



THE CHURCH VISITOR
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Let's read and enjoy our Bibles.

Sunday, November 15, 2020:

(Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost)

Judges 4:1-7; Psalm 123; 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11;
Matthew 25:14-30

Sunday, November 22, 2020:

(Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost)

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24; Psalm 100; Ephesians 1:15-23;
Matthew 25:31-46

63rd Annual Living Nativity
December 20, 2020
6 pm - 8 pm

The Living Nativity teams are now organizing. This event, shared with our community, requires dedication from our church family but it is easy because many hands lighten the load and make it a fun time! Men are encouraged to grow a beard.

Please contact:

Nick Paladin and **Ron Boswell** to be part of
the outdoor setup crew

Sharon Slater to be an actor



"Give thanks in everything; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."

1 Thessalonians 5:18

Thank You!

I wanted to take a moment and say thank you for all the cards and notes and gifts in October for Pastor Appreciation Month.

This year has been a tough one and finding reasons to be thankful may be difficult. But like anything, gratitude is something that can be practiced.

Finding one simple thing to give thanks for, and writing it down, can start a chain reaction. Soon it is possible to find another, and another.

Gratitude, celebration, giving thanks – even for the smallest of gifts – can become a new way of living for you, a kind of oxygen that fills us, a transformative way of being.

Here are five ways to practice gratitude:

1. Set time aside each day to make a list of what you are thankful for. Start with the tiniest details, and write down even just one thing. On days when you're feeling empty – or just wanting an excuse to smile – go back and read some of your list. Ann Voskamp says it best: "When I give thanks for the seemingly microscopic, I make a place for God to grow within me."
2. Tell other people "thank you" when they do something kind for you, no matter how small the deed.
3. Don't allow other people's bitterness or negativity, or any other outward circumstance, to influence your inner peace. Look for the best in everyone, and believe and say the best about them.
4. Anger, disappointment, failure, and frustration are parts of life, but don't let them become your default emotions. Don't be complacent and resign yourself to victimhood. Choosing to live from a place of gratitude brings peace.
5. Build gratitude around you with small, daily, unexpected, undeserved acts of love, compassion, grace, and forgiveness.

Thank YOU!

Pastor Zane

