

The Casting Floor

Community Presbyterian Church of Bellefonte, Kentucky, was built on the casting floor of a 19th Century iron blast furnace. We use "The Casting Floor" as an image for the power of the Spirit to form us.

Pastor's Corner

Kathy and I were headed for Greenup the other day to meet with the people at Helping Hands who serve so selflessly to help the poor of Greenup County. We were on 23, and passed the war memorial. There is a jet, and a tank and a helicopter, and the memorial reminds us of the service of those who gave so selflessly of their time, their health, even their lives to protect our way of life.

Veterans Day has had me thinking about the things we value in our society. We have erected a monument to those who courageously defended us in past wars, and it is right and proper that we should do so. To those who served, we owe a debt of gratitude that can never be repaid. But I wondered, as we drove past, where the monument is to those, like the workers at Helping Hands, who do not serve by opposing force with force, but who serve by offering love to want? Why do we not recognize the contributions of those who do the work of Helping Hands by a monument? It is not that we fail to value what they do. Ask anyone, and they will say that the work of Helping Hands is wonderful. It is that we do not, as a society, recognize those who labor for the benefit of others in the same way that we recognize those who oppose others.

It may be time to think about those who put the needs of others before the demands of their own lives. They also serve who cook at Community Kitchen, who collect and distribute clothes at Federated Charities, who deliver food from River Cities Harvest.

I love you all

Rev. Stew



CULTURAL
PROFICIENCY

Celebrate God's Gift of Human Diversity

As people of faith we promote God's reign on earth by attending to the spiritual, systemic, and social concerns of humanity and by remaining mindful of God's guidance in all matters.

We are called to be in community and can only fully do so when we acknowledge histories, understand history's impact on the present and are intentional about functioning in relationships built on mutuality. Cultural proficiency seeks to promote an overall culture where opportunities are welcomed for greater awareness, affirmation and the courage to face challenges connected to our differences and similarities.

Working collaboratively with others across various settings of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), the Associate for Cultural Proficiency assists the PC(USA) on the transformational journey toward creating open, inclusive, compassionate and healthy environments for all people.

“Let us then pursue what makes for peace and for mutual up building.”

(Romans 14:19)

Aim at those things that bring peace and that help strengthen one another.



What ARE You Thankful for?

More Than A Day

As Thanksgiving Day rolls around, It brings up some facts,
quite profound.

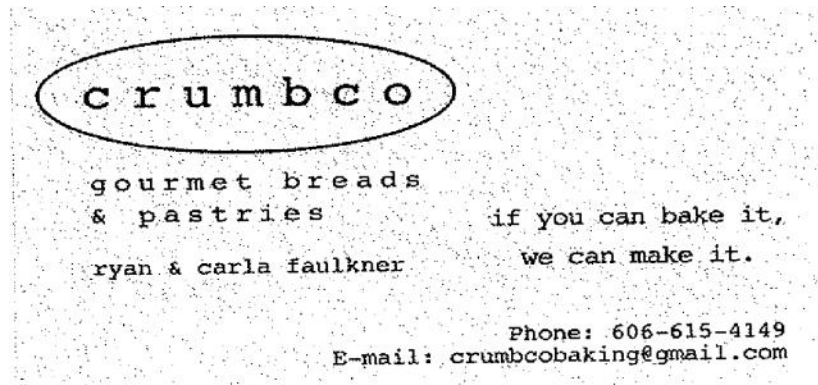
We may think that we're poor, feel like bums, insecure,
But in truth, our riches astound.

We have friends and family we love; We have guidance from heaven
above. We have so much more than they sell in a store,
We're wealthy, when push comes to shove.

So add up your blessings, I say; Make Thanksgiving last more than a day.
Enjoy what you've got; Realize it's a lot,
And you'll make all your cares go away.

By Karl Fuchs

FYI



Buttered Rosemary Rolls

Frozen, unbaked dinner rolls
Melted butter (regular, salted)
Fresh rosemary, coarsely chopped
Coarse sea salt



Spray a small iron skillet with cooking spray (or coat with olive oil). Place frozen rolls in the skillet, leaving plenty of room for rising. Cover and allow to rise for several hours.

After rising, brush rolls with melted butter.

Sprinkle on chopped rosemary.

Brush with additional butter.

Sprinkle with coarse sea salt.

Bake according to roll package directions (usually 400 degrees for 15 to 20 minutes), until rolls are a deep golden brown on top.

Serve skillet on the table.

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Mother Teresa said, "The most terrible poverty is loneliness and the feeling of being unloved". Can you imagine the magnitude of this statement if you are a little child who finds nothing under the tree from Santa? As Christians we all know the true meaning of Christmas and try as we might we want all children to understand the miracle of the birth of our Lord but that's difficult to do when you are little and don't understand why Santa did not come.

The Giving Tree is an opportunity to put your faith in the season to work. This program is designed to help those in need have a Merry Christmas by providing them with presents and a hot holiday meal. Just exactly how many Boyd County residents are we talking about you might ask, CARES registered 641 families with 886 children. That's a tremendous number to provide for and a direct reflection on our current economy.

You will find the Giving Tree in various locations throughout Boyd County. Please look for it as usual at the Ashland Town Center Mall (near the food court). Also, Ambiance Salon, The Army Navy Store, Ashland Sporting Goods, Chic-Fil-A, Outback Steakhouse and Starbucks have recognized that many families will find gifts and holiday food a luxury as they struggle to put gas in their cars, food on their tables and keep the home fires burning. You will find Giving Trees at these locations as well. If you find you are in a position to make a child's Christmas dreams come true please stop by the Giving Tree. Choose a name and go shopping!

You will be blessed for your generosity and holiday spirit.

Kathy