

Dear Aquia Church family,

As many of you know, Mary Karcher, long-time editor of The Cross Section Newsletter, died on June 15th. Mary was well beloved here at Aquia. She was a fastidious editor, always making sure that the newsletter got out in the best possible form and in the timeliest manner possible. Mary was deeply involved at Aquia, having served in different capacities throughout her 25 years in this church. She was a loving wife to Dave, a doting mother to David and Christopher, a devoted friend to all she met, and one of the kindest people I have ever known. She will be sorely missed in this place. But there is hope! We will see Mary again in the resurrection of the dead. She is at rest in Jesus now. But what a joy that day will be when we can see her again.

Since Mary was the editor of The Cross Section Newsletter at the time of her death, we have decided to take a month off from publishing the newsletter as a way of honoring Mary. We hope to recommence with the August issue. In the meantime, I want to thank God for the service that Mary offered to Aquia Church for the many years that she, Dave, David, and Christopher have been here. Please keep Dave, David, and Christopher in your prayers during this time of grief.

In Christ,

The Rev. James R. Rickenbaker

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