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[Ezra 3:10-13](#)

Tuesday my article dealt with the sadness that we feel when we are grieving. Today I want to talk about the joy we can find as we move forward.

When my husband, Jim, died seven years ago, I did not want to think about it. I threw myself into buying a new home, totally renovating it, selling my other home, distributing most of Jim's belongings to family and charities, and it was not until all these tasks were done that I was forced to grieve.

I realized that even though I had no real desire to continue living, my days were not yet done. God had work for me to do. There were a number of tearful days before I was able to pull myself out of the sadness and begin to look forward. I started volunteering as a Guardian ad Litem, helping at Oldsmar Cares, and at the school where my daughter teaches. As I helped others, I was also helping myself to find purpose and meaning in life. When I took on the job of caring for a two month old little boy, I had no idea how much joy he would bring to my life.

While right now it is difficult to see what the future holds for Palm Harbor United Methodist Church, I believe God has great plans for us. I believe that as we reach out to help one another and to help those in this community who are in need, we will find renewed purpose and meaning for our church and for each one of us.

Let us cry our tears but let us also shout for joy that we are alive and that God is not done with us yet! There will be much for us to do as we move forward.

With love and hope,
Rev. Sharon

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Sunday, July 19
7:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.
Belcher Parking Lot

All donors will receive a wellness checkup including blood pressure, temperature, iron count, pulse and cholesterol screening.

Pop the Trunk for School Supplies

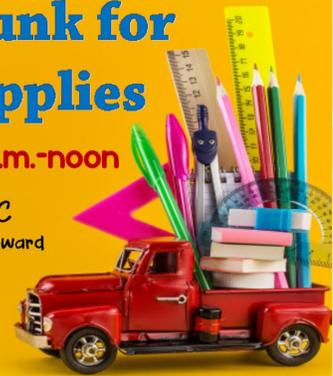
Tues., July 28 10 a.m.-noon

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Check out the list of items needed on www.phumc.net

Supplies and donations will be accepted.



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