

Sixth Avenue UMC Messenger
September/October 2019

Pastor's Blog

“Thank you Lord, for everything you give me starting with life itself and awakening this morning to a new day. I pray I will serve you well and find peace of mind in you as this day comes to an end.”

A few years ago, I made the commitment to pray this prayer every morning as soon as I wake up. Since then, I have come to cherish the practical and spiritually enriching benefits of beginning every day with a thank you to God. Incidentally, I don't always feel like making this expression. It is not based on how I feel, but rather a commitment made to recognize God's goodness everyday no matter what the present circumstances might be. To my surprise, I am a much more positive person for doing this. Everyday cares and even those things that weigh heavily on my mind and heart aren't so overwhelming when I recognize I do have things to be thankful for today and all the tomorrows to come.

Dr. Robert Tannehill, one of my bible teachers in theological school talked about God and God's actions in the world as “Fundamental Goodness.” Both noun and verb, God is defined as “Good” in the scripture and the result of following God is the experience of goodness we participate in, especially within our relationships with God and God's children. If we indeed believe that God is the “Fundamental Goodness” that undergirds our lives, no matter the challenges, then there is always something to be grateful for and happy about even in the bleakest of times. The difficulty comes in our reluctance or even recalcitrance to acknowledge the light of goodness in the day-to-day messiness or dark bleakness that can overshadow our lives.

I invite you to commit to starting each morning with a thought and prayer of thankfulness for a God who is by nature good, steadfast and loving.

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Christian Love and Sympathy to:

The family of Hazel Marcus upon her death on June 3, 2019.

David Zartman upon the death of his nephew, BJ Zartman on June 21, 2019.

WHAT IS CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP?

Christian Stewardship refers to the responsibility that Christians have in maintaining and using wisely the gifts that God has bestowed. God wishes human beings to be his collaborators in the work of creation, redemption and sanctification.

A biblical [world view](#) of stewardship can be consciously defined as: "Utilizing and managing all resources God provides for the glory of God and the betterment of His creation."^[2] *The central essence of biblical world view stewardship is managing everything God brings into the believer's life in a manner that honors God and impacts eternity.*

A common way of expressing the meaning of stewardship in the life of a Christian is to speak of our giving of our time, talent and treasure. That is what are we committed to doing for God in our lives, time, what use are we making of the talents we have in the service of God, talent, and how generous we are in the giving of our financial resources for the mission of the church and God's call on our life?

St Paul put it beautifully when he said, "The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly. And whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."

This fall we will explore the meaning and practical applications of stewardship, or as some United Methodists have come to call it our "Extravagant Generosity." I invite you to reflect on your life and ask yourself, "Am I conducting my life and living my faith in such a way that I know what it means to be a cheerful giver?"



Thanks for all your prayers!

Love,
Sharon Funkhouser



6th Ave. UMC,

Thank you for sending me the UMC Messenger. I enjoy reading it and coming to Church on Sunday.

Thelma Dilliard



World Mission Coin Box Ministry

With your loose change, you can help send a *Treasure* (a solar-powered audio Bible, which can be programmed in over 6,000 languages and dialects) to the poorest of poor and who are oral learners. There are small 'Change the World' coin boxes on the Welcome Center counter. Please take a box, fill it with your loose change, and return it to the office whenever you get it full. You can tape your name to the box if you want record of it. We will be reusing all of the coin boxes, so please be gentle with them. This year we are going to continue doing this all year long. As some of you may know, the Adult Bible Study on Sunday mornings, collect for this twice a month. Let's help to continue to spread the Word of God all across the world.

It doesn't take much and every cent counts.

Thank you for you continued generosity!
May God Bless you and keep you!

WORLD MISSION

Celebrating ¹⁹⁹⁴⁻²⁰¹⁹ 25 Years of God's Faithfulness

July 1, 2019

Pastor Rick Jones
Sixth Avenue United Methodist Church
1004 W 6th Ave
Lancaster, OH 43130-2459

Dear Rick,

We are very grateful for your gift to our ministry. With your support, people living in areas of little to no Christian influence, now have the hope that is only given by having faith in Jesus.

What you are a part of through supporting our work is something bigger and greater than you can even imagine. Together, we offer a lamp to the world, so that they may see and come to its light.

"No one lights a lamp and puts it in a place where it will be hidden, or under a bowl. Instead he puts it on its stand, so that those who come in may see the light." Luke 11:33

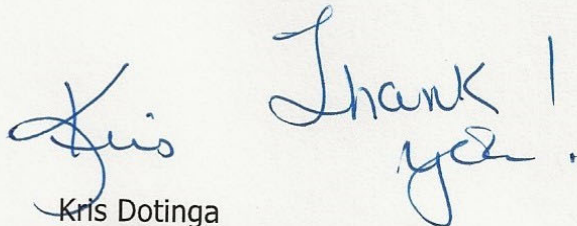
Hearing God speaking to them in their own language through the Treasure audio Bible is the light that shines in their darkness, drawing them to the truth of the gospel message.

We appreciate your partnership in supplying what is needed at this time. Thank you for being God's instruments of grace to the unreached people in the world.

Warmest regards,



Greg Kelley
CEO



Kris Dotinga
Development Director

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At World Mission, be confident that your gifts are being used in the best possible way. That's why we are accredited by the Evangelical Council for Financial Accountability.

Date	Amount	Fund	Year-To-Date Raised
7/1/2019	\$43.53	Treasure MP3 Players	\$256.07



Happy Anniversary



ANNIVERSARIES – SEPTEMBER

John and Sharon Layne	September 10
Jeffrey and Vickie Bender	September 20
Don and Kate Taylor	September 22
Isaac and Elaine Hill	September 23
Sam and Vonda Strawn	September 23
Paul and Dottie Jassogne	September 26
Fred and Dorothy North	September 30

ANNIVERSARIES – OCTOBER

Charles and Mona Boetcher	October 2
Howard and Rose Eblin	October 3
Jerry and Karen Zumbro	October 4
Bruce and Lura Goff	October 8
Brent and Lindsey Baker	October 10
Harold and Shirley June	October 10
Scott and Stephanie Rader	October 15
Jack and Barbara Wright	October 15
Jerry and Heidi Raymond	October 16
Carl and Edith Thomas	October 29
Dan and Diane Cochran	October 31



BIRTHDAYS - SEPTEMBER

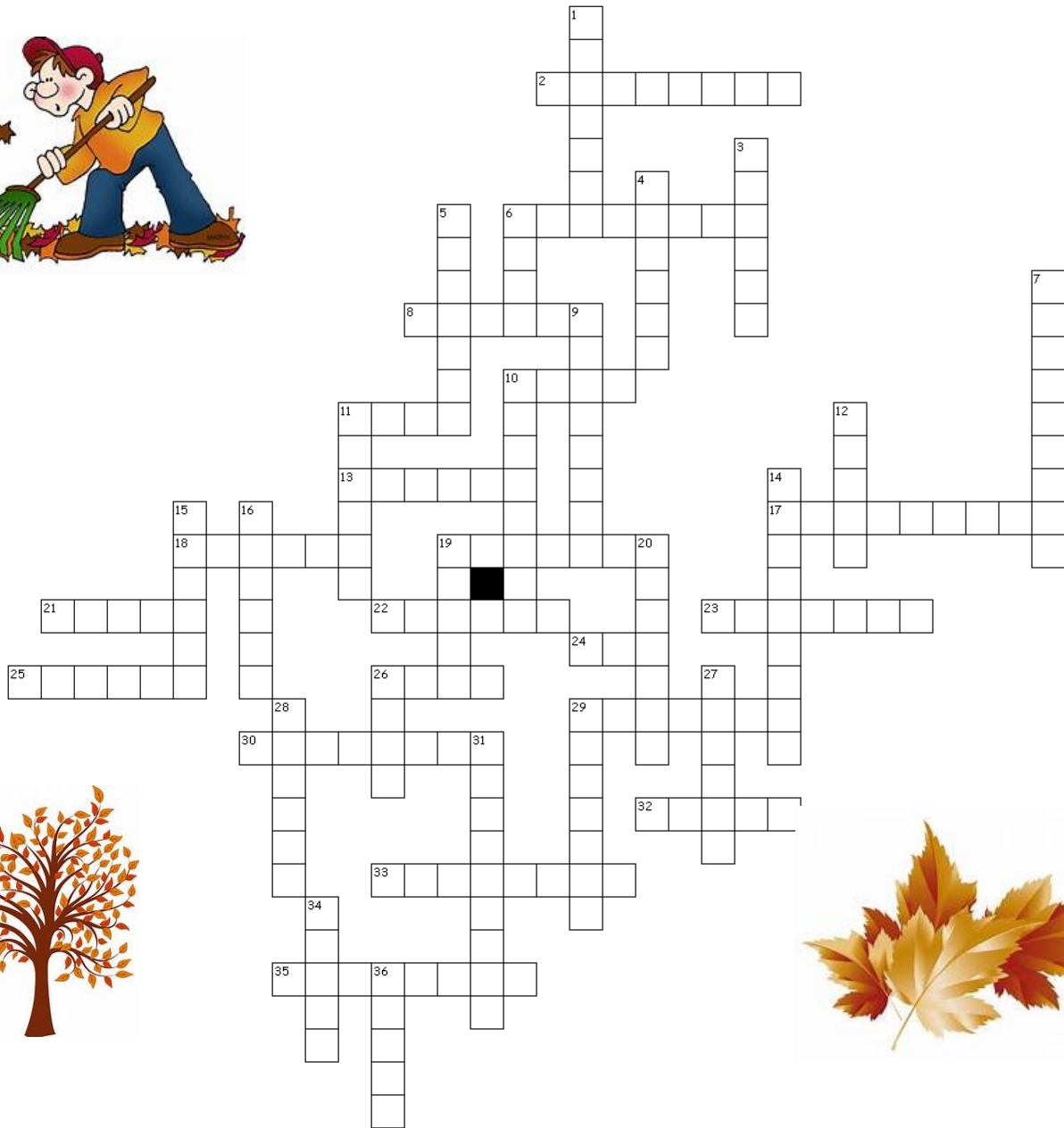
John Layne	September 3
Sharon Mathias	September 3
Orion Thress	September 4
Christina Nelms	September 7
Art Dickson	September 8
Jenesa Wright	September 8
Dorothy Raymond	September 11
Pastor Rick Jones	September 14
Nicole Layne	September 15
Paul Jassogne	September 16
Bruce Goff	September 17
JoAn Glick	September 21
Kay George	September 22
Howard Raymond	September 22
Autumn Brunney	September 25
Tonya Rudd	September 25
Mark Brunney	September 26
Clara Herrick	September 26
Donna Dickson	September 27
Charles Shafer	September 27
Kathy Shafer	September 28
Mary Thomas	September 28
Gweneth Marie Baker	September 28
Doris Bradford	September 30

BIRTHDAYS - OCTOBER

Jan Cox	October 1
Michael Howard	October 6
Mary Ann Polliard	October 8
Evelyn Smith	October 9
Kevin Zumbro	October 10
John Reef, Sr.	October 14
Alton Currence	October 15
Bill Pool	October 17
Kara Whitmer-Beatty	October 17
Colton Thress	October 20
Freda Downs	October 23
Shirley June	October 29



AUTUMN



ACORN
BREEZY
CHESTNUTS
COLD
CRISP
FLANNEL
HALLOWEEN
LEAVES
PUMPKINS
RIPE
SPIDERS

APPLE
BRIGHT
CHILLY
COLORFUL
FALL
FOGGY
HARVEST
OCTOBER
RAKE
SEASON
YELLOW

AUTUMN
BROWN
CIDER
CORN
FALLEN
FOOTBALL
HAYRIDE
ORANGE
RED
SEPTEMBER

BONFIRES
CHANGES
COBWEB
CRACKLING
FIRESIDE
GOURDS
HAYSTACK
PUMPKIN PIE
RELAXING
SPIDER WEB