

February 4, 2024

"The Eucharist - Our Life, Our Hope!"



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OUR VISION

To expand and strengthen the Christian Community in which the Gospel of Jesus Christ is demonstrated and fulfilled.

OUR MISSION

In the spirit of our patron saints and missionaries, we commit ourselves to a pilgrimage of faith through Evangelization, Sanctification and Social Service ministries.



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MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKENDS

Saturday 5pm: SPP

Sunday 9am: St. Joseph's

11am: SPP

WEEKDAYS

Wednesday-Friday 9am: SPP

HOLY DAYS

Vigil 7pm: SPP

Holy Day 9am: St. Joseph's

Noon: SPP

CONFESSION

Saturday 4pm: SPP

Sunday 8:30 am: St. Joseph's
(or by appointment)

HOSPITAL VISITS:

Call Parish Office
or Rectory: 434.589.5200

HOMEBOUND:

Call Parish Office
to schedule Communion



5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

When it was evening, after sunset, they brought to him all who were ill or possessed by demons. The whole town was gathered at the door. He cured many who were sick with various diseases, and he drove out many demons, not permitting them to speak because they knew him. - Mk 1:32-34

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Fridays-1 week in advance-In writing to

karen.davidson@saintspeterpaul.org



Whether you are a visitor or new to our parish, interested in becoming Catholic, seeking to return to the practice of your faith, or an active member of our parish, we are pleased that you have come.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 4, 2024

Sunday: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 (see 3a)/1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/Mk 1:29-39

Monday: 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13/Ps 132:6-7, 8-10/Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday: 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30/Ps 84:3, 4, 5 and 10, 11/Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday: 1 Kgs 10:1-10/Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40/Mk 7:14-23

Thursday: 1 Kgs 11:4-13/Ps 106:3-4, 35-36, 37 and 40/Mk 7:24-30

Friday: 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19/Ps 81:10-11ab, 12-13, 14-15/
Mk 7:31-37

Saturday: 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34/Ps 106:6-7ab, 19-20, 21-22/
Mk 8:1-10

Next Sunday: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11 (7)/1 Cor 10:31—11:1/
Mk 1:40-45

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 4, 2024

Sunday: 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: St. Agatha, Virgin and Martyr

Tuesday: St. Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs

Wednesday:

Thursday: St. Jerome Emiliani; St. Josephine Bakhita, Virgin

Friday:

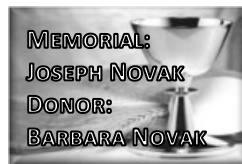
Saturday: St. Scholastica, Virgin

Next Sunday: 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time, World Marriage Day

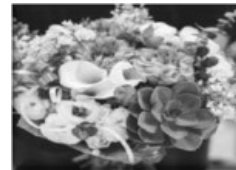
FEBRUARY 2024

HONOR YOUR LOVED ONE WITH A SPECIAL MEMORIAL

BREAD & WINE



ALTAR FLOWERS



SANCTUARY CANDLE



Or have a Mass said for a loved one. Contact the office for availability.



ALERT: As weather conditions turn adverse, tune in to the local ABC, CBS, NBC stations for CLOSING announcements.



ENCOUNTER



5TH SUNDAY IN OT

February 4th, 2024

“Jesus went away to a secluded place and prayed.”

If you are seeking greater simplicity of life and a closer following of the Lord in prayer and action, consider that He may be calling you to the priesthood or consecrated life.

Talk to your priest or reach out to the

Office of Vocations at:

804-359-5661

Or email

vocations@richmonddiocese.org



GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

February 4, 2024

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Maybe I'm weird, but I like spending time in doctor's offices, confession lines in churches, auto repair shops, prison cells, and support groups of various kinds. It's refreshing to be with people who humbly admit something is wrong and forthrightly set out on a path toward a solution. When we ignore what is off kilter, we become alone and fragile. In places where people are honest and hopeful about brokenness, sturdy if subtle fellowship usually ensues.

Consider the image we see of Jesus in the Gospel of Mark. “...they brought to him all who were ill or possessed by a demon. The whole town was gathered at the door.” The entire human community is afflicted in various ways, and so it gradually forms a strange new community around Jesus. The healer from Nazareth is like a sun of health around which orbits a throng of humanity absorbing his healing rays. These blessed souls can't fix themselves and become healthy, and they know it. But they have found in him the living source of all imaginable healing.

It's the Church, isn't it? A sin-sick community gathered and healed is what happens at the beginning of every Mass. We shuffle in through the door from everywhere and announce that we are not okay, and we can't fix it. In doing so, we are drawn into the orbit of the healing power of Christ — and into a renewed community with the whole human family. It's nothing to fear or rush. Maybe we can even learn to enjoy more how good it is to be in such a happy place.

— Father John Muir

PARISH YOUTH



Religious Education
Classes meet every Sunday at
9:30a and conclude after the
11:00a Mass.

VOLUNTEER TEACHERS AND TEACHER'S AIDES NEEDED:
Volunteers are needed for teaching, assistants and substitutes for 2024-2025 school year. We also need assistants and subs for the remainder of this year. If you are interested in helping guide the children in faith we would love to have you come help. Please send Christina Nealy an email at

Religioused@saintpeterandpaul.org

I look forward to working with you!

SHARING THE GOSPEL

Think about how you get ready for a busy day. You eat a healthy breakfast. You wash up and brush your teeth. Then you get dressed and comb your hair. There's one more thing you could do to start your day off right. Pray. Find a quiet spot where you can be alone to talk to God. That's what Jesus did.

PRAYER

God, help me to start every day with you in prayer. Amen.

MISSION FOR THE WEEK

When you get home, choose a special quiet place where you can talk to God every morning. Tell your family about your special place. They may want to join you in spending quiet time to pray.

JOIN SCOUTING!

Do you have a son or daughter between the ages of 11 and 17? Now is the perfect time to sign him or her up for Scouts. The Scouting program helps youth develop academic skills, self-confidence, ethics, leadership skills and citizenship skills that influence their adult lives.

For more information contact:

Boy Scouts Troop 138 (boys):
Chuck Palmer

charleswpalmeriv@gmail.com 571.212.4445

YOUTH GROUP: K - 5

Friday, February 16th, 6 - 7:30pm

Join together for a

PRAYER BOX

BUILDING WORKSHOP

PLUS . . .

*Pizza,
snacks
and soda!!*



CHRIS NEALY HOSTING

SPP & SJ'S YOUTH GROUP

MOVIE
NIGHT



JOIN US ON FEBRUARY 15TH 6-7:30PM

FEBRUARY'S AGENDA

WHERE?

SPP Cafe

WHO?

Middle & High schoolers

WHAT?

MOVIE NIGHT!

WHAT ELSE?

PIZZA AND POP!!!



INTENTIONS

MASS INTENTIONS: FEBRUARY 3 - 11, 2024

* Represents Saint Joseph's Parish

Day	Date	Mass	For	Status	Requested By
1st Saturday	2/3	10am			
Saturday	2/3	5pm	Misa Pro Populo		
Sunday	2/4	9am*	Chief Jim J. Mullins	I	Julie & Will Kulick
Sunday	2/4	11am	Joseph Duffy, Jr.	D	Royal & Janis Duffy
Wednesday	2/7	9am	Jim Fuller	D	Kathy Pol
Thursday	2/8	9am	Anna Sommerauer-birthday	I	The Witkowski family
Friday	2/9	9am	Gary Johnson	D	Anthony & Patricia Amato
Saturday	2/10	5pm	Giovanni & Anna Capuano	D	Gerard & Linda Zink
Sunday	2/11	9am*	Misa Pro Populo		
Sunday	2/11	11am	Brian Bisgrove	D	Marsha Bisgrove

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

All those who serve our country particularly . . .



Michael Bohtelo, Devon Burger, Gerard Holodak, Sarah and Taylor Graese, Raymond Markle, Connor Dobbins, Katie Marron, Kevin and Kathleen O'Malley, James Fulford, Rhett Hartwell, Andrew Thompson, Luke Marron, Sasha and Lonnie Kuhlrow, William Furst, Matt Hendl, Damien LaForenza, Mark Mason, Russ Marron, Christopher McCarthy, Zach Marron, Josiah Noble, Jose Langoria, Joseph Ayuso, Alex Ostrowski, Adam Warren, and Matthew Reinitz.

Pray God keeps them in His care.



REMEMBER in your prayers

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Michael Amato, Maria Boice, Patricia Brammer, Sharon Cassidy, Nicole Colley, The Compton Family, Jean Dalsky, Me'Shelle Durant, Bill Ellis, Caroline Faulkner, Bob Fint, Patricia Golgosky, Mary Anne Grimes, Phyllis Guthrie, Jack Hartwell, John Hobby, Regina Humanitzki, Tony Ingilleri, Sue Ingilleri, Margaret Johnson, Ron Johnson, Carolyn Kerrigan, Tom Kinter, Marie Knighting, Jackie Kraemer, Judi Kuhlrow, Marcia Lagomarsino, Annie Lodato, Art Menard, Joan Merk, Haynes McKinley Morris, Jr., Irene Nadig, Rose Patterson, Donald Raab, Margaret Reilly, Carol Scampoli, Mary Ellen Scango, Carol Starowicz, Marylou Stock, Anna Sturhann, Claire van Nierop, Cornelia Waters, Mike Waters

Please call the office at **434.589.5201** for homebound or hospital visits.

January
Wedding Anniversaries

Congratulations to the following couple who celebrated their Wedding Anniversary in the month of January:

Frank & Emily Pilk 39 years

Ash Wednesday is

Next Week

February 14th	9:00am	St. Joseph's
	Noon	Sts. Peter & Paul
	7:00pm	Sts. Peter & Paul

EVERDAY STEWARDSHIP

Pew Count Sat. - 105 Sun. - 175	JAN 20/21
First Offering	\$ 8,551
First Offering: Faith Direct	\$ 2,202
Total	\$ 10,753
January MTD Debt Reduction	\$ 3,977

The Debt Reduction collection occurs at the beginning of each month.

Our next DEBT REDUCTION Collection is THIS WEEKEND

Thank you and God bless you for your continued support.

Our monthly Bake Sale is this weekend after each Mass. Donations accepted before Mass. Thank you!

The new year is filled with hope and promise as we seek to grow our vital ministries, explore new ways to share the good news of Christ's love, and reflect His care and mercy to those in need throughout the community. To continue to make a difference in 2024, we are reaching out to our parishioners.

We prayerfully request that you consider signing up for eGiving from your computer, smartphone or tablet. You can set up a recurring donation or make a one-time gift by visiting faith.direct/VA249 or calling at 866.507.8757. Thank you for your continued support of our parish family. God bless you!



Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church

4309 Thomas Jefferson Parkway,
Palmyra VA

Eat in or Take out



February

16 & 23

March

1, 8, 15 & 22

[DESSERT DONATIONS ACCEPTED]

Cash, checks, and Credit Cards accepted

\$13 per person:

DRIVE-THRU
4:30 - 6:30P

\$15 per person:

DINE-IN
(includes drink and choice of dessert)
5:30 - 7:00p



PARISH LENTEN LUNCH

Our holiest of seasons begins
Wednesday February 14th.

This means, starting February 16th

Stations of the Cross, Fridays at 12noon,
followed by a light lunch.

I need your very valuable help.

Please sign up to supply either the soup or sandwiches,
we appreciate all who do.

Please help!

CALLING ALL SOUP and SANDWICH MAKERS

THE SIGN UP SHEET IS POSTED ON THE KITCHEN DOOR (in the Commons)

Lent Lunch

For more information contact:

Pat Amato

434.589.7811

Volunteer Coordinator



UPCOMING EVENTS



ADULT FORMATION CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

includes RCIA, offering instruction to unbaptized and non-Catholic persons with interest in being members of the Catholic faith.

Classes meet every Sunday @ 9:30am.



ROOM SCHEDULE

Sat	3-Feb	1st Saturday Mass & Rosary/ Blessing of the Throats	10:00a	Church
		Confessions	4:00p	Church
		Vigil Mass	5:00p	Church
		Bake Sale	6:00p	C
Sun	4-Feb	Confessions	8:30a	St. Joseph's
		Mass	9:00a	St. Joseph's
		CCD/RCIA Faith Formation	9:30a	Parish Hall
		Mass	11:00a	Church
		Bake Sale	12:00p	C
Mon	5-Feb	Rejoice! Bible Study	1:00p	E
		K of C Meeting	6:00p	E/F
Tues	6-Feb	Yoga	11:00a	F
		Parish Council	7:00p	123
Wed	7-Feb	Mass	9:00a	Church
		Scouts	6:30p	F
Thurs	8-Feb	Mass	9:00a	Church
		Cursillo	6:00p	123
Fri	9-Feb	Mass	9:00a	Church
		Adoration	9:30a	Church
		Benediction	3:00p	Church
Sat	10-Feb	Confessions	4:00p	Church
		Vigil Mass	5:00p	Church
		MARDI GRAS Party	6:15p	E/F
Sun	11-Feb	Confessions	8:30a	St. Joseph's
		Mass	9:00a	St. Joseph's
		CCD/RCIA Faith Formation	9:30a	Parish Hall
		Mass	11:00a	Church
Room Ledger:		F - St. Francis (Hall)	R - St. Raphael (Church)	
		E - St. Elizabeth (Hall)	M - St. Michael (Church)	
		C - Commons (Church)		

BIBLE STUDY

Mondays

1:00 - 2:00pm
St. Elizabeth room
Parish Hall

STS. PETER & PAUL

Religious Store

NOW OPEN

religiousstore@saintspeterpaul.org

Great Gift Ideas:

- Rosaries
- Prayer Cards
- Jewelry
- Greeting Cards
- Crucifixes
- Books
- Home Goods
- and More

Hours:

Saturday
3:00-4:30
6:00-6:45
Sunday
9:30-10:30
12:00-1:00
or
By Appointment

SIGN UP TO SPEND AN HOUR WITH JESUS

in the Adoration Chapel

M - Th, 6am - 8pm

Pope Francis reiterates the importance of spending time in Adoration, "for only through silent Adoration will the Word of God live in our words; only in His presence will we be purified, transformed, and renewed by the fire of his Spirit. Brothers and sisters, let us adore the Lord Jesus!"

Contact: Denise Minor - dminor92@gmail.com





Married Couples! Is winter starting to get you down and you find yourself getting a little edgy with your spouse? Perhaps you deserve to get away to renew your relationship. Sign up today for a Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Weekend and get rid of the blahs.

For information or to register, go to WWME.org, click "Apply" and search for "Virginia" or your desired location.

Feel free to contact Mark and Cath Stangler at 703.378.4150 or mstang1987@aol.com with any questions. Here are a few upcoming experiences:

- March 1-3, 2024 - College Park, MD
- April 12-14, 2024 - Herndon, VA

PARISH NURSE NEWS

SENIOR COFFEE SOCIAL

Wednesday, February 28th, 2024

10:00AM in the Commons

We'll continue talking about the "Fourth Quarter of Our Lives" as we explore Chapter 24: You Content Diet (p. 131). Inventory the types of things you usually watch, listen to or read. This content has an impact on our minds and mood. Please join us for discussion and fellowship.

757.813.1992 or caheffley@aol.com.

STS. PETER AND PAUL CATHOLIC CHURCH IS SEEKING A MUSIC DIRECTOR



The part-time Director of Music (DM) is responsible for planning and facilitating music at parish liturgical celebrations. This includes, but is not limited to weekend liturgies, funerals, weddings, Feast Days and prayer services. The DM works closely with the Parish Staff, especially the Pastor, in coordinating music for these celebrations, and provides training for musicians (i.e. Cantors and Pianists) in and outside of the parish.

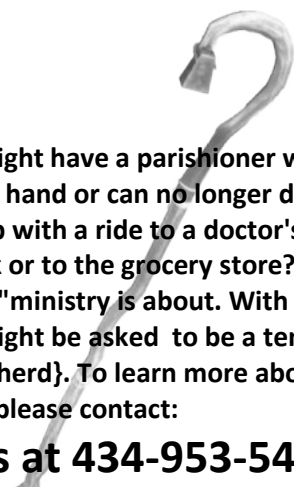
Interested candidates should submit their diocesan application (<https://richmonddiocese.org/office/office-of-human-resources/>), cover letter and resume to the Pastor.

pastor@saintspeterpaul.org



Occasionally we might have a parishioner who needs a temporary helping hand or can no longer drive. Can you make time to help with a ride to a doctor's appointment, church, bank or to the grocery store? This is what the "Good Shepherd" ministry is about. With your name in my call file, you might be asked to be a temporary good Samaritan (Shepherd). To learn more about Good Shepherds ministry, please contact:

Patricia Travers at 434-953-5432



at Sts. Peter & Paul
Saturday, February 10th, 2024

6:30pm - 8:30pm

Food/Refreshments/

Music/Dancing

Child: \$ 5

Adult: \$ 10

Family: \$ 25

**2024 Annual Diocesan Appeal –
Sharing His Love with Others**

**Catholic
Community
Foundation**

of the Diocese of Richmond

2024 Annual Diocesan Appeal

A Message from Our Bishop

By God's grace, in our prayer, worship, reception of the sacraments, we receive all that we need to share his love and hand on our faith to a new generation. Gifts to the Annual Diocesan Appeal help to build up the Church and answer the call to *Share His Love with Others*. When you support the Annual Diocesan Appeal, you help transform the lives of people who, like you, seek to be united in God's love and mercy. I hope you will consider a generous gift to the Annual Diocesan Appeal. Thank you again for sharing what you have received, and may God grant you every grace and blessing.

This week and into next week, many of you will receive a letter from Bishop Knestout asking for your support of the 2024 Annual Diocesan Appeal.

It is our sincere hope that you will answer our Bishop's request and make a generous commitment to this effort.

40 Days for Life Campaign

Join us for an hour of peaceful and prayerful presence each Wednesday, starting on February 14 through March 21, 2024. Saints Peter and Paul Knights of Columbus Council #11475 invites any and all to join us on Wednesdays. We maintain a vigil and pray in front of Planned Parenthood in Charlottesville from 10 -11AM. For carpool information or directions, call **Larry Boice, 434-510-7677**. There is ample parking across the street from the site, for those who choose to meet us there.



Catholic Q & A

IS GOSSIP A SIN?

Question:

Is gossip a mortal sin?

Answer:

To really ask this question, we must consider the Eighth Commandment: "You shall not bear false witness."

In its reflections on this commandment, The Catechism of the Catholic Church invites us to not only think about what bearing "false witness" means, but to also consider how we understand the truth and how we communicate more broadly. This is why so much of this section of the Catechism has to do with the gift of language. With this in mind, we will notice that the word "gossip" isn't used by the Catechism. Instead, we find the words "detraction" and "calumny," which are actually two forms that gossip can take, and both can be quite serious.

First, detraction is the of revealing "another's faults and failings to persons who did not know them," without morally valid reasons. Calumny, by extension, is saying something about another person that is untrue, and it is sinful because it "harms the reputation of others and gives occasion for false judgements" (see no. 2477).

In all of our communication, we have to always recognize that we have a moral obligation to the truth and to always work to protect the reputation and honor of our neighbors (see no. 2479).

Gossip can, in fact, prove to be a very serious sin. After all, the Catechism reminds us: "No one is bound to reveal the truth to someone who does not have the right to know it" (no. 2489). When we have gossiped, especially if we are aware we have damaged another person's good name or reputation, we want to make every effort to undo the damage we have done, including seeking the grace and forgiveness offered in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.



Do you have old sneakers you no longer wear?



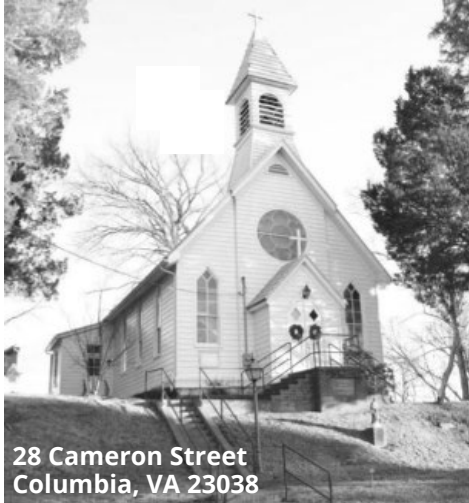
**Catholic Health Initiatives
for Uganda can use them! There is a box at the
front door where they may be placed.**

Just sneakers, please!

*Catholic Health Initiatives for Uganda is a 501(c) (3) non-profit entity.
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ST. JOSEPH'S Shrine of St. Katharine Drexel

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EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

THE AUDACITY OF HOLINESS

Do you know a holy person? I'm not talking about piety — that's important, too, in its own way. But right now, I'm speaking of holiness.

St. Therese of Lisieux called holiness “a disposition of the heart that makes us humble and little in the arms of God, aware of our weakness, and confident — in the most audacious way — in His Fatherly goodness.”

The holy person sees a storm on the horizon of life, and rather than give themselves over to fear and despair (natural and understandable reactions), regards the gathering winds as an opportunity to rely more fully on God. The holy person takes a bad situation and sanctifies it with charity and understanding that defies our fallen human nature.

Peter's mother-in-law was still in the throes of a fever when Jesus grasped her hand. It wasn't until she took his hand and allowed him to help her up that “the fever left her and she waited on them.” Before the fever could leave her, she had to commit to holiness — to put her trust in him in a most audacious way. She had to find it within herself to lift her weakened hand to grasp his — and as soon as she did, she was rewarded. Her bodily health restored, she gave thanks, and attended to his needs.

God's hand is always outstretched to us. Will we take it, even if the fever of sin and pride and worldly concerns rages in our souls? Will we muster the strength? Will we be audacious enough to have confidence in His Fatherly goodness?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS





January

Wedding Anniversaries



Congratulations to the following couple who celebrated their Wedding Anniversary in January:

Courtney & Shannon Land
20 Years



PRAYER REQUESTS



MaryEllen Agolia * Bradford Barrows *
 Maria Correa * Nona Dooley *
 Alice Galvez-Sobral * Mauricio Granados *
 Will Kulick * Andy Mallory *
 India Martin * Angelica Motta *
 Odila Motta * Oscar Motta *
 Thelma Motta * Denise Pillar *
 Christine Stewart * John Stewart *
 Jordan Watkins * Diane Wolfe *

If you have pictures or ministry information to be added to St. Joseph's website, please email Melissa at: kenneymg@gmail.com

If you would like to honor a loved one by having a Mass said for them, contact the office at Sts. Peter and Paul at 434.589.5201 to arrange an available date at least 6 months out.



EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Sometimes we can feel like we are living the life of Job: everything is going wrong all at the same time. Everyone finds himself or herself in a valley once in awhile. How we got there is not nearly as important as how are we going to get out.

Everyday stewards are called to be grateful for all things, large and small. It is easier to be grateful for obvious things like family, health, and life itself, than it is to look for the ordinary gifts in our life. When we cultivate a sense of wonder and thankfulness for the many little things in life we find ourselves more resilient in times of trial. We can look out our window and see all those gifts in creation. We can look around our home and see all the things people take too easily for granted. Imagine life without some of the simplest things like clothing, warmth, water, and furniture. There are people in this world that long for all of those things. But God has given them for your benefit and for you to share with others.

Before Lent begins in a couple weeks, take the time to create a list of at least 10 things that you normally take for granted. Keep that list handy and maybe add to it from time-to-time. When life seems hard and that cloud seems to hang over our heads, bring out the list and let gratefulness lift you up and out of your plight so that once again you can be about your Father's work.

--Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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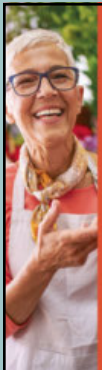
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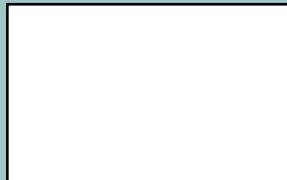
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