

THE FIRST WORD

2020-11 First United Methodist Church – 109 West College Street – Winnsboro, SC 2020-11

What Does it Mean to be THANKFUL?

With Thanksgiving on our doorstep, thankfulness comes to mind. Being thankful takes many shapes and sizes: there are times we are thankful for our friends when we are going through something difficult, or thankful that a repair didn't cost as much as it could; sometimes we're thankful that we didn't get caught (i.e., speeding, telling a lie, etc.) or that we have enough money to make it till the end of the month.

But what does it truly mean to be thankful? Scripture from the New Testament explains it this way:

“Be thankful in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you who belong to Christ Jesus.”

1 Thessalonians 5:18

This Scripture has been taken out of context by so many. It doesn't mean that when tragedy strikes, we are to be thankful for that misfortune because that was God's will for our life. I don't know about you, but my theology doesn't explain my God as desiring tragedies or difficulties to fill my life – that has never been God's will and that will never be God's will for you or for me.

This Scripture reminds us that all good things come from God and are made possible in our lives by God; that God only desires the best for us because of his amazing love for us. Knowing that our life will not always be perfect and tragedy is a real possibility from time to time, Paul is telling the Christians in Thessalonica that they are to know God's heart and well-being for them *even* during those

difficult times. That God is still with us when tragedy strikes and we are to be thankful that we are not alone during those times because that is God's will for us.

Thankfulness should touch all aspects of our life because of what God has made available to us: loving friends and family, a home that may need repairs because it reminds us that we have a roof over our heads, food to nourish us, aches in our bodies to remind us that we are still alive, mechanic's bills to remind us that we have transportation, and struggles that sometimes fill our lives to remind us that God is there waiting to bring peace in a time of confusion.

This year, as you gather around a table with friends and family, be mindful of all the blessings God brings into your life, and give thanks!

God's Blessings on You All,

Pastor Steve



Pastor Steve continues an in-person Bible Study discussing the books of the Bible and their purpose for humanity

from God. We meet **each Thursday**, one at **9:30am** for those able to attend and again at **6:00pm** for those wishing an evening study. We will work from Genesis through Revelation and see God's plan. This is an overview of each book and we will not be getting into deep detail. We will be meeting in Fellowship Hall with social distancing as a requirement. Discussion is greatly encouraged. We'll see you there!



**MEMBERS OF OUR
CHURCH FAMILY WITH BIRTHDAYS IN**

November

**If you do not see your birthday on the list, please
let us know!**

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| Nov. 4 | Caulder, Beth |
| Nov. 7 | Jena Johnson |
| Nov. 7 | Terry Melvin |
| Nov. 8 | Bob McMaster, Jr., |
| Nov. 8 | Fred Weed |
| Nov. 8 | Linda Haslett |
| Nov. 9 | Porter Williams |
| Nov. 12 | Carl Startzman |
| Nov. 13 | Brady Williams |
| Nov. 16 | Tutta Startzman |
| Nov. 18 | Cheryl Caldwell |
| Nov. 25 | John Caldwell |

Office Hours

Monday through Thursday

7:30 a.m. until Noon

Visit www.firstumewinnsboro.com to see the
calendar for the entire year.

**When you can, remember to send a card, call
or visit:**

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Columbia, SC 29223

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Summit Place/Daniel Island, Charleston, SC
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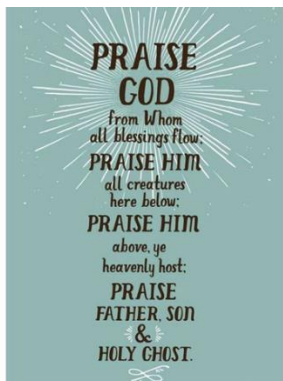
*Please, remember in prayer those serving our
country in our armed forces both at home and
overseas.*



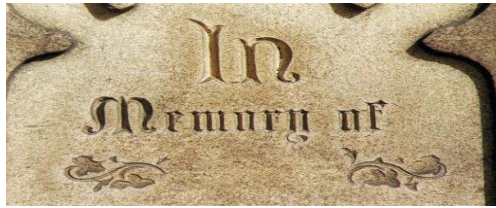
Pat Amick, Vickie Robinson, Fred
Weed, Louise Taylor, Don Gunter,
Lisa Lewis Meyer, Marie Wood,

Brent Dorrier, Kenny Martin, Lynne Moore, Dean
Gaddy, Bundy and Betty Bynum..

*People will stay on the prayer list one month. If after
their four weeks you would like the person to stay on
the prayer list, please call the church office.*



**Another great job by the men from First United
Methodist, First Church of the Nazarene and
Gordon Memorial Methodist Church and
Fairfield County Sheriff's Department
Ron Mull, Lawrence Hodges, Gary Freeman,
Barney Smith, James Sanders, Tommy Wright,
Heyward Mattox, Jackie Wilkes and Steve
McDonald**



Frank Martin

By

Robert and Sarah Milling
Tony and Beth Caulder
David and Melinda Brown
Maryann Moshinskie

Davis Robinson

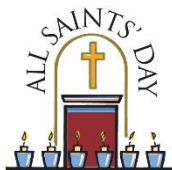
By

Don and Mary Jim Gunter

Pat Patrick

By

Esther and Jim Baughman



Win McMaster

Evon Estes

Marion Robinson

Julie McMaster

Brigette Douglas

Frank Martin

Brigette Douglas

Win McMaster

Marion Robinson

Julie McMaster

Frank Martin

Gary Bass

Mitzie Renwick

By

Crosby and Cleo Lewis

Frank Martin

Marion Robinson

By

Wanda Neese, Laura and Berkley Derrick

Miriam Cooper

Chris Chibbaro

By

Martha and Jackie Wilkes

Brigette Douglas

By

Benjamin and Beth Woodruff



On behalf of the United Methodist Women and the 2020 Yard Sale Committee, we send many thanks to all who worked, shopped, and made donations to this year's Big Grab sale. Our total earnings for this year's sale was \$13,075. This year marked our eighth year of participation in the Big Grab. We are grateful for the success each year, but with the challenges faced amid the 2020 pandemic, our gratitude is inexpressible! Many prayers were answered throughout our planning as we sought to provide a safe environment for the shoppers and workers.

This year donations will be made to the Blessing Box Ministry of FUMC, Fairfield County Food Bank, Epworth, Killingsworth Home, UMCOR, Aldersgate, Young Life Ministry, and the Fairfield County Women's Prison Ministry. The Salkehatchie project will receive a donation in the summer of 2021. In appreciation of the support and help of the United Methodist Men at FUMC, a donation will be made to them. Money will be given to FUMC to help in covering electricity expenses during the sale and for the upcoming sanctuary repairs. Lastly, before the 2021 Big Grab, we hope to improve the Bruce House by having a new ramp constructed at the back.

We are so thankful for the success and safety of our 2020 sale and especially for answered prayers along the way. May the recipients of our donations receive a special blessing from these gifts.

Blessings to all,

Frances Porter
Beth Caulder



2020 POINSETTIA ORDER FORM



POINSETTIAS THIS YEAR WILL COST \$12.50 FOR A 6" POT WITHOUT A BOW. TAKING QUALITY INTO CONSIDERATION THIS IS THE BEST PRICE WE HAVE FOUND.

PLEASE FILL OUT THE FORM BELOW WITH THE SENTIMENT YOU WISH TO BE EXPRESSED IN THE BULLETIN AND PUT THE COMPLETED FORM IN THE OFFERING PLATE. THANK YOU.

IN MEMORY/HONOR OF:

BY:

DUE NO LATER THAN NOVEMBER 19, 2020



Annual Community Thanksgiving Service Cancelled Due to Covid-19

However, there is still a need for donations to our Local Food Bank, probably more so now than ever. Please bring donations of canned goods to your church and I (David Williams) will pick them up each week. If you'd like to make a monetary contribution, please make checks payable to 'Fairfield County Food Bank'. I will pick up all gifts through November 22nd and deliver everything on November

24th• You may also drop off contributions at David's Floral Shop. Thank you for any consideration as the need is much greater this year.

Rev. Steve Elkins Contact Information

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