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Rev. Jim's Thoughts and Prayers - November 2014

Dear Friends,

As Thanksgiving fast approaches and Christmas is just around the corner... I find myself asking... where did the year go? Looking back over the last 11 months I'm thankful for all of the wonderful blessings God has given me.

I'm blessed to have a wonderful Mom who I can talk to every day on the telephone. I'm blessed to have a wonderful sister who is one of my best friends. I'm blessed to have a wonderful son, and each day I'm Michael's Dad. I'm blessed to have met Joan, and soon I'll be blessed to become her husband. I'm blessed to be a part of our loving, caring Church Family. I have a wonderful family. Being the Pastor of our Church has given me the opportunity to meet so many amazing people and be invited to be a part of your lives in wonderful ways. I am blessed to live in the United States of America, the greatest country on earth. I realize each day that as an American I often take for granted the freedom to worship God that people in other countries must risk their lives to enjoy. ***How about you? When you stop and "count your blessings", what comes to mind for you?***

I appreciate how blessed I am to know about God's love. I realize my awareness of God's love is a gift I received because so many people shared the story of His love and invited me to be a part of a Church Family that lived faithful lives of Christian love. Growing up in Christ United Methodist Church in Tyrone, PA, I received the gifts of time, talent, financial resources and compassionate love from so many wonderful caring people.

How about you, when you think about the wonderful person who shared the story of God's love for you, who comes to mind? Each of us has heard the story of God's love because wonderful, caring people in an amazing Church Family like ours, here at Nixon United Methodist Church, generously shared their time, talent, financial resources, and compassionate love to tell us that.

So as Thanksgiving approaches, I hope each of us will pause and "count our blessings and give God thanks!" May we all hear God's call to be a part of our loving, caring Nixon United Methodist Family and continue the tradition of sharing the story of God's love.

Love and Prayers,



Open hearts. Open minds. Open doors.

The people of the United Methodist Church