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From the Pastor's Desk

An Attitude of Gratitude

"Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
For his steadfast love endures forever!" Psalm 118:25

One of the ways I deal with negative influences in my thinking is to attempt to focus on the many blessings I have received over the course of my life. Believe me that the list goes on and on and it does really help. The negative influences begin to fade away and I find that my heart, mind, and soul begin to think differently.

"Oh give thanks!"

Maybe the Psalmist had this in mind as he reflected on God's Word in the past and as he faced his own negative influences that affected his thinking. An attitude of gratitude goes a long way towards a healthier spiritual life.

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There is an important focus that we must address. This thankfulness is pointed at that One who has made all of our blessings possible.

"…unto the Lord!"

The core of our being as people of faith is centered on the life, suffering and death, and the resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! He forgives us our sins and promised eternal life to all who believe. This is our foundation from which all other blessings flow. It is He who changes our way of thinking because of what He has done for us. This attitude of gratitude goes well beyond positive thoughts and influences. Its focus is on Jesus!

"… For His steadfast love endures forever!"

God's love has the power to go beyond the world, our flesh, and the devil. His love is there even if we do not see it or feel it. His love is demonstrated on the cross. Jesus, in His love for us, died on the cross for you and for me. That victory and reality endure forever. An attitude of gratitude reflects upon that as we worship Him, study His word together and privately, and as we bring our needs before Him in prayer. We are reminded of His enduring and eternal love as we partake of His precious Body and Blood.

"Oh give thanks to the Lord, for He is good. For His steadfast love endures forever!"

I have and attitude of gratitude as I reflect upon the people and ministries of Good Shepherd.

Peace and thankfulness –Pastor Dave

President's Corner

In the Waiting

"I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in his word I hope." (Psalm 130:5)

I have found myself in bumper-to-bumper traffic a number of times this past week. Isn't traffic, whether due to rush hour or construction zones, a lesson in active waiting? We watch the cars around us, practicing patience, but we must be ready to pull forward the moment space is available. Sometimes we even have to be assertive and nudge our way into another lane. There are times we must sit patiently, and there are times for movement and action, but we can not just turn off our cars and give up.

We, as a congregation, have been waiting for many months to learn the direction Good Shepherd will take. Large and small decisions are being put off for "when we have a new pastor." When should we renovate the buildings' rest rooms, and how will we pay for them and other needed updates? How can we better reach out to the community and welcome new families to worship? How can we best serve the church family we love while also asking them to pray about increasing financial contributions? We wait for those answers, and others. And yet, we are also moving - we are serving - while we wait. We are currently blessed with a gifted vacancy pastor who preaches and teaches, makes home visits, and leads preschool chapel. We have faithful lay leaders like Ray Betler who teaches first-communion and confirmation classes, Ray Vogel who organizes worship assistants and makes countless repairs around the building, and Ken Meyer who coordinates larger projects, recently to the sidewalks and roof. People are serving as lay readers, on Altar Guild, counting the weekly offerings, and visiting dear ones who can't join us in worship. John & Stephanie Watkins continue planning fellowship and service projects, as do the women of LWML. We are not just sitting still. Traffic may be moving more slowly than we may like, but we are moving. We are serving and worshipping and bringing glory to God.

On October 18, our congregation voted to issue a call to a new pastor. As I write this, we are waiting for his response. If Pastor Resner declines our call, we must keep moving. Keep alert for what you can do! But if he accepts our call, the drive will be even more challenging, on a new and exciting road. We must each be actively waiting, ready to pull ahead with a new pastor and with each other to further God's will here. Are you ready to move forward?

Kim Ressler, Congregational President

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Sunday morning worship continues in-person and it is also being live streamed.

Click here Sundays to join us in worship via our YouTube Channel.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 **9:15a** Adult Bible Study **10:15a** Sunday Worship **12:30p** BPFC **4:30p** Cub Scouts	**2** **2:45p** SHIM After School **6:00p** Girl Scouts – Daisy **6:30p** Cub Scouts **7:00p** Boy Scouts	**3** **No Preschool** **6:30p** Scrapbooking	**4** **2:45p** SHIM After School **6:15p** Cub Scouts	**5** **2:45p** SHIM After School **6:00p** Soccer Shots **6:15p** Cub Scouts	**6** **GSLC Office Closed** **7:00p** IPMS	**7** **9:00a** Soccer Shots
8 **9:15a** Adult Bible Study **10:15a** Sunday Worship w/ Communion **12:30p** BPFC **4:30p** Cub Scouts	**9** **2:45p** SHIM After School **6:30p** Cub Scouts **7:00p** Boy Scouts	**10** **2:45p** SHIM After School	**11** **2:45p** SHIM After School **5:00p** Cub Scouts	**12** **2:45p** SHIM After School **6:00p** Soccer Shots **6:15p** Cub Scouts	**13** **GSLC Office Closed**	**14** **9:00a** Soccer Shots
15 **9:15a** Adult Bible Study **10:15a** Sunday Worship **12:30p** BPFC **4:30p** Cub Scouts	**16** **2:45p** SHIM After School **6:00p** Girl Scouts – Daisy **6:30p** Cub Scouts **7:00p** Boy Scouts	**17** **2:45p** SHIM After School **6:30p** Scrapbooking	**18** **2:45p** SHIM After School **5:00p** Cub Scouts	**19** **2:45p** SHIM After School **6:00p** Soccer Shots **6:15p** Cub Scouts	**20** **GSLC Office Closed** LWML Set Up	**21** **9:00a** Soccer Shots **12:00p** LWML 4 Seasons Luncheon
22 **9:15a** Adult Bible Study **10:15a** Sunday Worship w/ Communion **12:30p** BPFC **4:30p** Cub Scouts	**23** **10:00a** Preschool Charlie Brown Thanksgiving **2:45p** SHIM After School **6:30p** Cub Scouts **7:00p** Boy Scouts	**24** **10:00a** Preschool Charlie Brown Thanksgiving **2:45p** SHIM After School	**25** No Preschool	**26** No Preschool	**27** No Preschool	**28**
29 **9:15a** Adult Bible Study **10:15a** Sunday Worship **12:30p** BPFC **4:30p** Cub Scouts	**30** No Preschool **6:00p** Girl Scouts – Daisy **6:30p** Council **6:30p** Cub Scouts **7:00p** Boy Scouts					

BPFC – Pgh Nepali Church
DEN – Cub Scouts
Events in green are Good Shepherd Events
Events in purple are Preschool Events

November Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays

11/9 – Logan Frantz
11/10 – Ashley Winters
11/10 – Shiloh Wood
11/11 – Brody Kramer
11/12 – Larry Winker
11/14 – Anna Meyer
11/14 – Jordyn Moore-Gray
11/15 – Donna Dunmire
11/19 – Hollie Ulanowicz
11/22 – Everly Kochanski
11/28 – Ray Betler
11/29 – Alice Meyer



Anniversaries

11/1 – Art & Debbie Malenky (51)
11/1 – Ryan & Kimber Wood (16)
11/18 – Larry & Rita Winker (48)
11/24 – Bob & Kari Sawchak (25)
11/25 – Mike & Kim Ressler (37)



Preschool Announcements

Sarris is back for Christmas!!
Ordering is done online:
https://shopfundraising.sarriscandies.com/
Our Group ID is: 10-0940
You can have your order shipped or go to the Canonsburg store for pick up!

LWML Announcements

The LWML will hold its annual Four Seasons luncheon on Saturday, November 21st starting at noon. Come and see the beautifully decorated tables representing the four seasons, while enjoying lunch. We will be serving tomato basil pasta, potato soup, salad, rolls, and a variety of desserts. In addition, there will be a 50/50 raffle and an array of baskets that you can bid on. The cost is $10. If anyone would like to donate a basket, or if you have new or gently used items that you would like to donate, please see Jeannie Barone. This is an amazing opportunity for fellowship, and we hope to see you there.



FLYC Announcements



Please join us for fellowship on Sunday, November 22 at 9:30AM for donuts and coffee before the service begins.

Now through December 1st, FLYC will be collecting donations of new, unwrapped toys, books, and games for the Marine Toys for Tots program. In 2025, the local Pittsburgh chapter distributed 163,463 toys to 34,623 children in need (a huge increase over 2024 - 66,000 toys to 24,000 children)! Please consider being part of this wonderful effort that has spread joy and hope to so many. Collection boxes will be located in the Narthex and by the office. To meet program guidelines, we kindly ask you to avoid toys resembling realistic weapons, plush toys/stuffed animals, and toys containing food or chemicals (e.g. experimental lab kits). Thank you so much for your generosity!

Prayer Requests:

Rachel Schaar, Cathy Cerminara, Karen Miller, Marian Maskow, Rev. Daniel Strussenberg, Cathy Sayre, Sarah Brooks, Peter Way, Carol DeAngelis, Larry Winker, Mike Brennan, Erika Similo, Jan Kleiser, Lisa Brady, Don Matthews, Pastor Tim, Tiffany, Mary Jane Forrest, Hope Leydig, Dennis Lee, Sam Langol, Melissa Medved, Anne Malone, Gary Cooper, Carolyn Uhlyar, Norma Mikoleit, Joan Uhrinak, Arlene Stroebel, Bebe Bair, Iris and Steve Wutzke, Alice Meyer, Nancy Wauthier, Zack, Michele Mulick, Mourice Williams, Dr. Bruce Bickel, Jay, Jake Herring, Carol Archer, Sean Sleeman, Ron & Dottie Gerstacker, Phyllis Hackbart, Jared Lubawski, Kaiden, Kaylee, Jenny Peterson, Leila Wood, Pastor Adam and family



"Praise the Lord, my soul, and forget not all his benefits – who forgives all your sins and heals all you diseases" -Psalm 103:2-3

Memorials Received:

Memorials made in memory of Dominic Molinari:

Carol Schaar, Ray & Chris Vogel, Ruth Johnson, Pam & Chime Spectold, John Winters, Richard Allshouse & Tim & Sandy Marcovecchio.



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