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Have you ever walked the property of Whitehouse UMC or the trails behind the church? I have walked these trails almost every day for six years. Tim will tell you that I don't walk the trails in the winter, unless he wasn't home for some reason, and I had to walk our dog, Kodi, on my own. No matter the season though, the trails are so beautiful. The trees are amazing and right now if you happen to meander beyond the prayer garden, you will see the most amazing white wild roses. And even before you see them, you will know they are there. They are so fragrant...one of my favorite smells of all time! In late August, early

September, the Golden Rod takes over the open field and the array of colorful leaves are breathtaking. Winter is very cold but it's so bright and quiet and you can hear every step

you take as snow crunches beneath your feet. And then when spring arrives, there are more shades of green than I ever knew possible that pop up everywhere. You probably won't be surprised, but I have NEVER walked the trails without taking pictures. Not one single time. I'm always in awe of God's creation and I'm always trying to capture the beauty in a photograph, but my pictures don't do the landscape any justice.

Over the last couple of months, I have noticed everything about those trails. I have intentionally been paying more attention to every last detail because I don't want to forget how blessed we were to have had the opportunity to live here. I want to remember everything, the colors, the smells, the sounds, the beauty. I want to remember it all with great appreciation. What a gift living here has been!

You may not be aware of it, but I've been doing the same thing with each of you. I've been paying close attention to you, listening to your voices, intentionally taking in your laughter, your smiles, or opening my heart to your pains and struggles that you have shared with me. I don't take a single moment for granted and I don't want to forget our time together. I've taken pictures (selfies) with you week after week, and my friends, you are beautiful. But just as it is with nature, I'm trying to capture those moments in a photograph, yet my pictures don't do you the justice you deserve. Pictures don't reveal the stories that you've entrusted me with, and they won't be able to know the warmth of your hearts or the humor from laughter that we've shared, or pain from tears shed together. But I want to remember everything, conversations about anything and everything (mostly food, lol), the sounds of your voices and laughter, the beauty of who you are, the intimate moments of sharing life together, the prayers, the mission and ministry, the worship, and the praising of God together. I want to remember it all. I want to remember you all, with great appreciation. What a gift each of you has been!

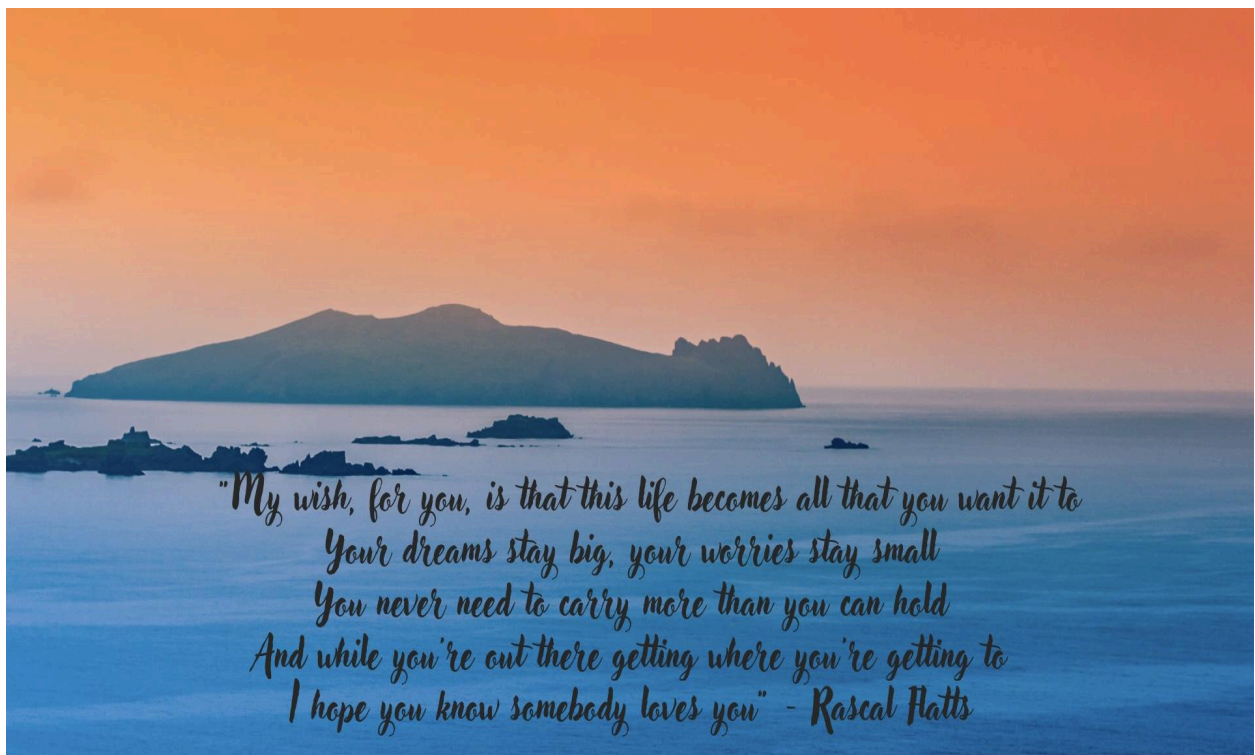
I am so grateful to God for this journey we've shared. Thank you for who you are and for sharing your lives with me. Who gets to do this? Who gets to be a part of intimate life moments, trusted with joys and heartaches, sharing of stories and lives, who gets those moments of laughter, prayer, fellowship, friendship and hope? Who gets to baptize and marry and officiate celebrations of life and welcome new members into the fold? God blessed me with this amazing calling, and I am thankful for every single moment. Being

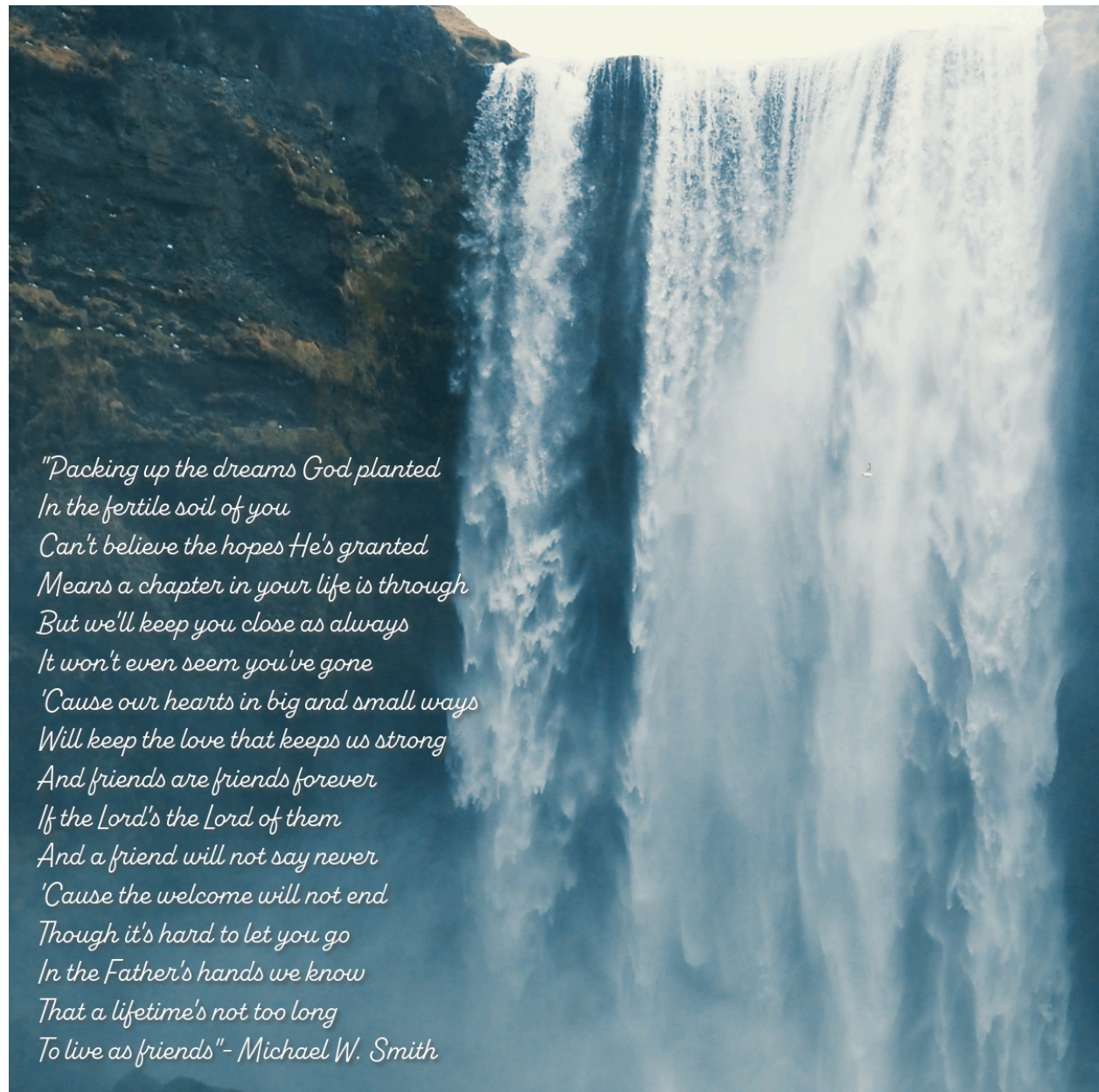
the pastor of this congregation has been one of the greatest joys of my life. I may not have been able to capture everything in a selfie, but I've certainly captured it all in my heart.

And now friends, we all need to move forward, remembering what was and using all of it to make a difference in the future. We need to embrace the newness of life that comes in so many different ways. Keep doing what you're doing, keep giving what you're giving. But at the same time, ask God what mission or ministry you can be involved in, or one that you can start, and then do it! Be excited for serving God and telling others about the love of Jesus Christ. This is your calling! This church will become what you want it to become, never give up.....keep going! I'm proud of what you've accomplished and look forward to all you can do in the days, months, years ahead. Remember, but keep going!

Tim and I love you all and urge you to remember that "WHILE YOU HAVE BREATH, YOU HAVE PURPOSE!!"

So much love and all our prayers to you,
Pastor Dianna & Tim Stone





*"Packing up the dreams God planted
In the fertile soil of you
Can't believe the hopes He's granted
Means a chapter in your life is through
But we'll keep you close as always
It won't even seem you've gone
'Cause our hearts in big and small ways
Will keep the love that keeps us strong
And friends are friends forever
If the Lord's the Lord of them
And a friend will not say never
'Cause the welcome will not end
Though it's hard to let you go
In the Father's hands we know
That a lifetime's not too long
To live as friends" - Michael W. Smith*

I have been having a hard time trying to think of what to do, or what to write to celebrate Pastor Dianna and Tim Stone and how to thank them for their time and service to our church family. Peter and the choir have been discussing the anthem for their last Sunday, and I took some lines from a couple songs (as seen above) as I found the words resonated with me. I'm mentioning how hard it is to find the words and write them down, imagine trying to sing while being emotional! June 16th will be a tear filled day, but I don't want to say "Goodbye". We won't see the Stones every week anymore, but I hope our paths will cross in the future. Hopefully we'll keep in touch in some ways. A random text or Facebook message. I will no longer have to bother her about newsletter or Missions questions. (Going through old texts, it seems like most of them are related to that.- A warning for Pastor Rob!)

I am grateful for the time we had together, although it wasn't long enough. I feel that Dianna is meant for bigger places and things than our small rural church here in Whitehouse. I don't need to wish them luck. With their passion for serving God, he is guiding them on their path. So I'll wish them both well, and send them off with love that will continue to surround them and support them. I'll still bring extra tissues for June 12th and 16th!

Submitted by: Deborah Boucher



**Wednesday Night
Worship with Beyond
the Walls
June 12, 2024
6:30pm
Pot Luck Dinner**



Come celebrate six years of service to
WUMC, and wish the Stones well!



June 3, 2024 7:00pm Via Zoom - Please contact Pastor Dianna for the link.



WHITEHOUSE GENERAL STORE

THURSDAY, JUNE 20, 2024 12:00 PM



6/2/24 Holly

6/9/24 Linda

School's Out For Summer!!

Please consider volunteering to teach Sunday School



Ryan W. 6/1

Judy D. 6/2

Grant S. 6/2

Katy S. 6/2

Holly S. 6/4

Karen S. 6/8

Ginny P. 6/11

Pat L. 6/14

Don M. 6/14

Clifford B. 6/15

Alice B. 6/18



Missions meeting on June 2, 2024 after church!

A representative from Operation Christmas Child will be coming to give us information on this organization.

This month's communion offering (monetary gifts should be put in communion envelopes in the bulletin) will be put towards the Pastor's discretionary fund.

Readington Social Services/Starfish appreciated all the socks and underwear donated last month. There is a current need for hygiene products, and a food distribution is coming up in July. Thank you for all the donations!

Karen S. and I attended the Feed My Starving Children food packing event on Friday night, May 31st with close to 50 other volunteers from other churches and social groups. The time went by fast, and other than having to wear a hair net, it was an enjoyable experience. I even bought a souvenir made by a local artisan from Africa. The artisan is paid for their work and the profit goes to feeding more children. With my purchase, 52 more meals will be provided. You can also support FMSC by donating directly to their website:

https://give.fmsc.org/give/552921/#!/donation/checkout?c_src=fmscorg&c_src2=navbutton-mobile

Or check out their marketplace for handcrafted items:

www.fmscMarketPlace.org

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Our choir and bells will be taking a break for the summer, starting at the end of June, so I wanted to say thanks to all of these people for sharing their time and talent. I am proud of what we were able to accomplish this year! This was in part due to the excellent attendance we had in both our Wesley Ringers, and in our WUMC choir. Thank you very much for serving God and for

serving our church! It is a great pleasure for me to have the privilege of working with you. After taking May 30th off, both bells and choir will rehearse on Thursday, June 6, and on June 13th, our bell choir will have their last rehearsal. Our choir will sing on June 2, 9 and 16, and our bell choir will ring on June 16th. My friend Charles German will be filling in on the organ for both June 23 and June 30.

Trevor Jerzewski is about to graduate from High School, so I am guessing that he will not be around next year. He has been singing in the choir for several years now, and I will certainly miss him. Thank you for your service, Trevor! Mary Beth Spencer was able to ring with our Wesley Ringers a couple of times this year, but she and Bob have been spending more time in Baltimore. I was happy to be able to talk with their son Jason after worship one Sunday. He was a percussion student of mine at Hunterdon Central. I didn't get a chance to hear about his reactions to the change to A days and B days, so I am hoping that sometime he will be able to share that with me.

We are all feeling a bit sad that Pastor Dianna Stone and Tim Stone will be moving to Flermington, where Dianna will be the Pastor of the Flemington United Methodist Church. Although she is not far away, we will not be seeing her each Sunday for worship. I am amazed at how quickly these years with Dianna have flown by! I have many, many fond memories of leading worship with Pastor Dianna! Thank you Dianna and Tim for all that you have done for us! Your dedication was truly exceptional and inspiring! Thanks for sharing so much of your personal story and perspective on life and faith, Dianna. I have gained much insight from you! I am sad that this chapter in my life (serving Whitehouse UMC with you) is coming to a close.

Wesley Ringer bell choir members, 2023-2024

Dawn J.
Kyle B.
Karen S.
Deb B.
Don M.
Mary Beth S.
Barbara P.

Whitehouse UMC choir, 2023-2024

Deb B.
Kyle B.
Sheila D.
Diane F.
Dawn J.
Trevor J.
Don M.
Alice B.
Bill P.
Sophie C.
Mary Beth S.

Faithfully yours,
Peter Stevenson



Bible Study on the Gospel of Mark
Wednesdays at 10 AM in the upstairs
Fellowship Hall. *Please bring your Bible
and an open heart and the willingness
to study and learn the words of Jesus.



Tuesday
Morning coffee
with Pastor
Dianna meets
in the
Fellowship
room,
UPSTAIRS, in
the
church. 8:30am
-10:00am.

Knitting Group meets
every 2nd & 4th Monday
of the month from
1:00-3:00pm.



Scrapbooking June 23, 2024 12:00- 9:00 pm



Our recycling programs this summer include:

- Burts Bees (all products) (ongoing)
- Febreze Aerosols (Ends August 31st)
- Hasbro Toys (Play dough, board games, dolls, must be hasbro brand) (ends august 31st)
- Swiffer refills (Ongoing)
- Razors and razor packaging, (Ongoing)
- V-Tech and Leapfrog toys (Ends august 31st)
- Brita filters (Ongoing)

Instrument strings (Ongoing)

Used socks (Ends august 31st)

And again a reminder that plastic collection does not restart until September 1st!

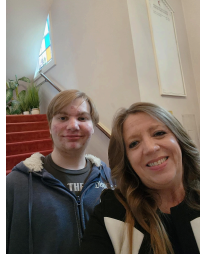
Also planning and clearing for the memorial garden will start at the end of June.

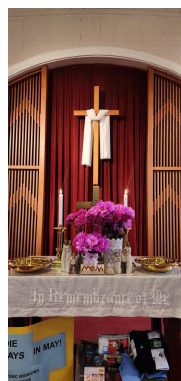
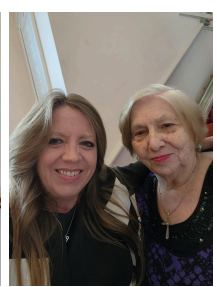
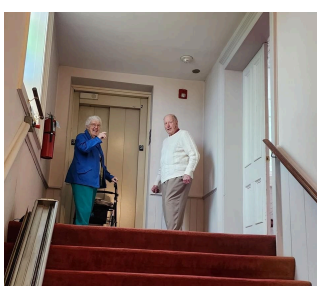


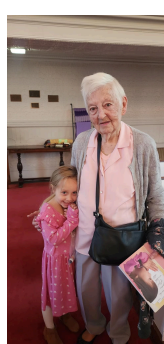
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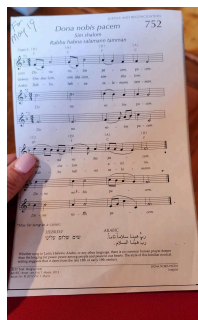
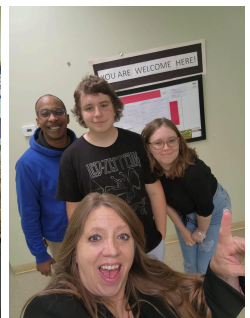
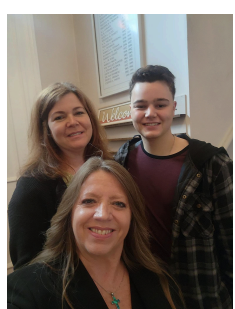
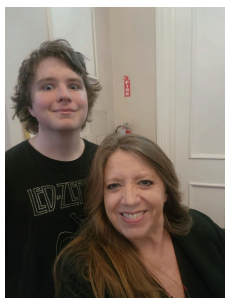
Nancy was a member of Whitehouse UMC for many years. She served on the Missions committee. Nancy was one sweet soul! She faithfully attended as long as she was physically able. Her family was her number one priority, and she kept me up to date on what her grandkids were up to (her Millen grandkids grew up with my kids at WUMC). When I was doing the card ministry, Nancy kept me well stocked with cards, always giving me the cards she received in the mail from her donations. She always had the biggest smile and loved chatting with her fellow churchgoers. Nancy was so wonderful.

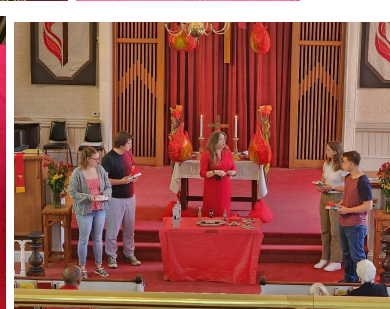
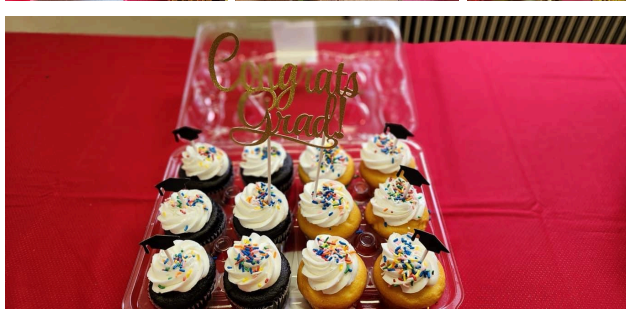
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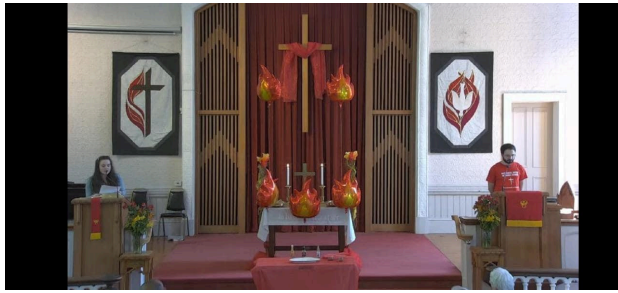








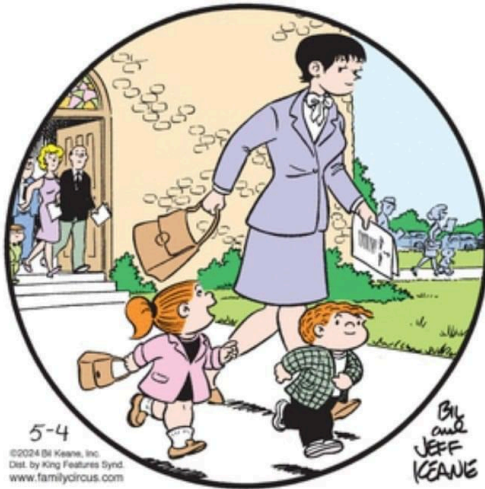






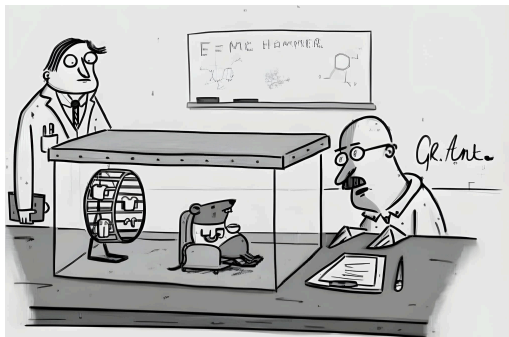






"That sure made me hungry
when we sang 'Lasagna
in the Highest.'"

Having a little nap on the sofa before
taking myself up to bed for my main
sleep; I call that a snors d'oeuvre.



"Fascinating. He ran on it the first few
days, but now he's just using it to hang
his clothes."



Went to a Pentecostal church recently

And was sitting there as the pastor
approached and told me, "You will walk
today." I told him, "I'm not crippled." He
leaned in and insisted, You WILL walk
today!" I simply nodded. But when I went to
the parking lot, I saw someone had stolen
my truck.



"Officer, the only thing I'm under the influence of is the Holy Spirit"



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10:00 am

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