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***A Strange "Stewardship Story": by Stephen King***      **THINK**  
**ABOUT IT!!!**

One of the most remarkable articles on giving I've ever read came from an unlikely source. Horror novelist Stephen King. No one would accuse King of being a Christian, and certainly not a syrupy idealist. But he makes a passionate and perceptive secularist/hedonist argument for giving. Though he fails the test of eternal perspective, King intuitively recognizes not only that giving is right, but that it's smart. He doesn't understand that the glory of God, the good of others, and the giver's eternal rewards are all higher reasons to give. But even bereft of a biblical worldview, the author recognizes that giving packs a transcendent purpose and pleasure here and now. King has a more accurate view of giving than many Christians:

A couple of years ago I found out what "you can't take it with you" means. I found out while I was lying in a ditch at the side of a country road, covered with mud and blood and with the tibia of my right leg poking out the side of my jeans like a branch of a tree taken down in a thunderstorm. I had a MasterCard in my wallet, but when you're lying in a ditch with broken glass in your hair, no one accepts MasterCard.

...We come in naked and broke. We may be dressed when we go out, but we're just as broke. Warren Buffet? Going to go out broke. Bill Gates? Going out broke. Tom Hanks? Going out broke. Steve King? Broke. Not a crying dime.

All the money you earn, all the stocks you buy, all the mutual funds you trade—all of that is mostly smoke and mirrors. It's still going to be a quarter-past getting late whether you tell the time on a Timex or a Rolex....

So I want you to consider making your life one long gift to others. And why not? All you have is on loan, anyway. All that lasts is what you pass on....

Giving isn't about the receiver or the gift but the giver. It's for the giver. One doesn't open one's wallet to improve the world, although it's nice when that happens; one does it to improve one's self.... A life of giving—not just money, but time and spirit—repays. It helps us remember that we may be going out broke, but right now we're doing O.K. Right now we have the power to do great good for others and for ourselves.

- Mary Ahlborn

## Grace UMC 2024 Stewardship Prayer

Almighty God, we thank you for all the gifts You have given us: our lives, our loved ones, all that we have and all that we are. Most of all, we thank You for Jesus, your Son and our Redeemer, who came among us to show us the way to eternal life. Jesus was the perfect steward of your gifts, showing that complete trust in You is necessary, and that giving of self is a most important part of following Him. May the offerings of our time, our talents, and our material resources be made in the same spirit of sacrifice that Jesus taught us by His life and death for us. Amen

—Thomas Merton

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 Attendee

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- Serve in a ministry
  
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# Coming up at Grace:



**Super Soup Supper**

**November 9th**

**11am—1pm**

**& 3pm—6pm**



**Silent Auction**

**December 1st**

**6pm**



**Paint Class**

**December 7th**

**6:30pm**

## Scriptures November 2023

Nov 1 Ephesians 1:5  
Nov 2 Ephesians 2:6  
Nov 3 Joshua 23:14  
Nov 4 Psalm 145:13  
Nov 5 Deuteronomy 30:20  
Nov 6 Psalm 63:3  
Nov 7 Exodus 6:7  
Nov 8 Romans 15:5  
Nov 9 Psalm 27:4  
Nov 10 Revelation 21:3  
Nov 11 Psalm 27:8  
Nov 12 Psalm 69:13  
Nov 13 Exodus 15:26  
Nov 14 John 8:47  
Nov 15 Isaiah 46:4  
Nov 16 Jeremiah 10:10  
Nov 17 Luke 12:21  
Nov 18 Isaiah 26:3  
Nov 19 Jeremiah 31:9  
Nov 20 Ruth 4:15  
Nov 21 John 8:28  
Nov 22 Psalm 119:94  
Nov 23 Psalm 23:4  
Nov 24 Proverbs 3:5-6  
Nov 25 Jeremiah 16:21  
Nov 26 Ephesians 2:4-5  
Nov 27 1 Corinthians 2:5  
Nov 28 Philippians 1:6  
Nov 29 1 Peter 3:3-4  
Nov 30 Galatians 5:1

## Prayers Needed:

Millie Luttrell  
Phyllis & Larry Garber  
Jeanne & Shelley Powell



## Shower of Blessings

Recipient for July:

**Flora Mullen**

**366 Roosevelt Dr. Apt 102**

**Springfield, OH 45504**



# November

2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
			6:30 PM West End 6:30 PM Choir	10 AM Fall BS 6 PM Trustee MT	Office Closed	
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
7 PM NA	7 PM Men's BS	7 PM NA	6:30 PM Choir	10 AM Fall BS Super Soup Supper 6:30 PM All Church MT	Office Closed	
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Church Meeting immediately after Worship 7 PM NA	7 PM Men's BS	12 PM Women of Faith 7 PM NA	6:30 PM Choir	10 AM Fall BS	Office Closed	
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
7 PM NA	7 PM Men's BS	11 AM Soap Making 10 Am—finished: Christmas decorating 7 PM NA	6:30 PM Choir	Thanksgiving Office closed	Office Closed	
26	27	28	29	30		
7 PM NA	7 PM Men's BS	7 PM NA	6:30 PM Choir			

## Worship Participants

<u>Position</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>
<b>Acolyte</b>	<b>November</b>	Larry Campbell
<b>Communion Set-up</b>	<b>Nov. 5</b>	Pastor Vicki
<b>Communion Servers</b>	<b>Nov. 5</b>	Betty Prosser & Marilyn Martin Kim Stehle & Connie Mitchell
<b>Communion Clean-up</b>	<b>Nov. 5</b>	Betty Prosser
<b>Greeter - Front Door</b>	<b>Nov. 5 &amp; 12</b> <b>Nov. 19 &amp; 26</b>	Marilyn & Tom Martin Betty Prosser
<b>Greeter – Sanctuary Door</b>	<b>Nov. 5 &amp; 12</b> <b>Nov. 19 &amp; 26</b>	Kim Stehle Karen & Dave Speas
<b>Liturgist</b>	<b>Nov. 5 &amp; 12</b> <b>Nov. 19 &amp; 26</b>	Donna Myer Mary Ahlborn
<b>Ushers</b>	<b>Nov. 5 &amp; 12</b> <b>Nov. 19 &amp; 26</b>	Larry Campbell & Greg Hosier Kim Stehle & Marilyn Martin

<u>Counters</u>		<u>Special Music</u>	
<b>Nov. 6</b>	Mary Ahlborn Jennifer Sabo	<b>Nov. 5</b>	Jayne Tatro
<b>Nov. 13</b>	Marilyn Martin Jackie Gregory	<b>Nov. 12</b>	Jim Mayhugh
<b>Nov. 20</b>	Cindy Yeager Jennifer Sabo	<b>Nov. 19</b>	Choir
<b>Nov. 27</b>	Kim Stehle Connie Mitchell	<b>Nov. 26</b>	Becky Frantz

# November Puzzle Challenge!

How many words can you make with the letters in

“Happy Thanksgiving”?

If you can find over 35, email your answers to

[graceumchurch@sbcglobal.net](mailto:graceumchurch@sbcglobal.net) for the chance to win a prize!

## Thanksgiving

Unscramble and find all the words

P	O	T	A	T	O	E	S	E	S	K	E	V	Y	T	L	C	K	U	N	pelpa
Y	P	X	O	Q	G	L	M	T	I	W	S	L	P	V	X	C	O	R	N	cnor
A	O	U	W	I	Q	Z	U	Q	I	E	Z	E	P	P	H	C	M	K	C	nriaescberr
E	W	R	X	W	S	F	A	B	I	V	C	G	B	P	E	I	Z	O	R	nrneid
X	R	K	P	W	F	D	C	R	Y	A	I	W	P	O	A	M	Z	X	I	lymifa
K	E	P	N	I	Q	V	R	K	N	O	J	A	P	Z	B	H	C	T	S	aseft
V	N	I	N	U	L	E	D	P	C	T	G	T	Z	C	X	D	A	I	A	lfatoolb
P	N	G	P	W	B	G	I	U	H	H	R	E	W	O	L	F	Y	A	M	mha
P	I	Q	W	N	T	E	R	A	O	U	P	Y	J	V	N	M	Z	Y	H	maolryfew
K	D	M	A	H	I	E	N	I	H	F	S	F	N	S	V	E	D	M	T	Nrvebemo
O	P	R	D	E	B	K	W	M	M	Y	L	U	P	A	S	Z	P	G	K	darape
Q	C	O	V	M	F	C	P	L	D	S	F	M	I	O	S	I	Q	X	P	canippee
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I	O	R	C	E	A	Y	U	U	W	P	U	Q	Y	J	B	P	A	W	A	tetopaos
N	V	Y	F	M	U	L	E	O	J	U	R	X	T	L	Y	R	F	G	E	pimkuppnei
B	U	N	I	Q	P	W	L	K	C	F	O	O	T	B	A	L	L	C	F	tsufingf
D	V	L	J	D	I	V	U	G	R	K	I	X	F	D	V	K	G	Q	U	hlnatukf
A	Y	D	B	O	X	C	N	Z	J	U	O	U	E	D	M	A	Z	R	A	hlnatukf
L	U	F	K	N	A	H	T	Q	A	F	T	E	U	K	B	P	G	V	Z	yuktre