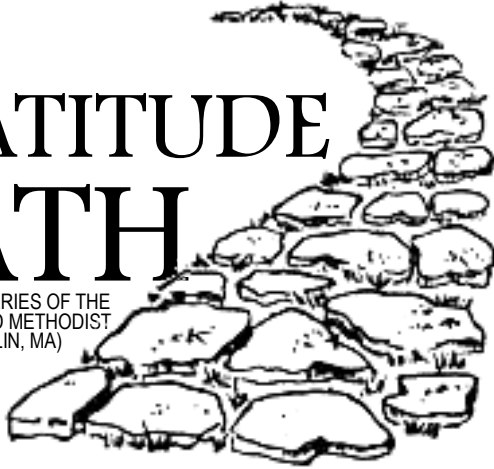


THE GRATITUDE PATH

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!*

EXPECT A MIRACLE

Sunday, November 3, 2019

Do you expect God to work in ways beyond what you know? Do you expect a miracle?

scripture

Matthew 13:53-58, *Common English Bible*

⁵³ When Jesus finished these parables, he departed.

⁵⁴ When he came to his hometown, he taught the people in their synagogue. They were surprised and said, “Where did he get this wisdom? Where did he get the power to work miracles?” ⁵⁵ Isn’t he the carpenter’s son? Isn’t his mother named Mary? Aren’t James, Joseph, Simon, and Judas his brothers? ⁵⁶ And his sisters, aren’t they here with us? Where did this man get all this?” ⁵⁷ They were repulsed by him and fell into sin.

But Jesus said to them, “Prophets are honored everywhere except in their own hometowns and in their own households.” ⁵⁸ He was unable to do many miracles there because of their disbelief.

discuss

Jesus was not able to work miracles in his hometown because of their disbelief (Matthew 13:58).

In what ways might disbelief keep us from seeing and experiencing miracles?

Do you think there is a difference between disbelief and doubting? Do you think it is possible to make room for God to work while still having some doubts?

Does your belief, your faith in God, make room for the unexpected?

How do you embrace the mystery—the not knowing and the doubting—of faith?

NEXT WEEK || NEW SERIES

I Give Thanks (Eucharistō)

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

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.

Hygiene Kit Assembly

Today after worship

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

Interfaith Choir

The Interfaith Choir will begin practices for the annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Service on Wednesday, October 30. If interested in representing FUMC in the combined choir contact Mary Diehl at msdiehl@gmail.com.

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.

No 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.

Interfaith Thanksgiving Service

Sunday, November 24th at 7:00 pm at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 91 Jordan Rd, Frnk.

Christmas Food Collection The Franklin Food Pantry has been blessed with a very generous donation covering dinners for their clients. They have asked the Interfaith Council for assistance with Christmas dinners this year. We'll be collecting packages of Sugar Cookie Mix from now until **Sunday, December 8th**. If you would like to contribute but don't want to do the shopping, see Lori Clements. She will be happy to shop for you!



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Call to Worship

“For All the Saints”

No. 711 (v.1-2, 5-6), *The United Methodist Hymnal* (1989)

read

Matthew 13:53-58

Common English Bible

discuss

“Expect a Miracle”

“Lord, I Believe”

Words: https://hymnary.org/text/lord_i_believe_thy_power_i_own

Tune: House of the Rising Sun (No. 3072, “Cast Out, O Christ”)

commune

The Lord's Prayer

No. 895, *The United Methodist Hymnal* (1989)

“Glory to God in the Highest”

No. 2276, *The Faith We Sing* (2001)

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Amen

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

Wifi: FUMC GUEST

pw: URwelcome