

### Upcoming Ministries, Meetings & Programs November 2023

Nov 5	Sunday School Worship Service-Online & in Sanctuary **Daylight Savings Time**	9am 10am			
Nov 6	HOPE RESALE MEETING	6PM			
Nov 10	Veterans Day				
Nov 12	Sunday School	MAB			
	Worship Service-Online & in Sanctuary				
	Chili & Dessert Community Event	Noon			
	**Start Set up for the Christmas Store	**			
Nov 13	**Continue Setting up Christmas Store	**			
Nov 14	FIRST OFFICIAL DAY OF CHRISTMAS STORE OPENING **see Calendar for dates and times**	]			
Nov 19	Sunday School	MAB			
	, Worship Service -Online & in Sanctuary	1DAM			
Nov 23	HAPPY THANKSGIVING				
Nov 26	Sunday School	MAB			
	Worship Service-Online & in Sanctuary	10AM			
Nov 28	Ad Council Meeting	6:30PM			
Hope Resales Hours   Wednesday 10AM-1PM   Thursday 4PM-7PM   Friday & Saturday 10AM-1PM					

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#### **Service Times**

Sunday School 9:00am

Worship in the Sanctuary & Online 10 :00 am *LyndonvilleUmc* 

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# FROM THE PASTOR'S

### 2023

### **Gaining Wisdom**

Teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom. Psalm 90:12 Achievement and growth in life do not come by accident. Those who physically work out and exercise--and watch what they eat--know the rewards of a disciplined life. Students who strive with late-night study sessions later realize the benefits of their early struggles, as they prosper in life with meaningful employment. The life of faith is no different.

Scripture has many references to wisdom, and describes wisdom as something to be achieved and gained. "Teach us to number our days carefully so that we may develop

wisdom in our hearts." (Proverbs 90.12 CSB). Not making the effort keeps us in an undeveloped state of spiritual infancy. Scripture is our main source for gaining wisdom. Read the books of Proverbs and James on the topic of wisdom.

If you desire to grow in your faith, here are a few suggestions for gaining wisdom. The suggestions are not all-inclusive, but good starting points.

- Begin every day with a reading of Scripture and a self-examination, along with a determination to bless someone else today, at work, home, school, or just in your goings about. Use a devotional or a Bible reading plan.
- Connect with a group of committed believers in Jesus. It could be a small study group or two or three who meet at a coffee shop, or a Sunday school class. And don't forget Sunday morning worship. If you consider yourself a more mature believer, practice humility so that you can gain the wisdom God knows you need. We have all only scratched the surface on wisdom.
- Eliminate distractions from your life. Leave your cell phone behind when you go into stores and other public places. Limit media activity; you don't need to respond to every post on Facebook! Sabbath-keeping was very important to God and the people of God in the Hebrew Bible. Don't you think God might still want us to take a day off to do almost nothing but worship, reflect, and spend time with loved-ones?
- Without being morbid, think about the scope of your life. Do you have ten years left to live, maybe twenty? We tend to imagine that our earthly lives are endless, but this life is only the beginning, so live with eternity in view.

In closing, know this: the practice of gaining wisdom is rewarding, and even enjoyable! It is God's way, the best way!

Pastor Tim Schultz

## *Ghace* Matters

### Enough.... is Enough

It's November now ... later this month we'll celebrate that day when we indulge in way more than enough and groan... bursting at the seams from stuffing ourselves in the name of thankfulness.

I remember a number of stories or cartoons from my childhood where someone found an old bottle or lamp. You know the drill... rub the bottle or lamp and out comes a genie... and that genie is ready and willing to grant you 3 wishes. I remember thinking that the smart person always used their 3<sup>rd</sup> one to wish for 3 more wishes.

If God said to you "ask me for anything and I will grant it to you"..... what would you ask for? God did this with Solomon you know. Solomon had just been made King and God told him he could have whatever he asked for. Solomon was smart, he asked for wisdom to govern God's people. What would you ask for? Would you ask for something to serve the greater good? I might ask for the Orioles to win the World Series.... Or, maybe I would exercise wisdom like Solomon and ask for discernment in all things. The possibilities are endless.

I don't think I would employ my original thought though and ask for 3 more wishes. In the first place God is not a genie. Secondly, the older (and hopefully wiser) I get the more I recognize the trappings of "more." More isn't always better, most of the time it's just... well... more.

These musings got me thinking about enough. That's what started this article... enough. What is enough? How much is enough? Am I enough? Do I do enough? Do I pray enough? Do I give enough? How long is enough? Have I found enough ways to ask if enough is enough? Is God enough for me? Is God enough for you? How can we tell?

I don't really know the answer, but I'll make a few guesses.

Do we worry a lot? Do we require a lot of praise from people? Does our faith vacillate during the ins and out and ups and downs of our lives? If so, then maybe we are still a bit too dependent on the things of the world for our sense of security and worth. And, if this is so then maybe God isn't yet quite enough for us. Perhaps we are not yet content in the blessings that God offers and continue to desire ... more, or different.

Are we able to find rest in the middle of mayhem, mistakes, and the mundane; trusting that God is there with us? Do we live humbly in service and gratitude? Are we confident in our worth as a beloved child of God? If so, then maybe we reside a bit closer to the "enough" end of the spectrum, knowing that sustaining security and value can only be found in Jesus.

Truth be known, depending on the issue I waffle from one extreme to the other. But, while there may be moments of wavering and anxiety I know in my heart that Life is Good and that God's got it... whatever it is. We are beloved by God. We will never encounter anything that we will have to walk through alone. Help is only a prayer away. We are blessed to be a blessing. No matter how far we might wander, God always draws us home.

For all these I am extremely thankful. God is so much more than enough.

Faithfully,

- Anne Hyndman



#### \* Children's \*\* Children's \*\*

The store has exclusive hours open to only children (up to 6th grade), accompanied by an adult during these dates:

<u>November</u>			<u>December</u>				
<u>Mon</u> 20 27	<u>Tues</u> 14 21 28	<u>Wed</u> 15 29	<u>Fri</u> <b>17</b>	<u>Mon</u> 4 11	<u>Tues</u> 5 12	<u>Wed</u> 6 13	<u>Fri</u> <b>8</b>

\*No hours on NOV 22 - 24 for Thanksgiving\* \*\*Anyone can shop the Christmas Store during normal Hope Resales business hours\*\*





### Thank God for the Material Blessings That He Gives You

By Billy Graham

<u>We seem never to be satisfied with what we have</u>—rich or poor, healthy or sick. But what a difference it makes when we realize that everything we have has been given to us by God! King David prayed, "Wealth and honor come from you ... We give you thanks, and praise your glorious name ... Everything comes from you" (1 Chronicles 29:12-14, NIV).

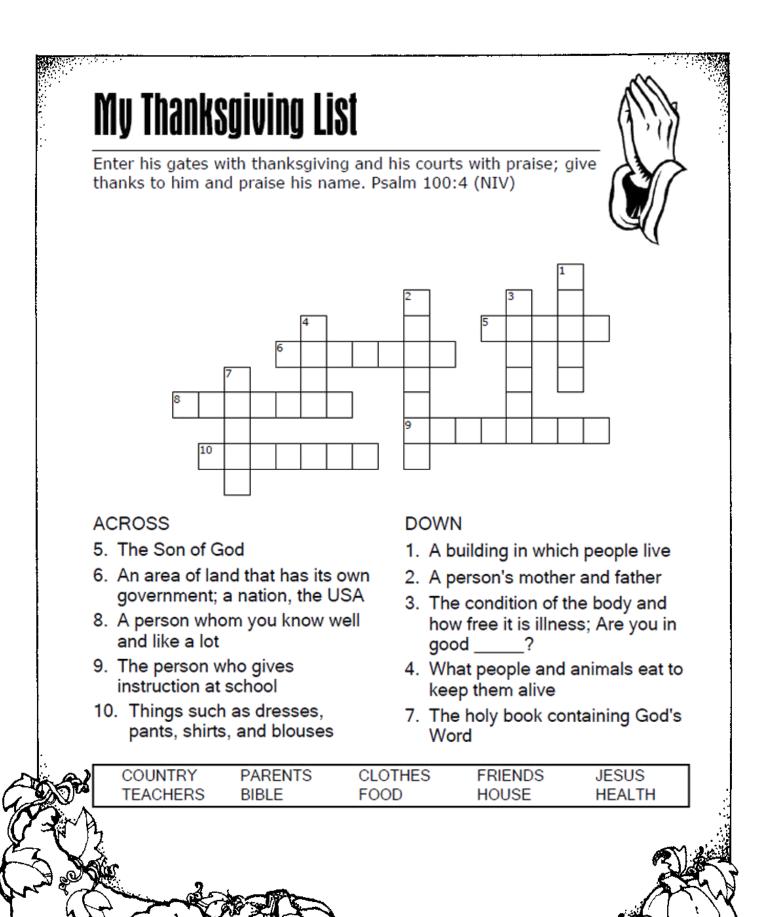
Some years ago I visited a man who was wealthy and successful. He was the envy of all his friends and business associates. But as we talked, he broke down in tears, confessing that he was miserable inside. Wealth had not been able to fill <u>the empty place in his heart</u>.

A few hours later I visited another man only a short distance away. His cottage was humble, and he had almost nothing in the way of this world's possessions. And yet his face was radiant as he told me about the work he was doing for Christ and how Christ had filled his life with meaning and purpose. I am convinced that the second man was really the rich man. Although he didn't have much, he had learned to be thankful for everything that God had given him. Paul declared, "I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want" (Philippians 4:12, NIV). A spirit of thankfulness makes all the difference.

Are you constantly preoccupied with what you do not have? Or have you learned to thank God for what you do have?

This is an excerpt from an article titled, "How to Be Thankful in All Things." For the full article you can look it up online.







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2.6 Sunday School @ 9:00am Worship Service 10AM	2.7 Christmas Store Open For Children 3PM—5PM	28 Ad Council Meeting @6:30PM Christmas Store Open For Children 3PM—5PM	2.9 Christmas Store Open For Children 3PM—5PM	30		



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