



## KATY WHEAT THANKSGIVING MESSAGE

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**Wade Giffin** introduced our speaker today, **Katy Wheat**, Associate Pastor at Trinity United Methodist Church. She has been at Trinity since 2012. Katy delivered our annual Thanksgiving message.

At the outset Katy recognized the club for its support activities throughout the community – particularly with the Community Shelter Board which also has a working relationship with Trinity.

We were asked to think about three things which help define the upcoming holiday in our mind – things which, if they were missing, would mean the holiday was just not the same. Answers from the audience included family, turkey, Christmas carols, football, pumpkin pie, the Messiah and Christmas music on the radio. She asked “Do you fill your plate with food that you only eat once a year?; Do you wear an ugly holiday sweater?; Do you drive five hours one way for a two hour meal? Do you watch particular movies or visit special places?”

Katy then noted that we all have our favorite traditions. She then asked... Why do we have those traditions? Many of them may simply be because “we’ve always done things that way”. She suggested that family traditions are passed

down from generation to generation and the real reason that they exist at all gets lost in the passage of time. While Katy is not a huge fan of tradition for tradition’s sake. She cited a number of traditions which she enjoys during the holiday season.

She noted that we know the history. In school we learned about Pilgrims and Native Americans sharing a feast after a good hunt and harvest; Abraham Lincoln declared a day of thanks in the middle of the Civil War and in 1941 a joint resolution in Congress made Thanksgiving official.

Returning to the question of why we do things, Katy asked us why we celebrate Thanksgiving as we do today? She pointed to a teaching in her Christian tradition from the Bible - St. Paul’s letter to the Thessalonians which encourages all to rejoice, pray without ceasing and give thanks in all circumstances. Why do these things? Why give thanks in all circumstances? Sometimes, it seems, there is very little reason to rejoice and be thankful. Sometimes it is simply tough to find things for which to be thankful.

As an example Katy cited a Tik Tok exchange between two people – the first of whom said life is terrible and everything is awful. In response, a young woman replied that she was having the best day ever because she has a bed to sleep in, clean water that comes right to my sink, a window that shows me the sky and I have a beating heart.

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UA Rotary Holiday Party  
5:30-7:30pm

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Katy then asked “What is something that you’re thankful for?” Further, why is it that there is only one day per year designated as a day to give thanks? Early settlers celebrated many thanksgiving days – when things went well for them. We continue that tradition in a way – with things like parades when someone wins a national championship or when we celebrate various national, state or local holidays. Real Thanksgivings – like the one coming up next week are few and far between. Her message...Give thanks in all circumstances. Why do that? Why not? There is something to be thankful for every moment.

She encouraged us to begin to think outside the Thanksgiving box. Get away from doing it this way because we’ve always done it this way. It is always the right time to give thanks.



## THE MEETING



**Joe Valentino** asked **Wade Giffin** to offer the invocation and lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Kevin Brown** asked **John Krauss** to introduce his guest – his brother Bill.

Joe noted that that 60 people have registered online for the holiday party on December 14. He reminded us that there will not be a noon lunch on that date.

Our December 21 meeting will be via Zoom only and the agenda will be the club’s annual business meeting featuring the election of leadership for the ’22-’23 Rotary year.

**Dave Dewey** reported on the status of our Rotary International Foundation drive. We’re currently at about \$14,000 with a goal of \$20,000 for the year. The Polio Plus drive is at \$3,900 and very near our goal. Dave also recognized Paul Harris Fellow members of the club.

The OSU/Michigan game Polio Plus pool assignments were available for folks to check out.



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## NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:



**Andy Livingston** reported that, under **Sandy Clary**'s leadership, members contributed \$5,475 to the holiday wish campaign which contributes to the Homes for Families Foundation and the Community Shelter Board's Van Buren Center. The UA Rotary Foundation will contribute \$3,000 and an additional \$675 left over from late contributions last year will bring to total to \$9,150 equally split between the two organizations.

**Phil Glandon** encouraged everyone to register for the holiday party and reminded us that you only need to register in one place – either through the electronic invitation sent out by **Anne Croskey** or through the paper registration forms available at the meetings – not both.



## THE HOLIDAY PARTY IS BACK!

Mark your calendar for Tuesday, December 14th from 5:30PM to 7:30PM for the Rotary Holiday Party at Scioto Country Club. After skipping last year due to Covid, we are getting back together again for holiday fun, food, drinks, and conversation. Come and enjoy time with your fellow Rotarians and their significant others. The club is subsidizing the cost so it will only be \$28/Rotarian and \$20/significant other. President **Joe Valentino** believes fellowship is an important part of the Rotary experience and he is hoping that you all will join in the fun. Look for the evite in your inbox and sign-up as soon as possible to help us plan!