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THANKSGIVING GRATITUDE IS A LIFESTYLE

By Pastor Daniel Chun

As another November is upon us, it is that time again where we reflect on all the things, we are grateful for. November and the season of Thanksgiving are always a time to reflect on the little and big, the good and the bad, and even the high and the low. I love Thanksgiving because it is always a season to remember that through it all, God is Good.

But Thanksgiving can be more than just the moment and season of gratitude. Thanksgiving is a special time where we can be very intentional about being grateful for life and the things we have. Thanksgiving isn't the only time where we should be grateful. In this season of Thanksgiving, I would like to offer a thought on how gratitude is not just something we do in the moment, but rather gratitude should be a lifestyle. Consider this question: "Do you see life through the lens of gratitude?"

I ask this question to have us reflect whether we find ourselves being thankful in certain moments like Thanksgiving, or whether we find ourselves seeing all of life through the lens of gratitude. Scripture reveals to us that gratitude is not just a moment of giving thanks, but we are called to a lifestyle where all things should be seen through a lens of thanksgiving. Consider these scriptures:

Colossians 2:6-7 – So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as LORD, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 – Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

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Scripture reveals to us that gratitude is not just for the moment. Gratitude isn't just expressed when something good happens in our lives or when we are in a season of gratitude. Rather, Apostle Paul instructs Christians to have a lifestyle of gratitude; everything we see and do is seen through a lens of gratitude. Did you know that when Apostle Paul wrote the letter of Colossians, he was in jail? Apostle Paul in a moment of suffering, teaches genuinely that we should be grateful because in all things God has a good purpose.

Living a lifestyle of gratitude is not easy. Because life can and is difficult and there are many moments in our Christian walk that prevents us from being thankful. But the Word of God offers a clear truth that a lifestyle of gratitude is life transforming. Trusting in God that God is Good and has all things in His hand is life changing. Living a lifestyle of thanksgiving because you trust that despite the high and low that God has a good purpose and can make a tremendous difference in our lives. Gratitude should be a lifestyle because it changes our hearts to see how God is Good always and forever.

This Thanksgiving, I would like to encourage us to consider seeking a lifestyle of gratitude. Thanksgiving shouldn't just be a season where we take moments to be thankful. Instead, Thanksgiving should invite us to consider if our lives reflect a lifestyle of gratitude. Because I whole heartedly believe that the Good News of Jesus Christ is something to be thankful for every day.

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Colossians 2:6-7

TOWN HALL MEETING

Please note that there will be a church wide, Town Hall style, informational session held on **Sunday, November 6** at 9:45 am (during the Sunday School hour) in the Fellowship Hall. This meeting will be hosted by Pastor Don and will offer the latest information as related to news around the future of the United Methodist Church.



NOVEMBER COMMUNION OFFERING

Our November Communion Offering will be split between Safe Harbor and James House. Both organizations serve a vital need in our local communities, and we encourage you to support them.



safe harbor

<https://safeharborshelter.com/>

Safe Harbor provides the support that survivors of sexual and domestic violence and human trafficking need to overcome their crisis and to transform their lives.

Safe Harbor envision that every person in our community can take pride in having safe homes and healthy relationships.



JAMES HOUSE

<https://thejameshouse.org/>

James House offers cost-free, confidential help for people affected by sexual violence, domestic violence, interpersonal violence and stalking in the Greater Tri-Cities Region of Virginia.

Headquartered in Prince George, James House has 12 shelters in undisclosed locations.

One of the things which makes a song so meaningful is the story of how the song was written and how it has journeyed through history. Each month we will be highlighting some of the songs we will be using in worship services.

I Am Thine O Lord was written by Fanny Crosby an American hymn writer who wrote over 8,000 gospel songs. She was born on March 24, 1820. At six weeks, a doctor applied a mustard plaster to her eyes and rendered her totally blind. At age nine, she penned these words, "Oh what a happy soul am I, Although I cannot see, Contented I will be, How many blessings I enjoy, That other people don't, To weep and sigh, Because I'm blinded, I cannot, and I won't." At age 15, she entered the New York Institution for the Blind. Upon graduation, they asked her to teach there, and she did for 19 years. When she was 20, a young man came to the institute named Alexander Van Alstyne. He was also a blind musician. Fanny and Alexander married on March 5, 1858. This hymn was composed in 1874 when Fanny Crosby went to visit composer William Doane. They talked at length about the nearness of God in their lives. When she went to her room, the words "I Am Thine O Lord" came into her mind. The next morning, she recited them to William Doane, and he wrote the tune for the lyrics. History of Hymns: *I Am Thine O Lord* Dr. Michael Hawn, 12 June, 2013 @2022 Discipleship Ministries <https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/resources/history-of-hymns-i-am-thine-o-lord>



O Holy Night was written in 1847 because the parish priest asked the poet Placide Cappeau de Roquemaure to write a poem. Placide began by thinking about the birth of Jesus. He titled it *Cantique de Noel*; and he thought that it should have music to go with it, so he gave it to his friend Adolphe Charles Adams to see if he could come up with the music. Adolphe was a famous classical musician that was known around the world. Adolphe was Jewish and he didn't celebrate the birth of Jesus, but he agreed to come up with the music. He wrote the music a few weeks later, and it was performed at a Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve. *Cantique de Noel* became popular in France and was sung in many Christmas services. Sometime later, Placide Cappeau completely left the church and joined a socialist group, and it was discovered that Adolphe was a Jew and the French Catholic church leaders decided that it was unfit for church services because of its "lack of musical taste and the total absence of the spirit of religion". Though it was no longer sung in the churches, the French people still sang it in their homes.

A decade later, John Sullivan Dwight, an abolitionist, identified with the third verse, "Truly he taught us to love one another, his law is love and his gospel is peace. Chains shall he break for the slave is our brother, and in his name all oppression shall cease." He published his English translation of "O Holy Night" in his magazine and the song found favor in America, in the North, during the Civil War.

France banned the song for two decades, then legend has a story that on Christmas Eve 1871 during the France-Prussian war, a soldier jumped up out of the trenches and lifted his head to the sky and sang *Cantique de Noel*. Then a German jumped up and sang Martin Luther's *From Heaven Above to Earth I Came*. There was peace for twenty-four hours while the men on both sides celebrated Christmas Day.

Years later in 1906, Reginold Fessenden, a thirty-three-year-old university professor, former chemist for Thomas Edison picked up a microphone and recited the Christmas story from Luke chapter 2 and then finished with playing O Holy Night on the violin. It was the first radio broadcast that was heard on ships and in offices. This song has gone on to be heard and sung by millions. It is the most played and requested song. The Story Behind the Song O Holy Night, Ann H. Gabhart, 16 Dec, 2019 Copyright: Ann H. Gabhart, <https://www.annhghabhart.com/2019/12/16/the-story-behind-the-song-o-holy-night/>

SHERBOURNE REQUEST

During the month of November, Sherbourne Food Pantry is requesting donations of **canned meat** and other proteins. The food pantry is in critical need of **cereals, pasta, and jellies**. Please grab a box or jar on your next shopping trip. Your donation can be left on the wire rack at the Information Center or in the white Afterhours Donation Cabinet in the Breezeway. Thank you for all you are doing to help us meet our pledge of 5,000 lbs. of food by the end of 2022.

CHRISTMAS MEALS

We will again be providing Christmas meals for our neighbors who are served by the Sherbourne Food Pantry. Look for details and a shopping list in upcoming announcements.

DURING THE MONTH OF OCTOBER...



Music Ministry, On Sunday, October 2, during the 11:00 am worship service the Children's Choir presented *Jesus on the Main Line* as their first time participating in worship. On October 16, for the first time the Ensemble gave a worship offering of music during both services with *Alleluia* and *He is Lord*. On October 30, the Interpretive Dance team gave an offering of dance during both services. The music ministry is excited to be able to offer these new forms of worship to God during the worship service.



Baptism, on Sunday, October 9, during the 11:00 am service Luna Ivy McNally was baptized. Her baptism was given witness by her parents O.C. and Kerensa McNally, family friend Sherry Harris, and others.

Spirit Squad On Friday, October 14, families from Beulah gathered to paint pumpkins, have a costume contest, toast smores, and share the love of God with each other through fellowship.



Charge Conference was held on Sunday, October 17. Beulah hosted the Charge Conference for eight churches. Many of the visitors commented on how welcomed they felt at Beulah. Thank you to the many volunteers who greeted, served refreshments, and volunteered for the event.

Louise Corde as our Lay Leader representative reported for Beulah. He cited our joy in returning to worship, Sunday school classes, groups, and outreach in 2022. He shared our growing passion and response for the Word of God through the Bible Reading Challenge. He also thanked District Superintendent Hyo Lee for our wonderful pastors. Please see Suzanne if you would like to have a copy of Beulah's Charge Conference paperwork.

Men's Bible Study has taken responsibility for weighing and delivering donations for Sherbourne Food Pantry. With only 2 months left we need 1,625 lbs of food to reach our 5,000lb goal for 2022.



Trunk or Treat, On Monday, October 31 Beulah hosted a community Trunk or Treat. There were twenty cars handing out over 20,000 + pieces of candy, 500 bibles were handed out to families, and there were countless number of smiles. Thank you to everyone who donated candy, hosted a trunk, or lent out a hand in sharing God's love.



BIBLE READING CHALLENGE

BEULAH BAZAAR
& Curbside Market

Saturday, November 12
8:00 am – 1:00 pm

BAZAAR'S CURBSIDE MARKET IS CLOSING SOON

Order forms for the Curbside Market and Apples can be found at the Information Center and online at Beulahumc.org/shop. All orders must be turned into the church office by Sunday, **November 6**. This is a firm deadline. After November 6, apples, and other items will only be sold at the Bazaar, first come first served. Please see Louise King or Sarah Eastwood if you have any questions.

BRUNSWICK STEW AND MORE

Come join us at the Bazaar on Saturday, **November 12** from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm. There will be Brunswick Stew, various preserves, homemade goods, and other treasures there. Donate to NOW and you could be the recipient of the quilt on display by the Volunteer Desk.

TOILETRIES FOR CENTENARY UMC HOMELESS MINISTRY



TOILETRIES NEEDED

Small toiletries are being collected by Linda Mustain for the homeless population served at Centenary UMC, which several volunteers from Beulah serve every month. Donations can be left in the cabinet, under the Information Center.

NOVEMBER PROMPT

During the month of November, we will be doing "No Electronic November". We encourage everyone to not use any electronics (ex. phone, iPads, projections) to read The Word*. Our Sunday services will also not project Scripture so please make sure to bring your Study/Paper Bibles to church.

*Exception - Unless you need electronic assistance

NOVEMBER READING

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| 01 Luke 2 | 16 Luke 16 |
| 02 Luke 3 | 17 Luke 17 |
| 03 Luke 4 | 18 Luke 18 |
| 04 Luke 5 | 19 Luke 19 |
| 05 Luke 6 | 20 Sunday (Catch-up day) |
| 06 Sunday (Catch-up day) | 21 Luke 20 |
| 07 Luke 7 | 22 Luke 21 |
| 08 Luke 8 | 23 Luke 22 |
| 09 Luke 9 | 24 Luke 23 |
| 10 Luke 10 | 25 Luke 24 |
| 11 Luke 11-12 | 26 John 1 |
| 12 Luke 13 | 27 Sunday (Catch-up day) |
| 13 Sunday (Catch-up day) | 28 John 2 |
| 14 Luke 14 | 29 John 3 |
| 15 Luke 15 | 30 John 4 |

CROP HUNGER WALK: GIVING IN GRATITUDE

WALK. GIVE. CHANGE THE WORLD.

Richmond
CROP HUNGER WALK

NOVEMBER 13, 2022

RICHMOND, VIRGINIA

We are blessed to live in a society where we have access to clean water, grocery stores, and schools where all children are guaranteed an education. In donating to help people in need through our local CROP Hunger Walk, prayerfully consider giving in gratitude for your physical blessings. Every dollar counts, so give a dollar for each faucet in your home, every grocery store within 10 minutes of your home, each child or grandchild in school or who has graduated, and every exterior door you have that has locks. Your dollars, combined with others, will dig wells, teach people to grow their own food, send children to school, provide safe shelter for refugees, and provide healthy produce for families in Richmond's "food deserts". Richmond's CROP Hunger Walk is **Sunday, November 13**, at Ginter Park UMC on W. Laburnum, beginning with a rally at 1:00. The walk begins at 2:00. Our Beulah Team is registered at crophungerwalk.org/richmondva, where you can join the team and/or make a secure donation or see Barbara Tuttle in the narthex after worship.



BEULAH'S United Women in Faith

WHAT IS A GOLD UNIT? A 6-STAR UNIT?

Once again, Beulah's unit was recognized at the District Annual Meeting as a Gold Unit and as a 6-Star Unit, but what does this mean? We are a Gold Unit because we met 21 goals in mission giving, spiritual development, mission awareness and education, and hands-on mission work. We are a 6-Star Unit because we gave through 6 channels of undesignated giving: Pledge to Mission, Gift in Memory, Gift to Mission, World Thank Offering, Special Mission Recognition, and Candle Burning. If you would like to join this group of mission-minded women, please contact Barbara Tuttle, President, at 804-271-2289.

DISTRICT UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH ADVENT SERVICE

Everyone is invited to our annual Advent Service, which will be at Ramsey Memorial UMC, 5900 Hull Street Rd., Richmond, 23224, on Saturday, December 3. Registration begins at 10:00 a.m., and worship is 10:30 – 11:30. Our guest speaker is Rev. Sarah Forti, Minister of Youth, Children, and Christian Education at Lebanon UMC.

JOHN WESLEY'S ELECTION ADVICE

I met those of our society who had votes in the ensuing election, and advised them,

1. *To vote, without fee or reward, for the person they judged most worthy:*
2. *To speak no evil of the person they voted against:*
3. *To take care their spirits were not sharpened against those that voted on the other side.*

John Wesley, October 6, 1774

UWF MISSION WITNESS

The Prayer Calendar is published annually by United Methodist Women. It invites us to pray as one people responsive to God's call to relationships of caring, connecting and healing in a world of uncertainty in all but the love of God. Each month we share a testimony from a person in mission for Christ through the United Methodist Church.

SCRIPTURE FOR THE MONTH

We have known and believed the love that God has for us. God is love and those who remain in love remain in God and God remains in them. -- 1 John 4:16

WITNESS

Thanksgiving is an expression of gratitude – readiness to show appreciation for kindness and to return kindness. The Susannah Wesley House staff rejoice because of God's steadfast love. We give thanks for God's provision and pass it on in mission with our neighbors.

While the Susanna Wesley House is located in a prestigious and historic Landmark District of Baltimore, Maryland, we are also just two blocks from another world. This "world is paved roads with an abundance of homelessness, helplessness and hopelessness. Many in the neighborhood are challenged in finding JOY. It is a mother, her son and other Susanna Wesley Residents who decided to not only prepare their own Thanksgiving dinner but to also prepare for others – the residents of "another world". Joel loaded up a cart with dinners to share with those who didn't have. That day, Joel had two encounters. The feeling of JOY in recognition of a blessing that he and his Susanna Wesley House family had received, and the JOY in sharing that same food with the needy families close to his home.

Tijuana Moore Irons, Chair,
Public Relations and Communications,
Board of Directors, Susanna Wesley House,
Baltimore, Maryland

PRAYER

Please pray for international missionaries serving in Ukraine, Uruguay, Vietnam and Zambia and our missionaries serving in the United States in Texas, Vermont, and Virginia.



PICK UP A BOX FROM THE NARTHEX

PACK A SHOEBOX **BOXES ARE DUE BACK NOVEMBER 13**

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Beulah, through Wesleyan Stratton Fellowship, is asking for your help in spreading the word and love of Jesus Christ to children in hurricane ravaged and underdeveloped countries. This can be done by filling shoe boxes for children to open at Christmas time. The boxes are in the Narthex or use one of your own. The boxes should be returned to the Narthex as well. All directions are enclosed. The Dollar Store has marvelous gifts to include. All boxes are due by **Sunday, November 13**, but can be returned sooner. Please contact Sharon Robertson at 804-271-4455 with any questions.

BEULAH'S BEST

Beulah's Best will meet **Tuesday, November 15**, at 10:00 am in the Fellowship Hall. Our program is Josh Wortham and the Joy Singers from Chester United Methodist Church. Come join us for a great program.

HOLIDAY BAKE SHOP

The 2022 Beulah Holiday Bake Shop is **Saturday, December 10**, from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. Come early for the best selection of baked goods of all kinds. Most items are decoratively wrapped and ready for Christmas gift-giving! Look for flyers and pre-order forms at the Information Center and at the United Women in Faith's table at the Bazaar. Invite your friends and neighbors! Pre-orders are due by November 30. Proceeds from the sale support the missions of Beulah's United Women in Faith.

2022 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

November 23	Church closes at 1:00 pm
November 24 & 25	Church is closed in observance of Thanksgiving
November 27	First Sunday of Advent
December 02	Christmas Arrangements for Homebound
December 03	Bells of Praise Christmas Concert at Lucy Corr
December 10	Holiday Bake Sale
December 11	Christmas Cantata <i>First Noel</i>
December 17	Christmas Play <i>A King Is Coming To Town</i>
December 18	Living Nativity
December 24	Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
December 25	Combined Christmas Service
December 26 & 27	Church is closed in observance of Christmas

OCTOBER CALENDAR

- 01 Hugging Hearts
- 03 Bazaar Meeting
- 04 Mariners Dinner
- 06 Town Hall Meeting
UWF Covered Luncheon
- 08 Mary Farmer Circle of Love
Rebekah Fellowship
Finance Meeting
- 11 Spirit Squad
- 12 Beulah Bazaar
- 13 Mission Meeting
- 14 Ruth Robertson Friendship Circle
- 15 Beulah's Best
Prayer Shawl
Springdale Bible Study
Hugging Hearts
UMM Dinner
- 16 Wesleyan Stratton
- 21 Family Group
- 23 **Church Closes at 1**
- 24-25 **Closed for Thanksgiving**
- 29 Prayer Meeting

OCCURRING WEEKLY

- Sunday** 8:30 Worship
Sunday School
11:00 Worship
Play Rehearsal
Interpretive Dance Rehearsal
Solo Bells Rehearsal
Youth
- Monday** Card Ministry
Men's Bible Study
Ensemble Rehearsal
Bells of Praise Rehearsal
Scouts
- Tuesday** Cub Scouts
- Wednesday** Staff Meeting
Children's Choir Rehearsal
Wednesday Worship Meal
Alpha
- Thursday** Beulah Land Quartet Rehearsal
Girl Scouts
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal



THANK YOU

To: Beulah Church Friends

From: Pastor Pam Anderson

In 1 Timothy 5:17, Paul advised congregations that pastors are 'worthy of double honor, especially those whose work is preaching and teaching.' You have really done that!! Your honor and appreciation have been deeply felt this past month with your prayers, notes, cards, encouragement, and gifts. I would like to take this time to say THANK YOU for all the love you have shown during Pastor Appreciation Month and for the support you give every day, all year long!

To: Beulah

From: Pastor Don Gibson

Thank you all for your kind words, notes, cards, phone calls, gifts, and especially for your prayers and love; my family and I are certainly very blessed and very thankful to serve among you and with you. Love and Blessings.

To: Beulah Church family

From: Pastor Daniel Chun

I want to thank the Beulah Church family for all the wonderful cards and gifts that were given in appreciation for pastors. I am truly blessed by your love and care, and I am empowered to continue to serve each of you. I am and will continue to be excited to be part of the Beulah family and will aim to work hard to serve you like Jesus Christ has taught me to do.

To: Our Beulah Family

From: Charles Quaiff

Thank you to our Beulah family for your thoughts and prayers. Mom loved her church and the many friends she had there. A special thank you to Pastor Don and staff for the service that was given for Mom's celebration. The Bereavement Committee did an outstanding job preparing the reception in the Fellowship Hall that followed. God Bless.

To: Bereavement Committee

From: Judith Q. Nickels

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen, on behalf of the Quaiff clan, I want to thank you so much for your lovely reception following Mama's funeral! The beautiful blue chairs, the reflection table and of course the delicious food was perfect! You all worked so hard making it so delicious and warming! We will forever be grateful.

To: Beulah Family

From: Suzanne Davis

I would like to thank everyone who wanted to extend their gratitude and appreciation to me over the last month. It is a wonderful surprise to receive the fun office supplies, treats, and cards. I love being able to serve God along side everyone here at Beulah.

WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENT

CASLER-MARTIN, Carol Casler of N. Chesterfield and Henry Martin of Chester were united in marriage on October 19, 2022, at Carol's home. The wedding was an intimate event officiated by Rev. Donald Gibson of Beulah United Methodist Church. Both Carol and Henry's family and friends were in witness to the blessing of the newlywed's vows.

CONDOLENCES

We offer love, support, prayers, and condolences to the family of Herb Peterson. Herb joined with the Lord on October 17, 2022. A Celebration of his life was held on Friday, October 28, 2022 at Meadowbrook Country Club.

We offer love, support, prayers, and condolences to the family of Bill Tinsley. Bill joined with the Lord on October 19. His Celebration of Life service was October 27, 2022 at Beulah United Methodist Church.

Shirley Farish (Ann Worrell's mother) went to be with the Lord on August 17, 2022. There will be a reception for her family and close friends to celebrate her life on Sunday, November 6, from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm at Meadowbrook Country Club.

UP COMING BIRTHDAYS



NOVEMBER

- 01 Margaret Burke
- 06 Tom Owens
- 07 Sandra Lunsford
Lynn Snow
- 14 Haley Cole
- 16 Jane Barfield
- 17 Krissy Henderson
- 18 Nancy Mason
- 24 Kelly Edwards
Nora Foster
- 25 Ray Byers
- 26 Sarah Tatum
- 29 David Beck
- 30 Ann Garnett

DECEMBER

- 01 Ashton Payne
- 02 Joe Dilday
Joe Schmierer Jr.
- 03 Todd Huband
- 04 Kass Spitzley
- 05 Martha Everett
Claire Gibson
- 07 Emma Bradley