



*Thoughts from Pastor
Glenn*

Unity-Washington and Wesley United Methodist Church November 2011 *"The Grace of Gratitude"*

***Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Jesus Christ.
1 Thessalonians 5:18***

If ever there was a man who knew a variety of perils through which to live, suffer, and endure, it was the Apostle Paul.

Paul knew the bitterness of persecution: he was stoned at Lystra; driven from Thessalonica; rejected at Athens; jailed at Philippi; apprehended at Calsarea; taken to Rome as a prisoner and shipwrecked in route; imprisoned; released then jailed again and put in a dungeon at Rome; and finally martyred. In spite of all that happened, Paul continued to be grateful. He refused to let any incident, circumstance, event, and calamity, affect his spirit of gratitude.

We need to take inventory of the things that Paul experienced (and you have experienced) that causes us to be grateful:

1. Daily bread. "He took bread, and gave thanks to God in the presence of them all." (Acts 27:35)
2. People of Faith. "First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for you all, that your faith is spoken of throughout the whole world." (Romans 1:18)
3. Deliverance from anxiety. "Thanks be unto God, which always causeth us to triumph in Christ." (2 Corinthians 2:14)
4. Memory of Friends. "I thank my God upon every remembrance of you." (Philippians 1:13)
5. The unspeakable gift. "Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift." (2 Corinthians 9:15) This reference is to God's gift in Christ.

We should reflect on this text, count our blessings, and try to list the things for which we should be grateful.

Gratitude is an experience; it is not a theory, a formula, or a deed. It must spring from the heart, for it exists within.

Gratitude helps us over the hills and mountains of life. It makes loads lighter, sorrow and sadness brighter. It turns grief into comfort, defeat into victory, doubt into assurance, fear into faith, darkness into light, death into life and mourning into joy.

Gratitude grows as it is given away. If you will express it, you will see it increase.



MYF NEWS

Prov. 22:9 Happy is the generous man, the one who feeds the poor.

God calls all of us to help those less fortunate. This Thanksgiving we are going to serve the poor and needy in our community by providing a warm meal on Thanksgiving Day in fellowship hall. On Thanksgiving Day, we need your hands to serve and clean up after this meal. This is a community effort so let's have a good showing from our Church family. If you are interested, please contact Pastor Glen or myself in serving this meal. November 24th, 11am till 2pm.



"NO ONE GOES HUNGRY"

A special thank you to the Lowry's for hosting the MYF on Oct28th. It was wonderful time enjoyed by everyone. God is always so good to us and has provided a wonderful church family. I also want to thank Sarah and Kathy for helping get the Sunday school organized and the Youth Room ready. We already brain storming ideas for the spring. Thank you so much again! God Bless you all.

Celebrating Home fundraiser

As we need some funds to support our volleyball team, Lauren Bailey will help us by donating 50% profits from the Celebrating Home fundraiser we will be having on Nov. 15 from 6:30 to 8pm. Come out and purchase some early Christmas presents and support our youth group. Remember.....

Celebrating Home Fundraiser

Tuesday, Nov.15th

6:30pm to 8pm

Unity-Washington Fellowship Hall

Mary Martha Circle

Circle members met on October 13, 2011 in the church parlor. We had good news when the outcome of the Saturday Fair was discussed. As usual a good time was had, we sold out of soup, but not too early and increased the funds raised by \$50 from last year. Altogether the fair brought in \$2,286. 20. After much discussion the members agreed a large portion of the profit will be given to the Heating Oil fund and remaining monies to go to Hurlock Volunteer Fire Dept., our church food bank, and The Salvation Army. In other fundraiser news, the circle is selling assorted sizes of "sticky" stationary notes with bible verses and attractive borders. Sales will continue on Sunday morning outside the nursery doors. We now have tickets for the evening at Wheaton's Gift Shops. By purchasing a \$5 ticket from any circle member, the bearer can shop on November 10 from 6 – 8 pm, enjoy refreshments and receive a 20% discount on all purchases including the Christmas shop.

Circle members will be serving and providing refreshments after the All Saints Day service on November 6. This is always a pleasant time of fellowship. Hope to see everyone there. Our Christmas dinner is set for Thursday, Dec. 8 at 6:30 pm at The Georgia House. Dinner will cost \$20 per person. In closing, Janice P. presented devotions reminding us that just as we treat young children to a treasure when they are well-behaved, or a soldier will share a "treasure" from home with his buddies, we should remember to share our own treasures with each other.



WORDS FROM WESLEY UMC

The Wesley UMC Adult Choir presented their monthly worship service for residents at Genesis Health Center in Seaford DE on Sunday afternoon, October 16th. Rev. & Mrs. Lyburn sang with the choir and were very much appreciated. Several choir members are not well and are very much missed. Our "regular" soloist presented two lovely selections, and the piano used for these programs has been thankfully repaired ! The following poem is from that program.

GOD BLESS YOU !

I asked the Lord to bless you as I prayed for you today;
To guide you and protect you as you go along your way.

His love is always with you, His promises are true.
You know in all our struggles, He will see us through.

So when the road you're traveling on seems difficult at best -
Take a moment; say a prayer. And God will do the rest.

Unity-Washington Mission

Mission Statement: Know Christ-Live Christ-Share Christ-Make Disciples

I would like to thank everyone for their generous donations to the college boxes. We got many cards, and notes from the college students telling us about how much they appreciate this ministry. Also, I would like to remind everyone about the UNICEF boxes that were handed out in Sunday-School are Due: November 13th, which is Veterans Day. This is an easy and great opportunity to help the world because all you have to do is fill the box with spare change. Please take a box if you would like to fill it up with change and return it so we can send it to UNICEF.

I would like to remind everyone about the Thanksgiving Dinner at our church on Thanksgiving day from 11am to 2pm. Christmas is less than two months away! We are doing a lot of things around the church with missions because we need to be good Stewards and help others. The Operation Christmas Child Boxes are due **NO LATER THAN November 20th**. We have been challenged to make at least 100 boxes. I know that we can make this goal. Please pick up a box in the hallway if you would like to make a box and haven't packed one. There are labels at both doors and in the hallway on the table next to the office.

This year for Christmas we are also doing Angel Tree. This is a great way to minister to the children who have parents in prison. Please pick up an Angel from the Angel Tree in the Chapel (Upstairs). These will be due the week before Christmas. There will be more information about this in Decembers Mission Moment. Thanks for supporting all the Missions of Unity-Washington United Methodist Church



November 24 – 11:00AM – 1:00PM

Thanksgiving Day Dinner – Fellowship Hall

This is a community out-reach project for anyone who would like to join with others for food and fellowship on Thanksgiving. Anyone interested or if you know of someone (neighbor, relative , co-worker), who would like to come, please call Debbie Sherman in the office. We are trying to get an estimated amount of people to know how much to prepare. The meal is free!



Coming Events

November 13 – 10:30AM – **Veteran's Day Service** – Our guest speaker will be Retired Brigadier General Richard James along with the adult choir and mime group, also sharing special selections. Following the service in Fellowship Hall, a covered dish luncheon will be served, everyone is welcome to attend. The church will provide the meat, rolls and beverage and the Ladies Sunday School class is supplying desert. Everyone else is asked to bring a side dish (vegetables, salads, etc.) for the meal. Please bring a generous portion so we have enough for our guest. Any questions, see Debbie Sherman

November 18 – 4:00pm – 8:00pm **Christmas Presents from Christmas Past**
Come join us for the second annual Christmas item yard sale. Enjoy homemade soup, sandwiches and bake table at fellowship hall while bidding on your favorite Christmas Tree and Wreath Auction.

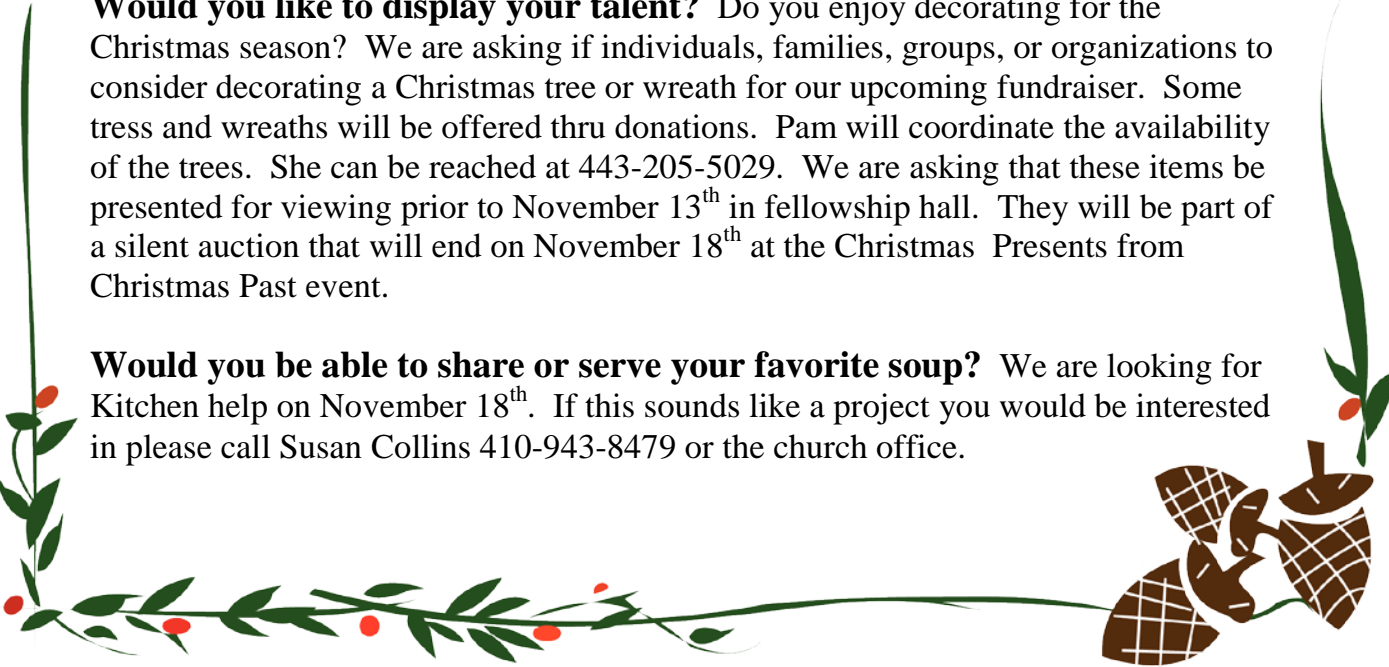
November 24 – 11:00am – 1:00pm **Thanksgiving Day Dinner** –Fellowship Hall – (For details see page 4)

Needed Items

Calling old Christmas trees, Wreaths and Decorations. Unity Washington will be collecting these items for an upcoming fundraiser. Anyone having trees and wreaths that we can decorate, please call the church office. Any Christmas yard sale items should be taken to the Church Nov, 1st, and prior to Nov 18th.

Would you like to display your talent? Do you enjoy decorating for the Christmas season? We are asking if individuals, families, groups, or organizations to consider decorating a Christmas tree or wreath for our upcoming fundraiser. Some trees and wreaths will be offered thru donations. Pam will coordinate the availability of the trees. She can be reached at 443-205-5029. We are asking that these items be presented for viewing prior to November 13th in fellowship hall. They will be part of a silent auction that will end on November 18th at the Christmas Presents from Christmas Past event.

Would you be able to share or serve your favorite soup? We are looking for Kitchen help on November 18th. If this sounds like a project you would be interested in please call Susan Collins 410-943-8479 or the church office.



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Christmas Presents from Christmas Past

*Come join us at Unity-Washington United Methodist Church for
food, fellowship and gifts*

Friday November 18th

4:00pm - 8:00pm

“Christmas item” yard sale

Homemade Soup and Sandwiches

Bake Table and Fellowship

Silent Christmas Tree and Wreath Auction

A portion of the profits will be donated to the Cold Weather Shelter of Dorchester County.

Long Term Prayer List

Please call Debbie at the office 410-943-3222 or email UWUMC@yahoo.com for changes to prayer list.

Adeline Mock
Alice Bennett
Anne & David Ball
Annette Smith
Betty Nagel
Beverly Morris
Brad Brown
Brenda Basham
Brenda Coulbourne
Brittany Prager
Bunky Bell
Carol Bramble
Carroll Pinkett
Carroll Sneed
Cate Cordrey
Chris Foxwell
Christine Wands
Crystal
Daniel Murray & Family
David Jones
Debbie Wessells
Dick Wilson
Donald Jones
Donna Ball
Dorotha Hallowell
Dorothy Jones
Eddie Lankford
Eileen Jones
Ellie Everton

Ferguson Gemeny, Jr
Gary Sheets
George Sherman
Howard Blake
Ivy Sherman
George Sherman
Howard Blake
Ivy Sherman
Jackson Bradley
James McMillan
Janet Womach
Janice Moore
Jean Bramble
Jean Knodle
Jeanne Johnson
Joanne Dayton
John Jones
Jean Hollowell
Joe McGee
Joyce Watson
Julie Lowry
Larry & Marsha Kile
Leonard Gadow
Lisa Short
Lloyd & Joan Fooks

Louise Neal
Margaret Jones
Marlene Ervin
Megan Smith
Merritt Pritchett
Mimi Brown
Nancy McCulley
Olivia Nossick
Roberty Stafford
Roy Ruark
Ronnie Nichols
Samantha Wright
Shirlee Collins
T.J. Hess, Jr.
Terry Kokochak
Traci Kimball



Sympathy List

George Rhue
Eleanor Hallowell

Out Reach Idea for November

Invite someone to the Unity-Washington Thanksgiving Dinner

November Birthdays

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| 1 Emily Phillips | 21 Daniel Murray |
| 4 Katie Laramore | 24 Stephanie Durham |
| 5 Margaret Robbins | Kasey Messick |
| 8 Jeff Brown | Linda Wilson |
| 9 Julia Lee Bradley | Steven Blades |
| Lynn Lyburn | 25 Carole Gadow |
| 10 Beth Nossick | Don Proctor |
| 12 Sidney Campen | Victor Smith |
| 15 Eleanor Smith | Wyatt Trice |
| 16 Anna Herring | 27 Ann Racculia |
| 17 Lisa Coleman | Ann Harrison |
| Sherrie Howard | Emily Harrison |
| Eric Leh | 29 Brian J. Murray |
| 19 Charles Green | Calvin Collins |
| 20 Melissa Bennett | 30 Mike Reed |
| Joan Gates | Bryan Willey |
| Esther Jones | Lynn Wilson |
| Patty Lynn Vincent | |

November Anniversaries

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| 4 Patti and Doug Scott |
| Susan and Ronnie Andrews |
| 8 Betty and Merritt Pritchett |
| 12 Lynn and Richard Wilson |
| 13 Kim and Mark Adams |
| 18 Joanne and William Hanna |
| 21 Nancy and Kirk Phillips |
| Nancy and Donald Shively |
| 28 Pam and Michael Rhue |
| Michelle and Hris Seretis |



November 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5 10:00AM – 2:00PM Nearly New Shop
6 9:30AM - 10:30AM – Sunday School 10:30AM – 11:30AM All Saints Day Service 6:30PM - MYF	7 7:00PM – Admin Council Meeting	8	9 6:00PM – 6:30PM-Child Choir 7:00PM – Mime 7:30PM – Adult Choir	10	11 Veteran’s Day	12 10:00AM – 2:00PM Nearly New Shop
13 9:30AM - 10:30AM – Sunday School 10:30AM – 11:30AM Worship 6:00PM – Sunday Night Lite 6:30PM - MYF	14	15	16 6:00PM – 6:30PM-Child Choir 7:00PM – Mime 7:30PM – Adult Choir 7:00PM – Charge Conference	17	18 4:00PM – 8:00PM Christmas Presents from Christmas Past.	19 10:00AM – 2:00PM Nearly New Shop
20 9:30AM - 10:30AM – Sunday School 10:30AM – 11:30AM Worship 7:00PM Thanksgiving Community Service	21	22	23 6:00PM – 6:30PM-Child Choir 7:00PM – Mime 7:30PM – Adult Choir	24 Thanksgiving	25	26 10:00AM – 2:00PM Nearly New Shop 6:00PM – Greening of the Church
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