

I WOULD GIVE THANKS
Virginia Katherine Oliver
I would give thanks for many things
On this Thanksgiving Day,
Thanks for all the blessings life brings
Each day along the way.
I would give thanks for life, for health,
For home, for food, and too,
All that I count my greatest wealth...
Family and friendship true.
I give thanks for my native land,
Where we worship and understand
Our privilege to pray.
I would give thanks for many things
And do the best I can
To be worthy of all life brings
And serve my fellowman.

THANK YOU, GOD
Marian Lorraine Moore
Another year has come and gone.
On this Thanksgiving Day,
O God, our hearts are turned to thee;
With grateful thanks we pray.
For all the care which shelters us
Wherever we may go,
For wonders of thy bounteous love
Which ever make it so,
For all the beauties of the world
Created by thy hand
And given to your people here
Who dwell upon the land,
For harvest when the autumn flings
Her color to the sky,
For winter silence, soft and deep,
Protecting snow, piled high,
For all thy wondrous gifts to us,
Your children here below,
We offer grateful thanks to thee;
Our love for you will grow.

SOUTH COMMUNITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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NOVEMBER 2017

MORNING WORSHIP 9:30 A.M.
SUNDAY SCHOOL 11:00 A.M.

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Vision Statement
*We are a family united by God's love: serving, sharing and
growing together. It is our mission to call people into a
relationship with Jesus Christ.*

What God Might Ask...

During his time on earth, Jesus talked about when we will appear before God at the end times. Two examples are when he told the parable of the talents. (Matthew 25:1-13) and the parable of the sheep and the goats (Matthew 25:14-46). In both parables God has something to say. This made me wonder, will God ask us questions and, if so, what might God ask us? After some thought and research, here is a partial list of questions that God might ask us. These are questions that we should be asking ourselves!! This is that partial list – what other questions do you think God might ask?

- 1) God won't ask what kind of car you drove, but God might ask how many people you drove that didn't have transportation.
- 2) God won't ask the square footage of your house, but God might ask how many people you have welcomed into your home.
- 3) God won't ask about the fancy clothes you had in your closet, but God might ask how many of those clothes helped the needy.
- 4) God won't ask about your social status, but God might ask what kind of class you displayed.
- 5) God won't ask how many material possessions you had, but God might ask if they dictated your life.
- 6) God won't ask what your highest salary was, but God might ask if you compromised your character to obtain that salary.
- 7) God won't ask what your job title was, but God might ask if you performed your job to the best of your ability.
- 8) God won't ask how much overtime you worked, but God might ask if you worked overtime for your family and loved ones.
- 9) God won't ask you how much of your time you spent on social media, but God might ask how much you used caring for others.
- 10) God won't ask what you did to help yourself but God might ask what you did to help others.
- 11) God won't ask how many friends you had, but God might ask how many people to whom you were a true friend.
- 12) God won't ask what you did to protect your rights, but God might ask what you did to protect the rights of others.
- 13) God won't ask in what neighborhood you lived but God might ask how you treated your neighbors.

- 14) God won't ask about the color of your skin, but God might ask about the content of your character.
- 15) God won't ask how many times your deeds matched your words, but God might ask how often they didn't.

I pray that your answers are satisfying to you and would be pleasing to God!

Pastor Jim

NOVEMBER * DECEMBER COFFEE SERVERS

November 5- Sheryl Anderson & Mary Kay Moon

12- Esther Ashbay & Karen Peterson

19- Thanksgiving Dinner

26- Marilee Benson & Haylee Brinks

December 3- Sallie & Nancy Broersma

10- Tammy Green, Flo Nye & Barb George

17- Everyone bring some Christmas cookies.

Serve & set up Janet Hotchkiss & Venecia George

24- Sheila Mannor, Deb Johnson & Jennie Peterson

31- Sheryl Anderson & Mary Kay Moon

PLEASE NOTE: If you can not do cookies on this date, please find someone to take your place or have cookies at church. Thank you.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1- Derek MacIntyre

2- Clayton George

8- Velma Wright

18- Dennis Smith

20- Leon Kenyon

23- Sallie Broersma

24- Rick Mannor

29- Karen Peterson

NOVEMBER GREETERS

5- Mary Kay Moon & Deb Johnson

12- Jenny, Hallie & Tamara Moffit

19- Tim & Gail Loeks

26- Eric & Jennie Peterson

FINANCES:

Receipts for September- \$ 3,918.00
Disbursements for September- \$ 3,831.34
Receipts year to date- \$ 36,765.62
Disbursements year to date- \$ 32,226.17
Wesley House - \$ 323.00
Heifer project -\$ 421.75

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Eric & Jennie Peterson will be cleaning the church in November.

Pumpkin Crunch Dessert – Haylee Brinks

- 1 15oz. can pumpkin
- 3 eggs
- 1-12oz can evaporated milk
- 1 1/2 c. sugar
- 1 tsp. vanilla
- 1 tsp. cinnamon
- 1/2 tsp. nutmeg
- 1 cake yellow cake mix
- 2 sticks of butter, melted

Preheat oven to 350. Mix first seven ingredients. Pour in 9x13 baking dish sprayed with cooking spray. Sprinkle dry cake mix over pumpkin mixture. Pour melted butter over cake mix. Bake one hour. Refrigerate for one hour before serving or can serve warm. Top with cool whip.

A WALK

Maud Dawson

*The bright, clouded moons of October fade.
As I walk the gray days of November,
The warm fires of memory
Keep me company when the wind
Scuffs dreams down the street.*

*Old friends, my family, and all children
Make brittle the cares that crack
And disperse like dry leaves.
My heart holds strong and clean,
Like the fierce sun on bare limbs.*

THE GARDEN'S LAST FLOWERS

Betty Rivera

*Survivors of frost and cold,
They wave their colorful blooms
Like banners of victory,
Reminding us of friends
Who weather the years,
Flying flags of cheer.*

GIVE THANKS

LaVeta Stankavich

*For scarlet flame of ample tree,
The gold and black of velvet bee,
A sunset's mauve infinity,
For all of these, give thanks.
For southbound geese with haunting cry,
A bobwhite's whistled, clear reply,
The night wind's plaintive lullaby,
For all of these, give thanks.
For rich, redolent, roadside mint,
Belated Concords' heady scent,
Bread's fresh-baked, fragrant nourishment,
For all of these, give thanks.*

AUTUMN

Sheila Monether

*Tell me about your golden road
Now that the leaves are gone.
Do branches pattern the evening sky
When day is almost done?
Are the leaves all faded now,
The red, the yellow, and brown?
Do they crunch beneath your feet
As you stamp them on the ground?
Are the cobwebs frosty?
Don't spoil their lacey thread.
Remember, when you are cold or sad,
As you walk in the snow and rain,
That after winter, spring, and sun,
Your road will be golden again.*