



# Clifty Cross†Walk

November 2019



*Before you read this article: Thank you for your cards and for the beautiful wall hanging you gave me after my recent surgery. I am doing well and I deeply appreciate your care and kindness and most especially your prayers. What a wonderful people of God you are. Pastor Vicki*

**The church is in need of renewal.** I don't just mean here at Resurrection Lutheran Church, although every vibrant church is in a constant state of renewal, but I mean across the board, all the way from individuals to Churchwide to all denominations.

That's the unique and wonderful thing about being a Christian, it constantly requires renewal. God simply didn't make us in such a way that one religious experience was enough for a life time. In fact, every religious experience that we have was designed to touch us where we are *at the time* and to make us know the need of more--even as it gives us the gift of *satisfaction* and a sense of *well-being*. That's because religious experience and renewal are about relationship with God. God made each one of us to desire more *relationship with God*.

When we seek relationship with something or someone ahead of God we call that idolatry and idolatry is never satisfying. If we seek money ahead of God, for example, we are never completely satisfied. We may worry about whether or not something can take it away from us. (By the way no one can take God away from you because *God holds you* not the other way around.) Or we may worry that we don't quite have enough. (God knows how much of God you need and always gives enough even if it doesn't seem so at the time. God even knows when you need to be in a spiritual dry spell.)

**So how can you** (when I say that I mean myself as well so please hear the 'you' as 'all of us') **be renewed?** I have some suggestions. Since renewal is about *relationship with God* put yourself in places and activities that focus on relationship with God. There are a number of things that the Lord promised will renew you if you do them.

**Worship** is one. If you aren't already attending worship regularly make a commitment *to God and to yourself* that you will come to worship every week and then keep the commitment. When you do come to worship, watch and listen for every way in which the Lord is at work. Put a positive spin on things. Perhaps a busy child isn't a distraction but a reminder from God that new life buds up all around us even in threatening times. *Jesus promised to be present when we gather* so trust that he is there and watch and listen for him. Open your heart to the music, the preaching, to every aspect of worship, not for whether or not it entertains you or moves you but for the presence of the Living Christ. Reframe things. For example, the Biblical word for Resurrection is a word that can also mean "stand up". So every time that we stand up let that be a small Resurrection experience to you.

**Prayer** is another gift for our renewal. Can you maintain any relationship without speaking to the person? (I'm assuming that your answer will be "no".) Same is true with God. God promises to be present to us when we pray. If you don't pray because you don't think you know how to pray ask for help. Richard Foster says that the best way to learn to pray is to pray. Just get started. Keep a list of prayer requests and once a month go back and contemplate the many requests that have been answered (even if it wasn't what you thought should have happened) and remember God knows better than you do what you really need.



November 2—WELCA Fall Gathering at Zion Lutheran Church – Manchester in Sunman

November 3—WELCA @ 11:45 am

November 3—Rejoicing Spirits at All Kids Can @ 3:30 pm

November 10—Council @ 11:45 am

November 11—Pub Faith at Shipley's @ 7 pm

November 13—Homemakers @ 12 pm

November 14—Gleaner's Delivery @ 12 pm

November 14—Holy Whine at Yamato @ 5:30 pm

November 19—Master Provisions Pick up @ 12 pm

November 19—Food Pantry @ 4 pm

November 21—WELCA Bible Study @ 4:30 pm

November 24—WELCA Thanksgiving Lunch and Silent Auction @ 11:45 am

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## WELCOMING PEOPLE IN CHRIST



versations over dinner and a beer. We meet November 11 at 7 pm at Shipley's.

### Cards Group

The church cards group meets every Tuesday at 11:30 am for lunch and at 12:30 at the church for cards or dominos. Please join us for an afternoon of fun and fellowship.

### Holy W(h)ine

All women in our congregation are invited to join us on Thursday, November 14 at 5:30 pm at Yamato.

### Pub Faith

All men in our congregation are invited to join us for a time of fellowship and faith filled con-

### Coins for Kids

Help support kids in our community who are in need- whether that be with clothing, school supplies, or scholarships to par-

## CARING, SHARING, SERVING

### Food Pantry

The food pantry had a lot of visitors in October with 51 families for a total of 184 people. Our next pantry will be Thursday, November 19. Join us at 3:45 p.m. to see our church in action.

We met (at least that was the plan as of writing) with Gleaners on October 30 and signed a new contract which agrees to open our food pantry twice-a-month for two hours each time. Starting in January 2020 we will be open the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month. The first will be a nontraditional pantry (for us). The second will be our traditional pantry.

To have a food pantry at Resurrection takes a lot of hands on deck. You can help by:

- Volunteer starting at 3:45 p.m. on 1<sup>st</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month.
- Shop for items the morning of the 1<sup>st</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday at Master Provisions in Florence, KY. We will be riding along with House of Hope starting in January.
- Receive Gleaners' deliveries at Resurrection on the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays noonish.
- Sort and inventory food.
- Set up the fellowship hall table & chairs for the food pantry.
- Donate your plastic grocery/shopping bags. It is very much appreciated if the grocery bags are already double-bagged.
- Double-bag the grocery bags on the table in the fellowship hall.
- Donate funds or items to the food pantry. We always need breakfast cereal, hamburger-, chicken- & tuna-helpers, and spaghetti sauce.

Here's a letter we received from one of our monthly patrons at the food pantry:

*"Dear Resurrection Lutheran Church and volunteers,*

*I would like to thank each and every one of you for your kindness and good deeds. The food that you give out to us each month helps us more than you could ever know. The food you give to us helps us make it through the month along with the few food stamps we get. The food is truly a God send to us and the other people you help. I thank God for you blessing us.*

*May God bless and keep you all safe in His loving arms. Amen."*

## MINISTRIES OF BIBLICAL PROPORTIONS



### **LITTLE FREE LIBRARY**

Our Little Free Library is almost done being painted and decorated. The mounting post and materials are in house. The Little Free Library should be in place by Resurrection's side door in November. The whole process has taken longer than expected due to the design we picked and the necessary, multiple coats of paint.

The Little Free Library will be a mission in conjunction with the Food Pantry and sponsored by Resurrection and River Valley Resources' Literacy Program. River Valley Resources provides books for the Little Free Library, but we can also add to their selection. You can donate used books: adult, young adult, children's chapter, learning-to-read, story books and board books to use in our library or to be passed on to River Valley Resources for the other libraries they sponsor in the county. Donations can be placed near or on the book shelves in room 4.

### **WELCA**

Our next WELCA meeting is Sunday, November 3 after church. This will be our final meeting for the year.

WELCA will join Holy W(h)ine for our annual Christmas celebration on Thursday, December 12. Stay tuned for more information. It was a lot of fun last year!

WELCA is studying the book *Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World*. If you'd like to join us, our next meetings are Thursday, November 21 at 4:30 p.m. for chapters 5-8 and Thursday, January 16 at 4:30 p.m. for chapters 9-12. One book is still available, if you would like to either join us or read it on your own please let Gayle know.

### **Altar Guild for 2019**

Thanks to all who have signed up.

### **Council**

meets Sunday, November 10 at 11:45 am.

### **Rejoicing Spirits**

will be November 3 at 3:30 at All Kids Can. Treats should be labeled for Rejoicing Spirits and left in the small kitchen by Sunday morning. Treats are also needed for October- December. Thank you for helping!

### **Worship Assistant Sign Up**

There are a lot of opportunities available for people to help out in worship this month. If you are interested please sign up in the narthex.

### **Volunteer Opportunities:**

1. Help at the 1<sup>st</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday pantry.
2. Shop for items the morning of the 1<sup>st</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday at Master Provisions in Florence, KY. We will be riding along with House of Hope starting in January.
3. Receive Gleaners' deliveries on the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays.
4. Sort and inventory food.
5. Set up the fellowship hall table & chairs for the food pantry.

If you don't pray because you don't have time then ask yourself what takes up so much time that you don't have time to pray. Whatever it is may well be the very thing which is keeping you away from God.

**Bible study** is another gift for renewal. The scripture promises that when you study it, your faith will grow. We plan to start an adult Bible study class in Advent... why not try it out?

**Giving** is another gift for renewal. If your faith is stagnant try increasing your giving by 1% or 2% (or more). Doing so will help you to let go of your tendency to make money more important than God. Same with **serving**. Serving helps us to stop making ourselves the center. So try plugging in to the many social ministry opportunities at Resurrection and in the community.

**Sharing the Gospel** with someone else also renews you and encourages the other person, and it has the added benefit of renewing the church as well. Make a commitment to have at least one conversation that is "God talk" every day. You can start at home and expand as you go. Tell someone what God has been doing in your life! If you do, your faith will be renewed by the conversation.

**Do all of the above.** You'll be busy but then again what could be better than being busy for the Lord?

Relationship with the Lord gives life satisfaction and a sense of well-being. Let's be renewed! We can do it!

Pr. Vicki

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## **A Minute from the Council**

Thanksgiving a time to gather family and/or friends to observe old traditions or create new ones, allows us to reflect and be grateful for all that God has provided and we have the privilege to enjoy. Looking at the world around us we realize it is not something to take for granted. Let us remember all who are less fortunate and struggle with daily living, worldwide.

Closer to home we also look forward to sharing our annual Thanksgiving Meal provided and arranged by our Resurrection WELCA. This is also when Council will present the initial proposal for the 2020 budget. Copies will be available. Questions are welcome and will be answered to the best of our ability.

We continue to ask for guidance. We know that we cannot tell what lies ahead but have faith that God will be there with us and accompany each of us along the way.


Your Resurrection Council

## **Homemakers**

Smyrna Homemakers meets on the third Wednesday of the month at Resurrection and they usually have a pitch in meal before the meeting. Here are some of their activities: saving plastic water bottles with lids for donation to House of Hope, food preparation at Nevill's Grove as well as their own booth with items they have for sale, a quilt show at the County Fairgrounds. They also donate at least three \$1,000 dollar scholarships to local schools and make and purchase gifts for the first baby born each year.

The homemakers also bring donated food items for our food pantry each month and each year they donate \$100 as a thank you for allowing them to use our space. All are invited to join, please see Roselle Schnabel if you are interested. This month homemakers will be meeting on Wednesday, November 13.

# November Calendar

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WE LIFT UP IN PRAYER...

**We lift up in prayer...**

**Our friends and loved ones:**

Chris Litrell, Chloe Parsons, Stacey Horner, Cynthia, Harper

**Our Church Family**

Bryan Bockover

**Loved Ones in the Military**

Trevor Lee

**Help Us Pray for Each Other:** we will be updating the prayer lists on a monthly basis. A sign up will be in the narthex or let the office know if there is someone you would like us to pray for. This helps us remember who we are praying for and why.

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