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Grateful for....

As a child born into a military family, I thought everyone moved every three years and had to adjust to a new area, new school and make new friends. As a young child moving was not so bad but, in the summer right before my sophomore year of high school my Dad got orders to Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. I was heartbroken to be leaving my friends, my school and move all the way to Hawaii!! Fortunately, I adjusted (who wouldn't) when I realized I was living in paradise! I learned to be grateful for all that my Dad's career was able to offer us. Thinking back on this time so very long ago, God had a plan for me, and a fellow born and raised in Colorado who just happened to be in the Navy and stationed at Pearl Harbor! I am grateful for that young fellow. We will celebrate 50 years of marriage in 2021! I am grateful for our three sons, our amazing daughters-in-law, 5 granddaughters and 2 grandsons who are the light of our lives.

We have lived in the Fredericksburg area for over 40 years, three different houses all off or very close to Ferry Road. In 2014 I was a go-fer at FredCamp; we had been involved in this ministry for several years before coming to FUMC. I had a God-driven day when I was matched up with Pam Webb; she was the interim rector at St George's. Pam and I spent the afternoon driving around Fredericksburg delivering FredCamp supplies to different work sites. That day changed my life.

After a lot of prayer my husband and I decided it was long past time to return to church. We visited many churches in the area but after many weeks, Bob said let's go back to FUMC we know people from FredCamp there and they were all so friendly. I am grateful to Pam for being God's witness to me that day. We joined the church in early 2015 and we both have gotten very involved, becoming God's hand and feet. We are grateful for FredCamp for being there and helping to lead us to the church we dearly love and to friends we cherish.

In this new season of life that we have all been living in for the last 8 months, our lives have been turned upside down! It is hard to put into words but at the end of the day I am very grateful for our family, our health, our friends, and our amazing church. We are all living a new normal and we feel truly blessed and grateful to have so many wonderful people in our lives.

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Scripture:

1 Chronicles 16:34

1 Thessalonians 5:18

Colossians 3:17

2 Corinthians 9:15

Romans 7:25

Psalms 9:1

Philippians 4:6