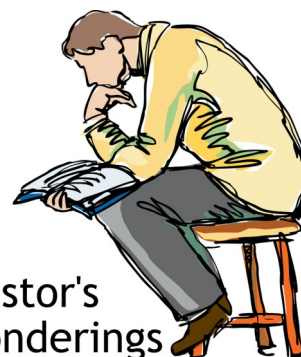


I just wanted to take this opportunity to bring all of you up to date on my condition. At the time I wrote these words I was getting ready to go to the Doctor the next day and find out when he can perform the surgery. Hopefully, by the time you read these words I will be well on the way to healing from the surgery. My wrist will be in a brace for several more weeks.



Pastor's Ponderings

I would like to thank everyone for the concern that they have shown for me and my family during this time of recovering from my accident. My family sincerely appreciates the cards, the food, the visits, and the other acts of kindness. It looks like I am going to be in recovery mode for quite a few weeks to come.

I would like to thank Rick Galyean for bringing the service together this morning. I wish everyone a very Happy Mother's Day. It is my hope, that I will be able to be at church next Sunday. It will depend upon how well the surgery recovery time goes.

Thank you for your continued support during my time of recovery.

United Methodist Men Pancake Breakfast

Who's ready for some pancakes? The United Methodist Men are hosting a pancake breakfast on Saturday May 14 from 7:00—10:00 am. If you have not purchased your tickets, it's not too late! Please see any of the Methodist Men, stop by the office or purchase them the morning of the breakfast.

Next Sunday is Pentecost Sunday

Everyone is asked to wear red as we celebrate Pentecost Sunday. Communion will be served on this day as well.

UMYF Farmer's Market

The youth began selling baked goods at the Farmer's Market yesterday. Thank you to everyone who was able to donate baked goods. They are planning on being at the Farmer's Market one Saturday each month while it is open and there will be a continued need for the donation of baked goods. The next date the youth will be at the Farmer's Market is June 4. For more information, please contact Christy Smith at 703-629-6040.

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Guest Columnist

Thom S. Rainer

Thirteen Really Strange & Funny Things Pastors Have Been Asked to Do.....

Today, I let these pastors and church staff persons speak for themselves. I made minor modifications to a few so the story does not inadvertently reveal the church members. I don't want the pastor to get fired. No comments on my part are necessary.

1. "A church member asked, during the Lord's Supper, if we could have a prayer for her dog that had died earlier in the week."
2. "A church member called, telling me her neighbors sheep were out in the road. Of course, I was supposed to help since I was her shepherd."
3. "I officiated a funeral where the family did the wave and hit beach balls during the service."
4. "A lady called me to let me know her son-in-law wasn't praying long enough before his bed time. She felt I needed to counsel him."
5. "A church member was a funeral home director. He called me frequently to help him pick up just-deceased bodies."
6. "A church member called to request I euthanize an injured rabbit."
7. "I was asked by a church member to bury a dog."
8. "I got a call from a church member asking me to inform a lady she has grandkids she didn't know about."
9. "I was asked to baptize a body at a funeral."
10. "A lady brought a chirping bird into a worship service and asked me to ignore it."
11. "I was visiting a member of our church in the hospital. He insisted I hold his kidney stone. I was young, so I did."
12. "A church member asked me to do a funeral for his horse."
13. "A deacon, after checking on a clogged toilet in the men's room, told the pastor, 'You need to go to the men's room with me. You've got to see this!'"

I have no doubt these stories are true. I've had many weird requests made of me as well.

The Trinity Companion

Sunday May 8, 2016

Happy Mother's Day!

She opens her mouth with wisdom,
the teaching of kindness is on her tongue.

Proverbs 31:26, ESV

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Let me tell you how glad we are to have you at our worship service today. We hope that you will encounter the presence of the risen Christ. We'd really like to get some contact information. Would you please text your email and name to 80123 and we'll get back in touch with you.

Greeters: Alberta Mitchell and Jackie Mainous

**Please welcome The Wise Guys
For Our Musical Celebration**

Announcements, Welcome, and Introduction : Diane Botts

Prelude

***Call to Worship:** "How Great Thou Art"

*** Opening Hymn:** "Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken No. 731

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

(You will be given an opportunity to share joys and prayer concerns. Please raise your hand and wait until an usher comes to you with a microphone.)

The Lord's Prayer (as found at No. 895)

***Gloria Patri** No. 70

Children's Message Nancy Toney

The Presentation of God's Tithe and Our Offerings

Ushers: Patty Robbins, Alberta Mitchell, Kathleen Gillespie, Christy Smith

Offertory: "Be Thou My Vision"

*** The Doxology** No. 95

Introduction of the Special Music Rick Galyean

***Special Music:** "On a Hymnsong by Philip Bliss"

The Presentation of God's Word

Guest Preacher Ben Harding

Scripture: Romans 5: 1—5, James 1: 2 & 12

Sermon: "What is Faith?"

***Closing Hymn:** "Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling" No. 348

***Pastoral Benediction :** "Ashokan Farewell"

Postlude:

***Please stand as you are able**

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May Events and Activities

- ◆ **Sunday, May 8, 2016—Mother's Day**
- ◆ **Monday, May 9, 2016**
 - ◆ 4:00 pm—UMYF
 - ◆ 6:30 pm—United Methodist Men Meeting
- ◆ **Wednesday, May 11, 2016**
 - ◆ 6:00 pm—Prayer Circle
 - ◆ 7:00 pm—Choir Practice
- ◆ **Saturday, May 14, 2016**
 - ◆ 7:00 am—United Methodist Men Pancake Breakfast
- ◆ **Sunday, May 15, 2016**
 - ◆ **PENTECOST SUNDAY wear something RED**
 - ◆ 5:00 pm—UMYF
 - ◆ 5:00 pm—Asbury Circle
- ◆ **Monday, May 16, 2016**
 - ◆ 6:00 pm—Garden Club
- ◆ **Wednesday, May 18, 2016**
 - ◆ 6:00 pm—Prayer Circle
 - ◆ 7:00 pm—Choir Practice
- ◆ **Sunday, May 22, 2016**
 - ◆ **TRINITY SUNDAY**
 - ◆ 5:00 pm—UMYF
- ◆ **Wednesday, May 25, 2016**
 - ◆ 6:00 pm—Prayer Circle
 - ◆ 7:00 pm—Choir Practice
- ◆ **Sunday, May 29, 2016—5th Sunday**
 - ◆ 11:00 am—Contemporary Service
- ◆ **Monday, May 30, 2016—Memorial Day**
 - ◆ Office will be closed

June Events and Activities

- ◆ **Wednesday, June 1, 2016**
 - ◆ 6:00 pm—Prayer Circle
 - ◆ 6:30 pm—Fellowship Supper
 - ◆ 7:00 pm—Choir Practice
- ◆ **Thursday, June 2, 2016**
 - ◆ 10:00 am—Susanna Wesley Circle
 - ◆ 12:00 pm—Wesleyan Circle
- ◆ **Saturday, June 4, 2016**
 - ◆ 8:00 am—UMYF—Farmer's Market
- ◆ **Sunday, June 5, 2016—Annual Conference Sunday**
 - ◆ 5:00 pm—UMYF



May

Van Drivers and Riders

- 1—Pat Bowden, Christy Smith
- 8—Kenny & Martha Spurlock
- 15—Christy Smith, Diane Botts
- 22—Doug & Lucy Robinson
- 29—Kenny & Martha Spurlock

Children's Church

- 1—Patty Robbins
- 8—Mary Beth Allen
- 15—Kim Parsons
- 22—Donna Mahan
- 29—Cathy Galyean

Money Counters

- 1—Chris Higgins, Paul Clark
- 8—Diane Botts, Christy Smith
- 15—Pat Bowden, Kim Parson
- 22—Kenny & Martha Spurlock
- 29—Bill Cole, Ashley Turner

Children's Message

- 1—Christy Smith
- 8—Nancy Toney
- 15—Mary Beth Allen
- 22—Diane Botts
- 29—Bill Cole

Greeters

Alberta Mitchell
Jackie Mainous

Announcements

Diane Botts

Ushers

Patty Robbins, Alberta Mitchell,
Kathleen Gillespie, Christy Smith

Fellowship Dinner Hosts

Phil & Patty Robbins



"I HAVE NOT STOPPED GIVING THANKS FOR YOU, REMEMBERING YOU IN MY PRAYERS."
EPHESIANS 1:16, NIV

For Those with Cancer:

James Horne; Robin (Rita Nash's Daughter); Debbie Cooper; Phyllis Gilley; Melody (Mellie) Gilley; Doris Berta; Denise Qualls; Kathy Hirsch (Larry and Teddy Bland's daughter); David Burke (Bubba Burke's Dad); Karrie Compton (Randy and Phyllis Compton's daughter); Kim Shores

Facing or Recovering from Surgery or Hospital Stay

Becky Clark; Helen Cochran; Mary Warner; Liz Ashley; T. R Davidson; Melanie Sturgill; Mark Nickels; Ann Nickels; Jim Cooper; Barbara Hargrove; Ronnie Phillips (Patty Robbins' brother); Benny Clifton (Lillie Clifton's father); Siyere Williams; Elizabeth White; Nancy Toney; Terry Goodman

Non-Specific Prayers for:

Brownie Polly and family; Geneva Allen; Jim Gates; Fred Vanbever; Jennie Shupe; Hope Meade; Matt Carroll; Melvin Carter; Kenny Spurlock's mother; Bill & Jean Hendrick; Peggy Bates; Marion Kocher; Bob Horne; Nancy Toney; Beth and John Hagan; Nancy Kilgore and family

- Pray for our Pastor and the Leaders of our church.
- Pray for the Leaders of the United Methodist Church.
- Pray for those in the Church in need.

If you know that someone on the prayer list has passed away, please contact the church office.