

November 25, 2009

Dear Friends in Christ,

What a blessing it was to me to read the “thanksgiving” cards those of you in worship wrote last Sunday. And what could be more appropriate for this week’s newsletter than to share what you wrote with everyone else in our church family. Have a Happy and blessed Thanksgiving!

In Christ, Katherine

PS The December calendar is attached with this newsletter.

Our first “recycling day” is this coming Sunday. Scriptures for Sunday  
Jeremiah 33:14-16      1 Thessalonians 3:9-13      Luke 21:25-36

(the first Sunday of Advent) are:

And please pray for the family and friends of Jodine Ryan upon her death.



*What are you thankful for in our congregation's past?*

The many church family members who guided me in my path of faith – Grandmother – Mother – Father – Pastors – Sunday School teacher – Every member I have known (present and past) has guided me on this path.

The wonderful women of the church who made the Chrismons decorating our tree at Christmas – for the past and present dedicated women who do the bazaar.

For our beautiful church.

I am thankful for our church “family” – they have been with us through many years.

That God has provided us with all our needs – good pastors – talented musicians – willing workers – generous givers.

I am thankful for the wonderful memories of fellowship, of Sunday School, of celebrations, of Christmas programs.

Thankful for all the members who have contributed to the success of this church, congregation and community.

I am thankful for the men and women who have led our congregation.

I am thankful for the people in this church, those who have passed on and those who are sitting here today.

They have served as people of strength. Their lives are a witness to me. Their lives cause me to see the love of God as a real and available gift. How thankful I am to have grown up in the strength of this church.

The wonderful youth that were part of the youth group we were privileged to lead and enjoy.

Multicultural congregation. Woman’s Mother/Daughter Tea.

Involvement in the peace movement.

For all the former members and the present members of our church.

For all officers of our church and for our pastors. For their leadership.

Thankful for the two churches joining together as one church family.

Thanks for this church and teaching.

Thanks for the ones who toil for it. Thanks for the present one.

Thanks for some past members such as Harry Riggenbach – a great person; Bernice Storrs – great human and communicator; Ruth Rau – endless devotion to all of us.

Past ministers such as Dimmitt, Armstrong, Proudfoot and many more.

Thankful for the people who have built and provided this beautiful sanctuary and congregation of traditions.



*What are you thankful for in our congregation's present?*



I am thankful for God – being in control of my life.  
I am thankful for my loving family. For all the blessings in my life. For our church family.  
To Reverend Katherine for the great job she is doing and the wonderful members who are faithful to their church jobs and commitments.  
I am so thankful to believe in Jesus Christ – the Son of God – the Grace of God!  
For our Lord who remains with us through thick and thin.  
We are thankful that both congregations from two churches are still praying together and continuing to learn from one another.  
The gift of a special interim minister.

Our church family – very special.

The dedication of the many dedicated people of this church is one of the many things I am thankful for.

Thanks for our church family.

Thankful for the interim pastor and her involvement not only in church affairs but also in the community.

Thankful for the fellowship and concerns for each parishioner.

Also for the great message given each week.

I have many blessings: health, family, food and a warm home but most of all the safe passage of my 45 years driving a school bus. (signed by Noel Harlan)

I am grateful for my church family. They are with you especially in times of illness, their prayers are a blessing.

The “decoration” of the church building – it is inviting and not so barren or cold.

The members of (limited in number) congregation.

Efforts for church and community by Rev. Griffis.

Handiwipes available during this flu season.

Thankful for security, family, and friends.

I give thanks for church friends and fellowship and my loving wife and family.

I am thankful for the people willing to help when needed.

