

# Love Yourself For Who You Are

You were born to be who you are  
Embrace it

You are a beautiful human  
Your unique beauty is yours alone

You have many gifts and talents to share  
Share them in your own special way

Your story is yours alone  
Use it to help others with theirs

Surround yourself with people who truly  
see your best self

Shine your bright light on the world  
for all to see

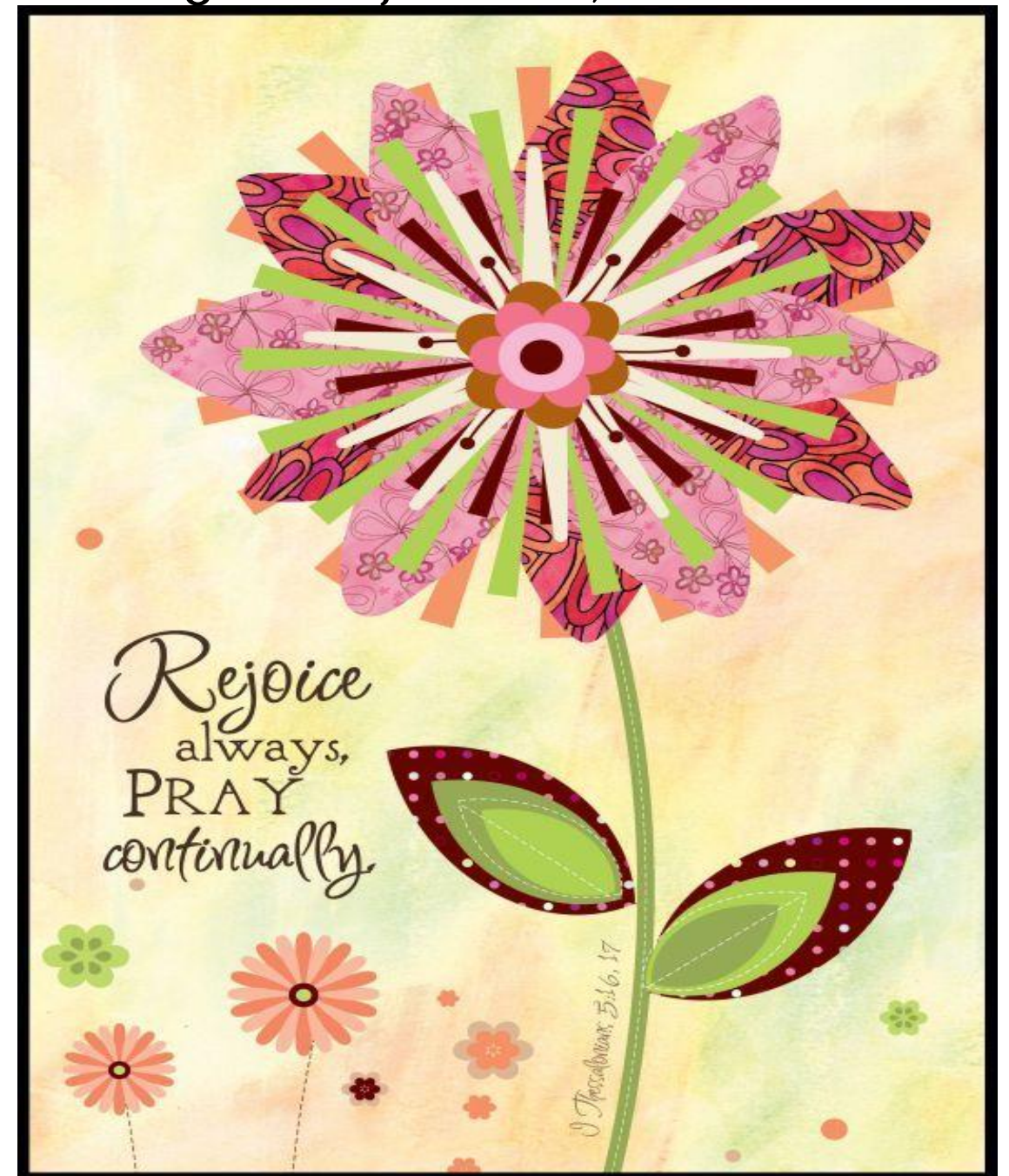
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*No matter where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.*

## WHAT'S GOING ON AT ZION?

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### IN OUR CIRCLE OF PRAYER

Bill Bertram, Marlene Rhueff, Tim Maloney, Steve Panyi, Doug Lewis, Judy Neiderhiser (John Diekmann's sister-in-law), Toots Ross

➤If you would like to be remembered in prayer or know of someone who would appreciate being included in this list, please contact the church office.

### WORSHIP TIME

We will go back to 11AM worship September 10.

### PASTOR COY

If you would like to meet with Pastor Coy, please make an appointment with the church office at **740-282-1793**. If you would like to get a hold of Pastor Coy directly, his cell number is **330-301-0551**.

### NOW LIVESTREAMING!

We're now livestreaming our church services on you tube. Check us out! Zion UCC Steubenville <https://youtube.com/@zionucc6794?si=EnSIkaIECMiOmarE>

### OUTDOOR PLANTING

Thanks to the following people for donating to the outdoor planting project: **Betty Sparr, John Diekmann, and Howard Ross in Memory of Aimee Ross.**

This would not be done if it weren't for the hard work and dedication of **John Diekmann!**  
**Thanks John!!**

### CONDOLENCES

Thoughts and prayers go out to Carol Rabe and family in the passing of her daughter Jody Hutter-Pownall, July 23.

Deepest condolences to the family and friends of **Opal Kleineke**. Opal passed on **July 30**. She was a lovely person who always helped at dinners and functions at Zion. She will be greatly missed.



## *Pastor's Pen*

### THANK YOU

Being thankful should come in times other than being served with turkey and mashed potatoes. What are you thankful for? Who are you thankful for? Think about that for a couple of minutes. If you made a list what would be number one? What would be last? Would there be a list at all?

A teacher told her students to draw what they were thankful for. This first grade class, who lived in a deteriorating neighborhood, would they have anything to be thankful for? One of the students, whose name was Douglas, was a shy boy, usually very forlorn, who was found close in the shadows of the teacher. He turned in his drawing and it took the other children and the teacher by surprise. It was a simple drawing of a hand. The class was captivated by his image. "One classmate said it must be the hand of God." "A farmer said another one." It looks like a policeman protecting us." The teacher was so thrilled about the response of the class. She bent over Douglas' desk and asked whose hand it was. Douglas mumbled, "It's yours teacher." The teacher had always taken Douglas by the hand at times, she did this with all the children. But to have this to mean so much to Douglas really made her day. It made her realize you never know who you are going to make a difference to. Nothing is unimportant, everything counts. Even the negative counts! Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, for His steadfast love endures forever! (Psalm 107:1-3)

Without being thankful we can become bitter. Without being thankful we can become entitled. The spirit of ingratitude can harden our hearts and chill our relationship with God and with others. Ingratitude is all around us. Children forget to thank their parents for all they do. Common courtesy is scorned. We take for granted the ways that others help us. Above all, we fail to thank God for His blessings. We all fall short of letting others know how we appreciate them and the job they are doing. No one is exempt from some kind of trouble,... and yet in the midst of those trials we can thank God, because we know that He has promised to be with us and that He will help us. When we come to Christ, it is not the end but the beginning of a whole new life. Want to change your day, your life, your relationships, and the outcome of your eternity? Then start today. Give thanks! instead of BAH HUMBUG. Change your attitude, give thanks! Change the way you start your day, change the way you act during the day, and change the thankfulness of before going to bed. Thank God! It will change your life! It will change everyone around you.

With a thankful heart,  
Rev. Walter Coy