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From the Pastor's Desk



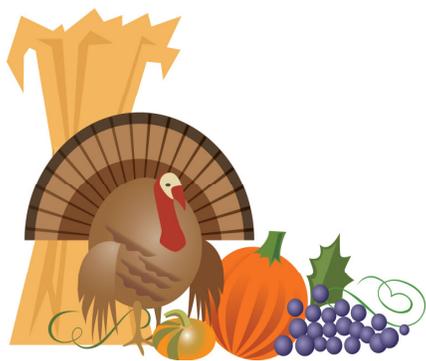
Greetings to you and peace from God our Father, and our Lord Jesus Christ.

I will begin this month with admitting that I am having a bit of difficulty focusing my thoughts.... I have been kidding with a number of people who have stopped by the office today that my mind has already started on vacation! After Sunday School on Oct 25th, Jeri and I will be heading for Williamsburg for five days. We were originally planning to visit his cousin Paul in Illinois but because of a spike in COVID, we have changed our destination. It has been a number of years since either one of us spent time in Williamsburg so I am truly looking forward to the days away. There has been so much going on that I just need to take time to clear the slate.

If you are, or should I now say "were" friends on Facebook, you are probably aware that I have disabled my facebook account. I shared that Jeri was hacked by the vulgar language idiots and so facebook blocked him from accessing his page in order to even try to clear up the problem. But, beyond that, they got a credit card number and charged some things....small amounts at first, but then the next week was a charge over \$400.00. Needless to say, that credit account was closed and a new number issued BUT...they got the new number too. That was the straw that broke the camel's back for me. I disabled my facebook account and have not looked back since.

I will admit that I do miss the devotional posts that Kathi Sterling shares as well as posts from a couple of friends from the church I served before Blymire's. I would often share their posts that I found very uplifting. I also feel bad that I will no longer see posts about some of the things people are facing in their daily lives. I was able to keep up with some of the heartbreaks, the trying times, even the joys that people were experiencing. So, I will miss that part of not being on any social media anymore. I did share in the post announcing that I was disabling my account that I still have messenger and I hope that if there is anything I need to know, that when you become aware of something I should know, please, message me and let me know.

Now, the other side of eliminating social media has become evident just recently with all the hub-bub about how these Tech giants censor posts. The furor is over a New York Post article that was shared and some high up political people's twitter accounts were frozen. It doesn't matter what the context of the Post's article was. It doesn't matter why it was shared by whoever. It doesn't matter if it could be classified as liberal, conservative, democrat, republican, independent, or whatever. What does matter is that simply because the content of the original Post article met with the disapproval of whoever worked at Twitter, they felt they had the right to censor the person and freeze their account. This is not right! Each and every individual has a right to



their opinion and if another person's viewpoint differs from yours or mine, they have the right to that opinion! I have also had some friends and acquaintances treat me very coldly because I had the audacity to voice a viewpoint differing from theirs. As I said, they have the right to their viewpoint and opinion, but so do I. I do not expect all my inner circle to think and feel the same way I do and I would hope they would feel this way too.

I think it boils down to one word that may have been forgotten recently, and that word is R-E-S-P-E-C-T. We should be more conscious of respecting one another and celebrating our differences instead of getting mad at others because they think or act differently than we do. It boils down to simply loving our neighbors as we love ourselves. The scripture for Oct 25th is Matthew 22:33-46 where we are challenged to live by the two great commandments: Love God with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength; and love our neighbor as ourselves. Remember: the key word is LOVE!!! Not, conformity, not censor, not judge, not anything but LOVE!

God Bless us ALL! God guide us all!!!

With love - Pastor Lou Ann



SPECIAL SERVICES in NOVEMBER

Nov. 1 - Pentecost 22 - All Saints' Day - Heritage Sunday

Gospel: Matthew 23:1-12

Sermon: "One Father, One Teacher"

Focus: The parable of the wicked tenants

Nov. 8 - Pentecost 23

Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13

Sermon: "Wise or Foolish—Which Are We?"

Nov. 15 - Pentecost 24

Gospel: Matthew 25: 14-30

Sermon: "Wise Investments"

Nov. 22— Reign of Christ

Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46

Sermon: "Reactive Service"

Nov. 29— Advent 1

Gospel: Mark 13: 24-37

Sermon: "Be Aware - Keep Awake!"



... to **Sterling Boyd** for power washing and sealing the east and north walls of our education wing. Also for installing new, larger downspouts and window sealing.

... to **Carl Criswell** for painting the post at the rear entrance of the church.

... to **everyone who helped the Men's Group** with their Chicken BBQ's this summer, both by working to make and give out the dinners and by donating items for the bake sales. Thanks also to everyone who bought dinners and helped with advertising. This was the most successful year ever.

... to **everyone who has continued to support our church** during these unusual times. Thanks to those who helped with both the indoor and outdoor services to make them run smoothly. Thanks also for your attendance and monetary support. A special thank you to **Pastor Lou Ann** for all the extra work in putting together the services and making adjustments when needed.

NOVEMBER
BIRTHDAYS



*May God
Bless You on
Your
Birthday!*

2. Susan Sheffer
Lisa Miller
Abigail Michaels
3. Jean McDowell
8. Michael K. Knaub
Lynz Leader
10. Rod Eichelberger
12. Kenneth Miller
Jessica Keller
Barbara McNeal
13. Jean Nelson
14. Stephanie Frey
19. Josh Humbert
23. Ginny Weber
24. Justin McKinsey
25. Carolyn Innerst
26. Chase Matthews
James Barley
27. Peggy Free

CELEBRATING NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Nov. 4 - Joel and Stephanie Frey - 42 years

Nov. 14 - John and Beth Herbst - 22 years

Nov. 28 - Chet & Gwen Wise - 57 years

FINANCIAL REPORT

Undesignated General Fund

Red Brick Chapel

Cemetery

| Month-2020 | Income | Expense | Income | Expense | Income | Expense |
|--------------|--------------------|---------------------|-----------------|-------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| January | \$9,741.85 | \$12,109.48 | \$0.35 | \$269.82 | \$812.70 | \$1,291.80 |
| February | \$14,597.12 | \$13,351.53 | \$1.68 | \$274.10 | \$1,142.27 | \$0.00 |
| March | \$8,721.22 | \$11,240.07 | \$3.39 | \$435.00 | \$101.14 | \$211.30 |
| April | \$11,764.11 | \$8,301.79 | \$1.32 | \$191.93 | \$0.44 | \$0.00 |
| May | \$13,058.86 | \$10,042.83 | \$0.80 | \$160.11 | \$100.25 | \$1,930.00 |
| June | \$12,515.15 | \$19,338.81 | \$0.85 | \$314.46 | \$200.18 | \$2,326.30 |
| July | \$9,101.78 | \$10,003.38 | \$125.76 | \$98.76 | \$7.22 | \$2,595.00 |
| August | \$9,954.50 | \$9,408.12 | \$0.81 | \$109.26 | \$0.37 | \$1,535.00 |
| September | \$9,302.80 | \$12,765.74 | \$0.81 | \$346.94 | \$100.30 | \$2,286.30 |
| October | | | | | | |
| November | | | | | | |
| December | | | | | | |
| Total | \$98,757.39 | \$106,561.75 | \$135.77 | \$2,200.38 | \$2,464.87 | \$12,175.70 |

Balance of Undesignated General Fund @October 1, 2020

(\$2,404.86)

Balance of Red Brick Chapel Fund @ October 1, 2020
(Includes \$54,814.70 Endowment)

\$73,533.83

Balance of Cemetery Fund @ October 1, 2020
(Includes \$833,695.45 CD's, Trusts, UCC Foundation)

\$839,003.41

Financial Assistance Given through Hand of Hope Fund - 2020

| | # | Total | Monthly | Available |
|--------------|-----------|-------------------|-------------------|------------|
| | Families | \$\$\$ | Donations | Balance |
| Beginning | | | | \$ 437.45 |
| January | | | \$ 69.87 | \$ 507.32 |
| February | 1 | \$ 25.00 | \$ 86.47 | \$ 568.79 |
| March | 2 | \$ 75.00 | \$ 70.00 | \$ 563.79 |
| April | 3 | \$ 175.00 | \$ 90.00 | \$ 478.79 |
| May | 2 | \$ 1700.00 | \$ 1900.00 | \$ 678.79 |
| June | 2 | \$ 310.75 | \$ 725.00 | \$ 1093.04 |
| July | 2 | \$ 575.00 | \$ 140.00 | \$ 658.04 |
| August | | | \$ 29.00 | \$ 687.04 |
| September | 1 | \$ 50.00 | \$ 60.50 | \$ 697.54 |
| October | | | | |
| November | | | | |
| December | | | | |
| Total | 13 | \$ 2910.75 | \$ 3170.84 | |

REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS

Freda Berry
The Haven at Springwood
2321 Freedom Way
York, PA 17402



Linda Trone
Room 700
Colonial Manor Nursing Home
970 Colonial Avenue
York, PA 17403

Peggy Luckenbaugh
Room 704B
Colonial Manor Nursing Home
970 Colonial Avenue
York, PA 17403

Keeping in our prayers
Dolores Barley
Nancy Taylor
Friends battling cancer
Covid 19 patients



Remember
and pray for
Our Members
in the
Military

A1C Ness, Brandon
6907 S. Camino de la Humanidad
Tucson, AZ 85756

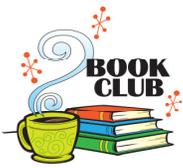
He's BACK! Our friend, Bob Goff, is back with a new study. In case you have forgotten, Bob Goff is the author of the New York Times bestselling books, Love Does and Everybody, Always. He is the Honorary Consul to the Republic of Uganda, an attorney, and the founder of Love Does, a nonprofit human rights organization operating in Uganda, India, Nepal, Iraq, and Somalia. He's a lover of balloons, cake pops, and helping people pursue their big dreams. Bob's greatest ambitions in life are to love others, do stuff, and most importantly, to hold hands with his wife, Sweet Maria Goff, and spend time with their amazing kids.



My friends, God has given you gifts, talents, abilities, and dreams. Unfortunately, many of us have been told that pursuing those dreams is impractical, incorrect, or impossible. Bob Goff is on a mission to shake you free of this mindset and help you step into the version of the life you dreamed about when you were young. In Bob Goff's five-session video Bible study called DREAM BIG (Know What You Want, Why You Want It, and What You're Going to Do About it). He draws on principles from the Bible and a lifetime of dreaming LARGE to help you connect with the passions that God has placed inside of you.

Each session will explore a different aspect of what it means to Dream BIG. There will be an opening question, a brief Bible reading, and then you will watch Bob on the video. The good stuff comes after the video, when you dig deeper into each topic in a guided small Sunday school group time led by Pastor Curt. You will discuss your responses, ask questions, and hear more about the dreams that God is revealing in the lives of others.

So, are you ready? Come join us in the Gathering Room after worship for five weeks, November 22-December 20, to rediscover how to DREAM BIG!



Our Women's Book Club has now begun meeting at 11:00 AM on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at a local restaurant, combining a book talk and lunch. We are currently meeting at the Dallastown Family Restaurant, 2695 S. Queen St., York. The restaurant is subject to change. Please come join us. Any questions, call Ginny Weber at (717) 246-9027



MEN'S GROUP



Come join the men of Blymire on Tuesday, November 10, at 7:00 PM at the church. Bring a friend to the meeting. As always we have an open discussion on joys and concerns. Come join us for a time of sharing. REMEMBER ALL MEN ARE WELCOME.



We are asking for volunteers to help clean the Red Brick Chapel on Tuesday, November 17, beginning at 8:30 AM. If you are able to help, please let Joel Frey know.

SOS (Sisters of Service) Announcement

It is with much sadness that we have cancelled all activities for 2020. This includes the BAZAAR, CHRISTMAS PARTY, and COOKIE WALK. We are still donating money when it is needed. Let us know if we can help out. We hope to be able to resume meetings and activities in 2021.

BOOK SALE

Our annual Book Sale will be returning on Sunday, November 8. You can purchase or donate books any time after that. The sale will not be open to the public. This is your chance to stock up on reading material for the upcoming winter. The sale will run through February.



The FUN Team will be sponsoring a Game Day on Saturday, November 28, from noon until ???. All members of the congregation are invited to attend and bring any card, board or other games you enjoy playing with you. You are also asked to bring a prepackaged snack to share. We are limiting the number that can attend to 25, so please call Diana Myers at (717) 741-1840 to let her know how many in your family will be coming.

Mailing Address Change:

Dolores Barley is still living at her current address on South Pleasant Avenue, but she is having her mail sent to her daughter's house at 579 Gary Dr, Dallastown, PA 17313. If you want to send any cards or other correspondence to Dolores, please use that address.

Homewood Auxiliary

"It's that time of year again- Homewood Auxiliary at Plum Creek Fall Membership drive has begun!! Current auxiliary members will be receiving individual letters that include a form to fill out and return to our church reps, Linda Eichelberger and Stephanie Frey, along with dues. Dues are \$3.00 for individual membership; \$5.00 for joint membership. Forms and dues may be hand delivered or sent in the mail to Linda or Steph. Unfortunately 2021 pocket calendars will not be available this year. December 27 will be the last day for collecting the forms and dues.

Due to COVID 19, the Fundraising Tea had to be canceled, gravely impacting the annual income and donations to Plum Creek. Any and all questions please see Linda or Steph. Thank you.

CHRISTMAS CARDS



SOS is collecting Christmas Cards to donate to Homewood Homes Skilled Care and Personal Care residents. You can sign your cards with your first name and Blymire's Church and put them in the red basket on the table in Fellowship Hall. Please don't seal or write anything on the outside of the envelope. The last day to collect will be Sunday, November 29.

We can also use donations of extra cards. Just put them in the plastic basket on the table. The residents LOVE to receive our cards. Thanks for your help. If you have questions, contact Linda Flinchbaugh.

Landscaping Update from the Trustees

The job of the Trustees of our church is to maintain the church building and surrounding grounds and to make repairs as needed. After considerable review of existing water runoff issues, we have determined what repairs are needed to correct these ongoing problems. We have signed a contract with All Seasons Resources in Dallastown.

Plans are to replace the above ground system which has been causing erosion and damage to the foundation. We will install a below ground system which will help control the water runoff during icy weather. The work will be completed in Phases.

Phase 1 will deal primarily with the east side and south end of the Christian Education wing. Plans include: replacing the down spouts with upgraded materials, removing the grass between the sidewalk and brick structure, and placing a new underground drainpipe system topped with landscape stone from the entry to the sidewalk at the end of the wing. Plants will be added to make a welcoming entrance to the building. With this, the damage that has been done to the cement sidewalks from the mowers will be greatly reduced.

At the stair end of the Christian Education wing where the sidewalk has been damaged, it will be removed and replaced. The grassy areas on both sides of the steps will be removed and landscape stone will be placed between the sidewalk and the building. Plants will also be added at intervals. Phase 2 of the project will be at the main entrance of the church where the sidewalk has begun to sink and is creating pools of water which are undermining the foundation there. The cement area will be raised and stone placed beneath. We will then add landscape stone and drainage pipe to divert the downspout water.

We have encountered the same damage on the west side of the Christian Education wing (outside the main entrance and office area.) The existing down spouts will be connected to a new underground drainage system. This will decrease the chances of ice forming on the drive entrance due to runoff waters during rain or melting snow. The drainpipe will be connected to a stone drain field located at the edge of the driveway area on the west side of the cemetery steps.

As you can imagine, it will take considerable funds to make these repairs and upgrades. Therefore, we are asking for your help to make this possible. One way is through a "**Donors Plaque**". If you would like to make a donation to this project "in memory of" or "in honor of" someone or something, please submit the form below, along with your contribution. *We ask for a minimum of \$50.00 contribution.* The size of the name plate will be approximately 1½ inch x 4 inches. If you wish to remain anonymous, you can request that your name not be placed on the plaque.

----- **PLEASE PRINT** -----

In Loving Memory of

In Honor of

Name of the donor _____

Include donor's name on plaque _____ Do **not** include donor's name on plaque _____

EMMANUEL'S CLOSET

November 2020

Christmas Project



Because of the coronavirus and the difficulty of doing any shopping in person, we have changed our Christmas Project this year. Instead of giving out name tags and asking church members to buy gifts for a specific child, we have decided to give \$50 in gift cards to each eligible child or teen. In order to do this we are asking for cash donations in any amount to help purchase the cards. They will be given out to the parents on December 12 and December 19.

We are still accepting donations of food, cleaning products and toiletries. We are giving them out by having the clients come to the parking lot door rather than inside St. Paul's. Donations of food and other products may be dropped off at Blymire's church on Sunday mornings or weekdays during office hours. Thank you for helping your neighbors in this time of need.

Cartridge Recycling



Don't forget to bring in your empty printer cartridges and place them in the box above the coat rack in the hallway. Thank you for your support of this project which will not only raise money for those in need, but also help to keep our planet "green."

Bags Needed

If anyone uses Giant Direct for their grocery shopping, we are asking for donations of the empty bags. They are the perfect size and sturdiness to hold the groceries that we give out. You may place them in the food bins. Thanks.



THANKS FOR CARING!

E.C. Continuing Needs

Juice
Cereal/Oatmeal
Peanut Butter/Jelly
Pancake Mix
Spaghetti Sauce
Boxed Dry Pastas
Helper Meals
Dessert Items
Condiment Items
Canned Tuna/Meats
Canned Fruit/Vegetables
Soap
Shampoo
Toilet Paper
Paper Towels
Dish Washing Liquid
Laundry Detergent
All-Purpose Cleaners
Children's books/toys
Small household items

Please, NO Expired Food Items

Below is a list of items that we are especially in need of right now:

Dinner kits (pizza, taco, etc.)

Frosting (assorted flavors besides chocolate please)

Jelly, jam, preserves

Cereal

Gravy

Rice

Poptarts

Sloppy Joe mix

Stuffing

Soap

Shampoo

Toilet paper

Paper towels

Detergent

Cleaning supplies

Silence is not only golden.
It is seldom misquoted.

Bob Monkhouse

Fear says,
"what if?"
Faith says,
"even if?"



We are all of us from birth to death guests
at a table which we did not spread. The sun,
the earth, love, friends, our very breath
are parts of this banquet...

Rebecca Harding Davis



"Don't wait until the fourth
Thursday in November, to sit
with family and friends to give
thanks. Make every day a day of
Thanksgiving!"

Charmaine J. Forde

A little girl was holding two apples; her
mother asked for one. The girl quickly
bit one apple and then the other. Her
mother held back her disappointment.
Then the girl handed one to her saying:
"Here, this is the sweeter one"
The moral of the story: DO NOT JUDGE!



"In today's rush, we all think
too much...seek too much...want
too much...and forget about
the joy of just being."

Eckhart Tolle



A PRAYER FOR AUTUMN

God of autumn, the trees are saying
goodbye to their green, letting go of
what has been. We, too, have our
moments of surrender, with all their
insecurity and risk. Help us to let go
when we need to do so.

God of fallen leaves lying in colored
patterns on the ground, our lives
have their own patterns. As we
see the patterns of our own growth,
may we learn from them.

God of misty days and harvest
moon nights, there is always the
dimension of mystery and wonder
in our lives. We always need to
recognize your power-filled
presence. May we gain strength
from this.

God of harvest wagons and fields
of ripened grain, many gifts of
growth lie within the season of our
surrender. We must wait for harvest
in faith and hope. Grant us patience
when we do not see the blessings.

God of geese going south for
another season, your wisdom
enables us to know what needs
to be left behind and what needs
to be carried into the future. We
yearn for insight and vision.

God of flowers touched with frost
and windows wearing white designs,
may your love keep our hearts from
growing cold in the empty seasons.

God of life, you believe in us, you
enrich us, you entrust us with the
freedom to choose life. For all this,
we are grateful.

Amen.
Joyce Rupp



PEOPLE GROW WHERE THEY'RE ACCEPTED

God said his plan for loving
people on earth was us. He
said people will know He
delights in them when they
feel unconditionally loved by
those who share His name.
Jesus never said anything
about tough love. He didn't
tell us to push people away
so they'd know the pain of
loss of community. Those
are just ideas people made
up along the way to punish
people.

God told us to welcome
people into His love. People
don't grow where they're
merely informed; they grow
where they are accepted.

Don't cut people off from
the source of love when they
lose their way. Draw them in
close and breathe life back
into them like Jesus did when
He was here.

WHO MIGHT GOD BE CALLING
YOU TO WELCOME?

Bob Goff

"May our churches become like art classes
where brothers and sisters are allowed
a safe place to learn Christ
by erasing,
scribbling
and coloring outside the lines
Less telling, more listening
Less monologues, more dialogues
Less conformity, more unity
Less celebrity, more family"

David Hayward



Happy Thanksgiving

HOW CAN I BE THANKFUL DURING THESE TRYING TIMES? Donna Britt

What are you thankful for? If your list is short — “My health, my family”— I get it. What could be more priceless, especially now? But think harder. Raising your gratitude game can make you feel happier during these unsettled times. Last year, when one of my yoga students quipped, “It’s impossible to be grateful and unhappy at the same time,” I had no idea how right she was.

Life is uniquely challenging right now. When unsettling news about the pandemic or protests pins me to my chair, gratitude gives me back my power. I remind myself of how thankful I am for my sons; for each box, can and bottle in my pantry; and for the extravagant beauty of birds, flowers and trees that greet my walk. Being grateful shortens my freakouts and rivets my attention on what matters in this moment.

So why does gratitude so often elude us? It’s human nature to obsess on things that are broken while barely noticing all that’s working. Wasn’t griping about being banned from restaurants more fun than noting culinary skills we honed and gas and money we saved by cooking for ourselves? Plus, everyone’s future feels uncertain. It’s hard being grateful when you’re in mourning. It’s not so long ago that we were unceremoniously booted from the institutions that moor us: schools, churches, workplaces. Even with limited access to these establishments now, most of us still grieve the death of our former lives.

Embracing gratitude may seem impossible when you’re worried about your mortgage payment, half-empty refrigerator or the uncertain health of you or your relatives. Even those with ample resources are daunted by the current unpredictability of life. But human life is always uncertain. Numerous spiritual teachings suggest that focusing on the good in your life creates more abundance. So if you can assist someone in need, offer a delivery person or retail worker a generous tip, or contribute money or time to organizations helping the hard-hit, do it — and feel grateful for being blessed to be able to help.

There are countless roads to gratefulness. My fitness coach uses his morning walk as a vehicle. “As soon as I open the front door, I start with, ‘I’m grateful for ...,’ and say whatever’s in my mind,” explains Jonathan. He doesn’t stop recounting his blessings until he has circled the entire block. My son began his own unique gratitude practice, “7 for 7,” while isolating with his roommate in Los Angeles. Nightly at 7 p.m., he sets a timer for seven minutes and uses the time to list everything he’s thankful for. “When things start to get dark and the walls close in, I need to re-center myself,” he says. “The best way is to thank God. I’m always surprised by how quickly the seven minutes passes. But then I realize there’s never enough time in the day to say all the things I should be grateful for.”

Between our vanished past and unpredictable future lies a realization: All we have is now. Moment by moment, I’m recognizing that gratitude is a choice — and a challenging one in a world of fear, anxiety, outrage and frustration. No matter what’s happening, I try to remember what Psalm 118:24 suggests: “This is the day that the Lord has made.” Why not try to “rejoice and be glad in it?” Choosing joy over pain and fear whenever possible doesn’t just seem sensible — it’s healthy. Being grateful has been scientifically proven to reduce anxiety and to boost immunity. Who doesn’t need that now?’

For every reason for ingratitude, find something to be thankful for: You’re *alive*. The planet that suffered a century-long beat down by humans just got a bit of a break. While sheltering, many of us discovered depths, talents, patience, independence and wisdom in ourselves and loved ones we never knew existed. I’m grateful for every seemingly healthy soul who finds mask-wearing a pain but who wears one anyway in public spaces to protect others with less-robust immune systems. And I’m deeply appreciative that unlike pandemic dwellers in centuries past, I have lots of options: Watching new movies and ancient episodes of “Frasier,” exercising, taking classes, having virtual cocktail parties and attending church on Zoom. What do you have to be thankful for in these troubling times?



Since there is only one of me, does that make me an endangered species or a limited edition?

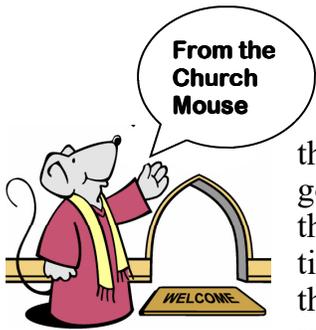
"Those little things that you alone see, aren't by chance. The sign, the squirrel, the dragonfly; the whisper, the song, the lily. It's me. I'm always with you..

I'll do anything to reach you — to give you hope, keep you on track, answer your questions.

Look even closer.

The Universe





Revelations for NOVEMBER from “Bly Mire” Mouse

NOVEMBER!!! My goodness, in some ways it seems hard to image we are this close to the end of 2020. With the onset of COVID 19 I thought this was going to be the slowest year ever, but I think this year went by quickly. I am thankful that because of the shut down my family had some very good bonding time. I am also thankful that as we look to celebrating Thanksgiving this year, things may not be as hectic and stressed as other years because of planning how much time to spend with Mire’s family or my family. We all pretty much decided that because of underlying health problems and age, we would stay at home for the holidays this year. This will really be different too because of the Macy’s virtual plans, etc. But, we have to do what is best for all and if it means a change of plans, so be it.

Of course, with the Thanksgiving holiday this month, my thoughts have been centering around what I am thankful for. Of course I am most thankful for the wonderful family and friends I have! What a blessing it is to have the love of Mire and my little ones, my whole family, the many friends—too numerous to count, I definitely PRAISE GOD for all in my life!!! With the stay at home earlier this year I had plenty of time to reevaluate what I held as a priority in my life. I used to think I had to be on the go all the time, visiting this family member or that friend, or going to an annual event, etc; or going to the gym to workout. I did have my priorities! But with stay-at-home, the busyness of my social calendar before was no longer the most important thing. I refocused where my HEART was! I now cherish so much more helping the little ones with school projects. My heart melts more than ever when we hug one another and say “I love you!” WOW!!! I loved all this before but I LOVE all this so much more now!!!

I used to plan my evenings around my favorite TV shows and I would watch them in my Man-mouse cave while Mire watched her favorites in the family room. Now, most nights when the homework is finished and before bedtime, we are all in one room and sharing the TV. We have even made a deal that for at least one show (be it 30 or 60 minutes long) none of us will answer our cell phone or play any games on our phones or tablets. Why? BECAUSE.....this is FAMILY time!!! What a change this has made for all of us!

So, as Thanksgiving comes closer for us, my hope is that we all find we are even more thankful for all the blessings God has given us this year than in any past year.

I am thankful for all the blessings of God! I am thankful you have read my musings! I am thankful for ALL things!

I again will share a common sentiment.....stay safe, stay healthy and I add, stay FAITHFUL!

November’s humor:

I find it interesting that the only word a turkey knows is...”GOBBLE, GOBBLE, GOBBLE.” Do you think they may know what lies ahead for them???

Things to be thankful for: God put our noses on our face with the nostril opening downwards. Imagine if the openings were upward...we would catch a lot of rain! Plus, whenever we laugh while swallowing water, instead of just getting our shirts wet, we would give ourselves a full shower!

With our Love,

BLY and MIRE



Puzzle!

Write the words below in alphabetical order inside the squares. Then read down the second column to discover the sentence that begins and ends Psalms 146, 147, 148, 149 and 150.

- FEAST
- KHAKI
- MOUTH
- ESSAY
- LLAMA
- ORBIT
- CARRY
- UDDER
- BRUSH
- ITEMS
- APPLE
- LEARN
- CIDER

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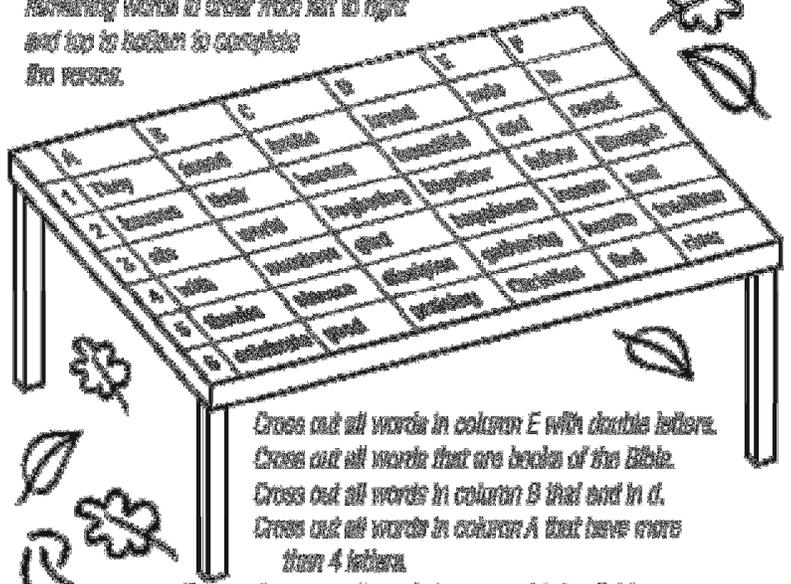
Answer: Praise the Lord!



Glad gatherings

The first Christians met together over a meal. Today church families still gather to break bread and thank God.

Follow the instructions below. Then write the remaining words in order from left to right and top to bottom to complete the verse.



- Cross out all words in column E with double letters.
- Cross out all words that are books of the Bible.
- Cross out all words in column B that end in d.
- Cross out all words in column A that have more than 4 letters.
- Cross out all words in row 5 with 3 syllables.
- Cross out all words in the table with 8 letters.
- Cross out all words in column F with 2 or more vowels.

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Answer: They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God. Acts 2:46-47, NIV