

A Message from The Pastor



As many of you know, I have a small elderly dog. Our morning walks are often a source of peace for me as we wander in the neighborhood, greeting his canine pals and their humans, startling deer or a fox and greeting the day. Our walks have been a source of gratitude and wonder for me lately. It is mid-October as I am writing this, and we have had a damp Fall. The yards in the neighborhood

have become meadows of fungi, as mushrooms (toadstools?) spring up seemingly overnight. One group of fungi is particularly close to the road and a curiosity for Max. I have watched the progression of these mushrooms from closed bulb shapes to open umbrella shapes to broken bits in the grass. I have been so grateful for the glimpse into this unique life form. Each day, I thank God for the diversity of life we experience. Just in this one space next to our street, there are myriad forms of life, some of which I can see and most of which I cannot. How wondrous is our God to provide us with amazing differences to learn about and admire! This month is a time to focus on thankfulness. I would like to challenge us all to notice reasons to give God thanks every day this month and maybe we can share those gathered reasons with our family and friends on Thanksgiving Day. We could take pictures or write lists or make a note in our calendar so that we have a treasure of gratitude to add to all the reasons we give thanks on this special holiday. I love Thanksgiving because it is a time, not for gift giving, but a time to share food and fellowship. May God bless you during November with abundant reasons for thanksgiving!

Blessings,

Pastor Margery