

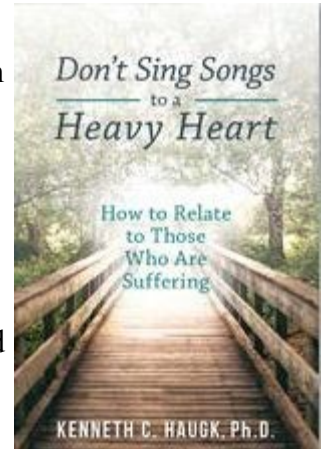
The Air Hill Breezes

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Since I have begun at Air Hill, several people of our congregation experienced grief with the death of a family member, not to mention we as a congregation experienced the death of two members. Death never stops. Grief follows. How do we respond? I received an ad from Stephens Ministries about some resources to help with grief. Kenneth Haugh wrote one of those resources called "Don't Sing Songs to a Heavy Heart: How to Relate to Those Who are Suffering." "What do you say or do to those who are grieving?" is the theme of the book. No doubt you may have been stuck for words at times and have wondered what to say to those who have experienced the death of a loved one. Or, no doubt you have experienced the sting of wrong words as you yourself were grieving. This book will help you out.



Let me tell you a story and his response from the book:

In March 1993, the University of Michigan played the University of North Carolina for the NCAA basketball championship. Michigan had a particularly good team that year and was favored to win. They didn't. The University of North Carolina played an excellent game, and right at the end of the game, Michigan made a costly mistake that caused them to lose the game.

With the University of Michigan team already in its locker room, the Michigan coach, Steve Fisher, was interviewed briefly just outside the locker room door. One of the sports reporters asked Coach Fisher, "What are you going to tell your team?"

Coach Fisher replied, "Cry, feel awful."

On the surface this seems like a very uncoachable thing to say. Shouldn't a coach be saying to players, "We'll win next year," or "You can be proud of yourselves, you played a good game," or "We did well even to get this far"? But there was brilliance in what Steve Fisher said. The brilliance lay in a coach who was helping his players to feel first things first, to acknowledge that they felt terrible to have come this far and then to have lost. What a way to clear out their emotions so that team members could get on with their lives.

Kenneth Haugh is right. We often don't let people grieve. We often come up with statements that desire the bereaved to move on from their grief even before the person has grieved. Why don't we let people grieve? One reason: We don't want to deal with it. Yes, you heard me. We don't want to deal with a person's grief. That takes work. In fact, if we have any sense of empathy, that takes grief, for we will grieve with the person. Our lack of love for the bereaved often does not allow people to grieve well. Yet, good grief is needed to bring healing.

"Grief is **NOT** a disorder, a disease or sign of weakness. It is an emotional, physical and spiritual **necessity**, the price you pay for love. The only cure for grief is to **grieve**" -- Earl Grollman
*unspokengrief.com

If you want to know how to help people grieve, this is a very good book. If you don't like what I wrote, "you need to get over it." Wait a minute, that is one of the wrong things to say to those who are grieving. I shouldn't have said that. Let me try again. "I know how you feel." Oops, that's another wrong thing to say. Yes, you better read the book, and I better stop writing.

Pastor John

CHURCH BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

- ◆ An Ad Hoc Committee will be formed to review our insurance policy
- ◆ Discussion continues on the direction of hiring an additional pastor.
- ◆ Motion to increase Sunday morning breakfast budget to \$1800 was approved.
- ◆ Property Managers informed the board of their project priorities.
 - ◆ Sanctuary Repairs
 - ◆ Gym Floor
 - ◆ Parking Lot Repair/Reseal



**A Big Thank You to the Air Hill Church Body!!
28 Bags of Food was donated to MCC.**

**(Also a special thank you to Ray and Betty Alleman
for delivering the bags.)**

On Sunday, April 28th, 5 Sunday School Classes competed against each other in a game of Bible Jeopardy. Classes pitted mother against son and father against son.

The teams were:

Noble Bereans: Dennis Diehl, Ruth Lehman, Tom Todd, Betty Mummert

Center Square: Ray Myers, Dave Longacre, Nancy Melhorn, Ruth Shissler

Hope Class: Curtis Martin, Fred Ocker, Anthony Ogburn, Carol Kellogg

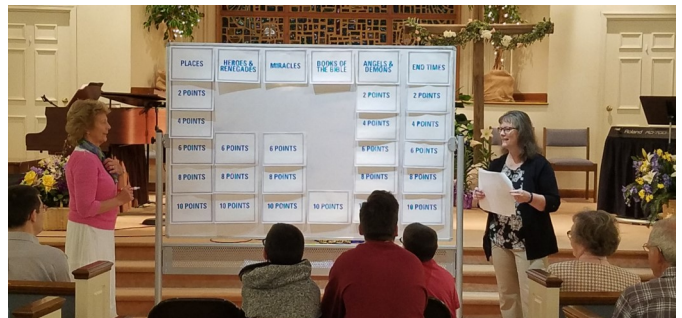
Young Adults: Andrew Melhorn, Ashton Heckman, Kyle Grove, Sadie Anderson

High School: Hunter Ledford, Ian Wenger, Benjamin Martin, Kelsey Hawbaker



Winning class was the Center Square who were awarded with a "Gold Medal" made of Hershey's Gold Candy Bar.

Thank you to everyone that participated and cheered. It was a fun time of Bible knowledge and competition.



Spring Cleanup

The Property Managers thanks everyone that came out on Saturday morning, April 27th, to help with the outside clean up day. Many hands made the work enjoyable and light. The work looks beautiful and is much appreciated.



Looks like these guys are employed by the state.



Can you spot what Lauryn is looking at?



Congratulations Graduates

Nathan Golter



for my future plans i would like to work for a little while then go back to school for h-vac and maybe start my own business later

Caleb Johnson



After graduation, Caleb plans to continue to work in his chosen field of auto collision at Integrity Mechanical Enterprise full time ,and work part time at Dream Farms.

Benjamin Martin



I'm not quite sure what I'm doing yet. For now I am working with my father and brother building houses, but I'm hoping and trying to pursue acting! I've done it all my life and I love singing, acting and dancing. Right now I'm looking into some local theaters like Capital Theater in Chambersburg, The Totem Pole Playhouse and The Washington County Playhouse. I am also thinking about the possibility of trying for the Sight and Sound Conservatory , so in the meantime, I'd like to work on my acting skills and hone in on the abilities God has given me.

Kimarha Jones



I plan on going to school to teach the gospel to all ages and go on mission trips as well.

Congratulations
On Your Graduation



For the LORD
gives wisdom,
from his mouth
come knowledge
and understanding
Proverbs 2:6



It's almost here!!!!
July 15-19, 12:30
PM - 4:30 PM
Register online by
www.airhillchurch.org

VBS Dates:

June 19th: 6-8 pm Work Night
July 7th: Volunteer Training after Worship Service
July 10th: Volunteer Training Make Up @ 6 pm in the Annex
July 6th & 13th: Work Days beginning @ 9 am



Heart Adventures with PuppyGirl

By Barbara A. Johns
Illustrated by Sandra Whipple

Check out this new book in the library. The author lives in the same community with Ruth Murphy.

The author of Heart Adventures with PuppyGirl, the series, Barbara A. Johns is a retired Hospice Registered Nurse. She moved from Northern California to her home town of Chambersburg, Pennsylvania with her LittleBestFriend, Abby (better known as PuppyGirl to her new special friends) in 2017.

After being recruited to work in California, she followed the leading of the Holy Spirit to travel west, which she admits, turned into the most rewarding experience of her life. Driving

across America alone with her Abby was the beginning of her inspirational writing of the Heart Adventures with PuppyGirl series and her poetry centered on God's care and wonders.

Working as a Hospice nurse provided her with many opportunities to frequent the rendering of soul searching thoughts to people facing their final journey in life. At times, with PuppyGirl at her side, providing solace from pain and loneliness she has touched many hearts.



JUNE SPIRITUAL EXERCISE

- Research the ministry of Pregnancy Ministries of Chambersburg. Check out their website. Read a brochure. Discover what they do and where they do it.
- Pray for Pregnancy Ministries this month.
- Take a baby bottle/s and fill it with coins and money. Return it by June 16.
- Look for ways to uphold the sanctity of each human life.

PMI 
pregnancy ministries, inc.





AIR HILL STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

“To grow a healthy, loving, Christ centered church family that has a passion for reaching the community and the world for Christ”

Sun

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Sat

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2 9 am S.S. 10 am Worship	3	4 6 pm Prop. Mgt 6:30 Men's Basketball	5 6:30 Adult Bible Study	6	7	8
9 10:30 Worship/Picnic in the Park <u>No Services at Church</u>	10 7 pm Church Board	11 8:30 Men's Breakfast 6:30 Men's Basketball	12 6:30 Adult Bible Study	13	14	15
16 9 am S.S. 10 am Worship 	17	18 Red Cross Blood Drive	19 6:00 VBS Work Night 6:30 Adult Bible Study	20	21	22
23 9 am S.S. 10 am Worship	24	25 6:30 Men's Basketball	26 6:30 Adult Bible Study	27	28	29
30 9 am S.S. 10 am Worship 6:30 pm Praise/Worship						