

People are often unreasonable, irrational, and self-centered.

FORGIVE THEM ANYWAY.

If you are kind, people may accuse you of selfish, ulterior motives.

BE KIND ANYWAY.

If you are successful, you will win some unfaithful friends

and some genuine enemies.

SUCCEED ANYWAY.

If you are honest and sincere people may deceive you.

BE HONEST AND SINCERE ANYWAY.

What you spend years creating, others could destroy overnight.

CREATE ANYWAY.

If you find serenity and happiness, some may be jealous.

BE HAPPY ANYWAY.

The good you do today, will often be forgotten.

DO GOOD ANYWAY.

Give the best you have and it will never be enough.

GIVE YOUR BEST ANYWAY.

In the final analysis, it is between you and God.

IT WAS NEVER BETWEEN

YOU AND THEM ANYWAY.

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*In the world you
will have tribulation;
but be of good cheer,
I have overcome the world.*

John 16:33

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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>

CONDOLENCES

Heartfelt condolences to the family and friends of **Shirley Valuska** who passed away October 6. Shirley was a lovely woman and will be greatly missed.



Pastor's Pen

Staying in God's Word

When things get really bad, flood yourself with God's word. Sound easy doesn't it? If we don't follow this advice we tend to see things from our earthly perspective instead of God's perspective. I read a article from a website that stated we currently see only the back side of our life's tapestry. A disorderly tangle of yarn. What we miss and don't imagine is the beautiful picture being created on the other side.

In our earthly perspective we look at two churches of differing denominations who were located only a few blocks from each other in a small community. They thought it might be better if they would merge and become one united body, larger and more effective than two struggling churches. Good idea from God's view but from the earthy view they were too petty to pull it off. They could not agree on how they would recite the Lord's Prayer. One group wanted "forgive us our trespasses" while the other demanded "forgive us our debts". So the newspaper reported that one church went back to its trespasses while the other returned to its debts.

In the same thought I read a story about two unmarried sisters who lived together. Because of a slight argument over an insignificant issue, they stopped speaking to each other. Unable and unwilling to move out of their small house, they continued to use the same rooms, eat at the same table (separately), and sleep in the same bedroom. WITH OUT ONE WORD. A chalk line divided the sleeping area into two halves, separating a doorway and fireplace. Each could come a go, cook and eat, sew and read without crossing over into her sister's area. Because neither was willing to take the first step to forgiveness, they coexisted for years in LOUD silence. It never ceases to amaze me at how petty we can get over things that really don't amount to a hill of beans in the final analysis. Earthly instead of God's perspective. I am sure some things make the Lord smile. Unfortunately somethings make Him very unsurprised and sad.

We need to stop trying to read the tea leaves. We need to just listen to what is right, with God, and stop asking why, what is in it for me? Besides when we try to make sense of what appears to be senseless to others, we are choosing to trust what we can see rather than the God we cannot see. We need to accept that we are incapable of comprehending the complexities of life in so vast a universe. We need to trust our heavenly Father. We are not the tapestry-makers. God is!

Yours in Christ,
Rev. Walter Coy