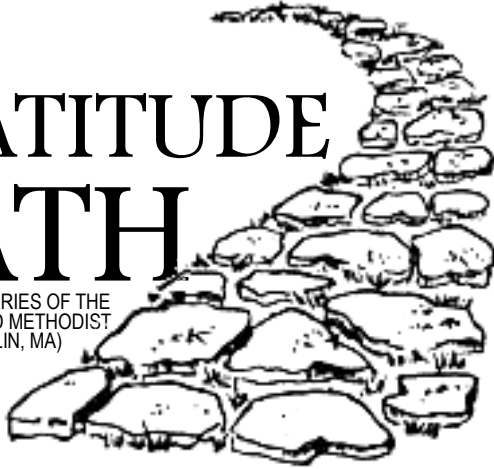


THE GRATITUDE PATH

A DISCUSSION SERIES OF THE FRANKLIN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH (FRANKLIN, MA)



Are you the type of person that counts your blessings or your problems? “Jesus did not spend his time counting his problems but rather trusting in God and giving thanks to God regardless of his circumstances. The Gratitude Path is the path Jesus followed in life and the path he invites us to travel with him.”¹

Join Franklin United Methodist Church on Sundays at 10am, October 6 through November 3, as we take time to count our blessings, give thanks, and walk the gratitude path with Jesus.

Discussion topics each week will be:

JUST SAYING THANKS

OCTOBER 6 || LUKE 17:11-16

GIVE THANKS

IN EVERY SITUATION

OCTOBER 13 || 1 THESSALONIANS 5:14-24

GIVE AND IT

WILL BE GIVEN TO YOU

OCTOBER 20 || LUKE 6:27-38

GOD LOVES

A CHEERFUL GIVER

OCTOBER 27 || 2 CORINTHIANS 9:7-15

EXPECT A MIRACLE

NOVEMBER 3 || MATTHEW 13:53-58

*Join us each week at 10am.
You are always welcome!*

GOD LOVES A CHEERFUL GIVER

Sunday, October 27, 2019

*What does it mean to give cheerfully?
Do we have to smile?*

scripture

2 Corinthians 9:7-15, *Common English Bible*

⁷ Everyone should give whatever they have decided in their heart. They shouldn't give with hesitation or because of pressure. God loves a cheerful giver. ⁸ God has the power to provide you with more than enough of every kind of grace. That way, you will have everything you need always and in everything to provide more than enough for every kind of good work. ⁹ As it is written, *He scattered everywhere; he gave to the needy; his righteousness remains forever.*

¹⁰ The one who supplies seed for planting and bread for eating will supply and multiply your seed and will increase your crop, which is righteousness. ¹¹ You will be made rich in every way so that you can be generous in every way. Such generosity produces thanksgiving to God through us. ¹² Your ministry of this service to God's people isn't only fully meeting their needs but it is also multiplying in many expressions of thanksgiving to God. ¹³ They will give honor to God for your obedience to your confession of Christ's gospel. They will do this because this service provides evidence of your obedience, and because of your generosity in sharing with them and with everyone. ¹⁴ They will also pray for you, and they will care deeply for you because of the outstanding grace that God has given to you. ¹⁵ Thank God for his gift that words can't describe!

discuss

God loves a cheerful giver; but, do you think God will take our bitter and frustrated giving too?

**What comes from giving that is not cheerful?
What is the result of cheerful giving?**

¹ Kent Millard, *The Gratitude Path: Leading Your Church to Generosity* (Nashville: Abingdon Press, 2015), x.

NEXT WEEK

Expect a Miracle

UPCOMING

EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES FOR MISSION & SERVICE

If you have questions about the events below, or would like to schedule a meeting or event of your own, please contact the Church Office (508-528-1092 or office@franklinumc.org) for details.

Ensure Collection Today

We will be collecting funds to put towards the purchase of Ensure for the Food Pantry.

Trunk or Treat & Halloweiner Roast

Today 3-6 PM. Rain or Shine

Come dressed in your HALLOWEEN costume, trick or treat, and enjoy a free hot dog. In case of rain we may move indoors.

Conversations of Faith

There will be no meeting on Wed Oct 30th. We will resume the following week.

Hygiene Kit Assembly

Sunday November 3 after worhsip

We will be assembling our collected items and getting them ready to be sent to the border. All volunteers welcome!

Charge/ Church Conference

Wednesday November 6th at 7pm

All are welcome to attend. Members are able to vote. Committee chairs please have reports into the office by Wednesday October 30th to be included in the booklet.

Hymn Sing

There will not be a hymn sing on Nov 7th.

Save the Date

Saturday November 9, 2-4pm

Bishop's Day at Franklin UMC

Book Club

November 11th at 7 PM. Our next book for November will be Hillbilly Elegy by JD Vance. Camille Remus will host our next meeting- 9 Rachel Circle.

Wifi: FUMC GUEST
pw: URwelcome



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Call to Worship

“For the Fruits of This Creation”

No. 97, *The United Methodist Hymnal* (1989)

pray

“Lord, Listen to Your
Children Praying”

No. 2193, *The Faith We Sing* (2001)

The Lord's Prayer

No. 3068, *Worship & Song* (2011)

read

2 Corinthians 9:7-15

discuss

“God Love a Cheerful Giver”

“Lord, Thou Lov'st the Cheerful Giver”

<https://hymnary.org/hymn/TH1990/page/451>

give

Doxology

No. 95, *The United Methodist Hymnal* (1989)

go

“Blessed Sunshine”

https://hymnary.org/text/scatter_smiles_and_sunshine#pagescans

Amen

No. 2072 (Refrain ONLY), *The Faith We Sing* (2001)