



Full Circle

Where Behavioral Health and Spirituality Meet

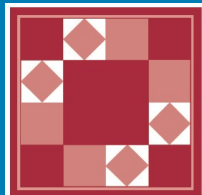
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Chaplain Volunteers Needed

We can use your support in identifying chaplain volunteers who serve alongside our chaplains and function as great sources of referral.

We have "lost" four chaplain volunteers during the past year and hope there is someone in your congregation who has a heart for this kind of volunteer service. Our chaplain volunteers try to visit all new admissions, inquire about their faith status (if it is unclear or unknown), distribute devotional literature and Bibles, and make referrals to our chaplains.

If there is someone in your congregation whom you feel might be a good candidate for this important "lay ministry," please have that person contact me at cyusavitz@pennfoundation.org.

The Role of Chaplains and Chaplain Volunteers at Grand View Hospital

By: Rev. Carl Yusavitz, Director of Pastoral Services

A number of pastors have inquired about the status of pastoral care at Grand View Hospital, following the former Director of Pastoral Care's resignation some years ago. Since then, Penn Foundation entered into a contractual agreement with the hospital to provide chaplaincy services five days a week from about 10:00 am until 2:30 pm. Although there is no official overnight or weekend coverage, we do have a Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) intern who visits patients for four hours on Saturday and four hours on Sunday as well a chaplain volunteer who is "on call" on Friday nights only.

Our chaplains are Rev. Mike Hedrick, who coordinates our pastoral coverage and ministers on Wednesdays and Thursdays; Penny Naugle, who ministers on Mondays and Tuesdays; and Phyllis Ward and Elizabeth Lerch, who rotate Fridays. All of our chaplains came to us with years of formal ministerial education and experience, CPE, and endorsement by their denominations.

Our chaplaincy contract with Grand View Hospital is among a number of other contracts we have with the hospital, like Crisis Services (in the Emergency Department) and doing "psychiatric evaluations." Some of you may remember the inpatient psychiatric unit that Penn Foundation managed years ago but is now closed.

Should you want to contact one of our chaplains, you can call 215.453.4970 or send an email to chaplains@gvh.org.



I Have Been Entombed

by: Joyce Rupp

I have been entombed / Within the ego and the self;
I have been dead / Within the walls of winter.

I have long lain aside / The hope that once I knew,
Many forgotten truths / Line the path of wilderness.

I have grown weary / With the waiting cocoon;
I have sensed with sorrow / The pain of transformation.



Yet in the graceful stillness / Of this early April morning,
I am greeted in love / With inside Eastering.

I stand before this moment / With silent, rising sun
And page-full of Scripture / And I proclaim: **I am coming forth!**

I've left the linens of winter / Lying there behind me;
I've shook off the dust of the dead / And I'm bounding forth in Spirit.

It is time to break loose. / It is time to come forth.
It is time to allow life / To wing its way into depths.

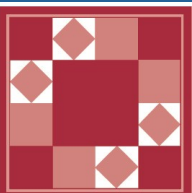
This is the season of my Savior / The One whom God raised from the dead.
This is the moment of resurrection / And I know it is the right time.

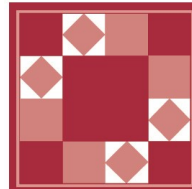
For I am coming forth, / Coming forth from the tomb
And just like my God risen, I feel bonded with the world,
I feel all brokenness brought unto one.



I am on my way to bless bread / With each of my dear friends:
I'm on my way to offer presence / To all those I meet on the road;
I'm on my way to bring resurrection To all who need God's healing Life.

It is Easter / And I proclaim:
I've been raised from the dead! / I am coming forth from the tomb!





The Ability to Laugh at "Life"



The Sufi imam "Rahman" told this story to his disciples, but its wisdom can resonate with all of us. He called the story "*Nobody Knows the Trouble I've Seen.*"

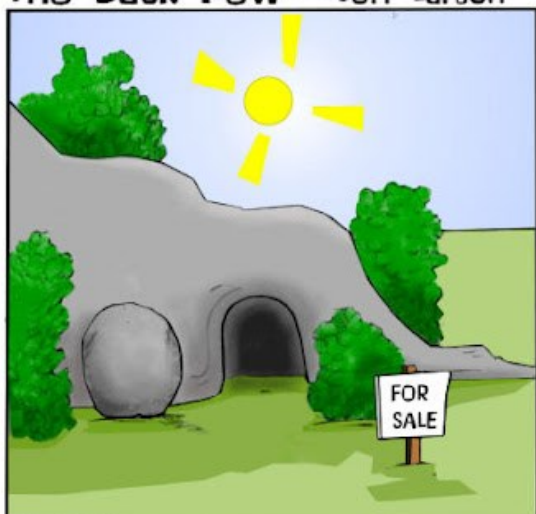
The Mulla Nasruddin took his donkey to the marketplace every day and put it up for sale. But each time a customer approached, the donkey kicked, and even bit, the potential buyer. Finally, someone asked the Mulla how he ever expected to sell his donkey if the animal exhibited such difficult behavior. The Mulla then went on to say, "Actually, I have no intention of selling my donkey. I just want everyone to know the trouble I have to put up with with this animal!"



"Everyone has genius, but if you judge a fish by its ability to climb a tree, it will spend its entire life believing it is stupid."

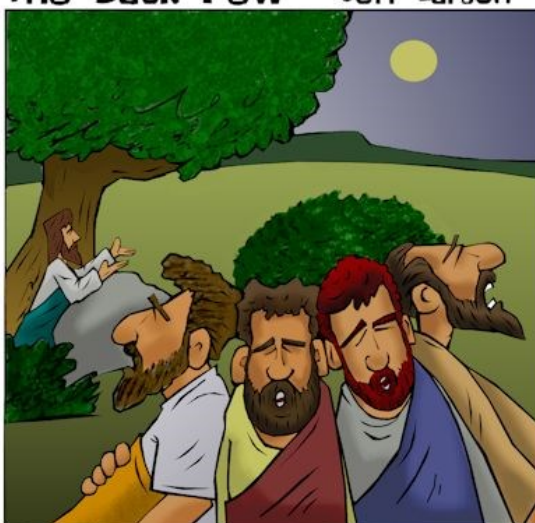
~ Albert Einstein

The Back Pew - Jeff Larson

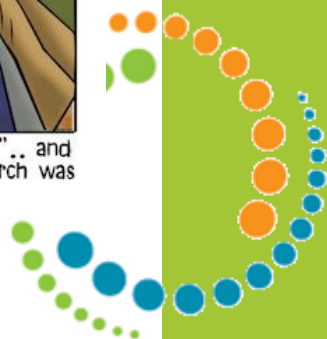


FOR SALE - Single owner tomb. Only used three days, and still has that new tomb smell. Reason for sale.. resident was resurrected.

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Jesus told his disciples to "WATCH AND PRAY".. and the time honored tradition of sleeping in church was born. **Mt. 26:36-46**



Upcoming Events

**APRIL IS NATIONAL AUTISM
AWARENESS MONTH**

join us in
CELEBRATION



awareness

action

acceptance

inclusion

appreciation

Art and Poetry Show and Sale

May 1 – 31, 2017 | Indian Valley Public Library (100 E. Church Avenue, Telford)

Throughout May, the Indian Valley Public Library will display artwork and poetry created by individuals who are recovering from mental illness or addictions. Join us on Friday, May 26th for a reception featuring a meet-and-greet with the artists and poetry readings.

Word Share

Friday, May 5, 2017 | Penn Foundation - Loux Healthcare Center - Univest Community Room

Join us for an inspirational evening of personal stories, essays, poetry, and art celebrating mental health and addiction recovery. Refreshments will be served.

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