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Our Mission

To be a transformed and transforming community in Christ.

Our Vision

Change lives, ours and others'.

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Through Cokesbury Windows

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Thanks for Creativity

Thursday night (April 19), I went to Central Academy of Technology & Arts in Monroe to see the students' show, "On the Town". Marty is a full-time teacher at the school and she is also the music director of the show. CATA's student shows have enjoyed a great reputation, producing national award winners. As has been the case every year, this year's production proved excellent again. The choreography, music and sound effects, student's acting, singing, and dancing, were all so wonderful. I thanked God in my heart for placing such a great gift of music in Marty, which she uses fully and generously with the students, helping them find great channels for their creative energy.

That also brings to mind my gratitude (and yours) to Tammy Gilmore for her creativity and dedication in preparing the Prayer Stations at the end of Holy Week and on Easter Sunday. Those 15 stations, each of which focused on an individual or a group of people who took part in Jesus' suffering and death, helped us greatly to remember and appreciate the story and its meaning. All kinds of props – buttons, fabrics, colored sands, paper pieces, ribbons, framed pictures, just to name a few – were placed in appropriate locations throughout the Fellowship Hall, providing us with opportunities to ponder on our sins, to repent, to write down prayer concerns, and to talk with God in prayer.

Upon her request, I took all the prayer concerns that she had collected and held each of them in my hands and prayed for them. Oh, the beauty of honest expressions from the heart! The sacredness of each petition to the Lord of our lives! May you know that all your petitions have been heard by God. The God of Jesus Christ, merciful and just, will answer all of them!

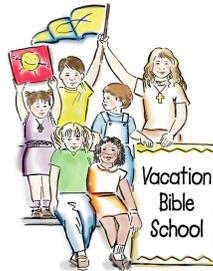
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- Jim & Carol Black, Phil & Marta Cox and Martha Simpson gave gifts to the Budget Fund in memory of **Bobbie DeViney** and **Sandy Fowler**.
- Ed & Diane Bolster gave gifts to the Starfish Ministries in memory of **Bobbie DeViney** and **Sandy Fowler**.
- Jenny Cox and Eric & Allison Hoffman gave gifts to the Memorial Fund in memory of **Sandy Fowler**.
- Pat McKenzie gave a gift to the UMYF Fund in memory of **Sandy Fowler**.
- Pat McKenzie, and the Prime Timers gave gifts to the Budget Fund in memory of **Bobbie DeViney**.
- Tom & Mickey Helms and Judy Sims gave gifts to the Memorial Fund in memory of **Bobbie DeViney** and **Sandy Fowler**.
- Flo Sowell gave a gift to the Budget Fund in memory of **her mother**.



Bruce Fowler and his family greatly appreciate the outpouring of love, prayers, support, and gifts in the passing of Sandy.



By Tammy Gilmore

The 2018 Vacation Bible School (July 9-12 from 2:00-4:00 p.m.) needs you to start saving the following for our *Going Green for Jesus* activities: empty toilet paper and paper towel rolls, plastic caps from any size bottles, empty plastic water bottles, empty K-cups or Keurig coffee cups (small). We may need a few other items once we finalize our projects. Please save these items and we will put out a collection box after Mother' Day. We will stop collecting these items around July 4. Please also consider volunteering for this fun and exciting event. We will be in touch soon with more details. Remember the 3 R's: Reduce, Reuse, Recycle.