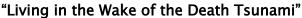
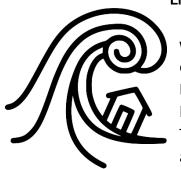
TIM TALK





Seven years ago the United Methodist Church was warned of a fast approaching wave that would bring many of our churches to the brink of death. Church Growth gurus like Lovett Weems called for Methodists across the country to brace for the impact of what he called the Death Tsunami. This tsunami, briefly stated, would be the unprecedented amount of deaths within the United Methodist denomination beginning in year 2018. Its impact upon the church would

leave many churches devasted in its wake. Not only would these deaths lead to a decline in membership it would also mean a massive decline in financial sustainability and the ability for the church to continue its current course in ministry. Even though the church from its earliest beginnings has always made the making of disciples its priority many have begun to question the denomination's current push to make disciples as an anxious response to the death tsunami.

It would seem that Lovett Weems' prediction may have just begun to wash over Oaklette. Over the course of 2018 death seems to be the reoccurring theme for Oaklette and its membership. Not only have we lost key players in our current ministry we have had to say goodbye to several pillars of the church who worked hard to make Jesus Christ known to the world. And on top of all this many of us have lost loved ones who were not even associated with the church. Many of us are still in the grasp of grief's grip and have little or no energy to move forward. We have moved into what someone on the church council recently described "a survivalist mentality."

This tsunami, however is not the first death tsunami to hit the church. Way back in the first-century the church at Thessalonica was experiencing a similar fate. Key leaders and pillars of the church were dying off in record numbers leaving in its wake a membership unable to determine a course for their future. Grief, not hope, was their focus. Adding to their demise was a first-century teaching that proclaimed that Christ would return very soon. In fact, many within the church interpreted this to mean that no believer would die prior to the Lord's return. But as Christians began to die so grief increased tenfold. How could one live in Christ forever if they died prior to his return? A theological conundrum had developed. The Daily Bible Study Series says of these Christians; "They could not be sure that those who had already died would share the glory of that day which, as they thought, was so soon to come." Most of the Christian converts had been pagan prior to their conversion. With loved ones dying many within the church instead of relying on their faith in Christ were returning back to their former ways. In the face of death, the first-century pagan world stood in despair. The Daily Bible Study Series further adds, they not only met death with "grim resignation but with

bleak hopelessness as well." This is one of the reasons why the Apostle Paul thought it urgent to write his letter to Thessalonica. In 1 Thessalonians 4:13–18 Paul tells them that "they must not sorrow as those who have no hope." We must instead grieve with hope.

"If a man has lived in Christ and died in Christ," the Daily Bible Study Series interprets, "even if he is dead he is still in Christ and he will rise in Christ. This means that between Jesus Christ and the man who loves Him there is a relationship which nothing can break. It is a relationship independent of time, a relationship which overpasses death. Because Jesus Christ lived and died and rose again, so the man who is one with Christ will live and die and rise again. Nothing in life or in death can separate him from Christ."

According to an article written by Bishop Bickerton of the Pittsburgh Area, it would seem that what the Death Tsunami theory failed to calculate was a theological, biblical and spiritual approach. It made us and/or the denominational leadership to figure out a means to curb the grief and damage left in the tsunami's wake. Bickerton concluded that "it instead drove many into a spiral of resignation and regret" and it failed to "find hope, direction and revitalization in the midst of any tsunami that may hit our shores."



That's why I think we as a congregation must, at this time especially, turn to God for a comforting word and guidance as we find ourselves in the midst of the debris fields of our grief. Our loved one's death not only have burdened us with heavy hearts they have left us scrambling for what's next. Like our Christian faith ancestors in Thessalonica we too need to know that just because we are in the midst of death does not mean that God is

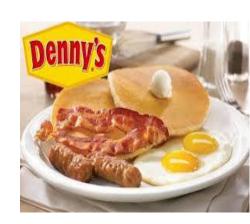
done with us; for as Paul repeatedly says over and over again: "nothing in life or in death can separate us from Christ!" There is a way through. God is not through with us! As Paul helped the early church to understand its faith in the face of death so too the role of church leadership today is to help others within the church to connect the dots that move us from our grief back to our faith in God. Remember we are not defined by our grief but by our hope.

In Christ,

Dr. Timothy D. Hazlett

BREAKFAST AT DENNY'S

Oaklette is encouraging you and your friends to gather for a 'social breakfast' at the Battlefield Blvd. Denny's located in front of the Home Depot on the second Friday of every month. In September that's Friday, the 14th! This is an opportunity for the good folk of Oaklette to "get outside of the castle" and into the neighborhood of which we are a part. No reservations are necessary! Just show up and eat breakfast (or a snack). Breakfast is on you. Debbie Rippard will be there to greet you at 9:00AM!







Free Movie Night Saturday, September 8 7:00-9:00 pm in the Pavilion

Paul, who goes from the most infamous persecutor of Christians to Christ's most influential apostle, is spending his last days in a dark and bleak prison cell awaiting execution by Emperor Nero. Luke, his friend and physician, risks his life when he ventures into Rome to visit him. Paul is under the watchful eye of Mauritius, the prison's prefect, who seeks to understand how this broken old man can pose such a threat. But before Paul's death sentence can be enacted, Luke resolves to write another book, one that details the beginnings of "The Way" and the birth of what will come to be known as the Christian church. Their faith challenged an empire. But their words changed the world.

(If weather is inclement or too hot movies will be shown in the Fellowship Hall.)

SERMONS FOR SEPTEMBER 2018

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2018
SUMMER SERMON SERIES:
"LIVING WITH FEAR; Yet Unafraid"
Daniel 3:1-30 (CEV)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2018
SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
"Dead Faith"

James 2:1-17 (CEV)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2018
SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
"Taming Your Tweets"

James 3:1-12 (CEV)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2018
EIGHTTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
"What Kind of Tree Are You?"
Psalm 1:1-6 (CEV)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2018
NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
"Are Your Closets Ready for the Winter?"
Mark 9:38-50 (CEV)



WORSHIP FOR OUR CURRENT TIMES
"Come to the river where you will thirst no more."
Sundays at 8:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall!



MAYBERRY CHURCH Returns September 9⁴! Sunday at 7:00PM - Fellowship Hall

Come and join this exciting gathering of believers growing in their journey with Christ. Using the Bible and classic episodes of "The Andy Griffith Show" Oaklette is offering this unique and award-winning opportunity for south Hampton Roads. Our worship themes and episodes are as follows:

- September 9 Episode: "The Church Play" After Clara discovers Millie's past includes being a chorus girl the church board begins to doubt Millie's ability to direct the church's children's play. Theme: Doubt. Scripture:

 Matthew 21:21 (MSG) "Yes—and if you embrace this kingdom life and don't doubt God, you'll not only do minor feats like I did to the fig tree, but also triumph over huge obstacles."
- September 16 <u>Episode</u>: "Mike's Losing Streak" After losing a second jacket in a row Mike is warned by his father if he loses one more thing he will not be going to the professional baseball game. When Sam learns that Mike has lost his watch he begins to feel bad about his warning to son. <u>Theme</u>: Discipline. <u>Scripture</u>: Hebrews 12:5–6 (MSG) "My dear child, don't shrug off God's discipline, but don't be crushed by it either. It's the child he loves that he disciplines; the child he embraces, he also corrects."
- September 23 <u>Episode</u>: "Sam Gets a Ticket" Sam is ticketed for making a turn without signaling. Even though he is convinced he used his signal Sam questions whether or not he should seek out justice and contest the ticket in court; that is, until he remembers he needs to set an example for his son.

 <u>Theme</u>: Seeking Justice <u>Scripture</u>: Proverbs 21:3 (MSG) "Clean living before God and justice with our neighbors mean far more to God than religious performance."
- September 30 <u>Episode</u>: "Emmett's 50th Birthday" As Emmett is about to turn another year older Mayberry wants to throw him a party, however Emmett isn't quite ready to accept that he has reached the ripe old age of 50. <u>Theme</u>: Finding Renewed Strength. <u>Scripture</u>: Isaiah 40:31 (CEV) "But those who trust the LORD will find new strength. They will be strong like eagles soaring upward on wings; they will walk and run without getting tired."

TRUNK OR TREAT

Oaklette please start stocking up on Halloween candy now for our annual Trunk or Treat in the parking lot on Halloween night (October 31st is fast approaching!) We also need many volunteers to supervise games for the kids, hand out Bibles, cook hot dogs, welcome the community into our building, and much...much more! This year Ericka and Chuck Litten will be coordinating our outreach into the community.



NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION

Starting on Saturday September 8th Dr. Tim will be hosting a New Member Orientation in the Church Parlor across from his office at 10AM. Orientation will meet every Saturday through October 6th [PLEASE NOTE HOWEVER: Saturday September 29 will be a mission immersion experience with Rise Against Hunger – please be at the church by 8:30 to start packaging food].

The Look Out Challenge

The Strategic Planning Team will be experiencing the new Look Out Challenge beginning on September 10 from 6–7. The purpose of the Challenge is to learn about ourselves, where we fit into the Church structure with our particular giftings and how we can work together to grow our Church. This exciting new project will provide leaders who will start or continue small groups in the same challenge, spreading God's plan for growing our Church. Do you look inward and ask "What can the Church do for me?" Then this study will challenge you to change that question to "What can I do for My Church?" Be prepared to accept this amazing challenge!



Harvest Exchange September 15 9:00 am - 12:00 PM In the Pavilion

If you have some extra produce, but lack something else, this is your chance to make an exchange.



The United Methodist Men are selling their delicious homemade Apple Butter. Cost is \$5.00 per pint or \$9.00 per quart.

Pray for our Military (In order to protect the safety of our Troops and their families, we will no longer list their whereabouts or their branches of service.)

Micah Beasley - (Nephew of Verna Carroll)

Iordan Carter - (Grandson of Len & Carole Carter)

Justin Castellow - (Son of Buzz and Shellene Castellow)

Troy Hudgins - (Nephew of Jenny & Tommy Obenchain)

Jared Meharg (Son-in-law of Dana & Don Moody)

Brian Miller - (Grandson-in-law of Adel Denson)

Major Matt Springer - (Son of Wayne & Sharon Springer)

Scott W. Weifert

Capt. Paul Leon Wolfe III - (Grandson of Barbara & Jack Buchanan)



Remember our Shut-ins with Cards, Calls, Visits, & Prayers

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Jackie Munden

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Pat Grover

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Mable Lowrimore

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Sincere sympathy is extended to Mildred Walling on the passing of her brother, Leroy Guthrie.

Sincere sympathy is extended to the family of Bessie Mae Etheridge who went to be with the Lord on July 25, 2018.



Thank you for all the calls, cards and concerns expressed to me recently. It is good to have angels for friends!

Joe Peele



Thank you to everyone for the prayers and cards on the death of my brother, Leroy Guthrie.

Mildred Walling



Helene Haluska wishes to convey her thanks for all the expressions of condolence for the recent death of her mother, Sara Willis. Oaklette is truly a caring congregation.



I would like to thank my Oaklette Church family for all their prayers, love and support shown to me and my family at the passing of my mother, Bessie Mae Etheridge.

> Love to all, Danny Etheridge



Silent Auction to Benefit Rise Against Hunger

Lovely "Stack and Whack" quilt and two pillows made by Atha Wimmer. Bidding ends September 23, 2018.



Mission in honor/memory of Jack Richwine

Help is needed to transport papers removed from Dominion Computer to the Chesapeake Recycles event on September 8, 2018 between 9:00 am – noon at Sam's Club, Western Branch, 2444 Chesapeake Square Ring Road for shredding. Please contact Barbara Bennett if you can help.

Take a look at your spending

We're a strange people! We talk about how bad the times are, but, the bottom line is what people say, "These are the best bad times we have ever had!" Our economy is growing – unemployment rate is down and yes – wages are going up. We get so caught up in the "daily news" that we are almost always depressed.

I am constantly reminded that God has given us so much. We are free to worship as we wish. We have homes and cars and money to keep them cool or warm. We eat good food and have money to celebrate and vacation with our friends and family.

I challenge you to an experiment. Take your check stubs, bank statements, credit card statements; etc., from the last five years and take a look at where and how you spent your money. Are you tithing to the church? Are you helping those around you? What have you been doing with your money? This will tell you a lot about yourself. In fact, I'll bet you could write a pretty interesting autobiography about yourself.

Take a look at where and how you spend your money. It can be an experiment that can change your life!

Where your treasure is, there will be your heart also. (Luke 12:34)

Grace and peace to you,

Debbie Rippard, Treasurer



<u>September</u>

-2Pat Newbern
-9Jerome Dickinson
-16Tim Hazlett
-23Connie & Richard
Tucker
-30Evelyn Yount



Food Basket

-2JoAnn & Randy Story
-9Jan Whitzel
-16LouAnn & Russell
Poyner
-23Connie & Richard
Tucker
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Please sign up for altar flowers and Food Basket. There are many, many blank lines to fill!

Golden Girls



<u>September Food Pantry</u> <u>Workers</u>

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Food Pantry Closed -6-Helene Haluska

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Joanne Rooks -10-

Paige Weifert

Truman Weekley

Carol Henry

Jenny Obenchain -17-

Paige Weifert

Truman Weekley -20-

Linda & John Tandy

-24-Stella Price

Stella Price

Janice LoBello

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Barbara Malloy

&

Theresa Magner



Volunteers are needed to work the Food Pantry on Mondays and Thursdays. It is only for two hours per shift and usually only one shift per several months. Please contact Barbara Bennett if you are interested.



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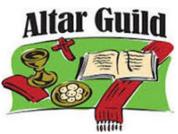
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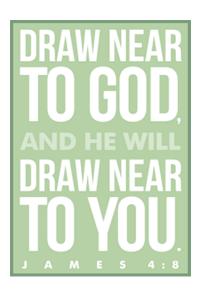
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Debbie & David Rippard -16-LouAnne & Russell Poyner -21-Ann & Jimmy Lee



September

Barbara Bennett & Linda Tandy





-2-Lucille Payette -3-Crystal Williams **Ashley Pounders** -4-Marjorie Harrison Jenifer Chamberlain -5-Rachel Ryan -6-Jasonlee Hamlin Michael Blanchard -7-Nell Cucinotta Richard Stevens -11-Cynthia Earley -13-Barbara Bennett -17-Mark Earley, Jr. -18-Leonard Long -20-Lori Hazlett -21-David Rippard Tom Hunsberger -22-

Joseph Miles V

-23Pat Everton
-26
"Rudy" Garcia
Phyllis Nebrotskie
-27Michael Carter
JD Miles IV
-28Sydney McDonald
-29Donald Newhart
Nicole Harris
-30Dudley Miles III



A morning prayer

At the start of a day, who can tell what a day may bring forth? Cause me therefore, gracious God, to live every day as if it were to be my last, for I know not but that it may be such. Cause me to live now as I shall wish I had done when I come to die. O grant that I may not die with any guilt on my conscience, or any known sin unrepented of, but that I may be found in Christ, who is my only Savior and Redeemer.



Answer: The blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy are cleaneed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised Matthew 11:5, MIV $_{\odot}$

Bible Quiz



Who was Moses' father-in-law, and what was his occupation?

A. Joshua; shepherd B. Miriam; tentmaker C. Aaron; farmer D. Jethro; priest Answer on Page 13







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We're looking forward to our upcoming Rise Against Hunger meal packaging event on 9/29/2018. By packaging meals, we will have a positive impact on the lives of people in need worldwide.

Here are a few notes to help you prepare for your event:

- Please wear comfortable clothing and shoes.
- Rise Against Hunger strives to meet all food safety and quality guidelines. Please wear a baseball cap
 if you have one. If not, hairnets will be provided at the event.
- Please leave watches and loose, dangling jewelry at home. Plain bands such as wedding bands are
 OK.
- We ask that you do not attend if you have had a fever or intestinal illness 24 hours before the event.

Saturday, September 29th

- > Setup and Registration- 8:30 a.m.
- ➤ Meal Packaging- 9:30 a.m.
 To sign up online, visit the event home page here: http://events.stophungernow.org/OUMC092918

PAPER SIGN UP SHEETS ARE AVAILABLE ON THE TABLE BY THE OFFICE

Thank you for joining the movement to create a world with zero hunger — we'll see you soon! For more information, contact Debbie Rippard at 536-0886.

Answer to Bible Quiz:

D. See Exodus 3:1



We grow up when we see our life and our role from God's perspective; when we thank God for the role he has assigned us and begin to see our cup as a gift instead of a cross; when each morning we ask, "God, how can I glorify you today in my given role?"

Linda Dillow

Calm My Anxious Heart



National Grandparents Day became an official observance in 1978, thanks largely to the lobbying efforts of Marian McQuade, a West Virginian who had 15 children and 43 grandchildren during 60 years of marriage.

The purpose of National Grandparents Day, celebrated on the first Sunday after Labor Day, is threefold: to honor grandparents, to give grandparents an opportunity to show love for their children's children and to help children become aware of strength, information and guidance older people can offer.

Grandparents – and in this mobile society, surrogate grandparents – also serve as examples of how to endure challenges with God's help. Elders describe how God remains present, faithful and steadfast throughout the years. As Psalm 145:4 (NIV) says, "One generation commends your works to another; they tell of your mighty acts."

All You Need

When I was a little girl... I went to my father and said, "Daddy, I am afraid that I will never be strong enough to be a martyr for Jesus Christ."

"Tell me," said Father, "When you take a train to Amsterdam, when do I give you the money for the ticket? Three weeks before?"

"No, Daddy. You give me the money for the ticket just before we get on the train."

"That is right," my father said, "and so it is with God's strength. Our Father in heaven knows when you will need the strength to be a martyr for Jesus Christ. He will supply all you need just in time."

- Corrie ten Boom, Tramp for the Lord



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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