



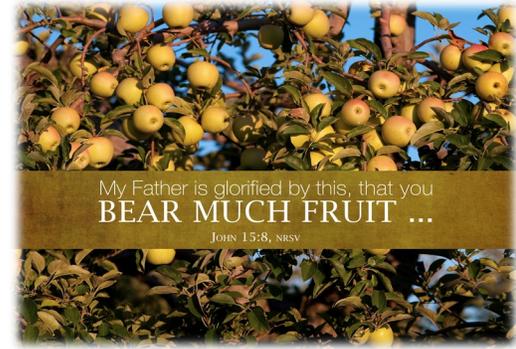
**First United Methodist Church
of Kaufman**

**Sunday Morning Worship
at 10:00am online**

<http://www.fumc-kaufman.org/our-media/>

**This week Pastor Jerry will continue the series,
“I AM sayings of Jesus”.**

**Scripture this week is John 15:1-10,
*I Am The True Vine.***



Dear First Family,

I know that we understand what it means to give thanks, but I want to share a story with you to get your minds focused.

I read a story about a minister who entered a crowded restaurant and sat down across from a man who was already eating. The minister paused to ask the blessing and give thanks before he started to eat as he was accustomed to doing, which perplexed his fellow diner.

His fellow diner asked him if he had a headache or if something was wrong with his food. The minister explained that he had given thanks to God for his food. The man responded, “One of those, huh? Well, I work hard for my food and earn it by the sweat of my brow, so I never thank anyone else for it. I don’t have to thank anyone for it; I just dig in!”

The minister replied, “You're a lot like my dog. He does it that way, too.”

Ouch! If I said that I don’t think I would hang around for the response.

But then what is our response. Are you truly thankful?

Lord, make us aware of our reasons to be grateful.

Blessings,
Pastor Jerry



Thanksgiving Prayer

by Ralph Waldo Emerson

***Father, We Thank Thee
For flowers that bloom about our feet,***

Father, we thank Thee.

For tender grass so fresh, so sweet,

Father, we thank Thee.

***For the song of bird and hum of bee,
for all things fair we hear or see,***

Father in heaven, we thank Thee.

For blue of stream and blue of sky,

Father, we thank Thee.

For pleasant shade of branches high,

Father, we thank Thee.

***For fragrant air and cooling breeze,
for beauty of the blooming trees,***

Father in heaven, we thank Thee.

For this new morning with its light,

Father, we thank Thee.

For rest and shelter of the night,

Father, we thank Thee

***For health and food, for love and friends,
for everything Thy goodness sends,***

Father in heaven, we thank Thee.



This year with the challenges of the pandemic, the Outreach Committee has come up with a way to help families with Christmas gifts for children while practicing social distancing and safety protocols.

We are asking the congregation to buy specific gifts for a child and deliver to the church office. See details below:

* **If you would like to buy gifts for a child or a family, let Charrise or Pam know.**

Charrise 469-410-1895

Pam 214-538-4727

* **We will coordinate with you to get gift tag(s) to you with the child's information.**

* **Put gifts in a bag and attach the tag. Please do not wrap the gifts, but you may include wrapping paper for the parents to wrap gifts if you'd like.**

* **We will coordinate a time to meet you at the church for gift drop off by December 9th.**

We will have a "no contact" drive-thru distribution of gifts to the parents on Saturday, December 12th in our church parking lot. At their appointment time, we will load the gifts for them in their vehicle.

As of today, Friday November 27th,
we still have more than 50 kids,
ages infant to 13, that need gifts.

**If you would rather donate money,
we have elves standing by to shop.**



Acts 20:35

Words of Encouragement from Karen Park

Who Is God?

**When you think about God...what pops into your mind?
We've all been there so lets start where the Bible starts! Not necessarily creation... but God.**

God is Almighty...He has absolute powers...He is all powerful!

God is the Alpha and Omega...the beginning and the end. The first and the last.

God is Awesome...He inspires awe and amazement.

God is Compassionate...He shows a deep concern for all His people and a desire to meet their needs.

God is the Deliverer...He is the rescuer and Savior.

God is Exalted...He is noble, elevated and lifted up.

God is Faithful...He is reliable, trustworthy, true to His word and always keeps His promises.

God Forgives...He grants pardon and cancels the debt of sin.

God is Good...morally excellent, virtuous.

God is Gracious...merciful, kind and compassionate.

God Heals...He makes us healthy and whole.

God Gives...He leads, He accompanies, assists, and gives direction in our lives.

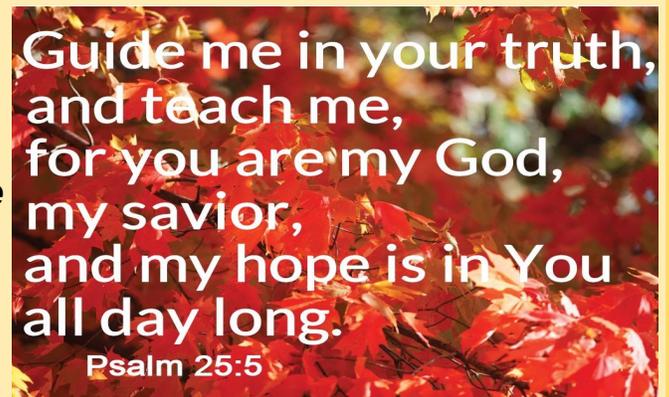
God is Holy...He is sinless and perfect.

God is our HOPE!

Wishing you all a Blessed Thanksgiving. Please take time to say Thank You to God and to those who are a part of your life!

I love you all and am grateful for my church family and friends.

**Karen Park
Director of Music
First United Methodist Church of Kaufman.**





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**Please remember your tithes and gifts to
FUMC Kaufman as we seek to meet the
ministry needs of our community.**

You may mail your donations to

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208 S. Houston St.
Kaufman, TX 75142**

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