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From Our Pastor

1 Thessalonians 5:18

“In all things give thanks.....”

November arrives as it should: cooler temps, blue skies, red and yellow leaves on the ground. A season of harvest, festive play, and family get-togethers. A grand time to give thanks for God’s creation.

I offer for all of us Thankful Thursdays, a variation on Throwback Thursdays when events in one’s past were emphasized and celebrated. Since we are people of faith in all three time “zones” (past, present, future) we can find reasons for thanks in all three e.g. thanks for children, grandchildren, friends who will bless the world even when we are gone in the future. Or the past moments e.g. numerous joys we recall each and every day, joys of relationships that blessed us and make us who we are now.

As the lead in to Thanksgiving Thursday 2019, I would take the Thursdays of November and mark those as days to give thanks in word and deed. Go ahead and check your calendar! Be prepared to find Three Minutes on those days to offer Three Minutes for a Prayer of Thanks. And find (at least) three people you will contact, e.g. card, letter, phone, FB, flowers, visits in order to thank them for being who they are!

SoNovember 7, 14, 21 Thursdays are marker days leading up to Thanksgiving Day November 28. You be the “thanks giver” in word and deed on those special days. Make somebody’s day with your thanks! Let them know you appreciate them.

Thanks and blessings indeed!

Pastor Barry

Men's Breakfast

The Men's Breakfast will be Saturday, November 2. Breakfast will be served at 8:00 a.m. in the fellowship hall.

November Fellowship Supper

Our First-Wednesday Fellowship Supper will be on November 6. Our covered-dish meal will begin at 6:30 p.m.

Bible Study

The Bible Study led by Rev. Travis Perry continues. The group meets at his home on Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m. The address is 1215 Ledbury Dr., Smyrna. There will be no study on November 5 as Rev. Perry is scheduled to have knee surgery on November 4.

Youth

Our Youth Faith Formation study group is active. We are grateful for our children and youth and those who have worked with and supported them and their adult leaders.

Bucket Offerings

In November our bucket offerings at Sunday morning worship will be donated to Greenhouse Ministries. This will help local homeless people and those with other financial problems.

Laity

The Rutherford County Laity Fellowship will meet on November 25 at LaVergne UMC, 248 Old Waldron Road, LaVergne. The meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m.

Which Psalm?

Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him, bless his name.

NRSV
(hint a Psalm of thanksgiving)

2 Thessalonians 2:16 written by Paul was the October newsletter quotation.

All Saints Sunday

All Saints Sunday is November 3. Delann Dunbar has planned the Worship Service for the day. Several of the congregation will help lead the service.

Veterans Day

Veterans Day is November 11. Delann Dunbar is planning the morning Worship Service on November 10.

Charge Conference

Our annual Charge Conference will be at Locks Memorial UMC on November 10. The Conference will begin at 4:00 p.m.

Food Bank

You may bring food donations for the local food bank on the first and second Sundays of the month. Place the donations on the pew in the narthex. The food will be delivered to the food bank. The suggested item for November is soup. All non-perishable foods are accepted and appreciated.

Advocacy for Children

The Administrative has voted to donate \$250.00 to Advocacy for Children. This is the money that was suggested at Annual Conference 2019 to be used for local outreach.

Happy Birthday to:

Mary Lou Thomas	Nov. 11
Gaylord Dorn	Nov. 12
B. L. Rhodes	Nov. 12
Mary Lee Vanderkooi	Nov. 16
Lynn Fann	Nov. 18
Ruth Kitchen	Nov. 19

Happy Anniversary to:

Loren & Mary Lee Vanderkooi	Nov. 2
Danny & Martha Fraley	Nov. 16

Construction

Some members of our congregation are investigating the impact on Kedron of the construction across the street. This will be important to Kedron.

Luke 17:11-19

Acrostic Prayer

This story of the ten lepers gets at the heart of what it means to be made well. Such wholeness makes us able to be all that God desires us to be. For what do you give God special thanks? Write one thing that begins with each letter to form an acrostic prayer.

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Two and Ten

Two things surprised Jesus in this story. First, only one person said thank you. Second, the person who did say thank you was a Samaritan. Samaritans had some different beliefs from most Jewish people. They were not respected by Jews or treated as part of God's people. The disciples might not have expected the Samaritan to be the one who came back to say thank you. Name ten things (or people) you are thankful for:

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| 2. | 7. |
| 3. | 8. |
| 4. | 9. |
| 5. | 10. |



November Calendar

Friday, November 1 – All Saints Day

Saturday, November 2:

8:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast

Sunday, November 3 – All Saints Sunday

8:45 a.m. Sunday School

9:30 a.m. Worship Service

Wednesday, November 6:

6:30 p.m. Fellowship Supper

Thursday, November 7 – "thanks giver" day

Sunday, November 10:

8:45 a.m. Sunday School

9:30 a.m. Worship Service

Veterans Day honored

4:00 p.m. Charge Conf. at Locks

Monday, November 11 – Veterans Day

Tuesday, November 12:

9:30 a.m. Bible Study

Thursday, November 14 – "thanks giver" day

Sunday, November 17:

8:45 a.m. Sunday School

9:30 a.m. Worship Service

Tuesday, November 19:

9:30 a.m. Bible Study

Thursday, November 21 – "thanks giver" day

Sunday, November 24:

8:45 a.m. Sunday School

9:30 a.m. Worship Service

10:30 a.m. December newsletter

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Monday November 25:

6:30 p.m. Rutherford County Laity

LaVergne UMC

Tuesday, November 26:

9:30 a.m. Bible Study

Thursday, November 28 – Thanksgiving Day

Pontius' Puddle



A cloud
of witnesses

