - 10:30 am (Social Hall)
- 9/18 Bible Study - 6:30 pm (Parlor)
- 9/22 Social Hall in Use (tentative)
- 9/24 October Newsletter Deadline 12 pm
- 9/26 Bible Study - 6:30 pm (Parlor)
- 9/30 5th Sunday Worship - 10:30 am (Sanctuary)
- Food Pantry (every Wednesday) at 9 am
- Choir Practice (every Thursday) at 6:30 pm in Sanctuary

like change, I decided to try something new. So now, Mondays mean getting geared up for the week ahead, working on worship, researching and study for Sunday's sermon – just a few of my favorite things! Charge Conference preparations need to begin, Bible Study is in the works, and yes, the holiday season will be upon us before you know it. I feel energized and excited for our first Trunk or Treat, Thanksgiving and Advent/Christmas season together.

There is a children's book called "Sleeping with Bread." It tells the story of post WWII Europe when a group of orphans sheltered at one particular orphanage were observed hoarding bread. These were children who had experienced years of starvation; years when they were never sure from where their next meal would come. These children made sure always to hold back some of their evening meal and were found tightly clutching their husks of bread as a reminder that they had eaten that day and would again tomorrow. Clutching their bread essentially gave them life. What is it that gives you life? What is the one thing you must do each day to make it through the day? What is it that energizes you, fills you up to overflowing, and makes you glad to be alive? I invite you to give this some thought. Too often people put one foot in front of the other, steadily and faithfully only to move from point A to point B. They completely miss the flowers bordering their path, the sounds of a child's laughter, our gorgeous sunrises and sunsets. Worry fills their heart and mind, fear of the future can paralyze them, and joy is nothing but a sweet memory. I used to worry, a lot. But as I have grown in my faith, I have learned to embrace the lilies of the field theology from Luke 12:27-28 "Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you—you of little faith!" Now, whenever worry threatens to steal my joy, I think of these verses, immediately being reminded that I am the daughter of the King, and a child of God who is more precious than silver, gold or jewels. This is indeed worth pondering.

You are loved,
Pastor Tizzy



Bible Reading Plan

Join us in reading the Bible in the chronological order in which its stories and events occurred.

Sat, 9/1	Ezekiel 18-19
Sun, 9/2	Ezekiel 20-21
Mon, 9/3	Ezekiel 22-23
Tue, 9/4	Ezekiel 24-27
Wed, 9/5	Ezekiel 28-31
Thu, 9/6	Ezekiel 32-34
Fri, 9/7	Ezekiel 35-37
Sat, 9/8	Ezekiel 38-39
Sun, 9/9	Ezekiel 40-41
Mon, 9/10	Ezekiel 42-43
Tue, 9/11	Ezekiel 44-45
Wed, 9/12	Ezekiel 46-48
Thu, 9/13	Joel 1-3
Fri, 9/14	Daniel 1-3
Sat, 9/15	Daniel 4-6
Sun, 9/16	Daniel 7-9
Mon, 9/17	Daniel 10-12
Tue, 9/18	Ezra 1-3
Wed, 9/19	Ezra 4-6, Psalm 137
Thu, 9/20	Haggai 1-2
Fri, 9/21	Zechariah 1-7
Sat, 9/22	Zechariah 8-14
Sun, 9/23	Esther 1-5
Mon, 9/24	Esther 6-10
Tue, 9/25	Ezra 7-10
Wed, 9/26	Nehemiah 1-5
Thu, 9/27	Nehemiah 6-7
Fri, 9/28	Nehemiah 8-10
Sat, 9/29	Nehemiah 11-13, Psalm 126
Sun, 9/30	Malachi 1-4

NO ONE CAN HAVE FAITH
WITHOUT HEARING THE
MESSAGE ABOUT CHRIST.

ROMANS 10:17

Prayer Requests

Sandy Allen	Rhonda Harley	Billy Rischol
Betty Barnhardt	Jerry Harman	Kim Rohr
Scott Baugher	Mark Harman	George Sanderson
Louise Bennett	Wendy Harman	Paul Sandridge
Dave Botkin	Butch Hartless	Ina Mae Sheets
Kelly Botkin	Lynn Hunter	Katherine Sheets
Matt Brown	Edith Kelly	Evelyn Smith
Alex Caldwell	Peggy Knowles	Leta Wimer
Melinda Campbell	Marcella Landram	Haley Wisman
Phil Carletti	Carrie Lotts	Tommy Wood
Charles Chenault	Teresa McFarling	also...
John Clatterbaugh	Dana Moore	Those in the Armed Services
Carmen Collins	Fern Moran	The United Methodist Church
Rodney Davis	Elizabeth Poe	Our Local UM Churches
Jonathan Gillette	John Rexrode	Our Community
		Our Nation

Never stop praying, especially for others. Always pray by the power of the Spirit. Stay alert and keep praying for God's people.

Ephesians 6:18
(CEV)

Bible Study

Let's join together and dig deeper into God's Word! September 12th, will mark the beginning of a Bible study on the Gospel of John. We will meet on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 pm in the church parlor. We need to order books (approximately \$10 each) within the next couple of weeks so please contact Caryn in the church office if you plan to participate in the study. Couples should be able to share a book to save on costs. The study covers 20+ weeks which will be broken down into shorter segments. The first segment will run from September 12th - October 24th. I also plan to offer an Advent study that will run on the same day and time from November 28th - December 19th.

Worship

For the month of September, Pastor Tizzy will be doing a Sermon Series exploring the book of James. The series will conclude with 5th Sunday worship in the SANCTUARY on September 30th and will include an opportunity for those that are interested to gather around the altar and receive an anointing for physical, emotional and/or spiritual healing.

Birthdays/Anniversaries

5 Ron Hatcher	23 Lois Carletti
7 Ginger Johnson	24 Georgia Carter
Declan Stover	Loretta Cline
8 Keith Painter	Evelyn Smith
9 Leslie Hager	25 Travis Dull
13 Lindy Gough	Terry Rohr
Dorothy Guffey	28 Caryn Ergenbright
Sophia Stewart	29 Warren Faught
20 Allen Shirkey	

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

Sept 10th - Keith & Barbara Painter - 7 years
Sept 11th - Lance & Megan Luckey - 5 years
Sept 29th - Charlie & Ginger Johnson - 39 yrs

Join us in celebrating the birth of Branson Wayne Shifflett who was born on August 2nd at 4:54 am (6 lb 3 oz and 19 in). He is the son of Justin and Meghan Shifflett, the grandson of Kevin and Melissa Shifflett and the nephew of Josh Shifflett.

OPPORTUNITIES

Trunk or Treat

Marquis will not only be a part of the Halloween Trunk or Treat in the park on Wednesday, October 31st, our church will head this up. We will need lots of help and support for this community effort. The October newsletter will give more details. Pray this ministry will show our love!

Christmas Parade and/or Celebration of Lights

We are seeking a team of volunteers to help with either the Celebration of Lights display in Gypsy Hill Park and/or a float for the Staunton Christmas parade. If you are interested in helping, please contact the church office.

Secret Boutique is Coming!!!

A few years ago, this ministry of the local United Methodist churches was started in Waynesboro. We are pleased to let you know that this ministry will be coming to Staunton in a couple of months and will be located right here at Marquis Memorial in the former Scout Hut.

Students from Robert E. Lee High School and Shelburne Middle School, who need help with clothing, school supplies and personal care items, will be able to “shop” (for free), once a month for needed items. There are students at these schools that do not have the means to acquire basic necessities such as toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant and soap.

There will be many opportunities for all of us to help and more information will be available in the coming weeks. Until then, please pray for this much needed ministry. In addition to personal care items, we will also need new or gently used clothing items that are suitable for this age group. If you know teenagers (male and female) that have outgrown their clothing, please ask them to consider donating them to this ministry. You can hold onto them for now and we will designate a place to leave them until they are needed.

Watch the bulletin and the next newsletters for more details. If you have any questions, please contact Lindy Gough or Pastor Tizzy!

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

For the month of September, we need:

- Canned Potatoes (any kind)
- Canned Greens (spinach, collard greens, etc.)
- Canned Meat (Spam, chicken, tuna, etc.)
- Bars of Soap

Thank you for all that you do to support our Food Pantry.

FELLOWSHIP

Echoes will resume on Tuesday, September 18th at 10:30 a.m. in the Social Hall. We will have some fun games (not bingo) and plan for the next few months. Please invite someone to come with you and bring a bag lunch. Iced tea and dessert will be provided.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- October 30th - Annual Charge Conference - 7:30 pm - Social Hall
- October 31st - Trunk or Treat - Gypsy Hill Park
- November 5th - All Saints Sunday
- November 17th - Holiday Festival