



Clifty Cross†Walk

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Psalm 92 says, *"It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to your name, O Most High; to declare your steadfast love in the morning, and your faithfulness by night, to the music of the lute and the harp, to the melody of the lyre. For you, O Lord, have made me glad by your work; at the works of your hands I sing for joy."*

I want to devote my article for this month's newsletter to **"Thanks-giving"**. I do that because I am convinced that being thankful and expressing thanks is central to experiencing joy. I look around our world and I see so "much". All around us is "much"! Much money, much stuff, much affluence, much activity, much news, even much hatred and anxiety and misunderstanding! And sometimes I wonder if there is an indirect proportion of thanks to the amount of "much". Sometimes it seems to me that the more we have the more we think we 'deserve' and the less thankful we tend to be. In 1992 I was on mission in Costa Rica. I went with a group of my optometry students from OSU to do a vision project. Costa Rica is the wealthiest of the Central American countries and yet I saw poverty there unlike anything we even have in the states. The people were very pleased with whatever we could give them and they expressed their gratitude exuberantly. Two months after our return we did a similar project in an Appalachian community in Ohio. There was a noticeable difference. Even though we were providing them with free eye exams and free glasses, our Ohio patients were dissatisfied with the selection of eyeglass frames from which they were allowed to choose and I heard far fewer expressions of gratitude. *Why aren't we more grateful? Why do we take so much for granted and think that we have a perfect right to expect someone else to bend to our needs and desires?*

I am pretty sure that the answer to the 'why question' is very complex. In fact, I only ask it in order to get all of us asking ourselves why we aren't more grateful and why we put ourselves first, because my real focus is simply to invite us to be different. I want to invite and challenge each of us to live our lives in thanks-giving.

First, start small. Start and finish your day with a prayer of thanksgiving, tell God what you are thankful for. Go to worship, not for what you get out of it but because God is worthy of your devotion and of being praised and thanked. If you already have an intercessory prayer list, start a second list of things about which to thank God. Stop right now and send a thank you note to someone for anything about which you are grateful to them. The smaller the better because being grateful for small things, helps us to be grateful for larger things too. Call someone on the phone or email them and tell them what you appreciate about them. Be especially open about thanking your friends, families, and close associates because it is easy to take them for granted and for them to feel "taken for granted". Every day, write down at least ten things for which you are grateful. Challenge yourself to find a different "list-of-ten" every day for at least a week. Start your very next conversation with, "I am so grateful for..." Be aware of what happens inside you when you are grateful compared to when you aren't.

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September 1—WELCA meeting after worship

September 1—Rejoicing Spirits at All Kids Can @ 3:30 pm

September 8—Congregational meeting after worship

September 8—Council @ 12:45

September 9—Pub Faith at Shipley's @ 7 pm,

September 12—Gleaner's food delivery @ 12 pm

September 12—Holy Whine at Rembrandt's @ 5:30 pm

September 17—Food Pantry @ 4 pm

September 18—Homemakers @ 12 pm

September 19—WELCA Bible Study @ 4:30 pm

September 20—Women's Bible Study at Hanover Pres. @ 11:30 am

WELCOMING PEOPLE IN CHRIST



Holy W(h)ine

All women in our congregation are invited to join us on Thursday, September 12 at 5:30 pm at Rembrant's.

Pub Faith

All men in our congregation are

invited to join us for a time of fellowship and faith filled conversations over dinner and a beer. We meet September 9 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

invited to join us for a time of fellowship and faith filled conversations over dinner and a

for cards or dominos. Please join us for an afternoon of fun and fellowship.

Coins for Kids

Help support kids in our community who are in need- whether that be with clothing, school supplies, or scholarships to participate in events- by bringing your spare change to church. A box is in the back of the sanctuary to collect your loose change.

CARING, SHARING, SERVING

Food Pantry

We served 44 households for a total of 165 people in August. Thank you to everyone that came and help! If you have ever thought of helping, please join us on Tuesday, September 17 at 4 p.m.

We need your donations of used plastic grocery/shopping bags. We would VERY MUCH appreciate if the grocery bags are already double-bagged. This really saves time when setting up the food pantry. Bags can be left in the food pantry.

We continue to consider how to best respond to the Gleaners' mandate of twice-a-month service. We are looking for ways to do this without increasing our costs by much and without greatly increasing the workload on our members. Or is it actually best to continue with one pantry per month without Gleaners. If you are interested in being part of the discussion please let Gayle or John Podczerwinski know as we would like a recommendation from a committee to go to the council by the end of September.

We need one or two people who would be willing to be a shopper at Master Provisions for times when our pantry coordinators are not available. This would involve driving to Florence, KY on the day of the food pantry and selecting bread, produce, and frozen items. Please talk to Gayle or John if you are interested.

MINISTRIES OF BIBLICAL PROPORTIONS



LITTLE FREE LIBRARY

Anyone interested in helping to decorate our Little Free Library? Please let Gayle know.

We plan to have our Little Free Library placed outside at Resurrection sometime in September. This will be a mission in conjunction with the Food Pantry and sponsored by Resurrection in conjunction with River Valley Resources' Literacy Program. You can find more information about Little Free Libraries at www.littlefreelibrary.org.

WELCA

WELCA will have a meeting on Sunday, September 1 after church. We plan to discuss the yard sale, our budget, and the upcoming November Thanksgiving lunch as we will not have a meeting in October.

The annual yard sale went well. Thank you to everyone that donated! Thank you to everyone that shopped! And thank you to everyone that helped with organizing, running and taking down the yard sale! We brought in close to \$1,200. Items remaining were donated to Life Choices annual yard sale and Hopewell Baptist's Clothes Closet.

WELCA will begin a new bible study on Thursday, September 19 at 4:30 p.m. at church. The study is "Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World: Finding Intimacy with God in the Busyness of Life". The study will continue in October and November. This study will ask you to read four chapters each month and also answer study guide questions in advance. If you plan to participate, either buy a copy on your own or let Gayle know you would like to purchase a new copy for \$5.87 (4 available).

Altar Guild for 2019

Thanks to all who have signed up.

Council

meets Sunday, September 8 at 12:45 am.

Homemakers

Will meet on Wednesday, September 18th at 12 pm with a pitch in lunch. The Homemakers are asking the congregation to please save any small water bottles with lids for donation to House of Hope. Thank you for all your help with this project.

Rejoicing Spirits

will be September 1 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!

Mid-Year congregational meeting on

Sunday, September 8 after Service. Council meeting to follow. Please keep the date. More details to follow.

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.

Pr. Vicki is hosting a Women's Retreat

October 11-12 at the Jesuit Retreat Center in Milford, OH. If you have any questions or would like to attend please contact Barbara Trembley.

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Second, start where you are but grow from there. Let your gratefulness grow every day so that someday you can spend a whole day just thanking God. Share ideas of ways to grow more aware of being thankful with other people. Look around your house and your garage and your stuff and ask yourself which things you are truly grateful for. If you aren't truly grateful for something, would you consider giving it away? Look at your calendar, if you are over busy and there are things on your calendar that don't make you fulfilled or enhance your sense of gratitude, would you consider getting out of them?

And please, allow me to take this opportunity to be on my own journey of thankfulness by saying "thank you" to all of you. I have only been here a short time but I would still have to have many pages to make an even partly complete list. Even so, I have to start somewhere. I appreciate you. I appreciate your kindness to me, your openness with me, your willingness to love me. I appreciate the generous way that you support the mission of Resurrection Lutheran with your time and your talents and your money. I appreciate how very many gifts God has placed in our midst for the work of the church and your willingness to use them for the sake of the gospel. I appreciate your prayers for me and for my family. And most of all I appreciate your ever growing love for God.

What's on your list and what will you do about it?

Pr. Vicki Garber

A Minute from the Council

It's difficult to believe that fall will already be here later this month.

Reflecting upon the last six months, March through August, we have much to be grateful for. We started March with a fair amount of uncertainty but determination to move forward and trust that God would guide us along the way. Our church family remained steadfast, we worshipped together every Sunday and we continue to receive assurance and strength through the message Pastor Vicki shares with us on Sunday's.

Knowing how we have been blessed we can continue to trust that God will continue to guide us in the months and years ahead. There may be changes, yet unknown to us, we may have to adjust, but continued trust in God's plan for this congregation will help us to work together and find a way to do what is asked of us as to continue as a united church family.

By know you have received the letter asking you to attend the summoned meeting September 8th. Please plan to participate. As you know we require a quorum to be able to vote.

As our service project, God's work our hand's, we will be painting and cleaning our parsonage this year. This will be a two day effort so a sign-up sheet for either Saturday or Sunday will be available. We will also help at the Visitors Center again for a more sedate activity. Date is planned for September 21/22 but may have to be moved. More to follow.

We appeal to the young people (and young at heart) of our congregation to sign up and serve as Acolyte during Sunday service. We need your help and ask you to consider a rotating schedule.

We also encourage regular sign-up to serve as lector and or communication assistant during our Sunday Service.

As always, we are grateful to all that care, help and participate.

Faithfully

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FRI	6	
THU	5	
WED	4	
TUE	3	12:30pm Cards
MON	2	
SUN	Sep 1	10am Worship 3:30pm Rejoicing Spirits

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WE LIFT UP IN PRAYER...

We lift up in prayer...

Our friends and loved ones:

Chris Litrell

Our Church Family

Bryan Bockover

Loved Ones in the Military

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. Our new prayer list will be up until September 29.

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