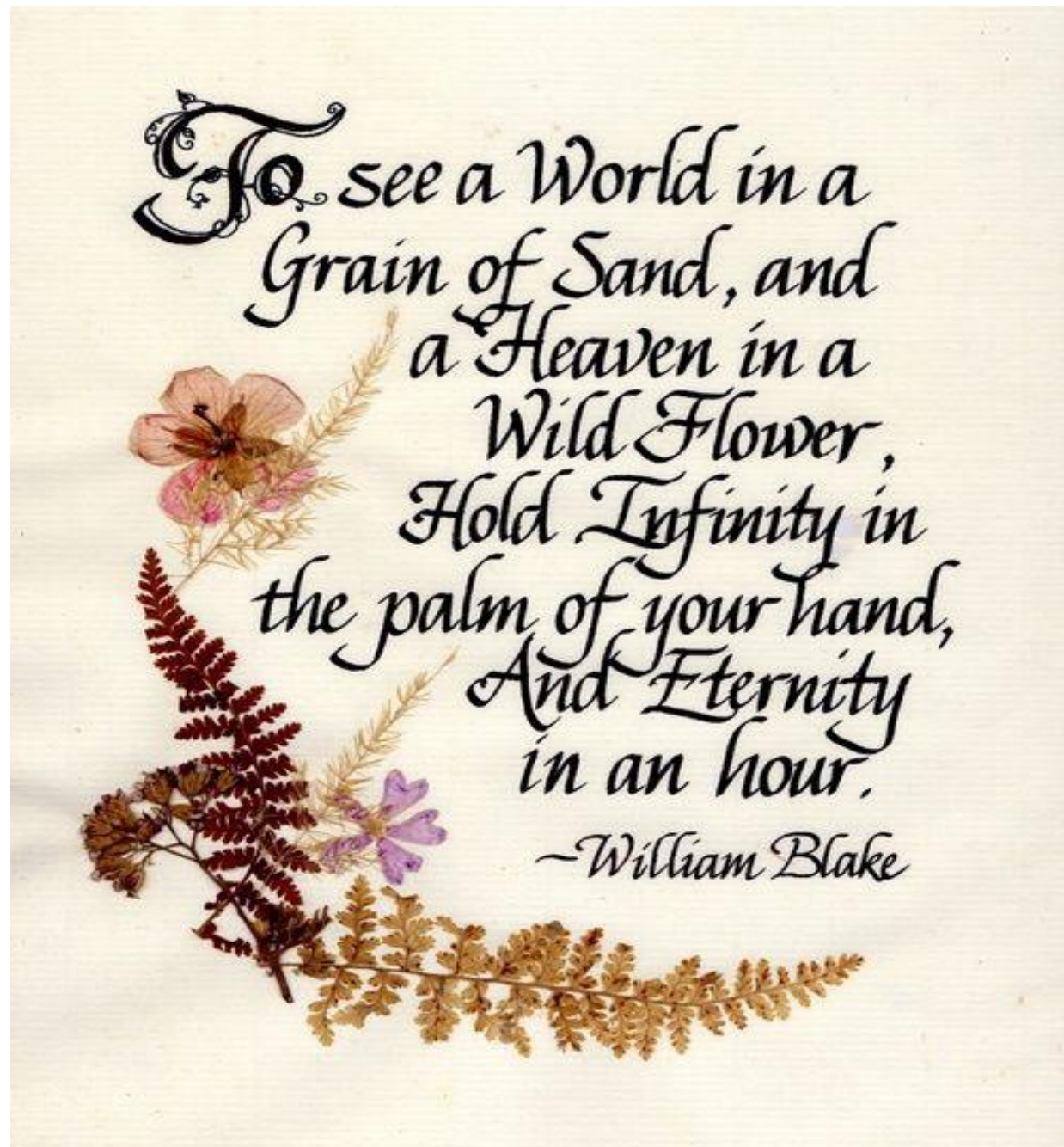


Each morning as you look in the mirror to comb your hair, to put your makeup on, or to shave think about what your image was yesterday. Was it a good one, are there things in the image you should change? Did you see Jesus anywhere in the mirror? Well thankfully you have another day to change your image for tomorrow. We can all work to change the image in the mirror. Thankfully God never leaves us He just waits for us to return to Him. Work for a better tomorrow. Be thankful for new beginnings. Maybe tomorrow Jesus will be in the mirror, my good and faithful servant!

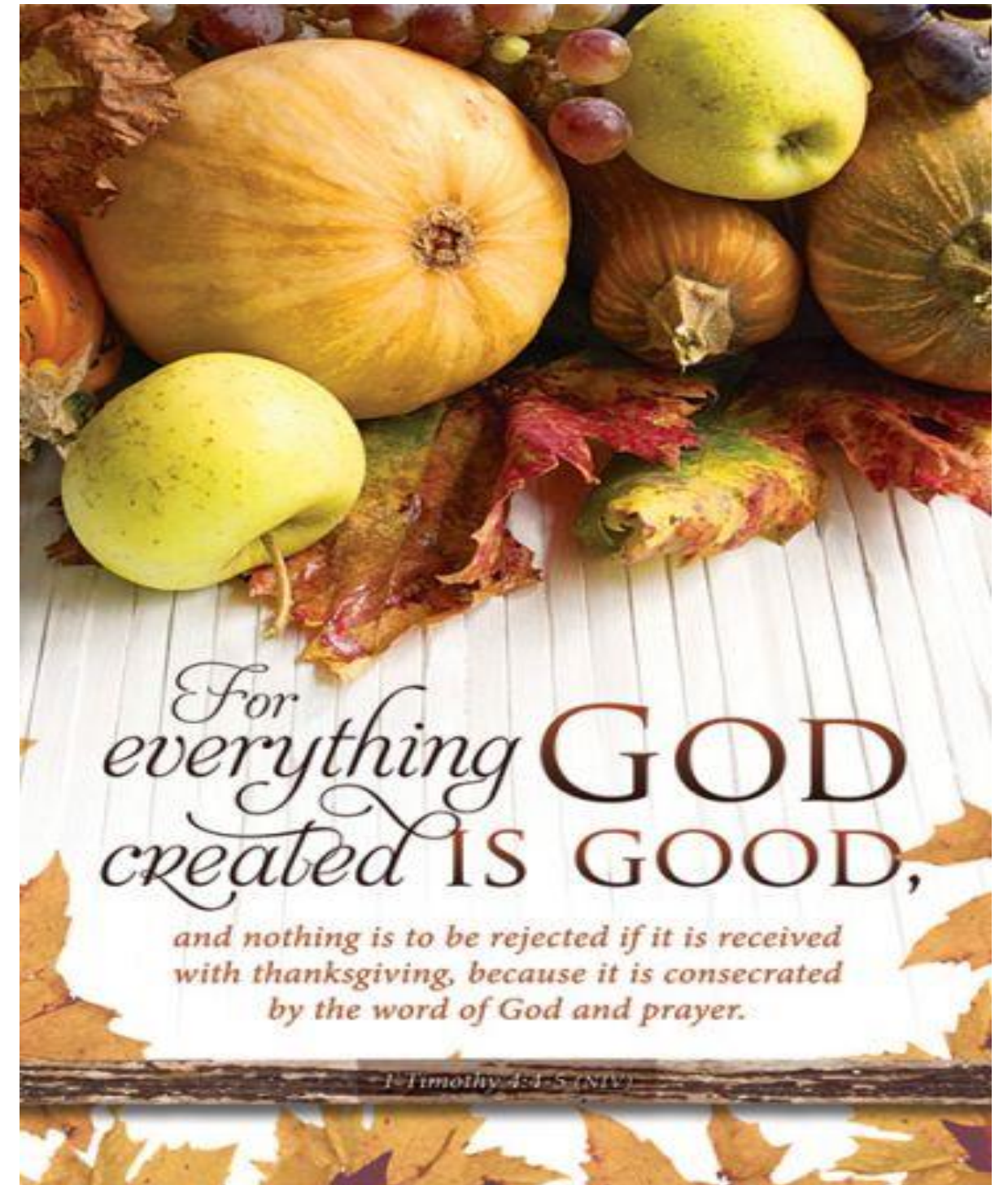
Be thankful in all you do,

Rev. Walter Coy



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## November 2024 Newsletter



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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, Steve Panyi, Doug Lewis (Joyce's Brother), Mary Jo Lewis (Joyce's sister-in-law), Judy Neiderhiser (John Diekmann's sister-in-law), Toots Ross, Jerry Palmer, Betty Sparr

➤ 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.

### 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>

### MEMORIAL POINSETTIAS

There is an order form in this bulletin if you would like to order a poinsettia in memory or honor of someone. Please return your order with payment of **\$14.00** by **December 1** to the Church office or John Diekmann.



## *Pastor's Pen*

### Mirrors

Mirrors are generally symbolic of spiritual and psychological depth. They don't just reveal our appearance. They can reveal who we are on a deeper level. Generally speaking, mirrors represent a person's depth of soul and mind, they have the power to disclose who we really are. In our lives we often think we can fool ourselves into thinking who we are. We do things maybe we shouldn't do; we say things we shouldn't say, and we get up go on with our day, our lives and think things are fine. I am a good person! Everyone is doing it! Everything I do is fine! But is it? Have you looked in the mirror lately? Whose face do you see when you look there? Is it a work in progress, which is fine, or do you see Jesus' face already there? Reflecting as a mirror the glory of the Lord you will be transformed into the same image.

We learn most of our faith as a child, if our parents have done their part, and develop more faith in our teens and twenties. Then life gets complicated. The faith we have sometimes does not match the life we have stepped into. Life gets too big and if we have strayed from the church in times of trouble or have chosen to surround ourselves with the wrong types of people, we don't have the growth or support we need to stay focused on Jesus and lean more towards the secular world. We stop looking in the mirror because we do not want to see the reflection of who we are, and Jesus is nowhere in the reflection. We forget the more we see Jesus the more we become like Him. God is deeply moving within us.

James 1: 23-25 Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like someone who looks at his face in a mirror and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like. But whoever looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom and continues in it – not forgetting what they have heard but doing it they will be blessed in what they do.

To become like Jesus, the only thing we need is to encounter him, to experience Jesus as He is. Each day as we look in the mirror we need to think of our life as a renovation of Gods work. We don't need to be afraid of the mirrors image because we are letting Jesus work in us.