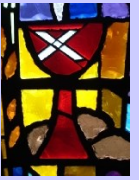


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Never Underestimate the Value of "Thank You"

A Short Devotional

BY ALTHEA DEBRULE

"He who withholds kindness from a friend forsakes the fear of the Almighty." ([Job 6:14](#))

"Thank you" is such a beautiful phrase and is a pleasing way to show kindness. It doesn't take much to say thanks for something you receive. Scripture tells us to be kind to one another, including expressing our thanks for the things we get no matter how small. Today's **short devotional** highlights what happens when we say, "Thank You."

Discourtesy is Widespread

Recent research shows that rudeness and bad manners are increasing in society today. Displays of incivility and bad manners are the norm, and people are impolite and disrespectful. It is rare to hear a sincere, "Thank You" from others.

Even so, the Scripture passage in this short devotional is clear that we devalue God, others, and ourselves when we withhold common courtesy, kindness, and appreciation.

"Thank You" Opportunities

Every new day offers a chance to show common courtesy and consideration to others. If you can remember how it feels when someone is rude to you, then throughout the day you can seize each opportunity that comes your way to convey gratitude and appreciation with a simple "Thank You."

Be sincere and genuine. Your efforts must be honest and heartfelt. Being courteous comes not from your head but your heart. If your actions do not match your words, then your efforts will be in vain.

How can you use the info in this short devotional to thank someone who helps you today?

Dear Father, show me the best way to say, "Thank You" to the people I meet today. Make me alert to stopping any discourteous behavior I may display.

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Video Library

Worship Sermons

September 11th

["Advancing the Gospel"](#)

September 18th

["The Sheep & the Goats"](#)

Children's Worship and Wonder by Christina Stokes

September 12th

["The Exodus"](#)

September 19th

["Moses and the Ten Commandments"](#)

Multiple options of how you may give your tithes and offerings

- Write a check.
- <http://www.easytithe.com/merriamcc>
- Text giving: 913-444-6397

LITURGIST SCHEDULE For September & October 2022

September 25th	†	Heather Waite
October 2nd	†	Bob Pape
October 9th	†	Emily Hooker
October 16th	†	Wayne Hooker
October 23rd	†	Carole Prentice
October 30th	†	Susan Neill

ELDERS SCHEDULE For October, November & December 2022

October 2nd	†	Pat Reed
October 9th	†	Jon Beaver
October 16th	†	Emily Hooker
October 23th	†	Bob Pape
October 30th	†	Betty Bohn
November 6th	†	Pat Reed
November 13th	†	Jon Beaver
November 20th	†	Emily Hooker
November 27th	†	Bob Pape
December 4th	†	Betty Bohn
December 11th	†	Pat Reed
December 18th	†	Jon Beaver
December 25th	†	Emily Hooker

DWM NEWS

Hi Ladies,

I think we had eight at our latest meeting on Sept. 15th. The new session was somewhat intense, but good. Also, we had a good discussion after the video. Session 2 next time.

Continue to save empty pill bottles and start watching for hats, gloves, and children's book. The hats and gloves can be hand made and the books can be used if the books are in good shape.

I can't think of anything else. See you all next time.

Joyce Luke
Treasurer/Service



Those Needing Prayer:

Marilyn Near is in the hospital with pneumonia

Connie Harshner has a broken foot from a door that came off its hinges. She had surgery at Advent to place several pins and has returned to Shawnee Parc Assisted Living. She would really like to have phone calls and visitors

Shawnee PARC Nursing Home
Attn: Connie Harshner Rm 105
7600 Antioch
Shawnee, Kansas 66204
Cell phone #913-231-4132

Requests for Family and Friends:

Nancy Hines for her continued recovery with her foot.

Jewel, son of Marjorie Willard is undergoing next course of treatment for cancer

The people of Ukraine and other areas for their safety, and pray for peace. Please pray for our Nation.

Pray for Tall Oaks and the decision that is pending the future of this beloved camp.

Please pray for Merriam Christian Church in this time of transition. Pray for our Search Team in their search for a new Minister, and pray for our community of faith.

Prayer Requests

Please contact Pat Reed at 913-631-0699 with prayer requests.



Free Hot Soup

Free Hot Soup continues to serve the homeless community throughout the year. We can help them by providing:

- Bottled Water
- Adult Bug Spray
- Body Wipes
- Socks Both Men & Women

Please donate to help this community in need. You can drop off items at the church or with a financial contribution through EasyTithe noting "Free Hot Soup" or a personal check also noting "Free Hot Soup" on the memo line.

Thanks
Pam



The Reconciliation Offering benefits the Reconciliation Ministry of the church, as we continue to work to be a pro-reconciling, anti racist church.



Tuesday, September 13, 2022

Minutes recorded by
Donna Rankin, Board Secretary

Present in Person: Mike Nichols, Greg Spiegel, Donna Rankin, Jennifer Spiegel, Joel Beaver, Dixie Wheaton, Carole Prentice, Pat Reed, Pam Boyd, Rick Ferguson, Joyce Luke, Michelle Land, Betty Bohn, Walt Bohn, Jeannette Howe, Irene Heaven, Emily Hooker, Bob Pape

Mike called the meeting to order.

Devotions: Pam-Blood of the Lamb.

Minutes of 8/09/22 Board Meeting: Mike asked the board to review the minutes; Motion to accept report by Jeannette Howe; seconded by Walt Bohn; board vote, approved.

Current Financial Report: Mike asked the board to review the current financial report; Motion to accept report by Joel Beaver; seconded by Betty Bohn; board vote, approved.

Committee Chair Reports:

Clerk: Betty-There were no changes in August, 2022. Total membership is 139.

DWM: Pam-Third Thursday meetings continue at 1 pm in the Church Library. All are welcome. On 9/15, a new series about "Forgiving What you Can't Forget" will begin. Area evening DWM meeting will be on 9/22 at Hillcrest Christian Church at 6 pm. We continue to collect empty pill bottles for delivery to local animal shelters. Hats, gloves & children's books are now being requested for the JOCO Christmas Bureau.

Elders: No report.

H&G: Joel-Committee did not meet on 9/6. Dave Ramsey has repaired the damaged plaster (due to roof leak) on the East Stairs from Fellowship Hall to the sanctuary. THANKS Dave, it looks great!

Parking lot and sidewalk work was passed by the Board unanimously (email 8/31). Proposal will be presented to the congregation on 9/18 for a vote. I have told Golconda Group LLC to put us on their schedule as we cannot afford to wait two more weeks and hope they can complete the work this Fall. The proposed date to start is 10/3 and finish date 10/15. Depending on weather, seal coat and restripe may have to be done in the Spring.

Outreach: Pam-Committee met on 9/6 and discussed leaving budget consistent by continuing to support the following: Salvation Army, Hospice, Crosslines, City Union Mission, Community & Family Services, Shawnee Community Services, Cancer Action, Safehome, and Sunflower House. Plans are underway for starting up our BackSnack Program for students at Merriam Park Elementary. Harvesters is scheduled to begin delivering to us on 10/12. We are asking for help in the weekly repacking of these items. JoCo Food Ministry is Thursday 9/29. We will prepare 125 meals for drive thru pickups. Cookies are needed for this event. A sign-up sheet is located outside the church office. Meals on Wheels deliveries continue every Tuesday.

Membership: Jeannette-Committee met on 9/6 and discussed planning the following events: Game Night on 9/17 from 6pm-8:30 pm. This month we will have a pizza party and play dominoes. Asking for anyone attending to bring drinks or ice. Game Night on 10/15 will be Halloween theme with costumes, bingo night with a chili potluck. Church Cookout-Membership is planning a Church Cookout on 9/25 after worship service at the Disciples Place. The church will supply hamburgers, hot dogs and beverage. Sign-up list will be located at the front entrance for side dishes and desserts. We are looking for a volunteer to bring their grill and cook. If no volunteers, Jean-

nette will cook.

Memorial: Emily-Memorial donations received for Jim Owens; thank you cards will be sent.

Pastoral Relations: No report.

Regional: Mike-A meeting will be held at MCC on 9/26 at 6:30 pm for final discussion and vote regarding future of Tall Oaks property.

Worship: Dixie-Committee met on 9/6-Pat Reed, Anita Collins and Dixie Wheaton. Items of Interest: Set budget for 2023; Decorate for Fall in October; Discussed repairs to the organ; Pat provided a copy of the organ repair quote to Emily Yeh for review; discussed possible greeter at the sanctuary door on Sunday mornings.

Media-Jeannette-In August 349 views of YouTube videos; outside digital sign is running new information; new website available-please CHECK IT OUT; Budget created; Locations researched for advertising; Visitor/new member brochure created; Advertisement banner to be placed on Johnson Drive.

Personnel: No report.

Trustees: No report.

Search: Carole-Congregation profile completed. Two candidate profiles received. Interviews will be scheduled.

Mike-Any comments regarding guest ministers, discussion held.

Old Business:

Joel-The proposed date to start the parking lot and sidewalk work by Golconda Group LLC is 10/3 and finish date 10/15. Depending on weather, seal coat and restripe may have to be done in the Spring.

Motion to accept bid by Golconda Group LLC in the approximate amount of \$70K by Michelle Land; seconded by Dixie Wheaton; board vote, approved. Congregation vote to be held on 9/18.

New Business:

Organ repair-discussion had regarding letter and repair quote received from Sandrock Music Company LLC (Allen Organ Sales & Service). It was agreed that House & Grounds Committee will meet with Emily Yeh and Sandrock Music, to obtain more details and options needed to make an informed decision by the Board in October.

Michelle-Presented details of proposed 2023 Budget.

After much discussion, Motion to increase Organist Wages by 5% in 2023 by Walt Bohn; seconded by Joyce Luke; board vote to amend 2023 Budget; approved.

After further discussion, Motion to increase Janitorial Service by 5% in 2023 by Emily Hooker; seconded by Joel Beaver; board vote to amend 2023 Budget; approved.

Discussion held-Nominating Committee working on proposed 2023 positions; Deacon greeter at entrance to sanctuary; Shepherding list update; Chair to Elders group; Update to Member database, including emergency contacts; Questionnaire form created to obtain current information.

Open Forum:

Joyce-If possible, would like the large TV moved into Chapel for movie night or movie afternoon.

Mike-If there are any announcements or prayer requests, please send to Jeannette for placement in the newsletter.

Mike Nichols closed with prayer.

Motion to adjourn by Michelle Land; seconded by Pam Boyd.



HELP US HELP KIDS

We will once again partner with the Merriam Park Elementary School & Harvesters providing the weekly Back Snack Program deliveries during the 2022-23 school year. We anticipate deliveries starting in October. There will be a sign up sheet on the credenza outside the office for you to sign up to help pack. A calendar will be put together once we see how many of you will

HELP US HELP KIDS

Thank You
Pam Boyd



Games Night!!

Join us for Game Night on the 3rd Saturday of each month at 6:00—8:30 pm. We will meet in Campbell Hall. Beginning in September, we will have a theme (listed below). All adults and kids are welcome!

October 15th—

Dress in your favorite Halloween costume for Chili and Bingo!

November 19th—

TBA but it will be fun!

WHAT PROGRESS ARE WE MAKING IN THE SEARCH FOR A NEW PASTOR?

1 !	Our congregation's Board has consulted with our Regional/Area Minister regarding our Search for a new Pastor.	5 👤👤👤👤👤	Our Regional/Area Minister has sent profiles of candidates to the Search Committee; they are being considered.
2 👤👤👤	We have appointed a Search Committee. The members are:	6 👤👤👤	The Search Committee will create a short list of possible candidates.
Greg Spiegel Bruce Roach Michelle Land Bob Pape Carole Prentice		7 👤👤👤	The Search Committee will interview candidates on the short list.
3 👤👤👤	Our Search Committee has met with our Regional/Area Minister for an orientation.	8 👤	One Candidate will be recommended to the Congregational Board on _____.
4 ✚	We have completed a Congregational Profile, Position Description and Information packet for pastoral candidates.	9 YES NO	Our congregation will vote on the recommended candidate on _____.
		10 👤	We will join in worship with our Regional/Area Minister to install our new pastor.



Would you like to contribute to our newsletter?
Would you like to receive a printed copy of the newsletter?

Email Jeannette Howe at jnethowe@gmail.com with your article and it will be added to the next edition which runs every other Saturday. Email or call Jeannette 913-558-6459 to be added to our print or email distribution lists.

Fellowship Coffee Hour

OCTOBER 2ND	PASTORAL RELATIONS
NOVEMBER 6TH	MEMBERSHIP
DECEMBER 4TH	OUTREACH
JANUARY 8TH	HOUSE & GROUNDS
FEBRUARY 5TH	PASTORIAL RELATIONS
MARCH 5TH	MEMBERSHIP



Church Cook-Out

Who's ready for our cook-out? We are! The Membership

Committee has planned a cook-out on September 25th after worship at the Disciples Place. We will have hamburgers, hotdogs, ice tea, lemonade and coffee. We are asking the congregation to sign up to bring side dishes and deserts.

Please call Jeannette Howe at 913-558-6459 if you are planning to join us.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

Our Sunday School class meets from 9:00 - 9:45 each Sunday. Following our class time we have a 15 minute break to prepare for Morning Worship at 10:00. We have a nice group and if you haven't started back now would be a good time. Hopefully you will also find this a good support group in many areas.



Meals on Wheels

Tuesday, September 27th
Jan Pankey & Pam Boyd

Tuesday, October 4th
Joan Tarwater & Linda Railsback

Tuesday, October 11th
Pat Reed & Christina Stokes

Pick up meals at 10:30 am at the Merriam Community Center, 6040 Slater



It's our turn to help FEED THE NEED.

Your Outreach Committee will be cooking &

packing 125 meals on Thursday, September 29th for the Johnson County Food Ministry. Cookies are needed. A sign up sheet is outside the office.

If you would like to help us prepare this meal, please contact Pam Boyd.

Thank you!

Join us in
worship on
[Youtube.](#)



DON'T FORGET TO SHARE services & study sessions with family, friends and neighbors

