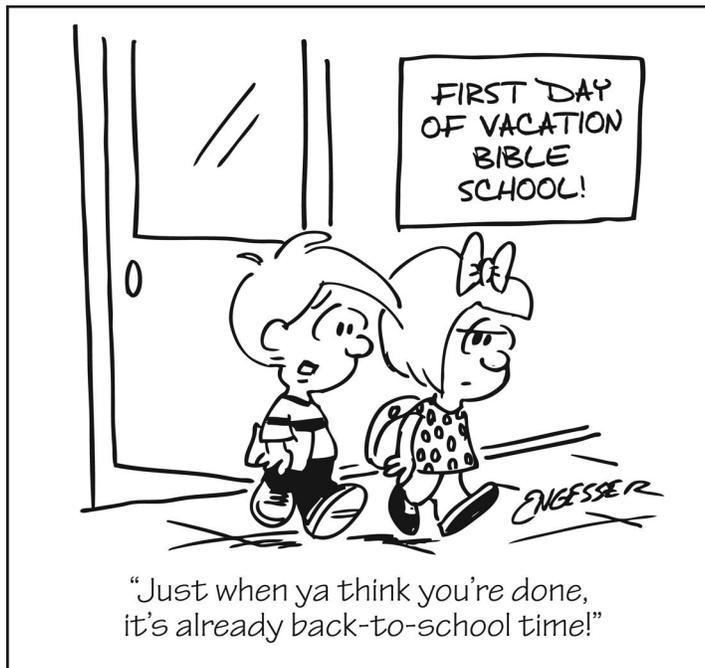


Sunday April 15th through Sunday April 22nd

- Join us after church today for a Ministry Meal. The proceeds from this meal will go to the United Methodist Youth for their activities. The meal will be hamburgers and hot dogs with all the fixings. Donations will be accepted for the meal. Please stay and support the youth.
- The Administrative Board will meet on Sunday night April 15th. The meeting will begin at 6:00 pm. **PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE IN TIME.** All members of the Board are encouraged to attend this meeting.
- Pastor Terry has a meeting with the Extended Cabinet in Alcoa on Monday. He will be leaving immediately following the Administrative Board meeting and returning to Big Stone on Monday, following the meeting.
- The Prayer Team will meet Wednesday night at 6:00 pm. Anyone that is interested in praying for persons in our church or community is invited to attend this time of prayer.
- Pastor Terry is tentatively scheduled to be at a meeting of the Board of Ordained Ministry on Thursday. His attendance will depend upon how he is feeling health wise.



This WEEK at Trinity

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Sunday April 15

Third Sunday of Easter

10:00 am-1045 am Sunday School
11:00 am—1200 pm Morning Worship
12:00 pm—Ministry Meal Sponsored by UMYF
6:00 pm—Administrative Board Meeting

Monday April 16

Pastor at Cabinet Meeting in Alcoa
7:00 pm—Boy Scouts

Tuesday, April 17

7:00 pm—Girl Scout Meeting

Wednesday, April 18

6 – 7pm Prayer Team
7:00 pm—Choir Practice

Thursday, April 19

Tentative: Pastor at meeting of Board of Ordained Ministry in Alcoa

Friday April 20

9:00 am-Noon—Mountain Empire Older Citizens

Saturday April 21

No Scheduled Meetings Today
Fellowship Hall Reserved: 11:00 am-7:00 pm
Union High Prom is tonight

Sunday April 22

Fourth Sunday of Easter

10:00 am-1045 am Sunday School
11:00 am—1200 pm Morning Worship
5:00 pm –6:30 pm—United Methodist Youth

Some Thoughts from the Pastor's Heart

Have you ever been in a dream and you just wanted to get out?

That sort of describes my life lately—in relation to my health. As you might remember, I battled kidney stones for a week: two ER visits and a trip to Indian Path to get one blasted out. Three days after blasting out the kidney stone, I began running a fever and spent Monday through Friday of Holy Week in the hospital with some high fevers. Last Saturday, I began experiencing discomfort in my chest. Tuesday I finally went to the doctor and he strongly suggested that I check myself into the Indian Path and let a cardiologist do some tests on me. Tuesday night Dennis Ashley drove me to Indian Path and Wednesday morning the cardiologist performed a heart catheterization. The good news is that my heart is in great shape with no blockages. The chest pains, have been coming from what they suspect is an over active thyroid. I am on medicine to reduce the amount of hormones that are produced by the thyroid. I am still having heart related issues and over exertion sort of flares it up, but I expect it to get better with time.

I really want this dream to end. Oh. That's right. It isn't a dream. Sometimes, life just comes at you full force and you have to deal with it. It has been much easier to deal with it when I have friends like Bill Cole that took me to get the kidney stone blasted and Dennis Ashley who took me to the hospital this week. It's good knowing that Martha and Kenny and the prayer team are hard at work praying for me. It's good to know that Mary Beth Allen and the Staff Pastor Parish Relations Committee are concerned about me. It is uplifting to get a call from the Bishop asking how things were going and offering me reassuring words. It is good to know that so many of you have been concerned about me and lifted me up in your prayers. I have truly appreciated the calls and the texts that I have received in regards to my health. I also appreciate what you have done to support my family during this time.

This is a very trying time for me and my family as we are about to transition from being your pastoral family. Over the last six years you have loved us and cared for us. It has been a difficult time for me health wise: Broken bones have healed, kidney stones have been blasted, fevers endured and heart issues have been resolved. Through it all, my faith has sustained me and your faith and prayers have lifted me up in those moments when I was down. My family will always be grateful for the love you have shown us.

As I announced on Easter Sunday, I will be moving to a new position of ministry within our Annual Conference as of July 1st. In the interim, I will continue to be your pastor and we will continue to be your pastoral family. I will need to attend some meetings in relation to my new role and we will be busy getting things ready for a smooth transition. Continue to pray for me and my family. We will greatly covet those prayers and the love that will be shown to us in the weeks that lie ahead of us.