

*Let us  
consider how to  
provoke one another  
to love and  
good deeds...*

*Hebrews 10:24,  
NRSV*

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The submission deadline for the  
*Holiday* issue of Windows is  
November 10<sup>th</sup>.

***THANK YOU FOR  
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## From The Pastor's Heart



Taking a walk this week, I noticed a familiar scene: Leaves are beginning to fall; a cool nip is in the air. The season of summer is over and fall is here, moving us towards winter. Every season has its own, unique blend of opportunities and challenges. However, the fall season can be a simple time of reflection, a time to assess the deeper things of life.

As we enter this time of the year there, is so much we can be grateful for. I love reflecting on how God has blessed us in so many ways. When we think of how God has guided us through another year, day by day, knowing that He is in charge, we are blessed. As we celebrate this time of the year everyone has a reason to be thankful. I love the reasons some children gave their teacher when asked why they like Thanksgiving:

Mary, age 8: *"Because it's the season where everyone joins together."*

Kyle, age 6: *"Because it's a happy day and my grandma cooks a lot especially cookies."*

Fred, age 5: *"I love Thanksgiving because there is so much to be thankful for."*

This past month has been a special time for all of us as we've been focusing on simply **DRAWING NEAR** to God and then watching God work in our lives, the families in our church and community. There are times we face difficult and unexpected life challenges and decisions. We can learn much from the words penned from apostle Paul: **"Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."** (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18)

Apostle Paul is calling followers of Jesus to an amazing life here...not an easy life, but a great one. Paul's words challenge us

that a joyful, thankful and prayerful life is more than a November holiday. It's a lifestyle. This begs a question for me: **How can we give thanks in all circumstances in every season of life? What happens when we GROW in our thankfulness?** I found the following response in some notes I found. I'm not sure where I got this, but one I wanted to share this with you.

**G - Give yourself to others.**

Thanksgiving, to be truly Thanksgiving, is first thanks, then giving. To some of you, expression of gratitude to God could be in the form of giving financially to a charity, to some other of you, expression of gratitude to God could be in the form of serving others – not because they deserve it, but because God expects it.

**R - Reflect on God's goodness.**

It has often been pointed out that thinking precedes thanking. When we are presented with a gift, it is because we think of its significance and meaning that we are led to express our appreciation. So start with your reflection about the goodness of God every day, and in every way. God is good.

**O - Overcome discouragement through praise.**

The best weapon against discouragement is praise and thanksgiving. Whenever you feel discouraged you should praise and give thanks to God right away. Learn from the Psalms of how people give thanks to God amidst their circumstances. Listen to praise songs, singing them out loud and let the lyrics remind you of the good grace of God.

**W - Walk in the light of an amazing God.**

God is sovereign. God is in control. God knows how things must work out for good. That means all I have comes from Him, and as such I should be thankful. The bigger God become in your life the easier for you to give thanks to Him; so enlarge your vision of God, keep looking up until you see Him, and then He will even be bigger still.

When we are thankful, it's just about impossible to be hopeless. It's much harder to be greedy or envious, or to be demanding or fixated on your own needs. If you are thankful,

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## **MISSIONS CONFERENCE 2019**

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16**

**100 Minutes of Service - Service projects**  
**10:00 am - 1:00 pm**

**FUMC** - Ed Davis leading  
**Soul Cafe** - Scott Alexander leading  
**Neighborhood Center** - Sharyn Bailey leading

**Evening Passport - Evening program at FUMC**  
**6:00 pm - 8:00 pm**

Join us for a meal, an evening of learning about different cultures and hearing from our missionaries

Visit passport control when you arrive and try to find where our missionaries are stationed throughout the church building

Taste food from each culture and also eat a meal together while hearing stories of what God is doing from around the world

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17**

### **Sunday Missions Conference**

8:30 am - Sanctuary - Hear from one of our Missionaries about the work they are involved in.

9:40 am - Breakout Sessions - Join one of 3 seminar options to hear more of the work around the world from our missionaries.

10:45am - Sanctuary - Hear a mission's message from a guest.



**Alan Bachmann, FL**

## **PRECIOUS IN GOD'S EYES**

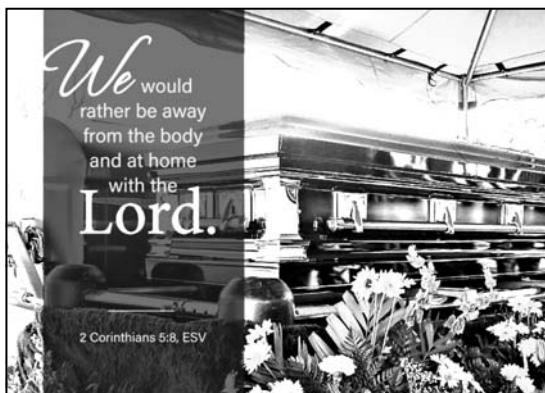
My dear Barbara was called into the presence of her Savior, Sunday, 25 August. Her declining health was the specific concern to depart Brasil, September 2016 and our active ministry at 80, to Good Samaritan Village, Kissimmee, Florida.

We sailed for Brasil, 27 September 1960. It was our people, land, language and ministry for 56 years. God blessed us, our children, grands and "greats" serving our Lord in languages and cultures of His choice and plan. Identity, nuances of culture and languages, set our learning in a practical way, as God promised to Jeremiah (29:11).

Dear Barbara never questioned God's care, living in a palm or ramshackle dwelling, nursing me "done in" with malaria and I caring for her whenever ill. Barbara always put others first, raising our 5 who excelled in Portuguese and in other languages.

They graduated from Bible colleges, universities and specialized training. Barbara and I prayed daily for kids, spouses, the grand kids and "greats." When I could help Barbara recall God's every care of all, she had good cries of joy and rejoicing when I told her how God has kept each one in His loving care, tears of joy and gratefulness flowed!

Engaged in high school, we married during Bible college, studied linguistics, missionary medicine, each step as God led us along. To our Savior and Lord all glory and praise. Barbara in Heaven, me (Alan) here, and our five children and families: Daniel and Renata, Paul and Elizabeth, David and Aldenora, Tim and Avaniide, Beth and Jonas.



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**Boxley and Joyce Boggs, FL**

We always think about you and pray for you along with all our supporters. It is impossible to express the joy and gratitude we feel as we remember your generous partnership with us for so many years. God has done so much during all this time, both at First Church and in our own lives and ministry. All to His glory!

Right now, as I write this, we are anxiously awaiting word from a very dear friend, Robin Weatherford, on Abaco Island in the Bahamas. He works among Haitians who have ended up on that island in their efforts to escape the unbearable conditions in Haiti. Hurricane Dorian has virtually obliterated Abaco and, because communications are disrupted, we don't know how Robin, the church, and the Haitian brothers and sisters fared in the storm. We know that several on the island have died. To see the unbelievable destruction of the island on the news takes our breath away. They will need a lot of help, for sure, in restoring what has been blown to smithereens by Dorian. I hope to visit them before long to see how I can help.

The situation in Haiti is also very sad indeed. The poverty is unmerciful and widespread, crime is rampant, and the political situation is chaotic with roadblocks, threats, violence and virtual anarchy. All in a so far unsuccessful effort to overthrow the president. Praise the Lord, in the midst of the turmoil the gospel is more powerful than ever; churches are thriving and the faith of believers is strong. We communicate almost daily with friends there and help as best we can from a distance. As I did earlier this year, I am again scheduled to go to Haiti in February as chaplain and translator for a team of surgeons and nurses. I look forward to being with these skilled medical volunteers and our Haitian brothers and sisters again. God always uses my time with them to humble my heart to be a faithful servant as they are in the midst of trouble. Please pray for this suffering nation we love and its many believers.

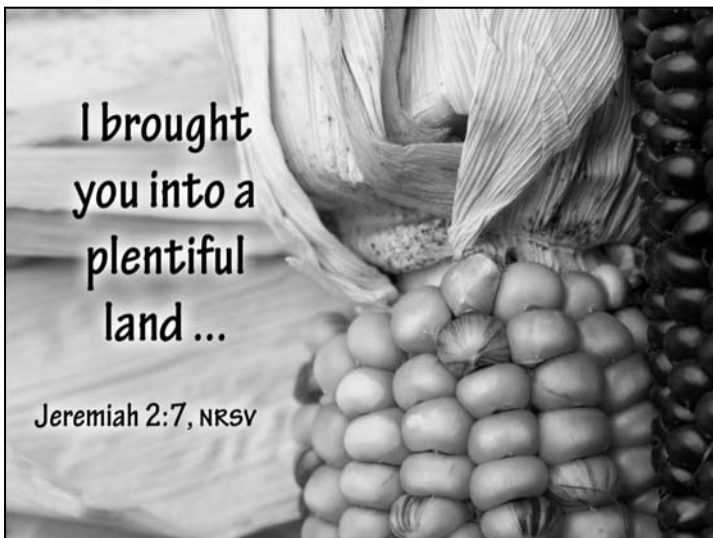
**Mark and Carol Hepner, Ohio**

I leave once again for Papua New Guinea (PNG) on Oct 8. I'll be gone for eight weeks. I'll be leading a Translator Training Workshop for 14 people and 10 of those folks will be staying on for the Translation Consultant Training Workshop that will immediately follow. Those two workshops will be held at the main SIL center, Ukarumpa. During that time I will also do the pre-publication consultant check of the Gospel of Mark in the Kapin language. Then I'll travel to Lae town on the coast of Morobe Province to do some more training with the seven Papua New Guinea translation



teams working in the Huon Gulf cluster project. During my weeks in Lae, I will help a consultant check the book of Genesis in the Buang language and supervise a Papua New Guinean consultant trainee as he tries his hand at checking some of that book as well.

We would appreciate your prayers for the folks who will attend these various training opportunities and “face-to-face” consultant checking sessions, and for Carol and myself as well. December will mark our 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary as members of Wycliffe and I’ve been feeling my age for a while now. I’ve never been a fireball of energy and so, for me, the travel is tiring, the teaching is tiring, and the cross-cultural translation checking is, well, tiring. But I’m honored and content to get tired for the Kingdom. Despite the weariness, these PNG trips are always the highlight of my year. As always, our goal is to see Papua New Guinean believers eagerly reading the Scriptures in their own mother-tongues. We long to see them reading their translations because they have an over-riding, Spirit-inspired desire to please and honor God the way Jesus did, with the kind of consistency and perseverance that Jesus demonstrated, even when it got him into hot water with his own people. These are lofty goals, and translation work is only part of the process of seeing “God’s kingdom come and God’s will being done on earth the same way it’s done in heaven.” But it’s an important part, and we are so glad that many of you have teamed up with us to help that process move forward. Please pray for strength and stamina for me, for the provision of our “daily bread,” and for Carol’s well-being during the coming weeks of separation.





**Don't forget to  
turn your clocks  
back an hour on  
November 3<sup>rd</sup>!**

Please bring in your Operation  
Christmas Child Shoeboxes by  
Wednesday, November 13<sup>th</sup>.



**THE NEXT MEN'S BREAKFAST WILL BE  
HELD ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16<sup>TH</sup>  
AT 8:00 AM.**

**THE SPEAKER IS JASON OSTRANDER,  
FORMER NATIONAL YOUTH DIRECTOR  
FOR CHRISTIAN MISSIONARY ALLIANCE.  
HE HAS ALSO SHARED HIS MESSAGES  
ALL OVER THE WORLD. HE IS MARRIED  
AND HAS 2 SONS, LIAM AND JOSH.**

# NOVEMBER SERMONS AND SCRIPTURES



- November 3     *Loving while being more GRACEFUL*     Matthew 7:1-2  
                    **Communion**
- November 10    *Loving while being more BOLD*     Matthew 21:12
- November 17    Missions Weekend
- November 24    *Loving while being SELF-GIVING*     Luke 9:24



**May the Lord make you  
increase and abound in  
Love for one another  
and for all...**

**1 Thessalonians 3:12, NRSV**

## IRELAND MISSION TRIP

**November 10 - 14**

**Cost: \$450 + airfare**

**(Missions Committee offers some  
scholarships.)**

On this trip you will be getting first hand access to strategy and vision to serve the people of Dublin and post-Christian catholic Europe. Our staff are on the front lines of the response to the elevated rates of addiction and suicide as well as the mounting refugee and immigration crisis that are facing Europe. Please see Pastor Matt if you are interested or need more information.



NOVEMBER			
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
<b>3</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> Traditional Worship Service <b>9:40 AM</b> Sunday School <b>10:45 AM</b> Contemporary Worship Service <b>6:00 PM</b> Ryver  <i><b>DAYLIGHT SAVINGS  TIME ENDS</b></i>	<b>4</b> Church Office Closed <b>7:00 PM</b> Finance Meeting	<b>5</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> Followers Bible Study	<b>6</b> <b>6:45 PM</b> "Draw <b>6:45 PM</b> Mast
<b>10</b> <b>Ireland Trip</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> Traditional Worship Service <b>9:40 AM</b> Sunday School <b>10:45 AM</b> Contemporary Worship Service <b>6:00 PM</b> Ryver	<b>11</b> Church Office Closed <b>Ireland Trip</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> Discipleship Meeting  <i><b>VETERAN'S DAY</b></i>	<b>12</b> <b>Ireland Trip</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> Followers Bible Study	<b>13</b> <b>Ireland Trip</b> Operation Chr shoeboxes du <b>6:45 PM</b> Mast
<b>17</b> <b>Missions Festival</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> Traditional Worship Service <b>9:40 AM</b> Sunday School <b>10:45 AM</b> Contemporary Worship Service <b>6:00 PM</b> Ryver	<b>18</b> Church Office Closed <b>7:00 PM</b> Church Council	<b>19</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> Followers Bible Study	<b>20</b> <b>6:00 PM</b> "Draw Dinner <b>6:45 PM</b> "Draw <b>6:45 PM</b> Mast
<b>24</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> Traditional Worship Service <b>9:40 AM</b> Sunday School <b>10:45 AM</b> Contemporary Worship Service	<b>25</b> Church Office Closed <b>7:00 PM</b> Trustees Meeting	<b>26</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> Followers Bible Study	<b>27</b>

## ER 2019

<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Saturday</b>
		1      ALL SAINTS' DAY	2 CHANGE YOUR CLOCKS!!  
w Near" Night er's Men	7 6:30 PM Praise Team Practice	8	9
xmas Child e in today! er's Men	14 Ireland Trip 6:30 PM Handi*Vangelism Support Group 6:30 PM Praise Team Practice	15	16 Missions Festival 8:00 AM Men's Breakfast 10:00 AM Service Projects
w Near"  w Near" Night er's Men	21 6:30 PM Praise Team Practice	22	23
	28 Happy Thanksgiving!	29 Church Office Closed	30 10:00 AM Holiday Parade
	THANKSGIVING DAY		

# WEDNESDAY NIGHT Drawing Near Nights Something for Everyone!



*Draw Near*

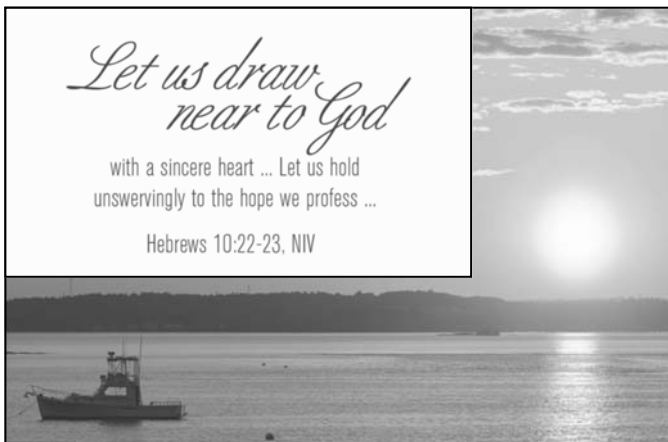
*“Draw near to God  
and he will draw close to you”  
James 4:8*

Wednesday nights at 6:45 pm will be exciting at FUMC. This will be a time of prayer, reflection and drawing near to God. In a world with so many uncertainties, we will have an opportunity to draw close to God together each week. We believe God has great plans for us, and we know you believe that, too! So don't miss Draw Near Nights from 6:45 - 8:00 pm in the Great Room (Temple) as we celebrate as one church family what God has done, and seek Him together for what's to come. For those of you with kids, these “Draw Near” nights include a great program for kids - nursery through 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Grades 6 and up are encouraged to join everyone else upstairs! The dates for “Drawing Near Nights” are: Wednesdays, November 6<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, December 4<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>. There will also be a dinner at 6 p.m. on the following dates: November 20<sup>th</sup> and December 18<sup>th</sup>.

*Let us draw  
near to God*

with a sincere heart ... Let us hold  
unswervingly to the hope we profess ...

Hebrews 10:22-23, NIV



# TECHNICAL MINISTRIES OPPORTUNITIES

Do you enjoy learning new things? Do you like working with computers or would you like to learn to work with a computer? Ever wonder how a sound board works but were afraid to ask? Would you like to be part of the praise team but don't sing or play an instrument? You might be the right person to join FUMC's Technical Ministries team which includes the laptop ministry.



We are always looking for volunteers to expand our Technical Ministries team (including the laptop team.) Each Sunday, we are responsible for the lights and sound for our services, recording and editing the service for streaming from our website and for running the projection system in the Sanctuary. The laptop ministry assists Pastor Sam as well as the praise team in providing a positive worship experience for the congregation. We serve the Lord by enabling His message to be seen and heard by others.



You don't need any experience - just a willingness to learn. If you are interested in helping us out, you may contact Phil Boswell (e-mail: [pdboswell@verizon.net](mailto:pdboswell@verizon.net)), Shawn Zook or the church office. You are also welcome to drop by the sound booth or control room and talk to any of our operators.

## **COLLINGSWOOD MANOR HOME AND HOLIDAY SALE**

Collingswood Manor (UM Communities Of Collingswood) is having their Home and Holiday Sale, in the first floor lobby on Friday, November 8<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 to 4:00 pm and Saturday, November 9<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm.

Save the date! Lots of great items!

Have lunch at the Bistro as well!



# Holiday Events



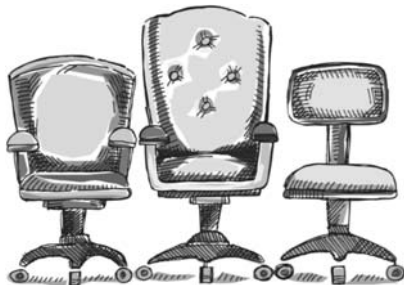
- November 30<sup>th</sup> Collingswood Holiday Parade  
10:00 am to 12:00 noon.
- December 15<sup>th</sup> Discipleship Classes at 9:40 am.  
Combined Service at 10:45 am.  
Family Christmas Presentation (Children's Play)  
Presentation of Staff Love Gifts
- December 18<sup>th</sup> "Draw Near" Family Christmas Dinner at 6:00 pm  
followed at 6:45 pm with a Christmas Worship  
Night.
- December 24<sup>th</sup> Christmas Eve Candlelighting Service at 6:45 pm.



This year we will once again decorate our Sanctuary with poinsettias placed by members and friends. Please fill out the envelopes placed around the church in honor or memory of loved ones! The cost is \$6 per poinsettia. Please turn in by Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup>.

## SHOWING OUR LOVE TO OUR STAFF

Our staff works diligently to serve the Lord and to serve us. Each year we give you – our church members and friends – an opportunity to show them love and thank them for all they do. In mid-November you'll receive a letter in the mail describing this annual event. The letter will describe how you can give and asks that all monies be received by the church no later than Sunday, December 9<sup>th</sup> so we can present checks to our staff on Sunday, December 16<sup>th</sup>. Every gift is important; any amount is welcome. Any questions can be directed to the SPR ministry team. Thank you in advance for your generosity toward our selfless staff.



Carol Doron, SPR Chairperson.



Do your kids need to burn off some energy?

# **Indoor Wee Soccer 2020**



FUMC is again sponsoring an indoor soccer program for children in grades Kindergarten through 3<sup>rd</sup> grade which will begin on February 1<sup>st</sup>. There will be 2 age level programs — Kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> grade and a 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade program. All games are played on Saturday mornings in February beginning at 9:00 AM. Sign up Saturday, January 18<sup>th</sup> from 12:00 - 2:00 PM. (Use office entrance on Dayton Avenue.) There is a registration fee of \$10.00 per child to participate in the 4-week program.

For more information on the program  
please call the church office @ 856-858-1186.

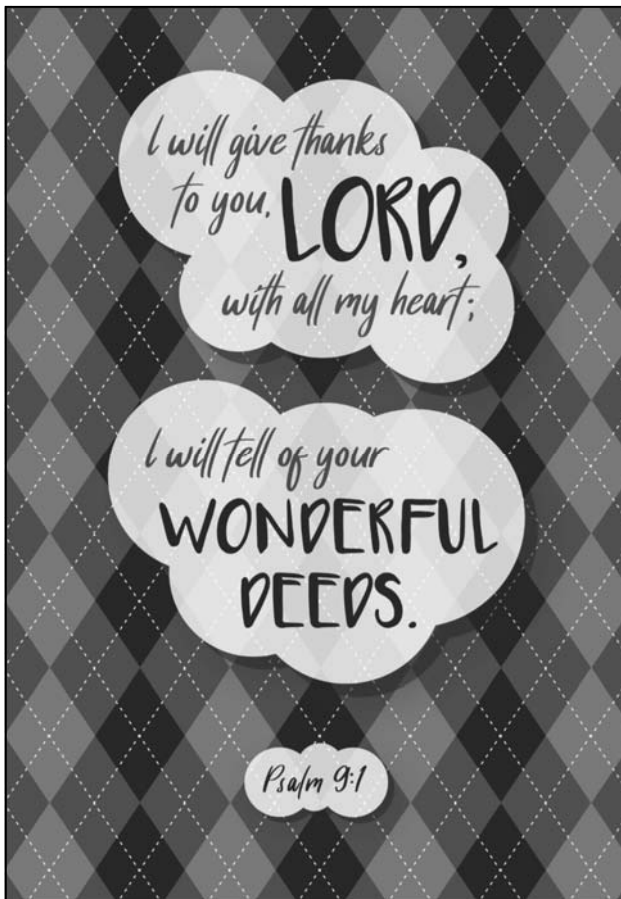
## **SAVE THE DATES!**

*(From the Pastor's Heart - Continued from page 5)*

you're less overwhelmed when you are wronged. Being thankful does not mean living in denial, suppressing our feelings, or ignoring reality. It means being honest, but bringing all those things to a God who has promised to love us and demonstrated it by sending His Son to be our Savior. It brings us nearer to heaven and helps us to overcome the things we deal with within our world.

Lisa and I want to express to you, our church family, that we are truly blessed to serve and be a part of such a loving caring fellowship. We give thanks for you, and it is a joy to journey life together.

In His love and grace,  
Pastor Sam





If you have not already done so, please give your dates (birth dates and anniversary dates) to the church office in writing or by e-mail: [maria@fumccollingswood.org](mailto:maria@fumccollingswood.org).

Nov 3 Kathy Warwick  
 Nov 16 Patricia Sheaffer  
 Nov 17 Mark McGaurn  
 Nov. 19 Logan Hoover

Nov 20 Donna Jungclaus  
 Nov 21 Bill Wertz  
 Nov 23 Michael Molloy  
 Nov 28 Steve Hemphill  
 Alison Tribulas

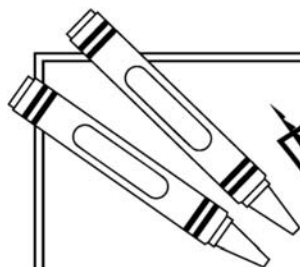


November 8 Ken and Joan Steward  
 November 13 Jason and Jen Knudson



### Deaths at First Church

Audrey Diehl - October 15, 2019



# PUZZLE

## A feast of praise

Throughout the Bible, God's people give thanks and praise for his goodness.



*Directions: Draw lines to match the scriptures (all NIV) with the correct speaker.*

"I thank my God every time  
I remember you." Philippians 1:3

Hannah

"My soul glorifies the Lord and  
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior."  
Luke 1:46-47

David

"He is my God, and I will praise  
him, my father's God, and I will  
exalt him." Exodus 15:2

Mary

"My heart rejoices in the LORD."  
1 Samuel 2:1

Paul

"I will praise God's name in song  
and glorify him with thanksgiving."  
Psalm 69:30

Moses

Answers: Philippians 1:3, Paul; Luke 1:46-47, Mary; Exodus 15:2, Moses;  
1 Samuel 2:1, Hannah; Psalm 69:30, David

# GRATITUDE game

Start a fun tradition by playing this game on Thanksgiving.

## What you need:

- M&M's or other colored candies
- A bowl
- The list below (adapt the colors, as needed)

**Red:** a need God has provided for

**Orange:** a gift you've received

**Yellow:** something you've recently learned

**Green:** something in nature

**Blue:** a special memory

**Brown:** someone you love

## What you do:

1. One at a time, people pick a candy and share what they're thankful for (according to the color).
2. Pass the bowl around and continue reflecting on God's goodness until all the candy is gone!

# Bible Quiz

Complete the first of Jesus' "beatitudes" correctly: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for ..."

- A. they shall be comforted.
- B. theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- C. they shall inherit the earth.
- D. they shall see God.



## OUR ANSWER

God is the origin of both need and supply, the father of our necessities, the abundant giver of the good things. Right gloriously he meets the claims of his child! The story of Jesus is the heart of [God's] answer, not primarily to the prayers, but to the divine necessities of the children he has sent out into his universe.

—George MacDonald

Answer: B (See Matthew 5:3.)

# Puzzle!

Use the food key to complete Acts 14:17, NIV.

KEY

THANK YOU, LORD



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**ACTS 14:17, NIV**

Answer: "He has shown kindness by giving you rain from heaven and crops in their seasons; he provides you with plenty of food and fills your hearts with joy." Acts 14:17, NIV

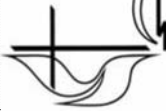


## THANKS TO GOD

Thanks for prayers that thou hast answered,  
Thanks for what thou dost deny.  
Thanks for storms that I have weathered,  
Thanks for all thou dost supply.  
Thanks for pain, and thanks for pleasure.  
Thanks for comfort in despair.  
Thanks for grace that none can measure,  
Thanks for love beyond compare.

Thanks for roses by the wayside,  
Thanks for thorns their stems contain.  
Thanks for home and thanks for fireside,  
Thanks for hope, that sweet refrain.  
Thanks for joy and thanks for sorrow,  
Thanks for heav'nly peace with thee.  
Thanks for hope in the tomorrow,  
Thanks through all eternity!

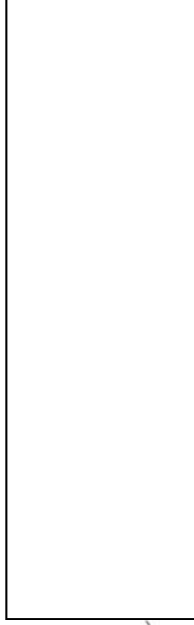
—August Storm, 1891



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*And be thankful.*  
COLOSSIANS 3:15, NIV

***To see all people **WORSHIP** God, **CONNECT** with His people,  
and join His **MISSION** in this world.***