

St. Paul's Herald

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LETTER FROM PASTOR

It's hard to believe it's already November of 2025. At the end of this month, the Makey family will have been here in Tunkhannock for nearly a year. What a wonderful blessing it has been for us, and we have a tremendous amount for which to give thanks. This time of year, it is very easy to think about giving thanks; there's a national holiday called Thanksgiving that reminds us to do just that. However, this is not the only time that scripture recommends we give thanks. Saint Paul tells us in 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 to *"rejoice always, pray without ceasing, [and] give thanks in all circumstances for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus"*. If we're honest though, we aren't always rejoicing, nor do we like to give thanks in all circumstances, especially when life is busy

give thanks, as is God's will for us, even in challenging times?

An Illustration here might help. There was a funny YouTube video that came out a few years ago with parents of a young boy wanting to play a trick on their son by giving him only a banana as a present for some special occasion. Instead of getting angry or frustrated, the young boy was completely delighted to see the banana! It isn't clear from the video what the boy was expecting. What is clear was that he rejoiced at what he was given no matter the fact that it was small and could be considered strange or insignificant.

As a Christian, rejoicing always and giving thanks in all circumstances starts with doing so regularly with the 'little' things in life. The more you give thanks for little blessings throughout