

T'was The Night Of Thanksgiving

T'was the night of Thanksgiving,
But I just couldn't sleep.
I tried counting backwards,
I tried counting sheep.
The leftovers beckoned,
The dark meat and white.
But I fought the temptation,
With all of my might.

Tossing and turning, with anticipation.
The thought of a snack became infatuation.

So I raced to the kitchen,
Flung open the door,
And gazed at the fridge,
Full of goodies galore.

I gobbled up turkey,
And buttered potatoes,
Pickles and carrots,
Beans and tomatoes.

I felt myself swelling,
So plump and so round.
'til all of a sudden,
I rose off the ground.

I crashed through the ceiling,
Floating into the sky,
With a mouthful of pudding,
And a handful of pie.

But I managed to yell
As I soared past the trees

**Happy eating to all,
Pass the cranberries, please!!**



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

Pastor's Pen

One Sunday morning at a small southern church, the new pastor called on one of his older deacons to lead in the opening prayer. The deacon stood up, bowed his head and said, "Lord, I hate buttermilk." The pastor opened one eye and wondered where this was going, the deacon continued, "Lord I hate lard." Now the pastor was totally perplexed. The deacon continued, "Lord I ain't too crazy about plain flour. But after you mix'em all together in a hot oven, I just love biscuits."

"Lord help us to realize when life gets hard, when things come up at us we don't like, whenever we don't understand what you are doing, that we need to wait and see what you are making. After you get through mixing and baking, it'll probably be something even better than biscuits. Amen." Romans 8:28 (And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to His PURPOSE.)

That is one of the hardest things that we, as Christians. Have to do in our work as sheep is to follow. To work together for good with God who are called for His purpose. When decisions get hard and they always do, God is with us. When life is rocky, God is with us. That is when we lean on Him the most. That is when we ask for things in prayer. If the answers are yes; we are thrilled and we move on. But if the answer is no; that is where a problem can begin. We find out how strong our faith is. Not all our prayers are going to be answered the way we want. Some of our prayers will not be answered at all. It doesn't mean God did not hear our words. Things do not happen in our time, They happen in God's time and in God's way. That is where most of us have the problem with HIS PURPOSE. God knows what we need. We know what we want.

So our job is to work according to God's purpose. Pray especially when times are tough. Be thankful always. Know that we are to be faithful in waiting for an answer, even though it may not be what we hoped for. But know that our God loves us, protects us and through the gift of his Son, Jesus Christ gives us forgiveness. God our everlasting Lord will give us what we need. It will be wonderful beyond words. I bet it will even involve a few biscuits.

Yours in Christ,

Rev. Walter Coy

WHAT'S GOING ON AT ZION?

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IN OUR CIRCLE OF PRAYER

Mary Hoover, Bill Bertram, Dakota Miller, Marlene Rhueff, Barb Mottice, Al & Elaine Panyi, BethAnn Postlewait, Pat Loyszczyk, Doug Lewis (Joyce Coy's brother), Jay Taylor (Relative of Rev. Coy & Joyce), Tom Caves (Relative of Rev. Coy & Joyce), Alan Hunt

➤ 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**. Pastor Coy has **office hours Mon, Wed, & Thurs**.

WORSHIP SERVICE

We have resumed having our regular 11 AM service! We have **cloth and disposable masks available**. We ask that you please observe social distancing in the sanctuary. To God be the Glory!

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

The next church council meeting will be **December 6, after worship**.

SEEKING ORGANIST

We are looking for an organist to play Sunday's from 11 am-noon. **Do you play organ or piano? Do you know anyone** who does? Please contact **John Diekmann 304-312-6622** with any candidates. **This is a paid position**.

BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING

We will be meeting **Sunday, November 15, at 10 AM**, before worship.

HANGING OF THE GREENS

We will be decorating the church for the upcoming Christmas Season on **November 22**, following the morning worship service. **We will be preparing a light lunch for that day as well. Anyone willing to help with this project is encouraged to stay and participate.**

MEMORIAL POINSETTIAS

It's that time of year again! 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 \$12.00 by **December 6** to the Church office or John Diekmann.